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School is now in full swing and the teachers have returned to the classroom energized and inspired from their recent convention and training sessions. Churches are being built, much-needed services are being provided to the community, and lives are being changed. Roll up your sleeves and get involved.


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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Am I Really My Brother's KEEPER?

Humankind has probably debated this notion ever since it entered the mind of Cain way back in the beginning of the first family. I believe that the implications for the Christian are quite clear, and even expanded far beyond the care for one's own biological brother. For me it has always been pretty simple. You see a need that you can fill and you fill it.

We are organized into churches to do more than win and nurture souls. We are to carry the love of God to our fellow man through practical service. That means that every good deed we do outside our church congregation needs not lead directly into the baptistry of our church. The example is beautifully demonstrated by the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. If you were hungry, He fed you. If you were sick, He healed you. If you were discouraged, He lifted you with life-giving words of encouragement. If you were demon possessed, He freed you. If you were overtaken in sin, He forgave you.

All these loving acts could be administered without a sermon attached. Of course, when it was time to preach, none could outdo our Lord. I am sure that Jesus knew preaching is easier heard when the stomach is not growling, and that a Bible study is more readily accepted when the palsy or leprosy has been healed.

There were the miraculous times when He preached all day and then fed well over 5,000 people from a little boy's lunch. Even then, the practical was side by side with the spiritual. We must step up with more and better ways to reach the poor and the disheartened.

In a nation where billions of dollars are expended to make war and kill, the children of God must extend every effort to relieve suffering as we introduce people to the redeeming power of Jesus.

In my early tent evangelism meetings, I gave out books and magazines and even Bibles. These were precious gifts, and many realized their value. But by the time I took my tent into the inner city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, I had learned a more meaningful approach. Along with the Bibles and books, I gave groceries and gift certificates to food stores. You guessed it: the crowds flowed in to get the temporal food, and like any committed preacher I had the spiritual food ready in equal abundance. I know that many followed Jesus for "the loaves and fishes," but I also know that many attached themselves to Him for the "sincere milk of the Word."

Can I challenge you to get involved right away in your local community? Maybe there's a community services center or food pantry that needs your help. And don't stay behind the scenes. Take interest in the people you serve. Invest in their lives. Look someone in the eyes and offer a firm handshake as you help them get some food for their tables or some clothing for their backs. It's a life-changing experience, and it's exactly what Jesus would do.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Illinois On Sabbath, June 17, Mike Weakley, Princeton pastor, baptized **Roy Waldschmidt** and **Becky Miller**, the first two candidates to join the new church.

Roy, a retired farmer from Granville, Illinois, attended evangelistic meetings in Fall 2005 and has faithfully attended Sabbath services ever since. His spiritual growth continued when he became a member of a weekly Bible study group. There, he expressed his desire to be baptized at a future date. When a projected completion date was set for the new Princeton Church, Roy expressed his desire to be baptized in the new sanctuary. During the new church's construction, Roy helped every day and was anxious to see it completed.



The Princeton Church family welcomed Becky Miller (front left) and Roy Waldschmidt (front right) into fellowship. They were baptized by Mike Weakley, pastor (center).

Becky lives in Manlius, Illinois, with her husband Jeremy and their four children. Several years ago her mother, Barbara Holdeman, began to study the Bible with her. Barbara encouraged Becky to make a commitment to Christ in baptism. However, Becky faced some challenges in coming to Jesus. With time, though, her faith grew and her surrender was complete. In June, she was ready to make a commitment and demonstrated her desire to raise her children for the Lord.

Cherri Olin also assisted in Becky's spiritual growth by becoming a special friend. They prayed and studied the Bible together in preparation for Becky's new life in Christ. Becky anxiously awaited baptism in the new Princeton Church.

The day finally arrived. At the close of the baptismal service, the pastor invited church elders to come forward and lay their hands on Roy and Becky as he prayed and committed them to the Lord. His prayer was for the Holy Spirit to fill their lives and guide them as they wait for the soon return of Jesus Christ. It was a beautiful service, and the congregation heartily welcomed them into their fellowship.

Mike Weakley, Princeton Church pastor, with Bruce Babienko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Indiana Last year, **Pauline Vanegas** moved from North Carolina to Marengo, Indiana, to live with her sister, Mary Free. Pauline had moved away from some domestic problems at home and wanted to start a new life with her four-year-old son, Miguel.

Mary is a member of the Cedar Ridge Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists. Pauline attended church with Mary throughout the summer and started to study the Bible with Scott Free and with other Cedar Ridge Fellowship members as well. By the end of August, Pauline's pastor, Justin Childers, studied with her, found that her knowledge had grown tremendously, and discovered she believed all of the Adventist doctrines. Pauline spent about a month going over the baptismal guide, *In His Steps*.

On Sep. 17, 2005, Pauline was baptized and became a member of the Cedar Ridge Fellowship. Since that time, she has been a tremendous witness. Pauline is not shy about telling her story and sharing her faith with others. She now serves as the Religious Liberty director at Cedar Ridge Fellowship.

Justin Childers, Cedar Ridge Fellowship pastor



Pauline Vanegas (left) was baptized by Justin Childers (right), Cedar Ridge Fellowship pastor. She is now an active member and is not shy about sharing her faith with others.

Michigan Born in 1987, **Chris Larsen** did not know what it was like to live as a Christian, and early in his life he experienced some heartbreaking events. A year after he was born, his baby sister died from SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). Then, when he was seven years old, his parents separated and divorced.

Chris and his brother lived with their mother as they grew up in Wisconsin. As a teenager, Chris began to make poor decisions, which led him into a negative lifestyle. At school, he got into trouble with the principal. Outside school, he was in trouble with the police. The only redeeming factor was that his father, stepmother, and grandparents had joined together to pray for his conversion and a new life.

In November 2004, the consequences of his actions, which included jail time and unpaid school fines, left him no place to stay or live in Wisconsin. However, his father and stepmother agreed he could come to Michigan to live with them.

“I remember waiting for Chris at the airport,” recalls his dad, Rob Larsen. “I was looking forward to seeing my son again since I had not been with him for a couple of years. When he walked down the carpet where I was waiting, I could see he was a troubled young man, and I was deeply concerned.”

“When Chris and I reached home,” Rob continued, “I knew we had to make some decisions. I wanted him to become a successful young man, as well as a genuine Christian. I also knew I could not hit him with a set of ‘brick wall’ rules.” Instead, father and son worked out a plan that included spending time together and making some new positive choices.

Things began to change. After living in his dad’s home and attending church with him, Chris made a personal decision to prepare for the day when he could be baptized. They talked with the pastor, Alan Meis, who put

him in touch with Bob Wilson, an elder at Holt Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship and a part-time Bible worker. Bob loves young people and has a real desire to unite them with Jesus.

Bob and Chris studied the Bible each week, sometimes two lessons at a time, and their hearts were knitted together as close friends. It was clear Chris has a heartfelt desire to know Jesus Christ, and to follow His teachings.



Chris Larsen was baptized and now witnesses on the city bus and at his workplace. From left: Bob Wilson, Chris Larsen, and Rob Larsen

By Apr. 2, 2005, Chris completed the studies and was personally experiencing God’s marvelous grace. He was baptized that day and became a member of the Holt Fellowship. Chris’s love for Jesus is evident to those he meets on the bus or at work as he shares his faith with them. His love is also evident to his church family when he sets up the church equipment each Sabbath morning at their rented church facility.

God has wonderfully answered the prayers of Chris’s father, stepmother, and church family. Jesus is always seeking to save and transform the lives of our children. We can praise God He still answers prayer.

Cheryl Wilson, Holt Fellowship church member, as shared with Bruce Babienko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Opening the Sabbath with Friends and God

TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP FLOURISHES

BY SARAH GANE

Six o'clock Friday evening my friends begin to arrive, carrying snacks, drinks, or entrees for our potluck supper. Casseroles go in the oven to warm, snacks are set out, and drinks are poured. By six-thirty our meal is well under way.

The current members of TBS (Teen Bible Study), or KBS (Kid's Bible Study) as it was called in the beginning, have been coming every week for five years, ever since it first started. Every week is the same—supper and then the Bible Study. "I enjoy it; it's fun," says Mateja Plantak, one of my friends and a consistent TBS member.

We open the Sabbath with a prayer, sometimes a song, and then we dive in. Bibles are pulled out or distributed among the forgetful and the study begins. In the past, we've used study guides to aid our discussion, but recently we've decided to venture out on our own, studying mainly the book of Revelation. By comparing and contrasting Revelation with other books of the Bible and looking at the historical background, we have seen the deeper meaning behind the books of the Bible. "It's easier to learn things when



Sometimes TBS members open the Sabbath with a prayer, other times a song, and then they dive into a Bible study.

you are with your friends and you're all learning together," says Ellen Mbungu, another friend.

Five years ago, the idea came to my friends and me to start a Bible study for kids. There were vesper services and meetings held on Friday

nights where we could listen to adults give information, but we preferred to find it for ourselves. During Summer 2001 we began KBS—for kids and by kids. It started with three or four of us, and then grew to eight, and then twelve, and then twenty. By 2002 we had as many as thirty guys and girls each week. We are now back to six to ten members a week.

One of the fun things we like to do as a group is participate in Operation Christmas Child, the Christmas present drive Billy Graham started some years ago. It has become tradition to fill at least fifteen shoe boxes every Christmas with goodies for children less fortunate. Everyone seems to get a lot of joy out of making a little child happy.

Bible study has really helped us stick together. Our Sabbath

school class has a lot of the TBS members in it, and it makes all the difference! My friends love learning about God through the Bible, and it affects everyone around them! Friday is looked forward to by all, not just because we have a break from school, but also because Friday night is a really fun time for us! Sabbath kind of takes on a new meaning when you're having fun!

Now, in 2006, TBS is flourishing. Every week that we can, we gather in my room to study God's Word and discuss ways we can share it with others, applying Bible truths to our lives as we live them. We think of the opening of the Sabbath as a fun time as we learn about God!

Sarah Gane is a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church.



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Heeding the Savior's Call to Service

M I R A C L E S I N E L S A L V A D O R

BY LINDA FERGUSON

On July 10, my 21-day adventure began. That morning I was supposed to drive down to meet other students from Southern Adventist University (SAU) who signed up with ShareHim (Global Evangelism) to hold an evangelistic series in El Salvador. But, at the last minute, I could not find my passport. I concluded that I must have left it with the rest of my things in SAU storage. So, I left home without it. At SAU, I searched frantically for my passport, but to no avail. I hurriedly called my mom and she soon found it; however, there seemed to be no possible way to get it to me before I left early the next morning. But, thank God, He worked a miracle and a UPS man hand delivered it to me at Atlanta International

as I realized my sinfulness and desperate need for a Savior. I went down and knelt in front of the altar, and only by my example did others come forward and join me.



These are the first two individuals baptized after hearing Linda Ferguson's (right) evangelistic talks.



Linda Ferguson (left) became friends with members at the church where she spoke.

Airport right before I stepped into the plane!

I had made my decision to go to El Salvador rather quickly, before I could chicken out. The idea of holding an evangelistic meeting was a little frightening. But, I told God, "I'm doing this for You!"

