

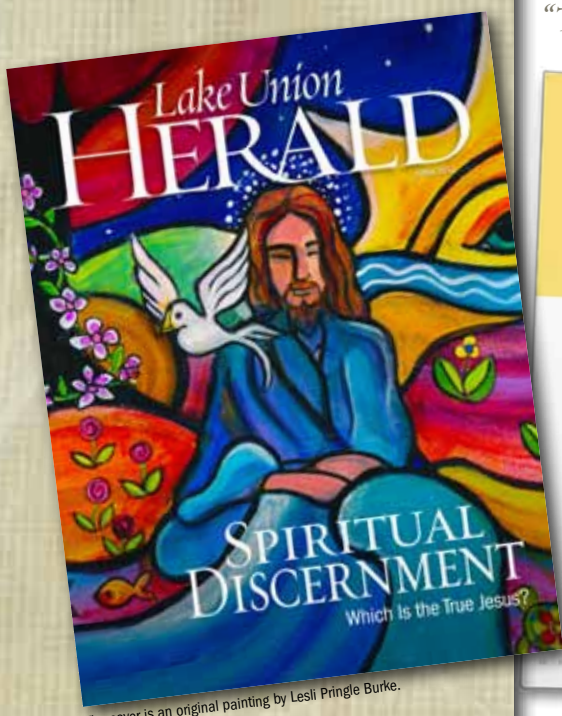
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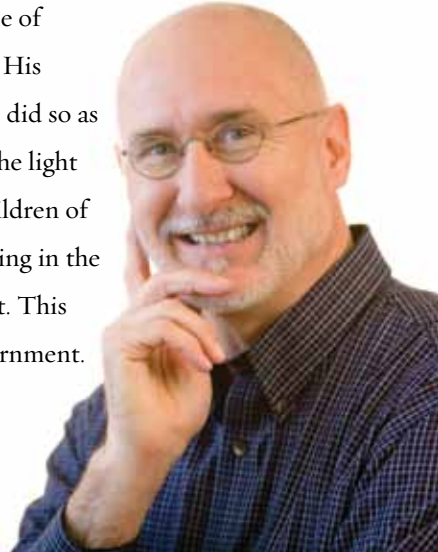
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There is something comforting about Jesus' use of the metaphor, "children of the light," to describe His followers. And when He used that metaphor, He did so as part of a cautionary warning: "Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light" (John 12:36 NLT). It is through believing in the light (Jesus) that we become children of the light. This issue is dedicated to the subject of spiritual discernment. Which is the true Jesus?


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The Light of the World

I write this from 30,000 feet on my flight home. It's 7:00 a.m. And the warm glow in the eastern sky is announcing the beginning of a new day. The lights of the villages and towns below twinkle in their pre-dawn darkness like constellations in an unfamiliar sky. It's a beautiful sight from our vantage point. But, in less than an hour, we'll be in a different reality — on the busy streets of Chicago. Chicago is home to many of God's children — forgotten by all but Him — huddling to keep warm in entryways, near steam grates, under bridges in cardboard shelters to protect them from the biting attacks of the winter winds.

From what vantage point do you view the world as a member of God's remnant people? Do you soar above the fray in the comfort of knowing the truth? Are our heads in the clouds, so to speak?

Because we have discovered so much truth, it is easy to think of ourselves as being the best church in the world. After all, we have a comprehensive and integrated understanding of Scripture, and we proclaim the messages of the Three Angels of Revelation 14 — the messages of God's remnant.

It is easy to think of our church as the best *in* the world, while God would have us be the best church *for* the world. Do we need to get down to earth to mingle with and serve the least of these as Jesus did?

On one occasion, Jesus announced His identity using the metaphor of light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. ... As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:4, 5 NIV). What did He mean when He said, "While I am in the world?" Who is the light now that He's no longer here? The answer is found in the "Sermon on the Mount." He announces our identity using the same metaphor: "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14 NIV). Imagine that!

While letting our light shine includes revealing the truth about God, teaching correct doctrine is not the only thing. God is calling His church to live beyond *believing* the right things; He is calling us to *do* the right things.

Jesus went on to describe what He expected from His light-bearers. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16 NIV). It's not about us. It's all about Him! And when we do the same deeds He did while He was the light of the world, He gets the glory. And when He comes back to take home His own, He will say to His good-deed light-bearers, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:34–36 NIV).



Aaron: The Storyteller

BY TIFFANY EVERING

“Tiffany, what would you say is your purpose in life?”

I laughed out of the corner of my mouth, paused, and then quickly answered, hands flailing about wildly, “To be the Aaron to my sister’s Moses.” I nodded my head, figuratively patted myself on my back, and then, after a while, decided I should probably explain.

We are storytellers, my older sister, Kieana, and I. We have been for a long time, and I believe this talent came from reading so many stories when we were young. And, of course, playing Barbie dolls. Strange? The playing Barbie dolls part, certainly. Most people look at Miss Barbara Millicent Roberts as a degrading figure within Toy-land who is scatter-brained and poison for their young daughters. I, on the other hand, saw her and her friends as vehicles to enact the stories running around in my mind. Dolls aside, Kieana and I loved — actually, still love — the art of telling a story. This love grew into the talent of writing for my sister, and mine took a very winding, interesting road.

I arrived at Andrews University in the spring semester of 2010. It was with great despair that I had left my first college and dream, Parsons: The New School For Design, after a year of study and living in The Village of New York City. For me, an Adventist college was never an option. I believed they were too restrictive, far out in the middle of nowhere, and did not have the capacity to help me fulfill my dreams of being in the arts. Consequently, when my mother first brought up the idea of me attending an Adventist college, during my



Kieana and Tiffany Evering

senior year of high school, I shot it down immediately.

Resting deep inside me was the need to express the ideas in my mind through drawing, sewing, writing and photography. I did not believe I would have the opportunity to do this at that particular college. My preference for schools were art institutes that would place me in the company of people who were just as “strange” as I was, and far

enough away from my family that I would be able to make my own choices and experience independence.

Interestingly, while in art school, I started to develop doubts about my choice of major. While speaking with other fashion students, I realized my passion for fashion (cliché, I know) was not as deep as their own. I did not eat, breathe and live clothing design. Instead, I enjoyed storytelling far more. For a moment, I dabbled with the idea of costume design for theater and motion picture films; however, I was not completely convinced I could be tremendously happy doing that for the rest of my life. I love to write, and noticed I was writing far more than working on my drawing, and it started to trouble me. *What if my parents were right, that I was pursuing the wrong career?* The thought frustrated me, and I began to worry.

But I pushed back these thoughts of doubt — *I was in my dream school, living a life a good number of young ladies would love. How could I give it up?*

Apparently, God thought I should. Leaving Parsons was one of the most devastating moments of my life. But because the Lord knew I would not leave of my own will, He set events into motion that made sure I did. In August 2009, two weeks before school was to begin, I left behind what I believed was my dream.

I spent the next four months searching for a school. In the midst of this search, God reminded me of a passion I had, and allowed me the zeal to reach it. Now I often tell people that, while I was a Seventh-day Adventist for all my life and baptized when I was 11, I did not truly become a Christian until the fall of 2009. In my downtime, I found myself self-evaluating and reading more about my faith. I discovered I did not really enjoy the novels I used to read, and that there were not many well-written young adult novels that inspired one to make good choices in life. It seemed everything on the shelves in the teen section of Barnes & Noble had something to do with the seduction of a vampire, and that did not seem very inspired. I have always been a lover of movies. Unfortunately, most of the new ones I found appeared to center on the same ideals of pre-marital sex, strong profanity and heavy drinking in order to have a good time.

Where was the imagination? Where was the chaste love that reminded the viewer or reader about a time in their life when they wanted something, but knew they must wait and work hard to obtain it? Where was creativity that blew your senses and made you question how you were living your life?

I wanted to create this.

The choice to attend Andrews came unexpectedly. Once again, my mother tried to convince me to attend another Adventist college, which I desperately did not want to do. In the midst of pleading with the Lord one day, on my way to work, I looked up and saw a sign that read, “Andrews St.” The rest, as they say, is history. No, not really.

After seeing a picture of the ceramics studio in the Art & Design Department building on the website, I made the choice to attend Andrews as an English major (which made my parents very happy). I decided that if this school had an art program that seemed legitimate, then I could always slip in a few classes. And that’s exactly what I did, until I realized, in the fall of 2010, that I did not want to be an English major. I missed the idea of working with my hands in a studio and being in a close community of like-minded people; I envied my architecture major roommate who spent countless hours

in the studio, perfecting her drawings. I wanted this feeling of creation again and was not achieving it in the English Department. After twice trying to leave Andrews, because I felt it did not have my niche, I learned from my video teacher, Sharon Prest-Ulom, that they would be adding a documentary film program to the School of Technology. That was when I made the decision to stay and switch my major.

During an interview last fall with Gary Burns, my video documentary teacher, he asked how I would feel about being chosen as the producer for a film we were creating in class. Shaking profusely, I answered that I would love to see what I could do.

What can I do? I dream. I dream big. Kieana and I have always dreamed together. However, due to her introverted behavior, I have always been her mouthpiece. We’re not twins, but we know exactly what each other is thinking. Due to this, she can easily write something, I can draw it out, and it becomes the same thought.

While we mostly use paper and pencil now, instead of dolls (and sometimes Sims), we have never forgotten the lives we created for those inanimate objects. I will never be ashamed that I did, because making up those lives for our dolls was practice for writing stories and then drawing those scenes from the stories and, eventually, I will have those stories acted out on film.

To be a storyteller is my purpose. Jesus has been constructing my purpose since I was young. Every experience I have works toward this goal. I now understand that being at Andrews was purely His idea, and becoming a filmmaker is His direction.

I became the producer for our film; and, while it was a class project, it was something that proved to me I was in the right area of study and at the right school. It took me a while to accept that Andrews was where I had to be. I’d been fighting the idea of Christian education for years. But God wanted to remind me that it is only through Him I will truly prosper. I do believe He brought me to Parsons, but I also believe He already intended for me to finish at Andrews.

So, I’m Aaron — except without the selling out and making a calf out of people’s jewelry. My purpose is to work with my sister to create novels and movies that inspire and bring people closer to God. My talents have always been confused in a mixture of mediums, but I’ve recently discovered that none of these mediums are my true talent. It is telling the story that is my skill.

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Don't Be Late

BY RON KELLY

Recently, I was trapped in an embarrassing moment. I had just placed my purchases on the check-out counter at an office supply store when a gust of frustration came rushing over from the customer service desk. A potential employee was receiving a verbal tongue lashing from his prospective boss. He was 15 minutes late to his interview and didn't have a good reason. It was bad news.

The cashier (with her back to the manager) also was stuck in the same moment. She leaned over the counter and whispered to me about the discomfort of it all. I followed the potential employee out into the parking lot and gave a last glance at the interviewee who didn't make it to first base. I couldn't help but feel sorry for him — fired before he was even hired.



In spite of today's fascination with self-esteem, it appears that in the business world "getting the job done" is still the benchmark. He had every hair in place and his shoes were shined but, when the doors opened at 8:00 a.m., the boss needed to know he would be there. And if he couldn't get it right for the interview, what made her think he'd get it right on the job?

Today's families are living in a unique moment in Earth's history. Affluence and mobility afford us the luxury of avoiding consequences. In our new media society, everyone is a consumer; you don't fix anything, you just throw it away. New jobs, new marriages and new churches are the answer to strained relationships and difficult situations. The lines of function and feeling are not forced to intersect in modules of growth. The result in a word: dysfunction.

So what is the solution? And how do we keep our homes from being drawn in to the vortex of a culture that's going

down the drain? Robert Wright, in an interview with Krista Tippett on "Speaking of Faith," stated that intellectual elegance is being able to reduce a complex theory to simple statement.* If this is true, then the Bible is the most elegant of all books, and we are without excuse in the journey toward functionality. Each of us has a Shepherd leading us in the way of abundant life — if, that is, we

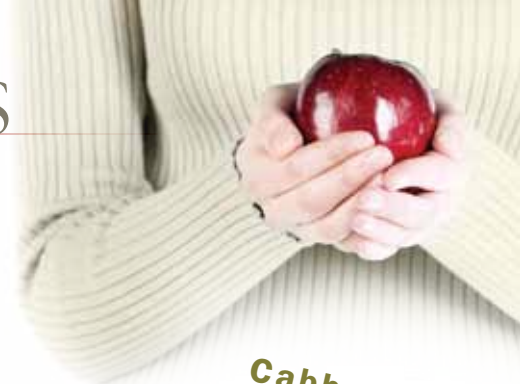
are keeping our appointments.

