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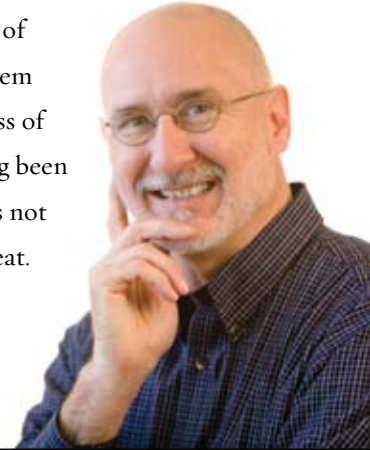
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**A**fter a rather intense and unusual winter, it is good to see the indications of spring all around us. Along with the promise of spring comes the long-awaited day of graduation for many of our Andrews University students.

Our cover of the chrysalis reminds us of the process of education—of taking good students and developing them into great servants. But it also reminds us of the process of developing an institution. Andrews University has long been known as a flagship, world-class institution, but it does not remain static. It continues to develop from good to great.

*Gary Burns*  
Gary Burns, Editor



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## The Privilege of Learning

I am grateful for my family heritage and the emphasis placed on education. Not just formal education, but this innate desire that expressed itself in a lifelong quest to learn. My mother was a student of scripture. She could never learn enough about the mysteries of God. Her quest for knowledge resulted in her becoming a Bible worker, and she was an integral part of the evangelistic team for several renowned evangelists.

Each of us children was taught that the Sabbath school lessons were an important part of our education. Each day provided an opportunity to become more familiar with the principles of scripture as revealed in the stories of the Bible. When we grew older, the lessons took on a different dimension. They reviewed the familiar stories but dug deeper into the plot revealing the mysteries of the nature and character of God and man.

My father was disappointed that he was not able to achieve his own personal educational goals. Providing food and shelter for his family of seven children left no opportunity for him. But he made certain that opportunities were made available to his children. I suspect that the special encouragement he gave me was his way of living out his own dream to go to school. I know he was terribly disappointed when I dropped out of college after one year. But he and Momma just continued to encourage me, and they never stopped praying.

You can imagine his joy when, after a number of years, he saw God nudging me into the ministry. After being a lay pastor for some time, I ultimately accepted a call to full-time ministry. Daddy died before he saw me finish college, but his prayers were answered nonetheless. I completed college—a master's degree and even a doctorate—all because of the encouragement he gave me to learn.

The ability and opportunity to learn is such a privilege—a privilege that our Creator gave to each of us. I cringe at the myth that Satan has portrayed of what Heaven is like—with the saved sitting around on clouds with nothing to do but hold a harp. The truth is we will be on an eternal quest of knowledge and adventure. We will have the privilege to learn the exhaustless mysteries of creation and the character and nature of God. I am excited to know that we will continue to grow, develop, and yes, even improve our capabilities throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Why not begin now?

Did you know that each year there are workshops and seminars open to you on our own Andrews University campus—from worship and music, to hydrotherapy and health, from SEEDS conferences to scholarship symposiums? And the Center for Adventist Research and branch office of the E.G. White Estate are thrilling places to trace the leading of God's people. The Horn Archaeological Museum and Institute of Archaeology are world renowned. The archaeologists' love of the Bible and great scientific processes make dusty artifacts give a clearer context on the life and times of Jesus. And I have always found Andrews faculty willing participants in our Lake Union camp meetings, church services, and special events throughout our Union.

Learning is a great privilege, and whether formal or informal, at church, home, or Andrews University, you can grow from good to great. What new dimension of life does God have in store for you?

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Indiana** Dale Monnett and his wife Janet are recent additions to the Spencer Seventh-day Adventist Church. They first visited our church on September 3, 2005, and joined by profession of faith on May 27, 2006, with former pastor, David Fish, officiating.

A few years ago, Janet's sister (a Christian of another faith) brought her some *Signs of the Times* magazines. Then Janet found the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and began to study along with the programs offered, telling her husband she had found something in these people she hadn't seen before. It wasn't about money or high lifestyles. Women were modestly dressed, the music was uplifting to the Lord, and testimonies were abundant



David Fish (right), former Spencer Church pastor, welcomes Janet and Dale Monnett (center) to the Spencer Church. Cathryn Kuszmaul (left) studied the Bible with Janet.

about the goodness of the Lord. Some of the teachings were quite different than those of other churches Dale and Janet had attended, yet they were in keeping with how she had always believed.

When Janet prayed, she asked the Lord to show her the truth about the end times. She also began to question why they were going to church on the first day of the week and



Sandra Culp

Dale (left) and Janet (middle) Monnett recently joined the Spencer Church. Janet said, "I am so happy and so blessed to say 'Yes, finally, I am a Seventh-day Adventist!'" Also pictured is their son, Jonas (right).

not on the true Sabbath. Her pastor at the time gave her some answers, but they were not acceptable to her. After reading Danny Shelton's book, *The Forgotten Commandment*, Janet became convinced the seventh day (Saturday) was the true Sabbath. She began to observe Sabbath from that point on.

Janet sent off for It Is Written's *Discover Bible* study guides and then the *Way of Life Bible* study guides from The Quiet Hour, and found she was "bubbling inside with new truths and no one to share them with." As Janet explained each discovery to her husband, he downplayed each one. However, Janet eventually informed Dale that "before I die I want to become an Adventist," although she knew she was already one in heart.

Dale began to watch 3ABN along with Janet. He says, "It started by my wife telling me these things that were completely different from how I believed. She would tell me something, and I would tell her that is completely wrong. The first thing was the Saturday Sabbath. What a place to start! All the time, in disagreeing with her, it got me thinking. When we would talk about these things, I would talk to my friend, Jeff, at work. We would study them, and then we would see these things were true. But I would still disagree with my wife. These beliefs were so foreign to me and to my own beliefs."

Janet asked if they might visit the Spencer Church, telling him about the nice lady (Cathryn Kuszmaul) who was sending her the *Discover* studies, often with an encouraging note tucked inside. He told her they probably would never visit. Then one day, in total seriousness, he announced that Saturday is the Sabbath. "It was as though he didn't know I'd ever mentioned it," Janet says. Yet, she continued waiting to go to an Adventist church.

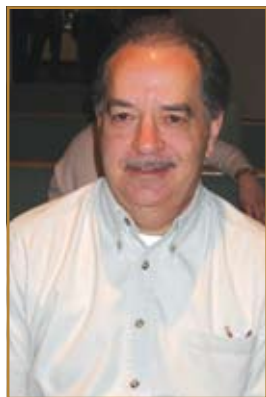
Finally, one Friday evening, he casually asked her if she would like to go to church in the morning. Janet reminded him what day it was, and he simply replied, “I know.” Janet was thrilled. That was September 2005. Dale says, “I observed my first Sabbath on September 3, 2005, and my walk with Jesus has never been the same. I had to question my own beliefs, but I couldn’t find Biblical evidence to back me up. The more I studied, the more I became convinced of the [Adventist] beliefs.”

Janet concludes by saying, “On May 27, 2006, we joined the church—one that we love very dearly. I am so happy and so blessed to say ‘Yes, finally, I am a Seventh-day Adventist!’ Although I believe God was preparing me from a child.”

As it turned out, the Bible stories that her mother used to read to Janet and her sister were from the *Uncle Arthur’s Bedtime Stories* series. “Pastor Fish said that would explain why I had different beliefs all my life than many of my other Christian friends. I just never knew why. God did! He put them there! ‘And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32 KJV).’”

Sandra Culp, Spencer Church communication leader

**Michigan** Roy Escoe is the second youngest of a family of five children who were all baptized in the Harvey (Illinois) Church. His parents sacrificed to send all their children to Broadview Academy. Roy’s two years at Broadview were some of the best years of his life. The teachers loved him, helped him, tutored him, and genuinely cared for him. After academy, Roy was active in the church and even taught children’s Sabbath school, but for various reasons he drifted away.



Roy Escoe was re-baptized on September 9, 2006. His memories of his years at Broadview Academy, where he first learned about the love of Jesus, led to Roy’s decision to be re-baptized.

Eventually, Roy’s employment took him to Flint, Michigan. The owner of the store was a religious man, and Roy found himself sharing some books by Ellen White with him. Also, while working at the store, a lady occasionally dropped off pamphlets. The topics of the literature had to do with Stop Smoking clinics and other events occurring in the local Adventist churches. Through this woman’s influ-



When looking for a church family, Roy Escoe’s mother-in-law suggested he visit the Metro church where her former neighbors, Mary Duke and Debbie Modetz, attended. During a time of personal tragedy, Debbie had greatly comforted her. From left: Mary Duke, Roy Escoe, and Debbie Modetz

ence, Roy began to attend church again—this time at the Holly Church.

The owner of the store closed up shop, and Roy was without a job. He and his wife moved to Livonia, Michigan, to be near her family. Roy began to look for a church home. His mother-in-law told him about the Metropolitan Church (Metro). Though she was not an Adventist, his mother-in-law knew about the Metro church because her former neighbors, Mary Duke and Debbie Modetz, attended there. Debbie had greatly comforted her at the time of a tragedy and was held in high regard by the whole family.

The first time Roy attended the Metro church he was greeted with a great big smile and a warm handshake by Bud Bakewell. Bud encouraged Roy, and they became friends. Roy wanted his membership transferred to Metro. Because of years of absence, Roy’s membership had been dropped. Roy had a decision to make. He knew he should be re-baptized, but that was not an easy decision. He prayed and studied about re-baptism for a couple of years.

It was thoughts of his time at Broadview Academy that brought Roy around to making that decision. It was at Broadview where he really learned about Jesus. It was there where his love for his Lord grew strong and where he was happiest. He knew he was happy there because he was doing God’s will. Roy wanted that first-love feeling again.

On September 9, 2006, Roy was re-baptized, and he has been so happy to be in the loving arms of his Saviour, once again.

Joy Hyde, Detroit Metropolitan Church communication secretary



# Students for Knowledge, Students for Action

BY ANDREW GERARD

**D**uring the winter of my first year at Andrews University, I had a conversation that changed the course of my college career. A friend and I sat in a small café in South Bend, Indiana, and discussed our beliefs. We both felt strongly about many social issues and believed that God had called us to do what we could for our communities. Although it seemed unrealistic, we wanted to change the systems that create inequality and inequity around the globe. We were also afraid. We were afraid of losing our idealism through our college experiences. I had been told that once I “became more mature” I would no longer be interested in making a difference.

My friend and I agreed to do everything we could to hold onto our ideals, and we decided that the best way to do this would be to actively pursue them. We knew this was not going to be an easy task, and we learned this as we tried to start a student action group the following semester. It flopped. We were determined to continue our efforts; however, my friend spent the next year away from Andrews serving as a student missionary. But, at the beginning of the first semester of this school year, things began to come together.

Campus Ministries *Action* began as a series of conversations with Pat Murphy, an Andrews University chaplain, and a few others. *Action* has since grown to become an organization with a membership of 127. It exists to do two things. First, *Action* aims to create serious discussion and provide information on important social issues, from refugee crises in Uganda to homelessness in Chicago. Second, we work to give students meaningful opportunities to make a difference throughout their communities and the world.

On the educational front, *Action* held a screening of “Born into Brothels,” a documentary about children born to prostitutes in India, presented an assembly on the geno-



*Andrew Gerard is the director of Action, which gives students meaningful opportunities to make a difference throughout their communities and the world.*

cide in Darfur, Sudan, and aided in the presentation of a Martin Luther King Jr. Day forum to discuss the documentary “Lost Boys of Sudan.”

*Action* has helped work toward change through the formation of good relationships with Habitat for Humanity and Amnesty International, overseeing the Andrews University chapters of both organizations. *Action* has also made a letter available for students to sign asking the U.S. government to make creating peace in Darfur, Sudan, a high priority. Two hundred-fifteen students signed this letter, and it will soon be sent to Fred Upton, a congressman representing Michigan’s sixth congressional district, and George W. Bush, U.S. president.

*Action* is more than just a vent for student idealism. It is a realization that Adventist young people want to make a difference in the world the way Jesus did, by aiding people directly and by changing the systems which imprison and impoverish them. It is a movement that I hope will take off among Adventist youth, a movement away from isolationism and toward creating a better world.

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# BEYOND *our* BORDERS

## Building a Better World

BY BEVERLY STOUT



**T**he Andrews University Division of Architecture has always put into action the “Change the World” aspect of the university’s motto. Since 1995, Architecture has worked with CERENID (Center for the Rehabilitation of Children at Risk of Drugs), a center for at-risk children in Bolivia, with a group of faculty and students traveling each summer to erect new and fix up current buildings at the orphanage. But the need for assistance and the drive to make a difference has led to the creation of the further-reaching Architecture Missions Group (AMG), a cooperative effort between current Andrews University faculty and students with alumni field professionals. AMG was started about one year ago.

The concept is built around the idea of making the Division a clearinghouse for mission projects, with a faculty director, and alumni and other professionals who serve as individual project directors. AMG will function in a similar fashion to Maranatha Volunteers International, but will take on the more individualized or complex projects that Maranatha does not usually accept.

Currently, plans are underway to assist with projects in Liberia, two churches and a school in Mexico, and a project assisting Adventist World Aviation in the Philippines, as well as ongoing work with CERENID in Bolivia.

Martin Smith, assistant professor of architecture; Carey Carscallen, director of the Division of Architecture; Bill Davidson, retired architecture professor; and alum Daniel Bacchiocchi currently make up AMG’s board of directors.

“We get requests for help all the time,” notes Carey. “They’re coming in faster than we can manage.”

Decisions about which projects to accept are made by the board. “We accept the ones that we personally feel that one of us can take on as a leadership role, and then our aim is, as AMG grows, to take on other alumni or faculty or pro-

fessionals knowledgeable in construction who will have the ability to work with other projects,” he added.

AMG is not only internationally focused, but has also taken on a few projects here in the United States.

“The main idea of the group is to get Architecture students involved working with actual architects and builders, which allows them to get some experience that they will be looking for in their future profession. This also gives them a great opportunity to serve in another country,” explained Ariel Solis, fourth-year architecture student.

Ariel recently returned from a trip to Liberia, where he was part of an evaluation team assessing the current conditions in the country and developing a master plan for assistance. While there, he had the opportunity to visit five of the potential projects AMG may work on for the next several years.

“One of the main reasons why I think this project is so important is because it allows future students to get involved with helping out a community in need in Liberia,” Ariel continued. “This will give the students a new perspective on the needs of others. Hopefully, what they gain from this experience they will take with them to their future careers in architecture.”



Architecture alum Erik Petersen (left) looked over project plans.




Architecture students and faculty worked together on a building project.