True to my word, I preached every night I was there and twice each Sabbath. There were two occasions when my equipment would not work, but the instant I got up to speak, God made it work! One night I preached about Jesus' great love that covers our sins so we can stand before God pardoned! And at the end of the sermon I invited individuals to come forward who wanted to lay everything at Jesus' feet and recommit their lives to Him. As I did this, God worked on my heart and tears welled up in my eyes

I was also blessed the last night as I tried to describe the beauties of Heaven. I told the congregation, "Though we will be parting tonight, Alaba a Dios! Te veré en el cielo (Praise God! I'll see you in Heaven)!"

With the close of the evangelistic series, God blessed with 25 baptisms in my church and 455 total in our evangelistic campaign. I can't explain

the joy and excitement that has flooded my heart ever since. My pastor's last words to me were, "Promise me, Linda, that you will keep preaching for the Lord."

One does not have to give an evangelistic series to witness, but we all have a part to play and "when the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart ... it cannot be hidden ... it will be felt by all with whom we come in contact" (*Steps to Christ*, p. 77). Ellen White goes on to say that God has given us the privilege and opportunity to work with Him to save souls. Jesus is coming soon, my friends! Will you heed the Savior's call to service? Believe me, you will never regret it!

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FAMILY TIES

The Significance of Two, Four, Six, and More

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

When thinking of a “group” or “community,” we don’t necessarily think of two. However, the pair bond number is important to establish and maintain a working relationship, friendship, or trustworthy commitment to another. A personal bond with another answers a deep longing in our hearts. As Ecclesiastes 4:9 reads, “Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better.” Many people don’t feel connected to a larger group until they have established at least one dyad relationship within it.

A group of four is a good number for a conversation, which is vitally important to establish friendships, allies, and supportive relationships. Conversation is the primary way we judge each other’s trustworthiness and affirm one another. When a fifth person is added, one often becomes marginalized or two start a separate conversation. Golfers find more business deals are made on the golf course than in the board room. A golfing foursome offers informal opportunities for conversations and trustworthiness assessment, and then the details are worked out more formally.

Six is the ideal number to get the job done. Six people can divide tasks, and yet the group is small enough for those involved to make decisions quickly. Larger groups take much longer to agree on courses of action. Also, groups of six can be split into dyads or triads for other tasks.

Groups of six can accomplish tasks, but aren’t large enough for productive brainstorming sessions. If you have a group of ten to 12, divide the group into two to get the tasks done more easily after brainstorming.

Twelve is the ideal number to build a strong team connection to reach a common goal. Sports teams and juries are examples. When teamwork is required to reach a difficult or long-term goal, consider recruiting 12 (or ten to 15) people.

Twelve is the number of people most persons hold in their personal “empathy group.” This is your close inner circle, the people most counted upon for support, loyalty, and intimacy. These are friends who are usually contacted at least once a month and with whom they feel a strong connection.

One’s heart/head group is an intermediate group, between 12 and 150 people. Less intimate than our empathy group, these are friends and colleagues whom we contact less frequently, but they still hold a significant place in our affection and thinking. They are more emotionally and intellectually significant than our community group.

One hundred fifty makes a community! There is both historical and current evidence that shows us that to function well a person needs to be part of a group of about 150—a tribe, a clan, or a village. This community cohesion and support is important for the well-being of individuals and families and for the maintenance of cultural values. For more reading in this area, I suggest Robin Dunbar’s *Grooming, Gossip, and the Evolution of Language*.

What does this mean for us individually? It is healthy to become more intentional about contributions to our family members, our growing “empathy” group, groups we work in outside the family, and our larger community. In this fragmented world, where many don’t even know their neighbors, we can lose track of the important ways our giving benefits the whole group.

I encourage you to think about ways to use these ideas as you continue your Christian journey in your immediate family, at work, in your empathy group, in your church, and community.



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Ten Ways TO ENERGIZE YOUR LIFE

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Careful attention to the following factors will guarantee a healthier and more vibrant lifestyle.

1. Manage stress effectively. Constant stress can erode one's sense of well-being and sap your energy. However, when stress is properly managed, the mind is free to be creative, and one's energy is not needlessly dissipated.

2. Exercise at least 30 minutes a day. Maintaining an appropriate level of fitness does more than tone muscle and help maintain a healthy body weight. Without exercise the mind becomes sluggish. On the other hand, regular exercise freshens the mind, improves your sense of well-being, and lowers your blood pressure and blood lipids.

3. Develop healthy relationships. People with trustworthy friends and close family ties are less likely to become ill, and they experience better recovery when sick. Having meaningful relationships can energize a person in their daily routine.

4. Take time for adequate rest and relaxation. Don't let the pressure of meeting deadlines and the expectations of others drain your energy. Avoid fatigue. Have regular and sufficient sleep. Enjoy the weekly Sabbath as a special time of rest and renewal. An annual vacation is a great way to recharge the batteries.

5. Maintain balance in your life. Just as unbalanced tires can cause a car to wobble about the road at high speed and cause unnecessary tire wear, so a life out of balance can put you under unnecessary wear and tear, and stress and strain. A balanced life brings composure, inner peace, contentment, and better mileage for the journey.

6. Eat a diet rich in antioxidants. Whole grains, fruits, and vegetables (especially the richly-colored ones) contain a variety of health-promoting phytochemicals. Many of these substances are antioxidants that protect cells against cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and aging. Pomegranates, blueberries, cranberries, and other berries contain high levels of antioxidants. People who consume such foods that are also rich in fiber tend to have more energy.

7. Nurture your spiritual well-being. Regular Bible study will challenge the mind. Seeing the working of God in history builds confidence. A dynamic prayer life and helping those in need will energize a person.

8. Maintain adequate hydration. Even mild dehydration can impair a number of important aspects of cognitive function such as concentration, alertness, and short-term memory. Fluid restriction is also associated with significant increase in headache and tiredness, and impairment in reaction time, attention, and coordination. Proper hydration helps fight fatigue and promotes mental alertness.

9. Keep a regular schedule. An irregular lifestyle can cause one to experience a loss of mental acuity, diminished concentration, irritability, and diminished reaction times as if experiencing jet lag. Following a regular schedule, on the other hand, helps you keep mentally fresh and alert.

10. Be proactive in preventing disease. Take personal responsibility for your health care. Have regular medical and dental checkups. You will feel so much better when you are in control of your health.



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EXTREME GRACE

MY NEXT Thirty Years BY DICK DUERKSEN



It's playing again!
"I think I'll take a moment,
Celebrate my age,
The ending of an era and the turning of
a page,

Now it's time to focus in on where I go from here,
Lord, have mercy on my next thirty years."

Our local country music stations have found the 1999 hit song and play it every time I turn on a radio. I've just waved "good-bye" to one of those "thirty year" marks and now it feels like Phil Vassar and Tim McGraw are chasing me up and down the freeways, shouting at me to get my act together and make sure my next thirty years are better than the last.

They've got me thinking. So, I've signed up at the fitness center, shifted some work assignments, and visited a couple of friends in the hospital. The concept of "heart attack" has a whole new meaning for me! I've even made a list!

1. Spend more time with my dad. Since he's in California and I'm not, that'll require some major action.

2. Talk to each of the kids at least once a week. Thank God for the Internet and for nationwide cellular family plans.

3. Sit still and listen to my wife. No newspaper, no magazine, no TV, nothing but Brenda and me. Listening to Brenda will also improve the way I eat, exercise, and rest.

4. Do the same thing with God. More than ever before. I'm currently listening through the writings of Luke and First Samuel, and I'm lovin' the learnin'!

5. Get to know my neighbors. That includes when we're striding through our morning walk and they're out slowly walking Fido, when it looks like they could use help bringing in the trash cans, when we've got some extra cookies, when their lawn mower is broken ... and it even includes inviting them to church!

There's one more.

6. "Trust to Grace." The "woulda, coulda, shouldas" of the last thirty years could consume all other memories at times like this, but *Grace* chucks them back where they belong. "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead," Paul wrote, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philip-
pians 3:13 (NASB). He forgets, and I forget. He calls, and I press on. Because of Him, "my next thirty years will be the best years of my life."

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Author's Note: "My Next Thirty Years" is on Tim McGraw's 1999 album, *A Place in the Sun*. ©1999 Curb Records, Inc.



The Doctrine of Disinterested Benevolence

BY GARY BURNS

Not a doctrine you hear much about. In fact, disinterested benevolence is a phrase that struggled to survive the last century. But it's a wonderful doctrine and a most attractive attribute of Jesus.

At first it may sound negative. Disinterested. Who would want to be disinterested, to have a lack of interest, to be bored? But that's not the disinterest we're talking about.

Maybe the second word in the phrase will help us better understand. Benevolence—the disposition of doing good or being generous. Disinterested—to be unbiased or free from selfish motive. Now let's put them together: Disinterested benevolence is to have the disposition of doing good or being generous without any bias or selfish motive.

Jesus illustrated this doctrine when He told the story of the Good Samaritan. His act of generosity and kindness had no ulterior motive or selfish ambition. There was no consideration given to the fact that the victim was a Jew. Nor did there appear to be any concern for personal safety—at least not to the point of changing his disposition to do good. In addition, the Good Samaritan's act of kindness was done at personal financial loss. He, in effect, wrote a blank check to the innkeeper for the victim's care and expenses.

Let's take this a bit further. There was no thought as to whether or not the victim would repay. Not even an intimation that the Good Samaritan secretly hoped the victim might renounce his faith and heritage and become a Samaritan.

Do you know people who do good with the intent to gain something from the act? How do you feel when you learn that someone gave you a gift or invitation with the purpose of gaining your influence or to tip the balance of indebtedness or obligation in their favor? Used—that's how I feel.

Consider Christ's many generous acts of healing, feeding, befriending, casting out demons, raising the dead, etc. To coin another phrase, they were random acts of kindness.

They were specific and tailored for each individual, but they were random in the sense that they were freely given with no strings attached. Every person Jesus encountered was a candidate for His kingdom, but the acts of kindness He bestowed were freely given without regard to their response.

God is generous because, well, because He is generous. It's His disposition. He sends the rain for the just and the unjust. He is no respecter of persons, has no ulterior motive, and extends grace to us because, well, because He is gracious.

His true disciples follow His example and embrace this special attribute of His character. They are kind to the mean, generous to the stingy, and forgiving to those who seek revenge. They serve their neighbors and community because, well, because they are servants.

So, next time you are inclined to do something good—to be generous or kind—try being disinterested.

How about really putting this doctrine to the test? Next time you make a donation, try being disinterested in whether or not your contribution will add to your own comfort or prestige. Now that would be disinterested benevolence!

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Saved to Serve

BY CHERYL WILSON WITH BRUCE BABIENCO

It was a day Cheryl Wilson would never forget. She and her husband Bob prayed that morning for God's protection before Bob left the house to sell religious books. Before selling, he headed for the local dump in his pickup truck to drop off building scraps. When part of his load scattered over the four-lane highway, Bob pulled over to reload it. As he bent over to place the last item in the truck, he heard the sound of a 3/4-ton Ford truck. Bob turned around just before it crushed both legs, below and above his knees. Both vehicles had the imprint of his body.