Indeed, God knows the truth about us, our marriages and our families that will set us free. And He has called us to three appointments that we can't afford to miss if we want to rise above our own natural tendency to dysfunction. The first is our daily communion with God. The second is a daily emotional connection with our spouses. And the third is a communion as a family, at the table and at the family altar. So simple — yes, indeed. He is the Wonderful Counselor. He is the Good Shepherd. And He knows how to balance encouragement and accountability for happiness and success. God is waiting for your arrival; don't be late!

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*National Public Radio, March 4, 2010, "Speaking of Faith" (The program is now called "On Being.")

Fruits and vegetables rich in pigments protect our health.



Cabbage family cuts cancer risk in half.

New Adventures

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Maybe it's time for you to be adventuresome and try something different this summer. For some of you, it may simply mean eating these nutritious foods more often to benefit from their health-promoting properties.

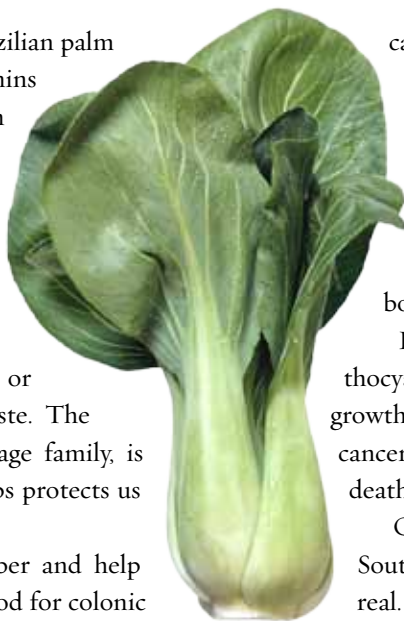
Açaí berries, the fruit of a large Brazilian palm tree, are rich in pigments (anthocyanins and polyphenolic compounds) which protect us against cancer. Açaí also can act as a vasodilator and has anti-inflammatory action. However, açaí does not increase your energy, provide a body cleanse or help with weight loss as many claim.

Arugula, also called "rocket" or "rocket salad," has a rich, peppery taste. The leafy green is a member of the cabbage family, is rich in vitamins and minerals, and helps protect us against colon cancer.

Black beans are rich in soluble fiber and help control blood sugar levels. They are good for colonic health and protect against colon cancer. The beans are rich in health-promoting anthocyanin pigments and other flavonoids, and hydroxyl-cinnamic acids that have chemopreventive properties. Black beans are a good source of folic acid, magnesium, iron, molybdenum and manganese.

Bok choy is a cabbage with a mild, sweet flavor. Its tender leaves are useful for soups and stir-fries. While low in calories, it is rich in vitamins A and K, potassium, iron, and calcium. Their isothiocyanates protect us against cancer.

Broccoli sprouts look like alfalfa sprouts and taste like radish. They are much richer in sulforaphane than the adult plant. Their antioxidant phytochemicals protect us against breast, prostate, stomach and colon cancer, and may also improve cardiovascular health. Women eating higher levels of broccoli, and other Brassica vegetables (cabbage,



cauliflower and kale) were 50 percent less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Guava is a delicious tropical fruit rich in soluble fiber, potassium, vitamin A, flavonoids and various polyphenolics. While the pink pulp is used for jam, juice and in fruit salads, the fruit peel of raw guava has both lipid-lowering and anti-diabetic activity.

Lychee fruit are rich in flavonoids and anthocyanins. These phytochemicals inhibit the growth, proliferation and invasiveness of breast cancer cells. An extract of lychee fruit induces the death of cancer cells.

Quinoa, a plant from the Andes region of South America, is used as a nutritious grain cereal. It has good quantities of calcium and iron, is rich in flavonoids, and has been suggested to help in the battle against diabetes.

Red and brown lentils are loaded high with fiber, and help provide excellent control of blood glucose. Their use is associated with significant reduction of stomach and colon cancer. They can be used in soups and stews.

Tahini, or sesame paste, can be used as a spread and is also a major component of hummus. Commonly used in Middle Eastern and Indian cuisines, tahini is rich in healthy monounsaturated fat, and makes a sweet dessert when mixed with date syrup. Sesame and other lignans, similar to those found in flax, protect against cancer and may lower LDL cholesterol levels as well.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

God or Caesar?

BY THE EDITORS

What does present truth have to do with American politics? This issue of the *Herald* was preparing to go to press on Super Tuesday, the day when ten states held their primary elections while each of the Republican candidates made their appeals to win the votes of conservative Christians — some more effectively and intentionally than others, and all seeking to take the White House away from one whose beliefs and religion they question. And by the way, not all conservative Christians are Republicans.

With God and religion holding such a prominent place in the American political debate, how does that impact what you believe? Are your beliefs shaped by biblical principles, or political preferences?

One could argue that some political views are motivated by economics, while others bear the mark of an independent spirit bordering on a rebellion against authority. Still others appear to be driven by a deep desire to establish a moral society, a return to Pilgrim culture. Some use rhetoric that sounds very much like they would like to establish a theocratic state under the banner, “One nation under God.”

How should the true followers of Christ relate to American politics? Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, recently offered this advice in his weekly bulletin column, “The Fourth Watch.” “So let us watch with deepening interest the unfolding presidential campaign. Keep a score card of how often God is invoked for political or party purposes. Avoid a *cart blanche* acceptance of any leader’s pronouncement (religious or political). And exercise the carefully reasoned thinking that God has given you. In the end, Jesus’ counsel is unassailable: ‘Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s’ (Matthew 22:21 NKJV). That way,



you’ll never mistake the voice of Caesar for God.”

This political season may be the right time to invest some thoughtful study into the life of Jesus and the experiences of the Early Church. That study can be a springboard to read about the post-biblical history of the church in the book, *The Great Controversy*, available at your local Adventist Book Center, or as an eBook, in text and audio formats, at <http://egwwritings.org>.

Recently, an 11-chapter abridged version has been prepared, containing the key events, for the purpose of sharing with your friends who also are seeking to know how to be 21st century followers of Jesus — those who “follow the Lamb wherever He goes” (Revelation 14:4 NKJV).

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in responding to these questions:

- How did Jesus relate to the pagan Roman government, and what counsel, if any, did He offer as to how we should relate to the state and those who govern?
- What are we asking for when we pray, “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven”? (See Matthew 6:10 KJV.)
- Is Jesus’ Kingdom still “not of this world,” or did that change upon His ascension? — *The Editors*

Asking for Ourselves

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
—Hebrews 4:16 NIV (Also read vv. 14–15.)

God delights in our asking because we are His children. This kind of prayer keeps drawing us back into the dependency of the parent-child relationship.

Petition is asking God for our personal needs. I want to emphasize here that it's okay to request God's blessings for ourselves. Some people think petition (asking for ourselves) is a more primitive form of prayer, reflecting a still-somewhat-selfish spirituality, while prayers of praise, thanksgiving and intercession reflect a higher kind of spirituality.

That's unbiblical thinking. We are forever dependent on God, so we need constantly to be asking for His blessing on us. God has much to give, and we have great need. Petitionary prayer connects our needs to God's generosity. The Bible is full of it.

Jesus unabashedly commends petitionary prayer. To encourage His disciples in prayer, He said, "I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9, 10 NIV). God likes to have His children ask. He is not bothered by our asking, even when we come to Him with the smallest details of our lives.

God invites us to come with confidence to His throne in the awareness that Jesus has opened the way to God's Father-heart for our sake, and that He is committed to meeting our needs. We are able to come with confidence that Jesus will understand, for He "has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin" (Hebrews 4:15 NIV).

The Lord invites us to come with a consciousness of our sin, asking for mercy — not to receive the punishment we really deserve. He invites us to come with a consciousness of our needs, asking for grace — that we receive what we do not deserve. Jesus stands ready to meet us, no matter what our need may be.

Teresa of Ávila once declared, "You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him." What are you going to ask?

Reflect

Have you ever felt complimented by being asked for help? Why might asking be a way to compliment God? Why might God be insulted if we don't ask?

Why do you suppose that God, knowing us better than we know ourselves, has invited us to come asking?

Pray

Praise Jesus Christ, our heavenly High Priest, who has entered into the heavenly throne room for us, who is also able to sympathize fully with us.

If you have failed to regularly approach the throne of grace to ask for mercy and grace, *confess* this as an insult to God and a failure to recognize the true nature of your dependence on Him.

Thank God for His readiness to forgive and help you in your need.

Approach God with confidence and *ask* for the mercy He has promised and for the grace to help you with any specific need.

Act

Ask for things your heavenly Father really wants you to have, like joy, self-control, brotherly kindness. Ask with complete confidence that God is pleased with your asking and is most eager to help.

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Impressions of the Master

BY ASHLEY MEYER

Earl Quiba had enjoyed acting since high school, but found few available opportunities to act before coming to Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. At the start of his freshman year, Earl auditioned for the drama ministry, Impressions of the Master.

Impressions was started by students as a ministry in 1998. With a current team of 15 students, the group performs skits and plays with a spiritual emphasis. Impressions witnesses to both the student body at Andrews and in the surrounding community, performing at churches and schools.

Impressions is just one of the many outreach ministry teams at

Andrews, but Earl was passionate about the importance of its ministry. “Jesus spoke in parables,” he said, “which provoked thought, and were a way for others to relate to what He was saying, another way to convey a deeper message. Sometimes a story, in itself, is just enough to provoke thought.”

One of Earl’s favorite performances told just such a story, in which a man was so dependent on those around him for love and support that it took the shock of his fiancé leaving him at the altar for him to realize that all he really needed was the love of God. That story really spoke to Earl, and he was delighted when he received comments from other people who also understood the message. “Some things just can’t be conveyed through sermons,” he recalled one friend telling him after a performance. Through Impressions, Earl believes he is making an important difference in people’s lives.

Earl continued to be involved in Impressions through his junior year. In fall 2011, he became a director of the group. Although excited about his new role in the ministry, Earl was grateful to lean on his team and co-director, Danika



The Impressions of the Master drama ministry team shares skits with important messages about the love of God on campus at Andrews University, and in local churches and schools.

Gallatin, for support. Finding venues to share their ministry proved unexpectedly difficult, however, and Earl soon became discouraged. A couple of months into the academic year, Impressions only had one performance scheduled. Naturally, the team longed to share the skits on which they had worked so hard and because they contained such important

messages about the love of God. The team met to discuss this challenge and decided that, even if they touched only one person through their performance, their effort would be worth it.

Quite unexpectedly, after two months with no scheduled performances, Impressions received five requests — more than Earl had hoped to receive for the entire semester. Earl and his team felt blessed by the unexpected opportunity to minister to so many people.

“I am more than astounded by the work God had done with our team and all the sudden opportunities He granted us when it seemed there weren’t going to be any,” Earl said. “It is encouraging to know that if one truly has the desire to serve others, God will afford him the opportunity to do so.”

For more information about Impressions, look for Impressions of the Master-Drama Ministry on Facebook, or email impressions.au@gmail.com.

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ASI en Acción

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Cuando hombres de diferentes vocaciones: agricultores, mecánicos, abogados, etc., se hacen miembros de la iglesia, vienen a ser siervos de Cristo; y aunque sus talentos sean completamente diferentes, su responsabilidad en cuanto a hacer progresar la causa de Dios, por el esfuerzo personal y con sus recursos, no es menor que la que descansa sobre el predicador.” —Testimonios para la iglesia, 4:460

Hace dos meses tuve el privilegio de viajar a la República Dominicana con más de treinta personas en un viaje misionero auspiciado por ASI. ASI es una organización de apoyo a la Iglesia Adventista que está formada por empresarios y profesionales de sostén propio. El ideal de estos profesionales es promover un estilo de vida centrado en Cristo y así mostrarlo en su esfera laboral a través de educación, programas de salud, servicios comunitarios y evangelismo. En los ocho días que estuvimos en ese bello país nuestro grupo tuvo el privilegio de trabajar en todas estas áreas. La mayor parte del grupo trabajó primero en el orfanatorio adventista Las Palmas donde se hicieron varias reparaciones en los edificios y se donó una cantidad de equipo. También se realizaron actividades con los niños, tales como clases de inglés y compartir con ellos las buenas nuevas de Jesús.

