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Church Postmortem

Recently, as I traveled along a busy thoroughfare in southern Maryland, I noticed a church that was vacant with a large “For Sale” sign on its front door. I stopped the car and pondered why the church was on the market and what happened to its congregation. Because it was located in a fast-growing community, I first reasoned that they must have outgrown their facility and moved. But the feeble state of their facility and the lack of a sign promoting their new meeting address caused me to doubt that possibility. Sensing that a death had occurred, I began a spiritual autopsy of the facility. First I walked around the church and peered through the windows looking for clues. Then I stopped at several local businesses and asked employees if they knew anything about it.



Their responses were sad and revealing. None of the people I talked to knew anything about the church, why it was for sale, or what happened to its members. Most had never even noticed the church. My postmortem analysis was that this church had likely failed to keep up with the growth rate and development of its community and died a slow death. It had probably maintained an inward focus with no meaningful interaction with, or outreach to, its community. Perhaps in its waning years, members fondly cherished their glorious past and clung to ancient rituals and outdated traditions. Meanwhile their congregation slowly aged, attracting fewer young adults and families. Eventually there was no one to pass the reins of leadership to, and there were so few attendees that they could no

longer afford to maintain the building and keep the church open.

The decrepit condition of that church and its “For Sale” sign still haunts me. The kingdom of God suffered a defeat there, and the prevailing darkness of the world had extinguished the light on that street. But had anyone in the community even noticed? Was the congregation even missed? Was the community poorer for its absence? These are good questions for all of us to ask about our churches. Incidentally, a quick search on the Internet reveals that an average of 1,500 to 3,000 churches close every year. That’s 50 to 75 a week.



IS YOUR CHURCH DYING TOO?

The truth is that many of our Adventist churches are in danger of a similar fate in the near future. Too many of our churches aren’t growing, have no vital connection to the community, and haven’t had a baptism in years. The divine recipe for keeping our churches alive, vibrant, and growing is found in the dual focus outlined in *Ministry of Healing*: “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for

them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow me!’” (p. 134).

We must penetrate, impact, and transform our communities by discovering and ministering to felt needs. We must also proclaim the three angels’ messages, challenge people to make decisions for Christ, and make them His disciples. As you read about some of the exciting outreach ministries of Columbia Union members in this issue, may you be challenged and inspired to go and do likewise. It is a life and death situation for lost people *and* for your church.

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Newsline

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CUC Board Rescinds License Sale

At its September 20 meeting, the Columbia Union College Board of Trustees (CUCBOT) voted to rescind the action to enter into negotiations to sell their radio station license. The



vote does not mean that the college would never sell assets, but according to **Dave Weigley**, president of the Columbia Union Conference and chair of the CUCBOT, the motivation to rescind came from church leaders and members throughout the Columbia Union who requested that union leaders address the issues facing the college before liquidating any assets.

“Board members, church leaders, constituents, and church governing bodies across the Mid-Atlantic United States believed it was important to meet and look at the enrollment, financial, and maintenance issues facing their college before taking further steps,” Weigley said. “They also expressed their desire to strengthen the college and continue our radio ministry, both of which add value to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community we serve in the nation’s capital and beyond.” In addition, he said the board would continue to look for and call on members who want to help both ministries thrive.

The CUCBOT also elected a new board to oversee the college’s radio station, WGTS. The

newly elected board, which mainly includes members of the CUCBOT, will work to maximize the station’s ministry potential.

Potomac Selects New VP for Administration

Last month, **Jorge Ramirez** accepted the call to serve as vice president for administration* at the Potomac Conference. He replaces



Roger Weiss who recently retired. Ramirez comes from the Southeastern California Conference, where he served for 22 years, most recently as pastor of the Santa Ana (Calif.) Broadway Bilingual church.

“Pastor Ramirez brings a strong sense of leadership and skill to the position,” says Potomac president Bill Miller. “He has a real commitment to church growth and pastoral ministry.”

Ramirez, a native of Guadalajara, Mexico, is a graduate of La Sierra University (Calif.). He has a master’s from Andrews University (Mich.) where he is completing a doctorate in ministry. Ramirez has been married for 16 years to Bexy, who previously worked as a respiratory therapist at California’s Loma Linda University Medical Center. Three boys complete the family circle: 13-year-old Reuben and 10-year-old twins Ryan and Reiss.—*Don Wood*

*Also called “executive secretary” in some conferences.

Union to Convene Summit About CUC

At the fall meeting of the Columbia Union Executive Committee, members voted to call a summit to discuss the enrollment, financial, and maintenance issues facing Columbia Union College (CUC). “The purpose of the summit is to listen to constituents’ concerns regarding how our college is serving our higher education needs and get their input on how to address our systemic issues,” says President Weigley.

“At many meetings, progress reports consume our agenda and there’s little time for feedback and discussion,” says Neville Harcombe, executive secretary of the Columbia Union. “This meeting will allow for objectivity concerning our issues and encourage idea-sharing.”

The meeting will take place November 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Southern Asia church in Silver Spring, Md., and involve all the governing bodies of the union, which include eight conference executive committees, the union executive committee, and the CUCBOT. These bodies are comprised of about 250 administrators, pastors, members, and educators who have been elected to represent the larger church membership and oversee its work.

Columbia Union members who are not part of these governing bodies are invited to share their concerns and ideas via email at comments@cuc.edu.

New Jersey Constituents Celebrate Growth

At the 38th Regular Constituency Session of the New Jersey Conference, delegates elected José Cortés president for the next five years. Cortés, who has served the conference for 20 years as a pastor, departmental director, and, most recently, executive secretary, was welcomed to office with a standing ovation. “I would love for this to be my last assignment, not

tenure has been Jesus’ prayer in Matthew, ‘that we may all be one,’” Finck noted. He said he wanted to be remembered for improving the conference’s finances (tithe increased 22 percent to \$37.1 million), finding a new conference office building, growing churches and schools, and being a unifying agent among New Jersey’s diverse membership, which recently crossed the 12,200 mark. More than 4,000 new members were baptized during the last quadrennial, including a record 1,200 in 2006, thanks in part to the 700 families that host small group Bible studies in their homes. Fifteen new churches and companies were organized, bringing the total to 94. Though their academy closed, the conference still has eight schools—including a new one in Vineland—and is working to plant additional schools.

At the request of Cortés, Finck will serve his last few months before retirement as executive secretary, after which time the newly elected executive committee will permanently fill the position.

Jim Greene, who joined the administrative team as treasurer last year, was re-elected, as was youth and Pathfinder director Laffit Cortés (no relation). Leonel Pottinger, a pastor, was elected to serve as ministerial director, but the position of education superintendent was referred to the executive committee.