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# FAMILY TIES

## A Tribute to Single Parents

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY



They came to the Andrews University Single Parent Program beginning in the late 1980s with their dreams, hopes, and determination—and their children. The brainstorm of Sten LaBianca and Desiree Ham-Ying, and with major funding in hand from a government grant, the program opened doors of opportunity to an untapped population of potential students. It was a new day at Andrews University.

This program, developed to support single mothers in their pursuit of an undergraduate degree, was initially aimed towards single parents of Berrien County, especially Benton Harbor and the surrounding area. It was soon referred to as “GENESIS” by the students because it signified a new beginning for them in many ways.

Andrews University became known as the Adventist university which had a program for single parents and their families, and students came from across the country to “begin again.” Tanisha and Vanessa, graduating with bachelors in social work and nursing, are the last two GENESIS students. Before them, some 250 students completed bachelor degrees and close to 50 women stayed at Andrews University to complete a master’s degree.

Three graduates completed a doctoral degree here on campus, including one who became a faculty member in the School of Education. The Andrews University community became a new home to many; some found positions here so their children could be raised in a safe environment with educational opportunities close by.

A few years ago, I opened our front door one Friday evening to welcome a “freshman family” as part of Freshman Week. A tall, handsome young man gave me a big hug and said, “My mom said to say ‘Hi.’” I looked up and recognized someone very familiar. Quickly, he said, “Don’t you remember me? I’m Lynval!” Oh yes, I remembered him—and his mother and sister. When Lynval was four years old, he was in the Child Development Laboratory preschool (now known as Crayon Box) at Andrews University. I was director at that time and was privileged to see many GENESIS children every day.

Lynval is currently enrolled in Andrews University’s physical therapy program. Last year I had the pleasure of having him in my marriage and family class. He’s going to be a second generation Andrews University graduate, and there are others.

A few weeks ago, I answered my cell phone. A voice said, “I got it! I got it!” It was LaTonya, a 2006 graduate and mother of two boys. She is now working on her master’s degree in the School of Education. Just a few minutes before her call to me, she learned she was selected as the new mathematics teacher at a Benton Harbor elementary school. I don’t know who was more excited, her or me!

Maureen, another 2006 graduate, has moved with her two children to teach in an Adventist elementary school in Wisconsin. Some have gone to other universities to complete degrees, and each is making a contribution to family and community.

Of the most recent graduates, one mother of four sons is completing law school, two have returned to their home communities to begin nursing careers, several are completing graduate degrees at Andrews, and the list could go on. I have such profound respect for these women. They have courage, stamina, and guts. Each came with a deep, abiding faith, knowing they were to attend Andrews University.

The GENESIS theme song, “Father, Lead Me Day by Day,” was meaningful to many of the women. Even today, the song’s message draws these women together, many in life-long friendships.

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*A whole spectrum of factors determine bone health.*

## Restoration and Remodeling

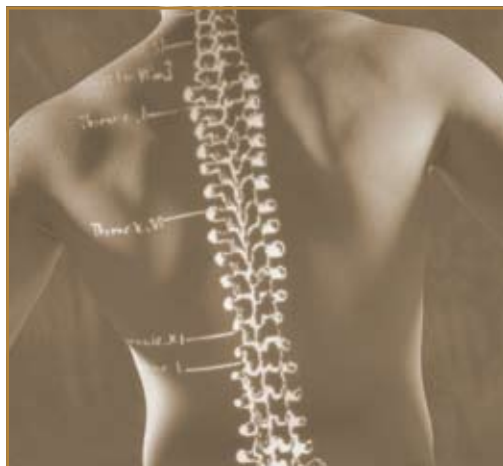
BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

*Fruit and vegetables lower the risk of bone fractures.*



**T**en million Americans past the age of 50 have osteoporosis, and many more have bones that are less dense than normal. In addition, four out of every ten white women past 50 years of age will break a hip, spine, or wrist sometime during their lifetime. While women are the majority of cases, men are certainly not immune to the ravages of osteoporosis.

Bones are constantly remodeling themselves. This process is very sensitive to a balance of key nutrients. Many think that insufficient calcium is the major cause of bone loss in the elderly. However, research has shown there is a whole spectrum of nutrients and other factors (such as age, genetics, and body size) that determine bone health.



The greatest time of bone loss for a woman is during menopause when a significant decline in estrogen occurs. Bone loss is about three percent a year for the first five to seven years after menopause. Thereafter, bone loss is only one percent a year.

Regular weight-bearing exercise is an excellent way to improve bone health. For example, middle-aged and elderly women who walk at least four hours a week have a 40 percent lower risk of hip fracture than those who walk less than one hour a week.

Adults are advised to consume at least 1,000 mg of calcium per day. Insufficient calcium over time can diminish bone density levels. But adequate vitamin D is also essential for utilization of calcium. The elderly have significantly greater bone density and fewer fractures when they consume adequate levels of calcium and vitamin D. Vitamin D also lowers the risk of falling by about 20 percent, since it

also strengthens muscle, as well as bone. Foods fortified with vitamin D may include milk, soy milk, and some orange juices.

Lower intakes of vitamin K are associated with a higher risk of bone loss and hip fractures. Vitamin K is required for the function of osteocalcin, a major protein in bone matrix involved in bone remodeling. Good sources of vitamin K are green, leafy vegetables,

such as spinach and broccoli.

People who consume more than average fruit and vegetables have denser bones and less fractures. The high levels of potassium and magnesium found in these foods help to neutralize acid in the body, and thus reduce the amount of calcium excreted. Post-menopausal women who regularly consume tofu and other isoflavone-rich soy products tend to have a higher bone density and less fractures than those not consuming soy.

Dietary factors that have a negative effect on bone health include alcohol, soft drinks, caffeinated beverages, excessive vitamin A from fortified foods or supplements, and a high sodium intake. While protein promotes calcium excretion, you can compensate for this and avoid bone loss by consuming additional calcium.

Winston J. Craig, Ph.D., R.D., is a professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



# EXTREME GRACE

## Where HOPE Happens

BY DICK DUERKSEN

I stood just inside the clinic and watched them come—an endless line of stern-faced Dalits filing toward Hope—each with pains that were magnified by their proximity to the registration table.

“I am 93. I cannot see much anymore. I cannot hear much anymore ... even when my woman shouts. And I am constipated. Please help me!”

“Don’t put that thing around my arm! It might hurt me!”

“My stomach—right here—is in pain all of the time. It used to be that way right after I ate, but now it never stops, and I have lost all desire for eating. I am afraid, but the people said you will know what to do with me, so I am here.”

Each complaint was accompanied by wavings, pointings, and grimaces, all echoed by the throng of watchers and waiters. Our clinic provided a splash of color and laughter amidst the banana trees of India, a traveling circus of Hope.

Each morning mini-vans transported clinic teams to three different villages. Doctors and nurses rode beside university students, translators, pastors, and pharmacists each imagining the medical challenges that might walk into their lives that day.

And the challenges came! Many were terrified by our fancy instruments, and all were amazed that we could learn so much by placing the cold steel of a stethoscope against their warm skin.

Our volunteer missionaries, including Maranatha Volunteers International, Amazing Facts ministries, and the medical experts of AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network), listened to their voices and their hearts, and were often able to provide solutions to their complaints.



We stretched brightly colored fabric between coconut trees, added a few tables and chairs, and opened for business in a different village each morning. Registration required the skills of a questioner, translator, and recorder whose conversations, done loudly and in public, would provide great scripts for a reality TV show!

The whole village crowded close, nodding in agreement with descriptions of a stomach that made “too much gas” or of a head that hurt, “like it has been stepped on by a water buffalo.”

The miracle happened at the clinic “EXIT.” A consistent event that transcended age, gender, ailment, and village position, it happened with every person, every time! Each patient humbled us with the same request.

“Please bless me and give me hope.”

We quickly realized that the very best “healing” we could provide was for one of our team members to place hands on the patient’s head and pray for them.

Aged women helped guide the caregiver’s hands to their head. Middle-aged men bowed through the prayer, and then asked the volunteer to “pray some more.” Patients cried during the prayers. Volunteers cried. And everyone hugged. Again and again and again, as if hugs cemented eternal bonds.

The people we met were pleased to be served by our nurses and doctors. They clutched their medicines like diamonds. And I’m sure that our technology and “funny ways” provided stories over meals for many months.

But HOPE happened when we prayed.

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# In Pursuit of Excellence

BY GARY BURNS

One can't help but notice that people who embrace the gospel tend to have a positive change in their social, economic, and vocational opportunities. It is the result of a principle of Christ's kingdom—redemption and restoration to original perfection. But even in the Garden of Eden, God gave to Adam and Eve the responsibility of dressing and keeping it. God had finished His work of creation; He pronounced it good, yet there was work to do.

This is a strange paradox and a difficult concept for finite minds to grasp. We are often confused on the subject of perfection. How could something be perfect, yet be improved?

Maybe this insight from Ellen White will shed some light on the principle in question. "The laws and operations of nature, and the great principles of truth that govern the spiritual universe, were opened to their minds by the infinite Author of all. In 'the light of the knowledge of the glory of God' (2 Corinthians 4:6), their mental and spiritual powers developed, and they realized the highest pleasures of their holy existence.

"As it came from the Creator's hand, not only the Garden of Eden but the whole earth was exceedingly beautiful. No taint of sin, or shadow of death, marred the fair creation. God's glory 'covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.' 'The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy' (Habakkuk 3:3; Job 38:7). Thus was the earth a fit emblem of Him who is 'abundant in goodness and truth' (Exodus 34:6); a fit study for those who were made in His image. The Garden of Eden was a representation of what God desired the whole earth to become, and it was His purpose that, as the human family increased in numbers, they should establish other homes and schools

like the one He had given. Thus in course of time the whole earth might be occupied with homes and schools where the words and the works of God should be studied, and where the students should thus be fitted more and more fully to reflect, throughout endless ages, the light of the knowledge of His glory" (*Education*, p. 22.2)

Isn't that amazing? That Adam and Eve, the epitome of God's perfect creation, were to learn and improve in order to be better representatives of God.

In light of this principle from creation, we ought to take advantage of every opportunity to improve our knowledge, our abilities, and even our efforts to grow from good to great, or as we say in North Dakota, to be "more better."

One of the things I missed when I left the world of television production and advertising to become a pastor was the healthy synergy that occurred when media professionals reviewed and critiqued our productions. Our goal was to do everything possible to improve, and their input was extremely valuable.

Especially in the church, we should strive to be proficient and professional at every level—not to do our best to be the best, but to do our best to better represent Christ. We welcome your input to help us improve.

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Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.



# SHARING *our* HOPE

## Signing Words of Hope

A DREAM LEADS TO A FULFILLING MINISTRY

BY DIANE THURBER AND HARVEY L. PORTER

In 2002, Harvey L. Porter dreamed he saw himself directing a large choir. The dream seemed confusing, since Harvey says he cannot sing—even a little bit. “I just couldn’t see the spiritual realm of how God was preparing me for this special ministry,” he said.

Harvey viewed a sign language video at work. Because he had worked with autistic children in the Genesee Intermediate School District for more than 18 years, Harvey had a soft place in his heart for communicating with children and adults who have special needs. After watching the video, he hungered for more knowledge about sign language. He studied signing books, such as: *Joy of Signing*, *Religious Signing*, and *American Sign Language*.

Harvey began to practice signing to music. Before long, he gave his first presentation during Sabbath school at the Fairhaven Church where he worshiped regularly. Because of the positive responses he received, Harvey thought to himself, *Okay, I can do this*. He was encouraged to continue to grow in this ministry.

About a month later, Harvey was invited to minister at the newly-formed Eternal Life Ministries Church. Again,

others seemed to appreciate his gift of signing. He wondered, *Maybe God is using me to touch others in this ministry*. “Is this my gift, Lord?” he asked.

In Summer 2005, *God’s Hands of Praise* sign language choir with director Kim Nolen from the City Temple Church in Detroit, Michigan, presented a concert at Harvey’s church. “They were awesome and such an inspiration!” said Harvey.

After the concert, Harvey was approached by Cheryl Schuppler. She asked him to form a sign language choir at Eternal Life Ministries Church. “I am self-taught, and I’m definitely not an instructor in sign language,” Har-



vey argued with Cheryl. She won that argument, and Harvey reluctantly consented to lead, though he didn’t feel he had enough experience. *Eternal Hands of Praise* was formed with Harvey, director; Cheryl, president; and Paula Robinson, choreographer.

Since its inception, *Eternal Hands of Praise* has presented at numerous churches, funerals, community events, and other venues. Today, Harvey presents his ministry as a solo performance as well as with the group.

Recently, the *Flint Journal* featured Harvey, and he was a guest on Comcast Channel 17 in February. Harvey has used his God-given gift at family reunions, a cancer support group, a birthday party, a baby shower, nursing homes, and for a senior citizens’ dinner. Recently, a DVD was released following Harvey’s December 2006 concert.

Harvey hopes his ministry will continue to grow and bless others. His goal is to share words of hope this year on several gospel television programs on networks such as BET and TV One. “I want to go as far as God leads me,” said Harvey. He has earned a bachelor’s degree in communication, and hopes it will be an asset in his ministry. Harvey said, “I like to communicate and connect with people on a spiritual level.”

To request Harvey for your special occasion, please call 810-789-8071 or 810-618-6186.

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# UNA FLOR DIFERENTE

POR CARMELO MERCADO

*“Porque para Dios somos olor fragante de Cristo en los que se salvan y en los que se pierden” (2 Corintios 2:15).*

**E**scribo este artículo en momentos cuando mi familia acaba de sufrir otra tragedia - el fallecimiento de mi suegro, Matt Prieto. Mi primer encuentro con él fue en 1980 después de haber recibido su nombre del programa de televisión “It Is Written”, al cual él había escrito para pedir más información acerca de la Biblia. Al llegar a su hogar noté que Matt, su esposa Amparo y su hija Rosanne estaban deseosos de saber más acerca de Dios.

Pasé todo un año estudiando la Biblia con la familia Prieto. Lo que más me impresionó fue la dedicación que tenía Matt de compartir con los demás las buenas nuevas del Señor Jesucristo.

Su interés en Dios se había despertado cuando fue invitado a asistir a un culto de los católicos carismáticos, y fue entonces cuando le entregó su vida a Jesús. Con el tiempo convenció a su familia para que lo acompañase. Cuando conocí a Matt y a su familia, ellos estaban bastante activos con su grupo, pero deseaban saber más. Al conocer más a Matt y estudiar la Biblia con él me di cuenta que él sabía mucho de la Biblia, pero quería saber aún más para poder hablar con los demás acerca de Dios.

