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Blessings Without Number



“You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country (wherever you are). The fruit of your womb will be blessed (your children), and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks (your work). Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed (you’ll have plenty of food). You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out (when you come home at night and when you leave in the morning)”—Deuteronomy 28:3-6.

When we count our many blessings
It isn’t hard to see,
That life’s most valued treasures
Are the treasures that are free.

For it isn’t what we own or buy
That signifies our wealth,
It’s the special gifts that have no price
Our family, friends, and health.
(Emily Matthews)

Thanksgiving is a time for just that! Giving thanks . . . to God!
Many of us have lost dear friends and loved ones this past year, and our country as a whole has suffered great losses, too. In times like these, it is well for us to stop and reflect about what is really important to us in life. It is important to consider just how precious and fragile life is, and to use wisely the time we are given with the special people in our lives.

For my wife and me, it is the gift of family and friends that provides the

riches in our lives. Those precious moments we hold close to our hearts, and the memories and special times can never be replaced, neither by time nor all the wealth in the world.

Whether you have planned a grand Thanksgiving feast encircled by friends and family, an intimate candlelight dinner for two, or a simple meal, it is not really the delectable food, but rather who we share our meals with that matters most of all, and to me, this is the true value and meaning of Thanksgiving.

During this very special season in America (the most highly honored season of all) let us not forget our men and women who are serving as Adventist missionaries in various places around the world; also our men and women in uniform serving our country in foreign fields and who cannot be with their family and friends this year.

I will be thinking of each of you during this season and, even though we may be separated by many miles, you will be close to me in my heart because of God’s marvelous grace.

May God continue to enrich your life with His blessings from above. ①

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

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Ansel Oliver

Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, right front, visited with the members of the Corona church, on their one-day trip to the world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

When Michael G. Coleman assumed the responsibilities as the pastor of the Corona church about four years ago, he introduced a new style of spiritual leadership, which requires that each member identify his or her talents under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and find ways to collaborate with one another within the parameters of the church's standards and values. With that in mind, 52 members of the Corona church left New York at 5:30 a.m., on Monday, September 19, on a bus trip to Silver Spring, Maryland, to visit the General Conference, headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist world church.

Coleman exposed them to a guided tour of the world church headquarters, where they had an opportunity to be reminded of the vision, mission, and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Christian faith. Members, ranging in age from nine to 102, had the opportunity to visit the room containing the archives of Ellen G. White's writings and learn how the biblical standards that she highly regarded, adhered to, and taught have benefited the church for nearly two centuries.

Ted Wilson, president of the world church, greeted the Corona members and welcomed the new believers, and helped to motivate the group with his charge of revival and reformation.

After touring almost all the departments, in addition to receiving promotional material and purchasing souvenirs, the members ended their visit with lunch in the cafete-

ria. The tour continued to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial, where viewing his message of peace, equality, and justice for all inscribed on his mural concluded the educational tour for the day. The members walked away with a clearer understanding of what the power of godly unity can achieve.

On the way home, the group used the microphone on the bus to share their experience of the tour. It was an electrifying moment listening to the various testimonies and the decisions that were made by the members to return home and do their part to fulfill the charge of revival and reformation in order to build the kingdom of God.

"I am hoping that this interaction between a local church and the world church will facilitate mutual encouragement in the advancement of the call for revival and reformation and also in carrying forward the great gospel commission," said Coleman. "In as much as the General Conference leadership, in partnership with the North American Division, the Atlantic Union Conference, and the local conferences, is planning a series of large-scale evangelistic meetings in New York City, we hope that the effervescent support of this endeavor by a local church in Queens, New York, will go a long way in expressing the readiness of local churches to collaborate with the leaders in finishing the work!"

Winnie Benjamin is a member of the Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church in Queens, New York.



By Gwen Wesley

Is There an Achan in the Camp?

Within the Seventh-day Adventist Church our educational system nationwide has dwindled, both in population and number of schools. Is it because Christ's presence is not evident any longer in our schools? Is it because our teachers are not committed to pointing our children toward heaven and challenging them to use their talents to be of service to mankind? Is it because they will not receive a rigorous and competitive education? Or is it that our interaction with our students hasn't convinced them of life's purpose to

The circumstances surrounding Hannah's promise to God were predicated on her having a son whom she would dedicate to His service forever (1 Samuel 1:28). It is with this attitude in mind that Christian education was originally designed, to provide a safe haven for our children to receive a rigorous education while integrating faith and learning into every content area.

This holistic approach remains the foundation of preparing our children for service. Yet, somewhere along in our struggles and commitment to

challenge their talents in service to the kingdom of heaven.

Where has our zeal gone that once urged us to provide and support Seventh-day Adventist education? Why do so many in our ranks embrace public education as a substitute for Christian education? Are we attracted by their larger facilities? Do their sports or extracurricular programs appeal to your interest? Will a more endowed campus secure your child's conversion? Will substituting personal sacrifice for worldly possessions earn a star in your crown? Will ignoring the crisis of our schools and not supporting every child in your church with means to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school ensure your entrance into heaven? Is your aim and ambition to be like secular institutions, setting aside "God's plan of education . . . and His authority" (EDUCATION, p. 50)? Have you committed yourself and your resources to finishing the work in these last days? For the most part, these are challenging existential questions.

Will we dedicate our lives as disciples of Christ and say, "I am here, Lord," or will we acknowledge that there is an Achan in the mirror? ☹

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serve their Creator and humanity? No! Indeed not! Some, or all of the above, are challenges our schools face in varying degrees. But why is there really a dilemma?

Probably, the answer to this pressing dilemma is found in Joshua 7:19-21. Is there an Achan in the camp today? Achan may be identified as an attitude that is contrary to the intent of Christian education. Sometimes he shows up as self-sufficiency and pride; sometimes as placing higher values on status than on service; and sometimes as hiding talents by turning away from a sacrificial life.