Juntamente con los doctores Manuel y Ester Alva tuve la oportunidad de dar una campaña evangelística en la ciudad de Santo Domingo, la capital del país. ASI había ofrecido apoyar la campaña pagando el sueldo de dos obreros bíblicos durante un período de tres meses antes de que comenzaran las reuniones.



Personas recién bautizadas y algunos miembros de ASI el último día de la campaña en Santo Domingo.

Gracias a Dios muchas personas llegaron a escuchar y aceptar las buenas nuevas de Jesús y muchos más tomaron la decisión de prepararse para unirse al pueblo de Dios.

Al volver a los Estados Unidos nuestro grupo se reunió para repasar todo lo ocurrido durante los ocho días pasados en la República Dominicana. Fue muy animador ver cuán agradecidos se sentían todos de haber podido participar en la obra de Dios. A pesar de los sacrificios que los participantes hicieron para dar de sus recursos y su tiempo, y de haber soportado ciertas incomodidades, todos sintieron que la

mano de Dios había acompañado sus esfuerzos. Me impresionó en manera especial oír a los jóvenes y niños que nos acompañaron expresar su gozo por haber podido participar.

Pero lo lamentable es que relativamente pocos miembros de iglesia, especialmente los de habla hispana, saben que existe esta organización. Por esta razón quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para

invitar a empresarios y profesionales hispanos a que asistan al retiro de primavera que ASI llevará a cabo del **20 al 22 de abril en la ciudad de Berrien Springs, estado de Michigan**. Si estuviera interesado en obtener más información acerca de este evento tiene sólo que llamar a mi oficina al número 269-473-8200 y con gusto le atenderemos. Le puedo asegurar que su participación le resultará una experiencia inolvidable.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

IN SEARCH OF THE BIBLICAL JESUS

BY GARY BURNS

One of my favorite descriptions of Jesus pictures Him on the seashore as John announced, “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:29). “As the people looked upon Him, they saw a face where divine compassion was blended with conscious power. Every glance of the eye, every feature of the countenance, was marked with humility, and expressive of unutterable love. He seemed to be surrounded by an atmosphere of spiritual influence. While His manners were gentle and unassuming, He impressed men with a sense of power that was hidden, yet could not be wholly concealed” (The Desire of Ages, p. 137).

I’m sure you’ve seen a number of actors who have portrayed Jesus, either in a play, a pageant or a film. Some, I can’t bring myself to watch. My favorite portrayal is by Bruce Marchiano in the Visual Bible film series. To prepare for that part, Bruce memorized the book of Matthew and read *Jesus, Man of Joy*, by Sherwood Eliot Wirt. Reading the account of Bruce’s experience in his book, *In the Footsteps of Jesus*, inspired me and gave me a new approach to studying the life of Jesus in Scripture.

Many artists have attempted to capture, on canvas, the essence of who Jesus was. I think my favorite is Nathan

Greene. Each of his paintings of Jesus portrays a dimension of His love.

The first real image I connected with, as a teenager, was the one by Richard Hook. It was a contemporary, un-sanitized version of Jesus that came in the wake of the Jesus People Movement of the ‘60s. For the first time, Jesus was a real person to me — no longer the sallow-faced, halo-ed Jesus who is depicted in so many cathedrals. I, along with many of my contemporaries, had discovered the “real” Jesus, and He made a major impact in our lives.

The Hippie Movement of the ‘60s played a key role in

launching the spiritual revival of 1970 that swept across America's campuses. Within the Hippie Movement of drugs, free sex and protest, there was a counter-reaction by those who became disenchanted with the immoral and negative aspects of the hippie lifestyle, and turned to the first-century leader of the original wandering commune named "Jesus." Duane Pederson, of *The Hollywood Free Paper*, was the first to describe this phenomenon as the "Jesus Movement," and its followers as "Jesus People." The non-Christian hippies were the ones who came up with the term, "Jesus freak," as a negative reaction to the Christian counter, counter-culture lifestyle and beliefs. But the Jesus people took on the term, "freak," as a badge of honor.

As the Jesus Movement spread like wildfire within the hippie culture, a spiritual revival focused on Jesus began to spring up on Christian college campuses, starting February 3, 1970, at Asbury College outside of Lexington, Kentucky. Some will remember what happened on the campus of Andrews University following the "Afire for God" retreat at Camp Michiana, October 8–11, of the same year. Following is a description by Michael Stevenson, former General Conference youth leader: "I had become more and more excited about what was happening. For me, it was definitely a springtime in the fall! ... Revivals were taking place! ... Prayer groups were springing up all over the [Andrews University] residence halls. ... Victories, too numerous to mention, and miracles of varying degrees continued to take place. ... 'It's unbelievable, it's wonderful!' These youth, so recently turned off regarding God and the church, [also] invaded the [Sligo Church] platform. With the Word of God in their hands, they poured out testimonies of praise. ... Now, with faces aglow, these victorious young people stepped up to give further invitations to the members of this large church. The testimonies continued until 2:30 p.m. ... The broadening out of this revival and reformation is taking place. Groups of [Andrews] students have visited every academy and church in driving distance. ... Almost everywhere they go, revivals begin."¹

Broadway and Hollywood cashed in on the phenomenon with the productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Godspell*, both musicals on the life of Jesus, created in 1970 and released in 1971. One of the *Godspell* songs made it on the popular charts, and has become a classic: "Day by Day." Gene MacLellan's song, "Put Your Hand in the Hand," made it to

No. 2 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100, and became the 22nd bestseller for 1971.

Not all who were a part of that Jesus Movement remained faithful to Jesus. Or, maybe they did. Maybe some of them were just following the wrong Jesus. With so much revival coming from so many different quarters, with Broadway and Hollywood getting into the mix for financial gain, there were bound to be some distorted views.

Rather than following the Jesus of the Bible, some followed a Jesus of their own imaginations. I think I started out following the Jesus of the Bible but, as I and many other "Jesus Boomers" entered our careers, we gave up on the simplistic and sacrificial lifestyle portrayed by the Jesus in Scripture and turned to the "I'm okay, you're okay" Jesus of our contemporary culture. By God's grace, ten years later, I returned to the Jesus of my heritage, resigned my position in television and advertising, and hit the road in a Chevy van with my little family and a Bible. Throwing it all away for an alternative lifestyle resulted in me becoming a pastor 18 months later.

So, who do we follow? The biblical Jesus, or the popular Jesus? The Jesus of whom the Spirit testifies, or the Jesus of whom the world testifies? There is only one Jesus. Everyone — everything — else is bogus, anti-Christ.

One of the ways I try to stay on track with the biblical Jesus has been made possible through the latest technology. I have several different translations of the Bible in text and audio form on my smart phone. I prefer the audio. After all, faith does come by hearing (see Romans 10:17). I think my mind has been exposed to as much Scripture in the last 18 months as it had in all of my prior years. In addition, I've downloaded many of the eBooks available at <http://egw.writings.org>.

To follow the Jesus of whom the Spirit testifies requires that we look to Scripture to find Him. It is through the words of Scripture that the Holy Spirit is able to do His transforming work of grace in our lives — to transform our characters into the characters of Christ. It requires a radical discipleship, no less radical than it was for the 12, or the 70, the 120, the 3,000...

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To Be Children of the Light

BY ELLEN G. WHITE

Those who are truly children of God are believers, not doubters and chronic grumblers. They believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. They believe that “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” They believe that “he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Through all ages and in every nation, those that believe that Jesus can and will save them personally from sin, are the elect and chosen of God; they are his peculiar treasure. They obey his call, and come out of the world and separate themselves from every unclean thought and unholy practice. The Lord has graciously opened out to our understanding by the Holy Spirit rich truth, and we should respond to this by corresponding works of piety

and devotion, in harmony with the superior privileges and advantages that have been bestowed upon us. The Lord is waiting to be gracious to his people, to give them an increased knowledge of his paternal character, of his goodness, mercy, and love. To those who keep the mind stayed upon Christ, he will come as the rain, “as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” And by constantly looking to Christ and patterning after him, we shall grow

up into him in all things. Faith will grow; conscience will be sanctified. And the fruits of the Spirit in the life will be “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.”

No human power can put unselfish love in the heart of man; only Christ can do this. He alone can give heavenly wisdom, and this he does in response to our expressed desire to be led by his pure Spirit. He who is the light of every man that cometh into the world promises that his righteousness shall go before us, and his glory be our rearward. While we follow his guidance, we shall walk safely; we can not make crooked paths for our feet. The Saviour asks those who receive him to look to him for wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. He calls them children of the light, children of the day, because the light of Christ’s character is reflected in them. The light of heaven dwells in their hearts, and his grace is daily conforming them to the divine image.

The Son of God came to our world, and took humanity upon him, that fallen men and women might have the privilege of becoming the children of God. “You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins,” the apostle writes: “wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved); and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

It is the gospel, and the gospel alone, that will sanctify the soul. It is this that makes possible to the receiver the life that measures with the life of God. This is the record that God hath given us, even eternal life; and that life is in his Son. He who is partaker of the divine nature will escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. His faith in Christ as the Life-giver, gives him life. Those who submit their will to the will of God will grow in grace. A faith that works by love and purifies the soul will give them a rich experience. The

fruits of the Spirit will be seen in their life, and the efficiency of the Spirit seen in their works.


When those who have had the light walk in the light, humbling the heart before God and daily conforming to his will, then the church will be an honor to the cause of truth. Upon those who uphold the principles of the Word in all their sacred purity, and who labor faithfully for the souls ready to perish, God will put his seal of approval.

Who are the children of God? They are members of the royal family, and a royal nation, a peculiar people, showing forth the praises of him who hath called them out of darkness into his marvelous light. They do not worship idols, they love God with all the heart, and their neighbors as themselves.

The people of God might be far in advance of what they are now, if they would sincerely and perseveringly connect daily with Christ. They do not press forward, and attain unto the things that are before, because they permit themselves to be attracted and held back through the influence of common, sensual things. The devotion and experience of the professed people of God are not in harmony with the light and privileges that God has given them. They are to be

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children of the light, children of the day, and yet many who have had exalted privileges fail to manifest corresponding faith and works. Jesus says to them as he said to the city wherein he had done mighty works, and where they failed to appreciate the light and to conform their life to it, “Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.” Many who claim to believe the truth, who have been blessed with great light, who have had great opportunities set before them, have yet come far short of reaching the high and holy standard that they would have reached if they had been doers of the words of Christ; and they have failed to set the example that they should have set before those who have had less experience than themselves in the Christian life, and before those who know not God, or Jesus Christ whom he hath sent.



We are not safe unless we offering up, in faith, fervent

Among the professed children of God, how little patience has been manifested, how many bitter words have been spoken, how much denunciation has been uttered against those not of our faith. Many have looked upon those belonging to other churches as great sinners, when the Lord does not thus regard them. Those who look thus upon the members of other churches, have need to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. Those whom they condemn may have had but little light, few opportunities and privileges. If they had had the light that many of the members of our churches have had, they might have advanced at a far greater rate, and have better represented their faith to the world. Of those who boast of their light, and yet fail to walk in it, Christ says, "But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Will not those to whom have been committed the treasures of truth, consider the superior advantages of light and privilege that have been purchased for us by the sacrifice of the Son of God on Calvary's cross? We are to be judged by the light that has been given us, and we can find no excuse by which to extenuate our course. The Way, the Truth, and the Life has been set before us. Many seek to excuse themselves by saying, "You must not judge me by some weak trait of character, but consider my character as a whole." We always feel deep pain at heart when the sinner seeks to apologize for his sin, to smooth it over, and fails to realize the danger of cherishing one un-Christlike attribute of character. We are to place our will on the side of the Lord's will, and firmly determine that by his grace we will be free from sin. Sin is the transgression of the law, and it is not the magnitude of the action in iniquity that stamps it as sin. Adam and Eve were prohibited from eating of the tree of good and evil. The test

was a slight one, but the act of disobedience to God was the transgression of his law.

The little sins that men think are of so trivial a character that on their account they will not be brought into condemnation, are very offensive in the sight of God. Says one, "You are too severe, a man must be allowed these little defects of character." Let us hear the words of Christ. He says, "Who-soever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." People venture to commit sins that are grievous in the sight of God, and think that they are not to be called to task for them, because they say they are due to nervousness, to a peculiar temperament; but this is simply soothing the conscience, and crying, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Sin is sin, and it is the delusion of Satan to look upon it in any other light than that it is grievous.