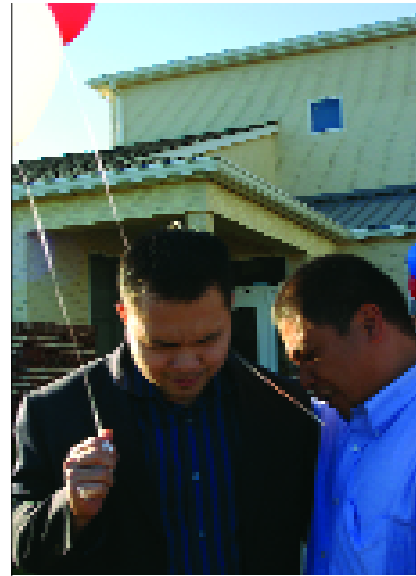
The daylong session, convened at the Robbinsville church, outside Trenton, drew 305 delegates (like Keren Rosado, left) who

because I want to serve for many years, but because I want Jesus to come and take us to be with Him forever and ever,” he announced drawing a chorus of “Amen!”

The ovation was then directed at retiring president LeRoy Finck, who has led the conference since 1996. “The driving force in my



Officers: Joyce and Jim Greene, Marge and LeRoy Finck, and Celia and José Cortés



Stenly Gonie and Jimmy Tuyo of the Indonesian Pioneer church in Edison, N.J., pray for a double portion of the Holy Spirit upon their conference before releasing balloons.



Officers presented checks to eight churches engaged in building projects and several schools that had eliminated debt or needed seed money.

were engaged from the morning devotional to the closing prayer of dedication. There were lengthy discussions about proposed changes to their constitution and bylaws and about whether departmental leaders should be elected at the session or by the newly elected executive committee. The session ended with the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” in Portuguese by Newark’s Luzo-Brazilian church choir and a balloon release.

Potluck

BETH MICHAELS

What's New?

Worship Kit > The Treasure Box

Want to add some sparkle to your worship and Bible study time with kids? Try *The Treasure Box*, a new worship booklet and music CD, produced by E.J. Clermont,



founder and director of Tiny Tunes Ministries in Laurel, Md. The children's church coordinator for Allegheny East Conference's Miracle Temple in Baltimore reports that this resource can be used to encourage families to spend time together in worship and give children a non-intrusive resource they can share with their non-believing friends. It also can be used as a ministry fund-raiser.

"The booklet was designed to help train those working with children to utilize everyday objects—like dish soap and a rubber band—to point the children to Christ," explains Clermont, aka "Mr. Jé." The CD includes popular, fun children's songs like "Higher, Higher" that reinforce lessons. "Music and movement are important to family worship and the development of children," he adds.

Clermont received a lot of assistance from his wife, recording artist Regina Reid,

for the project. Get yours at (877) TINYTUNES or www.itsthetreasurebox.com.

Technology > IPTV

A new device is making it possible for Adventist viewers to enjoy their favorite television and radio programs wherever they go! Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) allows viewers to watch programs from 3ABN, 3ABN Latino, the Hope Channel, and Loma Linda Broadcasting Network while traveling. All that's needed is a high-speed Internet connection, a television, and the device, which costs \$149 and is available through Media Opportunities IPTV (MOIPTV), an independent company.

"It's a 'plug and play' device that's very simple to use and works just like a DVD player because you can fast-forward,



rewind, pause, and play any programs from the past five days," explains Moses Primo, CEO of MOIPTV and 3ABN's director of Broadcast Operations and Engineering.

For a monthly subscription, they offer the Adventist programs as well as a number of family-friendly secular programs in English and Spanish, with more coming soon in Arabic, Russian, Romanian, French, and Portuguese. Learn more by calling (618) 627-2300, or visiting www.moiptv.net.

Music > "Journey" MetroSingers

Journey is the third offering from MetroSingers, a 35-member choir from Allegheny East Conference's Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md. The 13-song CD, which features traditional anthems, hymns, and spirituals, was produced by Myron Ottley and arranged in a contemporary style by well-known



Adventist musicians Adrian Westney, Jr. and John Stoddart. Saxaphonist Courtney Fadlin, bass guitarist Reger Smith, III, and pianist Edmond Charles also contributed to the project.

Ottley, the group's founder and music director, says the album title signifies the Christian's journey to the promised land. "Songs like 'Walk Together Children,' 'It is Well With My Soul,' and 'Balm in Gilead,' help you know that you can make it through the various things you encounter on your way there," he says. Listen to clips and order copies at www.metroingers.com.

—Celeste Ryan Blyden

Web Watch

www.digitalthymnal.org

Available in English and Spanish, this site features a collection of online music files, lyrics, and historical notes about the authors and composers of hymns included in the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*.

WholeHealth

Proclaim the Gospel of Health

The Adventist health message should be the best news around. Why? Not because of the eight natural remedies, or because we tend to live seven to 11 years longer than the average American, but because of a pivotal understanding that gives hope to those who battle health issues or struggle with lifestyle change.

Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that “the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (NIV). Look around. Both inside



and outside the church, we have a very real enemy who works overtime to steal our vitality and inflict pain and suffering. He is adept at turning the health message into a legalistic checklist of what we should and shouldn't do.

But Jesus came to restore what the thief has stolen so that we “may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10, NIV). In the New Testament, the words heal and save are translated from the same Greek word, *sozo*. This makes the health message an integral part of proclaiming the gospel (see *Medical Ministry*, p. 259). God is working in each of our lives to heal and to save—not just spiritually—but emotionally, mentally, and physically. As we cooperate with Him, we are transformed. Now that is good news to proclaim! —Lilly Tryon, MSN, RN, Adventist WholeHealth Wellness Center

In the Spotlight > Chester Hitchcock

Do you have trouble remembering people's names? Have you ever wished you could easily recount stories of the Bible? Health (i.e., nutrition, rest, etc.), age, and genetics are among the myriad of reasons some people have good memories and some don't. Thankfully, Pastor Chester Hitchcock, of the Ohio Conference's Medina and Barberton churches, decided he could help people change their fate in this regard.



Hitchcock started developing an interest in improving memory in 1989 after taking a popular home memory course. “It changed the way I studied for classes, and I started teaching my friends how to use the techniques,” says the memory guru, who was a student at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., at the time.

In 1999, when Hitchcock and his wife, Cathy, started leading a congregation in Zanesville, Ohio, he suggested using the helpful memory techniques to teach the Bible to members and visitors during Wednesday night prayer meetings. “I started teaching what I called ‘The Gospel Memory Course,’ which taught people how to easily remember scenes from the four gospels,” he explains. “I wanted



to develop a program that would help almost anyone— young or old—have a better knowledge of God's Word.”