God, we seem to have lost that desire. Instead, we look to the public schools, and sometimes other Christian schools, that are contrary to our church and school standards, to nurture and educate our children. We make excuses that we have worship in our homes and attend church on a regular basis. Part of the truth lies within the responses of our children. When asked if faith is discussed in the home, a recent report titled "Valuegenesis² Church Next: A Study of Two Generations," answers this question, suggesting that parents have exerted little influence on their children to grow spiritually or chal-



Gwen Wesley is the associate superintendent of schools in the Northeastern Conference.

Update on the Establishment of WAU Branch Campus at Atlantic Union College

After several months of talks with Washington Adventist University (WAU) to operate a branch campus at Atlantic Union College (AUC), the Board of Trustees for AUC in a meeting on Wednesday, October 5, voted to suspend any further negotiations at this time after the institutions were unable to reach an operating agreement.



The talks with WAU began when AUC was informed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

that its accreditation would be discontinued for financial reasons.

AUC and its constituents will now look at other ways to maintain the mission of Adventist Christian higher education in the Atlantic Union Conference territory, which includes the New England states, New York, and the islands of Bermuda.

Washington Adventist University will continue to honor the arrangements in place that have facilitated the smooth transition of the former AUC students enrolled at the university. Both institutions remain committed to providing Adventist Christian higher education to their students.

WAU wishes AUC well in its efforts to continue to provide Adventist Christian higher education in the Atlantic Union Conference.

A full report regarding the current status of AUC and options for the future will be presented in an upcoming issue of the GLEANER.

World Church Archive and Statistics Director Visits Atlantic Union

David Trim, director of Archives and Statistics at the General Conference world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, visited with the Atlantic Union Conference staff on September 29. Trim shared statistical information pertaining to the work of the church in the Atlantic Union territory over the past 50 years. According to Trim, the information he presented has grown out of a “desire to better care for our members and to help grow the church and to be more accurate with the reporting process.” The church’s statistics are being reviewed to make sure they have integrity while building communities of faith.

Several recommendations for additional studies to be conducted in the Atlantic Union were shared by Donald King, Atlantic Union president. They include studies regarding gender, age, and ethnicity, along with information on schools in the Atlantic Union, to name a few.

—Ednor A. P. Davison, *GLEANER* editor



David Trim, world church director of Archive and Statistics, second from left, with Atlantic Union workers, Donald King, president, Trevor Forbes, associate treasurer, and Jerrell Gilkeson, associate education director, in further discussion following Trim's presentation.

Ednor A. P. Davison

New York City, First Focus of the Adventist Church's Urban Outreach Initiative in 2013

Seventh-day Adventist world church leaders attending the Annual Council business meetings in Silver Spring, Maryland, endorsed a plan to evangelize the world's cities, beginning in 2013 with New York City. The endorsement came one day following the world church president Ted N. C. Wilson's, Sabbath worship message at the church's headquarters on October 8.



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“In 2013 we will launch a very specific, comprehensive, and sustained evangelistic approach for the world beginning in New York City,” Wilson said. “We

want to start with New York City, since Ellen White indicated that it should be a symbol as to how the rest of the world should be worked. Since large cities are made up of many smaller communities and neighborhoods, we expect to have approximately 150 to 200 evangelistic meetings in the metropolitan New York area from June 7 to 29 in 2013.”

“Our humble goal will be to reach approximately 650 major cities of the world before the next General Conference Session in 2015, all based on the power of the Holy Spirit through revival and reformation,” he said.

“Efforts are already underway to plan for this evangelistic thrust,” says Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president. “We are encouraging all of our members in the Atlantic Union to pray earnestly that God will pour out his Holy Spirit as we engage in probably what will be the greatest and most expansive evangelistic campaign to date.”

—Ednor A. P. Davison, *GLEANER* editor



\$5,000 of Free Gas Given Away in Bermuda

Hundreds of cars lined the road for several hundred yards in either direction of the Warwick TigerMarket in Warwick, Bermuda, where more than \$5,000 of free gas was given away on September 11. As a result, about 200 cars and 50 cycles were served.

Ulric Hetsberger, pastor of Restoration Ministries church that meets in St. Annes Hall in Southampton, along with the church members, had no idea what to expect when the idea was introduced to give away free gas as a way of helping people in this depressed economy.

Scores of church members volunteered to operate the pumps and clean windshields while \$25 of free gas was pumped into each car and \$10 into each motorcycle.

The event was originally scheduled to take place for one hour, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the funds used to cover the cost of the gas were donated by Restoration Ministries church. When the time was up and the funds were depleted, the church members added their own money to the pot so that more of those who were in line for long periods of time would not be disappointed. In the end, not all who were in line were served, but some of those who received the gas were overwhelmed that the gas was free and there were no strings attached.



▲ Cars and motorcycles lined the road waiting for the opportunity to get free gas at the TigerMarket in Warwick, Bermuda.

◀ A church member holds a sign inviting motorists to stop in for free gas.

you're OK, but the lines showed how many are struggling. Food will be our next endeavor."

"People don't really understand how many are in need," Hetsberger shared with a reporter from the ROYAL GAZETTE, a Bermuda newspaper. "You may think

Restoration Ministries was organized on January 22 as the eleventh church in the Bermuda Conference. The members believe that worship is a lifestyle—a continual, moment-by-moment deference to God's will that cultivates one's faith and allows one to focus on being a blessing to others—even if this means stepping outside of one's personal comfort zone to do something a little unconventional.

The members were overwhelmed by the turnout and the reaction of the public toward their random act of kindness. Additional activities that will impact the community are being planned by the members and will take place over the next six months.

—Sheila Holder, communication director, Bermuda Conference



Many Restoration Ministries church members volunteered to operate the pumps and clean windshields.



Andres Peralta Named New Youth Ministries Director

The Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Executive Committee, at its meeting on September 25, voted to appoint Andres Peralta as the youth ministries director for the conference. Peralta, a native of the Dominican Republic, currently serves as senior pastor of the Mott Haven and Emmanuel churches in Bronx, New York. Peralta says he has a burning desire to serve wherever God calls him to serve. A graduate of Andrews University with a Master of Divinity degree, Peralta is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in ministry outreach.

