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Photo by Allen Dybdahl: Adavid Broden, student head leader for the Broadview magabook program, and worker Amnon Broden share the love of Jesus and some of the colorful magabooks available to a family in Chicago. Magabook workers serve God by sowing seeds for a harvest that will never be fully realized until heaven.

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BY WALTER L. WRIGHT,
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Giving Thanks unto God

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" Psalms 95:2 RSV

I come into this season of the year with my mouth full of thanks to the Lord. First, I am thankful for God's character. The Bible reveals that He is a personal, powerful, always present God. He is righteous and full of integrity and justice as well as being trustworthy, reliable, and merciful. I believe that we should always, and in every situation, thank God for being the kind of God He is.

I also like to thank God for this remnant church. Through the church, God blessed many of us with Christian parents and the good news of His love. Through the church, He provided us with teachers and pastors as worthy examples to follow. He has also provided us with invaluable friends, and made us part of a great fellowship of believers.

A spirit of thanksgiving would be incomplete without expressing thanks for our country. Even though it is imperfect, we enjoy such freedoms that are the envy of the entire world. Let us give thanks for the United States of America, and continue to work and pray for its improvement.

This time of year also makes me thankful for family. To have been raised by Christian parents is a tremendous blessing, and I cannot form words to express my thanks for the Christian companion that I have in marriage. And then I must speak words of thanksgiving for children who love the Lord and claim Him as Savior and Friend.

And then there are the normal thanks that we more commonly give: thanks for personal blessings. Each of us has received unique gifts, some of which are evident to all, but many of which are private and personal. It is good for us to thank God for these personal blessings.

Being thankful does not happen automatically; being thankful is a learned habit. The Psalmist encourages all of us to develop the habit of coming into the Lord's presence with thanksgiving. He would also encourage us to go out into the community and express our thanks to God by reaching out to others.

I feel confident that the focus we have on evangelism in this territory will enable us to do just that. Let us share with a less fortunate world the bountiful blessings for which we are thankful.

EVANGELISM IN ROMANIA

Romanian Children Reached for Jesus

BY OLIVER ARCHER

It was 12:00 noon on a Wednesday and people were arriving at the church, expectant, excited, and maybe a little weary from the flurry of packing and preparation of the previous week. We would be leaving in just a few minutes, heading to the O'Hare International Airport for our flight to Romania. Our purpose was to minister to the children of the Reach International orphanage homes in that country. There were twelve of us. We had no idea what the Lord would do with and through us, but we were excited about the opportunity.



Trevor O'reggio leads a Bible class for the older girls.

We arrived the next day in Bucharest, the capital of Romania. All our luggage, supplies for the homes, and fifteen people were crammed into two ordinary size vans. This was a feat in itself. We thought it was a packed two-hour drive to the town of Mislea where we would be staying, but this was nothing compared to the Sabbaths when all the children in the home would have to travel to church in those same vehicles. Our trip from the airport was only an appetizer.

When we arrived at the home, the children greeted us with smiles and hugs and welcomed us with opened arms. We all were immediately accepted. Many knew English, which made it easy to communicate. Everyone spoke the language of love.



Reach International provides shelter and love to many homeless Romanian children.

The group ran a FLAG (Fun Learning About God) camp for the children. FLAG camp is a little bit of Pathfinders, a little bit of Vacation Bible School (VBS), a little bit of community evangelism, and a whole lot of fun. Our day began with morning worship, breakfast, chores, and then we separated into our class modules. This year the kids learned Bible, crafts, drama, music (We brought 50 recorders.), and games. In the afternoons, we took the children on outings to various places. In the evening, we had outdoor worship services where community people could come to hear the gospel.

By far our favorite afternoon adventure was the trip to the



Donnalee Forraht shares some precious moments with some of the children after church.

Seven Steps. This was a hike into the beautiful mountains and a particularly scary trek through a narrow opening between the rocks known as the Seven Steps. This was a special time because that day was cloudy and dreary. It actually started to drizzle, but we all got together and prayed that God would send the sun, and He did! Immediately the drizzle stopped, the sun came out, and we had clear sky all day until just before we got in the vans to go home. By the time we were all loaded up, the rain came down in sheets.



Michael Diamond and Ramona run hand in hand as they lead children in group games.

This was only one of many miracles that happened while we were there. The greatest miracle was the commitment of 10 children from the home who decided to prepare for baptism. The friendships we made during our two-week trip to Romania were made for eternity.

Oliver Archer is the youth pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

WISCONSIN

My (**Porter Way**) first encounter with the Scriptures was when I was in the seventh grade at a public school. I discovered a Bible in the library, became fascinated with Genesis, and decided to use it for my upcoming book report. After the required assignment was completed, I placed the Bible back on the shelf, promising myself that I would someday search its pages again.

Because of my background circumstances, I suffered from a lack of self-worth. I craved to find a place where I could belong, but as the years passed, I couldn't seem to find it. In high school it occurred to me that maybe God had some answers for me in His Word, and I was determined to find out.

When I discovered that my mother owned a Bible that I could use, I began to explore its pages. I didn't understand why the words "Revelation Seminar" were stamped on the front cover. I thought maybe it was the name of a church where my mother had received it several years before.

As I searched the Scriptures, I gleaned new information about spiritual ideals and slowly formed a new belief system. During this time, I didn't care much about myself and was careless about studying for good grades. In 2002, I had to repeat my senior year in order to graduate.

The next two years were a blur of rejections and disappointments. When I lost my first job, my reactions pulled me back to spiritual things—maybe because I could see nowhere else to go. I felt inwardly pressed to join a church

whose teachings matched what I had found in my Bible studies. I evaluated the Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Mormons, but there always seemed to be something they taught that was out of sync with my new Scriptural belief system. When I began attending the Assembly of God Church, I finally felt that it was the right place for me. I was baptized as a member in the autumn of 2001.

I was happy with my new church for only a short time, because my brother soon told me that the Assembly of God Church didn't observe the correct day of worship. That startled me, since I had never thought about which day of the week was the seventh-day Sabbath. When I asked my new pastor about it, he couldn't provide a good explanation for Sunday observance. I wondered whether there really was a "true church."

In the spring of 2002, my mother unexpectedly said she was going to show me the church that had given her the "Revelation Seminar" Bible. The next time we drove down highway 141, she pointed out the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pound, Wisconsin. We stopped, and I read the information on their church sign. I noticed they held their worship services on Saturdays and decided I must visit.

I remember being very excited on the Friday evening prior to my first Adventist church visit. I felt as if I were on the brink of a great discovery. I wanted to get to church early the next day, and I prayed I would find someone there who could answer my questions. I felt this would be my final attempt to find God's truths. If it turned out to be another disappointment, I

would give up on churches altogether.

I arrived almost an hour before the services started. A kind woman, Gloria Wilde, came out of the church and greeted me and my mother in the parking lot. She introduced herself, found out I was searching for God's true church, and quickly made an appointment to study with me on the following Wednesday. When she arrived, I bombarded her for more than four hours with my questions. Finally, I received answers that matched the Scriptures I had read.

Now it is nearly a year since I began attending the Adventist Church, and I have become convinced this is indeed God's true remnant church. I have experienced spiritual growth and have found where I belong. On April 12, I became a baptized member of the Pound Church family.

Porter Way as told to Gloria Wilde, Pound Church head elder, and Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent



Porter Way discovered the Bible for the first time in his junior high school library and eventually read himself into the Adventist Church.

INDIANA

Barbara Traub was raised in the Disciples of Christ Church. When she decided to marry a Catholic man, his church wanted her to sign a statement saying she would raise

her children to be Catholic, but she didn't feel right doing that. She decided to join the Catholic Church so she wouldn't have to sign the paper. She continued attending the Catholic Church with her husband for 29 years.

Barbara was a nurse, a very athletic person, healthy, and very much in control of her life. About a year ago, she developed shaking in her hands and went to her doctor where she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Devastated and depressed, she went back to her doctor for counsel as she felt her life spinning out of control.

David Bolin, her doctor and a member of the Cicero Church, spent time with Barbara and explained his own experience with cancer and how he also had no control. He shared how he put his life in the hands of his Lord and told the Lord to take charge of his life, and then explained to Barbara how this decision brought peace and joy. "He repeated scripture, and it fit the circumstances," Barbara said.

Barbara realized that she did not have that faith, and decided she wanted it. She got out her Indianapolis map directory, circled every church in Indianapolis, and started to visit each one. At one church, after the service, she asked when their Bible study group met. She was told they had cancelled it because everyone was too busy to attend. She knew she was not interested in that church, and then she thought, "Now if I want faith like Dr. Bolin, why don't I visit Dr. Bolin's church?"

So Barbara called Dr. Bolin's secretary at his office and asked her what church he attended.



Barbara Traub acknowledges her understanding and acceptance of Seventh-day Adventist doctrines with Ron Kelly, Cicero Church pastor, prior to her baptism.

When she was told he attended a Seventh-day Adventist church and that they worshiped on Saturday, she was very uneasy about it. However, she decided to go. She called the Indiana Conference office in Carmel and asked where she could find a Seventh-day Adventist church, when services were held, how to dress, and even asked about jewelry and make-up.

When Barbara told her husband she was going to attend a Seventh-day Adventist church on Saturday, he said, "No, let's take our sailboat and go to our cabin in Michigan. You can go the next week." The next week Barbara did attend the Cicero Church. Upon her arrival, she was greeted by Amy Jacobs, a student at Indiana Academy. After welcoming her, Amy led her down the hall to the women's Sabbath school class, where she met Rhonda Crumley, one of the members.

Rhonda spoke to her and made her feel welcome. Barbara said, "When class was over, Rhonda gave me a great big hug and invited me to stay for church."