Hitchcock also taught that course to youth and adults at area churches and camp meetings. In time he enhanced it to include memorizing scenes from the Old Testament, chapter by chapter. His most recent course creation, “Magic Memory,” helps users remember names, shopping lists, and phone numbers, etc. He often teaches that, as well as a course called “Rapid Reading,” at the Medina and Barberton Adventist Community Services centers to bring residents and nonchurched people into positive contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At some point, people started asking Hitchcock to record his courses so they could listen in the car. He did, and they're now available on cassette with workbooks. Email gospelministry@sssnet.com.

The Harvest is Ripe...

How Members are Making Evangelism a Priority

Evangelism is at the heart of the gospel commission. And Columbia Union members, like Christians everywhere, take their calling to prepare people for Christ's soon return seriously. Here are three stories of lay members who are making evangelism a priority by sowing seeds and reaping harvests for Christ's kingdom:

Carlos Gomez

From Prison to Prison Ministries

For years I sold and used drugs," says the friendly Adventist member who was once an addict and dealer. "I thought I was too smart for the police, but they tracked me for two years. An undercover Latino officer became my friend, but I never suspected anything because he always drank and used drugs with us. Then I made two drug sales to him."

Though that could have been the end of the rope for Carlos Gomez, it was really the beginning of his journey from prison to Prison Ministries.

The Journey Begins

Gomez was born in Colombia and came to the United States in 1984 at age 20. His mother, Lucila, was a Seventh-day Adventist and his dad, who wasn't, remained in Colombia. He often attended the Potomac Conference's Washington Spanish church in Silver Spring, Md., and the Capital Memorial Spanish church in Washington, D.C.

Although he worked as a painter for seven years, his yearnings for more money and material things caused him to hang out with “the wrong people.” He was soon ensnared in a drug-dominated lifestyle and was eventually caught and convicted for those two drug sales.

Though he expected a 25-year sentence, the judge gave him 10 years at James River Correctional Center in State Farm, Va. “I requested pastoral visits, and people from other denominations came—but no Adventists. That was hard,” he recalls. Still Gomez spent his time taking courses and witnessing to other inmates.

Then the Lord intervened and, in 1990, after serving just two years, he was released from prison for good behavior.

Angry with Adventists, he would not go to church and was miserable. “I couldn’t keep a job and went back to using drugs and drinking,” he says. “I had a son, but my incarceration ruined our relationship.” He endured 10 years of pain and even asked God to take his life.



Something Bad for Something Good

Then Lucila invited him to an evangelism meeting. “God touched my heart; I asked Him to accept me as I was, and got baptized.” Ruben Ramos, former Washington Spanish pastor and current Columbia Union Conference assistant to the president for Multilingual Ministries, urged Gomez to get involved in Prison Ministries (PM). Although hesitant to go inside a prison again, Gomez attended a PM convention. “Wow,” he thought, “I can actually take something bad and use it for good!” He began his PM career 12 years ago by translating for the Latino inmates at the Jessup (Md.) Correctional Institution. “The sound of those doors slamming brought back a lot of bad memories,” he confesses.

Today this Potomac PM team leader—who’s also a chaplain and lay pastor—coordinates groups from Maryland’s Germantown, Damascus, and Gaithersburg Spanish churches. His powerful testimony resonates with prisoners and contributed to the recent baptisms of 10 inmates at the facility. “We can’t forget about those who are behind bars; Jesus died for them too,” he says explaining why he’s so committed to this ministry.

Just like his Prison Ministries work, Gomez’s life is also flourishing. He works as a paralegal in a Washington, D.C., law firm. And five years ago, the Lord blessed him with a wife—Carmen. The couple now has a 1-year-old son, Ricardo, and Gomez is working to mend his relationship with his eldest son, Luis, now 18. “I feel that God has given me another chance to be a father,” he says. Contact Gomez at gomezcarlos@verizon.net.—*LaVerne Henderson*

For Gomez’s photo blog and a podcast interview highlighting more of his story, visit our website at www.columbiaunion.org.

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Michael Tate

Love for Evangelism



A 35-year teaching career and 14 years of evangelism experience make Michael Tate a pro at soul winning. “I just love evangelism,” says this elder of the Glenville church, located in a suburb of Cleveland. “There’s nothing like the privilege of studying with individuals and helping lead them to Christ.”

Last spring Tate had the opportunity to lead many people to Christ, as he directed a Revelation Seminar for this growing Allegheny West Conference congregation.

Tate opened the doors to work in evangelism years ago by developing friendships with most of the area’s pastors. After being invited to speak at nearly every Adventist church in the region, he was asked to assist with a Revelation Seminar, 14 years ago, in Glenville’s basement. Six people were baptized through that effort. “We got people in the door by word-of-mouth only,” he chuckles. “We didn’t have money to advertise.”

This time the Glenville team, coordinated by its current pastor, Robert Moore, conducted a full-scale advertising campaign—including radio, direct mail, and ads—to get the word out. Their efforts attracted 76 visitors the first night. Many participated in classes four nights a week for several weeks, and when the call was made, 20 people were baptized.

Called to Teach

Tate, a former Baptist, has always had a love for the Lord and teaching, but he didn’t know where to direct his efforts. After serving in the Vietnam War, he returned to Cleveland in the early 1970s and a friend invited him to an Adventist tent meeting. “After hearing the first message, I felt impressed by the Lord that this is where He wanted me to be,” he remembers. Soon he was baptized and spent the next two years in Bible studies with Henry Baskerville, his mentor. Baskerville was also the one who, unwittingly, prodded Tate into teaching. “He gave me a leather binder with the teacher’s Sabbath School quarterly in it,” recalls Tate. “I knew, then, I was called to teach.” Soon after, he took over the young adult class. A year later, he started leading the New Believers’ class, where’s he’s been ever since.

He says that one of the most rewarding parts of his ministry is working with new members, like Brandi Leslie. She was invited to attend a seminar by her then-fiancé. Interestingly, years before her encounter with Adventists, she had been exposed to the book *National Sunday Law*. “When I heard the messages at the seminar, my first reaction was ‘this makes sense,’” she says. After her baptism, she noticed another member with what turned out to be the same book she’d read so long ago. “This realization helped me see how the Lord was with me even then,” she notes. “Now I’m working to prepare my family for His coming.”

Though there isn’t another Revelation Seminar on the horizon yet, Tate keeps busy conducting Bible studies. “I’m ready,” he says. “I’m just waiting on the next one.”—*Sherry English*

Jim and Lunetta King

Happy to do the Lord's Work



Jim and Lunetta King have always worked for the Lord. They attended the Clyde (Ohio) church for 50 years, sent their four children to that conference's Mount Vernon Academy, were involved in Sabbath School, and served as Pathfinder leaders for 12 years.

For the last 10 years, Lunetta—a retired nurse—and Jim—a retired tool and die maker—have taken on a new full-time challenge. “After attending a Ken Cox evangelistic meeting in Fostoria, Ohio, we began giving Bible studies,” says Jim. At one point they were giving 12 studies simultaneously; they’re currently giving four. “Since we began, we’ve studied with approximately 50 people, and three of them have been baptized,” says Lunetta.