Fortunately, the accident happened near a fire station. Emergency personnel immediately rushed to his assistance. When they found no pulse, they discovered a severed artery in his leg. As they applied pressure, Bob was rushed to the hospital.

An orthopedic surgeon wanted to amputate his right leg at the knee because it was black due to a lack of blood circulation. However, a vascular surgeon "pulled" the veins together, "sewed" them, and Bob and Cheryl prayed the blood would start flowing. God's miraculous power answered their prayers.

After five weeks in the hospital Bob was released, but there was a place above his knee where the bones had not healed. Bob and Cheryl believe they providentially read in a magazine about how a battery placed inside the body would stimulate bone growth. Though their physician had never performed this procedure, he gave it a try—and it worked! Bob dreamed of walking again, and a year later it happened. There were other complications, but Bob and Cheryl learned that with God, they could handle anything. Cheryl says, "Trials are designed to make us into pure gold."

Today, 26 years later, Bob is a Bible worker. At 86 years of age, he has helped raise up the Holt Seventh-day Ad-



Bob Wilson and Chris Larsen became friends when they studied the Bible together before Chris's baptism.

ventist Fellowship. God used him to bring 18 people to Jesus, and they were baptized. Bob can't walk a lot because of the accident, but that doesn't stop him! He conducts Bible studies in the afternoons and evenings and prepares mass mailings of "Something Wonderful" cards to find additional Bible study interests.

Bob loves to lead young people to the Lord. Cheryl says he has a burning desire for them because when his oldest son wanted to be baptized and give his heart to the Lord, the pastor

said he wasn't old enough and couldn't be baptized. Bob's son never asked again and chose a different path for his life. One of the young people Bob studied with was Chris Larsen. (Read Chris's journey to Jesus on page five.)

Bob looks back at all the miracles God performed when He saved his life. But he believes, "The greatest miracle, however, is when a sinner sees the plan of salvation and is drawn to Jesus, who died on the cross. Then God saves them eternally."

Bob and Cheryl believe Bob was saved to serve. Cheryl expressed, "We have all been saved to serve!"

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LA LECCIÓN DEL GATO

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Las aves del cielo, las bestias del campo, los árboles del bosque, las hojas, el pasto, y las flores, el sol en los cielos, y las estrellas de luz, todos tienen su ministerio. El lago y el océano, el río y el manantial, todos toman para dar” (*La Educación*, p. 99).

A veces cuando veo ciertas criaturas de la naturaleza me pregunto – ¿Porqué creó Dios ese animal? Es fácil descubrir la respuesta con respecto a algunos de ellos: el caballo para transporte, el perro para protección, la vaca por la leche y aun el cerdo sirve para limpiar la tierra. Sin embargo, no es tan obvio el propósito de otros animales, como por ejemplo, el gato.

El gato doméstico nunca me ha llamado la atención. No lo he considerado como un animal ideal para proteger la casa. Uno no puede sacar un gato a caminar como se acostumbra con un perro. El gato más bien se pasa durmiendo el día entero en la casa. Yo siempre había pensado que si yo adoptara un animal doméstico, con seguridad no sería un gato.



Un nuevo miembro de la familia.

Pero este verano ocurrió algo que despertó en mí mucho más aprecio por esa criatura. Mi esposa y yo fuimos a pasar dos semanas con mis suegros. Estando allí, cuando mi esposa y yo recogíamos algunas cosas detrás de la casa, al dirigirnos a la parte de atrás del garaje, mi esposa de pronto se detuvo y me dijo: “Mira.” Allí, muy escondido, estaba un gato. El gato nos miró por un instante y empezó a maullar. Mi esposa se arrodilló y le silbó para que se acercara. Casi inmediatamente el gato se dirigió hacia ella, parecía que tenía hambre, así que conseguimos algo para darle de comer. Comió con mucho gusto y luego se acostó a nuestro lado para buscar caricias. Era obvio que estaba agradecido por el alimento y como resultado empezó a visitarnos todos los días.

Un día salí de la casa para hacer una diligencia y al regresar mi esposa me informó que habían permitido que el gato entrara en la casa. Había ocurrido lo que yo más temía: ¡el gato se había convertido en parte de la familia!

No hace mucho sucedió algo que me desanimó mucho y empecé a sentir como que el mundo se me venía encima. Oré al Señor y le pedí que intercediera por mí y me acosté para descansar.

De pronto sentí que algo se movía y noté que el gato se me estaba acostando sobre el pecho. Lo acaricié por sólo un momento y se quedó dormido. En ese momento pensé que ¡la vida de un gato es muy linda! Pero luego comprendí la lección que el Señor me quería enseñar: “pon todas tus cargas en el Señor que te cuida”.

Así como el Señor me usó para rescatar una de sus criaturas, también desea rescatarnos a nosotros del desánimo y el dolor. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es descansar en sus brazos de amor.

Apreciados lectores, si se sienten desanimados recuerden que el Señor está listo para rescatarles –descansen en él y recibirán su paz.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente general de la Unión del Lago.



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Tell the World Now!

ASI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOCUSES ON A COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO SERVE GOD

BY JERRY D. THOMAS

The ongoing evangelism initiative of the world church is “Tell the World.” But members of Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) are ready to take the next step. Their dedication to a wide variety of evangelistic ministries both in North America and around the world was clear in the 2006 ASI International Convention theme: “Tell the world. Tell them now!”

“I am inspired every time I attend an ASI convention. There is a level of excitement in the air, and it’s centered around doing whatever it takes to advance God’s kingdom.”

ASI members met August 2–5 in Grapevine, Texas, for a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing, and inspiration, all with a distinctive southwestern flavor. Each ASI member is involved in ministry, but those ministries take forms as different as the individuals who comprise them. Whether it is a doctor looking for literature for her waiting room, a school looking for funding, an artist looking for venues, or a publisher looking for exposure for its sharing material, the ASI convention showcases the breadth of ministry going on within the Adventist church.

As part of the focus on evangelism, ASI’s Youth for Jesus program placed young people in nine different sites in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex to hold evangelistic series with local congregations. These series ended on August 1 with 115 baptisms and many other ongoing Bible studies. The convention featured 20 seminars on a variety of topics as well as meetings for youngsters of all ages. Many of the young people were involved in mission projects as part of their daily meetings. The Primary class knitted caps for babies while the Earliteens spent part of each day serving meals at a local food kitchen.

The high points of the convention were the reports about the previous year’s mission projects, where it was clear that ASI is making a difference. Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, said, “I am inspired every time I attend an ASI convention. There is a level of excitement in the air, and it’s centered around doing whatever it takes to advance God’s kingdom. This year was especially meaningful since ASI had taken on a mission project right here in the Lake Union—the building of our church in Princeton, Illinois.”

On Sabbath, a crowd of more than 2,000 members and guests heard stories of the amazing evangelistic work being

done with ASI funds and volunteers. Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of *It Is Written*, reported that baptisms from the evangelism funded by ASI members exceeded 10,000. This year’s ASI project offering was \$1,815,271.74, which will fund the projects chosen—projects including ministries such as Wildwood Sanitarium and Young Disciple Ministries in the United States, Springs of Life Foundation in Poland, Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti, and Frontline Builders in Mongolia. The overflow offering in excess of \$400,000 beyond the goal will fund two projects equally: a picture roll/DVD project and an Ellen

White Internet book project.

One of the highlights of every ASI convention is the exhibit hall. More than 300 booths were filled with products and programs designed to make personal evangelism more effective or to offer information about missions or ministries that need funding. As always, the exhibit hall was a meeting ground for old friends and colleagues and a beehive buzzing with great ideas for reaching out with the gospel.

A new feature this year was a stage for performances by people not appearing in the general sessions. It was a great spot to enjoy a concert and rest weary feet. As a fitting conclusion to the convention, Mark Finley shared a statement of commitment and called for every person present and every viewer at home to make a complete commitment to serve God.

Next year’s ASI International Convention will be a special anniversary celebrating God’s blessings through 60 years of sharing His love. Make plans now to be there August 1–4, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jerry D. Thomas is the Southwestern Union Conference communication director.



Miracle of the Princeton Project

BY RACHEL TERWILLEGAR

Storm clouds threatened to delay what volunteers hoped to accomplish the first day of the Princeton Project—building a new church in just 21 days for a small congregation 90 miles west of Chicago.

Although it rained all around the church property that day, it did not rain on the project until workers were finished for the day! Even visitors present that day realized how miraculous it was for rain to pour all around the construction site. This was just one more miracle in a series of miracles for this small group in their quest for a new church building.

Other miracles followed. Just a couple of days later the kitchen crew had special prayer, concerned for the safety of men working on the rafters. Their prayers were answered and the wind calmed, keeping the volunteers safe.

Fred Miller, an Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) member from Madison, Wisconsin, and Andy Peterson, a Maranatha volunteer and member from Hinsdale, Illinois, organized and coordinated the project. Their wives, Sandy and Bunny, served three meals a day for all the volunteers at the work site for more than 21 days.

Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, said, "I wanted to participate in the Princeton Project because I needed to see, hear, and experience first-hand the excitement of a new church building under construction. It took me back to some wonderful memories of building our church in Columbus, Ohio. I knew there would be a 'candor' attitude, and I wanted to be a part of it." He added, "It was a joy to be part of a crew where no one had status, position, or title."

Students and Pathfinders from a number of church schools and churches in Illinois came to help build the new church. They also went into the community to distribute thousands of *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* books.

Church members did not wait until their new building was done to begin to witness in their community. On May 2, they started an evangelistic series. Their pastor, Mike Weakley, and a Bible worker provided by ASI, Katrina Lubinski, took turns presenting the nightly messages.

After three very busy weeks, the first service was held in the new church building. A special communion service was conducted for the members and volunteers. On Sabbath, May 20, there were more than 80 people who attended the first church service in the new building.



Storm clouds loomed overhead as volunteers struggled to make the new church weather tight before the rain came.



Princeton Church members convened for their first Sabbath in the new building.

For a number of years, a little white church was passed around to the members each Sabbath to collect funds for a new church. It was passed around one more time at that service. The offering collected that Sabbath totaled a little more than \$600. At the fellowship potluck following the service, guests donated additional money to bring the total amount raised that day to \$1,000.

Princeton members continue to put on the finishing touches of their new church, i.e., paint, trim, steps, and siding.

They are also following up on the Bible studies started during the series of meetings.

On June 17, upon the completion of their baptistry, two people were baptized into this new church (see page four). It was appropriate that the miracle of spiritual birth took place at the end of their project, a miracle that will happen again and again as they "Touch Every One for Jesus" in Princeton.

As all building projects go, expenses seem to take on their own momentum. After the volunteers packed up their tools and equipment and headed home, there was still some work to do. Members were concerned about how they were going to handle the payments on funds borrowed for the project. Hang on for one more miracle! At a meeting in mid-July, Sandy Miller, Lake Union ASI president, ASI officers, along with Viorel Catarama, Illinois member and former Lake Union ASI president, delivered a check to the church members for \$31,000!

Members are thankful for the blessings they received from ASI, Maranatha, the Illinois Conference, and each person who gave their time, talents, and resources to make their dream of a new church in Princeton come true.