Rhonda gave Barbara a book on the Sabbath, which really touched her heart. Barbara said, "We really weren't doing it the right way. It just hit me like a ton of bricks—get my priorities straight, and let the Lord be in charge."

Barbara continued to attend the Cicero Church, and when she requested to be baptized, Rich and Patty Uphus studied with her and prepared her for baptism. Barbara's husband has learned a lot from her journey and has also learned to love the church. He comes to church with Barbara whenever he can.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication leader

Amazing Love

BY GARY BURNS

Academy students experience the power of God's love through street ministry...

Come back! Come back! This lady over here needs prayer. She needs God." Lana Crowder, of Broadview Academy (BVA), was telling Lou Fitting, BVA chaplain and boys' dean, and her classmates about her experience that afternoon with a sense of awe and amazement. Something incredible had happened to her that was totally unexpected. She had been present when God touched the lives of people in the back-street neighborhoods of Benton Harbor.



Photos by Tyler Burns

Ben Crooks and Lana Crowder are about to be greeted by a barking Rottweiler.

She and nearly 100 other students from the Lake Union had just returned to Camp Wagner from a Sabbath afternoon of street ministry. It was the final activity of a teen prayer conference organized by Gary Sudds and the Lake Union department of education.

Lana recalled the feelings she had on the streets. "There

were dogs chasing me and people yelling at me. We had this Rottweiler jump halfway through the door and almost bite our hands off." That had been Lana's experience until she came upon the yard party.

Ellen Muñoz, a BVA student, expressed what many of the students felt. "I didn't want to go because I was scared. But Joel Harris from Andrews Academy (AA), told me it would be OK, so I decided to go."

It's scary knocking on doors—especially doors in a community where pain and frustration had recently erupted in violence. So how did these teens do it? What gave them the motivation and courage to face rejection? How about genuine gratitude? Could it be that these teens who had just been touched by the loving presence of

God were expressing their thanks? One of the favorite songs at the prayer conference illustrates this principle.

"Amazing love, how can it be, that You my King would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You, in all I do to honor You."¹

Doni Kuhlman (BVA)

experienced the surprising benefits of honoring our King. "When we were walking back to the bus with the pastor, this guy came up and said, 'Happy Sabbath,' and I said, 'Happy Sabbath to you, too.' And he said, 'You guys are Adventists aren't you? Well you guys are the best people. You guys do the neatest things in our neighborhood.' I think it took me by surprise. Yes, I am a Seventh-day Adventist, but I guess I never really appreciated it."

During this prayer conference weekend, these young people became keenly aware of God's amazing love through a variety of encounters with Him. Katie Paul, from Indiana Academy (IA), said, "This prayer conference was the most spiritually reviving experience I have ever had. The way we learned to pray and to study the Bible really affected my life."

Philip Mann (IA), reports, "I never thought that I would just sit somewhere and pray for 45 minutes, and if I did, I didn't think I would like it. But this prayer was one of the most powerful prayers I've ever been a part of!"

Lana's story illustrates the multiple blessing of living in God's presence while engaged in His work. Lana's heart was still pounding from her encounter with the Rottweiler when she and Ben Crooks, from Battle Creek



Kids from the neighborhood were invited to the playground for stories, songs, and treats.

Academy (BCA), came upon the beer-can-and-bottle-strewn yard full of people.

Lana's team was greeted by one of the women saying, "Pray for me. I need prayer." Then they all started saying, "Pray for me ... I need a job ... I need a better house." Feeling more confident in prayer, they put everyone in a circle and held hands. Amazed and encouraged by this opportunity, the team moved on to the next house.

It was after they had finished their street and were walking back on the other side that they heard the group in the yard calling them to come back. The lady they had asked the group to pray for was mumbling something as she sat on a ledge in the yard. As Lana approached, the woman looked up and said, "Pray for me. I need help," then started to cry.

At that time, Ryan Thurber (IA), was with a team down the street. "The group of people (Lana) was talking about were blasting this really loud music. It was hard to pray because the music was pounding. It was moving us on the porch! All of a sudden the music stops."

Moved with compassion, Lana squatted down next to her. Before Lana could say anything, the

woman started asking God for forgiveness for all the things she had done. Through her tears she pleaded with God for a better life until she couldn't pray anymore. The tears began to flow in Lana's eyes, too.

Later, while filling out a Bible study interest card, the woman looked up at Lana with a smile and gave her a big hug. Then she said, "You've got it going, white girl. White girl, you've got it. Pardon everybody else, but this white girl knows what she's doing."

Then she said to Lana with conviction, "God has a plan for you."

When the team was getting ready to leave, the woman said, "God sent you to me. God sent you here. Don't let anybody tell you different. Don't let anyone discourage you from what you are doing."

Lana concluded her story, "I'm standing there looking, and I'm thinking, 'No, you're here for me.' I walked away from there, and I didn't know what to think. I'm still choking up just thinking about it."

What Lana and the other

students experienced that day was the blessing that comes to those who with grateful and love-filled hearts express God's love to someone else. When we minister to others out of the overflow of our hearts, we experience the true joy of service. It goes beyond the warm, feel-good fuzzies that come from doing good. In humility we become aware that God is actually working through us. That's what amazes and excites teenagers. To know personally that God is real—to see a God thing take place before their very senses unites them with Him. They experience the reality of living in the very presence of God. They see Him at work—in their own lives, and in the lives of those they serve.

Every breath of life, every opportunity to serve, every evidence of the character of Christ



Peter Neri, Prayer Conference speaker, makes new friends.

emerging from the life becomes a reason to give thanks. Our God becomes more awesome and amazing, more powerful and miraculous, more tender and compassionate. And the swell of personal gratitude within our hearts erupts into thanksgiving and praise. What amazing love!

¹ "You Are My King" ("Amazing Love"), by Billy James Foote, ©1997 worshiptogether.com songs.

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Choices, Challenges, Changes

BY MELISSA M. NEPHEW



Life Choices

“And He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.” Matthew 4:19, 20

Every summer hundreds of Adventist high school and college students are set loose around the Lake Union for a summer free of studies. These young adults seek summer jobs to earn tuition money for the next school year. For approximately 100 Lake Union young people, this summer was about more than just making money. This summer was about making a choice to see if they could experience something new that would change their lives ... forever.

For Matthew Hasty from Lake Orion, Michigan, it wasn't an easy decision. As a boarding school student, Matt doesn't get to see his family as much as he would like. Therefore, he was hoping to spend the summer with them. God had other plans. Matt continued to hear God calling him. Words about leaving his family and following Jesus kept ringing in his ears. He couldn't ignore them anymore. He decided to join the magabook team

again for his second summer.

To many others it was a call that wasn't answered quickly. Peter Marzano, magabooks leader for the state of Illinois, says that he starts recruiting in January. And even then, many of the kids don't commit until just weeks before the program starts. As Crystal Coon, Illinois student leader, said, “Peter was persistent.” That's why she joined the magabook program for her second summer.

Michael Doorley from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was asked by Ted Stofer, the Wisconsin district leader, to check it out for one day. He knew he was looking for something more spiritual. That day he found what he was looking for. He observed morning worship. He saw students who were constantly praying. And when they prayed, “it happened.”

Seeing how the magabook ministry had changed his friends and his sister spiritually, Eric Paddock from Cadillac, Michigan, was convinced to join. The same was true for Terry Foster from Deforest, Wisconsin. They both were looking to experience that same change.

Life Challenges

“... for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.’ So that we confidently say, ‘The LORD is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:5, 6

For magabook student literature evangelists, the day starts out early. Upon rising they have an hour of personal devotions before breakfast. But it's not until after noon that they hit the pavement. For seven to eight hours every day, students load up a 25- to 30-pound backpack full of books. Then it's up and down street after street, driveway to driveway, knocking on doors and making their pitch. They individually come in contact with hundreds of people, working with a partner on the opposite side of the street. They are hoping to distribute six to seven books on an average day, 10 to 11 on a good day.

God is overcoming obstacles.

There are days where the sun is pounding, the sweat is rolling, and backs are hurting. However, that's not where the struggle lies. The struggle lies in the eyes and hearts of the people being reached.

One of the most difficult parts of the summer for Terry Foster (Wisconsin) was feeling that people didn't want to accept God and the work he was doing. On a particularly rough day, a large office building loomed in front of him. In his mind he thought there must be a million people in there. "Let's get this over with," he thought. To his surprise, the first lady made a donation for three books. He wasn't successful with the next person, but down the hall was a health store where he distributed two more books. By the end of the day, he had distributed 15 books, an exceptional day!

God is in control.

One day the Grand Rapids (Michigan) group got a late start. One of the drivers' wives had been in an accident, which prevented them from getting started on time. But as Eric Paddock sees it, "God works in everything in my life." And He certainly did on this day. The first door Eric knocked on was that of a woman who had arrived home just 10 minutes before. If they hadn't been an hour late, the woman would have still been at lunch. She accepted two books, *He Taught Love* and *God's Answers to His Questions*. Not only that, but she requested Bible studies.

God is answering prayers.

Matthew Hasty was knocking on a door with no answer, a common occurrence for a student worker. While there, a young mother pulled into her driveway. Not mentioning his religious affiliation, Matt found out that her mother was an Adventist and her children had attended Vacation Bible School. He was able to sign her up for Bible studies. Matt saw evidence that God is reaching people who are being prayed for by others, and that he was being used by God for His purpose.

God is fun.

At the beginning of the summer, Eric Paddock and Daniel Pickett

decided that on their last day they would sell their shoes. Yes, they each wanted to sell one of their well-worn shoes that had been hitting the pavement for the last 10 weeks. So on the last day and the last street, Eric began making his pitch to sell his shoe. But he was running out of time. He had already received the call for pick-up. He came to the door of a home where a poster of the different names for God was posted on the front porch. To his surprise, the lady was an Adventist. After she made a donation for five books, he was able to sell her his shoe for \$1.50. Not only was Eric blessed by the sale, but he was able to see that God, too, has a sense of humor.