How do they generate interests? The Sandusky (Ohio) church, where they now attend, is registered with *It Is Written* and the *Voice of Prophecy*, longtime Adventist broadcast ministries, which offer free Bible study lessons. Cards received are forwarded to the nearest registered Adventist church. The Sandusky church typically receives about six interest cards a year. “We took on the responsibility of contacting individuals who had requested studies as far back as 2002,” states Jim. “We wanted to show the church that, if the Lord wanted them to have Bible studies, it wasn’t a waste of time.” (To generate more interest, they recently did a zip code mailing and are planning to run an ad in the local paper.)

They used to do correspondence studies, but Lunetta says, “We missed the personal touch.” So, in the last few years they’ve been using Doug Batchelor’s *Millennium of Prophecy* DVD Bible course, which takes about 10-15 weeks to complete. “We also keep a database and send letters and invitations to cooking classes and special events at the church,” she adds.



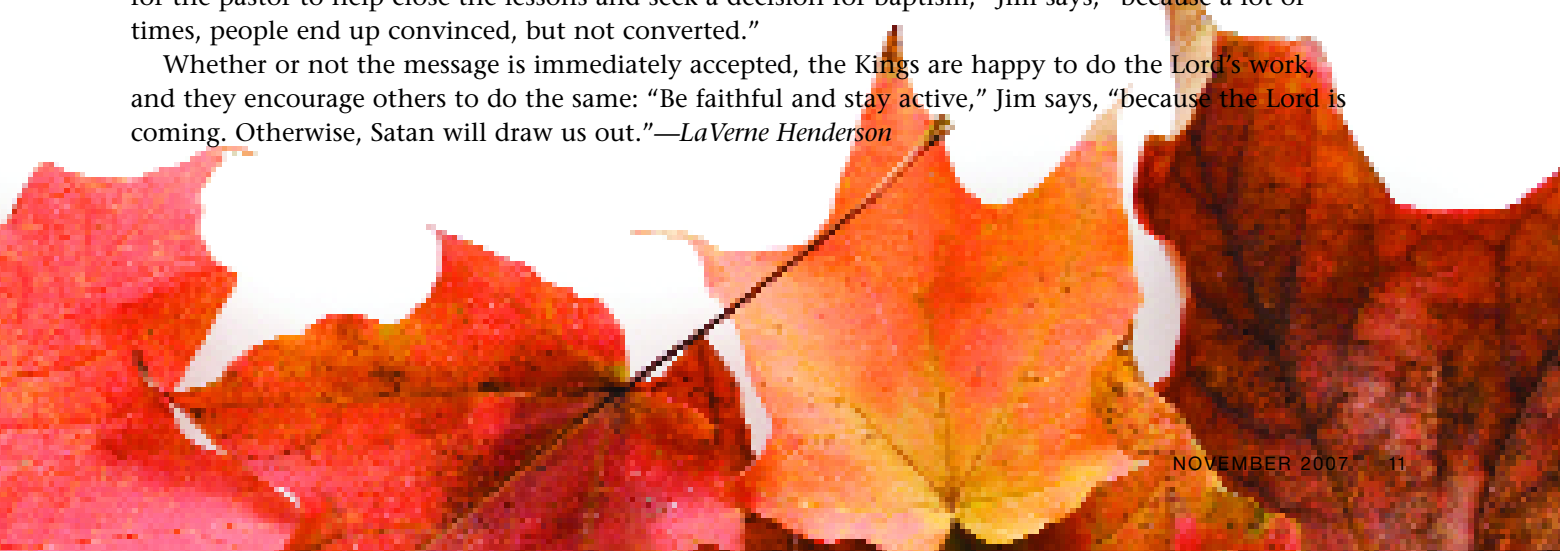
The Team Approach

Why do they enjoy doing this ministry together? “We make a good team,” says Jim. Lunetta is the organizer who always has everything ready. “And he’s the mouthpiece,” she laughs. She’s also his prayer warrior. “While I approach the door, she often sits in the car and prays,” Jim acknowledges gratefully. “There are times when the man of the house is looking at me like he wants to eat me alive! But I know he can’t do anything because she’s praying.”

During one lesson, he received quite a memorable response. “This lady, who is a Methodist, broke down and cried. She said, ‘I can’t believe this; I’m 80-years-old and our minister has been lying to us. And I believed everything he said.’” Jim, a former Catholic, who joined the Adventist Church at age 8 with his mother, understands her reaction. “We’re teaching a very unpopular message,” he notes.

Once the studies are completed, the pair is often faced with another dilemma. “It’s *very* important for the pastor to help close the lessons and seek a decision for baptism,” Jim says, “because a lot of times, people end up convinced, but not converted.”

Whether or not the message is immediately accepted, the Kings are happy to do the Lord’s work, and they encourage others to do the same: “Be faithful and stay active,” Jim says, “because the Lord is coming. Otherwise, Satan will draw us out.”—*LaVerne Henderson*



Youth Evangelists Bring Peers to Christ

Not only are adults building God's kingdom through evangelism, youth are involved, too, helping prepare their peers for Christ's soon return.

For God, and God Alone

Cruz Pagan had tears in her eyes as she watched her 13-year-old daughter, Laine, make the decision to be baptized. "It was amazing watching her decide for herself to give her life to Jesus," Pagan says. Her words echoed the sentiments of the families of 19 others who recently joined the Pennsylvania Conference's Lancaster Spanish church at the climax of their Children's Emphasis Week.

At Pastor Regulo Rivas' request, this evangelism program was organized by the church's Children's Ministries leader, Belen Echevarria, and led by a dynamic mother-daughter duo. Maria Monzon, a professional educator who has dedicated her talents to the Lord, and her 11-year-old daughter, Daniela, answered the clarion call to share God's Word far from their home in Orlando, Fla. Longtime friends with Rivas and his wife, Fanny, they are champions for Christ and praised God for the opportunity to serve in Pennsylvania.

A Child Shall Lead Them

Daniela, who has been preparing her own sermons, preaching, and teaching for about a year, presented messages to the children on a level that sparked excitement, a greater connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a deeper interest in receiving the "good news" of Jesus Christ. Her mom, Maria, provided reflection for the parents with talks that were based on the book *The Five Love Languages of Children*. She covered a wide spectrum of topics and allowed time for discussion and practical application training.

"This was the most important decision in my

life. It's an unforgettable experience to make a covenant with our Lord Jesus through baptism," said program participant Ana Torres. Someone else said, "We truly feel like 'new creatures in Christ.'"

