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One Accord

It is enjoyable to have all the musical talent in and around Andrews University. My wife, Barbara, and I recently appreciated a wonderful brass quintet concert by a group of musicians who have their roots in a hockey-infested country. The trumpets were brilliant, the trombone smooth, the French horn an anchoring supportive punctuation and the tuba foundational.

The musicians occasionally played in unison, but most notes were antiphonal, blending and/or complimentary. The trumpet players used a variety of horns from the traditional trumpet, flugelhorn and soprano trumpet. The brilliance of the arrangements and perfect meshing of the performers made for an extra-special date night for us. It was so inspiring, I almost dug out my 49-year-old trumpet. I said, "almost."

I did, however, reflect on some of the music theory I picked up along the way, and found some interesting comparisons. A chord is several notes played or sung together by one or more instruments or vocalists. Most chords intentionally produce an attractive, appealing, harmonious blending of sounds. Unskilled people can hit the wrong note, producing dissident chords that grate and create disharmony. Skilled composers incorporate dissident chords for the very purpose of creating emotional tension that resolves in sweet harmony as an integral part of the musical story.

Acts 1 and 2 describe a group of previously-dissident individuals. Power plays, anger, accusations and jealousy were common within the disciple group. They were in discord. Then, in the upper room, Jesus breathed on them, bidding them to receive the Holy Spirit (see John 20:22). As a result, they began to understand the true kingdom and their part in the mission. Acts 1:14 describes them as being in one accord, devoted to prayer. In the context of that corporate togetherness, the power of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost.

The church is way beyond the simple variations of a brass quintet, even beyond that of a full orchestra. Paul is clear in 1 Corinthians 12 that all the parts of the church body are absolutely essential to function. He then goes on to even rank God's appointments of the members of the body: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, healers, helpers, administrators and speakers of various tongues. (Note that us church administrators are down at the bottom of the list. Ephesians 4 lists apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, and doesn't even mention administrators!)

The New Testament Church had the benefit of those who had been with Jesus and, specifically, those whom He sent out, *apostelloi*, to tell of their experience. Now, and all through Scripture, God has chosen men and women to fill a prophetic role by communicating important and timely messages at His direction. The last-day church described in Revelation has been wonderfully blessed with the insights God gave His servant, Ellen White. All these spiritual gifts are given for the purpose of building up the church into fullness of stature in Christ (see Ephesians 4).

So what does that have to do with you and me? Like the wonderful blending of great music, we, as members of the body of Christ, are to hear His calling to each of us individually, and respond by blending and harmonizing our God-given talents and gifts in one accord for His glory.



The Eternal Investment

BY CHERIE JACKSON

I don't know why it took me so long, but today the purpose of Seventh-day Adventist education became crystal clear in my mind. It was a story from the Bible I had read and told a hundred times that resulted in the clarity. It seems that God's preferred method of communication to me is via the K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Silly) method!

I work part-time in communications at Hinsdale Adventist Academy. My three children are elementary students at the school, and I am constantly delighted at what they bring home from school — not their cute crafts and handwriting assignments, but a clear understanding of their significance in Jesus' eyes in addition to a great education, deftly and creatively delivered by their wonderful teachers.

At the moment, our school is trying to raise significant funds to make major capital improvements. Our primary goal is not to be a premier school. Our highest priority is to ensure that the children we serve are given every opportunity to be premier students, able to achieve whatever it is God has planned for them. In fact, our graduates should be fitted for the highest positions in the land. Ellen White confirmed this when she wrote: "Dear Youth, What is the aim and purpose of your life? Are you ambitious for education that you may have a name and position in the world? Have you thoughts that you dare not express, that you may one day stand upon the summit of intellectual greatness; that you may sit in deliberative and legislative councils, and help to enact laws for the nation? There is nothing wrong in these



aspirations. You may every one of you make your mark. You should be content with no mean attainments. Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard" (*Review and Herald*, August 19, 1884).

The Bible story that jolted my thinking is found in the first three chapters of Daniel. It refers to four Israelite young men plucked from their homes because they were so well-educated, so well-fitted for becoming leaders in the Kingdom of Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar intended to brainwash Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah into becoming useful Babylonian leaders. The king's plan was foiled because of the faithful, God-centered education they had received. They did not compromise on even the smallest aspect of their belief. They stayed true to their commitment to health. As a result, God blessed them and enabled the young Hebrews to perform ten times better than their fellow students who indulged their appetites. When it came to their most challenging trial — facing a horrible death by burning in a furnace, they were able to say, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the



God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up” (Daniel 3:16–18 NIV).

God did indeed deliver them, and hundreds were converted that day. These faithful young men went on to fill positions of great influence in King Nebuchadnezzar’s government.

This is the reason for Seventh-day Adventist education. It exists to prepare our children to be like Daniel, Haniah, Mishael and Azariah, provided with the strongest Christian educational foundation, to be great leaders prepared to stand up for what is right, no matter the outcome.

I don’t know about you, but I really want that outcome for my children. If you, like me, want our Seventh-day Adventist children prepared to be leaders like those four brave, young men, then please do whatever you can to be a part of the rescue mission for Seventh-day Adventist education.

As with any initiative that has the salvation of our children at the center, there are tremendous challenges. Like many Adventist schools, Hinsdale Adventist Academy is also working hard to pay off some internal debt. Satan is constantly on the attack, trying to derail the mission and discourage its ambassadors. But we must press on, believing that, “The Lord will rescue [us] from every evil attack and will bring [us] safely to his heavenly Kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:18 NIV).

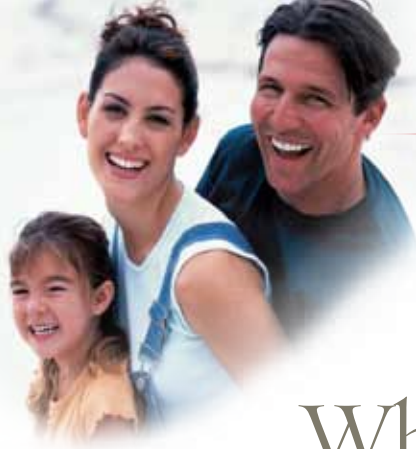
This endeavor must work. Each child is of inestimable value. When Jesus comes, we want no child left behind, and we all can be part of the mission. “God has intrusted to each one capacities and powers, that they may be returned to him enlarged and improved. All his gifts are granted to us to be used to the utmost. He requires every one of us to cultivate our powers, and attain the highest possible capacity for usefulness, that we may do noble work for God, and bless humanity. Every talent that we possess, whether of mental capacity, money, or influence, is of God, so that we may say with David, ‘All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee’” (*Review and Herald*, August 19, 1884).