Han pasado muchos años desde mi primer encuentro con Matt. Después de su jubilación uno podía ver que su salud estaba decayendo. Durante los últimos ocho meses su salud se desmejoró notablemente, a tal punto que tuvimos que ponerlo en un asilo de ancianos para que pudiera recibir el cuidado médico que necesitaba. Sin embargo, a pesar de su muy delicada salud, su fe y su pasión por Dios no se debilitaron. Al contrario, las enfermeras me contaban cuánto le gustaba a él hablar de Dios, citar la Biblia y aún orar con algunas de ellas. Y a pesar de su dificultad para



*Mi sobrina Bianca con la poesía que dedicó a su abuelo.*

hablar, cuando yo le hablaba de Dios, en varias ocasiones él me citó algunos de sus textos favoritos de la Biblia, en especial Juan 3:16.

La salud de Matt siguió empeorando y fue necesario internarlo en el Memorial Hospital en South Bend, Indiana. Estando él allí, su otra hija Deanne con sus dos hijos llegaron a visitarlo. Bianca, la nieta más pequeña de Matt le había escrito una poesía en

su escuela y se la leyó a su abuelito. Aquí les cito sólo una porción de la poesía (traducida del inglés al español): “La flor de la vida es mi abuelo. La flor es bondadosa, agradecida, alta y está llena de amor ... y la flor está dentro de un ramo de flores, pero esta flor es diferente de las otras.”

Al meditar en lo que dice la poesía y en la vida de mi suegro, me doy cuenta que la vida es muy pasajera —estamos sólo un momento en este mundo. ¿Cómo podremos aprovechar al máximo el corto tiempo que tenemos? Mi suegro lo aprovechó y vivió bien—como una flor, exhalando una fragancia distinta que llevó a otros a conocer del gran amor de Dios.

Amado lector, mi pregunta es—¿cómo estás viviendo tu vida? Mi deseo y oración es que tu vida dé una fragancia que guíe a todos los que te rodean a los pies de Jesús.

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# Just Claim It 2007

BY DIANE THURBER

In 1930, Ira Gershwin made the lyrics “Who could ask for anything more?” popular in the song, “I Got Rhythm.” Some delegates asked the same question at the youth prayer conference *Just Claim It 2007* (JCI) in Dallas, Texas, February 28–March 4. Upon their arrival at registration, delegates were given the opportunity to select from a myriad of community outreach projects and enrichment seminars. For some, it was overwhelming; for others, it was a challenge. But all seemed excited to get started.

After breakfast each morning, delegates walked or rode the DART rail to the Dallas Convention Center for a morning devotional meeting. At these morning meetings, delegates heard inspiring and challenging messages from youth presenters and guest speakers such as Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan. When he spoke, Dwight challenged delegates to fulfill the mission his generation had not finished.

Delegates later disbursed in the morning to outreach projects, such as *Just Make Overs!* The homes of some Dallas residents were given a facelift as energetic young people scraped and painted.

Other outreach projects corresponded with seminars delegates attended each morning. To make learning experiential,



From left: Daniel, Melissa, and Vanessa Vazquez of Noblesville, Ind., and Ricardo Escarfullery of Anderson, Ind., stand in front of the Reunion Tower in downtown Dallas, Texas, near the site of the *Just Claim It 2007* youth prayer conference.

practicums were offered each afternoon so delegates could watch their teachers in action and try out their own new skills. These practicums included street art, street preaching, nursing home ministry, drama ministry, clown ministry, and many more.

The opportunity to practice ministries that delegates were interested in was exciting to many. A group of young people from Indiana were curious about street art ministry. After listening to Milton Coranado, of Chicago, Illinois, tell about sharing Jesus on the streets using street art, Daniel, Melissa, and Vanessa Vazquez, of Noblesville, Ind., and Ricardo Escarfullery, of Anderson, Ind., were ready to give street art a try. Arriving at the selected spot, they learned an Ad-





ventist member in Dallas had donated a wall near her home for their street art. After practicing various painting techniques, they spread white paint over existing messages on the wall. Then the painting began. All agreed it was a fun experience. Melissa Vazquez said, "It is good to get a positive message to the community through street art."

JCI delegates definitely left a positive mark on the city. One young elevator operator at the Reunion Tower said wistfully, "I wanted to take a break from work. I asked if I could get off work and go with them. They were having so much fun." She added, "It's a good thing that they are learning over there about prayer. My generation needs to know that. At the rate we're going, we'll all be dead by 25 if we don't make some changes."

Jordan Vallieres, a student at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, was excited to learn his name was selected to win an iPod at a drawing in the Exhibit Hall. Each day the Exhibit Hall was open for delegates to visit. Though very crowded at times, delegates collected information as they visited college booths, academy booths, and booths with mission opportunities such as the Center for Youth Evangelism's *Cruise*

*with a Mission* (see [www.cruisewithamission.org](http://www.cruisewithamission.org)) and Maranatha Volunteers International's *The Ultimate Workout* (see [www.ultimateworkout.org](http://www.ultimateworkout.org)). One interesting stop in the Exhibit Hall was Oklahoma Academy's *Messiah's Mansion*, a life-size replica of the sanctuary. There, delegates

learned the significance of the sanctuary and were given the opportunity to make a personal commitment to Jesus at the end of the tour. Another favorite booth featured Milton, a street artist who designed custom T-shirts for delegates.

Throughout the convention center, the JCI prayer ministry team provided opportunities for enriching prayer experiences. Dean Whitlow, Indiana Conference Pathfinder director, and Charlie Thompson, Indiana Conference youth director, erected several three-dimensional prayer walls for



*Milton Coranado, a street artist from Chicago, Illinois, taught delegates how to replace graffiti with inspirational messages during the Street Art Ministry seminars.*

delegates to write messages to God. Some of these messages included prayer requests for youth groups at JCI; some mentioned family and friends back home, while others left heart-felt cries for help for themselves. The walls were soon filled with messages and artwork to God, and many groups chose to take their farewell pictures by the prayer

walls as they were leaving Dallas.

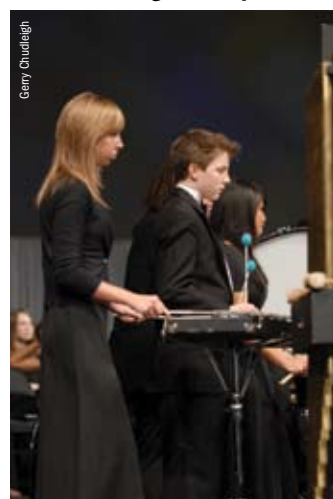
Another prayer experience opportunity was provided at strategically placed prayer rocks. At the prayer rocks, pieces of paper were provided for delegates to slip a prayer request into the rock, which Jim Micheff, Michigan Conference youth director, said signified bringing their needs to the "Rock of Ages." Duffle bag after duffle bag of these prayer requests were collected throughout the convention, and they were taken to a prayer chapel where young people prayed over their peers' petitions.



*Michael Tuionetoa, a pastor from Green Bay, Wisconsin, registered for Just Claim It 2007.*

During the convention, the Bible Reading Marathon took place. Delegates visited a room at the Dallas Convention Center during the day and another at the Hyatt Regency hotel at night. They were

provided a variety of Bible versions to select from and given the opportunity to read as many verses as they chose. Most read a chapter, but some individuals and families read a whole book. The reading continued throughout the night, and some individuals who had difficulty sleeping slipped down to the room at the Hyatt to offer their reading services to the sleepy coordinator, Gene Clapp, who



*Great Lakes Adventist Academy's percussionists played in the Just Claim It 2007 orchestra. From left: Erica Johnson, Jordan Vallieres, and Jamille Banaag*



*Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, challenged delegates to fulfill the mission his generation has not finished.*



Great Lakes Adventist Academy Chamber Singers presented two songs during the Sabbath morning services.



Gerry Chudleigh

Kimberly Bulgín, from Toronto, Canada, currently a student at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, helped lead praise singing during Just Claim It 2007.

read when no one else was present. The Bible reading was completed about 3:00 a.m. on Sabbath morning, but the final verses of Revelation 22 were reserved for a Pathfinder to read during the Sabbath morning worship service. All delegates were invited to read along with the Pathfinder for the final verses.

Following the reading, the JCI mass choir and orchestra performed “Lift Up the Trumpet,” which brought tears to some. Students from the orchestra and chorale at Great Lakes Adventist Academy were among those who traveled to

Dallas to perform. Though some were ill during the conference, they still practiced diligently and performed beautifully on Sabbath morning as more than 12,000 delegates and visitors listened.

On Sabbath, special recognition was also given to world youth leaders when the celebration of 100 years of youth ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was announced. In an earlier interview Baraka Muganda, world youth director, said, “As we celebrate 100 years, we’ve seen how the Lord has led in this department in preparing young people to meet Jesus Christ, in nurturing young people, discipling them so they can become strong Christians, and providing opportunities for them to participate in the mission of the church. These 100 years indeed have led many young people to the cross of Calvary. As for us, we are excited, and we are glad that the church gave us this department to serve. Some of us wouldn’t be here if there were no youth ministries. We have camporees today; we have youth congresses. We are here in Dallas today because of the 100 years of youth ministries.”

Sabbath afternoon a parade was held in downtown Dallas. Pathfinder clubs created displays on bicycles to correspond with the books of the Bible. Also present for an enthusiastic crowd were Pathfinder drill teams and riders on horseback.

Some youth groups distributed literature on Sabbath afternoon in Dallas. One individual shared her experience at the evening meeting. She said that after praying with a stranger, he came back later and told her he had been driving around Dallas contemplating suicide that day. After seeing and hearing her faith in God, he said he now believed God is real.

These types of testimonies were heard throughout the conference as Adventist young people challenged themselves to see what God could do through them. For many, it was the first time they ever had the courage to talk to strangers on the street, in a nursing home, or at a childcare center. For others, they bravely tried new skills they never thought possible to accomplish. It was inspiring to watch confidence grow throughout the conference.

At the closing meeting on Saturday night, delegates watched a dramatic presentation of the Second Coming and the resurrection. While some youth described the production as “awesome,” James Black, North America youth director, reminded them “it’s not just about drama.” He added, “It’s about trying to get youth to understand and see what’s happening in the great controversy over [their] souls.” James challenged JCI delegates to “get connected to the Master,” and encouraged them to make prayer and salvation their priority in life. Inspired by what they had accomplished at JCI, he also challenged delegates to continue reaching out to their communities back home.<sup>1</sup>

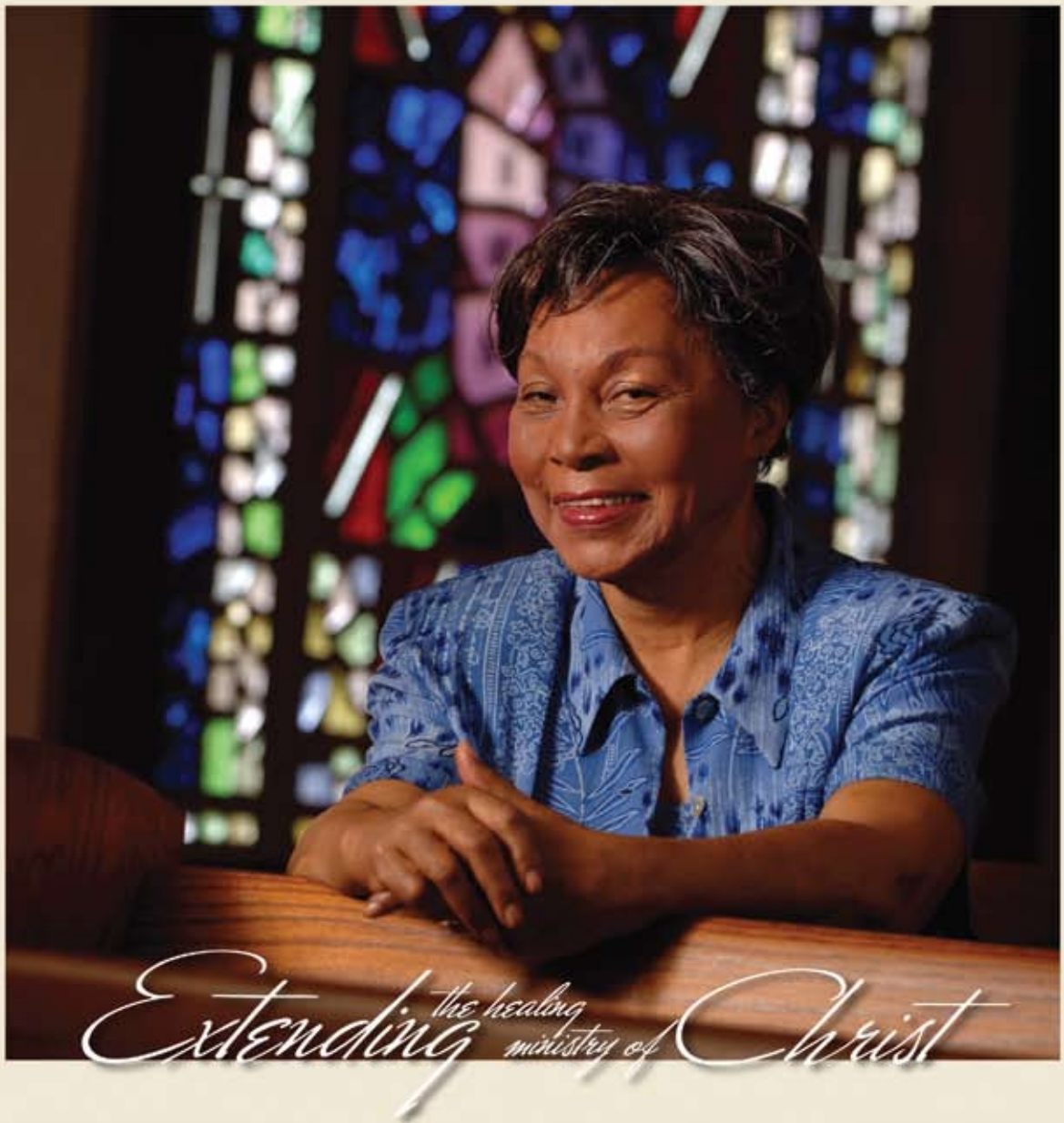
The Dallas Convention Center did not clear out quickly. Many new friendships were formed at JCI, so e-mail addresses were exchanged, hugs given, and plans made by some to meet again at *Impact Taiwan*, the next large youth event scheduled for December 24, 2007–January 5, 2008. To learn more, visit [www.youth.gc.adventist.org](http://www.youth.gc.adventist.org).

You may also visit [www.adventistphoto.com](http://www.adventistphoto.com) to read more about the JCI convention and to view hundreds of pictures that help tell the story.