The weeklong evangelism program ended with a pizza party where the candidates received certificates. "Watching those souls come to Christ erased all my previous feelings of anxiety," says Maria. "I was deeply moved by seeing families and friends celebrate the joy of salvation. This is something I will never forget."



Bethany Echevarria (center front) shows her excitement at being baptized along with (front, left to right) Santos Morales, Laine Pagan, Jesayla Ferrer, Samanta Hernandez, Ebashanece Ferrer, Chavela Ruiz, Gabriela Reyes, Roselyn Guzman, and Melanie Rios. In the back row (left to right) are Lily Diaz, Angel Pagan, Sonja Hernandez, Ana Torres, Gabriela Diaz, Pamela Acero, and Candida Ruiz. Not pictured are Cruz Pagan and Mary Morales.

Daniela admits that she, too, was a little nervous until her father, Daniel, reminded her that her efforts were “for God, and God alone.” In the end, she discovered that “God really does have power over everything and cares for even the littlest problems.” It’s no wonder that her favorite verse is, “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).—*Sheila Jones*



minister to fellow youth and film a documentary to make others aware of the current needs.

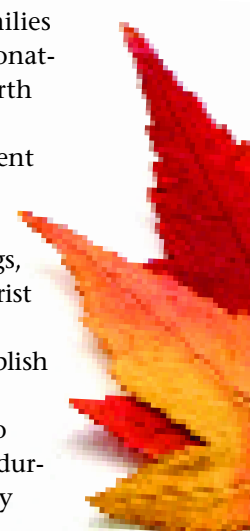
Southern Tidings

To that end, they conducted an evangelistic series, called “Southern Tidings,” which was held at the Westbank United Seventh-day Adventist Church in Algiers, La. Nia Patterson, Haven James, and Jassmine and Krystle Holland led song service each night. The speakers were Themba “TJ” Makapela II, Shaon Martineau, Haven James, and David Gray. Marsalis Brown came along to run the audio/video equipment. Although only a few individuals came the first evening, the crowd soon grew to 40-50 each night.

During the day, part of the group took pictures and video footage of the devastated areas while Pastor Dixon and the others conducted interviews (pictured left). They surprised three of the families interviewed with \$5,000 each. That money, donated by Pathfinders and youth all across the North American Division, had specifically been earmarked for Katrina victims. The group also spent time with the young people in the area and learned about their experiences.

As a result of their influence and the meetings, three teenagers (pictured) gave their lives to Christ and were baptized. The youth also inspired Westbank United pastor Kenneth Elliott to establish a youth church for his congregation.

When they left Columbus, their goal was to bring the Lord’s children closer to Him. And, during their three-week mission trip, that’s exactly what they did.—*Krystle Holland*



Backyard Mission Trip

Some time ago, Kenn Dixon, assistant youth pastor, and Themba Makapela, AY leader at the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio, had the vision to create a “church within a church” for the youth of their Allegheny West Conference congregation. Just like the adult church, the youth church had officers who attended board meetings. And just like the adults, evangelism was their main focus.

They planned a mission trip to New Orleans, right in “their own backyard.” They viewed it as such because Pastor Dixon and William Cox, DMin, Ephesus’ senior pastor, are both New Orleans natives. They know firsthand the devastation Hurricane Katrina brought to their childhood homes and how people there are still dealing with the tragedy.

So during summer vacation, eight young people (ages 13-17) along with their families, Dixon, and Makapela, went to Louisiana for nearly three weeks.

The group heard a lot about how the older people were affected, but were curious to see how the younger people were coping. They planned to



Member Profile

MARK TYLER

Renewed in Christ

One Member's Rise, Fall, and Restoration

Restoration was a theme that Sarah Frodelly (formerly Capeles) often sang about during the 1990s as a soloist for *La Voz de la Esperanza*, the Spanish version of the *Voice of Prophecy*. At the pinnacle of her career, Frodelly traveled the world spreading the gospel. She was featured at the 2000 General Conference Session in Toronto. She also sang for LA RED 2000 in Peru, and LA RED 2001 in Cuba, the NET satellite evangelism series in Spanish.

Her ability to croon in Spanish and English made her a commodity in the Christian music world. Frodelly recorded five albums through

an international contract with Chapel Records.

She cherishes meeting the Heritage Singers and traveling to places like Japan. "When you visit different countries and people are lined up to buy your CD and take pictures with you—it makes you feel good," she says. "Although I didn't feel superior, I knew the Lord was using me to spread the message."

ESTRANGED FROM THE CHURCH

But when Frodelly's 15-year marriage ended in a 2001 divorce, her career plummeted. She spent the next five years angry with God and estranged from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Suddenly songs such as "Mi Tributo" (My Tribute) and "More Than Wonderful" lost their meaning. "I felt rejection from lots of people—including leaders," she states. "Instead of offering to help and counsel me, they turned their backs. I felt betrayed, and the 'evil one' took advantage of that."

With her ministry marred by the stigma of divorce, she stopped singing and left the Adventist Church. "I failed the Lord, the Church, and the people who looked up to me," she says. Frodelly questioned God for allowing her personal life to suffer when she had been faithful through her music ministry.

Intent on rebelling, she says, "I didn't drink or smoke, but I refused to go to church and did not keep the Sabbath." Frodelly admits to becoming fixated on the idea that the people she thought would be her support system had abandoned her. "If we confess, God forgives us. But some people, and leaders, couldn't forgive me," she says.

FOCUSING ON THE SAVIOR

These days the theme of restoration is fraught with meaning for Frodelly. One day she got an invitation to visit the Newark (N.J.) Spanish church, where Pastor Alexis Grajales had been assigned. It was easy to respond because the Holy Spirit had been nudging her all the while.



“During the sermon, Pastor Grajales said to look up to the Lord, not at the people in church.” Realizing that her bitterness was holding her back, Frodelly says, “I cried and cried.” She was re-baptized in November 2006.

Still, she had to push past some negative responses to re-enter her relationship with God and fellowship with the Church. “As a public figure, it’s hard. I felt ashamed because everybody knew who I was and that I had fallen.”

Frodelly believes many are still drifting in sin because they can’t get past the pain they suffered in their congregation. While she feels that the Church needs to show more love to the fallen, focusing on the Savior is the only way a person will ever feel comfortable enough to return.

Now her relationship with the Lord is stronger than ever. “I may not be the same person as before,” says Frodelly, who is gradually becoming active in her local church, “but it’s okay—because I’m a better person. When something is broken, you put it back together and give it a second chance—instead of throwing it away.”

That’s what God did for her. Last year she married Anthony Frodelly, who she says respects and supports her beliefs and renewed spiritual stand. Then, in May, Frodelly graduated from New Jersey’s Rutgers University with a Master of Public Administration.

“A lot of people ask me if I’ll ever sing again, and I say, ‘probably not, but it’s in God’s hands.’ He has a plan that only He knows,” she says. “Right now I am content with who I am and what I have.”