Peralta and Martha, his wife of nine years, joined



Andres Peralta, newly-elected Greater New York Conference Adventist Youth Ministries director, with his wife, Martha.

the Greater New York Conference staff in 2006. Since then he has served the Queens Corona, Flushing, Astoria, and Woodside Spanish churches. He was

ordained to the gospel ministry in February 2011.

“It will be a privilege to work with the GNYC administrators, pastors, youth leaders, coordina-

tors, and all those who are dedicated to saving young people,” said Peralta. “We love the youth, and we know God will bless us in the coming years. We ask you to keep us in your prayers. Our desire is that God will manifest Himself in the Greater New York youth ministries. We are at your service.”

Peralta succeeds José Cortés, Jr., who was elected youth ministries director for the Atlantic Union Conference in June. The administration congratulates and welcomes Peralta to his new responsibilities.

—Rohann D. Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

Hispanic Evangelism at Lincoln Center draws Hundreds to Christ

Lincoln Center in New York was the venue for the culmination of a 10-month evangelistic series involving the Spanish churches in the Greater New

York and Northeastern conferences. Sponsored by La Voz de la Esperanza (Voice of Hope) ministry, the speaker for the four-night, August 31-September 3,

event was Frank González, speaker/director of La Voz de la Esperanza television program. González presented the eight-sermon series titled “Siete Palabras de

Esperanza” (“Seven Words of Hope”). Each night one of seven key words, inspired by Christ as He was dying on the cross, was studied.

Beginning on December 4, 2010, with the official launch at the Spanish Dykman church, and continuing for 10 months, members of every Spanish church in the Greater New York Conference worked with 246 small groups, conducting Bible studies and witnessing to people in their communities. Michael Guerrero, Greater New York Conference Hispanic Ministries coordinator, encouraged each pastor to be engaged in the process as they prepared for the reaping event at Lincoln Center.

More than 2,500 people gathered nightly for the meetings. Greater New York Conference administrators G. Earl Knight, president; Gerson Santos, executive sec-



Junior Marchena Kelly and the combined 100-voice Metropolitan Mass Choir from the Greater New York Conference Spanish churches sang to the glory of God.



More than 2,500 people gathered nightly for the meetings sponsored by La Voz de la Esperanza at Lincoln Center in New York.

retary; and Carlos Gonzalez, treasurer; along with Atlantic Union Conference administrators Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary; and Dionisio Olivo, Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president; and Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, were among the special guests attending the event.

God was honored with high quality musical presentations from the team of La Voz Esperanza and others. As a result, worshipers lifted their hands and voices in praise to God. Musical guests included such artists as Marissa Martinez, Steve Green, Junior Marchena Kelly, Los Hearldos de Esperanza, Jamie Jorge, and a combined 100-voice Metropolitan Mass Choir



Photos: Raquel Sanchez

Michael Guerrero, Hispanic Ministries coordinator, left, and the Greater New York Conference administrators G. Earl Knight, president; Gerson Santos, executive secretary; and Carlos Gonzalez, treasurer, expressed thanks to Frank Gonzalez.

from the Greater New York Conference Spanish churches. “We are so thankful to God for what He has done at Lincoln Center and in the churches,” said Guerrero. “We baptized more than 450 people.” The Greater New York Conference administrators joined Guerrero in expressing

thanks with a special presentation to González. More than 400 baptisms were reported by the Northeastern Conference Spanish churches, which made the grand total of more than 900 baptisms. —Rohann D. Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

Ten Years Later, We Still Remember

Pathfinders from the Manor Road church in Staten Island, New York, visited four fire stations on Staten Island (Engines 156, 159, 161, and 163) in honor of the firefighters who sacrificed their lives on 9/11 in an effort to save others. The group expressed thanks and appreciation to the firefighters who continue to serve the local community and promised to continue to pray for them and their families. In addition, they were presented with a Bible on behalf of Andrew Dyman, the church’s pastor, Judey Austin, the youth ministries director, and the church members.

For the pastors and workers in the Greater New York Conference, September 11,

2001, was Camp Pitch day. The workers were making their way to Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York, to prepare for United Camp Meeting, while members were heading to work, unaware that this beautiful day would become a dark day in America’s history. Everyone went about their business as usual.

Four Greater New York Conference members lost their lives that day: Michael Baksh, of the Church of the Advent Hope in Upper Manhattan; Lissy Martinez, of the Spanish Fort Washington church in Upper Manhattan; Maxima Jean-Pierre, of the Spanish Patchogue church in Long Island; Josue Velazquez, of the Spanish Intervale church



Pathfinders from the Manor Road church in Staten Island, visited four fire stations to express thanks and appreciation to the firefighters who serve the local community.

in the Bronx. These four individuals may be gone, but they are not forgotten.

As the world stopped to remember the victims of that horrible tragedy 10 years ago, the Greater New York Conference continues to be comforted by these words in Scripture, “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have

fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus”—1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, NKJV.

—Rohann D. Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference, and Judey Austin, youth ministries director, Manor Road church



Vacation Bible School Highlights

VBS Children Learn About Fishing for Men

The Corning church in Corning, New York, held Vacation Bible School (VBS) on August 22-27 using the theme “Going Fishing Adventure Camp.” The scene of a fishing camp and stream in a woody setting was where the young people learned about “fishing for men,” while also learning about Jesus and salvation and being kind to others. “I Will Make You Fishers of Men,” and “Go Fish,” the theme song, could be heard as the 35 young people sang with enthusiasm. A special offering totaling \$351.22 was taken during the week and at the closing program on Sabbath, to purchase Bibles to be delivered to children in the North American Division who have never had Bibles.

Cheri Cady, VBS leader, was assisted by her husband, Herb, with Sue VanGelder, Colleen Kabel, Laura Krause (who came the farthest, from Maryland with her little girl), and Debbie Erway, who served as counselors. Marilou Conable told Bible stories, Loella Wickey organized

games, Kelly Cranmer taught crafts, while Jamie Loveless prepared snacks for the adventure. Two older youth, Adam Price and Erik Hall, also helped out.