Rachel Terwilligar is the Illinois Conference assistant to the president for communication.



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A Celebration of Education

NAD TEACHERS' CONVENTION BRINGS EDUCATORS TOGETHER FOR A JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

BY JERRY D. THOMAS

It struck me as I walked through the exhibit hall of the North American Division (NAD) Teachers' Convention. I've attended a number of schools, taught at others, and visited many more. But it wasn't until I was attempting to navigate through Nashville's gigantic Gaylord Opryland Hotel that I put it together. There I was, unable to traverse a single aisle in the exhibit hall without bumping into an old friend, a colleague, or a former teacher or student. In the midst of that jostling crowd, I realized that education is what binds us together.

For so many in the Adventist church, education is our common root. It's what makes the Adventist world, even with its millions of members, so small. This convention, in addition to being four days of professional development, was a celebration of schools and teachers, of the art and science of passing on knowledge and faith to another generation.

In the crowded hallways outside the general sessions and workshops of this convention with more than 6,500 Adventist educators, you would find teachers clumped together laughing, reminiscing, sharing, or arguing passionately over ideas. Many tended to be as tardy to the workshops as some of their students, crowding in at the last minute even

if they had to sit on the floor. The general sessions were also strained to capacity as teachers lined the walls at the back of a room so large it needed four big projection screens.

From opening night with Adventist historian George Knight and Christian recording artist/comedian Mark Lowry to Henry Wright's devotionals and Ron Clark's (Disney's 2000 Teacher of the Year) motivating message, the general sessions served to inspire our teachers to take up their sacred task once more. In a final commitment service led by NAD president Don Schneider, our teachers dedicated themselves again to reaching our children with knowledge and truth.

"From the Spirit-filled devotions to the inspiring sessions, we experienced an event that raised the bar on our Journey to Excellence," said Kevin Kossick, Battle Creek Academy principal.

A number of educators were honored during the convention. The General Conference Office of Education presented Awards of Excellence to: Dorothea Amey, retired, from the Pacific Union; Conrad Gill, director of education, Southern Union; Gary Randolph, director of education, Lake Union; and Ron Russell, director of education, Mid-America Union.

The NAD Office of Education extended special recognition for service to Erma Lee, NAD associate director of education, and Marie Blevins, NAD Office of Education secretary, as well as to David Vixie, Adventist educator from the Northern California Conference, the recipient of Disney's 2006 Teacher of the Year award.

Many of the 350 workshops offered professional growth in areas of curriculum, student development, or school operations. But many more were focused on enhancing the spiritual development of students in the classroom. Our teachers were preparing not only to educate, but to evangelize as they lead their students to Jesus.

Garry Sudds, Lake Union Conference associate education director, said, "It was spiritually energizing! The magnitude and spiritual focus re-affirmed to our educators that they have been called to a sacred work. Leading our children to Jesus and equipping them with skills to bring others to Him is what it's all about."

Each teacher received two books as gifts from the NAD Office of Education: *Avenues to the Heart*, a collection of stories about life-changing teachers edited by NAD associate director of education Larry Blackmer, and *What We Believe*, my

new book explaining the 28 fundamental beliefs for kids. I was privileged to sign thousands of my books for teachers at the Adventist Book Center exhibit, and I was overwhelmed by their dedication to helping students understand what their church teaches and how much God loves them.

A convention such as this one is not inexpensive or simple. The NAD Office of Education, led by Gerald Kovalski, vice president for education, invested countless hours in planning, organizing, and implementing this massive effort. What makes all that effort worthwhile?

"Catching up on friends and students from years past, becoming inspired by great presenters who shared new innovations and teaching strategies, and coming closer to the Lord through Elder Wright's messages—all in a phenomenal setting—renewed my enthusiasm, spirituality, and drive to do my best for Jesus," commented Bonnie Velez of Battle Creek Academy.

"I enjoyed networking with others, learning from the numerous breakout sessions, and visiting with friends. I especially appreciated the Christ-centered messages presented at the main meetings," remarked Matthew Pacer, a teacher at Cross Street Christian School.

"It's such an awesome opportunity to visit with other teachers from across the U.S. and worship together. The NAD Teachers' Convention is more than an inservice, it's a wonderful spiritual and emotional experience. It was rejuvenating and uplifting," recalled Tracy Arnett, Cross Street Christian School principal.

"My entire outlook on what I do at HAA has changed since the convention. I am working to help my students become 'ark builders.' I will never forget Henry Wright's message. I am determined to help prepare my students to carry on the work," stated Patricia Williams, Hinsdale Adventist Academy principal.

This convention filled me with hope. It's true that tuition costs are rising. Many parents are forced to dig deeper to keep their kids in school. Many schools must get by on a shoestring in order to keep operating. But the commitment to excellence among our teachers is strong. And the commitment to the spiritual growth of their students is even stronger.

The education system of our church—our common root—is healthy. Blessed be this tie that binds us together.

Jerry D. Thomas is the Southwestern Union Conference communication director.



Hospital Employee Comes Full Circle

More than 40 years ago Lee Stapel was a young high school student who mowed the lawns at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital for a summer job. Today he has come full circle, assuming the job his father once had and continuing his commitment to the hospital and its mission. Stapel has worn many hats since he arrived in June 1962. At the time, his father was the director of Plant Operations, back then known as the boiler room. Mom worked in the cafeteria, and it was a given he would join his family at work during summers off from Broadview Academy.

At school, part of Stapel's studies included going to school for half a day and working the other half. He cleaned the insides of boilers and helped wire a new addition to the girls' dormitory for electricity. "I'd say I was mostly self taught," Stapel said. "I like to do things with my hands, and I enjoyed working with the maintenance guys. They were my mentors."

After graduating from Broadview Academy, Stapel enrolled in the electrician certification program at Coyne Electrical Institute, graduating in 1965. Then he came home to Hinsdale. The early years were spent as an electrician. He later became a paid, on-call firefighter for the village, a post he held for 22 years.

In 1982, Stapel offered to take weekend pager coverage for the hospital's fire prevention safety officer, who desperately needed some time off. "That was the beginning for me learning about safety," he said. "We continued to tag team weekend coverage for quite some time." Eventually, Stapel worked the first half of the day as the hospital's Fire Prevention and Safety Officer, then changed his clothes to complete the day doing maintenance work. He became a full-time Fire Prevention and Safety Officer in 1984.



Though he's never worked in a patient care area, Lee Stapel undertands the importance of his job to the organization. He says, "It takes a complete team to provide quality health care."

In 1986, Stapel was asked to add Director of Security to his résumé. Finally, in March 2005, he landed in his father's footsteps as Director of Plant Operations. "Do I have fun? Yes, I do," Stapel said. "I've got some good people that work with me. From day one, we've never had a fire that has caused serious damage or injury. I'm very proud of that."

Though he's never worked in a patient care area, Stapel understands the importance of his job to the organization. "The Christian philosophy of being dedicated to helping others has kept me here, because I love being able to help people," he said. "It takes a complete team to provide quality health care. The clinical staff treats patients, but it's my responsibil-

ity to provide a safe environment for patients, visitors, and staff."

With retirement on the horizon, Stapel and his wife Linda, who works in the Medical Staff Office, look forward to spending time with family, friends, and hobbies. Stapel has a passion for race cars, and he and his son and daughter are avid spectators. He plans to restore a 1966 GTO.

"How you were raised has a big impact on how Christianity flows through the elder years," he said. "Adventist Midwest Health has a good Christian atmosphere and good Christian people who work here. It's been a satisfying experience."

Julie Busch, public relations specialist for Adventist Midwest Health

New Physics Professor Returns to Alma Mater

“When I was in high school, one of my favorite classes was calculus,” said Tiffany Summerscales, the latest addition to the Andrews University Physics department. The lack of an accompanying smirk suggested that she wasn’t joking. The young professor added that she herself had gone to Andrews University for her undergraduate studies and had majored in math and physics.

Academics, it seems, did not present a huge challenge for Summerscales. Some of her best memories of Andrews University are of her teachers. “I was very much impressed with the professors here; they really cared for the students and made me want to be like them.”

Another positive association with Andrews University came in the form of a husband, Rodney, a fellow student. “We were friends from the first week of school ... and then the last year we started dating,” said Summerscales. She added, “We got engaged the day after I graduated from Andrews,” and “got married the summer after my first year at grad school!”

Summerscales went to Penn State for her graduate studies. Her Ph.D. work focused on the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, an area that she helpfully explained as dealing with “ripples in space-time.” In total she spent seven years in graduate school and is excited to now be back at her undergraduate alma mater as a teacher.



Tiffany Summerscales



New Andrews students registered with advisors and received other important information at First Stop, held for the first time in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

“I guess my biggest goal is to be like the professors I had ... to take a real interest in students ... and also maybe teach them some physics. Physics can be kind of challenging!”

Bjorn Karlman, University Relations student news writer

Students Get All Fired Up!

Whether competing in Beach Olympics at Warren Dunes, scoring at CM Radio’s Extreme Bowling Party, or lending a hand with one of several community service projects, the group of new students who participated in the 2006 All Fired Up! Orientation Week were never at a loss for fun things to do.

Running from Aug. 20–27, this annual prep week is the perfect opportunity for new freshmen and transfer students to get a taste of life at Andrews University and southwestern Michigan, while building friendships that often last a lifetime. The week kicked off with First Stop, where students got the lowdown on college-life essentials like activating their ID cards, parking, and financial aid. The week continued with three more days of “business,” such as first year tests, breakfast with advisors, student success seminars, and introductions to the library.

On Wednesday night, All Fired Up’s family groups met for the first time and students were introduced to their veteran-student “parents.” On Friday evening, new students had dinner at the homes of various Andrews University staff members who will serve as “coaches” or mentors for the year ahead.



Faculty and staff members served new students and their families at the annual President’s Luncheon held in the Johnson Gym.

“Orientation programming offers students important ‘just in time’ college success information, as well as giving them an opportunity to form a social support network,” stated Steve Yeagley, assistant to the vice president for student services and orientation organizer. “Many students tell us that friends made in their orientation ‘family group’ remain friends throughout their college experience.”

The week continued with fun events such as Fusion Vespers under the All Fired Up! tent, a pizza feed, and a concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center. By the second Sunday, students definitely felt warmly welcomed into their new “home away from home.”

Beverly Stout, University Relations media relations coordinator

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Seventh-day Adventists Ride Harleys at Wisconsin Academy Rally

Wisconsin—"Do you know that Seventh-day Adventists ride Harleys?" As a newly-baptized member of the Madison East Seventh-day Adventist Church, this question spotted on a flier in our church foyer was news to me. Reading further, I was surprised to learn about a motorcycle rally; however, my husband, a life-long Seventh-day Adventist, was not.



Forty Adventists gathered for the Second Annual Motorcycle Rally.

In May, I got my own motorcycle, and so I was very excited for the opportunity to attend a Christian rally. The weekend of July 21-23, God blessed 40 of us with some of the most beautiful weather and most awesome views of the Sparta/LaCrosse area and the Mississippi River that I have ever seen.