Our schools need your money. Our children need your time. And above all else, we all need your prayers.

Whether you’re a parent with children who need what Adventist education can provide, or you are a member who has been blessed with something to offer, please connect with your local Seventh-day Adventist school today and become a part of the mission, because our children need you and time is running out.

To find out how you can partner with your local Adventist school, visit your local school or see <http://www.lakeunion.org/schools>.

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When Silence Isn't Golden

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Many things created for good also can be used to destroy people's lives. Ellen White speaks of Satan gathering the fallen angels together "to devise some way of doing the most possible evil to the human family. One proposition after another was made, till, finally, Satan himself thought of a plan. He would take the fruit of the vine, also wheat and other things given by God as food, and would convert them into poisons, which would ruin man's physical, mental and moral powers" (see *Temperance*, p. 12).

The recent death of an iconic entertainer opened the doors for important discussions about the dangers of alcohol, and combining alcohol with prescription drugs.

Alcohol abuse among teens has increased during the past 20 years despite continued research and resources. The misconception that only "troubled" teenagers get into drugs is not true. Even young children are vulnerable to drug dangers.

Some worry less about prescription drug abuse than alcohol and other drugs. Research shows that kids think prescription drugs are safer than street drugs because they are prescribed by doctors and they see people using them. Today, teens are more likely to abuse prescription drugs than use ecstasy, crack/cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine combined. There are as many new abusers (ages 12–17) of prescription drugs as there are of marijuana.

What are parents to do?

Learn about medications, their uses and the dangers of combining medications. For example, learn how OxyContin, Vicodin, Demerol, Valium, Xanax, Ritalin and Adderall work in the body's system. Know the risks of over-the-counter medicines as well.

Give straightforward, factual information.

Don't use scare tactics. Share your values about drugs on an ongoing basis. When parents talk about the dangers of prescription drugs, teens are 50 percent less likely to use them.

Keep your eyes and ears attuned. Know your child's friends, their parents, and how their friends are supervised. Did you know that trail mix, french fries, big boys, cotton, chill pills and "pharming" (pronounced farming)* also have drug-related meanings?

Remember that kids are creative and risktakers. They are affected by what they see in the society that surrounds them. We live in a quick-fix society. Consider how you treat common stressors and ailments in your home: headaches, indigestion, general aches and pains, down-in-the-dumps feelings.

If there are prescriptions in the house, count the pills regularly to be sure none are missing. Kids, knowing how Ritalin calms down a sibling, have been known to take it to calm themselves. Grandparents can be easy sources, too. Keep prescriptions in safe-keeping, and appropriately discard any unused medications.

Care enough to confront. It's been said, "Silence isn't always golden. It's permission." Let kids know you are serious about protecting them. Don't be afraid you will offend them. Be honest, open, caring and diligent — you may save a life!

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*For more information about pharming (pronounced "farming") see: <http://parentingtoday/skids.com/article-teens-go-pharming-clearly-we-arent-talking-about-crops>.



Exaggerated claims for health programs may sound very convincing.



Click and Quack

Websites containing health scams are abundant.

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Internet frauds are ubiquitous. Many websites promise you a new life, making exaggerated claims in pseudo-scientific language that sounds very convincing, and too good to be true. They offer miracle programs and products to help you lose weight quickly, boost your immune system, combat joint pain, make your muscles bigger and stronger, give you more energy, cleanse your colon, slow down aging, relieve cold symptoms, and many more things. Some make it sound like the supplements they offer will “transform” your health.

Computer software is now available so that one can easily manipulate the shape and size of a person's body. We should be very skeptical of these before-and-after photos that result from following a certain diet. One should not buy anything that has an email address without a street address. These websites may be offshore and difficult to track down if you have to return faulty or ineffective items.

Google ads appear on thousands of websites. Any unsuspecting surfer of the Web can easily click on them. While many of the ads are for legitimate products, there are many which are deceptive offers making exaggerated claims for various products. Ads that promote a single product to cure multiple health problems should be a red flag for the consumer.

One of the recent scams was the push on açai berry weight-loss pills, which can supposedly boost metabolism, eliminate harmful toxins, give more energy and melt away pounds of body fat. In short, they promise a quick fix. Thousands of consumers were snookered by fake blogs, phony websites and bogus celebrity endorsements for such wonder products. Another “miracle” weight-loss product is Sensa, a cheese or fruit-flavored powder that is sprinkled on your food. Advertisers claim, without published evidence, that the scent suppresses one's appetite, so you end up eating less and losing weight.



Some sites pose as providing unbiased reviews to uncover scams and expose claims made for worthless pills, gadgets and schemes. These sites often end up promoting their own brand of supplements, on which they receive commissions. This is definitely a conflict

of interest. One can check out what other consumers have complained about by going to <http://www.complaintsboard.com> and <http://www.ripoffreport.com>. Another website to check out health frauds is <http://www.quackwatch.org>.

There are potential health consequences to the widespread fraudulent information available on the Internet. People may fail to seek appropriate medical care in a timely manner, and some may follow weight-loss diets that are dangerous and could cause serious harm to them. At the end of the day, consumers ultimately may be confused by all of the conflicting reports which describe what constitutes the pathway to good health.

It is always a wise policy to get a second opinion, and check out health information on the website of a reputable university or government agency, professional health organization or credible health center such as Mayo Clinic or Cleveland Clinic.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

Listening to the Right Voice

BY THE EDITORS

So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."
—Acts 4:18-20 NKJV

“Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan’s dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as the day, belongs to the methods of the prince of evil.

“Men fall into error by starting with false premises and then bringing everything to bear to prove the error true. In some cases the first principles have a measure of truth interwoven with the error; but it leads to no just action; and this is why men are misled. They desire to reign and become a power, and, in the effort to justify their principles, they adopt the methods of Satan.