A very exciting incident occurred as Cady and Conable were shopping in Walmart for school supplies to give to the children. A man who looked like he had just come from a dirty job, and his wife, looking presentable, walked up behind them at checkout, and the husband said, “You must be teachers.” Cady replied, “No, we are doing this for our church.” Then the man handed her \$20. As they were ready to pay for the items, he passed Cady and Conable, slid his credit card through the machine, and paid for the supplies. Shocked, they thanked him, and gave his \$20 back. They asked his wife if she was OK with what he did and she said, “Yes, he loves children. He just didn’t have enough cash with him.”

In previous weeks, the congregation helped to prepare for the VBS program by donating fishing poles, tackle boxes, fishing nets and vests, rubber boots,



Adults and children attending the Joy of Troy Community church VBS dressed in costumes to replicate the attire worn by ancient Egyptians.

along with real-looking stuffed animals, such as bears, skunks, dogs, and more, in addition to artificial Christmas trees and greenery for forest scenery.

—Marjorie L. Plumley,
communications secretary,
Corning church

VBS Children Meet Joseph

The Joy of Troy Community church held Vacation Bible School for all age groups using the theme, “Joseph: A Journey from Prison to Palace.” Preparation and assembly of the palace set began months in advance and was constructed by Tom Tilley, a deacon. Adults and children dressed up in costumes to replicate the attire worn by the ancient Egyptians. The children wandered through a marketplace sampling various cultural foods. They also created beaded headbands and other crafts, played Egyptian games, assembled blankets for community service, and met “Joseph” each day while learning the characteristics of God.

The children had “family time” during which

they met with their family leaders to learn about God and wrote “God sightings” on stones that they used to build a pyramid. These “God sightings” indicated how they saw God through their everyday lives during the week. VBS was directed by Annette Barnes, the Sabbath School superintendent. Twenty-one children attended every night and there were almost as many adults participating in the program. The older children practiced being leaders by operating one of the booths. This year’s attendance was the most consistent in the five years since the Joy of Troy began offering a VBS program, and it grows every year as God continues to bless abundantly.

—Annette Barnes, Sabbath School superintendent, Joy of Troy Community church

Elmira VBS Children On Safari

Elmira church in Elmira, New York, held its first Vacation Bible School in many years, beginning on July 25. With only a few weeks to prepare, the staff used their own unique talents to create a fun and



Children attending VBS at the Corning church participated in making crafts.



Children at Elmira church's VBS program learned to sing songs using sign language.

safe educational experience for the children. Using the theme "Bible Safari," the 12 children who attended went

on an adventure through the Bible, focusing on such topics as creation, along with learning the laws of

God, going on exciting treasure hunts into God's Word, and exploring a mysterious treasure box that held the world's greatest treasure. The younger children studied the curious and sometimes bizarre characteristics of such animals as the elephant and tiger.

The children were able to try their hand at tie-dyeing, making bookmarks and picture frames, and inventing some rather creative hats. (The adults were not excluded!) Snack time was turned into a learning experience as the children were taught the benefits of mak-

ing healthy choices when they are young.

At the culmination of the events on Friday, the parents were invited to view what their children had made and listen to what they learned through the week. The younger children sang songs, while the older students sang "The B-I-B-L-E" in sign language. One of the students prepared a slide show of pictures that were taken during the week, which seemed to delight everyone as they saw familiar faces of the group on the screen.

—Brittany Miller, Vacation Bible School director, Elmira church

Community Agency Sends Tithe to Adventist Radio Station

WBLN-LP is a radio station ministry of the Kingsbury church in Hudson Falls, New York, and as such is a non-profit, listener-supported ministry. Some time back, the station networked with Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center, a ministry where radio director Gary Bombard's wife, Priscilla, was a vol-

unteer counselor. The station offered Open Arms free radio announcements and information on getting media coverage. Recently a computer crash and the resulting repair expenses depleted much of WBLN's reserves. At a subsequent board meeting Bombard listened as the treasurer's report

comments about a shortage of funds to cover future needs. What the rest of the board didn't know was that Bombard had received a letter prior to the meeting from Open Arms explaining that the agency had completed a fundraising event which brought in \$10,000. It is Open Arms' custom to tithe the pro-

fundraiser.

Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference

God has a thousand more ways to provide than we can possibly think or imagine.

ceeds of such fundraisers to other ministries, and their board voted to send the tithe for this event to WBLN-LP. Bombard shared with the board the benefits of counting on God to provide, and that He has a thousand more ways to provide than we can possibly think or imagine. The radio station's slogan, "Your Hometown Christian

Radio," was demonstrated by the fact that 16 local churches and other individuals contributed to the

Ordained and Ready for Service



Lewis Kaiser

Jason Ducot, left, was ordained as a deacon by Kevin Dunn, the pastor of the Southern Tier district, on Sabbath, August 13, at the Elmira church in Elmira, New York. Church elders laid hands on Ducot as Dunn prayed, dedicating him to this important service in the church. Ducot began attending church a few years ago and was baptized in 2008.

—Sharon Reynolds, clerk, Elmira church



Convention Participants Encouraged to Be Radical Christians

The Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries Department held its 43rd annual convention at the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York, on September 2-4. The theme for the event was “Celebrating the Harvest,” and the guest speaker on Sabbath was Fredrick Russell, president of the Allegheny West Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

In his message titled “Radical Christianity,” Russell challenged the audience to be radical Christians—that is to do as Jesus did. He shared that people are getting disenfranchised with Christianity

because Christians are not living what they preach and suggested that if Christians would live what they preach, they would be much more effective at winning others.

The Personal Ministries Federation was organized in the 1960s after George Earl, then president of Northeastern Conference, and the late Harvey W. Kibble, shared the idea that an organization should be formed that would encourage ministers and laymen to join hands to finish the work of the gospel. A decision was made by a group of laymen present at that meeting to organize the conference into six districts, and then later

a seventh was added in the Hudson Valley area.