The weekend wasn't just about riding; it was also about basking in the splendor of all that our wonderful God has made for us and fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ who also enjoy motorcycles. The coordinators, Michelle Shufelt, Development director at Wisconsin Academy (WA), and Sally Johnson, a WA alumnae, had everything planned out perfectly.

On Friday night, we sat around a blazing fire for a heartfelt vesper service. Sabbath morning brought us together for breakfast and an outdoor church service. Nature brings a fulfilling element to wor-

ship—a sense of being closer to God and His creation. After an afternoon ride, we were joined by Conference president Donald Corkum and his wife Phyllis. Corkum shared with us the story "Jesus Saw as He Passed By." Just what do we "see" as we pass by?

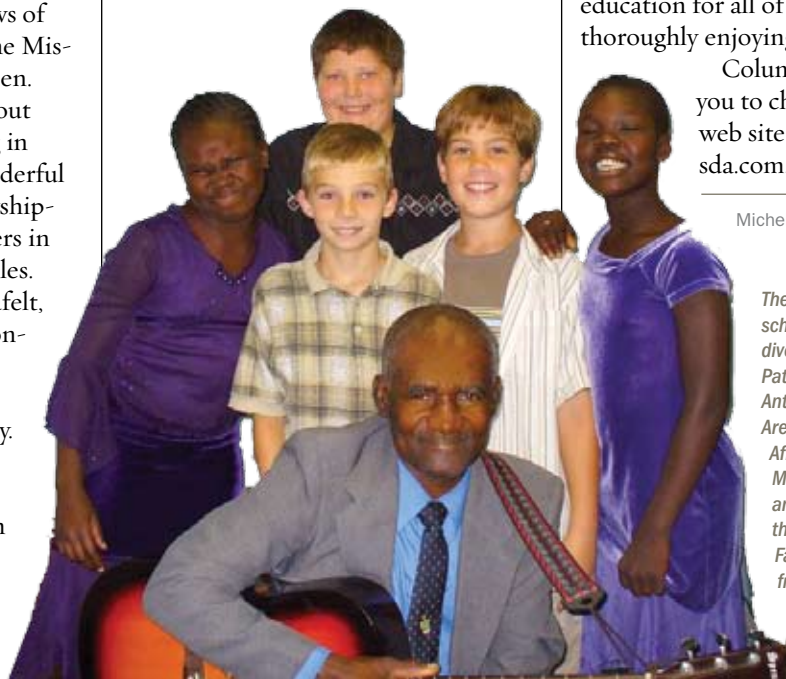
I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to meet and fellowship with my new brothers and sisters in Christ from around the state who enjoy similar activities. I am looking forward to staying in contact with my new friends and continuing to ride, fellowship, and worship in His name.

Join us next year for this relaxing, rejuvenating, and spiritual experience. Next year's ride will be in Sturgeon Bay,

Wis., July 20-22. For more information, please contact Michelle Shufelt at development@wisacad.org or 920-623-3300 ext. 18. To enjoy more pictures, visit <http://www.madisonadventist>

[church.com/motorcycle_rally_2006.htm](http://www.madisonadventistchurch.com/motorcycle_rally_2006.htm). We hope to see you next year!

Nancy McKinney, Madison East member



Michele Freed, Columbus Church correspondent

The Junior Sabbath school class is also diverse. Pictured are Patrick Benjamin from Antigua (with guitar); Areeg Tong from Sudan, Africa; Gunner Benfield, Matthew Alexander, and Michael Freed from the United States; and Fardos Millewa, also from Sudan, Africa.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Diverse Nationalities Enhance Worship Experience

Indiana—Visit the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Church and you'll feel like you've been placed in an international convention. Columbus is fortunate to have had multiple nationalities and ethnicities locate there. For a church with an attendance from 50-80 people on a given Sabbath, it's amazing with the variety of backgrounds represented.

Several members are from the Antigua and Trinidad islands. Two families are from Sudan, Africa, and other individuals are from Germany and Hungary. Joining them just recently are Clarabelle Ojeda from the Dominican Republic, and her husband, Manny, from Cuba. Manny is the new pastor at Columbus.

"We enjoy the musical variety we get from afar. It feels like we're in the mission field," stated Michele Freed, a member in Columbus. "Sabbath afternoon discussions about the differences in countries and how they celebrate the Sabbath are real eye openers ... an education for all of us here." We are thoroughly enjoying it.

Columbus members invite you to check out their new web site at www.columbus.sda.com.



The Hotel Yorba was one of the finest residential hotels in Detroit in 1926. It has since lost its luster.

A Dream Changes Lives

Michigan—When it opened to the public on Aug. 8, 1926, the Hotel Yorba (Yorba) was described in the *Detroit Free Press* as “One of the finest residential hotels on the west side of Detroit.... The Yorba comprises all the conveniences of the modern, high-priced hotel.” The colorful article continues, “Containing nearly 300 sleeping rooms, the hotel is luxuriously appointed throughout.... Its location away from the dirt and noise of the heart of the city makes it doubly desirable. Yet with bus service on Lafayette Boulevard and West Grand Boulevard, and but a block away from three [street] car lines, the hotel is brought actually within 12 minutes of the center of the city.”

The four-story stone and face brick structure cost “in excess of \$500,000.” That would be approximately \$27 million in 2006 dollars. The passing 80 years have not been kind and the hotel has lost its luster. She is far past her prime. Gone are the street cars; instead, the hotel is adjacent to the I-75 Interstate which kicks up dirt and emanates considerable noise on its own. The area, well let’s just say you shouldn’t wander around alone. Needless to say, you will not find the Yorba in any travel guide book for the Detroit area.

The Yorba clientele have fallen on hard times, as well. Thrown together for various reasons, they are either un- or under-employed, suffering from infirmity, drug problems or just plain bad luck. The Yorba, their home for the time being, is little more than a flop house. But the big heart of a little woman named Adlon Turner (Mother Turner) ached for the residents of the Yorba and the surrounding area. She



Approximately 14,000 meals are served annually to Hotel Yorba clientele.



Hotel residents enjoy meals in the dining room.

believed the words of Jesus, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matt. 25:40 NIV).

In approximately 1990, Mother Turner arranged with the Yorba management to take over the “large, private dining room on the first floor” and turned it into an outreach. Using these facilities, Mother Turner bought, cooked, and fed these children of God four times during the work week. She distributed clothing and food baskets and poured her life into helping many of the needy living in this area of Detroit.

Mother Turner also solicited and received help from the members of several of the Michigan Conference District 12 Adventist churches. The church members provide and prepare

the food and serve meals on Sundays as well as present a short worship time and Bible study.

Mother Turner was in her 80s and knew she needed help to continue her ministry. She prayed and trusted that God would provide the needed aid. About four years ago while assisting the Metropolitan Church on their Sunday rotation, Roy Coleman found out that Mother Turner did all the outreach work by herself. Roy offered to help during the week and became her “answer to prayer.” She mentored Roy in the outreach.



Roy Coleman was mentored by Mother Turner. He now coordinates Yorba Outreach Ministry.

God’s timing is always perfect. Mother Turner passed away alone in her home in August 2004. Today the Yorba Outreach Ministry continues with Roy Coleman as director with Michigan Conference backing the ministry. Fourteen thousand meals are provided and 7,000 pieces of clothing are distributed annually on a shoestring budget, surviving only on donations.

Mother Turner’s legacy lives on following Jesus’ words, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ... I needed clothes and you clothed me” (Matt. 25:35-36 NIV). Visit Yorbaoutreach.org for more information or to make an online tax deductible contribution.

Please keep the Yorba Outreach Ministry in your prayers. It was Mother Turner’s and now Roy Coleman’s desire that residents of southwest Detroit would some day be citizens of Heaven and live in mansions that outshine any hotel on Earth, even the Yorba in her heyday.

Joy Hyde, Metropolitan Church correspondent

Michigan Couple's Weight Loss Results in New Ministry

Michigan—Reg and Wanda Swensen rode their bicycles approximately 150 miles to Indiana Camp Meeting. Armed with oatmeal patties, date bars, boxes of apple and grape juice, and water bottles, they set off Friday afternoon from their home in Berrien Springs, Mich., and rode the first 50 miles to Napanee, Ind., the first day. They stayed with a friend over the weekend, then set out again at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday on State Road 19 toward Indiana Academy.

At an average rate of 10.8 mph and stopping every hour or so to rest and refill their water bottles, they arrived in Cicero at 7:30 p.m. The Swensens spoke at Camp Meeting on Wednesday evening. They shared how a new interest in their health and particularly in the CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program changed their lives.

The Swensens' story actually begins in January 2005, when they both agreed it was time to lose some weight. They began by joining the Weight Watchers diet program, which focuses on making positive changes to lose weight and keep it off. In May of that year, Wanda signed up for the CHIP leadership training program at Andrews University. She had been interested in learning more about the CHIP program for some time, and thought maybe God was calling her to start a CHIP program in her church family.

While taking the class at the university, Wanda picked up a copy of *The China Study*, by T. Colin Campbell and Thomas M. Campbell II, an in-depth look at the effects of animal proteins on health. In July, Reg, Wanda, and their two children, Alex and William, took a trip to southern Ill. While Wanda drove, Reg picked up *The China Study*, and began to read. Wanda told him if he was going to read, he should



After losing 180 pounds between them, Wanda and Reg Swensen rode their bikes 150 miles to share their testimony with Indiana Camp Meeting attendees.

read out loud so they could all hear. After a while the kids had put down the computer games they were playing. They started listening and were soon asking questions. The book told of a study linking dairy products to cancer in lab rats. Reg's mother had passed away from cancer and his father was battling cancer as well. By the end of the trip, the family had decided they needed to cut dairy out of their diet altogether.

When they got home, they decided to eat whatever dairy products were left in the house, but they would not buy any more. One morning, Wanda asked their younger son, William, if he wanted regular milk or soy milk on his cereal. He thought about it a minute, then answered, "Mom, I want to live a long time; I'll have soy milk."

Since following the CHIP program, Reg has lost 120 lbs. and Wanda has lost 60. They have also increased their exercise. Reg rides his bike 20–30 miles a day.

In January 2006, Wanda and the Health Team at the Village Church started a CHIP program. One hundred thirty individuals from the Berrien Springs community signed up; 123 graduated in April.

Suzi Woods, a volunteer who helped prepare food for some of the meetings, says the CHIP diet has changed her life. She said, "I've had to buy all new clothes. I went from wearing a size 20 to an 8 or a 10—and the size 10s are loose!" But even more important than her weight loss is the effect it has had on her health. "My asthma, in particular, has improved so much. I used to use an inhaler every day, and in the last three and a half months, I have only used it once!"

The Health Team is planning another CHIP program beginning Oct. 8. For information call Wanda Swensen, CHIP program director, at 269-471-CHIP.

Candy Clark, Berrien Springs Village Church correspondent

Neighbor to Neighbor: The Name Says it All

Michigan—The name says it all—Neighbor To Neighbor (N2N). It is a Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Center in Berrien Springs, Mich., which “provides assistance to families and individuals” in a warm, Christian, family atmosphere. N2N, which started as a simple church-aid endeavor in the 1920s, has grown to include the Thrift Store and Family Emergency Services program, which is supported by more than 60 volunteers.



The Thrift Store provides additional income by being open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday.