“If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become even leaders in evil practices; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God — they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. Thus they follow in the track of Romanism. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconceptions of God they weaken the faith of others in the truth and bring in false principles that work like leaven to taint and corrupt institutions and churches.

“Anything that lowers man’s conception of righteousness and equity and impartial judgment, any device or precept that brings God’s human agents under the control of human minds, impairs their faith in God, and separates the soul from Him.

“God will not vindicate any device whereby man shall in the slightest degree rule or oppress his fellow man. As soon as a man begins to make an iron rule for other men, he dishonors God and imperils his own soul and the souls of his brethren” (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, 1902, pp. 180, 181).

“The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God’s witnesses during the centuries that have passed since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands. God’s word must be recognized as above all human legislation. A ‘Thus saith the Lord’ is not to be set aside for a ‘Thus saith the church’ or a ‘Thus saith the state.’ The crown of Christ is to be lifted above the diadems of earthly potentates” (Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, 1911, p. 62).

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

Does Christ hold the highest position in our personal and corporate lives?

Are we in danger of listening more to others, especially those with charismatic and commanding personalities, than we listen to God?

Have you been faced with a situation where you sensed an individual was seeking to have spiritual control over your mind and the minds of others?

When is it appropriate to speak out and confront those who, under the pretense of being zealous for the truth, manipulate and intimidate to gain control of others in order to advance their own cause? (see Paul’s counsel in Titus 1).

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When God Says, “No”

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” —2 Corinthians 12:7–9 NIV

Someone has suggested that God answers prayer in the following five ways: 1) “Yes! I thought you would never ask”; 2) “Yes! But not yet”; 3) “No! I love you too much”; 4) “Yes! But different from your thoughts”; and 5) “Yes! But more than you ever hoped or dreamed.” Let’s look briefly at each one of these.

“Yes! I thought you would never ask.” Here’s a reminder that God has so many good things to give us that He can hardly wait until we ask for them. When we finally ask, He is often quick to answer.

“Yes! But not yet.” When God asks us to wait, it may seem like a “no” answer, but it’s really a delayed “yes.” When God delays an answer to prayer, it’s always for a good reason. He may be teaching us to depend wholly on Him, preparing us to receive the answer when it comes, or simply refining our prayers.

“No! I love you too much.” God’s wisdom is higher than our wisdom. When what we ask for is not good for us, God graciously answers, “No.” He loves us too much to fulfill our wishes against His better judgment.

“Yes! But different from your thoughts.” This also may seem like a “no,” but it’s really a disguised “yes.” Watch carefully for God’s answer.

“Yes! But more than you ever hoped or dreamed.” What we ask for may be good and right, but God may choose to give us something even better. He sees the big picture and knows what is really good for us.

One more possible answer needs to be added: “No! Not until you deal with that sin you are holding on to.” Even that is a gracious answer, for sin, remaining unconfessed and unforgiven, does great harm.

When God said “no” to Paul’s request to remove his thorn in the flesh, it was with good reason. By allowing the thorn to remain, God taught Paul about His all-sufficient grace and about His power “made perfect in weakness.” In the end, Paul came to the point of

delighting in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and difficulties as he saw God’s strength compensating for his weakness (see 2 Corinthians 12:10).

Our confidence is not in prayer; it is in God. When prayer doesn’t seem to work, it doesn’t matter so much. God is still our Lord and Sustainer who graciously strengthens us.

Reflect

Have you ever been disappointed in God for not answering your prayers? What are some reasons God may have had for not giving what you asked for?

Does it make sense to say, “Our confidence is not in prayer; it is in God”? Why?

Pray

Praise God for His all-sufficient grace and power, which He uses on our behalf.

Confess any anger you may have toward God, if you are disappointed in His way of answering or not answering your prayers.

Ask for wisdom to understand God’s ways and for grace to be able to delight in God’s goodness, even if He says “no” to your requests.

Act

Tell God you are happy for the times He has said “no,” because you know He did it with your best interests in mind.

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Signs of Hope

BY JUANITA EDGE

Charles Stevens learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church while attending sign language classes at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Jan Wright, Kay Ritchie and Rose Mangelsen, members of the Rice Lake Church, met Charles while attending the same classes. “I could tell he was interested in religion,” said Jan, “so I began praying for him. As Charles was deaf and I was not, we found it mutually beneficial to practice signing to each other in class. Often, we signed about biblical topics.”

Once, when Jan and Charles were both early for class, they had a deep discussion about what happens when a person dies. Charles became very interested since a close friend of his had recently died. “I believed people went to Heaven when they died,” said Charles. “I’d also been taught that you couldn’t be sure if you were saved or not.”

One day, the class assignment was to list ten things the class members wanted to do before they die. Charles asked Rose to read his list. His first two goals were: “I want to find a church to attend and study the Bible with others, and I want to be strong in the Holy Spirit.”

“I signed to Charles that I could help him with these two goals,” said Rose. “I knew Jan was signing with Charles about biblical topics, and had shared *The Great Controversy* book with him. Neither Jan nor I felt skilled enough to sign sermons. We discussed how best to help him.”

Soon Jan and Charles began studying the Amazing Facts *Stories of Prophecy* Bible lesson guides. At one study, Charles excitedly said, “Did you know the Sabbath is really Saturday?”

Rose invited him to attend church on Sabbath with her, and he eagerly agreed. Charles began attending



When Charles Stevens enrolled in a sign language class, he met Jan Wright. Jan is not hearing impaired, but soon they were discussing biblical topics together as they practiced what they were learning in class.

regularly. He even walked two-and-a-half miles to church one Sabbath morning when his car broke down, because he didn’t want to miss it. “I’ve attended several churches through the years,” said Charles, “but sensed I needed something more.”

On his first Sabbath in church, someone asked, “Since you can’t hear, what did you get out of the Sabbath school and church service?”

Charles responded, “I can read my Bible and my lesson book. I don’t need anything more.”

Now, every Sabbath, the pastor gives Charles a copy of the sermon notes.

On November 14, 2011, Charles was baptized and became a member of the Rice Lake Church. “Charles isn’t a bit bashful about sharing his new faith,” said Jan. “He brought our signing teacher and another friend to witness his baptism.”

Jan, Rose and Kay take turns signing conversations for Charles. “I love fellowshiping with my church family,” says Charles with a smile. “Everyone is so friendly.”