The Personal Ministries Federation has been responsible for planting churches in the Hudson Valley, Brooklyn, western New York, and New England areas. Its annual convention is designed to promote evangelism and laity involvement. This year’s convention was coordinated under the leadership of Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference personal ministries director, and Godfred T. Ansah, Personal Ministries Federation president.

—Stephen L. Williams, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Fredrick Russell, president of the Allegheny West Conference, was the guest speaker for the 43rd annual Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries Federation Convention.



Oswald Euell, left, and Godfred Ansah, Personal Ministries Federation president, right, presented Marie Maxwell, president of the Brooklyn federation, with an award for outstanding missionary work.



Oswald Euell, left, and Godfred Ansah, Personal Ministries Federation president, right, presented Sheila Lawrence, a member of the Shiloh church, with an award for outstanding missionary work.

Academy Student Speaks for Capital City Church Youth Day

“You Don’t Have to Compromise to Be Recognized” was the title of the sermon presented by Vincent Wilson on Youth Day at Capital City church in Albany, New York. Wilson, a 2011 graduate of Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York, was the guest speaker for the weekend. The event, hosted by the church’s AYS department, emphasized

building strong relationships through Christ. Wilson based his message on 1 Samuel 3 and shared the story about a young boy named Samuel who worked for the Lord.

Sheleah Ford, the AYS director, says she believes in making an investment in the young people now. “Even though the devil is busy in his attacks, the Lord is calling on the youth

of our church now,” Ford says. “We should be ready to respond to His call to use our talents and our gifts.”

The youth and young-at-heart listened attentively as the Holy Spirit spoke through Wilson, who is planning to study for the ministry one day.

—Ron Husband, member, Capital City church

Vincent Wilson was Capital City church’s Youth Day speaker.



20 Baptized at Charity

Twenty people were baptized as a result of a series of evangelistic meetings held at the Charity church during the months of August and September. The church, under the direction of its pastor, Samuel Blair, hosted international evangelist Jeffrey Harriott from Portland, Jamaica.

The meetings followed the July grand opening of the church's newly-acquired building on seven acres of land in East Hartford, Connecticut. The church is moving forward with the work of witnessing for

Christ in the metropolitan Hartford community.

—Cecil Smith, communication director, Charity church



▲ Twenty members were added to Charity church through baptism as a result of the meetings.

◀ Jeffrey Harriott, international evangelist, was the speaker for the meetings.

Haitian Camp Meeting Highlights

“Come Holy Spirit” was the theme for the Northeastern Conference Haitian Camp Meeting held at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York. The main presenter was Agniel Sampson, head of the theology department at Oakwood University, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Jose Joseph, the newly-elected Haitian ministries coordinator for the conference, presided over the

services. Along with the choir, music was presented by saxophonist Kosly Joseph and vocalist Nancy Toussaint.

Sampson shared a message about the paralytic who sat by the “gate beautiful,” begging until Peter came his way and changed his life. The pavilion was filled to capacity as thousands turned up to celebrate God’s Holy Sabbath day together. The Northeastern



Agniell Sampson was the main speaker at the Northeastern Conference Haitian Camp Meeting.

Conference administrators and departmental directors brought greetings to the those in attendance.

—Stephen Williams, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Thousands filled the pavilion at Camp Victory Lake to celebrate the Sabbath together.



Conference Purchases New Office Building

At the recommendation of the executive committee, following a series of three town hall meetings held across the conference, the Northern New England Conference purchased the building at 479 Main Street, Westbrook, Maine, for use primarily as the new conference office and Adventist heritage center.

With an overall size of more than 14,000 square feet, the three-story structure not only provides adequate room for offices but also includes such amenities as a 41-space paved parking lot, an auditorium, and an elevator—which makes the facility fully ADA compliant (accessible for people with disabilities) throughout. Completed renovations in 2003, at a cost of \$3.5 million, are a good indication of the building's present-day value.

Funding for the building, purchased at the price of \$900,000, came from sources



The new building in Westbrook, Maine, will house the conference office, headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and an Adventist heritage center.

such as the capital budget, which, in turn, received its funding through the sale of several parsonages across the conference over the past few years. Purchasing the property at such a discounted rate, along with the sales of the parsonages (which, in many cases, were at high market values) only adds to the impression that this is a clear blessing from the Lord.



minor renovation, such as wall dividers to provide individual office space, will be needed to accommodate the conference office staff and its ministries. The heritage center will celebrate the history of the Adventist Church—which had its beginnings in Portland and

Gorham—and will include interactive options and kiosks.

Although many details remain, discussions regarding

the purchase of the office building at 91 Allen Avenue in Portland are underway with the leadership of the White Memorial church.

The date of the much-anticipated move is not set as yet, but members will be kept informed.

—Arnold Schnell, executive secretary, Northern New England Conference

“The Northern New England Conference, which had plans of building a new office and heritage center in Freeport, Maine, is very pleased to have found and acquired this property in Westbrook,” said Randee Reynolds, conference treasurer.

Since this building was previously a library, some

Youth Encouraged to “Go, Show, and Tell”

More than 40 young adults from across New England met at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, for youth evangelism training over Labor Day weekend. Although the number was small,



Lukase Krzywon, foreground; Hannah So, and Rebekkah Reynolds attended the youth evangelism training with more than 40 others.

the focus was to worship and pray together.

Akeem Brett, the new Bible worker at the Portland church, presented the message on Friday evening. He preached about the “everlast-

ing gospel” in Revelation 14. The message, which was echoed throughout the weekend, “Go, Show, and Tell,” encouraged the group that they must not only speak the message, but live the message.

The presentations, given by Trajan Braxton, a recent graduate of STRIDE (Student Training and Resource Institute for Discipleship

Evangelism), were practical, and equipped the group to go out and witness using Christ’s method of evangelism.

There is a small army of dedicated young people in the Northern New England Conference who want to see Jesus return; who want to work alongside the conference leaders and learn from them; a group of young adults who want to help finish the work so that we can all go home. The hope is that this army of young people will grow and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, help to finish the work that was started in that region 160 years ago.