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*Extending the healing ministry of Christ*

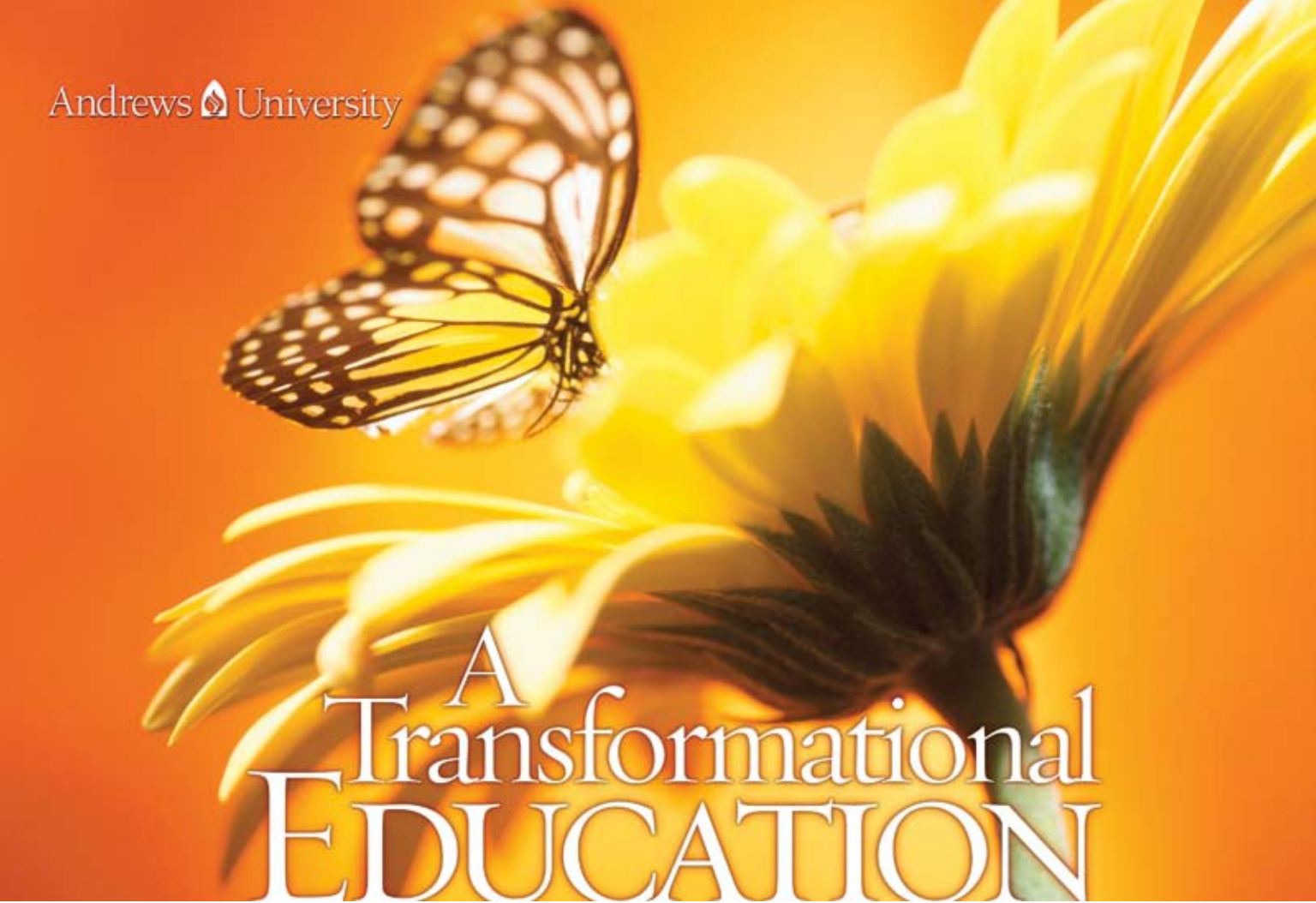
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*Her soul is nourished and her health improved as an entire congregation is taken under the wing of a nurse who extends the hospital's healing ministry.*







# A Transformational EDUCATION

BY BEVERLY STOUT

**I**t's the difference between the Holiday Inn and The Ritz Carlton, Target and Bloomingdale's, and a Honda Civic and a Mercedes Benz. The Holiday Inn, Target, and the Civic are all good at providing the services they do. You'll get a comfortable bed, a new outfit, and get where you're going, but there's a whole other level of potential greatness. There are the plush robes and velvet curtains, tailor-made designer clothes, and luxurious leather seating, along with the smooth handling that is expected from places like The Ritz and Bloomingdale's and cars like the Mercedes.

*"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win" (I Corinthians 9:24 NASB).*

The apostle Paul encouraged the citizens of Corinth to strive for excellence, to go beyond just "trying," but to run to win, to give their all. Those who have been around Andrews University this past year may have heard the catch phrase "good to great" buzzing around campus, thanks to the university's new provost, Heather Knight. Inspired by Jim Collins' best-selling business book, *Good to Great*, Knight has encouraged the campus to strive for something more than just the status quo.

But what does it mean to strive for excellence in a university setting? For some, excellence seems to be second nature, the over-achievers who have a spotless academic record and list of extra-curricular activities a mile long. But many students who step on the Andrews University campus don't start out with stellar grades and test scores. Their high school record may be dotted with more Bs and Cs than As. But less-than-perfect grades do not mean that excellence isn't achievable.

Many of today's high school students feel pressure to gain admission to big name universities in order to be successful. This can stress out the hard-working B student, who

may feel that open-ended state universities and community colleges are their only options. But as detailed in the article “A+ Options for ‘B’ Kids,” *U.S. News and World Report’s* (USN&WR) Anne McGrath claims this needn’t be the case. Instead of seeking a “name brand” university, students can find lesser-known schools with great programs that better fit their individual needs.

Included in its *America’s Best Colleges 2007* edition, USN&WR lists 300 colleges and universities which meet the qualifications (caring professors, smaller classes, solid retention rates, etc.) for what they consider to be “A+ options” for the non-valedictorian. Included on the list was Andrews University. With smaller classes and a favorable student-teacher ratio, students at Andrews University have professors who will remember their names, care about their success, and notice when they’re not showing up for class. With the help of the Student Success Center and IVue’s (Andrews University’s custom student tracking software) flagging system, students are less likely to just slip through the cracks.

This caring and individualized approach to learning is highlighted by Andrews University’s Biology Department, which has demonstrated a record of unusual success when compared with other universities.

Beginning with the first semester of study for a biology major, students in the Foundation of Biology class quickly discover the intensity of individual care and passionate commitment to academic excellence.

“My goal is to develop a personal relationship with each student, discuss with them their professional objective, and then inspire and maximize learning in preparing my young friends to realize their dreams,” observed David Steen, department chair and professor of biology, and teacher of the first semester of introductory biology courses. This personal care and attention continues throughout the student’s academic experience.

“We knew our students were doing unexpectedly well,” comments John Stout, professor of biology and dean of Scholarly Research. With freshmen graduation rates of more than 70 percent, rankings in the 90th percentile on Major Field Tests, and medical school acceptance rates of around 85 percent—more than twice the national average—the department had the statistics to make any biology program in the country proud. But these markers of high



David Mbungu, associate professor of biology, encourages his students to “never stop learning and growing.”

Michael Bleckburn

achievement take on special significance when examined a little more closely.

The department’s demographics don’t match up to the national norms. Andrews University is known for its breadth of diversity, being noted by USN&WR as both the 14th most diverse National University and having the sixth highest percentage of international students. This popula-

tion is reflected in the Biology Department’s make-up, with 30 to 40 percent of its students from under-represented minority groups. National figures for minority students in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields are below ten percent.



John Stout, professor of biology, is director of Scholarly Research and the principal investigator of the NSF study of the Department of Biology.

Michael Bleckburn

Not only do students from diverse backgrounds find success in Andrews University’s biology program in record numbers, so do students who may never have had the chance to even study biology at other schools due to low

test scores and GPAs. Knowing that students in his department were doing better than they “should,” John did his own unofficial survey of ACT/SAT scores of entering freshmen in a dozen other church-affiliated colleges and universities. His results were quite amazing. Comparing the ACT/SAT scores of graduating biology majors with the scores of entering freshmen in any field in the other schools, John found that his students’ scores were below the average of any entering freshman in any discipline. “We had a substantially larger number of students below the average test score,” John stated.

Students entering the Andrews University Biology Department are coming in below average and leaving well above average, with some of the best scores in the country. Something is happening during their time at Andrews that is helping them turn their Bs and Cs into As.

John calls it a “transformational education,” a term used to refer to a comprehensive educational approach that creates an environment which appreciates students’ strengths and talents, while developing their potential ([www.tedweb.org](http://www.tedweb.org)). It’s the type of education that literally transforms.

But what is causing this transformation, this radical and unexpected change in the student’s academic performance?

This is the question that the National Science Foundation (NSF) is eager to help them find an answer to.

In 2003, John and Gordon Atkins, professor of biology, applied for a \$490,600 NSF STEP Grant to figure out what was causing the students' unexpected success. NSF funded this proposal, which was used to start a new behavioral neuroscience (BNS) program, an interdisciplinary program that combines behavioral science, biology, and mathematics. The idea was to create a program that would be attractive to students who might not normally choose a STEM-related field of study, and in this program, use the same five-step approach used in biology, which includes lots of personal mentoring and a strong emphasis on participation in research opportunities. They then would be able to study the results and figure out which elements were causing the "educational transformation."

The BNS program is in its second complete year and has already surpassed its targeted success, with more than 30 students enrolled in the program.

The study, however, took a turn during a meeting with NSF officers and other STEP grant recipients a little more than a year ago. NSF officials told David Mbungu, associate professor of biology and the project's evaluation

coordinator, that they needed to take a different approach to assessing the department's unusual success, first learning what has been successful with the biology program before analyzing the new BNS program.

"NSF said we were doing mechanical things, but that we needed to know what people who have gone through the program think is working," John explained. With the guidance of Elaine Seymour, an expert in science education assessment, and the School of Education's Larry Burton (professor of teacher education), a whole new assessment plan was developed that would evaluate biology graduates as well as current students. However, this new assessment plan would require an extra \$100,000. The NSF encouraged them to apply for additional funding, and they should learn the outcome of their request in early April 2007.

Once the factors of the program's success have been determined (the project has a completion goal of 2009, if the

second grant is approved), NSF plans to share the biology program's model with other universities around the country. "NSF considers our current biology program as one of the best models of transformational science education in the country," John said.

But it doesn't take years of careful assessment to note a few obvious differences about Andrews University's approach, which focuses on taking a high interest in the individual student's lives—personally, academically, and spiritually. It's a responsibility that the professors take personally.

"On the part of biology and behavioral neuroscience professors, there's a shared expectation that if one of our students has to drop our class or drop out as a major, we consider that to be our failure," said John. "That we, [as teachers], have not been successful. That is perhaps the most distinctive feature [of the program]."

This mindset alone sets Andrews University apart from most other science programs in the country. "Most commonly is the fact that [biology] is hard, and that you have to be smart," John continues. "One of the most important things you learn is that you're not cutting it. Science faculty think that one of their roles is to weed out, where ours is to help students study and find success. Of anything we say to others, that brings the greatest amazement."

"When my students begin to see themselves as capable of being scholars, and when they begin to draw connections between the material in the classroom and their daily lives and beliefs, I have helped them achieve success," notes Karl Bailey, assistant professor of psychology. "The best way to measure this is to watch students become self-motivated and take ownership of their research or for figuring out what is important in the class." Karl was hired as the project's experimental psychologist, a position funded by the NSF grant, and he teaches several of the behavioral neuroscience courses. Karl has actively promoted research among his students, integrating research projects into his classes and serving as supervisor on students' independent projects.

"God wants us to continue growing," states David Mbungu, who teaches core courses in both the biology and BNS programs, on top of his involvement with the study. "We will never stop learning and growing. He wants us to continually grow. And so we have that responsibility—to grow, to take the opportunities, all the resources and the things God has given us, to continue to grow, to probe, and to understand."

Beverly Stout is the media relations coordinator for University Relations at Andrews University.



Karl Bailey, assistant professor of psychology, regularly integrates research projects into his curriculum.



**Name:** A'lisha Lashley

**Major:** Spanish, English,  
Secondary Education certification

**Year:** Sophomore

**Age:** 19

**Hometown:** Leominster, Massachusetts



Michael Blackburn

## 1. Why did you choose to attend Andrews University?

When I was a little girl, my parents took me to Andrews University. I absolutely loved what I saw. From then on, Andrews was my No. 1 choice. As I got older, I researched about the school and confirmed my desire to attend.

## 2. How has your life changed since starting college?

I don't depend on my parents to check and see if I've done my homework. I'm more mature and responsible, and realize that I have to work hard to succeed.

## 3. What's the biggest challenge you've faced since starting college?

My biggest challenge is God. Growing up in an Adventist home, God was always talked about. Being "on my own" has made me value God a lot more. However, I am finding God for myself, and sometimes that is very difficult.

## 4. Give an example of an experience that has helped you grow.

Being taught by Monique Pittman (assistant professor of English) has definitely helped me to grow. She is so very passionate about her work, and that has inspired me to know my subject, but to also be passionate about it.

## 5. What's your definition of success?

Success is changing someone's life (yours included). God puts you in different situations everyday, and if we (by our work) change someone's life for the better, then we have been successful in God's eyes.

## 6. Do you have any mentors?

Monique Pittman  
Rosita Lashley (my mother)  
Adrienne Townsend (a dean at Lamson Hall)  
Cameron Loss (an old high school teacher)

## 7. What has helped you to be successful?

Reading my Bible and focusing on the important things have helped me to be successful. You have to decide who you are being successful for—the world or God.

## 8. What do you think is the value of attending a Christian university?

- You are surrounded by people with a lot of the same goals (making it to Heaven).
- You learn about the world although the college is strictly Christian.

## 9. Do you have a personal mission statement?

- No risk, no reward.
- In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He WILL direct your path.

## 10. What's next for you?

My next step is going to Argentina to learn Spanish fluently.

Andrews University

University Relations asked a few students some questions about their Andrews University experience. We hope you enjoy reading their observations about their college experience and insights into their academic success on the following pages.

**Name:** Masahito Nakamine

**Major:** Aviation Flight

**Year:** Senior

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Tokyo, Japan



Michael Blackburn

**1. Why did you choose to attend Andrews University?**

I chose to come to Andrews University to study in their good aviation program in a Christian environment.

**2. How has your life changed since starting college?**

My life has changed in many ways since starting college. First, from an academic perspective, I have developed better and more productive study habits. Also, I have grown in my cultural awareness and interactions. This is due to the various cultures found on the campus of Andrews University. Furthermore, my spiritual life has grown through the variety of Christian-centered events at Andrews University.