We may flatter ourselves that we are free from many things of which others are guilty; but if we have some strong points of character, and but one weak point, there is yet a communion between sin and the soul. The heart is divided in its service, and says, "Some of self and some of thee." The child of God must search out the sin which he has petted and indulged himself in, and permit God to cut it out of his heart. He must overcome that one sin; for it is not a trifling matter in the sight of God.

One says, "I am not the least jealous, but then I do get provoked and say mean things, although I am always sorry after giving way to temper." Another says, "I have this fault or that, but then I just despise such and such meanness as is manifested by a certain person of my acquaintance." The Lord has not given us a list of graded sins, so that we may reckon some as of little consequence, and say that they will do but little harm, while others are of greater magnitude and will do much harm. A chain is no stronger than is its weakest link. We might pronounce such a chain good on the whole, but if one link is weak, the chain cannot be depended on. The work of overcoming is to be the study of every soul who enters the kingdom of God. That impatient word

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quivering on your lips must be left unspoken. That thought that your character is not rightly estimated must be put from you; for it weakens your influence, and works out the sure result, making you of light estimation in the minds of others. You should overcome the idea that you are a martyr, and lay claim to the promise of Christ, who says, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

The Christian is represented by the figure of the earth, which drinks in the rain that comes upon it, and brings forth fruit to the one who dresses and cares for it. The follower of Christ is to gather sap and nourishment from the living Vine. He is to produce fruit to the glory of God. The Lord requires that every plant in his garden should be thrifty, and bear fruit in abundance — some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundredfold. We are not to be satisfied with momentary flashes of light; but we are constantly to seek for the illumination of the Spirit of God. It is our privilege to study the word of truth, and to obey it. We are not safe unless we are often found before God, offering up, in faith, fervent and effectual prayers. We must draw water from the wells of salvation. We may raise the soul from its common earthliness into a heavenly atmosphere which will purify, elevate, and refine it for the paradise of God. Those who keep the commandments of God, have a right to appropriate the rich promises that he has given.

Well may the children of God be filled with hope and courage, with joy and rapture, as they contemplate the things which God has prepared for them that love him. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming, for ye are our glory and joy?" "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one

another with these words." "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are the children of the light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet the hope of salvation." "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

God has made his people "a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." "By one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us." His children will not wear a yoke of bondage, but the yoke of Christ, who said, "I have kept my Father's commandments." He says of his people, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Therefore, "having an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. ... Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."

May the Lord help his people to have clear discernment, to live and speak and act as children of the light, trying in everything to please him who gave his life that they might become his representatives to the world.

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Sharing the Light

BY RUTHIE JACOBSEN

Do you believe God is earnestly seeking to enter the heart of every man, woman and child on this planet? Is it true?

Another question: What approach is most likely to capture the attention of the non-believer, and the very secular society around us?

Is this true? The message of the gospel must be spoken and also shown to the watching world.

Is it true that we need to search for greater effectiveness in our desire to tell His story?

Do you believe that even our great message doesn't help much unless we have an audience who is listening? Is it true?

Do you believe we need to pray daily for the Holy Spirit to help us notice the specific needs of the people around us?

Do practical acts of kindness work as a demonstration of God's love? Is this true?

It can seem a little daunting, especially when you think about all the possibilities, all the creative methods there are by which we can share God's love in practical ways. Where to start? Some will appeal to you more than others — we all have different gifts, different interests, different abilities.

You've heard this before, but it's no less important because it's familiar: Spend time with God — talking to Him about His people, before you ever spend time with people, speaking to them, or doing anything for them for the Kingdom.

Here's an idea: Get together with one or two friends and pray. Better yet, prayer-walk or prayer-drive the neighborhoods in your area. Pray for the businesses you pass, for the students and teachers in the schools you pass, for the customers in the bars you pass, for the families in the homes you pass.

Drive by the jails and pray. Drive by the government buildings and pray. Drive by the adult book stores and pray. Drive by the hospital and pray.

Amazing results can come from something as simple as that. Anyone, even the timid, can go prayer-walking or prayer-driving, because it likely won't involve contact with anyone outside your little group. But the prayers can have eternal consequences because of Who is listening.

If you're walking, keep the group small — two or three. Dress for walking and don't carry a Bible; just get some physical and spiritual exercise. One person can pray aloud while the others pray silently. Claim Scripture promises from memory, and ask God to give you His loving heart of compassion for His people in your community.

We hear the question, "Why not just stay at home and pray?" And you can do that. But when you're out in someone



else's neighborhood, you see their situation, and it's easier to really care for someone if you go where they are.

Jesus modeled that for us. One of the first steps in ministry is to go where people are. Christ mingled with people. He went where they were so He could get acquainted with them, then He met their needs. Building a relationship like that won their confidence and prepared them for His invitation: "Follow Me."

It may give you insight into another's world. In fact, some have called prayer-walking "praying onsite with insight." You can see what they're facing. It's intentional, and it focuses on the specific neighborhood, homes, people, businesses and schools you encounter.

The results may be dramatic and immediate. Or, more likely, they may be neither. No matter, hearts are opened by prayer, and doors are often opened for God's healing touch. Prayer-walking is a stimulating way to stretch your prayers in new directions.

Prayer-walking is warfare. It is contending with evil. We are literally stepping out from a defensive, fortress mentality and coming physically near to the people we know Jesus died to save. Remember, He is "not willing that any should perish..." (2 Peter 3:9 NKJV).

That's why prayer-walking is so powerful; you are teaming up with the God of the armies of Heaven to do the work He has asked you to do — love His children. And when you are working with Him, nothing is impossible.

Take any excuse to get together; your friends and neighbors will appreciate it more than you can know. When we pray about it and give it to God, it becomes Kingdom business, and He does things in His own way that we might never have even thought of. Isn't it amazing to watch Him? He can take even simple events and turn them into occasions of eternal significance. That's His grace.

Someone has said that a loaf of bread doesn't have two ends, it has two beginnings. What a great attitude! Every day is a new beginning, an opportunity to find someone who needs Him. Maybe a loaf of banana bread, a bottle of water, a smile, a kind word is all that it will take to lift someone's spirits, bring them new hope, and open their hearts to hear what He wants to say to them.

Scary? Sure, for some. But it's okay to be scared for the right reason.

Here's an important prayer we can pray together: "Dear God, please open my eyes; give me a sensitive heart to know how I can respond to Your coaching and just love people as You would. I may not feel very comfortable leading out in neighborhood Bible studies or going door-to-door down an unfamiliar street, but I can love people. I can love the people You love. I can love the neighbors You have providentially given me, for Your glory."

Have you ever put yourself in the story in Matthew 14, when Jesus approaches the disciples on that stormy night, walking on the water? Why do you suppose He put that story in Scripture? Could He have a special message of encouragement for us timid ones?

Could He have a great plan and purpose for your life that you haven't even imagined yet? Could your best, most productive days be just ahead?

There is a fascinating statement in Daniel which says that those who know Him intimately will be changed. "The people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Daniel 11:21 ASV). He has promised to make you strong and able to do bold and daring things — not for yourself, but for Him.

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There Is a Way Out

BY RAYFORD A. YOUNG

I was only 17 years old when I arrived in Los Angeles, California, from a small, undeveloped country in Central America. Belize was just a blip compared to the big, modern, fast-paced and exciting L.A.

I stayed with my sister and her family in a small room until I got a place of my own. My new independence allowed me to establish new friends, including some nice gentlemen who frequented a bar not far from where I lived. They welcomed me into their “family.” After work, I joined them for hours, day after day. Before I knew it, alcohol became a serious problem. The first thing I did each morning to feel better was to cross the street for a beer. My drinking eventually got so bad that I couldn’t hold a job anymore. I feared I might be an alcoholic.

One morning, I woke up so sick that I reached out for help. I called my sister who, in turn, provided a bus ticket to Battle Creek, Michigan, where my parents lived. I felt like the prodigal son on that long road home — broke, dirty, no self-esteem and not a penny to my name. My Christian parents took me into their home, making it clear that drinking was not allowed; but I was to discover that my road to recovery would be a longer one than the one from L.A.

While visiting another sister in Berrien Springs, Michigan, I met one of her friends who eventually became my wife. She, too, made it clear there would be no drinking in her home. Although I made promises to both her and my parents, I found myself relapsing time after time until, one day, I realized I could not overcome this battle by myself. I fell to my knees and asked God to help me. I finally came to the point where I was willing to let God lead me out of my prison of addiction, which is what my family had been praying for all along. I started attending church with my wife. Soon, my eyes were not red and glassy anymore, and I no longer had that urge for a drink.



Rayford Young

Recently, when I heard that Grammy-award winning singer, Whitney Houston, had died, it brought back old memories of my own addiction. In the wake of her death, a number of commentators have focused on the environment surrounding Whitney, the “friends” who enabled her, and how, even after several trips to recovery clinics, she was not able to escape her addictions. I know for sure that one of the most important factors in my recovery was the change of environment. I had

the support of family and my new Christian friends. You’ve got to give up the old to make room for the new.

As I watched the television coverage of her funeral, I thought, *What a sad story for a 48-year-old singer, whom God had gifted with one of the most beautiful, melodic voices in the world, to come to such a terrible end.* Whitney is gone now; so, too, is my drinking buddy of many years. I’m convinced if I had stayed in that environment, I would not be here today. I was fortunate; I asked the Lord for help, and He answered. He enabled me to make some hard choices to leave some very good friends and start on a new road. I had no idea where it would lead, but it turned out to be the best choice ever.

You or someone you know may need help. Make the decision to ask God to help you to make the change. Get away from the things that pull you down. Surround yourself with good Christian influences. Find a church that can encourage you through your struggle; cling to the promise that Christ will never leave you nor forsake you. He is your way out.

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Unexpected Encounters

BY RAMONA TRUBEY

Our daily prayer of, “Lord, help us to be a witness today,” can be answered in unexpected ways.

I was enjoying quality time with my 13-year-old grandson, Chad Trubey, and his friend, Luke Fogg, on a busy Friday afternoon. After some time, they decided they would like to go fishing in the lake behind our church, just up the road. I agreed, and handed them a shovel and a bucket, and told them to go out behind the shed and dig for some worms. After a while, they came back — worm-less and with blisters on their hands, so I dried my hands, loaded them into the car, and headed for the nearest bait shop where I purchased some worms. I drove them to the lake and got them settled with their little, cheap fishing pole.

I returned to my Friday frantics. At the appointed time, I returned to find two excited boys — not that they had caught any fish, but that their fishing line had caught and brought up a very expensive, beautiful fishing pole they had never dreamed of owning. Depositing them at home, I gave their discovery little thought, but did tell my husband about it.



Luke Fogg and Chad Trubey

On Sabbath afternoon, my husband picked up the two boys and took them to the same lake for nature time with them. They were canoeing, enjoying God’s gift, when they came close to a neighbor who was in his boat going the opposite direction. My husband greeted him, and asked how the fishing was going. The neighbor replied, “I am not fishing; I am hunting for my fishing pole that I lost out here the other day. It is my favorite and most expensive rod, and I really was hoping to find it.”

Making the connection, my husband told the neighbor that his grandson and friend had found a fishing pole while fishing the previous day, and asked the neighbor to describe it. The boys confirmed that yes, it fit the description of the one they had found.

My husband took the boys home, picked up the rod and escorted them with the rod to the home of the neighbor, who was very happy to get his favorite fishing pole back.

The next week, our church secretary answered a knock on the door. The man said he would like to see the pastor.

“Our pastor is not here, but may I take a message?” she asked.

“Well,” the man said, “I just wanted to tell him what honest people he has in his church. First, I lost my best fishing pole in the lake out here, and two young men in your church found it and returned it to me. Also, one of your members accidentally ran into my mailbox and damaged it, and then came to my house to tell me and pay for the damage. Again, I just wanted to tell your pastor what honest people he has in his church, and how much I appreciate it.”

Though the neighbor turned down an invitation to attend church and talk to the pastor himself, the influence is there and most likely will always remain with him. God works in ways we couldn’t plan out on our own.

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Sheila Galloro

Laurie Crozier

Laurie Crozier: Choosing a healthy life one day at a time

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
—Psalm 73:26

Laurie Crozier smiles, and calls herself "a work in progress."

"I'm not all I want to be or need to be, but I'm trying," she said. "I'm on the right track. I've gotten a lot of help from my family and from God. I know I'm not alone in this; He is with me every step of the way."