—Oliver Bragg, Bible worker, Limington and Rochester churches

CVA Students Attend First Spiritual Retreat

Central Vermont Academy (CVA) students in grades 9-12 attended the first annual Spiritual Retreat on September 7-9.

The retreat began with a visit to the William Miller Farm in Whitehall, New York. Students were told about the dedication and devotion of Miller, an ordinary farmer used by God to do powerful things for Him. Their time at the Miller Farm concluded with a worship and communion service led by CVA's Bible teacher, Janelly Pierre. After a stop by the Miller gravesite, the group continued to Albany, New York.

In Albany, students spent time in worship, prayer, and team-building exercises for two days. CVA teachers, Jessica Marlier, Diana Tunnell, Robert Smith, and Pierre, led the wor-

ship services, sharing their own faith journeys and testimonies. It was amazing to watch students reading their Bibles, praying with each other, and discussing their Christian walk with others.

Students also visited the Pine Bush Discovery Center in Albany, and were able to experience God through



▲ Students in grades 9-12 at Central Vermont Academy visited the William Miller Farm in Whitehall, New York, as a part of their first spiritual retreat.

◀ Central Vermont Academy students visited William Miller's gravesite.

nature. Jordan Harris, a freshman, explained, "It was an amazing trip. I definitely won't miss it next year."

—Rob Smith, principal, Central Vermont Academy

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Wedding Crasher Irene

How We Didn't Let Hurricane Irene Rain on Our Parade

It was 1:30 p.m. on the Friday before our wedding when I received a call from, Roseangel, my sniffing bride-to-be. "The governor has declared a state of emergency," she managed to say. We were just getting ready for our rehearsal dinner that would be at 6:30 that evening—now this.

It was Irene! The hurricane was scheduled to hit with her peak, right at the peak of our wedding day on Sunday. I rushed to my tear-filled fiancée. What would we do? We had invested so much in this day, then suddenly, Irene thinks nothing of raining on our parade.

How often do we feel like this in life? We make big plans, expect things to go a certain way, and then a storm rolls in and ruins everything. What can you do? Where do you go when the storm winds blow? In the Bible we find comfort in the words of the Comforter, promising to bring peace amidst the winds of strife, calm within the storm, "stilling the storm to a whisper" (Psalm 107:29).

So what were we to do? So many thoughts were going through our minds. There was so much to lose if we were to go through with our original plans. So we prayed! Though I tried to say comforting words to my fiancée, nothing seemed to bring greater comfort than putting it in God's hands.

Then came the idea: What if we get married tonight at the rehearsal dinner? In the few minutes that followed, we made the executive decision to get married that night, and it couldn't have happened better!

We got married that Friday night, and how exciting it was! Our family was there, the pastor was there, violinists, soloists, the cake that my cousin just happened to be finishing



Eddie and Roseangel Somers moved up their wedding day in order to avoid the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene.

up—everything just worked out. Well, I shouldn't say that it just worked out. It was by the divine hand of God that things happened the way they did. And not just on our wedding day, but in our entire relationship. The way things happened is a testament to the power of God when you let Him work in your life.

My fiancée and I were both coming out of difficult

times before we began dating. For both of us, it was as if Hurricane Irene came and added her destruction to our plans. For a long time we struggled, each with our own situations. But we put things in God's hands, relied on Him, and trusted that He was sure to deliver greater blessings than either of us had imagined. I recently read a quote that resonated with me: "Sometimes God says no to give you an even bigger yes." How true I have found this to be, and I'm certain my wife feels the same.

When the storm comes, and it will, don't panic. Go to the feet of Jesus, the same feet that walked on stormy seas, the same Jesus that hushed the troubled seas with the simple words "Peace, be still." He has a plan for your future and He'll work things out 10 times greater than you had planned. You'll see!

—Eddie Somers is a member of the Foxboro church in Foxboro, Massachusetts



3ABN President Visits Plainville Church

The Plainville church in Plainville, Connecticut, hosted a Three Angels Broadcasting Network weekend with guest speaker James Gilley, 3ABN president and CEO, and his wife, Camille. Gilley presented the messages at the two-day event on September 16 and 17. The Meriden Missionaries Pathfinder Club from the Meriden church in Meriden, Connecticut, served as ushers and greeters throughout the event.

In the photo, left, taken in front of the sign at the Plainville church are Gilley, his wife, Camille, in the center, with members of the Meriden Missionaries Pathfinder Club.

—Carmen Guevera, Pathfinder director, Meriden Missionaries Pathfinder Club

Seven Baptized at Springfield Church

Sabbath, September 24, was special for the church members when, after an intense Bible study, seven people made the most important decision of their lives and said yes to Jesus and committed their hearts to the Savior.

The baptism took place in the afternoon and seven people from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences stood in front of the church dressed in baptismal robes to express their love for Jesus and their strong desire to belong to God's family. Of these seven, just two of them, Marcelo Melendez and Jeremiah Mitchel, were born and raised in Adventist families.

The Tampa family—Monalisa and Patrick—decided for Jesus after Bible

study with Lorraine Davis, one of the lay members of the Springfield church. After Carisa Rehbein visited many Christian churches, she decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church because she believes that this church is closest to what the Bible teaches. For her, the doctrines of the Sabbath, the state of dead, and the second coming of Jesus Christ were not a problem, because she says "the Bible is very clear" on these topics. Suzan Craddock attended the Baptist church in Springfield for many years. When the Holy Spirit visited her, she realized that the Sabbath is the day of rest and worship for the children of God, so she decided to follow Jesus. Alvin Allen is a young man whose life was also touched



Mihail Baciu, the Springfield church pastor, back left, stands with the individuals who were baptized on September 24, front from left, Carisa Rehbein, Suzan Craddock, Patrick and Monalisa Tampa and, back from left, Jeremiah Mitchel, Alvin Allen, and Marcelo Menendez.

by the Holy Spirit. When Jesus called him to be His child, he couldn't resist and Alvin also said "Yes, Lord!"