**3. What's the biggest challenge you've faced since starting college?**

My biggest challenge since starting college has been learning while having to speak in English. As an international student, I had to learn the language before beginning my studies.

**4. Give an example of an experience that has helped you grow.**

I can recall an experience that has helped me grow not only as a student, but as a person. Well into my second year, I was asked to orient an international newcomer. I did so gladly, showing this student the ropes. Through this experience, I was able to not only help someone else but to help myself. I received great satisfaction, and I realized that I can do more to help.

**5. What's your definition of success?**

Success is working hard toward a goal whether or not it is actually attainable. The importance of success lies not in the goal itself, but in the effort.

**6. Do you have any mentors?**

My mentors are my family, my friends, and especially my older brother.

**7. What has helped you to be successful?**

One of the things that has helped me to be successful is my vision of the future. When I imagine myself as a pilot with a successful career, I'm motivated even more to be successful.

**8. What do you think is the value of attending a Christian university?**

I think that the value of attending a Christian university is that one has the opportunity to share the Word of God and grow spiritually.

**9. Do you have a personal mission statement?**

My personal mission statement is to live my life in God's way.

**10. What's next for you?**

My future plans are to finish my studies and realize my dream of becoming an airline pilot.



**Name:** Katie Paul

**Major:** English Literature

**Year:** Freshman

**Age:** 19

**Hometown:** Tipton, Indiana



## 1. Why did you choose to attend Andrews University?

I am a second generation (as well as second sibling) Andrews University student, and I wanted to “break the mold” so to speak. However, Randy Graves’ persistent trips to Indiana Academy and the great academic standard convinced me to come here.

## 2. How has your life changed since starting college?

It feels as if I’ve become another person, though I know I haven’t changed that drastically. God has become a major part of my life here, and He changes me every day.

## 3. What’s the biggest challenge you’ve faced since starting college?

My biggest challenge is time management. There are no “on duty” staff to make me do my homework, and I’m a real procrastinator. Taking classes that I like really helps motivate me not to procrastinate.

## 4. Give an example of an experience that has helped you grow.

I changed my major the day of registration. I had no idea English was where I needed to be. Midway through the semester, Monique Pittman came to me and said, “English is a really good major for you.” That was an answer to my prayer and self-doubt.

## 5. What’s your definition of success?

Success is to do my best at everything I do—and if that means I can’t do everything, I have to live with that.

## 6. Do you have any mentors?

My advisor, Monique Pittman, has impacted my view of being a student. She has so much fun teaching and is my favorite teacher, but her classes are always my hardest. She’s also available to talk outside of class and has given me confidence to embrace the stage I’m at right now and strive to reach a higher good at the same time.

## 7. What has helped you to be successful?

Monique Pittman, as aforementioned, and those planner/AU agenda books they give to students really help me to put things in perspective. Daily time with God must be the first thing on my agenda, or I’ll never reach success.

## 8. What do you think is the value of attending a Christian university?

Just because worships are required doesn’t mean that the reason I go is to worship. However, the opportunity to fuel my relationship with God [while] with my friends is unique to Christian universities, and required worships make those opportunities easier to find.

## 9. Do you have a personal mission statement?

I haven’t really thought about it quite like that, but I suppose so. John Lennon said, “You say you want a revolution? Well, you know we all want to change the world.” I want to let God change my world through me. I am a revolution.

## 10. What’s next for you?

I’m still considering raising sheep in the Alps and writing books of poetry, but before that, I might go to grad school. I’m also going to be a student missionary my junior year. I don’t know where God will send me, but that’s okay. He knows where I’m going.





## Rocking Chair Provides Soothing Connection for Doctor and New Mother

Mary Tuttle was thrilled when her doctor came to her home and built a rocking chair for her and her newborn daughter, Esther. "I was really excited because otherwise I wouldn't have been able to afford a rocking chair," the Villa Park resident said.

Throughout Tuttle's pregnancy, Kenneth Ha, D.O., now a third-year resident with the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital Family Medicine Residency program, had attended to her needs. He chose Tuttle as the recipient of a rocking chair through a special program sponsored by the American Association of Family Practice.

Residents in the Family Medicine Residency program began to participate in the national Rocking Chair Project last year, said Leslie Sleuwen, M.D., director of the maternal education program for the residency program.

A non-profit program, the Rocking Chair Project began three years ago with residents at an east-coast hospital. It has now spread to more than six programs throughout the country. The Rocking Chair Project provides glider rocking chairs to economically disadvantaged mothers to help them nurture themselves and their babies.

After reading an article about the project, Sleuwen decided she would like the residents in the Hinsdale Family Residency program to become involved locally.

Each second-year resident selects one mother-to-be from one of their continuous obstetrics patients, Sleuwen said. "They choose who they feel might benefit from a chair," she said. The resident follows that patient throughout her pregnancy.



Mary Tuttle was thrilled when her physician, Kenneth Ha, D.O., came to her home to build a rocking chair for her and her newborn daughter, Esther. She said, "I love it."

After the baby is born, the resident visits the patient in her home and puts together the rocking chair—a bonding experience for both new mom and physician.

The program is an excellent way for the medical residents to bond with their patients on a more personal basis, Sleuwen added. Last year residents donated ten rocking chairs; this year they will donate nine rocking chairs—one for each second-year resident. Being involved offered Ha a unique view into his patients' lives.

Visiting Tuttle in her home offered new insight into patient care. "I could see how she and her baby were doing at home," Ha said. "The experience added a whole new dimension in providing holistic healing."

He also appreciated the fact that the rocking chair was a practical gift. "It was nice to be able to provide something they can use and enjoy," Ha said.

Tuttle agreed that the program provided new insight into the patient/doctor relationship. "The program made me feel like Dr. Ha really cared about me and my family," she said.

Having the rocking chair has also made it easier for her to bond with now six-month-old Esther. "It is so easy to just sit and rock with her," Tuttle said. "I love it."

Victoria Tedeschi, public relations specialist for Adventist Midwest Health

## AIM Celebrates 25 Years

If you were ever inspired to dial the 800 number appearing on your TV screen following a viewing of *It is Written* or *Amazing Facts*, it's very likely the voice on the other end of the line was an AIM-employed Andrews University student. This year, Adventist Information Ministries (AIM) celebrates 25 years of ministry in call-support and technical assistance for various television and radio ministries across the country.



Twyla Wall is director of Adventist Information Ministries, which provides call-support and technical assistance for various television and radio ministries across the country.

Though technically a North American Division-run department, AIM has made Andrews University its home base since its early days in 1982, and is one of the university's top student employers. Through the years, AIM has been housed in several different campus locations, including the sub-basement of the administration building. In January 1991, AIM moved to its current home in the Information Technology Services building, and is currently looking to expand its ministries. "[AIM] has really evolved tremendously since its beginning," explained Twyla Wall, current director. Wall became director in November 2006 when Robert Moon retired.

AIM serves as a toll-free call center supporting a variety of Seventh-day

Adventist-related church ministries. AIM customer service representatives may process orders on behalf of *It is Written*, *Amazing Facts*, or *Breath of Life* for callers seeking media or materials. Representatives also provide a variety of other assistance for callers, including chaplain services, prayer ministry, or church locations. AIM has answered the 1-800-HISWORD number for 25 years, a witnessing tool used on business cards, doorknobs, and billboards to generate interest in the Bible. Seminary students provide chaplain services, answering questions and referring clients to local churches for Bible studies, and even handling emergency calls. AIM also services satellite dishes that broadcast church-sponsored programs, offering technical support and set-up assistance.

With the globalization offered through the World Wide Web, AIM plans to increase its borders through Internet ministries, starting with live web chat. Wall notes, "We are looking at all aspects of electronic communication," adding that "personal contact is essential." No matter what, customer service and contact will remain a top priority for customer service representatives and chaplains. AIM is dedicated to serving the needs of its callers around the world.

Bonnie McLean, University Relations  
student news writer

## Teacher in the Spotlight: Lionel Matthews

Lionel Matthews, associate professor of sociology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, is one of the many Andrews University professors who manages to balance a busy teaching schedule with active participation in scholarly research. In 2006, while maintaining a class load, Matthews published *Sociology: A Seventh-day Adventist*



Lionel Matthews

*Approach for Teachers and Students* for the Andrews University Press. The book is part of a series sponsored by the university's Center for College Faith and the

education department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This is only the latest of Matthews' works; he has written articles for the *National Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Caribbean Studies*, and *Journal of Research in Christian Education*, as well as chapter contributions in various books.

Matthews has spent his life entrenched in education, both as a student and teacher. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Guyana, a master's degree in counseling from Indiana State University, and a doctoral degree in sociology from Wayne State University. "I have been a teacher for my entire working life," Matthews states, having dedicated his career to the profession.

Starting as an elementary and secondary school teacher, Matthews later became a principal and superintendent of education before accepting a position at Andrews in 1996. Since then, he has been working with students, adding that it is "really rewarding to see contributions you made in their lives."

During the next two or three years, Matthews hopes to become more involved with full-time research, adding more publications to his burgeoning list. Even so, he enjoys the classroom, because it offers opportunities to discuss "issues that would allow for divergent views."

Bonnie McLean, University Relations  
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## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

### Students Benefit from Multi-Grade Project

Michigan—Years ago I learned that one of the joys of teaching in a one-room school is that students feel like members of a family. The older students quickly learn they are depended on to help with various activities like answering the phone, tying first graders' shoes, and setting a good example.

A memorable example for me of this feeling of family occurred during a football game at recess. A big eighth-grade boy caught the football and ran toward the far end zone. Along the way, he picked up a little first-grade girl, gave her the football, and carried her across the goal line, and credited her with the winning touchdown. That's the kind of close friendship the one-room school can inspire.



Alexa Watson listened as Mariangi Macey read a book the teacher helped her select. Alexa then took the book home and practiced reading the story.

Grand Rapids Adventist Academy looks nothing like that little school. With three floors of classrooms that once housed the neighborhood public school, the stairways and long hallways keep classrooms distant from each other.

How can the teachers grasp that wonderful feeling of family in such a big building? Grand Rapids Adventist Academy is reaching across halls and down the stairs to bring students together in their quest for excellence in education. Let me share an example.



Zahava Osorio-Espino enjoyed hearing Joshua Lackey read to her.

The sixth-grade students, halfway between kindergarten and academy seniors, are not lost in the multitude. Although academy students may think of them as little, they are considered the "Big Kids" to the kindergartners and first graders.

This year these "Big Kids" are helping in the first-grade classroom. On alternating days, the sixth graders take turns reading to the first-grade class. The first-grade teacher helps the older student select a special theme book. The student then takes the book home to make sure they know all the words and can practice reading the story. During the read-aloud time the following day, the first graders gather to listen. The sixth grader is motivated to read with expression and enthusiasm to keep the attention of these energetic students.

On Friday afternoons, the sixth-grade class scatters around the kindergarten classroom. Each "Big Kid" sits with a grinning kindergartner. The kindergartner has selected a book or two to have their older friend read.

During this one-on-one reading time, the sixth grader learns to ask comprehension questions of their young listener. Also, the kindergarten and first-grade teachers are encouraged to hear the reading progress their former students are now demonstrating.

Improved reading skills are not the only benefits that are reaped from this multi-grade project. The younger children in the building now have special big friends. The little ones are not afraid to race up to one of their older friends and give them a hug or ask for help with tying a shoe, zipping a coat, or carrying a book bag.

The older students are quick to praise artwork, brag about the child's reading ability, and wave when the class walks past them in the hall.

Isn't that what God had in mind for this world—that we help one another, for their joy and also for our own?

At Grand Rapids Adventist Academy, students don't have to wait to go into the world to be a witness, they just go into another classroom.

Judy Shull, sixth-grade teacher at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy

### Students and Staff Members Assemble Christmas Gift Bags for Prisoners

*"I was in prison and you came to visit me"* (Matt. 25:36 NIV).

Indiana—These words, included in a parable of Jesus, highlight an example of the caring ministry of His people. On Sabbath, Dec. 9, 2006, approximately 18 students and staff members from Indiana Academy (IA) were privileged to participate in a prison ministry called "Christmas Behind Bars." Under the direction of Lemuel Vega, from Bluffton, Ind., a large group of volunteers gathered at the Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church to assemble Christmas gift bags for prisoners in a variety of county and state prison facilities.



Each year the number of prisoners who have been reached through this unique outreach has increased; 7,000 bags were prepared this year. During the holiday season, other volunteers distributed the bags to waiting prisoners in the respective prisons.

At first glance, the process seemed overwhelming as IA students and staff members approached the packaging assembly line. Very quickly, however, the process fell into a rhythm as the grocery bags were stuffed with gifts. Gift items included Christian literature, Bible study enrollment cards, snacks, fresh fruit, peanuts, toiletry items, and Christmas cards.

Among the volunteers were members of a youth group from another denomination in northern Indiana. The opportunity for IA students to interact with their peers from another faith group was positive as they worked together in this selfless ministry.



Indiana Academy students and staff members worked with a large group of volunteers to assemble Christmas gift bags for prisoners in county and state prison facilities. The students enjoyed getting better acquainted with a youth group from another denomination as they worked together.

Reflecting on the event, Megan Dupont, a senior student, said, "I felt happy that we could be helpful to others on Sabbath during Christmas time, working for the good of others who are in jail on the holidays."

Jessica McConnell, also a senior, said, "It was really cool to know we were helping so many people in so many places. We were able to bond with others and have fellowship with other people from other churches."

Beth Bartlett, Indiana Academy registrar

## [YOUTH NEWS]

### Center for Youth Evangelism Announces Cruise with a Mission

Michigan—There is a disturbing trend in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Today 61 percent of American young adults who were active in church as teens are now disengaged. Each year young faces disappear, taking with them their joy, energy, and talents. The reality is that many of these young people do not find their home in other churches—they are facing the world alone spiritually—with tragic consequences.

This painful reality compels a diverse team of young adults from across the country to devote their energy and resources to engage this missing generation. These young adults are spearheading an exciting new initiative called *Cruise with a Mission* (CWM).

CWM is an innovative project by and for young adults ages 18 to 35, which combines a vacation and spiritual retreat with active and meaningful mission projects. Sparked by a conversation two years ago between youth pastors, CWM found reality with Andrews University's Center for Youth Evangelism. "God is totally moving," shares Genevieve Koh. "This mission will accomplish far more than we can imagine."

Cruising December 16–23, from Tampa, Florida, to Belize, Guatemala,



Tara VinCross, Cruise with a Mission director, found a new friend in one of the Guatemalan orphanages.

and Mexico, 500 young adults from throughout the world will collectively spend 7,500 hours engaging in construction, medical work, children's ministry, and simple acts of kindness. Where most of the world sees a tropical tourist realm, Caleb VinCross sees real needs. "We are turning the tables on our self-centered tourist culture and using it instead to touch the people living in its shadows with the love of God ... it really is exciting!"