Only two years ago, this journey seemed unbearably daunting. A patient financial services analyst for Adventist Midwest Health, Crozier weighed in at more than 400 pounds. She suffered from dangerously high cholesterol, and couldn't drive or even walk to her desk without getting winded. A Type 2 diabetic for the past 20 years, Crozier also had to give herself at least seven shots of insulin a day to regulate her blood sugar.

Today, she's almost 140 pounds lighter. With the guidance of AMH's

new wellness program, called "Fit for Life: Mind. Body. Spirit.," Crozier has taken a responsible approach to losing weight by planning healthy meals in advance and even finding a new way to drink more water. "People are always saying to drink water, but I would get tired of just plain water," she said. "Then I found these flavor drops that you add to water; they're great, with no calories. That helps me drink all the water I need to."

"When I started, I didn't say I have to lose a certain amount of weight," she said. "I just wanted to get healthy. I didn't look at this as going on a diet."

Knowing she didn't get to her former weight overnight, Crozier knew she wasn't going to lose it that quickly either. Food has always been a part of Crozier's life. Some of her earliest memories include cooking with her mother when she was just four years old.

But now, everything is different. Thanks to a website, she plans out a week of dinners ahead of time for her and her husband. Then she'll bring in the healthy leftovers for the next day's lunch. Crozier reads food labels, picking foods that are high in protein and fiber, and stays away from sugar and carbohydrates. She even stopped drinking pop, coffee and caffeinated tea.

Crozier reprogrammed her body when it comes to food. Instead of as a reward or stress reliever, she now views food as fuel to keep her going. She even gives talks to other

employees about losing weight and staying motivated. Employees signed up in advance to hear her talk, "How to Stay on Track: How I Have Been Losing Weight" at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital in February.

Crozier has worked at AMH since 1975; she was part of the first group of AMH employees to participate in the company's wellness program, which started in 2010. The program's goal is to let employees know they are valued as a whole person — body, mind, spirit. Programs include fitness competitions, free lab tests with incentives, free pedometers and special seminars where other wellness experts speak to employees.

"Wellness and health have long been cornerstones of the Adventist church, and we wanted to continue that culture for our employees," said Tony Castelbuono, regional compensation and human resources information systems manager. He started leading the wellness team in January 2010, and said Crozier is a quiet inspiration to all employees around her.

"Laurie has proven it is possible to improve your health, and that it really takes a 'can-do attitude' to achieve results," said Castelbuono. "It's important to practice healthy habits and to repeat these habits every day without stopping. Laurie has succeeded because she believed it was possible, and she made it happen."

Sheila Galloro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



This is the Fit for Life logo used by Adventist Midwest Health's wellness team.



Darren Heston

At the 2011 Society of Adventist Communicators Award Ceremony, *envision* magazine took home the "Reger Smith Jr. Cutting Edge Award" and the "Best in Class for Cover Design." Both awards were showcased at the Feb. 16 launch of the third issue of *envision*.

Students launch third issue of *envision* magazine

The third issue of *envision* magazine was officially launched on Feb. 16, during a special event held at the Andrews University Campus Center. Written and designed entirely by Andrews University students, from a range of different departments, this collegiate lifestyle magazine includes an assortment of articles.

"We trace the hand of God as He brought Keren and Casey Graves together in holy matrimony," says Debbie Michel, editor-in-chief of *envision* and associate professor of communication. "Plus, we have money-saving tips such as how to plan a wedding on a tight budget, eat a healthy meal using dollar store ingredients, and ways to cut your next textbook bill."

The *envision* magazine offers a unique opportunity for students from a variety of classes to work together and create something for their community.

"It was very stimulating for us all," says David Sedlacek, professor of social work, whose Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationship Skills class provided content for the magazine.

"The students had to deal with all of the joys and frustrations that come with putting together a magazine in a very limited time and on a very limited budget," says Diane Myers, assistant professor of graphic design, of her Intro to Graphic Design students' experience working on the layout and design for *envision*. "Taking this on as a project has helped them to understand not only how to organize, design and lay out an entire magazine from scratch, but gave them actual skills they will be able to apply in their future careers."

Tiffany Evering, fashion stylist for many of the photo shoots, says, "Working on *envision* was an answer to a prayer for me. I love fashion and design, so this was an opportunity I did not expect and dearly appreciated."

A prolific writer for *envision*, Lavern Ramdatt found: "The stages my stories went through were endless but rewarding to my professional development, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this grand endeavor." She added, "I believe the articles will bring encouragement and hope to the students as to their God-given purpose and callings."

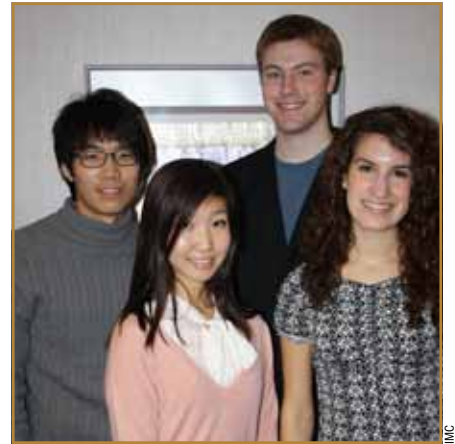
The latest issue of *envision* is available on campus at the Gazebo and the Andrews Bookstore. Off-campus, it is available at Apple Valley or Harding's Friendly Market in Berrien Springs, Mich. An online format of the magazine as an app or a book is in development and will be available when the next issue is released.

To learn more about *envision*, contact Debbie Michel at dmichel@andrews.edu.

Ashley Meyer, student newswriter, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication

AA students named National Merit Finalists

Andrews Academy is pleased to announce four of its students are finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Award this year. Each of them are four-year seniors: brother and sister, Jee Yeon



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Four students at Andrews Academy are finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Award this year, showing exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. From left (back): Jee Yeon Lee, Kyle Whiteside; (front): Seong Min Lee, Ashley Reichert

Lee and Seong Min Lee, originally from Korea; Ashley Reichert of Berrien Springs, Mich.; and Kyle Whiteside of Sodus, Mich.

"We want to congratulate our four National Merit finalists. We are so proud of each of them, and of every member of the class of 2012," says Robert Overstreet, Andrews Academy principal. "We pray all of our students will continue to develop academically and spiritually throughout the rest of this school year and every year of their lives."

The finalists in each year's National Merit Scholarship program show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Approximately 1.5 million students from 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit scholarship Qualifying Tests (PSAT/NMSQT). These students are the highest-scoring entrants and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. The students now qualify for the National Merit Scholarships, which will be awarded in the spring of 2012.

Andrews Academy is a four-year college-prep school located on the campus of Andrews University.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[EDUCATION NEWS]

HAA celebrates 100th day of school with a challenge

Illinois—Tuesday, Jan. 31, marked 100 days of school for the 300 students attending Hinsdale Adventist Academy. To celebrate the students being 100 days smarter, classes from preschool–12 were each offered \$100 to raise \$100 more in 100 hours! Proceeds will benefit the senior class upcoming mission trip to St. Croix. Twenty students will travel there during spring break to help renovate school buildings, run programs for orphans and deliver much-needed school supplies.

Students quickly started devising creative ways to invest the money. Third-graders each received \$. Some planned to buy balloons or toys to resell; others planned a bake sale.

Seventh-graders pooled their money to buy wristbands imprinted with the words, “Banding 2gether 4 Mission.” These would be resold for a profit. Olga Datil’s first-grade class produced beautiful 20-month calendars illustrated by each student, to be sold as Valentine’s gifts for \$10 each. “I really didn’t feel motivated to get into this project to begin with. But I shot up a prayer, and got the inspiration to do the calendar. My kids are so excited, and I am so pleased with their work. I really am glad we are involved,” Datil said.

HAA business teacher, Jerry Newsom, was inspired from the beginning. “I thought this was a good opportunity to give them a real-life, problem-solving scenario that required a tight deadline. Five groups each created a St. Croix promo video. They were to include social media and YouTube, and work on getting 1,000 hits by the following Tuesday. The videos promoted the mission trip and gave viewers an opportunity to join us in helping the people of St. Croix by sending donations to HAA.”

The school raised almost \$3,000 with this initiative. It was a wonderful way to get the entire school body



Eighth-graders Trevor Wightman (left) and Vlad Pulbere display the money they received to invest and generate more funds for the senior class mission trip to St. Croix.

Cherie Jackson



Kevin Gabriel, second grade, wears 100 colorful straws on the 100th day of school.

Cherie Jackson

excited about the mission trip, and the “buzz” that was created was absolutely worth it. It was inspiring to see God working in the lives of the students at HAA and blessing them abundantly for their efforts.

George Babcock, the administrative principal at HAA, stated, “Our annual senior mission trip is the culmination of a student’s experience with us at HAA and is something that makes our school special. As Christians, we know how serving others in a meaningful way like this can be life-altering — for the better! It is my hope that getting our students to St. Croix will inspire them to be a life-long blessing to their community and, ultimately, to our world.”

HAA is located at 631 E. Hickory Street in Hinsdale, Ill. For further

information about the school or mission trip, visit <http://www.haa.org>, or call 630-323-9211.

Cherie Jackson, communications coordinator, Hinsdale Adventist Academy



Olga Datil, first grade teacher at HAA, stands with D.J. Doyle. The first grade class produced beautiful 20-month calendars illustrated by the students to be sold as Valentine’s gifts for \$10 each.

Cherie Jackson

Students celebrate Grandparents Day

Illinois—Celebrating Grandparents Day has become a special and exciting tradition for students and grandparents at North Shore Adventist Academy in Chicago. Young and old come together to share a meal and each other's companionship. This school year, more than 70 grandparents and other special seniors from the community accepted the students' invitations to join in this celebration.

In the weeks leading up to the annual event, students, with the help of their teachers, dream up ways to show and express their love for their



Bernie McShan, Autumn Mallare and Aria Mallare were among those who shared special memories at the annual Grandparents Day held at North Shore Adventist Academy in Chicago.

grandparents or a special older person in their lives. After the meal, some sing songs with special messages for their grandparents; others recite poetry, play

instruments, or even share favorite memories of what their grandparents have meant to them through the years.

The students' eager anticipation as they wait for and then escort their guests to their seats, the hugs and big smiles, the grandparents' joy of experiencing the creativity and words of appreciation from the students — all these make for a wonderful event as the students and faculty reach out to the community. By the end, all are full of food and joy.

Matt Lukens, English teacher, North Shore Adventist Academy



Miguel Gomez disinfects items at Kindred Kids, an organization in Columbus, Wis., that relies on volunteers and donations.

Wisconsin Academy trains for service

Wisconsin—"I never thought I'd be doing this," says Miguel Gomez, a Wisconsin Academy sophomore, as he disinfects a plastic toy bus and places it in a bag of cleaned toys. "It's alright though. It's for the kids." He's seated in the doorway of a cleaning closet at Kindred Kids, a non-profit lending library for children with differing abilities in Columbus, Wis. Not far from Miguel and his pile of freshly-scrubbed toys, Denel Strangstalien and Arianna King fold baby clothes. Two aisles further, another group of sophomores alphabetize children's videos. Others sweep a storage room and talk with Wendy Simyab, the founder of

Kindred Kids, about her work and how it benefits the community.

"We are thrilled to have the students from Wisconsin Academy help out," says Wendy. "As an organization that relies on volunteers and donations, we're happy whenever people are willing to give of their time, but I especially appreciate the students from Wisconsin Academy. They're self-motivated. I really appreciate their moral character. It was evident in the way they worked. I'd be happy to have them volunteer again."

This afternoon is only one among dozens of intentional service opportunities built into the Wisconsin Academy experience. So far this year, students scrubbed and painted more than 28 fire hydrants in the village of Fall River, participated in a 30-hour famine to raise money for hungry children in Haiti, raked leaves in residential neighborhoods, preached and gave testimonies at churches across Wisconsin, and presented a live nativity pageant at the academy attended by more than 750 people from the area. The list goes on.

"God calls us not to be hidden Christians," says junior Naomi Ferrel. "When we get out in the community, people find out that not all teens are bad. It's about gaining trust and not being afraid."

First-year junior Andrea Fernandez agrees. "Serving others changes us, too. It helps us open up our hearts more to people. Being at the academy really takes you away from everything you know — out of your comfort zone. At home, to be honest, I pretty much just sit in the pews. But here there's a whole different atmosphere. They want me to get involved and are very supportive. It's really helped me grow in faith and opened my mind up to God's power. It's like riding a bike with training wheels. You have a chance to practice and try things out."