From Monday through Thursday, dedicated volunteers process more than 1.5 tons of donations received weekly. N2N partners with seven area Seventh-day Adventist churches and is located near Andrews University. Food, clothing, bedding, furniture, and household items are given to students, individuals, and families in crisis. These items are also available for sale at attractive prices in the Thrift Store.

Some of those assisted live in the immediate surroundings; however, beneficiaries and clients alike come

from as far as Van Buren, Cass, and other counties. Originally, N2N was simply a relief agency where clients were interviewed, their need was assessed, and then they were given things the workers deemed necessary. The partnership between N2N and the Social Work Department at Andrews University facilitates more needs assessments. Also, with the new Thrift Store (which is also open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday), clients are given vouchers for necessities and have the opportunity to choose their own supplies. Other items are available for purchase from the customer's own funds.

One of our major challenges is not enough space. Within the last year N2N has grown considerably, increasing the need



Volunteers store stuffed animals used in the N2N booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair.



Clients can do their own shopping at the pantry.



Every day volunteers sort donated items in an overcrowded processing area, wishing there was more space.

for space. This lack of space limits the volunteers' ability to function efficiently. Creative ideas have helped maintain the morale of volunteers; however, the need for more space is becoming progressively urgent.

On-going recruitment is another challenge which needs to be addressed. These situations limit the extent to

which the volunteers can ultimately fulfill the mission of the organization.

Within recent times, N2N has been involved in many outreach endeavors. Some of their programs include distribution of layettes, Christmas baskets, and books and clothing through Prison Ministries.

N2N supports overseas missions and at scheduled times hosts and/or sponsors free massages for seniors and babies, health and wellness seminars, first time home buyers seminars, and domestic violence focus groups.

There has been recent discussion about a five-year plan that could include either a new building or a significant expansion to the present structure. This

would facilitate the many new community development programs that the management team dreams of making available to the public. This team includes Laura Racovita, Family Services coordinator; Laura

Meyer, Thrift Store manager; and Lucy Caesar, acting director. The board is chaired by Reger Smith. This team is dedicated to service and anticipates the time when more programs for education and development can be offered to the community.

Pioneer Memorial Church release

Churches Work Together to Reach Community with Spirit of Unity

Lake Region—Formed in 2003 the Spirit of Unity (SOU) churches consist of Capitol City, Eastside, Emmanuel, Haughville, and Tabernacle of Hope. These five churches are located in the Greater Indianapolis area and are constituents of the Lake Region Conference. The leadership team is comprised of Leon Bryant, Capitol City pastor; Charles Willis, Eastside pastor; Leroy Logan, Haughville pastor; Tunde Ojewole, Emmanuel and Tabernacle of Hope pastor; and Evelyn Robinson, an area Bible worker.

The SOU concept was the Holy Spirit inspired idea of the late Judy Crawford when she was pastor of Tabernacle of Hope. Crawford's vision was



Mark McCleary, the guest evangelist, congratulated community members who completed the Amazing Facts Bible study. Nicolette Jones presented certificates of completion. (Leon Bryant, pastor, is also pictured.)

that we would unite as one to prepare the way for the Second Coming of Jesus by spreading the good news of salvation and providing inter-church fellowship opportunities.

SOU churches have convened for joint worship services at least once per year since its inception in 2003 in what is known as "Unity Day." Unity Days are made possible due to collaborative efforts of Sabbath school teachers, platform participants, music ministries, ushers, deacons, and Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs under the direction of the SOU leadership team.

SOU provided an excellent opportunity for fellowship through its first

annual "Spirit of Unity Gala" on May 6. More than 150 members attended this formal "black-tie" affair which included a silent auction that raised more than \$2,000 for the Capitol City School and Seeds of Hope philanthropic projects.

This year marks three years that SOU churches have sponsored a booth at the Indiana Black Expo, in Indianapolis, Ind. Indiana Black Expo is the largest event attended by African-Americans. It focuses on health, education, and cultural celebrations. Approximately 348,000 individuals attended the Black Expo in 2006. Countless individuals encountered SOU members who ministered at the booth. They conducted hourly Bible give-aways, distributed truth-filled literature and books, enrolled individuals in Bible studies, and promoted the Capitol City School.

The SOU churches recently concluded a city-wide evangelistic series entitled "Jesus Paid It All—No More Chains," in the central Indianapolis area (34th St. and Meridian St.). Meetings were

held each evening, excluding Monday and Thursday. It was a powerful ministry event that transformed lives in its three-week duration from July 22 through Aug. 12. The featured evangelistic speaker was Mark McCleary, pastor of the First Church of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, a SOU-sponsored Vacation Bible School (VBS) program occurred concurrently with the evangelistic series. An average of 60 children attended each night. Throughout the combined events, 50 people volunteered their time. Thirty-eight precious individuals responded to the call of Jesus and were baptized!



Leroy Logan, Haughville pastor, and Leon Bryant, Capitol City pastor, baptized precious individuals for the kingdom of God.

The evangelistic series and VBS program were mammoth undertakings! Both began with the Personal Ministries departments from the churches conducting needs assessments in the area. Based on the survey results, seminars were given on health, finance, and relationships. Community service projects, such as a food and clothing distribution to those in need and a blood drive, were activities that occurred during the weeks of the evangelistic series. These projects ministered to the physical needs of the people.

SOU churches joined hands with each other and then joined hands with the Holy Spirit, who breathed life on the corner of 34th St. and Meridian St. in Indianapolis. The "Jesus Paid It All—No More Chains" evangelistic series concluded with a fellowship cookout at Sahn's Park.

In Fall and Winter 2006, SOU churches will host Revelation seminars; "The Presence" by Shawn Boonstra, a satellite broadcast from It is Written; a joint Sabbath evening vespers and baptism; a joint Spirit of Unity Sabbath with Randy Stafford; and a joint communion service.

Evangelism empowered by the Holy Spirit will continue throughout the Indianapolis area as the SOU churches co-labor with God to finish the work. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20 NKJV)

Bryan Chapman, communication correspondent for Spirit of Unity

Adventist Presence Seen at Memorial Day Town Festival

Michigan—On Memorial Day, the Edwardsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church participated again in the town's annual festival. Interests presented at their booth included something for every age group. There was free face painting and "Jesus Loves Me" helium balloons for the kids as well as the *Bedtime Stories* books. *Listen* and *Winner* magazines were given to the youth, and various books and literature were presented to the adults.

Two TV monitors ran continuously, one with Doug Batchelor's *Final Events* DVD and one with *Kids Time* programs for the children who waited in line. The medical van was on site from the conference; blood



Rosita Santos prepared to take the blood pressure of a visitor.

pressures were taken and health screening offered.

The "float" for the annual parade this year was simple—a fishing boat

in which four people rode. The pickup truck pulling the boat carried a magnetic sign on either side which read "Fishing for Truth?" A large American flag waved from the back of the boat in keeping with the holiday spirit. On either side of the boat were banners which read "Remember, Lest We Forget the Sacrifice and the Promise" to commemorate those who gave their lives for our freedom, those who died for their faith, and especially Jesus who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Though the 90-degree-plus temperatures were close to being unbearable, the volunteers' hearts were filled with joy and awe to play a small part in spreading the third angel's gospel message to the people of Edwardsburg.

Kathryn A. Scribner, Edwardsburg Church correspondent

VBS Program Presented Again After Long Absence

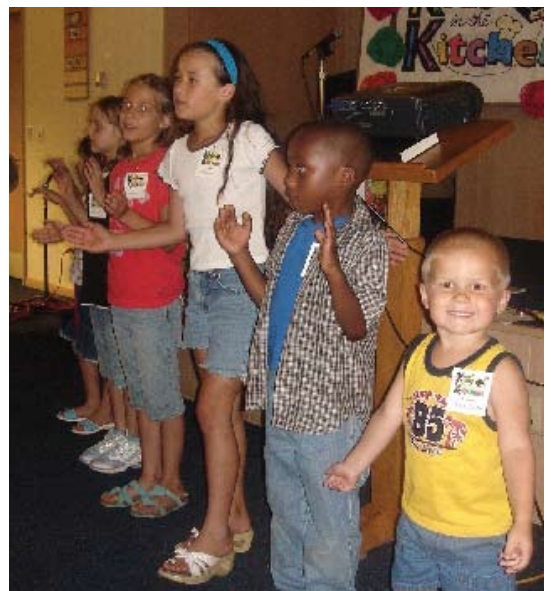
Wisconsin—After a seven year absence at Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Church, Vacation Bible School (VBS) was back in session during the week of July 24. We had 42 of God's precious "angels" sign up for this year's theme of "Jesus' Kids in the Kitchen."

During the course of the week, the children learned basic cooking tips, which foods are healthy, and foods we should stay away from. They also enjoyed puppet shows, sensory games, and crafts. There was even a daily anatomy lesson which taught the children various body systems and their functions. Most importantly, they learned

about Jesus and how He wants us to take care of ourselves.

One of the parents who brought her children to VBS said, "This year's VBS has inspired me to return to church. We had a wonderful time and we're already looking forward to next year."

The following Sabbath the entire congregation was treated to a short video of the week's activi-



ties. You could see that a lot of hard work went into the preparation of this year's VBS; however, the smiles on the faces of the children (and leaders) left no doubt that this was a resounding success. Our heartfelt thanks go to the dedicated leaders for making this a truly memorable event.

Joni Arthurs, Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Church communication secretary



Every night at the Kitchen Crafts station, children made healthy and kid-friendly foods. They even made their own cookbook. Here, children are assembling a baked potato with selected vegetables.

Dedication Service Held for Rhinelander Church

Wisconsin—The Rhinelander Seventh-day Adventist Church members held a dedication service on July 1. The building was started in September 2004 by a wonderful group of Maranatha volunteers and church members, families, and friends of the church. The dedication service was blessed with more than 150 members and friends who gathered into the sanctuary on that warm Sabbath afternoon.

Seventeen members of the original Maranatha group attended, along with pastors from the past and present. We were blessed with speakers from all over. Curtis Church from Calif. gave a moving vesper service on Friday, June 30. Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, and Roger Driver, Wisconsin Conference treasurer, each spoke for the dedication service and participated with the two baptisms.



More than 150 individuals were present for the Rhinelander Church dedication service.

A fellowship dinner followed the dedication, then special music from members, Maranatha friends, family members, pastor's wives, and sister

church members. We had a slide presentation of the tearing down and rebuilding of the church and were also blessed in the afternoon with an uplifting message from Monte Church.

The day was complete with a light supper and wonderful fellowship. God has truly blessed His church. May we all give as we have been given.

Donna Peters, Rhinelander Church correspondent



Dedication services were held July 1 for the new Rhinelander Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Seventeen members from the original Maranatha construction team returned for the Rhinelander Church dedication service.

Elkhart Children Raise Funds for Bibles

Indiana—Children from the Elkhart Church Primary department, under the leadership of their teachers, Chrystal Van Fossen and Dolores Whitfield, were busy the first quarter of 2006 doing their part to raise money to purchase Bibles for the people of India.

When they were looking for a mission project, they learned about *PROJECT INDIA*, sponsored by It Is Written. Every Sabbath morning as the children entered their classroom, they placed their money in a designated container.