Life Changes

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6

Why did they spend their summer distributing magabooks? It was simple. They wanted to have their lives changed. They wanted to grow spiritually. They got what they asked for. The lives of these students *were* changed. It was in the voice of every student I spoke to. You could feel it in their hearts. It wasn't about making money. It was about telling someone else about God. Every step of the day was given to God. It was learning that "even though it may be hard now, something good is coming." When there were no contacts to be made, it just meant that there was more time to spend in prayer. When things were tough, it was one more opportunity to see miracles happen.

That is the magabook program. Learning that when you put all your trust in God, things will happen.

Melissa Nephew is the Bauer Church communication leader in Hudsonville, Michigan.



Magabooks are colorful, beautifully designed books in a magazine format, designed for students to distribute and make, through donations, the needed funds to pay their Christian education tuition fees.

Lake Union 2003 Magabook Stats

Michigan

Students: 32

Leaders: 7

Bible workers: 2

Work sites: Troy and Grand Rapids

Total donations: \$162,000

Total books distributed: 24,944

Illinois

Students: 26

Leaders: 6

Work sites: Chicago, Broadview, Peoria

Indiana

Students: 20

Leaders: 4

Work sites: Indianapolis, Elkhart/South Bend, LaPorte

Total donations: \$45,000

Books delivered to Indiana homes:

The Great Controversy: 250

God Answers: 200

The Desire of Ages: 150

Steps to Christ: 700

Darkness Before Dawn: 10,000

Wisconsin

Students: 15

Leaders: 2

Work sites: Milwaukee, Green Bay, Monroe, Watertown

Illinois/Indiana/Wisconsin

Total donations: \$153,000

Total books distributed: 45,000

“BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER; WHILE THEY ARE STILL SPEAKING I WILL HEAR.”

BY KATIE MILLER

It was the first full canvassing day of the 2003 summer magabook program. My leader dropped my partner and me off on a street. Before we canvassed the street, my partner and I prayed for three specific things: 1) that God would lead us to divine experiences, 2) that He would bless us financially, and 3) that we would distribute at least five books each on that street.

Midway down the street, I started thinking of God’s leading regarding a decision I had made four months ago to go back to school and finish my degree. I was contemplating how I would be able to pay for my school bill. With these thoughts, I began praying earnestly that God would bless me financially, and that He’d give me an experience that would encourage me in this work.

Immediately after this prayer, I knocked on a door and a middle-aged man named Jeff cracked the door open. I showed him *Peace above the Storm (Steps to Christ)* and *The Great Controversy*. When he saw the *The Great Controversy*, he flipped through the book to find the name of the author. He read the name Ellen G. White aloud and asked if she was a prophetess. I smiled back, and he explained that his cousin was a Seventh-day Adventist and that he had visited his church a couple times. I shared with Jeff that I was a new Seventh-day Adventist (three years) and I have been learning so much about the love of God. He asked how much *The Great Controversy* cost, and I told him he could have it for a donation between \$10–\$20. He told me to hold on while he went to see what he had.

When Jeff came back, I saw the back of a 20-dollar bill. I told him for \$20 he could have two books, and he replied, “Well, how about \$40 then?” I said, “Sure!” Before I left, I thanked him, invited him to church, and prayed with him. I continued on down the road, and as I was leaving his neighbor’s porch, I saw him coming running toward me.

“I need to give more, I really didn’t give enough. I’d like to give you \$40 more,” he said when he approached me. I told him that he could have a lot more books for that amount, but he asked me to just give them to his neighbors. I told him how appreciative I was of his donation, and then I continued to the next house.

As I was coming off the porch once more after my canvass at the next home, he again came running toward me—this time with his checkbook! “I really need to give more, and I’d like to help you out with your education,” he said. “Who do I make the check payable to?” I looked down at the check, and my mouth fell open. I couldn’t believe what I saw. I was thinking to myself, with this donation he could get a whole lot of books! He had written out the check for \$1,000!

As we made our final departure, I humbly thanked God for immediately answering my prayer. God knew what I needed

financially and what would give me strength for the rest of the summer. As I went to bed that night, I realized God had answered our prayers. He had led us to divine appointments, He blessed us



Katie Miller shares how God answered her prayer and blessed her summer magabook ministry.

financially, and we each distributed four books and one *Happiness Digest* on that street. I was reminded of 1 John 5:14, 15, “This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him” (NIV).

What a blessed way to start the summer!

Katie Miller is a college student who came all the way from Fayetteville, Arkansas, to participate in the Michigan magabook program this past summer.

God's Providence in Action

BY RACHEL FISH

As a 2003 magabook team leader, I had dropped everyone off on streets and decided to work with Melissa Taylor. As we left a house together, I became really thirsty and told Melissa that I was going to ask for a drink at the next house.

At the next house, the woman barely propped the door open as we began to canvass her through the screen door. She quickly let us know that she had no money, and that she wasn't interested. As she began to close the door, feeling prompted, I quickly asked for a drink of water. She reluctantly said "yes" and invited us in.

As we visited, the woman asked me what school I attended, and I told her Southern Adventist University. She was surprised and asked if we were Adventists. She must have been happy to hear that because she said, "Let me get you some money." She later told us she was an Adventist but was unhappy with her church. After praying with her, we left her house, happily

clutching her one-hundred-dollar check in our hands.

The next evening, Todd Stout, the local Adventist pastor, called to ask if I remembered the lady I had asked for a drink of water. When I said yes, he told me that at the

impressed that she was willing to let Pastor Todd come by. After Pastor Todd's visit, she and her husband decided to give church another try.

Sometimes magabook leaders don't see a lot of things the students



Indianapolis Youth Challenge participants from left: Roger Becker; Adrienne Osano; Michael Cramatie; Theresa Rose; Dwight Kruger, Indiana publishing director; Dierdre Raymond; Tom Trubey; Erica Becker; Jessie Landess. Not pictured: Rachel Fish, Elliot Nelson, Emmanuel Taiwo, and Melissa Taylor.

Photo by Dwight Kruger

same time that Melissa and I were at her house, he had been reviewing church records and saw that she had not attended church in quite a while. Shortly after we had left her house, Pastor Todd, praying that she and her husband would be open to his call, spoke with her on the phone. She mentioned that we had just been by and was so

do; but by having that experience, I was encouraged and realized that people are being blessed and changed every day by our books and our actions.

Rachel Fish worked last summer as a student leader in the Indiana magabook program.

Sharing our HOPE



BY BRUCE BABIENCO

At the Michigan camp meeting “soul winning hour” on Sabbath afternoon, June 28, Alvaro Sauza, Gobles Pinedale (Michigan) Church pastor, interviewed Jay Brand regarding his life-changing experience as a speaker for the 2002 *Hope for the Homeland* series. This article is taken from that taped interview.

Alvaro Sauza (AS): A year ago I asked Jay Brand our Gobles Pinedale head elder, to be the speaker for *Hope for the Homeland* at Gobles while I held the same series at Allegan.

Jay Brand (JB): When Pastor Sauza asked me, it was before the 2002 camp meeting, and I didn’t answer right away. At that time I was sort of “playing church,” and when he asked, I realized I needed an experience with Jesus Christ that I didn’t have. At camp meeting my wife and I attended some highly spiritual seminars that the Lord used to soften my heart. I rededicated my life to Christ and told Pastor Sauza I would accept his invitation, because now I had something to share.

AS: Jay, what was the seminar class that the Lord used? I remember that you didn’t want to attend it, but because of your wife, you reluctantly went.

JB: That’s correct. I used to be a university professor and had essentially worshiped reason, logic, and science. My wife had heard Samuel Pipim speak in the past and wanted to attend his “Religious Ethics” seminar. I didn’t want to go because my human heart said there wasn’t anything I could learn.

The Lord had other plans, however, and she convinced me I should accompany her.

I sat in the back with my arms crossed over my chest. Then my stony heart began to melt as the Holy Spirit used Pipim’s ministry to reveal my bias and lead me to believe that obedience to God is not something you can rationalize, but something to which you must surrender. I kept attending, and every day the Lord taught me more. I spent a lot of time on my knees praying and weeping. The Holy Spirit really touched me with my need to obey God fully, and I gave my life back to Christ. Yes, even a minister’s son can come back from the land of the enemy and be used of God. I want to praise Him!

AS: Jay, what kind of experience did you gain from the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings?

JB: I was the most blessed person. First, the church leadership was fantastic. We had a wonderful revival before the series began. The church members were really motivated. There must have been at least thirty members working in a well-organized fashion. I want to suggest that a sure way to improve

your prayer and devotional life is to get involved in soul winning. Your personal struggles to win others for Jesus convince you that you are one hundred percent dependent on Christ. When you make appeals asking people to accept Jesus Christ, it will reveal how totally dependent you are on the power of His Holy Spirit. Jesus told us, “Without Me you can do nothing.”



From left: Alvaro Sauza, Gobles Pinedale (Michigan) Church pastor, interviews Jay Brand during Michigan camp meeting about the life-changing experience Jay had as a speaker for the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings in 2002.

AS (turning toward Jay): I haven’t approached you about next year’s evangelistic series, *Hope for Our Day*, but would you be willing to be a speaker in 2004? Would you do it again?

JB: Yes, by the grace of God!

Bruce Babienco is a Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent.