Both in the classroom and out, Wisconsin Academy is committed to establishing faith, building commitment and training for service.

"Only by practicing actual acts of service can a young person understand what it means to serve or be served," says Keith Nelson, Wisconsin Academy principal. "A theoretical class on such a subject will only carry the student so far. Opportunities to serve come packed with their own built-in rewards. This creates an ongoing desire to serve again."

Greg Edge, sophomore Bible teacher, Wisconsin Academy



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Students and faculty from the School of Architecture, Art & Design were joined by some Andrews alums on a trip to Haiti, Jan. 15–24, where they worked on the first of several phases to help rebuild the campus of Adventist University of Haiti.

Architecture Missions Group helps rebuild Adventist University of Haiti

Michigan—A group of School of Architecture, Art & Design students, faculty and community members, including alums, traveled to Haiti Jan. 15–24, to volunteer their time and sweat in rebuilding the campus of Adventist University of Haiti (UNAH). The campus was severely damaged in the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake. Since then, a number of Andrews University entities have provided ongoing support to rebuild the campus, including the Department of Physical Therapy, the Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Office of Campus Safety.

This most recent trip was an endeavor of the Architecture Missions Group (AMG) in the School of Architecture, Art & Design, led by Martin Smith, assistant professor of architecture and director of AMG, and Melody Johnson, contract faculty.

This trip centered around two main projects: restoring the Seminary Chapel and developing a master campus

plan. Restoration of the chapel will be completed in a few phases, with the first being that of rebuilding the front façade. The Seminary Chapel was built in 1955 and is one of the oldest buildings on campus.

“It is a very beautiful building and houses a lot of UNAH’s memories from vespers, weddings and classes. UNAH has expressed that they would like their new buildings designed with the Seminary Chapel as a model, since it’s one of the most beloved buildings on campus,” says Johnson.

Jean Josué Pierre, president of UNAH, says this trip and the students’ work were imbued with deep symbolism. “They’re bringing life back to this historic building, keeper of several generations’ memories,” says Pierre.

In addition to getting some hands-on experience in restoring the chapel, the students also spent time researching for the development of a new master plan for UNAH. They studied the existing condition of campus, developed an understanding of the climate and natural environment, and connected with the Haitian culture.

This trip not only offered an important academic experience for the students, but also affirmed both the

professional and personal direction they are taking in their lives. “Seeing firsthand the effect natural disasters have on a society that does not have building codes reinforced the reasons for the strict laws mandated by the U.S. It reminded me of the seriousness of architecture as a profession and its effect on quality of life,” says Brianna Richards. “This outreach helped solidify my desire to help bring the kind of peace of mind we here in the U.S. enjoy in relation to the safety of our buildings. I want to bring that same peace of mind to people in developing countries. My desire to use my degree from Andrews University to help those who are less fortunate was strengthened because I went to Haiti.”

“It’s important to understand the culture and area as much as we can. We can’t expect to design for the people of Haiti by using North American standards,” says Smith.

The students will now begin work on the long-term master plan project. During the spring 2012 semester, students will focus on designing a trade school, and men’s and women’s residence halls. Future phases for the Seminary Chapel include installing a new roof and, eventually, restoring the interior.

The AMG exists to offer design and construction assistance to communities, organizations and churches around the world. It also provides mission and service opportunities for Andrews University students, faculty and alumni. During the 1993–1994 school year, the Andrews University architecture students, in collaboration with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, started the design of a drug rehabilitation center and children’s home in Lajas, Bolivia, called “CERENID.” This project eventually led to the formal establishment of the AMG in 2006.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist,
Office of Integrated Marketing &
Communication, Andrews University



Laura Damon assists Matt Platt (left) and Earl Pantig (right) as they use an electric mixer for the first time while making cookies for the Thanksgiving food baskets.

Students use academics to bless community

Illinois—For several years, the students of the Sheridan Seventh-day Adventist Church School, in Sheridan, Ill., have worked with the local Pathfinders to collect donated items from the community for Thanksgiving food baskets. Last November, due to scheduling conflicts, the school was not able to assist in collecting the donated items. At



Hannah, Angela and Cherri Olin bake cookies to accompany the Thanksgiving baskets the Pathfinders and youth group delivered to 15 families.

first, the students and staff were disappointed not to help with this event, but they still wanted to participate in some way. The food baskets were going to be delivered to designated homes on Sunday before Thanksgiving. So, on Friday before Thanksgiving, the students spent the day baking dozens of cookies.

The students divided into two groups — one was responsible for making chocolate chip cookies while the second made oatmeal pecan cookies. Reading, math and home economic skills were put to practical use reading the recipes,

measuring and mixing ingredients, filling the cookie sheets, and operating the oven. Two students had previous experience baking at home, but the others said they had never worked in the kitchen before, making this a totally new experience for them. The highlight for the inexperienced students was the opportunity to use handmixers. This was preceded by instructions on how to use the mixers to avoid injury to the students, damage to the mixers and any flying-cookie-dough mishaps.

The event culminated with the Sheridan Pathfinders and youth group assembling and delivering 15 food baskets. Each basket included a complete Thanksgiving meal with a frozen turkey, fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, the various canned and packaged food items that had been collected from the community, as well as the freshly baked cookies.

The school's theme song this year is "Make Me a Servant," which is sung each day during morning worship just before prayer. This special baking day was an opportunity for the students to put academics to use in a practical and enjoyable way, knowing their efforts would be appreciated by families in their own community, and that this was one way they could participate in being servants for God.

Laura Damon, principal and a teacher, Sheridan Seventh-day Adventist Church School

GLAS students receive environmental award

Michigan—The Eaton Conservation District Board of Directors awarded the Greater Lansing Adventist School (GLAS) the Educator of the Year Award in December 2011. This is the third year they have given this award to spotlight the outstanding job the students are doing in the community for the environment. GLAS has worked with the Conservation District with their Bible labs class during the past few years. With them, they learned of



Greater Lansing Adventist School students are learning good work habits as well as about the many needs in the community as they participate in a variety of Bible labs service projects. The school was recently awarded \$2,500 when students submitted essays about the environment for Nickelodeon's Big Green Grant Program.

Penny Ance

the Nickelodeon's Big Green Grant program, a unique funding initiative which provides schools and community-based organizations an opportunity to support environmentally friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to take care of the environment, be active and live healthy, and engage in community service.

In 2010, GLAS entered the contest by writing essays about how trees and native plants help our environment, how they are important to us and the school, and how they will help us to take care of our environment. GLAS was awarded the \$2,500 grant!

Working with the District, they chose General Motor's 75-acre

Wildlife Habitat Nature Preserve at the Lansing Delta Assembly Plant for their project. A native wildflower garden was planted in the fall of 2011. The students planted and mulched more than a 600-square-foot plot. As they return for Bible labs, they can watch the changes and see how the garden grows. More than 25 species of wildflowers and native grasses were planted. The site is used as an education habitat area for visiting classrooms. This garden will help teach about native plants, biology, diversity, pollination, species and more.

Other environmental projects in which GLAS students participate are the MSU Children's Garden, Habitat

for Humanity, Hospice of Lansing, Angel House, Potter Park Zoo and Ingham County Conservations grounds.

The students do many other community services: visit nursing homes, sort food at the Red Cross, visit and walk animals at the Humane Society, and work at the homeless shelter, Volunteers of American and Homeless Veterans and a Ronald McDonald House.

The children are learning good work habits as well as about the many needs in the community.

Penny Ancel, communications director,
Lansing Seventh-day Adventist Church

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Birthday party benefits Tanzania families

Wisconsin—"Can you come to my birthday party? We're going to be jumping for chickens for Tanzania!" Anna's face beamed with eagerness.

Ten-year-old Anna Foll wanted her birthday to make a difference. Anna and her guests jumped rope and got sponsors to donate money for their jumping. Every \$200 raised would provide ten chickens and a rooster for a family in Tanzania, enabling the family to sustain themselves. This was Anna's way of participating in the ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief



Anna Foll invited friends to a special birthday party. Her guests jumped rope and sponsors donated money for their jump to raise funds for chickens for families in Tanzania.

Agency) mission project with which her Primary Sabbath school class was involved.

"This is so much fun!" said Emily Flood, one of ten jumpers at Anna's

birthday party. Kids jumped rope forward and backwards, sideways and tandem. Several kids attempted complicated jumps such as long-rope jumping, criss-cross jumping, the egg-beater, Chinese wheel, scissors, double-dutch and the cougar.

All the jumps raised more than \$800 — enough money to supply four Tanzanian families with chickens. "I had hoped this year's mission project could raise money to support one family," said James Flood, Primary class leader for the Madison Adventist Church. "Anna's birthday party was really a great idea!"

"I'm glad we made so much money for people in Tanzania," said Anna. "I feel happy."

Juanita Edge, communication director,
Wisconsin Conference

Brunswick Heights members connect with neighbors

Lake Region—"Outreach has always been a mission for the Brunswick Heights Church, in Gary, Ind.," according to Philip Willis Jr., pastor, "but community outreach is especially needed in difficult times."

He added, "In a 74-minute news conference on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, Barack Obama, U.S. president, said, 'There are too many people hurting in this country for us to do nothing....' Jesus also intended for the community of believers to be cognizant not only of the spiritual impact of their sermons indoors, but on societal issues outside of church walls. Jesus said, in Matthew 25:35 (NIV), 'For I was hungry and you

gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.'"

Each week Brunswick Heights Church members reach out to the community, and twice a month members do so with food. David Peterman, community services leader, is responsible for linking community supermarkets with the Brunswick Church to help furnish food to give the community

during these outreach initiatives. “We feel it is our charter and our mandate to do something to make a difference,” Peterman says.

Willis remembers going house-to-house in Iraq to pass out soccer balls and bath items to children. Considering the dangers he endured, the concept of doing similar outreach for neighbors surrounding his church, in Gary, seems really easy.

Following each outreach opportunity, Willis collects all the interest cards members completed as they met neighbors, and he writes a personal letter to the recipients of the food. One of the families in the community responded with a card that read, “We thank you for blessing us with the greens. They were delicious! I would also say thank you for blessing our community as well. God bless you and your congregation.”

Willis reported, “One week the outreach teams passed out onions and



From left: Brandon Flowers, Vincenia Caldwell, Terrence Davis and Darren Barnett bag squash and onions to deliver to neighbors near the Brunswick Heights Church in Gary, Ind., on Feb. 18.

Philip Willis Jr.

squash to community members. One particular neighbor was so excited she offered a donation, which was respectfully declined. She then said, ‘Because

of what you are doing, I definitely want to come by the church for services.’”

Philip Willis Jr., pastor, Brunswick Heights Church, as shared with Lake Union Herald staff



Heidi Magness

On Sabbath, Jan. 21, the Michiana Fil-Am Church and the Living Word Company joined together in a worship service celebrating a new partnership. During the worship service, four new elders were ordained — two from each church. Leading the ordination service was Loren Nelson, vice president, Michigan Conference.

Churches unite for mission

Michigan—God blesses things that are dedicated to Him, even buildings. Construction of the new education wing of the Michiana Fil-Am Church had been barely completed in 2011

when God brought a new challenge and mission. On the very first day that Roy Castelbuono, pastor of the Fil-Am Church, occupied his new office in the new wing, he received a visit from Peter Ahn, now pastor of the Living Word Company. Ahn described his vision for starting a Discipleship Center that

would train high school and college-age young people for short-term mission service. While this program had already been in existence for several years, he and his group were looking for space to conduct training seminars and house trainees. As the two pastors talked that day, what quickly emerged was a shared vision for building a discipleship center at the back of the Fil-Am Church property. It would be a year before details could be worked out and plans finalized, but these two diverse church groups (one Filipino-American and the other Korean-American) have seen God’s hand working behind the scenes to unite them, along with the Michigan Conference, in partnership for this exciting mission.

This new Discipleship Center will house two wings of apartments, a kitchen, classrooms and a small gymnasium. Some of the rooms in the Michiana Fil-Am education wing may be also utilized for classes.

On Sabbath, Jan. 21, the Michiana

Fil-Am Church and the Living Word Company joined together in a worship service celebrating the new partnership. During the worship service, four new elders — two from each church — were ordained by Loren Nelson, vice president for personnel, Michigan Conference. In the afternoon, a dedication service was held for the new Discipleship Center. After representatives from both bodies of believers shared the stories of how God led both churches on parallel paths toward the Discipleship Center project, Nelson closed the service with a prayer of dedication.