To purchase Frodelly’s music online, visit www.SarahCapeles.com.

Mark Tyler attends the Seashore church in Pleasantville, N.J.

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5 Provide activities away from church. Sometimes the church environment is too much to handle at first.

Paul Richardson directs Reconnecting Ministries for the North American Division and the Center for Creative Ministry (www.creativeministry.org).

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Diversity Award Benefits Dayton Students

From the moment she arrived, Gloria Ceballos, former chief nursing officer at Kettering Medical Center, began working to enhance the diversity at Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC). This, in turn, would better reflect the diversity of our surrounding communities. For her efforts she was recognized with the Diversity Award, which was presented to her by the American Hospital Association.

Along with the award came a check for \$500. Rather than keep the award money, Ceballos asked that it be used to help with the diversity plans. This money, matched by Kettering Adventist HealthCare, has now been set up as a fund that will assist students interested in healthcare careers.

The Patterson Career Academy is an urban, magnet high school that serves an underprivileged population in Dayton. The students who participate in the healthcare career track have a passion and commitment to succeed in their chosen profession. Currently each student pays



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for all of their supplies and expenses from their own pockets. This often includes high-priced items such as uniforms and school fees for being in the program. The new fund will aid these students by providing money to cover these items. By doing so, it will help them accomplish the dreams to which they aspire.



The students of Patterson are learning that soon there will come a day when they will finish their studies, focus their eyes forward, and step into the future that is prepared for them. They will, in that moment, meet some of their amazing goals. They will develop their character and discipline into skills that serve a greater purpose—helping others.

With this little seed, KAHC has provided a world of opportunities that will ripple through the community we serve in the greater Dayton area. It will help individual students move with confidence toward the next step in their education—a college degree in a medical field. And it will also support, in a modest fashion, the diversity and mission of Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

Joan Swenson is the chief human resources officer at Kettering Adventist HealthCare.



A Miracle in the Making

Henry Uy

We've all heard it before: "God works in mysterious ways." And He truly does. The miraculous—with inherent timing and amazing details that no man could ever plan—always takes our breath away. God also enjoys sharing the moment with us as it actually unfolds. If you've ever lived through such a moment, it gives you goose bumps down your spine. And readers of articles like this simply start nodding their heads as they relive *their* moment.

It started with a dream of Mario Ceballos, DMin, Kettering Adventist HealthCare's (KAHC) vice president of Spiritual Services and Mission. It was put into action at the 2005 General Conference Session in St. Louis. Ceballos approached Martin Feldbush, DMin, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., and explained his vision. Ceballos also spoke with the chaplain and administrator of Manila Adventist Medical Center (MAMC), located in the Philippines. The vision involved partnering with KAHC to become one of the few Adventist organizations that trains and certifies chaplains for hospital work.



Already on board with Ceballos were two supervisors who shared his dream—one from the Philippines and one from India. The hope was to support the development of indigenous chaplaincy training in the Philippines and India. Feldbush began to make connections with Adventist institutions in the Philippines.

No one knew, at the time, how the idea would or could become a plan, but it was in the making. In October 2006 the process started in earnest. Manila Adventist Medical Center started certifying all of their chaplains. They, in turn, could begin to teach others the valuable skills so needed in their work with patients and their families.

Bibly Macaya, MD, and CEO of MAMC, was passionate about the program and determined to support it as it moved from a dream, to baby steps, to walking on its own. The plan included several big ideas (They always are big where God is concerned.). First, MAMC and its affiliates would start the program. Then they would coordinate with Adventist University of the Philippines, located next door to the hospital, as a further means of sending chaplains throughout Southeast Asia. This would create a network of trained individuals doing the Lord's healing work among those in need.

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

That is when I became involved and started experiencing the miracle that God was working. As a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) supervisor from the Philippines, God used me as an instrument to mentor and facilitate the birthing of the new CPE center at MAMC.

After talking and corresponding with the representatives at MAMC, I was soon prepared to visit and start the initial stages of their chaplaincy program. I flew to the Philippines and worked with them to structure the Clinical Pastoral Education Center and train a supervisor to head it.

Since that initial visit, Kettering Adventist HealthCare has taken on the continued role of advisor

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Manila Adventist Medical Center

and coach. We are working with Manila Adventist Medical Center as they strive to become an accredited center for chaplains. The program is currently on track to receive accreditation in 2008. Then they will begin to offer training to pastors.

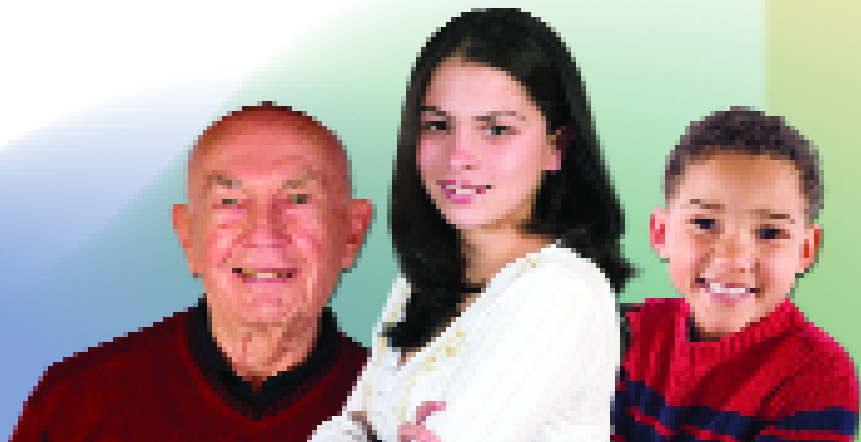
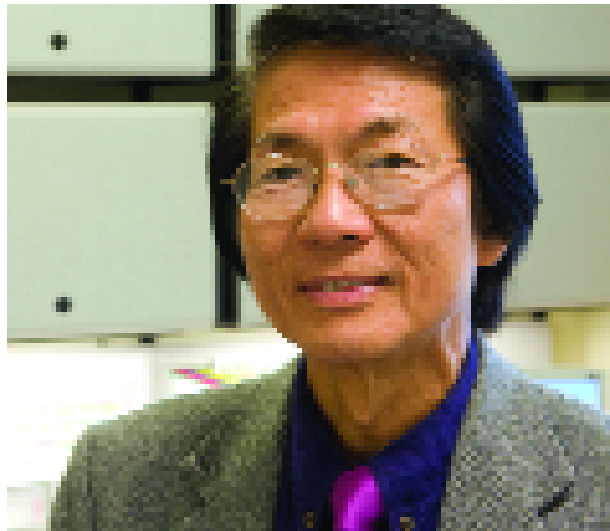
With the continued guidance and grace of God, MAMC will become the first Seventh-day Adventist center for clinical pastoral studies in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

At this moment, efforts are being made to establish a Clinical Pastoral Education Center in India. KAHC is looking for Adventist healthcare institutions that will partner with them in providing training for pastors in this specialized field of hospital ministry.