In addition to serving people in the ports, Steve Hemenway is excited that CWM is "a fresh, fun, and exciting opportunity for young adult Christians to grow in their spiritual walk" through workshops, dynamic worship, and small groups.

Rochelle Webster comments, "Many Adventist young adults feel there are few places where they can discuss their questions, struggles, ideas, and hopes with other young adults. It is our hope that *Cruise with a Mission* will be such a place."

"CWM is intentionally wholistic—a spiritual retreat, a social network, and a mission trip all in one place," says Renee Stepp, the on-ship programming director.



The M.S. Veendam, seen here at port in Guatemala, belongs to the reputable Holland America line.

Tara VinCross, CWM director, shares her vision for her young adult peers to make a difference in the world. "We see CWM as a catalyst for life-transformation, resulting in a way of life consumed by God."

Please pray for CWM and any young adults you know whom you can invite. To get involved, visit [www.cruisewithamission.org](http://www.cruisewithamission.org).

Raewyn Hankins, Cruise with a Mission co-director for marketing

## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

### Final Events DVD Sells on eBay to Witness Worldwide

Michigan—It was probably some time in 2005 when Diana Inman first watched Doug Batchelor's DVD, "The Final Events of Bible Prophecy." Soon after, the Marshall Adventist Church, where she is a member, ordered a large quantity of the DVDs for members to use as evangelism tools.



Diana Inman came up with a unique way to get the Final Events DVD out to the world. She sells them on eBay. So far, she has sent out more than 40 from those sales.

In Spring 2006, Inman noticed there were still a couple boxes of the DVDs at church, and she began to look for ways to use them. Since she often sells health books, activated charcoal, and assorted "junk" on eBay, she decided to try a DVD. It sold quickly, and another was soon listed. Before long that one was sold and shipped out as well.

At camp meeting, the Personal Ministries department sold the DVDs by the case to lay workers as well as churches. Inman bought two cases. She replaced the ones she'd gotten from church so she didn't deplete their supply, and then she continued to list hers on eBay.

She says it's close to a "break-even" deal for her after figuring the purchase price and the eBay listing fees. Sometimes one or two DVDs sell in one week, but other times they are listed for several weeks without a sale.

Inman has sold more than 40 DVDs on eBay. She has shipped the DVDs to nearly half the states in the United States and to several foreign countries. Needless to say, they are now a permanent eBay listing and continue to be sent out to searching individuals.

"There are many ways to share Jesus," said Inman. "Ask Him how He wants *you* to do it."

Inman, along with family and friends, sets up items to sell at garage sales, flea markets, and other selling places several times a year. She adds prophecy DVDs (one at a time) to the other VHS tapes and DVDs for sale, pricing them at the garage sale price of one or two dollars each. Those usually sell, also.

"Whatever may have been your former practice, it is not necessary to repeat it again and again in the same way. God would have new and untried methods followed. Break in upon the people—surprise them" (*Evangelism 125*).

Diana Inman, Marshall Church member

### Maranatha Volunteers Assist with Church Construction

Indiana—The Plymouth Church members eagerly anticipate construction on their new church building with assistance from Maranatha Volunteers International (Maranatha) in early May 2007. When planning the project, church leaders believed they should seek outside assistance and contacted Maranatha. A short time later, the application process was completed. Members were very excited to learn that Maranatha agreed to assist. A May 2–16 construction time-line was



Maranatha Volunteers International will help the Plymouth Church members build a 2,868 square foot wing consisting of two classrooms and a fellowship hall. Upon completion, it will be used for worship services until a new sanctuary can be built at a later date.



set, and members are gearing up for the arrival of many volunteers. Official groundbreaking occurred earlier in anticipation of the May arrival of Maranatha volunteers.

The current church structure was moved to its location on Thayer Street in the 1940s. It became apparent in recent years that a new building was needed because the current structure is aging and is not handicap accessible. Some members are unable to attend because they cannot negotiate the entrance stairs or steps down to the restrooms. Also, the current structure does not have a baptistry or very much kitchen space. This creates difficulties when holding evangelistic meetings, cooking schools, and other community outreach projects. Currently, the church is preparing to hold its first CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) meetings in cooperation with community physicians and the local hospital.

The construction project has been split into two phases to bring costs into a manageable range. In Phase 1, a wing will be erected consisting of two classrooms, restrooms, foyer, and a fellowship hall that will serve as the sanctuary for worship services. The actual sanctuary will be built in Phase 2 at a later date. Members began raising funds for



the new building more than 12 years ago and purchased land in 2004. Plans were drawn up, and after a long process all necessary permits are in hand.

Church members continue to seek funds through local giving and from those who have a desire to see our Lord's work move forward in the Plymouth area. Local fundraising has included garage sales and selling donuts at the Blueberry Festival in Plymouth, as well as continued faithful giving.

Project coordinators are seeking help in the form of cooks and skilled workers while Maranatha volunteers are on site, and additional skilled help after Maranatha volunteers leave and they continue building the Lord's house.

If you are interested in helping Plymouth Church members realize their dream of a new sanctuary, call Amy or Marlin Heinlein at 574-935-5866.

Prayers for good weather and protection will be greatly appreciated.

Oren Carterman, Plymouth Church head elder

## Church Receives Organ Transplant

Indiana—Shirley Nielson has been a church organist for 50 years. She said, "I really enjoy playing the organ for church, but the organ we currently had was giving me a lot of grief lately. I was beginning to dread playing it each week at church."

After thinking long and hard, Nielson decided to go to a piano and organ store to obtain the name of an organ repairman. When she entered the store, two salesmen were sitting there, and one asked if he could help her. Nielson told him she was a church organist, and she was having a lot of trouble with the organ she had been playing for three years. His reply was, "Are you wanting another organ?"

Nielson said, "Well, that would be great except, our church really doesn't



Shirley Nielson stands by the new church organ that she believes God provided to replace the malfunctioning one she had been playing at the Northwest Church.

have a lot of money to purchase another organ."

He asked her, "Do you know what tomorrow is?"

She said, "No."

He continued, "This store is closing [tomorrow], and if you came on Thursday, February 1, we would be closed for good. The owner is ill, and they are closing the store. I'm losing my job after eight years."

The salesman offered, "I have an organ in my house. I've already decided I'm going to donate it to a church, and I'll give it to your church."

He didn't ask Nielson what church she went to, he just said he'd give it to her church. She asked what kind of organ it was, and he told her it was an Allen organ—much newer than the one she played—and she could have it.

Nielson said, "I was so surprised, and knowing me, I'm surprised I didn't cry."

The salesman gave Nielson his card and wrote his home phone number on the card. She explained that she'd have to contact the organ repairman to move the organ when the salesman interrupted, "Here he comes, right through my store."

She made arrangements to play the organ on Friday. Her pastor, Allen Shepherd, and another friend, Lois Kosowesky, went with Nielson.

The salesman explained that Nielson was an answer to his prayer. He had only possessed the organ four weeks. Two people were interested in purchasing it; however, both men decided for different reasons not to buy it. One said he had too many organs already, and the other man didn't have the money. So the salesman's wife suggested he donate the organ to a church, but he wasn't sure he wanted to do that.

The Tuesday Nielson went to the organ store, he had prayed that if God wanted him to donate his organ to a church He would have to bring that person to him. When Nielson walked into the store and told him she was having big problems with her church's organ, he knew it was God's will that her church should have the organ.

Another incredible part of this story is that when Nielson looked in the organ bench, she discovered an envelope with contents that showed the organ had been "transplanted" from

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*Organ Transplant continued ...*

the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Nielson said, "It's amazing how God used an organ that wasn't working right to find us a better one. It's also amazing that the new organ is back in another Seventh-day Adventist Church." She later learned the organ was from an Adventist church in Georgia that had put it up for sale on eBay. A man from Indiana had purchased the organ, restored it, and kept it for approximately two years before giving it to his good friend—the salesman Nielson met.

Nielson said, "God is so good. We don't know what the outcome will be with this story." She has invited the salesman, his wife, and his family of eight children to visit her church. Although they are Christians of another denomination, she's hopeful they will visit sometime and see how their gift is being used.

More importantly, they are praying that their generous benefactor will find a good job in Chicago, and that God will bless him as he continues to follow God's leading.

"I'm so excited," Nielson exclaimed, "I can't tell you how happy I am." Nielson visited the salesman later and gave him a copy of the colorful paperback books, *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* to express appreciation. Her prayer is that God will bless this wonderful Christian family brought into her life by answered prayers.

"This was one of the most exciting things that ever happened to me, and I'm so happy that I listened to the still small voice that said, 'Just go there today!'"

Shirley Nielson, Northwest (Indiana) Church organist, with Diane Thurber, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor

## Quilts Wrap Children in God's Word

**Lake Region**—Three years ago Judy Key dreamed about a group of children. In her dream, she saw children of all ages and nationalities. Key and the



Judy Key is surrounded by blankets and quilts which include messages from God's Word sewn on them. Her goal is to send 7,000 overseas in 2007. Lake Union members are invited to donate or sew at least one blanket.

children were "running from some unseen danger." She remembers one very behaviorally challenged little girl who fell down in her dream. Key said she hesitated to pick her up in the dream, but remembers being compelled to do so, and then she continued running with her.

Key recalls, "It seemed that danger was closing in on every side, so we continued running until we came to a large building where we finally found safety. Once inside, we discovered beautiful quilts hanging from the ceiling and covering every wall." It was at that moment in the dream that Key awoke.

Key prayed about the dream and its meaning. She believes that two weeks later the Holy Spirit impressed her with its meaning. Key said, "The quilts represented prayers of protection for children." The little girl in her dream, Key is sure, represented children who are not covered by prayer.

Excited about understanding the dream, Key was inspired to plan a prayer convocation for the children of Genesee County in Michigan where she lives. She said, "God directed this effort every step—the finances, the site, and the volunteers—to the successful culmination on Apr. 5, 2003. There were roadblocks, such as an ice

storm on the day of the convocation that knocked power out county wide. In spite of that, 120 dedicated individuals from [many] denominations came out for prayer and praise. Nothing is impossible with God!"

A special ministry project was born at that special convocation. Key believes the project is phase two of her dream. She said, "Do you remember being afraid and pulling your blanket over

your head, or being cold and snuggling under a warm, comforting quilt? There are countless children who are cold and frightened, and they don't have the comfort of a personal covering." That's where Key's project, *From a Mother's Heart*, comes in.

The goal of *From a Mother's Heart* is to provide blankets or quilts to children worldwide. In addition to providing warmth and security to the children, Key's plan is for the quilts to cover them with the Word of God. Each blanket or quilt will have a verse from Scripture sewn onto it.

Key is a member of the Eternal Life Ministries Seventh-day Adventist Church in Flint, Mich. The congregation, led by their pastor, Paul Musson, is just three years old, yet Key says its members are behind the project 100 percent.

Distribution of blankets and quilts began in January, and Key's goal is to distribute 7,000 blankets or quilts during 2007. Key said, "Distribution sites will include local shelters, crisis centers, national emergency relief centers, orphanages, and schools in the United States of America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and South America.

Recently, the Department of Children's Ministries at the Seventh-

day Adventist Church headquarters in North America adopted Key's project as a mission opportunity for children in Adventist churches. Key says, "More individuals across denominational lines are joining with us, too, and this project seems to have captured the hearts of many people." She believes "that with God all things are possible!"

You are invited to juncture with Key to touch the lives of children worldwide. She would be thrilled if each Lake Union church would submit at least one quilt or blanket. Here's how you can help:

1. Pray for the children and the project.
2. Make a blanket or quilt or purchase one. Stitch a Scripture verse onto it. Key will provide Scripture labels and blanket gift tags.
3. Send a cash donation of \$15 to cover the cost of fabric and expenses for a new blanket or quilt. You may request a receipt for each contribution for your tax records.

Send blankets, quilts, or donations to: NAD Department of Children's Ministries, Attn: Blanket Project, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Springs, MD 20904. Blankets and quilts may also be sent to: Judy Key, 1297 W. Stanley Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458.

For additional information, call 810-686-4823, or send e-mail to Judy0750@aol.com. Visit [www.fromamother'sheart.org](http://www.fromamother'sheart.org) for an update on this project.

Diane Thurber, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor, with Judy Key, *From a Mother's Heart* project coordinator

## [LAKE UNION NEWS]

### Lake Region Leadership Convention Has Record Attendance

In January, the Lake Region Conference held its annual Leadership Convention. More than 1,500 church



Cary Rodgers, co-founder of the Pathway to Peace radio broadcast, gave a hands-on demonstration during a communication seminar about how to produce radio programs.

officers and members attended the weekend at the Century Center convention facility in South Bend, Ind. For the first time, promotion and registration information was available on the Lake Region Conference website. This resulted in the largest attendance in the event's history.

The main sessions offered a time for spiritual reflection with thought-provoking messages, special insights on leadership, and ideas for the regeneration of Sabbath school. The slate of keynote presenters included Alfred Johnson, church ministries director for

zac, associate professor of Christian ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University; and Faith J. Crumbly, editor of *Sabbath School Leadership* magazine.

More than 20 seminars provided instruction and insight on how to be more effective in church offices, stimulate member involvement, facilitate outreach and evangelism, and foster improvement in church life. Seminar presenters from the Lake Region Conference, Lake Union Conference, and the North American Division shared their expertise. A youth track offered opportunities for development of youth leaders and young people alike, focusing on equipping and motivating youth for service. Table displays included tools and ideas for evangelism and outreach.

Referring to the communication seminar conducted by Gary Burns, Lake Union Conference communication director, and *Pathway to Peace* radio broadcast founders, Cary and Elene Rodgers, one pastor said, "This seminar alone was well worth my time coming here." This comment seemed to characterize the experience of all the attendees.

Ray Young, Lake Region Conference communication director



Donald McGill, pastor of the Hyde Park (Ill.) Church, took a water break by one of the exhibit displays.

the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America; Timothy Nixon, in-reach chaplain at Andrews University and a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church pastoral staff; Kenneth Mul-



## Indiana Pastor to Speak at Shortwave Broadcasters Convention

The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB) and the USA DRM Group will hold a two-day joint annual meeting in Elkhart, Ind., May 10 and 11. Speaking at the convention will be Adrian Peterson, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor from Indianapolis, Ind., who is also a board member of the NASB USA and coordinator of international relations for Adventist World Radio.