At times, it was money they had saved. Other times, it was money they had earned. Whenever they felt the need for an added \$3, which was the cost of each Bible, they went

throughout the church searching for a member who would help with their project.

To highlight a world map already in their classroom, and to make the project more interesting for the boys and girls, the teachers placed a smaller map of India where it could be easily seen. Each week the India map reminded the children just where their money would go. For each \$3 raised, the children stuck a miniature Bible on the small map. At the end of the quarter, they were happy to know they had raised enough money to purchase 120 Bibles for the people of India!

Clareen Colclessor, Elkhart Church communication secretary



Children of the Elkhart Church Primary department show how many Bibles can be purchased for India with the money they collected.

The Health Tent Volunteers Welcome Fair Visitors

Michigan—As fair visitors walked along and looked at outdoor exhibits behind the Grandstand at the Berrien County Youth Fair the week of Aug. 14–19, bubbles floated in the air, caught their eye, and caused many to follow them to the source—The Health Tent (Tent) entrance. The smiling face and warm words of welcome from a volunteer greeted them as they were invited to come into the tent.

Beginning in 1945, the Tent is a cooperative community service project supported by 20 churches in District 9. This year some 140 volunteers, ranging in age from 12 to 80-years-plus, gave of their time to assist the 7,000 Tent visitors as well as help set up and take down the Tent exhibit. Students, as well as professors from the Nutrition and Nursing departments of Andrews University, were also among the volunteers.

This year's theme was "5-A-Day—Promote Fruit and Vegetable Consumption." To emphasize this theme for the children, 5-A-Day bingo, ring toss, crafts, and puppet shows were included. Adults and teens completed a "Discover Your Health Age" lifestyle assessment based on seven health habits. The assessment also included height/weight/BMI (Body Mass Index) and blood pressure checks. Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Ind., conducted a Stroke Risk Assessment, while the Village Church Health Evangelism Team provided a successful CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) display. Visitors were invited to visit the Prayer Garden where a prayer specialist on duty helped them tack their concerns to a cross and pray. Friday evening and Sabbath morning live Christian guitar music was provided.

What were visitors' reactions to the Tent? One 13-year-old girl decided to become a Christian in the Prayer Garden and asked for Bible studies.

A 35-year-old diabetic cried for joy with what she had learned in a half hour, then visited the Prayer Garden to praise the Lord for her new knowledge for better health. The parents of a newborn came to get information at the SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) prevention display to protect their infant. Every year someone returns to the Tent to share how the information they received earlier helped them stop smoking or lose weight. They've also mentioned that volunteer counselors saved their marriage, and some said they have begun attending church.

Along with daily drawings and door prizes, 900-plus *Vibrant Life* tracts were given out and at least 2,500 pieces of literature, including 200 *Final Events* DVDs. Children were given *Little Friend*. Gift bags were provided for the 276 non-Adventist guests who com-

tract was handed out. Throughout the fair week 1,900 cups of drinking water were given out.

"The Lord has blessed us mightily, not only with lots of volunteer help and thousands of visitors, but also with the blue ribbon for Outstanding Commercial Exhibit—Outdoor Division!" says Anne Oyerly, Tent coordinator. Automatically entered, the exhibit had to show use of the color and theme selected by the Berrien County Youth Fair Board. Since the theme was "Dreams and Smiles—2006," the slogan "Healthy Dreams and Happy Smiles" was used at the Tent and smiley faces were placed all over the tent. A blue ribbon is a definite reason to smile, but so is knowing that 7,000 visitors were touched in some way or another at the Tent this year.

Now begins the follow-up phase where many visitors were invited to



District 9 volunteers assisted 7,000 fair visitors who stopped by The Health Tent.

pleted the lifestyle assessment. The bags included the paperback *Take Charge of Your Health*, a 5-A-Day bookmark, coupons for Apple Valley Market and the Adventist Christian Book Center, and *What's a Seventh-day Adventist* brochures. On Sabbath, *A Day to Remember*

attend cooking schools, stop-smoking programs, the CHIP program, the Doug Batchelor series, and Bible studies. Your prayers are vital to this follow-up ministry.

Judi Doty, *Lake Union Herald* back pages editor

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Birthdays

Margaret (Benedict) Gill celebrated her 100th birthday from Fri. to Sun., Aug. 11-13, with an open house, ending with a birthday party on the 13th, at Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland, Fla. She has been a member of the Jackson, Berrien Springs, Bedford, and Hastings, Mich., Churches.

Margaret was married to the late Willard Gill. Margaret has been a teacher in Mich. and Fla. and a missionary to Africa. She presently teaches a Sabbath school class at the Clairmont (Fla.) Church and also writes to prisoners, past co-workers, teachers, and students, as well as to her sister, Avis Cruttenden, a member of the Hastings (Mich.) Church.

Helen (Katcher) Haase celebrated her 100th birthday on Aug. 18 by a birthday brunch and family reunion on Aug. 20 at Pioneer Memorial Church Commons in Berrien Springs, Mich. She has been a member of Pioneer Memorial Church for 18 years.

Helen was married to the late Walter E. Haase and served in ministry with her husband in the New Jersey, Penn., Ohio, and Fla. conferences.

Helen has one child: Marilyn and David Bauer of Berrien Springs.

Melba (Coomar) Herzog celebrated her 100th birthday on May 28 by an open house at the Lakeview (Mich.) Community Center. She has been a member of the Lakeview Church for 58 years.

Melba was married to the late Glenn Herzog.

Melba has been a teacher and principal, retiring in 1970. She attends church weekly to acknowledge its importance and

has been very active serving as treasurer and church clerk for many years. She regularly helps sort clothing that has been donated to be shipped abroad to people in need.

Melba has three children: Marilyn and Stan Delo of Blanchard, Mich.; Helen Kay and Dave Roberts of Oscoda, Mich.; Glenna and Sam Dagher of Clark's Summit, Pa.; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Weddings

Jill A. Stratton and Chris R. Granberry were married Mar. 19, 2006, in Hinsdale, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Anle Jeronic.

Jill is the daughter of Herb and Marie Stratton of Portland, Ore., and Chris is the son of Robin and Carol Granberry of Aurora, Ill.

The Granberrys are making their home in Naperville, Ill.

Anniversaries

Lawrence and Lanor "Tiny" Lung celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2006, by a reception with family, friends, and church members at the home of Ken and Joyce Marsh, Wolcottville, Ind. They have been

members of the Wolcottville Church for nine years.

Lawrence Lung and Lanor Boucher were married June 29, 1941, in Auburn, Ind., by E.E. Watts, minister. Lawrence has been a tool and die maker. Tiny has been employed as a housekeeper. Lawrence and Tiny are very active in serving their community by working in the Wolcottville Church Community Services Food Bank, which Tiny established nine years ago, and as volunteers at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Ind. Lawrence is also a member of the Lions Club.

The Lung family includes Sandra Lash of Rome City, Ind.; one grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

Wilfried and Lois Moellmann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2006, by a trip to Cancun, Mexico, on the Mexican Riviera, with their children. They had



been members of the Metropolitan (Mich.) Church for 40 years. They currently have been members of the Sarasota (Fla.) Church for ten years.

Wilfried Moellmann and Lois Townsend were married June 23, 1956, in Detroit, Mich., by Pastor H.G. Rutherford. Wilfried has been a manager of the photo media and graphic arts departments of Ford Motor Co., retiring in 1995. Lois has been a homemaker and nurse, retiring in 1995.

The Moellmann family includes Sheri and Gary Smith of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; and Devin Moellmann of Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Obituaries

CHURCHILL, Madeline M. (Ferguson) Duryee, age 94; born Dec. 15, 1911, in La Porte, Mich.; died July 22, 2006, in Durand, Mich. She was a member of the Owosso Church.

Survivors include her son, Gerald Duryee; daughter, Sally Jenkins; two grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Eureka Cemetery, Ovid, Mich., with private family services to be held at a later date.

GREELEY, Agnes B. (Ealey), age 75; born Sept. 21, 1930, in Marion, Mich.; died July 16, 2006, in Evert, Mich. She was a member of the Marion (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard A.; sons, Rodney J. and Charles D. Mills; stepsons, Richard A. and David A. Greeley; daughter, Pamela S. Volz; stepdaughters, Deberah K. Oung and Amy L. Greeley; and brothers, Donald J. and Everett P. Ealey.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Rodney J. Mills and Bill Cowin, with private inurnment.

LIM, Jonathan M., age 72; born Feb. 23, 1934, in Singapore; died July 14, 2006, in Fraser, Mich. He was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Judy (Witzel); sons, James and Jason; daughters, Julie Lim and Janine Snow; brothers, Alfred and David; sisters, Regina Low, Kathryn Cheah-Lim, and Margaret Chia; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Larsen, and inurnment was in Union Cemetery, Berrien Center, Mich.

SHINN, Violet G. (Hagan), age 86; born July 20, 1919, in Wilberton, Okla.; died July 18, 2006, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Claude C., David, and Kevin; daughters, Arlene Madar, Debbie McCarty, and Laurie Lacey; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Earl J. Zager, and interment was in Beebe Cemetery, Rose Twp., Mich.

SYMONDS, Angeline "Annie" (Lee), age 82; born Sept. 29, 1923, in Story City, Iowa; died June 30, 2006, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her sons, James, Ronald, Dan, and Bob; daughters, Deborah Brown and Mary Percy; brother, Orland Lee; sister, Isabelle Drews; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bill Dudgeon, and interment was in North Shore Memory Gardens Cemetery, Coloma, Mich.

THOMAS, Helen E. (Steadman), age 82; born Sept. 7, 1923, in Baraboo, Wis.; died June 21, 2006, in Kentwood, Mich. She was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer; stepsons, Darrell, Timothy, and Larry Thomas; daughters, Jo Ellen Mortenson, Kathy Nelson, and Bobbi Bishop; stepdaughter, Cheryl Smith; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip R. Colburn, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge, Mich.