Michigan Affirms Leadership and Mission

BY GARY BURNS

A spirit of order and good will was present at the Michigan Conference quinquennial session, on Sunday, September 28, 2003. The Cedar Lake Church was filled to capacity with enthusiastic delegates who were encouraged by the video report of soul-winning and church-planting activity in their conference.

Innovation and experimentation are words that describe Michigan's approaches to meeting the challenges of evangelizing contemporary society. From the first conference-based secular campus ministries department in the North American Division (NAD), to the new ARISE training institute for evangelism, Michigan is employing new methods and techniques to evangelize their territory.

The Michigan Conference responded to the tragedy of 9/11 with *Hope for the Homeland*, which was adopted by the entire Lake Union and a number of other conferences and unions across the NAD. The Michigan meetings, held at 212 sites and led by 90 men, women, and youth lay speakers, resulted in 900 baptisms for 2002—the highest number reported in 21 years.

The Lord has blessed with a tithe increase of 20.4 percent, with \$27.4 million in 2002. Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) funds have been applied to evangelism, education, and building projects to the tune of \$3.4 million. Commitment to education is evidenced by the fact that nearly \$50 million in subsidies were distributed since 1998.

As one scanned the congregation of delegates and viewed the video report, it became obvious that

Michigan is a conference of diverse cultures, ethnic backgrounds, languages, and peoples. And yet, one is impressed with the unity in purpose, and how they seem to work in harmony to accomplish their goals.

The major business of the day was the work of the nominating committee, and the constitution and bylaws committee. The first report came immediately following lunch when Jay Gallimore's name was brought to the delegation for another term as president. Later in the day, the delegates affirmed the Michigan conference leadership by returning all officers and departmental directors to office. The members of the executive committee were also appointed for five-year terms. Several adjustments were made to the bylaws. The most significant was the increase in executive committee membership from 15 to 17 to include more lay representation.

Gallimore expressed his appreciation for lay participation and support on behalf of all the leadership. He affirmed the dedicated team of officers, ministers, educators, and staff whom God had used to accomplish so much. Appreciation was also expressed to members of the executive committee, the constitution and bylaws committee, and the personnel committee for their dedicated service for the past five years. Special recognition for his cheerful thoughtfulness was given in memory of executive committee member Dennis Slikkers who rested from his struggle with cancer in June of this year.

Encouraged by the events of the day, the Michigan Conference members look forward to what God is going to accomplish over the next five years. They are inspired by the words of their president, "Until the Lord comes we have unfinished business in Michigan. We must rededicate ourselves to pray for a great awakening. We have souls to



Photo by Gary Burns

Newly re-elected president, Jay Gallimore, expresses appreciation to constituents and his leadership team.

win, churches to plant, schools to start, people to disciple, children to instruct, and saints to encourage. We have truth to tell, error to correct, and faith to contend for. We have hurts to heal, compassion to express, love to pour, self to crucify, the devil to resist, character to mold, and Christlikeness to follow."

Gary Burns is the Lake Union communication director.

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CREATIVE PARENTING

Teaching How and When to Disagree

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

An important skill to teach your child is *how* and *when* to disagree, not only with you but also with others. Children need guidelines and skills to disagree appropriately so they can be safe and honored as having ideas and opinions of their own. If a child must always comply with your commands or demands, he may grow up to be a “doormat” or may rebel and have problems with authority figures. Learning these skills is especially important from ages six through 12.

We can look at the example of Jesus at the age of 12. When Jesus entered the temple for the first time, He questioned the teachers in regard to the prophecies. In humility He repeated the words of Scripture. He moved the rabbis’ hearts, even though he disagreed with them. When Mary and Joseph finally found him, He chose to continue his conversation with the rabbis. He knew when and how to disagree. Ellen White wrote that it was in His youth that Jesus learned the hard lessons of silence and patient endurance.

Children between the ages of six and 12 ask lots of questions and gather information, just as Jesus did. They compare, test, disagree with us, and break rules. They challenge parental values and hassle and argue. As they get older, they can be puzzling—open and affectionate one day, cantankerous and self-contained another day.

It’s important for children to know they can learn the rules that help them live with others, they can think before they say “Yes” or “No,” and they can learn from their mistakes. They need to learn that they can think for themselves

and get help instead of staying in distress. They need to be assured that *you will love them even when you differ with them.*

Sometimes parents insist on perfection and expect a child to learn skills without the necessary instructions, help, or standards. When a child’s time is so filled with lessons, teams, and activities; when they lack the unstructured time to explore their own interests; when the rules and values are too rigid or lacking; when there is an unwillingness to discuss beliefs and values, it makes it difficult for a child to develop these important skills. Be sure to offer love, safety, and protection while you teach your child.

► **Brainstorm:** Together make a list of times and situations when it would be OK to disagree. Let your child take the lead and resist offering your opinions until the list has been made. According to your family’s beliefs and values, use the following guidelines to teach how to disagree appropriately:

► **Eye Contact:** Have your child look at you so you know she is listening.

► **Control Her Behavior:** Help your child control her behavior if she feels sad, scared, or angry. That means letting her know that whining, shouting, or pouting are not appropriate when she is in disagreement with you.

► **Positive Thinking:** Teach him to make a positive statement about the situation about which he disagrees. For example, “I think you may have a good point. ...” Then he can state his disagreement and the reason by saying something like, “But I want to do this ... instead of ... because ...”

► **Listen to Your Child’s Opinion or Disagreement:** Listen to your child’s opinion or disagreement. If appropriate to the situation, problem-solve together. For example, negotiate bed time for a special event, trade a task for a different one, etc.

► **Accept the Situation:** Teach your child that she may have to accept the situation even if she does not like it or thinks it is unfair. Explain the consequences for inappropriate behavior (such as whining, tantrums, or pouting). While it is OK to allow a child to feel miserable for a brief time, it’s important to also teach how to handle negative feelings in positive ways and to recognize and accept responsibility.

Teach her to say, “I don’t like this, but OK.” Be sure to affirm your child when she accepts the situation gracefully!





Healthy Choices

Get an Attitude

BY WINSTON CRAIG

The condition of the mind greatly influences our physical health. Research has shown that the brain and the immune system communicate with each other. This could explain why a grateful spirit and a positive mental attitude helps the body fight off disease and recover more quickly from illness.

In a study conducted in Minnesota, the positive emotions of joy and contentment were strongly correlated with longevity in nuns. Health is strongly enhanced by cultivating a spirit of gratitude and praise (Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 251).

People with anxieties and chronic stress in their lives often experience recurring headaches, back-aches, allergy outbreaks, or other ailments which resolve when the anxiety or stress is eliminated. In mid-January 1991, there was a 58 percent increase in mortality from heart attack in Israel resulting from the intense apprehension and mental

Ways to maintain a positive mental attitude:

1. Cultivate a spirit of gratitude, an attitude of thankfulness.
2. Resist melancholy, discontented thoughts and feelings.
3. Make a list of the blessings you have experienced recently. Thank God for each item on the list.
4. Believe that all things work together for good. Plan for some good things to happen.
5. Memorize many promises from Scripture.

distress caused by the Iraqi scud missile attack at that time. With the passing of the crisis, the mortality rates dropped to pre-attack levels.

Mental illness is often associated with poor physical health. Heart disease and cancer are twice as likely to develop in persons with chronic anxiety and depression. In the Alameda County study, researchers found that unhappy persons had a 57 percent greater risk of dying prematurely. Solomon tells us that a cheerful attitude is like good medicine (Proverbs 17:22).

Grief, anxiety, discontent, guilt, and distrust are all negative forces that erode our physical health. On the other hand, trust, hope, love, contentment, and courage are all positive forces that promote physical health and enhance life (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 241). We would do well to “get an attitude”—a positive, healthy attitude.

Winston J. Craig, Ph.D., R.D., Andrews University
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St. Thomas Hospice: Adding Life to Final Days

For many people, the thought of death—their own or of others’—is disturbing. But at St. Thomas Hospice, a member of Adventist Health System, a wonderful team of committed physicians, nurses, home health aides, medical social workers, therapists, counselors, and volunteers, offer a philosophy that affirms life and neither hastens nor postpones death. Hospice recognizes that dying is a part of the natural process of living and focuses on maintaining the *quality* of life as opposed to the *quantity*. Patients are able to live fully until they die, living as themselves, neither swamped with distress nor smothered by treatment and drugs, with the aid of St. Thomas Hospice volunteers and staff.

This team provides medical services that are designed to improve patient comfort, manage symptoms, provide proper nutrition, and deal with other difficulties such as emotional distress and grief. Hospice care also provides important emotional and spiritual support to families and friends as they cope with their impending losses.



St. Thomas Junior Volunteers create a memorable holiday for three generations by caroling at the home of a hospice patient.

They thank me for coming and ask me to come again. While it’s emotionally draining to lose patients on a regular basis, I value being ‘a shoulder for others to lean on’ and I enjoy working with such a great team of health-care professionals and volunteers.”

Under the direction of the patient’s primary physician and a hospice medical director, a coordinated team of medical professionals and volunteers provide quality care in the comfort and privacy of the patient’s

Chaplain Branko Dedic has worked with St. Thomas Hospice for two years and says it’s the most rewarding work of his 25-year career. Once a week, he visits hospice patients who seek spiritual support. “They ask for a chaplain to visit, and I am well received.

home or other assisted setting for an average of 87 patients a day. The team follows a personalized plan of physical, emotional, and spiritual care that is readily adaptable to meet the patient’s changing needs. Approximately 100 trained hospice volunteers provide respite for the care giver, companionship for the patient, and help with household tasks. More than two dozen St. Thomas Junior Volunteers also provide companionship and support to hospice patients and families.