By God's grace, until the end of this year, the church plans to have one more baptism. More and more

people, realizing the time we live in right now, and hearing the voice of God speaking to them, are making their decision to accept Jesus as their Savior.

—Mihail Baciu, pastor,
Springfield church

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Youth Talk

Highlighting Atlantic Union Conference
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What scenes come to mind when thinking of Mexico? Picturesque white beaches, palm trees, pina coladas? This was a far cry from my experience with 20 other college students this past July. Instead of a plush resort in Cancun, we slept on concrete with mosquitoes whining in our ears in southern Mexico.

Our mission in Mexico was not soaking up the sun while enjoying ocean breezes; rather, our goal was to build a stable, quality church from the ground up in less than 14 days while simultaneously conducting Vacation Bible School, outreach activities, and a short dental clinic. Impossible for a group of college students? Maranatha Volunteers International's new Collegiate Project has made it a possibility.

What is special about this project? Coming together with peers for God's service creates a strong sense of camaraderie and facilitates a new understanding of what it means to be a servant of God.

This project allows me to serve without sacrificing an entire year. Throughout my six Maranatha mission trips I have grown into leadership positions that have prepared me for "real life" and remind me that my contribution is important. In college it seems easy to blend in, but on each trip I am strongly reminded that God has a huge plan for my life if I let Him into my heart.

If you are looking for a way to serve and don't feel that long-term missions are the answer, this project could be God's solution. Check out www.maranatha.org.

—Krista Tait, member, Stoneham church

College Student Learns What it Means to Be a Servant of God



▲ Members of the leadership team included, from left, Kristopher Candamil, Daniel Medrano, Krista Tait, Rebekah Widmer, Lorenzo Rolle, Kyle Anderson, and Dan Hiltasaca, front.

◀ Krista Tait, left, and Kristopher Candamil were part of a larger group that traveled to Mexico to help build a church.

▼ A group of 20 college students traveled to Mexico in July as a part of the Maranatha Volunteers International Collegiate Project.



Quoi de Neuf?

Dans la Fédération de L'Union Atlantique

Actualités de la Communauté

Schilo Family Services, Inc. (SFS), une organisation de service social à but non lucratif, dédiée aux besoins des personnes à faible revenu, a été créée à la suite d'un vote par le conseil de l'Eglise Haitienne Schilo. SFS a ouvert ses portes le 5 mars pour servir la communauté de Stamford, Connecticut. W. Fitzgerald Kerr, directeur des Services Communautaires Adventiste pour la conférence de Northeastern, fut le représentant de cette dite conférence lors de l'inauguration. A cause de l'ouverture de cet édifice, les membres, les résidents et la communauté haïtienne ont quelque chose à célébrer.

Prêcher l'Évangile n'est pas seulement fait de la chaire, mais aussi à travers les organisations de services sociaux. C'est la nouvelle approche. Les gens ont besoin de voir que vous

êtes là pour les aider», a déclaré Fanel Merville, directeur exécutif de l'SFS et membre de l'église Haitienne Schilo.

SFS offrira des conseils d'immigration, y compris la préparation des formulaires, le classement,

États-Unis. Elle est également reconnue et accréditée par le «Board of Immigration Appeals», la plus haute instance administrative pour interpréter et appliquer les lois d'immigration aux États-Unis.

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la représentation légale, l'anglais comme langue secondaire (ESL) et des classes de citoyenneté. SFS travaille en étroite collaboration avec les Services Communautaires Adventiste et est une filiale de CLINC, Inc, le plus grand réseau communautaire des programmes d'immigration aux

SFS, situé au bâtiment de l'église, est ouverte les lundis, mardis, et jeudis 9:00-12:00 et fera des plans pour travailler le soir aussi. Pour en savoir plus sur l'SFS, e-mail familyservices@schilosda.org ou appelez (203) 388-8050.

Kristia-Beaubrun, directrice de communication, Eglise Hébron d'expression française

L'église d'Hébron Accueille Plus de 55 Nouveaux Membres Baptisés

Plus de 600 personnes ont assisté à des services vespéraux parmi les six semaines d'évangélisation organisées par l'église d'Hébron d'expression française à Brooklyn, New York.

le 28 mai à Brooklyn, avec Audalus Estimé, un pasteur venant d'Haïti, en vue de partager les bonnes nouvelles et sauver les perdus. Chaque jour, à l'exception de jeudi, des centaines de personnes ont rempli les sièges

Leurs efforts se sont révélés être réussis avec l'ajout de 55 personnes à la famille des Eglises Adventistes du Septième Jour, ce qui constitue le plus grand nombre de candidats au baptême au cours d'un événement unique dans l'histoire récente de cette église.

Le dernier jour de ces réunions, le 9 juillet, a été une célébration sans précédent – un service d'adoration animé, dans la matinée, une cérémonie de baptême et de communion qui a duré jusqu'à 6 :00 p.m., suivie d'une veillée de prière qui s'est terminée à minuit.

Kristia Beaubrun, directrice de communication, Eglise Hébron d'expression française

“Chaque jour des centaines de personnes ont rempli les sièges de l'église d'Hébron afin d'explorer la Parole de Dieu.”

Sous la direction d'Emmanuel Toussaint et Caleb Pierre, le département des Ministères Personnels a lancé une campagne d'évangélisation,

de l'église d'Hébron afin d'explorer la Parole de Dieu et d'acquérir une compréhension approfondie du Sanctuaire.



Evangelización Hispana en el Lincoln Center Atrae Cientos a Cristo

Lincoln Center en Nueva York fue el lugar elegido para la culminación de una serie de evangelización de 10 meses con la participación de las iglesias hispanas de las conferencias de Greater New York y Northeastern. Patrocinado por el Ministerio de la Voz de La Esperanza, el orador por las cuatro noches, Agosto 31- Septiembre 3, fue Frank González, Presentador y Director del programa televisivo La Voz de la Esperanza. González presentó una serie de ocho sermones, titulada “Siete Palabras de Esperanza.” Cada noche se estudió una de siete palabras inspiradas por Cristo al El moría en la Cruz.