“It was a historical day for me to see two Asian churches working together to provide a training center for the next generation! Michiana Fil-Am was so gracious a host on that Sabbath, and the Living Word Fellowship was so appreciative of the hospitality,” recalls Nelson. “It was also historic as two churches participated in the ordination of local elders from both churches. What an enjoyable Sabbath! A great thanks to Pastor Castelbuono for his graciousness, also.”

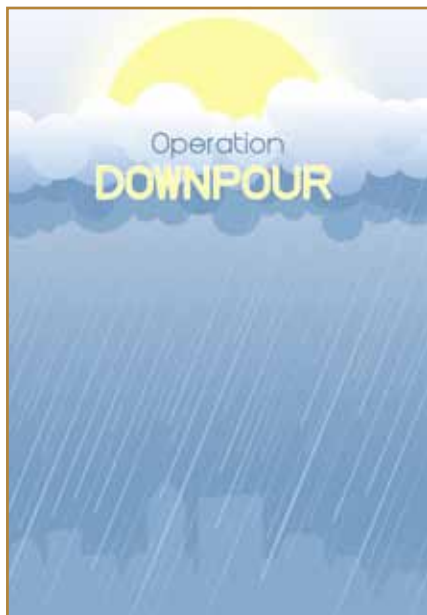
The very next week, the township granted the building permit, much to the excitement of both Ahn and Castelbuono.

Construction began in February, and it is expected that the first class of students will be hosted in the new Discipleship Center in the fall.

“The Discipleship Center is committed to train and equip individuals as they grow from young Bible students to mature church leaders,” stated Ahn.

“This opportunity to partner with the Living Word Company and the Michigan Conference opens exciting new doors of opportunity for our church,” said Castelbuono.

Heidi Magesa, communications secretary, and Kevin Wiley, head elder, Michiana Fil-Am Church



Operation Downpour is the initiative created by the coalition to evangelize the Indianapolis metro area.

Coalition lays foundation to reach Indianapolis

Indiana—The Super Bowl is over. It was the country’s largest television event in history. As a result, Indianapolis sits perched in the spotlight of the world. The battle with crowds and caution is over; Indianapolis was a winner. We can all be proud of this victory over potential chaos and confusion, but how much does it really matter? Countless thousands are losing hope in the arena

of life. They need Jesus. Perhaps God is calling His church to a fourth-quarter rally on behalf of the almost two million people who live in and around this great city.

For more than a century, the words of Ellen White have been calling Adventists to a special work for the larger cities. The Indianapolis Outreach Coalition (IOC) is a newly-formed organization of pastors, administrators and lay members who are dedicated to a team approach to answer this call. God has prompted the coalition to evangelize the Indianapolis metro area.

Led by Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president, the coalition took its first steps. The initiative Operation Downpour, hosted at the Chapel West Church, was the first, large-scale door-to-door effort. On April 14, Operation Downpour will move to the Carmel Church. It is anticipated that several hundred volunteers will be present for an evangelism rally followed by house-to-house ministry.

During the next two years, the IOC will unite in small groups, health ministries and, eventually, a city-wide evangelistic series with Shawn Boonstra, former speaker-director of It Is Written and currently associate ministerial director of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Each of the efforts will be bathed in prayer, supported by excellent training and shared

with the community through extensive public relations efforts. This is no small mountain to climb, but we’ve begun the ascent. Will you join us?

On March 17 and 18, a training event for the new CHIP program was held at the Glendale Church. This event was critical to the launch overall efforts. The IOC is laying the foundation of trained volunteers now.

How many teams of three or four can you rally from your church to partner with the IOC? Your home can be your evangelism center, and your family can be your support team.

Does God have bigger ambitions for the Crossroads of America? The IOC thinks so. The Lake Union and North American Division leaders think so, too. It’s not a game. It’s a life-and-death struggle with eternal consequences. The time is now. Come, and help us carry the message to victory. In Jesus, we are already more than conquerors.

“True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God’s providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. ... God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them” (Ellen G. White, *A Call to Stand Apart*, p. 56).

Ron Kelly, senior pastor, Cicero Church

[NAD NEWS]



The North American Division and General Conference, in recognition of the health work, Let's Move initiative, and materials generated by Michigan Conference churches and leadership, presented Vicki Griffin, health ministries director, with a special award at the Health Summit. From left: Heidi Christensen, associate director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships; Donna Richardson Joyner, member, President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition; Vicki Griffin, director of health ministries, Michigan Conference; Regina Benjamin, M.D., U.S. surgeon general; and Dan Jackson, president, NAD

NAD Health Summit encourages choice, not chance

Health is a matter of choice and should not be left to chance, was the message repeated in the general sessions and seminars of the NAD Health Summit which convened Jan. 27–Feb. 5, in Lake Mary, Fla. Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, opened the conference on Friday evening by saying, “We believe, as we have been guided to believe, that the health message is the ‘right arm’ of what God wants to accomplish on this planet, and I hope we’ll take the things we learn here and implement them for the glory of God and blessing of others.”

Ted N.C. Wilson, world church president, said in his Saturday morning address, “Jesus taught and modeled a full life. He’s calling us to choose life to the fullest, so we can tell the world.”

The visits of Regina Benjamin, U.S. surgeon general, and other White House representatives, were the highlights of the first weekend. In Benjamin’s keynote address at the Adventists InStep for Life Celebration Saturday afternoon,

she commended the Adventist Church’s ability to marshal widespread support and participation among its members. She noted the similarities between the church’s Adventists InStep for Life program and the Let’s Move! campaign, a national initiative to fight the epidemic of childhood obesity, promoted by Michelle Obama, U.S. first lady. “With Adventists InStep for Life’s added element of faith, the program has inspired congregations and communities nationwide,” Benjamin said.

Heidi Christensen, associate director, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said, “If I had a dollar for every time I’ve referred someone to the Seventh-day Adventists and its Health Ministries website, I’d be a rich lady!”

Donna Richardson Joyner, member of the President’s Council for Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, ignited the room by calling all attendees to stand in a pledge of commitment. Together they repeated, “I will be a witness for fitness!”

Awards were given to churches, schools, conferences, unions and hospitals that excelled as participants in the Adventists InStep for Life initiative.

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The Health Summit opened its doors to the Orlando community to provide opportunities to learn more about

health and fitness. Sunday afternoon, health expos were held for children and adults.

Candy DeVore, director, Center for Child Evangelism and Ministry, asked a room full of enthusiastic children at the Kid’s Health Expo, “What do you need to do to get healthy?”

One brave but hesitant boy sighed as he said, “Get skinny.”

Childhood obesity has tripled during the past three decades. One in three children is obese or overweight. Today’s children make up the first generation in history to grow up less healthy than their parents.

The evening general sessions, *Imagine a Healthy 100*, were also open to the public. The sessions featured Mark and Ernestine Finley, a pastoral couple and television personalities who have lectured extensively on the biblical principles of physical, mental and spiritual health, and Des Cummings, author, lecturer and innovator in the area of health and wellness. They provided attendees with excellent motivational topics, interviews and cooking classes to help participants make an educated choice to enjoy full life — to eat well, be well and stay well!

Katia Reinert, health ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist church in North America, commented, “The visit of the surgeon general was validation that, as a church, we are following Christ’s method and meeting the pressing health needs of our communities. The fact that Dr. Benjamin changed her plans to be with us reaffirms the value and need of our continual efforts for partnerships in the communities and places we live and worship.”

Nearly 500 registered for the ten-day event, which trains and prepares leaders to do health ministries in their communities. “It is a goal of NAD Health Ministries that every church become a center for health and healing,” added Reinert. For more information, visit <http://www.adventisthealthministries.org>.

Bernadine Delafield, assistant director, Office of Communication, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Announcements

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* Website at www.LakeUnionHerald.org and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at www.LakeUnionHerald.org.

Illinois

Broadview Academy Alumni Association Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend is **May 4 and 5**. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars. Call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now. Honor classes: 1942, '52, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92 and 2002. Fri. night vespers, Sabbath school and church. All ideas and information welcome. For communication purposes, we need your email addresses — postage is too expensive. Send it to Ed Gutierrez at edjulie1@att.net, or call 630-232-9034. More information to come. Don't miss it!

Indiana

Indy Evangelism Rally: Sponsored by the Indianapolis Outreach Coalition, this rally runs from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on **Apr. 14** (location to be announced on the conference website, <http://www.indysda.org>). Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president, and the coalition members will explain the Indianapolis city-wide evangelism strategy and share prayer time together. Please be sure to come and join this loud cry!

Operation Downpour: "Give out the gospel like the leaves of autumn. Join us **Apr. 14** to create a lasting testimony and watch the budding leaves of spring come forth!" invites Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president. This event will take place at the Carmel Church, 14535 Carey Rd., at 4:30 p.m., following the evangelism rally. For more information, email Don Hawley at hawleyd7@yahoo.com. In order to have your territory and materials ready for you when you arrive, please pre-register. Provide the number of cars, name of driver and how many teams per car which are coming from your church to Teresa Schaeetzka at 317-844-6201. Mark your calendar. Be a part of the storm!

Lay Member Retreat: Set aside **Apr. 20-21** for a special time of personal evangelism training at Timber Ridge Camp. Harvey Kornegay will share tools, tips and personal experiences to enrich our personal ministry for Christ. For reservations, contact Sheri De Witt at sdewitt@indysda.org or 317-844-6201.

Big City Evangelism Training: Learn from the most productive "soul-winning ministry" in Adventism. Alejandro Bul-lón, evangelist, will be teaching "How to Work the Cities and Approach People for Christ." Training takes place **Apr. 28**, 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Indiana Academy gym.

Hoosier Chapter ASM: A reunion for former members and friends of the Hoosier Chapter, ASM, will be held at Timber Ridge Camp the weekend of **May 11-12**. We look forward to seeing old friends. For further information, contact Cindy Hamilton at 812-620-8126.

Glendale SDA Church Celebrates 50 Years: Located at 2900 E. 62nd St., Indianapolis, the Glendale Church will celebrate the anniversary on Fri., **May 18**, at 7:30 p.m., and Sabbath, **May 19**, at 9:30 a.m. The speaker Fri. evening is Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president, and the Sabbath morning worship service speaker will be C.D. Brooks. All previous Glendale members and friends are invited to join in celebration to our great God for His

leading and sustaining power these last 50 years. A luncheon will follow. For further information, please call the church office at 317-253-3711.

Lake Union

Offerings

- Apr 7** Local Church Budget
- Apr 14** Christian Record Services
- Apr 21** Local Church Budget
- Apr 28** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

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

ASI Lake Union Holds Spring Fellowship:

The Lake Union Chapter of ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries) will hold their annual Spring Fellowship convention **Apr. 20-22** at the Adventist Frontier Missions Training Center, 10652 Range Line Rd., Berrien Springs, Mich. This year's theme is "Pressing Forward!" following the admonition to "press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God..." "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead" (Phil. 3:13, 14 NKJV). Speakers include Don Livesay, Vicki Griffin, Mark Howard and more. For more information, call 269-473-8239 or visit <http://www.asi-lakeunion.org>.

Lake Union Academies Reunion potluck will be held on Sabbath, **May 5**, 1:00 p.m. Come to the Loma Linda University School of Nursing West Hall, 11262 Campus St. (1/2 block north of Barton Rd.), in Loma Linda, Calif.

For more information, call 909-799-8039 or 909-748-5178.

Michigan

Great Lakes Adventist Academy invites all students in grades 8-11 to come for the awesome experience of Academy Days, **Apr. 22-23**. Visit classes, make new friends, enjoy current students and experience boarding academy life. Registration is from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Sun. To register, visit our website at <http://www.GLAA.net>; call Hilda Reichert at 989-427-5181; or email glaa@misda.org. Contact GLAA today!

"Ye Olde Cedar Lake Academy Reunion" will take place **June 8-10** for alumni and warmly-welcomed schoolmates of 1962, and earlier, at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Mich. Honor classes: 1932, '42, '52, '62. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181; or visit <http://www.GLAA.net> for further information. Please do pass the good word.