One of the strengths of St. Thomas Hospice is the dedication of its staff and volunteers, who are able to face death on a regular basis because each strongly believes in the opportunity to make a difference. Volunteers provide care and support, but most importantly, they listen as patients struggle with the most personal and perhaps most important questions of their lives. Volunteers are carefully screened and regularly supervised, and prior to contact with patients and families, each completes a 27-hour training program that covers the scope of loss, communication skills, and spirituality.

“The program also helps patients, family, and close friends cope with psychological and emotional problems, offering support and bereavement follow-up for a full year after the loss of a loved one,” says Pam Mezyk, St. Thomas Hospice director. “One family member said, ‘The support group has helped me to understand and cope with grief. Being with others that are grieving makes it easier to talk out my feelings.’”

St. Thomas was founded 23 years ago as a volunteer program in honor of Tom Svoboda, a courageous 17-year-old boy with cancer. Today, St. Thomas has evolved into a full-service hospice, certified by Medicare and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

*Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region
Lake Union Herald correspondent*



Chaplain Branko Dedic offers a spiritual message of hope during a memorial service.

Enrollment Continues to Climb at Andrews

With about two months of school under their belts, Andrews University students, faculty, and staff are excited and optimistic about how the 2003–2004 school year is shaping up. Freshmen, transfer, and international students began arriving on the Berrien Springs, Mich., campus as early as Friday, Aug. 15. On Sunday, Aug. 17, they were given the opportunity to attend First Stop where they could take care of any registration holds, get their pictures taken for their ID cards, make sure that they were financially cleared, and acquaint themselves with the 1,600 acres that would be their home for the next four years.

As of census day, Sept. 11, the registrar's office reported that the total head count for the university is 2,975—196 more than last year. Steve Yeagley, local recruitment coordinator for university enrollment management, sites three reasons for the rise in numbers. First, is the Andrews Partnership Scholarship (APS) which is in its second year. APS offers from \$1,000 to \$6,000 to freshmen for each year of college, up to four and a half years. "Students don't have to search for obscure endowed scholarships or beg for need-based grants," said Yeagley. "They are now distributed equitably in one easy plan."

The second reason is due to enrollment management making a number of system changes in their department over the past year. For instance, Yeagley reports that thousands of pre-filled applications have been sent to students who have either indicated an interest in the university or who the university believes might be interested. The applications contain their names and any other information the office may have. All the students need to do is fill in the rest of the information and return the applications. "There has been a tremendous response to these mailings," Yeagley said. "We expect to do more this year."

Finally, qualitative enrollment has played a large part in higher enrollment this year. In 2002, one of the brightest classes, based on test scores and GPA, enrolled as freshmen. This year's class has topped last year's by 2.92 points on the Andrews Partnership Scholarship rating system. The Society of Andrews Scholars has enrolled 65 freshmen in their SAGES

program this year. "Success breeds success," Yeagley states. "I attribute the growth, in part, to the difference in campus culture that good students create."

Several parents commented to university personnel about how impressed they were with the ease of registration and the wonderful activities planned. Tom and Sietie Heslop of Cedar Lake, Mich., helped their son, Darren, a freshman engineering major, register during First Stop. Braced for the five-hour lines at student financial services they had heard about before coming to campus, the Heslops were pleasantly surprised when they sailed through the process. "Andrews obviously has put much time and effort into improving the process, and it seems to have paid off," Tom Heslop said.



This year's President's Luncheon, held Aug. 18 in Johnson Gym, was attended by 720 new students and their family members.

Andrews University has made a concerted effort in the past two years to focus on the students and their needs. The social recreation department has also begun planning a variety of fun activities for the students to participate in, such as the Beach 2 Bank Challenge and the new tubing hill on campus. The Center for Youth Evangelism held their first annual Easter Passion Play in April, which was a huge success, and depended largely on the participation of students. Allison Hurlow, a freshman family group leader, said it best: "Andrews is helping students stay excited by providing a better school to be proud of."

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Katie Shaw, university relations news writer

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The Honorable Judge Mathis Gives Back to PWA

Lake Region — The students, parents, and guests were excited as they listened to the Honorable Judge Greg Mathis' presentation as the keynote speaker for the June commencement exercises at Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA).



The Honorable Judge Mathis (center) presented a \$15,000 check to Juanita Martin, Peterson-Warren Academy principal, and Edward Woods, Lake Region Conference superintendent of education, for Christian education at Peterson-Warren Academy.

He shared part of his experience as a youth growing up in the inner city and how he came to realize that unless he returned to his earlier-learned knowledge of the Lord, his future would be bleak. His mother, who died soon afterward, placed him in the care of the academy when he was a young lad and asked the faculty to do whatever it took to save her son. If she could see him today, I know that she would be very proud, just as we are at PWA.

Judge Mathis' philosophy of "I've got mine, now I'll help you get yours" has continued to ring true throughout his famous career on and off of national television. He realizes that it takes more than just words to help maintain a topnotch academic program, such as the one that Peterson-Warren Academy has maintained throughout the years. He realizes that it takes money as well. With much pleasure and pride, he presented Juanita Martin, principal, and Edward Woods, Lake Region

Conference superintendent of education, a check for \$15,000 to continue with the improvement of the school. Judge Mathis also donated to the school \$5,000 worth of his new book, *Inner City Miracle*, that he autographed for those who purchased the book from the academy immediately following the graduation ceremony.

It is a wonderful thing when young boys and girls get the chance to see that you can achieve great stardom and yet be an honest man who still remembers where he came from and the loving God who made him what he is today.

Juanita J. Martin, Peterson-Warren Academy principal

Enrollment More Than Doubles

Illinois — The Thompsonville Christian School in southern Illinois is now a two-room facility and ready to accommodate its enrollment growth from 13 students to 29 this school year.

Teacher-principal Nancy O'Brien attributes this amazing enrollment increase to God working in the area, the publicity they received from two illustrated articles published in local newspapers, and the fact that some parents are no longer home schooling or sending their children to public school.



Thompsonville Christian School students raise the flag in anticipation of beginning their new school year.

Most of the student's parents work at 3ABN, which is also located in Thompsonville. Five students come from the local non-Adventist community.

Ethel V. Carlsson, Thompsonville Church communication secretary

Michigan Governor Pays Tribute to Grand Rapids Junior Academy

Michigan — Michigan governor, Jennifer M. Granholm, sent a special tribute from herself and the 92nd Legislature at Lansing, Mich., to Grand Rapids Jr. Academy (GRJA). It was hand delivered to the school on Aug. 17, at its open house, by state Rep. Michael G. Sak. The Grand Rapids news media covered the event, and now other news agencies are picking up the story.

The Oakleigh School building where GRJA is housed was completed in 1928. It served the city of Grand Rapids in the public school system until 1980 when it was purchased by local Adventist churches for Christian education. Though there was a higher bidder, the local people urged that it remain a school and that it be sold to the church. Oakleigh School had a reputation of excellence, and they wanted it to continue.

We invited the community to return to their beloved “Oakleigh School” building on its 75th anniversary. Seventy letters were sent to newspapers, radio stations, and television stations. Flyers and signs were put up. All of the neighbors were personally visited and invited.

Nearly 500 community members showed up to see their old school building. There were hugs, smiles,



From left: Bill Hamelink, alumnus and son of first graduate; Esther Hamelink, wife of first graduate and 1936 alumnus; Bill Hamelink, graduate of first class in 1929; his niece; and Ron Anderson, Grand Rapids Jr. Academy principal.

and joyful tears as old friends, teachers, and students reunited. There were times when you could not pass through the hallways because of the crowd. Wilbur Hamelink, from the first graduating class of 1929, attended. He and the others were so appreciative of GRJA graciously opening their doors for this purpose.

Many letters of appreciation have been received at the school. Governor Granholm wrote that special tribute was being paid to GRJA because the traditional pursuit of quality education continues. Rep. Sak, Governor Granholm, and the 92nd Legislature applauded the school’s many

accomplishments and accorded their best wishes for its continued success.

Robert Rice, Grand Rapids Junior Academy development director

Brain-stretching at Indiana Academy

Indiana — Brain games, fact-based games, have been set in motion at Indiana Academy (IA) as a way of increasing academic competence. This academic questioning encourages an interest in learning a wide variety of subjects and in learning itself. Now in their third year of existence, brain games at IA have challenged students with their knowledge of Bible, history, literature, sports, mathematics, music, and the sciences.



Photo by Larry Wilsey

The “brain games” 2002–2003 school year first place winning team members are from left: Brandon Cain, senior; Amy Jacobs, junior; Ryan Thurber, sophomore; and Ashlee Chism, freshman.

The “brain game” is similar to the quiz shows and academic teams promoted by high schools and colleges across the country. Teams made up of four students—one from each class standing—compete for prizes by answering questions. IA students who participate can look forward to possibly reaching the final game and are awarded cash prizes for first and second places.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations coordinator

Michigan to Host General Youth Conference 2003

Michigan — Over 400 youth and young adults gathered in southeastern California last December for the first annual General Youth Conference (GYC). The conference theme *Pentecost: He Will Do It Again* reflected their belief that God will use converted young



Adventist youth will gather in Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 17–21, where they will be challenged to embrace God's high calling for their lives.

people to share the three angels' messages with the entire world—in this generation.

Youth and youth leaders are excited about this year's conference, which will be held Dec. 17–21 in Ann Arbor, Mich. The conference theme, *Higher than the Highest*,

will challenge youth to embrace God's high calling for their lives. There will be inspirational messages from speakers like David Asscherick, ARISE Institute director, and Randy Skeete, University of Michigan campus evangelist. Workshops will train in areas of personal spiritual growth, evangelism, and ministry.

General Youth Conference began when a group of Adventist college students had a vision for a conference that would respond to the church's cry for a generation of young people who have moral backbone, spiritual tenacity, and a determination to stand for biblical truth without compromise. GYC is a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church and a member of ASI. The Michigan Conference is hosting the 2003 conference.