Comenzando desde el 4 de Diciembre del 2010, con la presentación oficial en la Iglesia Hispana de Dykman, y por los próximos 10 meses, los miembros de cada iglesia hispana de la Greater New York Conference trabajaron en 246 grupos pequeños, realizando estudios bíblicos y testificando a las personas en sus comunidades. Michael Guerrero, Coordinador del Ministerio Hispano de la Greater New York Conference, animó a cada pastor a participar en el proceso mientras se preparaban para el evento de cosecha en el Lincoln Center.

Más de 2,500 personas se reunieron cada noche para las reuniones. Administradores de la Greater New York Conference Earl G. Knight, Presidente; Gerson Santos, Secretario Ejecutivo; y Carlos González, Tesorero; junto con los administradores de la Unión del Atlántico Carlyle

Simmons, Secretario Ejecutivo; y Dionisio Olivo, Vicepresidente para Ministerios Hispanos y portugueses; y Dan Jackson, Presidente de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día en



Frank González, Presentador y Director del programa televisivo La Voz de la Esperanza, presentó la serie titulada “Siete Palabras de Esperanza.”

Norte América; se encontraban entre los invitados especiales que asistieron al evento.

Dios fue honrado con presentaciones musicales de alta calidad del equipo de La Voz de la Esperanza y otros. Como resultado, los presentes alaban sus

manos y voces en alabanza a Dios.

Invitados musicales incluyeron a artistas como Marissa Martínez, Steve Green, Junior Marchena Kelly, Los Hearldos de Esperanza, Jamie Jorge y el Metropolitan Mass choir, un coro de 100 voces, formado por las iglesias hispanas de la Greater New York Conference.

“Estamos tan agradecidos a Dios por lo que ha hecho en el Lincoln Center y en las iglesias,” dijo Guerrero. “Hemos bautizado a más de 450 personas.” Los administradores de la Greater New York Conference se unieron a Guerrero en expresar su agradecimiento con una presentación especial para González.

Más de 400 bautismos fueron reportados por las iglesias hispanas de la Northeastern Conference, haciendo un gran total de más de 900 bautismos.



Más de 2,500 personas se reunieron cada noche para las reuniones patrocinadas por La Voz de la Esperanza en el Lincoln Center en Nueva York.

Rohann D. Wellington, director de comunicación, de la Greater New York Conference

Sunset Table

December 2011	2	9	16	23	30
Bangor, ME	3:55	3:54	3:55	3:58	4:03
Portland, ME	4:04	4:03	4:05	4:08	4:13
Boston, MA	4:12	4:11	4:13	4:16	4:21
South Lancaster, MA	4:14	4:13	4:15	4:18	4:23
Pittsfield, MA	4:20	4:20	4:21	4:24	4:29
Hartford, CT	4:20	4:19	4:21	4:24	4:29
New York, NY	4:28	4:28	4:29	4:33	4:38
Albany, NY	4:20	4:19	4:21	4:24	4:29
Utica, NY	4:26	4:25	4:27	4:30	4:35
Syracuse, NY	4:30	4:29	4:30	4:34	4:39
Rochester, NY	4:35	4:35	4:36	4:39	4:44
Buffalo, NY	4:41	4:40	4:42	4:45	4:50
Hamilton, Bda	5:12	5:13	5:15	5:18	5:23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE
Atlantic Union Conference Festival of the Laity SEEDS Conference, Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2012. The Atlantic Union Conference Personal Ministries Department and its six local conferences are sponsoring a Festival of the Laity SEEDS Conference at the Stamford Marriott Hotel and Spa, 243 Tresser Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901. The conference is for church members, leaders, and pastors, and will offer seminars in four languages: English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. To register at the hotel, call (800) 732-9689 (mention Atlantic Union Conference meeting). For hotel cost, registration fees, and additional information, visit: www.atlantic-union.org/seeds2012.html.

OBITUARIES

GROUT, John M.—80; b. Feb. 3, 1931; d. Aug. 23, 2011, in Clinton, Mass. He was a longtime member of the Village

Church in South Lancaster, Mass. He attended South Lancaster Academy in South Lancaster, Mass. In his early years he worked as a literature evangelist. He was the custodian and general guardian of the premises at the Village Church. He is the husband of the late Geraldine Grout (2008), who served for 22 years as Gleaner managing editor/editor. Survivors include a sister, Ellen Dapper of Virginia.

SMITH, Ileen I.—89; b. Dec. 4, 1921, in New Scotland, N.Y.; d. Aug. 14, 2011, in Horseheads, N.Y. She was a longtime member of the Elmira church. Survivors include her two sons, Dennis W. (Jacquelin) Harrington of York, Pa.; Blair F. (Barbara) Boyce of Pine City, N.Y.; stepchildren, Wayne L. (Marleha) Boyce, of N. Chemung, N.Y.; Warren Gary (Rebecca) Smith of Binghamton, N.Y.; Sandra M. Smith of Elmira, N.Y.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

YOUNG, Leta L. (Ward)—88; b. Mar. 13, 1923, in Springfield, Mass.; d. Jun. 14, 2011, in Randolph Center, Vt. Formerly of Meriden, Conn., she was

a member of the Randolph church in Randolph, Vt. Survivors include three sons, Charles H. (Joyce) Young Jr., of Calhoun, Ga., David H. (Darlene) Young, of Randolph Center, Vt., and Wayne H. (Emily) Young of Meriden, Conn., five grandchildren; and a sister, Esther Strout.

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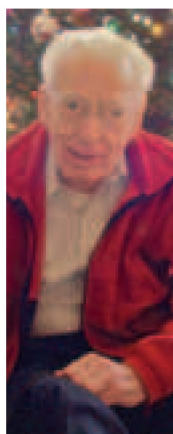
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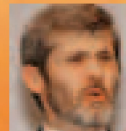
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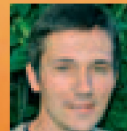
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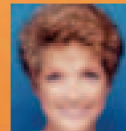
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