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Alejandro Bullón

UN EJEMPLO DE LO QUE DIOS PUEDE HACER

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Lo que la iglesia necesita en estos días de peligro es un ejército de obreros que, como Pablo, se hayan educado para ser útiles, tengan una experiencia profunda en las cosas de Dios y estén llenos de fervor y celo. Se necesitan hombres santificados y abnegados; hombres que no esquiven las pruebas y la responsabilidad; hombres valientes y veraces; hombres en cuyos corazones Cristo constituya la 'esperanza de gloria', y quienes, con los labios tocados por el fuego santo, prediquen la Palabra. — Los hechos de los apóstoles, p. 404

Es posible que Alejandro Bullón sea el pastor hispano más conocido en la Iglesia Adventista. Recuerdo haber oído por primera vez su nombre cuando yo era pastor en el estado de Indiana. Al escuchar uno de sus sermones quedé impresionado no sólo por su mensaje sino también por la manera en que los oyentes respondían a su llamado. Era ya muy conocido en América del Sur a través de los medios de televisión, radio, como también por sus campañas evangelísticas. En ese tiempo se comenzaron las campañas vía satélite y el pastor Bullón llegó a ser aún más conocido, y como resultado aumentaron mucho las invitaciones para que llevara a cabo campañas evangelísticas en varias partes del mundo.

A fines del mes de abril la Unión del Lago auspició en colaboración con la Asociación de Indiana un seminario de evangelismo en la ciudad de Cicero, estado de Indiana. En el mes de mayo la Unión patrocinó también junto con las asociaciones de Michigan y la Regional del Lago una campaña evangelística en la ciudad de Grand Rapids, estado de Michigan, dirigida por Alejandro Bullón. Por más de ocho días tuve el privilegio de acompañar al pastor Bullón en diferentes contextos tales como momentos de almuerzo y de transporte a diversos lugares. Al pensar en esos días me doy cuenta que lo que más me impactó fue ver que a pesar de haberse ya jubilado él sigue dedicando su tiempo a enseñar y predicar con el fin de que su ministerio se lleve a cabo no sólo por medio de la predicación sino también a través de libros y películas con temas cristocéntricos, por ejemplo La Ventana, y recientemente una nueva película titulada El Regreso.



El pastor Alejandro Bullón predica en Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Además, me alegró y animó mucho el saber de los planes del pastor Bullón para el año 2013. Planea dar entrenamiento a más de sesenta pastores en una de las uniones de México durante un período de cuatro meses para enseñarles cómo ser más efectivos en cumplir la misión de la iglesia. Al observar la dedicación y el fervor del pastor Bullón comprendí que el Señor lo está bendiciendo para que sea un ejemplo de lo que un solo hombre puede hacer cuando se somete completamente a la voluntad de Dios. Elena G. de White dice: “No hay límite a la utilidad del que, poniendo a un lado el yo, permite que el Espíritu Santo obre sobre su corazón, y vive una vida enteramente consagrada a Dios” (*Servicio cristiano*, p. 315).

Mi deseo es que como discípulos de Cristo le rindamos completamente nuestras vidas y nuestros talentos a su servicio.

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A Revelation of Jesus

BY JOY HYDE

Kerry and Chris Fannon were both devout but searching Christians. In September 2010, after they received a flier in the mail about “Unlocking Revelation,” an end-time prophecy seminar, they were both excited, but reticent. Through the years, the Fannons jointly or separately participated in numerous Bible studies, but actually knew very little about the book of Revelation. To them, it seemed like a book no one really knew or wanted to teach, no matter where they went. This was the reason for their somewhat-reserved response to the flier. In the end, they decided to attend, but kept their expectations low since they didn’t want to be disappointed.

The seminar at the Metropolitan Junior Academy, in Plymouth, Michigan, was presented by Jim Howard, pastor of the Metropolitan Church. The church uses the round-table approach for their outreach meetings. With this approach, three Metro members are assigned to each table as leader, assistant and hospitality coordinator. Kerry and Chris were assigned to a table staffed by Karen Moore, Bonnie Tolles and Gail Weber, whom they found to be very friendly and helpful. After each night, the Fannons wanted to come back and hear more. At the time, they were just looking for information and truth, not looking for a church.

After the meetings ended, Jim stayed in touch with Kerry and Chris. He persisted in his contact with them and, when they were ready, he started studying the Bible with them. The Fannons stated that what they “were learning was different; this was the real truth being taught here.” It changed their lives in so many ways. They bought several DVD sets of the Amazing Facts “Unlocking Revelation” series and shared them with friends and family, wanting to be sure before becoming Seventh-day Adventists themselves. They did additional research, and questioned, “Why this?” and “Why that?”

Jim persevered with his studies with Chris and Kerry, and even engaged a Bible worker, Joshua Plohocky, in the



Bonnie Tolles (left) and other table assistants (Karen Moore and Gail Weber, not pictured) warmly welcomed Kerry and Chris Fannon (center), when they attended the “Unlocking Revelation” prophecy seminar offered by the Metropolitan Church in Plymouth, Michigan. The Fannons were later baptized by Jim Howard (right), pastor, and Chris now says their new church “truly feels like a family.”

studies. Kerry said in her testimony, “Pastor Jim, Josh and others were able to show us so much ‘weight of evidence’ that, halfway through, I was more than satisfied.”

Even before Chris and Kerry made their decisions for baptism, they introduced the Adventist message to their friend, Sally Muse, who attended the studies with Jim and Josh. Sally was baptized in October 2011.

On the morning of February 4, both Kerry and Chris stood before

the Metropolitan Church congregation and several attending friends, and gave their testimonies before being baptized by Jim. Kerry said, “The people at Metro SDA really stand apart from my patchwork quilt of churches in being Christ-like and having a servant’s heart. It is evident; I know God is working here at Metro. I’d like to be a part of that.”

Chris added, “This church truly feels like a family. People are so friendly and warm and humble here. ... You’re more Jesus-like than any other church we’ve ever belonged [to].”

He also shared, “I’ve always heard people say when you’re baptized you’re born again, but now I truly know what it means and feels like to have Jesus inside you, energizing and leading your life. ... It’s a revelation.”