For many years, KAHC has provided the best Clinical Pastoral Education to chaplains, preparing them to serve. We are also laying the groundwork for the future of our healthcare institutions, at home and around the world. Last year alone, we provided chaplaincy training to more than 30 residents and interns from around the country and overseas.

In the end, the healing ministry of Jesus Christ will be extended to all families who are suffering and in need. Through hard work—and miracles—it will provide physical and spiritual healing, while offering hope.

Henry Uy is a chaplain and senior manager at Kettering Medical Center (KMC) in Ohio. He trains chaplains for KMC and KMC-Sycamore.



Youth Hospital Launches Nutrition Program

Following a healthy eating plan can positively affect kids' behavior, reduce hyperactivity, enable them to do better in school, and prevent obesity. A new nutrition program at Kettering Hospital Youth Services (KHYS) is a tool for physicians and staff to teach young patients how eating well can improve their lives and future. The program includes weekly nutrition education classes, healthy menu selections in the cafeteria, and hands-on experience in making better food choices. Cognitive therapy supplements these program components.



"Nutrition is the piece that we've been missing," states Kirk Chung, MD, child psychiatrist at KHYS. "While other forms of medicine have recognized the role of lifestyle in health, psychiatry is now looking closer at the important role that good nutrition plays." He cites several studies, including one at an elementary school in Kansas, where expulsions and referrals to the principal decreased over 70 percent by changing the children's diet and adding exercise to the curriculum.

Dyanne Johnson, food service manager for KHYS, has worked to modify the cafeteria menu, eliminating sugary foods, avoiding processed foods, and offering more natural items. "We have increased the amount of fruits and even have fruit plates with cottage cheese," she says, "We are also offering healthier snacks such as baked pretzels, sunflower seeds, and other types of nuts." Johnson also says that there is a minimal amount of fried foods. "We even bake our hamburgers in the oven."

Susan Wilson, nutrition care manager, has developed the educational piece to help KHYS kids understand what it truly means to make healthy food choices. Classes are offered twice weekly for children 4 to 12 years of age and adolescents 13 to 18 years old. Colorful class materials make it fun. "The program has a two-prong approach," she explains. "First we teach our kids how to make healthy choices, and then we provide

healthier selections in our cafeteria. We also encourage them to avoid fried foods and refined sugar, and limit their caffeine intake."

While the program is in its beginning stages, Dr. Chung hopes that parents of KHYS kids will choose to be actively involved. "We want to give our kids the best shot possible," he states.

Grandview Opens Cornerstone Medical Center

The recently opened Cornerstone Medical Center celebrates a partnership of Grandview Medical Center and area physicians. The Centerville, Ohio, facility, which has nearly 100,000 square feet of medical office space, features specialty doctors, testing, and educational services. "We have had several successful partnerships with physicians all around the greater Dayton area, and this latest effort at Cornerstone represents a very significant step in improving access to specialized medical care in the southern suburbs," said Roy G. Chew, PhD, president of Grandview Medical Center. "Cornerstone is unique in that it incorporates new and innovative healthcare services; it is going to help many people."



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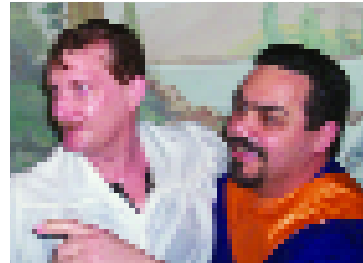
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Noticias para la feligresía hispana de la Unión de Columbia

La Iglesia Hispana Grace aumenta su feligresía

El Pastor Gabriel Montalvo alaba a Dios por la obra que se está realizando en la Iglesia Hispana de Grace en Chester, Pa. La más pequeña de las tres en su distrito, esta iglesia ha tenido 20 bautismos hasta el momento, incluyendo a cinco jóvenes. De hecho, dos tercios de la feligresía son jóvenes adultos. La congregación también condujo bodas y bautismos para dos parejas, y doce personas más están estudiando y preparándose para bautizarse dentro de un mes.

“La iglesia alcanzará su capacidad máxima en los próximos tres meses,” informa el Pastor Montalvo. “Por lo tanto, estamos buscando discípulos que perpetúen nuestros esfuerzos en el crecimiento para el reino.” La congregación está contemplando maneras en que los nuevos laicos estén listos en enero del 2008 y ayuden a plantar una nueva iglesia. Los feligreses de la Iglesia Hispana Grace conducirán estudios bíblicos en su área mientras se preparan para crecer.



El Pastor Gabriel Montalvo (derecha) de la Iglesia Hispana Grace bautiza a un nuevo creyente.

Nuevo pastor en Baltimore



Hay un nuevo pastor liderando la Iglesia Hispana de Baltimore, Asociación de Chesapeake. El Pastor Orlando Rosales llega a la Unión de Columbia después de servir como presidente en la Misión Venezolana del Este. Aunque esta es la primera posición que la familia tiene en Estados Unidos, esperan buenos desafíos.

“Dios estará aquí con nosotros,” dice el Pastor Rosales en nombre de su familia: su esposa, Gladys, e hijos Orlando (18) y Orland (15). “Con fe y valor, y amor por las personas, nuestro blanco es llegar al cielo.”

En el próximo año, el Pastor Rosales desea comenzar una nueva congregación en la ciudad de Baltimore y duplicar la feligresía de la congregación de Baltimore hispana. Junto a su familia, trabajarán arduamente para aprender inglés y confrontar la

nueva cultura. El Pastor Rosales obtuvo su licenciatura en la Universidad Adventista en Colombia y más tarde, su grado de maestría en la Universidad de Montemorelos en México.

Iglesia Hispana de Washington celebra 50 años

Recientemente, la Iglesia Hispana de Washington en Silver Spring, Md., celebró con alabanza y agradecimiento sus 50 años de proclamar el mensaje de la salvación de Dios en sus comunidades hispanas. La celebración fue una manera de conmemorar la obra hispana adventista en la región del Atlántico medio.

Como preámbulo a esta celebración, el Pastor Freddy Sosa, ex pastor de la Iglesia Hispana de Washington, viajó desde Puerto Rico para entregar un mensaje impactante. El siguiente sábado, el Pastor Armando Miranda, vicepresidente de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día mundial, tomó el púlpito para animar a la congregación a seguir trabajando. Durante el último sábado de este importante aniversario, Don C. Schneider, presidente de la División Norte Americana, invitó a la congregación a extender el mensaje del amor de Dios a las comunidades que aún no se han alcanzado.