North American Division

La Sierra Academy 90th birthday celebration - 2012 Alumni Weekend: Alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend, **Apr. 27-28**. Honor classes: 50+, 1962, '72, '82, '87, '92, '97, 2002. Fri. morning golf tournament; Fri. evening reception, 7:00 p.m., LSA Library; Sabbath morning alumni roll call, potluck and reunions, begin 9:30 a.m., LSA gym. For more information, call 951-351-1445, ext. 244; email lsaalumni@lsak12.com; or visit website <http://www.lsak12.com/alumni>.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27	May 4	May 11
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:16	8:23	8:31	8:38	8:46	8:54
Chicago, Ill.	7:21	7:29	7:37	7:44	7:52	8:00
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
Springfield, Ill.	7:28	7:34	7:41	7:49	7:56	8:03

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Anniversaries



Stanley and Ruth Ann Cottrell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7, 2011, with an open house in the Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall, Battle Creek, Mich. They have been members of the Battle Creek Tabernacle for 11 years.

Stanley Cottrell and Ruth Ann Baldwin were married Aug. 13, 1961, in Onaway, Mich. Stanley was an ordained minister for 35 years in Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, Maryland and Massachusetts; director of Historical Adventist Village in Battle Creek from 2000 until his retirement in 2007; and is currently an interim pastor for the Michigan Conference. Ruth Ann was a teacher of music and elementary school from 1961 until her retirement in 2007.

The Cottrell family includes Stan II and Genevieve Cottrell of Collegedale, Tenn.; Nicholas and Carmen Cottrell of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Evonne and Carl Syvertson of Brighton, Colo.; and Corey and Christy Cottrell of Longmont, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Obituaries

FROST, Harland G. (Gig), age 74; born Feb. 27, 1937, in Flint, Mich.; died Dec. 21, 2011, in Flint. He was a member of the First Flint Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon K. (Curry); sons, Gregory E. and Jeffrey D.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Jeff Akenberger, pastor, and interment was in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt. Morris, Mich.

GREER, Katie E. (Campbell), age 74; born Jan. 28, 1937, in Starkville, Miss.; died Sept. 22, 2011, in Ypsilanti, Mich. She was a member of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry; sons, Jerry Jr. and Charles D.; daughters, Frieda Campbell, and Tanya and Kayla Greer; brothers James and Roy Campbell; sister, Ferry D. Campbell; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Danny Velez, and interment was in Washtenong Memorial Park Cemetery, Whitmore Lake, Mich.

HELTON, Esther (Morales), age 96; born Apr. 20, 1915, in Juarez, Mexico; died Oct. 21, 2011, in Charlotte, Mich. She was a member of the Charlotte Church.

Survivors include her son, Bruce; daughters, Esther Renault and Julia Hays; brothers, Ben and Frank Morales; sister, Mary Herrera; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Charles Hanlon and Jeff Dowell, pastors, and interment was in Bosworth Cemetery, Olivet, Mich.

KLINE, Shirley A. (Sliter), age 70; born July 5, 1941, in Searcy, Ark.; died Dec. 28, 2011, in Stevensville, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Keith; daughters, Kathryn Kline and Kristina McGath; brother, Roger Sliter; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Skip MacCarty, pastor, and interment was in Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Lincoln Twp., Mich.

KUROWSKI, Hazel M. (Blair), age 90; born Apr. 21, 1921, in Kaukauna, Wis.; died Dec. 18, 2011, in Appleton, Wis. She was a member of the Fox Valley Church, Neenah, Wis.

Survivors include her sons, Fred and Gene; daughter, Wanda Wyland; brother, Bud Blair; sisters, Violet Luebke and Lorraine Blair; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by family members, with private interment.

NICKLESS, Andrea S. (Blackburn), age 64; born Dec. 21, 1946, in Bedford, Ind.; died Nov. 28, 2011, in Bedford. She was a member of the Bedford Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce; sons, Monty and Drew; daughter, Mandie Gonzales; brother, Doug Blackburn; sisters, Judy Carlson and Roxi Blackburn; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Fernando Ortiz, pastor, and interment was in Green Hill Cemetery, Bedford.

PAULSON, Mabel (Butler), age 91; born May 15, 1920, in Holly, Mich.; died Nov. 26, 2011, in Commerce, Mich. She was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church, Waterford, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Roger, Eric and David; daughters, Karen Arnold and Ellen Howard; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Stanley W. Cottrell, pastor, with private interment in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Novi, Mich.

PRESCOTT, Jessie Mae (McKenzie), age 80; born Jan. 12, 1931, in Kerrville, Tenn.; died Dec. 31, 2011, in Milwaukee, Wis.

She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; sons, Danny McKenzie, and James, Timothy and Anthony Prescott; daughters, Zoa Spark and Janice Prescott; sisters, Easter Lifford and Willa Graham; 17 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Eric R. Bell, and interment was in Grace-land Cemetery, Milwaukee.

PUSEY, Muriel B. (Stevenson), age 100; born Aug. 4, 1911, in Ashley, Mich.; died Jan. 4, 2012, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Dowagiac (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Galen E.; daughter, Karen R. Mann; sister, Laura M. Mosher; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ted Toms, elder, and interment was in Wayne Twp. Cemetery, Dowagiac.

REDDER, Hazel A. (Wood) Stricklen, age 56; born Apr. 23, 1955; died Dec. 12, 2011, in Jamestown Twp., Mich. She was a member of the Bauer Church, Hudsonville, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Lee; son, Gordy Stricklen; stepsons, Matt and Jay Redder; daughter, Audrey Stricklen; father, Gordon Wood; mother, Constance Brown; and sister, Linda Graham.

Memorial services were conducted by Gene Hall, pastor, with private interment, Jamestown Twp.

WAGNER, John J., age 85; born Aug. 15, 1926, in Waupaca, Wis.; died Oct. 2, 2011, in Hartford, Mich. He was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac, Mich.

Survivors include his sons, Jerry and Ron; daughter, Kathy Hill; seven grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ben Orian, pastor, and Jerry Wagner, and interment was in Keeler (Mich.) Cemetery.

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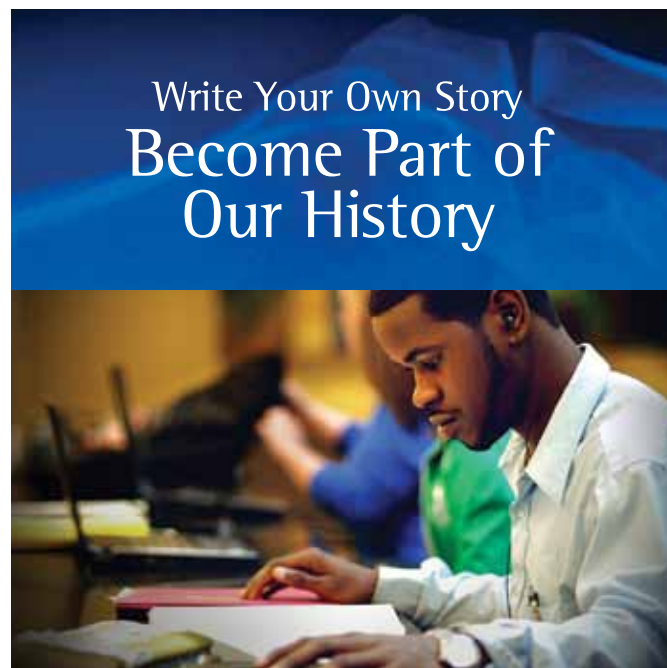
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Say "Yes!"

BY GARY BURNS



Have you ever stopped to contrast and compare all the varied experiences of the different people of faith in the Bible? Enoch preached repentance, prophesied of the Second Coming of Christ and walked with God until it became a permanent arrangement. Noah preached repentance and built a boat – unheard of!

Abraham left his people and culture, and followed God's promise. Then, at God's direction, he offered the promise back to Him on the mountain of the Lord.

Rebekah's acts of kindness gave evidence she was chosen by God to be the mother of Israel, and she willingly left for a foreign land to marry a man she had never met. And what about Jacob, Joseph, Miriam, Moses, Caleb, Joshua, Rahab, Deborah, Samuel, Ruth, David, Daniel, Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah...?

Jumping to the New Testament, we see the experiences of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, the 12, Lazarus, Mary and Martha, Steven, Saul/Paul, Barnabas, Mark and Timothy.

You could say each one partnered with God to accomplish His specific purpose. Each one's experience was totally different – you might say, unique. God asked very different things of each of them, yet the one thing they had in common was their willingness to obey – to say, "yes," to God and all that implied, whatever the cost. Their relationships each could be described as a faith-partnership with God. God may have unique plans for each one of us, but we will have one thing in common – we say, "yes," to a faith-partnership with God.

Gary Burns is the communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

On God's Team

BY MARIA DELGADO

I was blessed to be born into an Adventist family. I grew up believing in God and actively participating in the church, but it was at the age of 17 when I had an encounter with God that changed my life.

I was 11 years old when my parents decided to move to Belgium. In the beginning, it was not easy to adapt to a new culture without losing my origins. I did not know what I wanted to do with my life until God came into my heart and put in me the desire to prepare myself to serve Him.

The last year of high school was difficult because, for my classmates, I was just the girl who did not go to the parties on the weekends and did not drink or smoke. But I had the conviction that God had called me for something special.

After high school, I went to study theology at the Adventist University of France, supported by the Belgian Federation. My father was happy with the news but, for my mother, it was hard to accept my decision. Members of my Hispanic church were amazed because it is not common in our culture to have women as ministers. But pastoral women in Europe are very well accepted, and it encouraged me to continue.

The years I spent in France were enriching for my personal life and ministry. It was also important for me to find a partner who could support me in my decisions, and God placed in my life a wonderful man with the same vision and commitment to the ministry as I.

I am currently the only student of theology from Belgium in our

Adventist church. Unfortunately, Belgium has no more young people interested in the pastoral ministry; if things continue like this in the future, there will be no Belgian pastors who know the culture and speak the official languages of French and Dutch. That's one of the reasons why I chose the M.A. in Youth & Young Adult Ministry. It is my desire to work with young people because they are the future of our church. I want them to see that God has big plans for their lives. Another motivation in my ministry is the opportunity I have in Belgium to serve Muslims and be their friends. They are one of the large people groups that exist in Belgium.

The mission class at the Seminary made me realize it is a privilege to share our faith; all of us are missionaries where we are. I am blessed to be part of God's team, and have the assurance that God will help me in this big challenge. We all have different goals and challenges, but one thing remains the same: If we put our plans into the hands of God and we do His will, He has promised us that all things work together for good to those who love God (see Romans 8:28).

Maria Delgado is 23 years old. She was born in Colombia and grew up in Belgium. She received a degree in theology at the Adventist University of France. Since August 2011, she has lived in Berrien Springs, Michigan, with her husband, David Carballo. Currently, Maria is earning an M.A. in Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Seminary.



Esther Nooner

Ministry Through Music

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell all of His wondrous works! — Psalm 105:2, ESV

“I love music,” says Maria Sherwood, a sophomore at Andrews University. “I love the opportunities God gives me to give music to others. It’s very rewarding.” In May, Maria will go to Guyana to do just that. She plans to reach people through music during a two-week mission trip to the country. In the meantime, she stays involved in music ministries at Andrews.



Maria Sherwood

Maria has been singing since she was five years old. When she enrolled at Andrews, in 2010, she quickly became involved in worships as a singer and guitarist. She has led many song services on campus and even co-wrote the theme song for the 2011 Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Her music ministry has taken her off-campus to various churches in Michigan. Now, God is calling her to Guyana to share her talents.

Maria and her father, Len Sherwood, participate in the Adventist World Aviation’s Wings for Humanity project — aiming to improve the quality of life of the people living in Guyana’s jungles. Len, an aircraft mechanic, annually inspects planes headed to these remote places. Inspired by the great needs of the people, he decided to record a CD and give all proceeds to the mission trip.

When Maria learned of her dad’s idea, she begged to help. The two recorded a gospel CD in Nashville in 2010. Because of this, Maria says, “My dad has been able to earn money and directly fund what he’s doing. It’s been a leap of faith for our family, and I love being a part of it.”

The Sherwoods will spend two weeks in Guyana this May. Maria will help teach vacation Bible school and babysit for mission families. There will be opportunities for some to receive medical attention. She is most excited, however, about the outdoor concert in which she will perform.

“I’ve been on mission trips before, but I don’t know what it feels like to give my music to someone who has never heard it. I really want to help these people!” she says. “I’m looking forward to God using me to inspire someone in a different way.”

When she returns from Guyana, Maria will continue her mission work as a staff member at Camp Au Sable. She enjoys using her talents for God and reminding others to do the same.

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