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Our Commitment

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

BY DAVID L. CRANE

These are tough times in healthcare. With accountability and reform at the top of the national agenda, we at Adventist Midwest Health are tasked with improving our systems while simultaneously continuing to provide the best care possible to patients and their families. It's a challenge our leaders have embraced; we realize how fortunate we are to belong to Adventist Health System, one of the nation's top ten health systems. At the local level, we are blessed by our strong connections to the communities we serve.

We continue to invest in new technology and infrastructure improvements; the opening of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's new patient pavilion earlier this year stands as a shining example of our commitment to the community. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital just unveiled a legacy wall to celebrate the facility's 30-year history of providing hope and healing. Connecting with the community through the power of prayer is evident at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, where staff pray over requests that pour in from patients, visitors and employees.

And although it opened just four years ago, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital already has made a difference in its community as demonstrated by the growth of the Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation. Sharing these stories from our facilities in suburban Chicago and from Chippewa Valley in Durand, Wisconsin, reminds me that, despite the changing circumstances of this world, if we stay true to our timeless mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ, we will do more than survive — we will thrive.

Speaking on the Lord's behalf when Israel was exiled into captivity in Babylon, Jeremiah urged God's people to connect with their community. If they did so, God promised, both would do well. "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV). From training our chaplains on critical incident stress management to making sure our nurses get the support they need to provide compassionate care, to sending a team on a medical mission to a Third World country to care for patients who've never received medical care, Adventist Midwest Health seeks the prosperity of our communities. Locally and globally, if our communities prosper, we will prosper — comforting words in uncertain times.

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From left: David L. Crane, Michael J. Goebel, Don Livesay, Kay and Michael Birck, and Sally Porter dedicate the new Adventist Hinsdale Hospital patient pavilion by cutting a ceremonial ribbon.



Adventist Midwest Health president/CEO David L. Crane, right, tours the new Birk Family Birth Center in Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's patient pavilion with members of the Birk family.

Living Our Mission in the Third World

TEAM EXTENDS THE HEALING MINISTRY OF CHRIST IN COSTA RICA

BY JULIE BUSCH

Hour after hour, huge trucks overloaded with sugarcane pass the building where a team of nurses, doctors and staff from Adventist Midwest Health has set up a medical mission clinic in the Costa Rican village of Sardinal. Migrant workers from Nicaragua who labor in the fields for \$2 an hour walk past, carrying machetes.

After their work is finished for the day, the migrant workers wander into the clinic. Soon, there are waves of about 20 men at a time, covered in soot, reeking of smoke and sweat. They're exhausted. Their eyes burn from the smoke from the sugarcane, which has to be burned first before it can be cut down. Their backs ache from bending and cutting. They have kidney problems because they are not drinking enough water, only coffee and soda all day to keep them going.

The medical mission team did a lot of education for these men — from teaching them proper hydration and nutrition and body mechanics to fitting them with new glasses; some even saw a psychiatrist. The reality of their lives was both sobering and humbling. As Nicaraguans working in Costa Rica, the men aren't afforded the same rights as Costa Rican citizens. One of the men had a work-related eye injury. As team member Rudy Cortes held his head back to administer eye drops, Rudy began to pray for him. Others joined in, too. A short time later, the man turned to them with tears in his eyes and said, "I have received more attention and kindness in these five minutes than I have ever received in this country."

In January, this team of 41 people arrived in Costa Rica with an abundance of donated supplies. There were ten doctors, including specialists in orthopedics, obstetrics, pediatrics and psychiatry, as well as ten nurses and other staff members ready and eager to help.

Although the team treated nearly 3,000 patients in four



Children had their picture taken and then made frames for them. This one says "DOG," an acronym for "Depend On God."

days, it was clear this trip wasn't about the number of people treated but, rather, extending the healing ministry of Christ. Each day the team set up a medical clinic in a different village, mainly impoverished areas where the residents never would have access to this type of care.

Lines formed daily by a table of eyeglasses. The team brought more than 700 donated pairs, and the expressions of people who now could see clearly were priceless. Many visitors wanted a set of readers so they could read the Bible or a recipe. One elderly woman came in wearing an apron and walked out with a pair of matching pink readers.

It was summer vacation in Costa Rica, so each day crowds of children flocked to the clinics, often staying all day long. The Kids Camp team kept the little ones busy with manicures and making friendship bracelets. The children loved having their pictures taken, which Kids Camp counselors then printed out using a small color printer. They made frames with Bible verses printed on them; and the children left, thrilled to be able to take them home.

The pharmacy team filled more than 3,000 prescriptions during the week, making contact with every single patient who walked through the door. No one went away empty-handed — some patients received antacids, ibuprofen or vitamins, and everyone was given travel-sized shampoo and soap.

All week long, Charles Paik, an orthopedic surgeon, gave injections — about 90 in three days — to people suffering from severe joint pain. These injections are extremely

painful; but by the time patients walk to the makeshift pharmacy, they are already feeling relief.

One of Charles' patients was an 80-year-old woman with horrible knee arthritis. The good news was she had already seen a doctor and was scheduled to have knee replacement surgery. The bad news was she had been on a waiting list for three years, and her next follow-up appointment was in ten months. "My translator told me this is very common," Charles said. "People can wait for 20 years under the socialized medical care system. And this patient is lucky because she has access." He gave her an injection to relieve some pain.

A spirit of compassion was on display for one patient who never even made it to the clinic. While walking to a store to get water, team members noticed an elderly man lying on a bed outside, barely moving. Family members were spoon-feeding him water.

Gary Lipinski, Adventist Midwest Health's chief medical officer who served as a mentor for the family medicine residents on the trip, took some team members to the man's house. There his family shared that he had fractured his hip and it required surgery three weeks earlier. The man was 95 years old. Because it was too hot inside their home, they carried his bed outdoors during the day, and moved him back inside at night.

Three generations of family members lived in this home that had dirt floors and no windows. The team quickly assessed the man and found some bedsores and pressure ulcers; but, overall, he was being well cared for by his family. The doctors redressed his wounds and gave him a huge supply of Tylenol, as well as lots of wound care dressings and other medications. Before the team left, they gathered around this family and said a special prayer, and praised them for giving the best care they could under such difficult circumstances.

"This patient was a perfect example of the purpose of our trip," Gary said. "Jesus said to take care of the sick, the vulnerable and the poor. We did that in Costa Rica. Now, we are challenging ourselves to take Jesus' command and live it out back home in our everyday life."