If you are a youth, young adult, young professional, or youth leader who wants to be part of this final generation, come to GYC 2003! Learn more and register today at www.generalyouthconference.org.

Staci Osterman, GYC external affairs secretary

God at Work at the Youth Fair

Michigan — This past summer the Pioneer Memorial Church along with some of the other area churches sponsored a youth tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair. The youth tent theme was "Drug Free!" An average of over 700 people came through the tent each day.

When visitors entered the tent, they were greeted

by warm and friendly volunteers that directed them to our "Drug Free!" display. Youth canvassers used a variety of pictures and displays to persuade visitors of the advantages of a drug-free lifestyle. The pictures illustrated the effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on the heart and other organs and body systems. After looking at the displays, visitors then moved to a back wall where they signed their names, making commitments to be drug-free.



More than 700 people per day visited the "Drug Free!" youth tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair where young people made life-changing decisions to live drug-free lifestyles.

We made a booth available where visitors could sit and get their pictures drawn free by an amateur youth artist as a memento of the drug-free decision they had made. A key chain memento was also made available with their name on it followed by the words, "Drug Free!"

In the evenings, Fred Whitlow from Strictly Jesus Ministries awed the crowds with his positive Christian music and by engaging youth and visitors in rap sessions, prayer sessions, and interactive discussions. Several of our own youth made strong new commitments to Christ.

Philip Baptiste, youth tent coordinator

Locks of Love

Michigan — Traci Jona Shaw, 13, is pictured here holding her 10 inches of just-cut hair. Traci is smiling because she is donating her hair to "Locks of Love," an organization in Florida that makes wigs out of real hair for children who have lost their own hair due to an illness. When asked why she donated her hair, Traci said, "I had it, and they needed it. I can grow more." Traci is in the eighth grade at Northview Adventist School in Cadillac.



Mary Lou Shaw, Cadillac Church communication leader

Lake Union — Sept. 1 opened up a whole new world to Kelly Razzouk, a young journalism major from Hinsdale, Ill. That's when Razzouk began a nine-month internship with the Adventist Church's United Nations (UN) liaison office in New York City.

"I am excited about this opportunity to combine my love for writing and communication with my love for Christ and my burden to share Him with others," said Razzouk. "In the Bible it talks about going out into all nations and preaching the gospel. I don't know of a better way to do this than to be at the United Nations where almost every country in the world is represented."

The UN liaison office operates as part of the General Conference (GC) public affairs and religious liberty department. Its mandate is to provide a channel of communication and influence at the United Nations, working with the main

organization and its 48 different subsidiaries. The UN liaison office is based at the GC headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., but they operate an office right in the heart of the UN church building. "The office is very small," says Razzouk, "but what matters is that there is an Adventist presence at the UN."



Kelly Razzouk (right) of Hinsdale, Ill., is doing a nine-month UN liaison internship. She is pictured here with Jonathan Gallagher, UN liaison director.

This intern project is privately funded through donations. "A bulk of the funding for the project is left up to me to fund-raise through the generous donations of family and friends. I must raise money for my housing, which is extremely expensive in New York, my food, and travel expenses," says Razzouk.

"As we enter our third year of the UN intern program, I continue to be excited about the impact we can have, especially through our young people," says Jonathan Gallagher, UN liaison director.

For more information on the UN liaison intern program, visit <http://un.adventist.org>; or call (301) 680-6683.

Reggie Johnson, Lake Union Herald editorial assistant

Michiana Fil-Am Launches Bible, Health, and Music Camp

Michigan — The Michiana Fil-Am Church in Berrien Springs launched a new evangelistic program, June 30–July 4, to reach children and their parents. The outreach program included a Christ-centered holistic presentation of the gospel, integrating Bible, health, and music.



Some of the children played the angklung for the Friday evening program.

Activities included small group sharing and prayer sessions, memorization of Scripture songs, hymn singing, choir, and playing ensemble instruments such as the angklung (Indonesian bamboo music rattles) and the tone chimes. The younger children enjoyed playing a variety of rhythm instruments as they quickly learned new songs. Hands-on learning of simple and appetizing breakfast preparations, fruit ice cream, and fruit and vegetable salads highlighted the health presentation of NEWSTART® principles. This program reached out not only to the children but to the mothers as well.



Little chefs and their adult teachers enjoyed preparing simple, healthy food for everyone to taste.

Church members, music and health professionals, and young artists in the community supported the program as volunteers. At the final program, parents and children participated in presenting music numbers and sharing inspiring testimonies. An outreach service to a nursing home concluded the program.

This new thrust in evangelism to reach children and their families was a rewarding evangelistic breakthrough for the church this year.

*Heidi Cerna, Michiana Fil-Am Church
personal ministries coordinator*

Marion Church Participates in Hispanic Fair

Indiana — The Indiana Conference health van was put to good use by the Marion (Ind.) Church during the Cinco de Mayo celebration at Matter Park. Cinco de Mayo is a social-educational Hispanic fair held in Marion each May. The festival is organized by the Marion Mayor's Hispanic Roundtable, sponsored by different organizations, and supported by several town social, religious, and medical institutions.



Louise and William Voirs were two of the Marion volunteers who took blood pressures, administered health age tests, and interacted with people at the different stations.

Since the festival idea was implemented in 2001, the Marion Church has been present each year. At the first festival, the church erected a natural remedies booth and a fruits and books station with successful acceptance.

This year's festival began with cloudy skies. Drops of rain were sprinkling during the whole morning, making many people skeptical about participating in the festival. Even so, we decided not to give up and were determined to let God keep us

confident—not paying attention to the forecast report, which was not very encouraging.



Photos by: Roy Vasquez

Students from Taylor University assisted with the Healthy Snack Station, offering attendees healthier eating choices.

By noon when the festival began, just a few people started to come by the outdoor booths and vendors, with most looking at the enclosed activities. By 2:00 p.m., when we were set up and ready for the mission outreach, a beam of light started to come out from the sky and God blessed us the rest of the Sabbath day. Many people walked by, and most of them stopped by for our services and enjoyed the different displays, keeping us busy for more than an hour after the festival closed.

This year, the church again presented its support and services to the city by utilizing the health van. Members set up the Healthy Snack Station, where three different fruits, water, natural juices, and granola bars were given away to encourage healthier diets. At the natural remedies booth, a brochure promoting God's free remedies was given out. We also gave away Bibles and different Christian books like *The Great Controversy* and *Steps to Christ*. All the material, books, literature, and the spoken interaction occurred in both English and Spanish, including the tests offered at the health van.

In spite of the threat of wet weather, quite a crowd joined the festival, and we had the opportunity to serve about 200 residents. More than 50 percent of the visitors completed the different bilingual surveys and thanked us for our services.

The people whose names and addresses were gathered at the fair will be followed up and invited to participate in Bible studies and other church sponsored programs.

*Ray Vasquez, Marion Church
health and temperance leader*

3ABN Latino Launched in August

Illinois — Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has partnered with the North American Division (NAD) ministerial department to reach the 83 million households subscribed to cable TV across the U.S. and Canada, with 24/7 Adventist television. Videos, bulletin inserts, and posters have been prepared, introducing 3ABN and explaining how local church members can participate by sending simple written requests to the cable companies asking that they carry 3ABN. These materials are free, and will be sent to every church in the NAD.



Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) launched 3ABN Latino, a 24/7 Spanish and Portuguese network, in August.

3ABN currently covers the globe with four satellites, and reaches millions of people across the United States and around the world through hundreds of television broadcast stations and cable systems. In those areas covered by cable and broadcast, reports are coming in every week of people walking into their local Adventist churches requesting baptism as a direct result of viewing 3ABN.

In August, 3ABN Latino, a 24/7 Spanish and Portuguese network, was launched on satellite across North America, South America, and Europe. Already, many cable systems are signing contracts, and as the Hispanic church members contact their local cable companies requesting 3ABN Latino, it will begin reaching the 39 million Hispanics in the U.S.—the largest minority and the fastest growing segment of the population.

With our common goal of reaching every soul for Christ, 3ABN and the NAD invite you to participate in this project by asking your local cable company to carry 3ABN and 3ABN Latino, and by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join you in this endeavor. Working together, we will fulfill Jesus' commission to take the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

For more information, contact Derrell Mundall, 3ABN, P.O. Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62890; (800) 752-3226 Ext. 3101; derrell.mundall@3abn.org.

God's Timing Is Perfect

Indiana — It was Apr. 16, 2003. Dwight Kruger, Indiana Conference publishing director, and I had just tried to visit two homes where I had set up appointments south of LaPorte (Ind.), but neither of the families were home.

We looked at my box of lead cards and decided to go to Hammond where I had two new leads. After driving about 45 minutes, we arrived at the home of Bryant and Mandy Figures. With a warm welcome, Bryant invited us in.

We discovered that someone at work had shown Bryant a *Bible Story* book, which he liked. It had a pocket with some cards in it, so he took one and mailed it in. He and Mandy were thinking about getting the books for their five children and 10 grandchildren.

Dwight gave an excellent demo and the Figures liked the books. But when the demo came to a close, Bryant said, "I have to be honest with you. We just got back from a trip to the south," suggesting that their funds were limited. Dwight responded with a spiritual appeal, which convinced Bryant and Mandy to purchase *The Bible Story*, *The Bible Reference Library*, and a *Family Bible*.

After praying together, we gave them a poster of Jesus. As we were leaving, Bryant commented, "Mandy was just getting ready to write some Bible studies and here you are today. It's almost spooky. Yesterday we just got back from driving 750 miles to go to a funeral, and tomorrow we will both be going back to work. Any other day you would have had a hard time finding us home!"