Peterson, who has spoken on previous occasions, was invited to speak again this year at the convention that is open to broadcasters, manufacturers, consultants, academics, students, shortwave listeners, and other interested parties. This year Peterson will speak on radio history from its earliest origins. During his presentation, he



*Adrian Peterson, an Adventist pastor and coordinator of international relations for Adventist World Radio, will speak at the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters and the USA DRM Group joint annual meeting in May 2007.*

will have an opportunity to talk about the ministry of Adventist World Radio (AWR). He looks forward to this convention where he believes God is opening doors for him. Peterson said, "I am grateful for the opportunity that God has granted to me to witness to so many significant radio people around the world. I am aware of some who have been baptized as Seventh-day Adventists, due in part at least to this form of radio ministry."

This is the first time the two organizations have held their annual meetings outside the Washington,

D.C., area. Last year, the convention was hosted at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Md.

NASB and USA DRM Group are separate organizations, but they have many common members, since some of the strongest supporters of DRM technology have been shortwave broadcasters. DRM, an abbreviation for Digital Radio Mondiale, is a revolutionary technology that gives shortwave and AM radio signals an FM-type quality.

Peterson extends an invitation to Lake Union members to attend the convention where presentations will range from technical topics to programming and audience research. Pre-registration is necessary; however, attendance is free of charge. For more details, see [www.shortwave.org/meeting.htm](http://www.shortwave.org/meeting.htm).

*Diane Thurber, Lake Union Herald managing editor*

### [NAD NEWS]

## Introduce Friends to Seventh-day Adventists with New Resource

The newly redesigned brochure—"What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?"—helps people understand who Seventh-day Adventists are and what they believe. In six colorful panels, it defines Seventh-day Adventists' identity and beliefs. It also offers a short history of Adventism, recent membership and outreach statistics, and information about Adventist education and community service.

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"What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?" is available in English, Spanish, and French. It is sold in packages of 50 with quantity discounts available. To order, contact AdventSource at 800-328-0525 or visit [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org).

*Cassie Martsching, AdventSource marketing director*



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## Weddings

**Cheryl Y. Davis and Ronald M. Barber** were married Dec. 23, 2006, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors David Glenn and Mark Howard.

Cheryl is the daughter of Kenneth and Ella Davis of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Ronald is the son of Mervin Barber of Dearborn, Mich., and Billie and Don Pifer of Belleville, Mich.

The Barbers are making their home in Vasar, Mich.

**Amanda Minter and Fred Boothby** were married May 29, 2006, in Niles, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John Abbott.

Amanda is the daughter of Dan and Carol Minter of Elkhart, Ind., and Fred is the son of Fred and Sandra Boothby of Gobles, Mich.

The Boothbys are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

**Maria L. Welkin and Kari T. Garner** were married July 2, 2006, in Onaway, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Christian Martin and Kevin Miller.

Maria is the daughter of Roger Welkin of Greenville, Ohio, and Leona and Carl Peterman of Onaway, and Kari is the son of Jack and Janet Garner of Midland, Mich.

The Garners are making their home in Indian River, Mich.

## Anniversaries

**Elton and Viola Parrish** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20, 2006, by an open house at Coopersville, Mich. They have been members of the Wright (Mich.) Church for 20 years.

Elton Parrish and Viola Taylor were married Dec. 20, 1941, in Bauer, Mich., by Elder Daniel Venden. Elton was employed at Van Wood Chemical in Grand Rapids, Mich., and now enjoys stamp collecting and gardening. Viola was employed at Gardsman Employees Credit Union, and now enjoys crocheting, sewing, and cooking.

The Parrish family includes Beth and Ed Cabana of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; the late Russell Parrish; Harley and Janet Parrish of Jenison, Mich.; Lesley Parrish of Kentwood, Mich.; 37 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Obituaries

**ANDERSEN, Bernard C.**, age 83; born Jan. 27, 1923, in Standard, Alberta, Canada; died Jan. 20, 2007, in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his daughter, Connie Severin; sister, Leona Murray; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Lloyd Munson and Douglas Waterhouse, and interment was in Milliani (Hawaii) Memorial Park Cemetery.

**BUTTON, Donald N.**, age 84; born Feb. 11, 1922, in Washtenaw Cty., Mich.; died Jan. 9, 2007, in Stanton, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Ledge (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary L. (Pierce); sons, Jack N., Robert D., and Marvin R.; sisters, Dorothy Robertson, Leona Lucas, and Jean Caldwell; half-sister, Marjory Bodi; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted at a later date, with private inurnment.

**CHRISTNER, Alfred M.**, age 83; born Apr. 19, 1923, in Lincoln Park, Mich.; died Jan. 10, 2007, in Wayne, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his brother, Donald.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

**CISCHKE, William C.**, age 66; born Oct. 21, 1940, in Detroit, Mich.; died Jan. 22, 2007, in Redford Twp., Mich. He was a member of the Farmington Hills (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, William "Billie"; daughter, Donna Cischke; brothers, James, Donald, Paul, and Clarence; sisters, Diane Dowell, Yvonne Brion, and Vicki Wilber; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Novi, Mich.

**EDMINSTER, Glenice A. (DeChateau)**, age 85; born Oct. 17, 1921, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Dec. 19, 2006, in Pulaski, Wis. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her son, Phillip; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and inurnment was in Ashwaubenon Moravian Cemetery, Green Bay.

**FERRARI, Carol J. (Anderson)**, age 73; born Dec. 6, 1933, in Ridgeway, Pa.; died Jan. 18, 2007, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Henry; son, Jon; daughter, Ann Ferrari; brother, Roger Anderson; and sister, JoAnn Ross.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Oakmont Cemetery, Ridgeway.

**GATTEN, Anna M. (Vitale)**, age 90; born Mar. 10, 1916, in Dayton, Ohio; died Dec. 25, 2006, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Willis J., Eugene, James, and Donald; daughter, Velda Capps; one brother; two sisters; 24 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted in the Fredericktown (Ohio) Church, and interment was in Mount Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

**HAMSTRA, Mabel R. (Soule) Marsh**, age 89; born Mar. 23, 1917, in Edenville, Mich.; died Dec. 12, 2006, in Vestaburg, Mich. She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Alvin Marsh; daughters, Maxine Scott, Helen Wiggins, and Esther Marsh; brothers, Edmond and Oscar Soule; sister, Ruth Sykes; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Olan Thomas, and inurnment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ionia, Mich.

**HERMSEN, Helen L. (McDowell)**, age 91; born Dec. 11, 1914, in Peshtigo, Wis.; died Nov. 23, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minn. She was a member of the Green Bay (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean Dasenko; sister, Ruth Belaire; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and inurnment was in Oconto (Wis.) Cemetery.

**JONES, Carl E.**, age 81; born Mar. 30, 1925, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Dec. 14, 2006, in Norman, Okla. He was a member of the Spencer (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna D. (Owen); son, Steven G.; daughter, Brenda K. Quick; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Canther, and inurnment was in Boggstown (Ind.) Cemetery.

**PESHKA, Justina B. (Batiuk)**, age 88; born Oct. 11, 1918, in Carteret, N.J.; died Dec. 25, 2006, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include her husband, David K.; sons, David K. Jr. and Daniel K.; daughters, Deborah K. Peshka and Dawn K. Peshka-Schjeide; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Arthur Covell, Bruce Moyer, Isaias Santos, and Daniel Augsburg, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Niles.

**PIERCE, Ford L.**, age 89; born Aug. 9, 1917, in Union Cty., Ill.; died Dec. 2, 2006, in Metropolis, Ill. He was a member of the Metropolis Church.

Survivors include his stepdaughters, Norma Miller and Betty Swena; and brother, Ned.

Graveside services were conducted by Elders Ken Denslow and Dale Barnhurst, and interment was in Massac Memorial Garden Cemetery, Metropolis.

**POHLMAN, Barbara M. (Copick)**, age 92; born Apr. 22, 1914, in Kansas City, Mo.; died Dec. 17, 2006, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Lynn Christman; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles.

**SCHWAB, Kenneth R.**, age 69; born June 22, 1937, in Mountain, Wis.; died Nov. 26, 2006, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his son, Kevin; daughters, Robin Minnick and Barbara Fritsch; mother, Iola (Christensen) Schwab; brother, Marvin; sister, Ione Schwab; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Nicolet Memorial Park Cemetery, Green Bay.

**THOMAS, Zola M. (Papa)**, age 87; born Dec. 7, 1918, in Fairfield, Texas; died Aug. 26, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her sons, Raymond and Edwin; daughters, Brenda Coleman, Renata Thomas, and Deidre Hodnett; sisters, Gloria Earl and Selena Johnson; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Eric Bell, and interment was in Wisconsin Memorial Cemetery, Milwaukee.



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Detroit, Mich.	8:03	8:11	8:19	8:27	8:35	8:43
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:13	8:20	8:28	8:35	8:42	8:49
La Crosse, Wis.	7:37	7:46	7:54	8:02	8:11	8:19
Lansing, Mich.	8:10	8:17	8:26	8:34	8:42	8:50
Madison, Wis.	7:29	7:37	7:46	7:53	8:02	8:10
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## PARTNERSHIP with GOD

### In His Image

BY GARY BURNS



Last night our family attended a social hosted by the Andrews University College of Technology. Our son, Tyler, is a freshman in the B.F.A. program with an emphasis in photography and design, and we've also been assisting the university in various areas of video and audio production. This association has given us an up-close and behind-the-scenes look.

We had already realized the school's motto, "Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World.," through our daughter Josie's experience as a student missionary to India. She has returned to complete a degree in English and communications, with an emphasis in writing, and hopes to use her skills to address needs in the global community. Now we are seeing our son find his niche through photography and design—an opportunity provided by caring deans and faculty who saw his potential.

It is good to see his enthusiasm for learning the art of imaging. But what is greater is to see how the image of God is being instilled in our children through dedicated and self-sacrificing teachers, professors, and deans who see their roles as partnerships—with God, with parents, and with each other.

Sharon Prest Ullom, one of Tyler's photography teachers and his advisor, inspires her students to consider their creative gifts as communication tools on a mission for good—to embrace their giftedness as a calling similar to being a teacher, doctor, or pastor. We are glad that she and her husband Marc, another one of Tyler's photography teachers, have dedicated and united their lives to see young people develop their creative gifts in His image.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

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## Andrews University

**2007 Workshop on Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy.** Andrews University Seminary offers this popular workshop from **Aug. 5-10**. For information and pre-registration, contact Fran McMullen at 269-471-3541, e-mail [fran@andrews.edu](mailto:fran@andrews.edu), or visit website [www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/](http://www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/).

## Historic Adventist Village

**The Historic Adventist Village** is open again for full tours starting this month. For information, call Stanley Cottrell, tour director, at 269-209-2915 or 269-965-3000. Remember, donations (\$5.00/person is suggested) support the Village.

## Illinois

**The Seventh Annual Camp Akita Bike-A-Thon** will be held in Southern Illinois on Sun., **Apr. 22**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is an event to raise funds to build Kabins 4 Kids. More information and registration forms are available at [www.campakita.com](http://www.campakita.com), by calling Norma at 630-856-2874, or by e-mailing [bikeathon@campakita.com](mailto:bikeathon@campakita.com). The Northern Illinois ride will be held on **May 20**. Registration fee is \$25. The top prize for the individual participating by running, walking, riding, or volunteering, and raising the most by May 20, is a laptop computer.

**Prayer Works!** is the theme for a prayer retreat being held at Camp Akita, **Apr. 27-29**, sponsored by the Illinois Conference. Guest speakers include Ken Denslow, Ron Schultz, and Ed Barnett. Charge of \$75 per person covers food, lodging, and materials. To register, call Veryl Kelley at 630-856-2850, or e-mail [vkelly@illinoisadventist.org](mailto:vkelly@illinoisadventist.org).

**North Aurora Seventh-day Adventist Church Celebrates Its First 100 Years:** North Aurora Church, located at 37W219 Mooseheart Road, was formally organized as the Aurora Adventist Church 100 years ago on Jan. 12, 1907. A number of celebratory and memorial events will be held throughout 2007 in commemoration, culminating in a Centennial Sabbath weekend, **Sept. 28-30**. As part of the celebration, church officials are gathering information about the church and photos from throughout the years. Information on previous members and pastors, as well as students and teachers at the Aurora Adventist Elementary School, is needed. Please contact Pastor Ken Veal at e-mail [unkv@aol.com](mailto:unkv@aol.com) or by phone at 630-208-0121.

## Indiana

**Women's Ministries One-Day Spring Retreat** is Sabbath, **Apr. 7**, at Indiana Academy in Cicero. Guest speakers are Kimberly Miller and Kathy Cameron. The cost per person covers all meetings plus Sabbath lunch. For registration information, call Julie Loucks at the Indiana Conference office at 317-844-6201.

**Hispanic Wedding Seminar** is **Apr. 14-15** at the Best Western Hotel in Monticello. The seminar will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sabbath morning and conclude Sun. at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Orlando Contreras from the Voz of Profecy in Spanish. To register, contact Orlando or Raquel Vazquez at 317-209-8246. The fee per couple includes all meetings, one night at the hotel, Sabbath lunch and dinner, and Sun. breakfast.

**Indiana Academy Days:** All students in grades 8-11 are invited to Indiana Academy Days, **Apr. 29-30**. Meet the staff and students, and experience a great educational opportunity! For registration information, call Bill Hicks, IA vice principal and development director, or Beth Bartlett, registrar, at 317-984-3575, or e-mail [bbartlett@iasda.org](mailto:bbartlett@iasda.org).

**The Third Annual Indiana Junior Academy and Cicero Elementary Golf Outing** will be held **May 17** at Bear Slide Golf Club, 6770 East 231st St., Cicero. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; team tee off starts at 8:30 a.m. Fee includes green fees, cart, practice range, trophies, door prizes, and a fantastic lunch. Sign up your team or join a four-person scramble with men's, ladies', and coed flights to choose from. Corporate sponsors, prizes, and items for the auction that follows are sought; donations are tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the two schools. For additional information, call Mark Fogg at 317-513-3774, or e-mail [mark.fogg@unitedagy.com](mailto:mark.fogg@unitedagy.com). Download registration forms at [www.glendalesda.org](http://www.glendalesda.org).

## Lake Region

**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Sun., **May 20, 2007**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., CDT, at the Milwaukee Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2389 North Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. The purpose of the session is to elect officers and departmental directors for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to this session are duly appointed representatives of the various churches of the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof. The organizing committee, made up of duly appointed members

from churches, will meet on Sat. night, May 19, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., CDT, at the Racine Marriott, Huron Meeting Room, 7111 Washington Ave., Racine, Wis.

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**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the members of the Lake Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., a corporation, will be held on Sun., **May 20, 2007**, in connection with the 25th session of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Milwaukee Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2389 North Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. The first meeting of the association will be called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m., CDT. The purpose of the meeting is to restate and amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws, to elect trustees for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates from the churches in attendance at the 25th Triennial Session of the Lake Region Conference comprise the constituency of the association.