Matthew 8:35 tells us that "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness" (NIV). Following His example, Adventist Midwest Health is committed to extending Christ's healing ministry to everyone in need. Whether in Costa Rica or the Chicago suburbs, it's our privilege to serve in His name.

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The mission trip team from Adventist Midwest Health traveled to the village of Sardinal in Costa Rica where they extended the healing hand of Christ to nearly 3,000 patients.



Katrina O'Connor holds an eye chart for a happy customer.



Physician Lanny Wilson (left) performs an ultrasound on a patient, and his team members, Amanda Orrantia, Jeannine Arias and Joanne Payne, share in the patient's joy.

Compassion in the ER

HOW ONE CHAPLAIN STEPS IN
AND CARES FOR NURSES AND DOCTORS

BY SHEILA GALLORO

When chaplain Vicky Syren walks into the emergency room at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, everything stops for a second. Then, just as quickly, the hustle and bustle resumes. Everyone goes back to pushing gurneys and rushing in and out of patient rooms.

Vicky has become a part of that place, and all the hugs and heartbreaks that take place inside. Physicians and nurses may be in charge of the well-being of patients, but Vicky is in charge of them.

“The emergency room is my favorite place in the world to be,” she said. “I guess I’m an adrenaline junkie. I feel I make a difference here.”

Vicky, who is also a chaplain for a local fire department, is part of the Critical Incident Stress Management and Debriefing (CISM) team. Soon every chaplain at all five Adventist Midwest Health hospitals will be trained in the same program.

The team currently consists of 31 people, including chaplains, behavioral health experts, nurses and other staff who went through a three-day training class to be certified. When a crisis strikes, on-call members of the team are brought in to help employees deal with the aftermath of emotions that flood in after stressful cases.

For example, in one week three infants died at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital; two were suspected homicides. A single doctor and many of the same nurses worked on all three cases. Vicky knew these were nurses who had young children of their own.

“A lot of what we do is take the ‘emotional temperature’ of a situation,” she said. “I knew this was an emotional situation. When they’re working, these professionals can’t break down and let it all out. But after work, I help them walk through the grieving process. I help them talk about it.”



Chaplain Vicky Syren stands in the emergency room at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. “I feel I make a difference here,” she said.

How the CISM team reacts depends on the crisis and staff involved. Sometimes, they simply stop by to see how an employee is doing. Other times, they hold large meetings that can go on for hours.

“All of the firefighters, doctors and nurses I work with are all so professional; sometimes we forget they can be very affected by what happens around them,” Vicky said. “When everyone leaves, we step in to see how they’re doing. It’s our way of extending the healing ministry of Christ to our employees.”

Jolene Albaugh, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital’s chief nursing officer, said Vicky is there for nurses and other

staff who normally wouldn’t ask for help.

“These are caregivers who, all day long, concentrate on the healing of others,” Jolene said. “They would never consider asking for help themselves and, thanks to Vicky’s team, they don’t have to. Her team shows up without question or judgment.”

Vicky was a chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital for 11 years. She has been at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital since it opened almost five years ago. At Bolingbrook, she hardly ever takes off her “chaplain” name badge because it’s so much a part of who she is. Her desk is often covered with papers and photographs, and coworkers leave notes on her door since she’s rarely behind her desk. So if you’re looking for Vicky, check the emergency room.

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Writing a New Chapter

ADVENTIST GLENOAKS HOSPITAL

BY SHEILA GALLORO

We are always grounded in the past, and we are grounded in our faith in our Lord, His healing grace ever with us. Our new Legacy Wall serves as testament. — Bruce C. Christian

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is on its way up.

Nestled in the middle of a large housing subdivision and surrounded by trees, the 146-bed hospital could be mistaken for a school or office building. However, during the past year, the hospital has decided to stand up and make a name for itself. A major construction project is underway; and a new tagline, “Always Here for You,” is on posters all over the hospital. New signs even went up along major roads in the area.

“Our employees want to see construction dust,” said Bruce C. Christian, the hospital’s chief executive officer. “They want to hear drilling and see walls coming down. They want the future.”

They’ll get it. In the months ahead, the hospital will kick off a multi-year renovation that includes upgrading not only patient care areas but the facility’s infrastructure, technology

and equipment as well. New, private patient rooms will also be added along with a new cardiac catheterization lab.

The hospital’s medical staff already includes more than 300 physicians who admit and treat patients. Their commitment to clinical excellence, which extends into treatment areas for men’s and women’s health, has led to a Chest Pain Center, a Stroke Center and Joint Commission Accreditation.

“We have such a compelling legacy of healing within our organization and a great story to tell,” Bruce said. “Our hospital’s roots are deep within our community, just as our roots are deep within the healing ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

To honor this past, Bruce unveiled a new Legacy Wall in April that detailed the hospital’s past, dating back to the



Bruce C. Christian (center), CEO of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, and his executive team, stand in front of the new hospital Legacy Wall.

early 1970s when there were no physicians practicing in Glendale Heights, a growing Chicago suburb. Area leaders formed the Glendale Heights Community Hospital, which opened in 1980. Throughout the years, this hospital has undergone a number of ownership and name changes and, in 1997, joined what is now known as Adventist Midwest Health and Adventist Health

System, one of the nation’s top ten health systems. In November 2004, the hospital was officially named “Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.”

Chaplain Hugo Portal said it’s the Seventh-day Adventist Church principles that guide every decision made at the hospital. For example, he and fellow chaplain Maria Maestre see every patient who is admitted to offer spiritual guidance or simply support.

“Every day we get to deliver the Word of God to our patients, and that is a blessing,” Hugo said. “Our whole life is a display of faith. I tell patients we should use it so that, in our most difficult moments, when sickness and affliction knock on our door, faith may become a tool of healing.”

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A Sacred Calling

NURSES GET BACK TO THE BASICS

BY LISA PARRO

Nursing is a sacred calling. But this ideal can fade quickly during a typical 12-hour shift filled with responding to call lights, updating patient charts and tackling countless other tasks. A new initiative at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital aims to bring nurses back to the basics of patient care by more closely aligning their everyday duties with the hospital's values.