God's timing is always perfect. He knew when they would be home and arranged for us to find them.

Ruth Ann Plue, Indiana Conference literature evangelist



Ruth Ann Plue

Never Too Small to Volunteer

Michigan — Hayden (7) and Wyatt (5) Huge, who attend the Marshall Church, were among the scores of volunteers who worked to clean up the effects of a tornado that swept through the Marshall area in July.

The Melvin and Mary Boughton farm, located about six miles southwest of Marshall lost all its buildings. The two-story farm house was twisted off its foundation and had to be demolished. A large hip-roofed barn, seven outbuildings, and a number of livestock were also destroyed.



Hayden and Wyatt Huge, ages 7 and 5, volunteered to help clean up the effects of a tornado that swept through the Marshall area.

After picking up debris in the yard, the Huge brothers found a couple of hammers and spent a considerable amount of time breaking mortar off bricks from the home's chimney. Mary Boughton was so grateful. She said she would make a brick path through her garden with the bricks the boys saved for her as a remembrance of the old homestead. The farm had been in the Boughton family since the 1930's.

Diana Inman, Marshall Church communication leader

51 Hispanic Couples Attend Marriage Retreat

Indiana — "A Quilt of Love," was the weekend theme at the annual Indiana Conference Hispanic marriage retreat, held at the Marriott in Fort Wayne. Otoniel Reyes, former Lake Union Conference vice president, and his wife, Sandy, were the presenters. Many of the couples were there for the first time.

Couples were asked to write their names on a piece of paper and put it in a basket. Throughout the weekend, names were picked from the basket, and each couple quilted a square for the "Quilt of Love."



Photo by Jose Vazquez

A highlight of the marriage retreat was the "Quilt of Love" the couples assembled throughout the weekend.

On Sabbath afternoon, couples renewed their marriage vows at a special ceremony presided over by several Indiana pastors. The ceremony concluded with a prayer of dedication. Another highlight was the Saturday night banquet and talent show.

On Sunday morning, we completed the "Quilt of Love" and gathered in a circle to pray for each other. We parted with Otoniel and Sandy Reyes' important counsel still ringing in our ears, "Put Jesus at the center of your relationship, and He will make it work."

Jose Vazquez, pastor of Carmel Hope Fellowship and Noblesville churches

North Aurora Church Dedicates Youth

Illinois — Over 30 youth ready to commence a secondary or college program on both Christian and public campuses were dedicated Sabbath, Aug. 16, at North Aurora Church. Ken Veal, North Aurora Church pastor, challenged the youth to wrestle with God and make right choices at "angel junctions" they would meet during their campus life experience. Students were then surrounded by North Aurora elders and Broadview Academy representatives. After a prayer of dedication and consecration, veteran North Aurora youth leader Gail Wein gave the students a gift on behalf of the North Aurora congregation—an inspirational card with well wishes from the church and a Border's book store gift certificate. Youth were reminded that the North Aurora congregation would be praying for them and be ready to support them for a successful school year.

Taken from Illinois Conference President Ken Denslow's Aug. 25 Presidential Memo.

Airwaves Bring “Peace and Happiness” to Vietnam

Last July, Adventist World Radio (AWR) celebrated the 10th anniversary of broadcasts in the Vietnamese language. Besides being heard in several Vietnamese communities in the United States, these broadcasts have been beamed into the country of Vietnam with growing success. The programs are known as “Peace and Happiness.”

Vietnam is a country of 87 million people. As an officially communist country, it disavows all religions. In addition to Christianity, the largest other religious group is Buddhism. Christian religious groups are frequently challenged and constantly controlled. Christians are often arrested and interrogated, sometimes resulting in imprisonment and other forms of persecution. Adventists do have seven government-approved churches in the country, but these “official” churches are closely monitored and can do very little outreach.

After the radio broadcasts began, it was difficult to know if anyone was listening. A few letters were received, indicating that there were some listeners. A Vietnamese person went into the country as a tourist to see if he could learn anything about the impact of the radio broadcasts. He had one particular letter with him from a lady he hoped to find because of her desire to learn more and the hint that others were interested as well. For two or three weeks, this person traveled on his rented motor bike, trying to find this person and noticing what people were listening to on their radios. But he found nothing.

Discouraged because it seemed as though AWR was not even there, He prayed, asking God if he should return home. That afternoon while driving through the country to check out another area, his motor bike suddenly stopped. Although it had fuel and everything seemed to be OK, he absolutely could not start it. He

noticed a house nearby and decided to see if he could leave his motor bike there while he went to get help. He knocked on the door, introduced himself to the lady that answered, and requested permission to leave his bike there until he could get help.

The lady asked him what he was doing. He wasn't sure what to say for fear of getting into trouble. Perhaps this person was an informer. But finally he pulled out the letter he had been carrying, telling her that he was looking for that person. The lady asked why he wanted to see that person. This question made him feel even more uncomfortable, but he told her that he wanted to talk to her about a radio program called “Peace and Happiness.”

She looked at him and then at the letter.

After a significant pause, she opened the door and pulled him inside. She said, “I am the one you are looking for. I wrote that letter.”

In her house at that very moment were six other people who had been fasting and praying for three days in hopes that somehow God would reveal more truth to them, and that they could learn more about what they had heard from that program. What an evidence of divine intervention!

The most recent assessment indicates that around 45,000 people in the central and northern highlands of Vietnam are keeping the Sabbath and worshiping in small house churches, and the only source they had for learning these things was through the AWR radio broadcasts.

Since then, there have been discreet contacts with these groups and attempts to help train leaders to minister to them. Adventist Southeast Asia Projects (ASAP) is helping with this work. This is one of the few places in the world where the government has occasionally attempted to jam Adventist radio broadcasts. But for the most part, they are still being heard.

For more information about Adventist World Radio, go to www.awr.org or call (301) 680-6304. To learn more about Adventist Southeast Asia Projects, go to www.tagnet.org/asap or call (269) 471-3026.

Benjamin D. Schoun, Adventist World Radio president



MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Former members who now live outside the Lake Union may contact the conference communication director where their membership was held when they lived in the Lake Union to obtain the forms for submission. Milepost forms are also available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES



GERALD AND VIRGINIA SLIKKERS celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2003, by a dinner with their children and a family gathering. They have been members of the Holland (Mich.) Church for 62 years.

Gerald Slikkers and Virginia Bartz were married July 1, 1943, in Pendleton, Ore., by Pastor Holman. Gerald has been a worker for Chris Craft and Slick Craft for 40 years and is a veteran of World War II. Virginia has been a homemaker.

The Slikkers family includes Michael and Donna Slikkers of Holland; Patricia and John Pawson of Bradenton, Fla.; Randall and Elaine Slikkers of Holland; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

JENNIFER L. LAWNICKI AND MICHAEL A. COLBURN were married July 27, 2003, in Taylor, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Micah Davis.

Jennifer is the daughter of Fred and Donna Lawnicki of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Judy and Tom Presnell of Inkster, Mich., and Michael is the son of Philip and Beverly

Colburn of Byron Center, Mich.

The Colburns are making their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

CHRISTAL M. YOUNG AND CORY J. HERTHEL were married July 12, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Sergio Gutierrez.

Christal is the daughter of Larry and Michelle Young of Indianapolis, and Cory is the son of Ralph Herthel, and Catherine and Dion Henderson of Indianapolis.

The Herthels are making their home in Ooltewah, Tenn.

LINDA L. HORA AND MICHAEL A. MARTIN were married June 8, 2003, in Ionia, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis.

Linda is the daughter of Felipe and Consuelo Hora of Ionia, and Michael is the son of Lee and Geraldine Martin of Palo, Mich.

The Martins are making their home in Palo.

ERIN G. SCHWER AND ELIAS MIRANDA were married Aug. 31, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Sergio Gutierrez.

Erin is the daughter of Frank and Nancy Schwer of Beech Grove, Ind., and Elias is the son of Antonio and Isidra Miranda of Barstow, Texas.

The Mirandas are making their home in Keene, Texas.

OBITUARIES

BAILEY, L. OPAL (COWLEY), age 96; born June 1, 1907, in Barryton, Mich.; died July 21, 2003, in St. Louis, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Leslie C. and Lowell R. Sr.; daughter, Barbara Falconbridge; 18 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mickey Mallory, and interment was in Cold Springs Twp. Cemetery, Mancelona, Mich.

BROWN, VICTOR R., age 80; born Oct. 27, 1922, in Table Grove, Ill.; died July 13, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Alma M. (Cummings); daughters, Cheryl Doss, Vickie Doss, and Cyndi Leffler; brother, Gerald; sisters, Thelma Lane, Onita Long, Beulah Patterson, Melba Stone, and Esther Wright; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Skip MacCarty, Dwight Nelson, and Jay Gallimore, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

BRUCKNER, EDWIN R., age 99; born Jan. 15, 1904, in Adams, Wis.; died May 22, 2003, in Collegedale, Tenn. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Jared; daughter, Lynette Humes; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Earl J. Zager and Stanley Cottrell, with private inurnment.

CLARK, RUTH M. (AVERY), age 94; born May 6, 1909, in Poplar Bluff, Mo.; died Aug. 23, 2003, in Jackson, Mich. She was a member of the Jackson Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Donna J. Mayo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Gene Hall and Harold DeWitt, and

interment was in Rosedale Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

GRIFFEY, FRANCIS R., age 88; born Mar. 17, 1915, in Anderson, Ind.; died July 30, 2003, in Anderson. He was a member of the Anderson Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary (Larkey); daughter, Lisa Haller; sisters, Mary Lou Griffey and Katie Rinker; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Clinton Meharry, and interment was in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

HICKS, JANICE K. (JONES), age 50; born Mar. 28, 1953, in Lafayette, Ind.; died Aug. 27, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include her son, Darryl Jones; father, Merrill Jones; mother, Joan Jones; brother, Michael Jones; and sister, Joyce Jones-Myers.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Allen Pierce, and interment was in Greenwood (Ind.) Cemetery.