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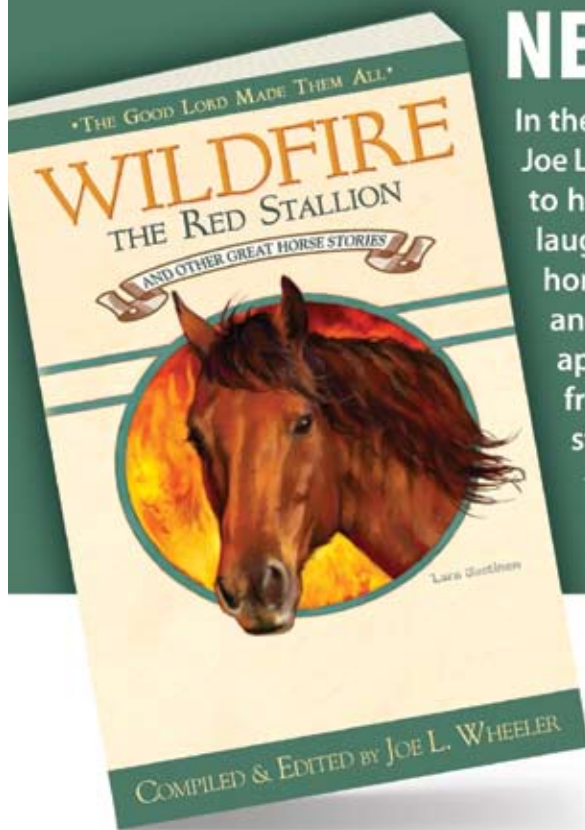
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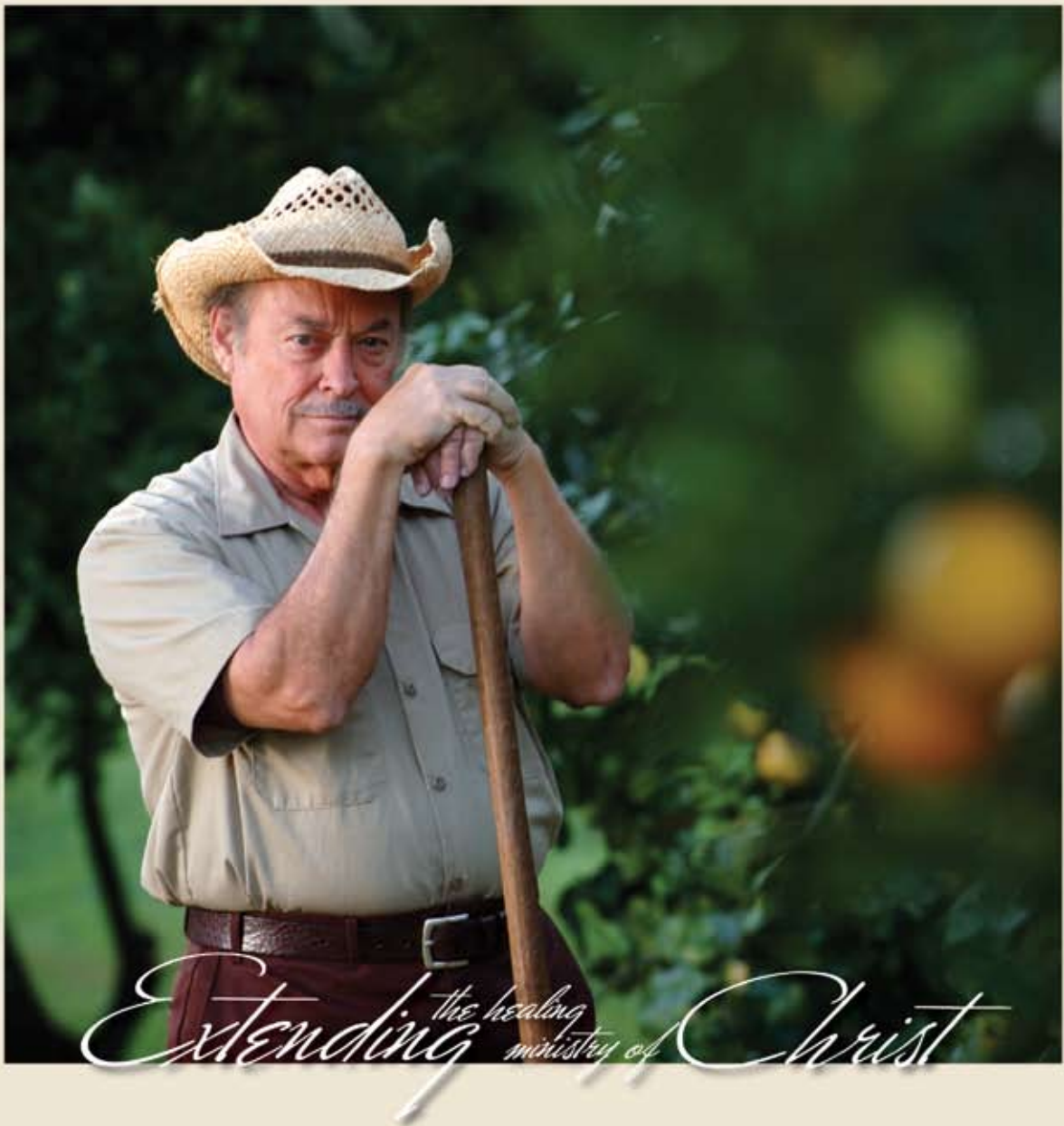
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Indiana

The Indiana Academy (IA) Alumni Association welcomes all graduates/attendees to the IA campus for Alumni Homecoming, **Oct. 13-14**. Honor classes are 1956, '81, and '96. In addition, the classes of 1966, '76, and '86 will be honored. Special recognition will be given to the golden-age classes of 1929 through 1956. For more information, contact Bonnie Meyer, alumni president, at 574-586-3466, or e-mail n9qen@prodigy.net; or Bill Hicks, IA development director at 317-984-3575, ext. 228, or e-mail bhicks@isda.org. As part of the weekend activities, the 16th annual Alumni Golf Classic and Auction will be held Fri., Oct. 13. For information regarding the golf/auction event, contact Lawrence Johnson at 765-649-7256, or e-mail ljohnson@mustinbuilders.com.

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Correction

In the first line of the first paragraph on page 14 of the August *Lake Union Herald*, Edith Bagby's birthplace was incorrectly stated. The sentence should have read "Born on a farm in 1905, in Maidstone, Ontario, Edith..."



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BY GARY BURNS



Researchers of human behavior have discovered that it's all about the heart. When faced with a choice between external evidence and an internal desire, feeling, or belief, the heart usually wins out.

Jesus implied that you can discover where someone's heart is by noticing what they treasure. In other words, what we value in practical ways and actions is a good indicator of the condition of our heart.

So what makes the heart? "She has a real heart for people," or "He has a real heart for his community" are phrases we use to describe the heart of the person behind the behavior. "So how does one get a

heart like that?" you might ask. Most are unaware of the process. They will probably reply, "I don't know. It's just the way I am."

Their secret is found in God's promise: "A new heart will I give you." Those who are willing can get a heart transplant. They trade in a self-serving heart for a heart like God's. "I will give you my spirit, and a heart with a single purpose. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of tenderness" (Ezekiel 11:19).

Wow! What a close partnership! What and whom we treasure will be what and whom God treasures.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR in Large or Small Ways

BY KIMI-ROUX JAMES

Love thy neighbor takes on a whole new meaning for me once it is put into action. Let me explain. Just a few days ago, coming in from work, I caught a light at the peak of rush hour. As I waited for the light to change, I saw a shabby, elderly man standing on the sidewalk and holding up a sign that read “Vietnam War veteran: hungry, need money.” My eyes instantly followed his appearance. His jacket and pants were torn, his beard was grey and freckled with dirt, and his toes hung out of his half-covered shoes. As I glanced at him, my heart felt for the man.

I understood that every beggar I saw could be looking for an easy way to get money to purchase alcoholic beverages, but what crossed my mind at that moment was that this individual is less fortunate than I, and I was going to do something about it. As soon as the light turned green, I rushed to the nearest fast food restaurant, bought a sandwich with large fries and a bottle of water, and headed back to where the man was. He was still there with no luck getting anyone’s attention.

I pulled up beside him, rolled my car window down, and called out to him. “This isn’t much, but it may help,” I said, as I extended the bag to him. The beggar gave me a strange look, but reluctantly reached out to take the bag filled with probably his only meal for the day. He was about to return to his post when he flashed me a smile and said, “God bless you.”

As I watched the man grow smaller in my rearview mir-

ror, I realized that whether it be the beggar on the street, the neighbor whose son is a drug addict, a co-worker who seems to express tension because of work overload, or a church member who may be having spousal problems, they are neighbors we can extend a helping hand to. This could be an encouraging word, a smile, or even an outreach effort that was unexpected, but appreciated.

Love thy neighbor is not just a catch-phrase Jesus mentioned to a generation long ago; it is really the connection those words imply that truly matters. Let us remember that nothing is too big or too small to express a helping hand. What matters most, however, is the time taken to extend the helping hand.

Kimi-Roux James is 23 years old. She graduated in May 2005 from Ball State University and is an administrative assistant. Kimi-Roux attends the Capital City Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will receive a \$100 scholarship because her article was selected for publication.



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Josh Robert James (18) is in his second semester at Wisconsin Academy. Josh joined the class of 2007 the second semester of his junior year and was welcomed with open arms by his class and the school. He and his parents, Mark and Patricia James, attend the Frederic Church.



Josh James

Even though Josh hasn't been at the academy long, he has a leadership role. This year he is Student Association spiritual vice president. "I look forward to working with Josh. He seems like such a dynamic student and really has a passion to share Jesus with his fellow students," says D.J. McKenzie, chaplain. Josh says he ran for spiritual vice president because he wanted to help the students better understand and know about Jesus, and he also wanted to grow in his spiritual walk with Christ.

Josh's passion is outreach. "I look forward to helping plan community service activities. It is so important that we not only touch lives of the people on this campus, but reach out to the neighborhoods around us," said Josh.

After graduation next May, Josh plans to go to college and possibly go into dentistry. Right now he says, "Wherever God leads is where I am supposed to be."



Marlyn Santiago

Marlyn Aracely Santiago (16), daughter of Hector and Emma Santiago, is a four-year senior at Wisconsin Academy (WA). She attends the Waukesha Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Marlyn has been a member of the Bell Choir and Chorales and is a Praise Team member. "It is a blessing to have Marlyn as a member of Praise Team; she always comes with a great attitude, ready to lead this group and show others

Christ," says Beau Baartz, Praise Team leader.

Marlyn has been a class officer each year. She served on the Student Association and was junior class vice president. This year she is senior class president and a resident assistant.

Every year, Marlyn has made it to the top of the honor roll for her class. She was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year and has played a big part within the organization helping with its tutoring program.

A member of the Lady Knight Varsity basketball team, Marlyn loves to participate in all sports. She says she is just an average, everyday girl who enjoys talking on the phone and being with friends.

Everyone who knows her says she isn't just average—she is exceptional. "I just love being involved in many different activities, and WA has given me the opportunity to experience so much," says Marlyn.

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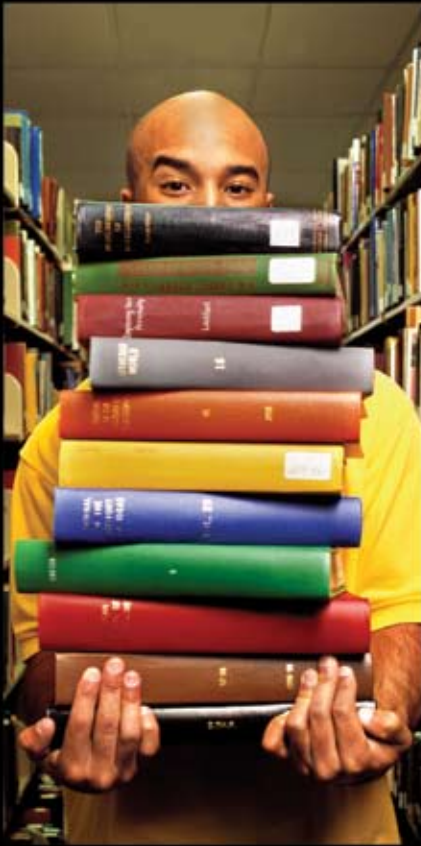
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