It goes beyond simply addressing nursing fatigue — the concept that nursing is a physically and emotionally draining profession — by incorporating caring theory into nursing practice to improve patients' perception of care and rekindling the passion of nurses for their profession. The nursing team adopted the theory espoused by renowned nursing expert Jean Watson who outlines ten specific processes aimed at enabling nurses to better care for themselves and their patients.

Mary-Beth Desmond, an Adventist Hinsdale Hospital nurse certified as a coach through Watson Caring Science Institute, matched each of the processes with a Bible verse. The ninth process, for example, which encourages nurses to “assist with basic physical, emotional and spiritual human needs,” immediately brought to Mary-Beth's mind Jesus' words as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew about how feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoner and otherwise bestowing kindness upon people is an act of ministry to God Himself. Mary-Beth presented the Scripture verses to the nursing team during part of a day-long seminar last year.

Nurses formed a “caring council” and organized “caring summits” to put these theories into practice. In the hospital's Neuro Intensive Care Unit, nurses now gather for prayer after getting their assignments at shift change and attend card-making parties together to create handmade greeting cards for patients, families and co-workers, among



Sharon Koulback (left), a registered nurse at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, leads her fellow nurses in prayer before they begin their shift.

other initiatives. They also erected a prayer intention board and implemented a so-called “safety zone” to encourage nurses to express concerns or fears without fear of retribution.

“Nurses have a covenant with the public we serve,” said Linda Ryan, director of nursing research at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. “We don't just provide customer

service; we provide loving service that fulfills our mission. Our focus now is to bring caring to the forefront of everything our nurses do.”

The hospital's pastoral care team, meanwhile, has come alongside the nursing staff to provide additional support. A half-day spiritual retreat was held last year to teach nurses how to better listen to God and themselves, with the idea that it would result in the ability to provide more compassionate care at the bedside. Nurses role-played to practice listening techniques, shared stories about difficult experiences they encountered, and discussed the concept of incarnational ministry — that is, how nurses serve as representatives of God to patients.

“We're encouraging them to pause, which is difficult to do when you're on your feet all day, putting others' needs before your own,” said Tricia Treft, manager of pastoral care at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. “Our caregivers need to know they have permission to pause. Taking a break to reflect isn't just okay, it's necessary.”

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Prayer

HOPE AND HEALING FOR EMPLOYEES,
PATIENTS AND VISITORS

BY LISA PARRO

Some are scribbled quickly on the back of receipts that are folded into tiny squares; others are penciled on the back of business cards created expressly for the purpose of recording prayer requests. The ones scrawled in the large, careful handwriting of children mean the most to Monica Stadnicki.

“Please pray for my grandma so she can get better,” one child’s prayer request reads.

Monica, a financial counselor in Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital’s admitting department, placed the first prayer box in her department years ago, inviting co-workers to submit their requests. More recently, she expanded the realm of the prayer boxes by setting out boxes at each patient registration station. Employees from other areas of the hospital started to take notice, and soon the boxes started cropping up in other departments.

The prayers written by co-workers remain confidential. Once her little metal box is full, Monica takes it to the hospital chapel and empties it out into a basket. Members of the Pastoral Care Department dispose of the scraps of paper by burning them every so often.

As for the prayers written by patients and their families, Monica collects them and prays through them every Friday. Sometimes she and a co-worker read the requests aloud together and pray together.

“Reading through the prayers is heart-wrenching and uplifting at the same time,” said Jenny Tillay, manager of pastoral care at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. “We’re grateful for prayer warriors like Monica, who put their faith into action by reaching out to their co-workers and to our patients and their families.”

Employees in the Health Information Management (HIM) Department place prayer requests in a blue



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital employees and spiritual ambassadors, Monica Stadnicki (left), and Norma Lovett, show the boxes they set out to collect prayer requests.

porcelain box set out by Norma Lovett, an HIM technician. The box is inscribed with a message: “I said a prayer for you,” and cites Romans 15:13, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Even though Norma doesn’t look at the requests, she takes them, unread, to the chapel every Wednesday. She believes the box provides an important spiritual outlet for members of her team.

“It brings a sense of peace to the department,” Norma said.

Yet, the idea wasn’t an overnight success. It took weeks for coworkers to warm up to the prayer boxes when they were first set out several years ago, both Monica and Norma said. Both women are spiritual ambassadors, employees who voluntarily serve to meet the spiritual needs of their coworkers — offering prayers, a listening ear and other types of support.

“I think it’s made us a better team,” Monica said. “We’ve grown and become more like a family.”

Monica is grateful for the opportunity to work in an environment where prayer is not simply tolerated but, instead, an integral part of the organization’s mission.

“I really feel like this is why I’m here, at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital,” Monica said. “God put me here for a specific purpose — to pray for others.”

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A Giving Heart

BY LISA PARRO

No one can say “No” to Derek Cazeau.

While that might be a bit of an exaggeration, people approached by the executive director of the Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation find it difficult to turn down his requests. With nearly \$1 million in gifts accumulated in the mere five years of the Foundation’s existence, it’s clear Derek is doing something right. Those who know him best say it’s his passion for Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital’s mission, coupled with his down-to-earth authenticity, that translates into success.

He has yet to spend a single dollar, for example, on any of the meals served at his events; from sandwiches at golf outings to plated meals at black-tie galas, every dish represented an in-kind donation that has translated into tens of thousands of dollars for the Foundation.

“Derek is truly gifted at what he does, not just in terms of fundraising — which is crucial, of course, but also in building and nurturing relationships in the community,” said Ron Hawkins, chairman of Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation’s board of directors and member of Adventist Midwest Health’s board of directors. “He walks the talk. And it’s infectious.”

Added Rick Mace, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital’s chief executive officer: “Derek exemplifies the concept of servant leadership. He shies away from taking credit, but he did build the Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation from the ground up. That’s no small achievement.”