JONES, ROLAND A., age 77; born June 5, 1926, in Grenada, W. Indies; died July 24, 2003, in Benton Harbor, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his brother, Eric A.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Esther Knott, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

MORTON, FLOSSIE M. (IRWIN), age 95; born Mar. 27, 1908, in Sparta, Ill.; died July 21, 2003, in Columbus, Ind. She was a member of the Columbus Church.

Survivors include her son, James I.; daughter, Marjorie Driscoll; sister, Evelyn B. Marsh; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were

conducted by Pastors José Vazquez and Mario Ruf, and interment was in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus.

PRESIDIO, VIRGINIE M. (BERRY), age 88; born Mar. 28, 1915, in South Branch, Mich.; died May 12, 2003, in Beaverton, Mich. She was a member of the Edenville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Adolph M.; daughters, Linda C. Cabose and Ann E. Van Orden; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Russell C. Thomas, and interment was in Beaverton Cemetery.

SNYDER, ELSIE J. (SIPCHENKO), age 75; born Mar. 16, 1928, in Chicago, Ill.; died Mar. 24, 2003, in Riverside, Calif. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Keith A.; daughter, Karen L. Downs; sister, Lillian Shaddock; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Chet Damron, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

TOWNE, HARVEY E., age 72; born Jan. 25, 1931, in Rhinelander, Wis.; died July 25, 2003, in Rhinelander. He was a member of the Rhinelander Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sherince (Stuart); sons, Tim, Bob, Larry, and Tommy; stepsons, Teddy Merritt, Wayne Parker, and Russell Parker; daughters, Sherry Lemke, Mary Bruskiwicz, Tricia Ostricki, and Tory Fieber; stepdaughters, Tina Merritt, Theresa Kullman, Anita Blotnicki, and Cherie Breitlow; brother Rudy; sisters, Evelyn Wenzel and Judy Back; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Christian Ronalds, and interment was in Northland Memorial Park Cemetery, Rhinelander.

WAITE, ALTHEA, age 85; born Mar. 27, 1918, in Polar, Wis.; died Aug. 22, 2003, in Antigo, Wis. She was a member of the Antigo Church.

Survivors include her brother, Larry Waite.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Bossert, and interment was in Polar Cemetery.

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35 Sabbaths ending August 31, 2003, compared to 35 Sabbaths ending August 31, 2002

Number of Members:			Increase		Average	Per Member	Average Tithe	
03/31/03	03/31/02	Conference	2003	2002	%	Inc. - Decr.	2003	2002
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6,620	6,542	Indiana	4,030,959	3,847,780	183,180	4.76%	608.91	588.17
26,509	25,635	Lake Region	6,947,885	6,503,330	444,554	6.84%	262.10	253.69
24,538	24,263	Michigan	17,281,384	17,154,641	126,743	0.74%	704.27	707.03
6,646	6,419	Wisconsin	3,690,893	3,589,051	101,841	2.84%	555.36	559.13
76,646	74,943	Totals	\$38,158,330	\$37,029,061	\$1,129,268	3.05%	\$497.85	\$494.10
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$1,090,238	\$1,057,973	\$32,265	3.05%		

Sunset Calendar

	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 12
Berrien Springs, Mich.	5:34	5:27	5:21	5:17	5:14	5:14
Chicago	4:40	4:32	4:26	4:22	4:20	4:20
Detroit	5:20	5:13	5:07	5:02	5:00	5:00
Indianapolis	5:38	5:31	5:26	5:22	5:20	5:20
La Crosse, Wis.	4:50	4:42	4:35	4:31	4:28	4:28
Lansing, Mich.	5:25	5:18	5:12	5:07	5:05	5:05
Madison, Wis.	4:44	4:36	4:30	4:26	4:23	4:23
Springfield, Ill.	4:52	4:45	4:40	4:36	4:34	4:34



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OFFERINGS:

- Nov. 1 Local church budget
- Nov. 8 Annual Sacrifice
- Nov. 15 Local church budget
- Nov. 22 Local conference advance
- Nov. 29 Local conference designated

SPECIAL DAYS:

- Nov. 1 Stewardship Sabbath
- Nov. 2-8 Week of Prayer
- Nov. 15 Human Relations Sabbath
- Nov. 22 Welcome Home Sabbath

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Nov. 11—Voice of Prophecy chapel, 10:30 a.m., Pioneer Memorial Church; 15—"Beethoven and Blue Jeans" AU symphony orchestra concert featuring William Black, piano, 8:00 p.m., Howard Performing Arts Center; call (269) 471-3560 for tickets; 16-17—University preview weekend, call (800) 253-2874 to register; 26-30—Thanksgiving break.

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 - Nov 9 "Authorized Break-in," Part 1
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- Nov 9 "Digging for the Truth"
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Week of:

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- Nov 9 "Firing Squad for a Nurse"
- Nov 16 "The Roar of Pride," *Revelation's Three Most Wanted*, Part 1
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- Nov 30 "The Rumble of Coercion," *Revelation's Three Most Wanted*, Part 3

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Week of:

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- Nov 16 "Anatomía de la cólera"
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...But God!*

BY DICK DUERKSEN

If it is good, the Enemy is there to make it bad. But God is always there to make it "best."

"But," is a conjunction *with a difference!*

"And" is also a conjunction, but it does not carry the same impact as "but." "And" just means "there is more to come. ..." "But," on the other hand, always adds "the other side."

"He is a good speaker, but ..."

"She is a good friend, but ..."

"Yes, I believe in religious liberty, but ..."

This little contrarian conjunction usually jumps in to say something negative, or to lessen the value of a compliment. However, Bible writers use it often to explain God's character and to show how the Enemy and God are on opposite pages when it comes to our salvation.

Psalm 73:26 "My heart may fail, and my spirit grow weak, BUT GOD remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever."

Lord God, thank you for "hanging in there" when the Enemy fills me with discouragement. Thank you for giving me spiritual

CPR when my heart is failing with fear. Thank you for giving me strength when I am too tired to get out of bed. And, most of all, thank you for putting no time limits on your love.

Genesis 50:20 "You meant to hurt me, BUT GOD turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people."

Lord, thwart the Enemy's plans. Please! As you did for Joseph, please turn all the ugliness, hatred, and trickery into beauty, love, and kindness. Turn his plans upside-down. Turn the tasteless dust of his promises into a banquet of hope. Give us cause to celebrate your victories and to praise your sudden salvation all the days of your life!

Psalm 3:2,3 "Many are saying about me, 'God won't rescue him.' BUT, LORD, you are my shield, my wonderful God who gives me courage."

Thank you for proving the doubters wrong, Lord, and for rescuing me! Thank you for turning aside the cutting words, the evil



intentions, and the laughter of those who do not know you. Thank you for putting wings of courage on my heart and a smile on my face.

Over the years the Duerksen family has been home to many dogs and 10,000 cats. Both make wonderful pets, but we quickly noticed a significant difference in how they handle surprises. When a dog is startled by a loud noise behind him, he is inclined to flee at a break-neck speed without stopping to see what caused the bang. But cats, on the other hand, usually stop, turn around, survey the situation, consider the options, and then leave or stay as they choose.

I fear that we are sometimes more like dogs than cats when it comes to responding to the Enemy. We are much given to running away, worrying ourselves sick, screaming in anger, or just giving up. Rather than analyze the situation and remember God's promises, we make snap assessments and then "dash off in all directions at once."

2 Thessalonians 1:3 "BUT GOD is faithful. He will make you strong and guard you from the evil one."

Lord, thank you for the courage to stand calm in the face of the Enemy's hurricane of hate. Thank you for making me strong when my knees are wobbling with fear. Thank you for walking before me, for being my Kevlar life-suit, and the fragrance of a rose amidst the pollution of sin. Thank you, Lord, for being consistent and faithful about all of this, for giving me every imaginable reason to praise you!

The Enemy is out to make life miserable, BUT GOD!!!

**Special thanks to V. Raymond Edman, past president of Wheaton College, and author of the 1961 book, But God!*

Profiles of Youth

Tana Kai VanderWaal, 17, is a senior at Battle Creek Academy (BCA). Tana loves reading and music. If and when time allows, she can be seen reading in the student lounge or during her study hall period, and she plays the flute in the band. Tana also loves the outdoors and enjoys horseback riding and swimming.

Yet nothing comes close to Tana's love and devotion for the Lord. She understands that a strong work ethic and her relationship with others is a reflection of her own relationship with God. She works very hard at maintaining her high academic standing. More importantly, she is a natural at being a kind and considerate friend by providing a listening ear and being sensitive to the needs of those around her.

Tana is the daughter of Greg and Kim VanderWall of Climax, Mich. After graduation next year, she plans to attend college and study nursing.



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Christopher Roosenberg

Christopher Geoffrey Roosenberg, 18, is a senior at Battle Creek Academy (BCA) where he enjoys sports, foreign mission trips, electronics, and computers.

Chris is a dedicated Christian young man who put a lot of energy into planning spiritual programming for his fellow students during the past school year. He is self-motivated and conscientious in his planning, delegation, and follow-up of responsibilities in his campus ministries leadership position. He was a student Week of Prayer speaker and shares his faith easily. Chris is a fine example of a young person who loves and follows Christ.

When asked about the most important thing he has learned at BCA, Chris said, "People are more important than things, so don't betray your friends to get something." Chris is the son of Charles and Diane Roosenberg of Battle Creek, Mich.

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