Al concluir el último sábado, se tuvo adoración y agradecimiento en el cual se reconoció el extenso y dedicado ministerio de varios obreros y laicos de la iglesia. Más tarde, más de 300 feligreses e invitados disfrutaron momentos de compañerismo y música inspiradora durante una calurosa recepción.—Hearly G. Mayr and Alix Echeverri



Don C. Schneider (izquierda), presidente de la División Norte Americana, y Rubén Ramos, director de los Ministerios Multilingües de la Unión de Columbia, se dirigen a los participantes en el 50mo aniversario de la Iglesia Hispana de Washington en Silver Spring, Md.

Noticias

La Compañía Gaithersburg se organiza

Recientemente, los oficiales de la Asociación de Potomac y feligreses celebraron la organización oficial de la Compañía Gaithersburg (Md.), una nueva congregación brasilera. El Pastor Leonardo Oliveira dirige el rebaño. Amigos, familiares, y visitas demostraron su apoyo participando en la ceremonia especial. Cuando se preguntó quiénes deseaban firmar el libro y ser parte de los miembros fundadores de la compañía, ¡41 individuos pasaron adelante!



dades de los jóvenes de segunda generación y los jóvenes adultos, y alcanzar a ex adventistas. Esto se está logrando, en parte, por medio de la música de adoración en vivo, y de los talentos que Dios le ha dado a los feligreses que se están movilizando en servicio activo para el Señor.
—Cesar G. Grau



Jim Greene, tesorero de la Asociación de Nueva Jersey, se dirige a los adoradores en la confirmación de la Primera Iglesia Bilingüe en Somerset, N.J.

Las congregaciones se comprometen en la plantación de iglesias

Recientemente, varias iglesias se comprometieron a plantar nuevas congregaciones. La Compañía Hispana Roanoke (Va.) ha emprendido con valentía la obra de plantar un nuevo grupo en Lynchburg, Va. Adicionalmente, las tres congregaciones hispanas del Pastor Pedro Huaranga—Annandale, Burke, y Leesburg (Va.)—se comprometieron en plantar un grupo en Springfield. El alcance dinámico de las iglesias hispanas en el territorio de la Asociación de Potomac ya ha resultado en más de 680 bautismos, informa José Esposito, coordinador hispano de la asociación.

La Primera Iglesia Bilingüe celebra su organización

La Primera Compañía Bilingüe en Somerset, N.J., celebró recientemente su confirmación como iglesia organizada con una ceremonia especial, junto a varios administradores de la Asociación de Nueva Jersey, y más de 200 feligreses, visitas y amigos participantes.

El secretario ejecutivo de la asociación, José Cortés, y la secretaria de la iglesia, Angelia Bryson, encabezaron la ceremonia de organización de la iglesia. Setenta y dos feligreses de la nueva iglesia organizada fueron llamados por su nombre. Después de reconocerlos, se hizo una invitación a los que deseaban ser nuevos feligreses por bautismo o traslado de su feligresía. Más de 15 personas pasaron adelante.

La congregación de la Primera Iglesia Bilingüe nació a principios del 2004 como iniciativa del Pastor Walter Umaña y varios feligreses de la Iglesia Hispana de New Brunswick. Desde entonces, la misión de la iglesia ha sido doble: atender las necesi-



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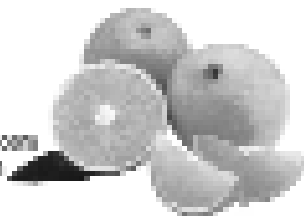


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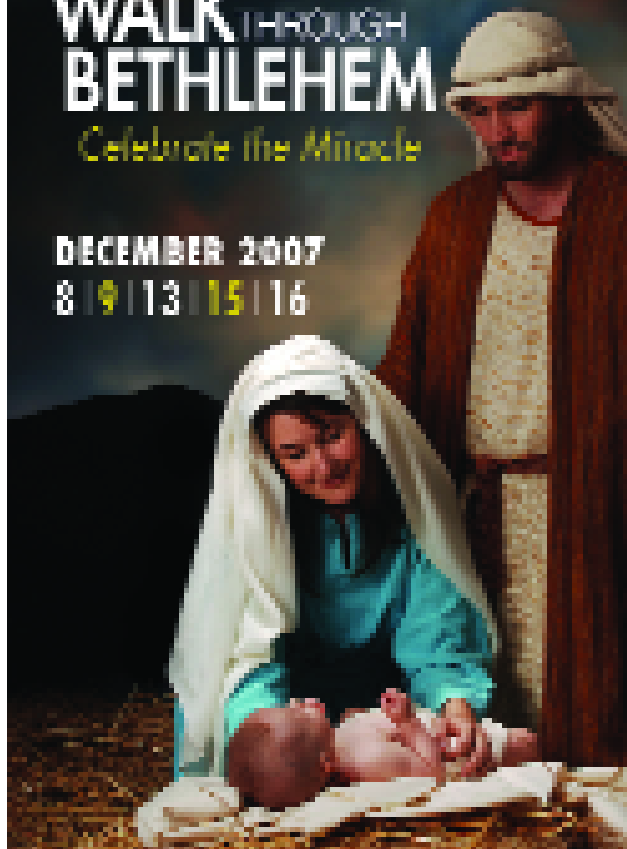
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Balancing the Scales



In his latest best-selling book, *Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World*, Bill Clinton discusses simple yet powerful ways to make a positive difference in the world. "Everyone can give something," writes the former president turned humanitarian.

Clinton offers examples of individuals who, motivated by the opportunity to "balance the scales," are changing their world by giving of their time, money, or talents. Indeed, with over half of the world's people—the "bottom billion"—still living on less than \$2 a day, the planet's economic scales are profoundly imbalanced. We might complain about high prices and low wages; however, we have secure jobs, comfortable homes, plentiful food, and no excuse for not helping those for whom simply surviving is a daily struggle.

From its beginnings in 1956, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has operated under the mission of giving humanitarian aid and development assistance to all in need. Our staff and volunteers tirelessly battle poverty, hunger, and disease in vulnerable communities across the globe. My colleagues and I have learned that a life devoted to justice and the poor is a beautiful life, and one that helps restore the world's equilibrium.

The Columbia Union Conference is home to many who share ADRA's desire and commitment to balance the scales. One of these is Hyein Yoo, a public school senior and member of the Atholton church in Columbia, Md. Last year Yoo organized a campaign, selling candy and roses to fellow students, that raised \$200—enough to purchase a cow for a Vietnamese family (one of the life-changing gifts available in ADRA's *Original Really Useful Gift Catalog*).

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In this season of giving, what will *you* give to help balance the scales and become, what author Chris Blake calls, "a defiant optimist," bending the arc of your love—with God—toward the vulnerable? They will thank you.

Charles Sandefur, president of Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (www.adra.org), is a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.

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