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## Lake Union

### Offerings:

- Apr 7** Local Church Budget
- Apr 14** Christian Record Services
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- Apr 28** Local Conference Advance

### Special Days:

- Apr 7** Missionary Magazines  
(*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*)
- Apr 14** Stewardship Sabbath
- Apr 21** Literature Evangelism Sabbath
- Apr 28** Education Sabbath

**Lake Union Conference ASI Spring Fellowship** will be held **Apr. 20-21** at the Wisconsin Rapids Seventh-day Ad-



ventist Church located at 711 14th Street North in Wisconsin Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president. To download a registration form, visit [www.asi-lakeunion.org/](http://www.asi-lakeunion.org/). For additional information, call Sandy Miller at 608-268-7649.

**Lake Union Conference Women's Ministries** invites women who have a hurtful past to experience healing through Jesus at the *Hope for Hurting Hearts* retreat hosted in the Illinois Conference at Camp Akita in Gilsen, Ill., **Apr. 20-22**. Guest speakers are Juanita Mayer and Roberta Fish. For more information and to register, call Cathy Sanchez at 618-218-4335, or e-mail [cathysanchez@mychoice.net](mailto:cathysanchez@mychoice.net).

## Michigan

**Battle Creek Academy's Alumni Reunion** is scheduled for **Apr. 27-29**. An invitation is extended to all our alumni, former parents, and friends of the school. Honor classes are: 1927, '37, '47, '57, '67, '77, '82, '87, and '97. The weekend will begin with a golf outing on Fri. at 10:00 a.m. at the Yarrows Golf Club. A musical vespers at 8:00 p.m. will be presented by alumni. Sabbath church service features Patrick Murphy ('94), A.U.'s Campus Ministries director. A potluck dinner will follow in the gym (food to share should be dropped off before church at the cafeteria). Vespers will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle and will be presented by Nick ('77) and Rhonda Walmer. Our annual Picnic-n-Pops band concert will follow (food will be sold).

**Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist School** celebrates 75 years of Christian education during the weekend of **May 4-6**. It will be a Diamond Jubilee—the school has been in operation from 1932-2007. Celebration services will be held at Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church, G-1379 W. Louis Ave., Flint, Mich. All former faculty, students,

parents, supporters, and friends from the Flint #2, North Street, Detroit Street, Woodside, and Linden Road era of the school's development are invited to attend. For more information, contact Gloria Stuckey at 810-785-5684, e-mail [Gloria.Stuckey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Gloria.Stuckey@sbcglobal.net), or visit website [www.fairhavensda.org](http://www.fairhavensda.org).

**Third Annual Motor City-Area Pathfinder Honors Retreat** will take place **May 4-6** at Camp AuSable. An abundance of honors will be offered along with lots of drilling and marching. Pathfinder Internet software instruction will be available to all directors and staff in attendance as well. There will be lots of spiritual programming, fellowship, good food, treasure hunt, visit to the Nature Center, and drum corp instruction. The cost for this weekend includes meals, lodging, honors, horseback riding, go carting, and a wagon ride. Reserve your club's spot no later than April 4. For more information, contact Angie at 313-915-8758, or Teresa at 313-283-7775.

**"Ye Olde CLA Alumni Reunion"** will take place **June 7-10**, for Cedar Lake Academy alumni and warmly-welcomed schoolmates of 1957 and earlier, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: 1937, '47, and '57. For information, call the GLAA Alumni office at 989-427-5181, or visit [www.GLAA.net](http://www.GLAA.net). Please do pass the good word.

**Adelphian Academy Homecoming:** Alumni, faculty, and friends of Adelphian Academy are invited to the Annual Homecoming Weekend **June 8-9**. Randy Roberts will speak during the Sabbath worship service. Honored classes: 1957, '67, and '82. For additional information, go to the Adelphian Academy website [www.adelphianacademy.com](http://www.adelphianacademy.com), or call Clarence Brummett at 909-796-8593.

## North American Division

**Columbia Union College Alumni Weekend** will be **Apr. 13-15**. Washington D.C. and campus tours, concerts, banquets, great memories. Honoring classes of 1997, '87, '82, '77, '67, '57, '47, and '37. Reserve your place by e-mailing [alumni@cuc.edu](mailto:alumni@cuc.edu), or phoning 301-891-4133.

**LaMesa (Calif.) Adventist Community Church's 50th Anniversary** will be held **May 5**. A full orchestra and choir presentation, "I Can Only Imagine," will lead the worship in two thrilling services—first service, 9:00 a.m.; second service, 11:30 a.m. Seating is free, but reservations are required. For service and seating information, call 619-461-5703.

**Camp Blue Ridge** summer camp and retreat center will celebrate 50 years of service to the youth and Adventist congregations of the Potomac Conference on **June 1-3**. On this date the former campers and staff are invited to return for a reunion weekend in recognition of the ministry impact that the camp has had during the past 50 years. Come for just a day or for the weekend and visit with friends. To register for this weekend, call 540-886-0771, or visit us on the Web at [www.cbrsda.com](http://www.cbrsda.com). Registration deadline is May 21. For more information you may also e-mail [50thcelebration@cbrsda.com](mailto:50thcelebration@cbrsda.com).

**First Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Convention** will be held **July 5-7** in Orlando. Approximately half of the Seventh-day Adventist Church membership is made up of singles. When an Adventist couple gets divorced, 70 percent will leave the church in one year. Adventist singles need attention and encouragement from their church, with opportunities to meet and network. This year ASAM will hold its first division-wide convention. Powerful plenary speakers, networking

opportunities, and lots of seminars. Churches, start promoting this information now—many singles will need to budget as far in advance as possible. For more information and to register, contact [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) and [www.pursueyourpassion2007.com](http://www.pursueyourpassion2007.com).

## Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Academy (WA) Alumni Weekend** will be held on **Apr. 27-28**. The theme for this year's Alumni Weekend is "Working with Jesus." Honor classes are 1937, '47, '57, '67, '77, '82, '87, and '97. Come back to WA for fellowship and fun with former classmates. If you would like more information about the weekend or to reserve a room, contact Marcia Sigler at 920-623-3300 ext. 12, or e-mail [library@wisacad.org](mailto:library@wisacad.org). Make sure to stop by our website and update your profile at [www.wisacadalumni.org](http://www.wisacadalumni.org).

**The Third Annual Wisconsin Academy (WA) Golf Classic** will be held **Apr. 29** at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course in Columbus. Last year 23 teams came out to play; let's double it this year!! So, bring your clubs and come join us for an exciting weekend at the academy! All monies raised will go toward the WA worthy student fund. If you have any questions or are interested in being a sponsor, contact Michelle Shufelt at 920-623-3300 ext. 18, or e-mail [development@wisacad.org](mailto:development@wisacad.org).

**Wisconsin Academy (WA) Honors Former Faculty and Staff:** All former faculty and staff of WA will be honored at the 2007 Alumni Weekend. We want to honor all those who have dedicated their lives to "Working with Jesus at WA." Please contact Michelle Shufelt or Marcia Sigler at 920-623-3300, or e-mail [development@wisacad.org](mailto:development@wisacad.org), if you will be able to attend.



# Driving with Jesus

BY DIANE COON

One afternoon in February, I headed in the direction of Schrader's Supermarket in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Driving in the middle lane, I saw two cars ahead of me slow to a stop. I pressed the brakes and, due to the anti-lock brake system, my tires only spun across the ice and snow, destined for the rear side of the car ahead. Thankfully, with no cars in the right lane, I swerved to allow the minimal amount of damage to both the white '97 Dodge in front of me and my car.

The tires still would not grip the snow, and my car came to rest in the bushes in front of the local McDonald's. As frustrating as it was to be towed out and transferred to more solid ground, it was nothing compared to what happened next.

Despite feelings of trauma, I continued to Schrader's in my still-drivable '98 Ford Escort, and then later headed into Benton Harbor on another errand. As I drove, I chatted on my cell phone with my sister, who at the time was upset over certain decisions I had made.

I told my sister that I wanted to share a song with her. I sang the chorus to a song I had heard for the first time the previous week:

*God is too wise to be mistaken.  
God is too good to be unkind.  
So when you don't understand,  
When you don't see His plan,  
When you can't trace His hand,  
Trust His heart.<sup>1</sup>*

After singing the chorus twice, my car suddenly began to fish-tail. Although I felt I had decent control over the car—as I have managed to safely survive previous similar experiences—I told my sister to pray for me and threw down my phone.

Despite my increased attention to the road, my car did a 360-degree turnabout in the middle of the three-lane highway. When it finally

stopped in the opposite direction of traffic, I looked at my gear shift. Instead of D (drive), where it had been before, the gear was now in L (low gear).

At the time, I didn't know exactly what L would do, and I hadn't thought to use the emergency break. I couldn't have. The only thing I could think to do was pray and sing and let God take control over my car. That is when I realized God was right there with me. I knew He had heard my prayer, and now I saw His hand, too. I immediately called my dad and shared my story.

My God is so good! I'm thrilled to share this experience, since it serves as evidence that God is with us all the time, and that He truly cares about every nitty-gritty detail of our seemingly hectic lives.

Whatever situation you may be traveling through, whether dealing with unstable relationships, the struggle of meeting financial obligations, the daily challenges to be a responsible student, the dissonance between foresight and anti-lock brakes, or just the obvious sense of an attack by an enemy who isn't pleased that you worship a fair and loving God, remember that God cares. He is faithful. Trust Him. And know that somehow it will all work out for the best.

Diane Coon is a nursing and psychology student at Andrews University.

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**Allison Nowack**, a junior speech pathology and audiology major, has taken advantage of some of the opportunities that Andrews offers. Last summer she traveled to China and Tibet on an Andrews University history and political sciences study tour to learn about the history, culture, and economy of the two countries. That spirit of adventure has led her to a high level of involvement in planning and assisting with worship services in her home congregation at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). Besides teaching earliteen Sabbath school and participating as a greeter and a deaconess, Allison also serves on the Second Service Worship Committee and the Nominating Committee.



Allison Nowack

Along with her ministry roles at PMC, this year Allison is more involved on campus, serving as the vice president of the speech pathology club and working with the campus ministry *Action*. She also volunteered for the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life 2006*.

Allison lives in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and attended high school at Andrews Academy. She strongly values Christian education because she said, "I've learned to see God in other people and to experience Him for myself. Having a Christian education has prepared me to be a speech therapist and to [be aware of] people's needs, so I can serve them."



Andre Weston

**Andre Weston** is currently enrolled in his junior year at Andrews University, working to obtain a B.A. in English with a writing emphasis and a minor in journalism. He has quickly embraced the opportunities to be involved in ministries and other extracurricular activities at Andrews.

This is Andre's third year as director of Street Ministries; he coordinates all of the door-to-door programs for Outreach. He also uses his talents to write articles for the *Cardinal*, the Andrews yearbook; serve as the copy editor for the *Student Movement*, the school newspaper; and carry out tasks as the secretary-treasurer for Nu Sigma, the English honors society.

Two teachers who have made a strong impression on Andre are religion professors, Lael Caesar and Glen Russell, because "they really care about the spiritual development of their students." He also considers his mother to have been a spiritual pillar in his life.

Last summer, Andre worked as a boys' counselor at Camp Wakonda, an Adventist summer camp in Wisconsin, and he would love to be employed there again. His long-term goals include traveling and doing mission work his first year after graduation, then getting a job as a technical or a speech writer, and hopefully one day becoming an author of Christian fiction.

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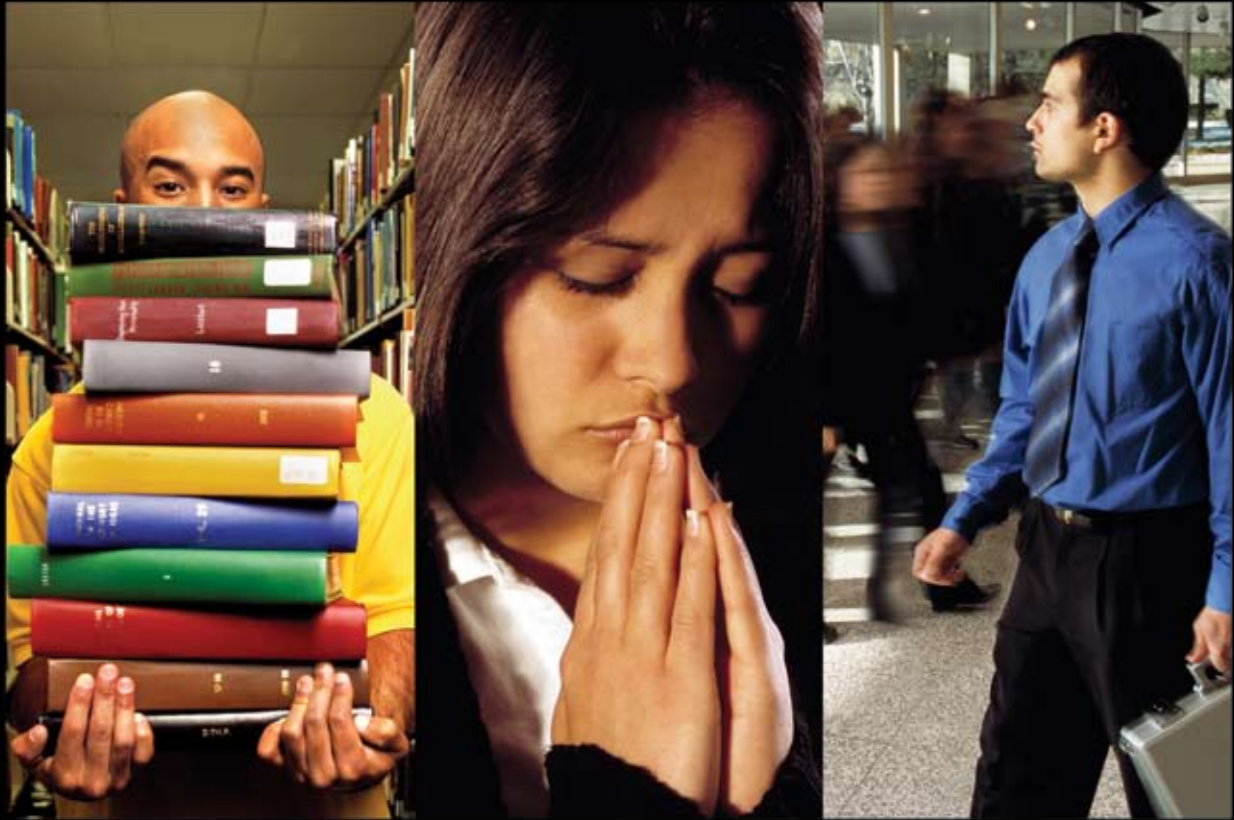
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