Derek worked as human resources manager at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital when he was hired to lead the Foundation, in 2007, a year before Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital opened. The Foundation supports the hospital’s mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ through philanthropy. With a background in nonprofit management and organization development, Derek was initially apprehensive about transitioning into a new career when he was asked to apply for the position. But he accepted the challenge because he felt such a strong connection to the



Derek Cazeau (left), executive director of the Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation, stands with Ron Hawkins, chairman of Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation’s board of directors and member of Adventist Midwest Health’s board of directors. Cazeau acknowledges the generosity and support of more than 2,000 individuals who have invested in their community’s healthcare.

organization’s mission. His mother, Rosemarie Cazeau, is a long-time member of Adventist Midwest Health’s board of directors, and his father, Tony, is a physician; both are ardent supporters of the Bolingbrook Hospital Foundation. The Cazeau family has had other leadership roles in the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Foundation’s books are solid and growing; event sponsorships totaled \$143,000 in 2011, up more than \$50,000 compared to the previous year. But, for Derek, the bottom line is about more than dollars and cents — it’s about partnering with individuals, local groups and organizations to raise funds that make a difference. These funds have been used to purchase a four-dimensional ultrasound machine, award scholarships to nursing students and build the new Creation Health Center for Chronic Disease Management. “We couldn’t have accomplished any of this without the support of the more than 2,000 individuals who have chosen to invest in their community’s healthcare,” Derek said. “It’s humbling.”

By investing in eternal purposes, those individuals exhibit the Christlike “fragrance” of generosity Paul speaks of in the New Testament (see 2 Corinthians 2:14–17; Philippians 4:18).

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Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's new pavilion features private patient suites.



A water feature in the lobby of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's new patient pavilion is a calming addition to the space.

Adventist Hinsdale Hospital welcomes first patients to new pavilion

After years of planning and 18 months of construction, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's new patient pavilion opened April 22.

"Everywhere I turn, I hear patients and their families, in addition to our nurses and other employees, marvel at this healing environment," said Michael J. Goebel, the hospital's chief executive officer. "The opening of this new space represents the start of a new, exciting chapter for our hospital, and is a celebration for our community."

Among the most notable changes: private patient suites, including private bathrooms and space for overnight guests, updated nursing units, corridors that separate patient and visitor traffic for privacy, a new lobby and chapel, updated labor and delivery suites, including some with whirlpool tubs to promote relaxation and a new, covered driveway on Oak Street providing easier access to patient services and registration.

Each of the new patient suites also

features a plasma TV, wireless Internet access, comfortable roll-out beds for family members, and over-sized windows with beautiful views and plenty of natural light. Now that the new space has opened, the hospital has 277 beds. Each floor is divided into four "neighborhoods" that allow nurses to be a maximum of 50 feet from patients at all times.

"We are strengthening the nurse-patient relationship by giving our caregivers easy access to patients at the bedside," said Shawn Tyrrell, the hospital's chief nursing officer.

In June, hospital officials dedicated the new Calandra Chapel as a tribute to the life of the late David Calandra, a cardiovascular surgeon who strongly believed in the organization's mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ. His wife, Marcie Calandra, a nursing director at the hospital, called the honor especially touching because prayer was such an important part of her husband's life and continues to be an integral part of her family's daily walk.

"Always, the hospital has been there for us," Marcie said. "It was there for David as he grew his career, it was there in support during his illness, it was

there and continues to be there for our family, our friends and the people we love."

With the completion of the patient pavilion, officials are now focusing on the second phase of the modernization project: construction of a cancer and outpatient center to serve patients of both Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial hospitals in a single, convenient setting. Plans for the center include a pharmacy, physician offices, and imaging, radiation and oncology services.

Nearly 200 cancer patients, survivors, family members and other community members participated in focus groups to give input on the project. Their advice: Make cancer care easy and streamlined in a comforting, nonclinical environment that cares for the mind, body and spirit.

"Wherever Jesus traveled, He demonstrated His compassion in healing the sick," Goebel said. "In tending to people's physical needs, He touched their minds and spirits as well. That's the example we're keeping in mind as we move forward with the new cancer center."

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Emmanuel Rudatsikira

Dean named for new School of Health Professions

Emmanuel Rudatsikira has been appointed dean of the newly-created School of Health Professions. This new school will include all of the health-related sciences: the Departments of Nursing, Physical Therapy, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, and Nutrition & Wellness. Rudatsikira begins June 1, and will occupy an office suite in Harrigan Hall.

“Emmanuel Rudatsikira brings to Andrews University a successful and wide-ranging background in leadership in health professions education, as well as a significant history of research, much of it achieved through receipt of research grants,” says Andrea Luxton, provost. “His professional focus is on service, and he has engaged in many international projects to improve the quality of life through health awareness.”

Rudatsikira earned a doctorate in public health epidemiology from Loma Linda University and his medical degree from Kinshasa University. He is a member of several

professional societies, including the American Public Health Association, the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, the Global Health Council and the Adventist International Medical Society.

Prior to accepting the position at Andrews, Rudatsikira was a tenured professor and chair of the School of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. He also has served as a professor and program director at San Diego State University and Loma Linda University, developing several new programs and courses in tobacco control, emergency preparedness and response, and public and global health at both universities. Rudatsikira began his career as a physician in Burundi, Africa.

A devoted researcher, Rudatsikira has published 75 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He is a recognized figure in the global health field, and has conducted research in more than 30 countries in all six regions of the World Health Organization. Rudatsikira also has worked as an evaluator and consultant for programs, including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency’s Child Survival projects in Guinea, Zambia and Haiti.

Rudatsikira is actively involved in church and public service. He serves as public health specialty editor for *WebMed Central Plus* and associate editor for *BioMed Central Public Health Journal*, to name only two. Rudatsikira is also a frequent contributor and reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals, including the *Academic Pediatric Journal*, *Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health* and the *Risk Reduction Journal*.

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Darren Heslop

‘Swimming in a Sea of Diversity’ included in public art display

This year, summertime visitors to St. Joseph, Mich., will discover a treasure trove of art dotting the streets of the downtown area, including one particularly diverse sculpture, courtesy of Andrews University. Among the city’s public art display, themed “Beached Pirates Arrrrt,” stands a dolphin titled “Swimming in a Sea of Diversity.” Artist Nicholas J. Jones, an Andrews alum and current staff member, created the piece, which was sponsored by the University.

This was the first time Andrews participated in the public art display. Each year, the Andrews student body represents 90–100 different countries. This diverse make-up is one of the reasons Andrews is repeatedly cited in *U.S. News & World Report* for its cultural diversity.

When the opportunity arose to create this piece, Jones found a creative way to illustrate the international flavor of Andrews. He was provided with a white, fiberglass dolphin. From there, he chose flags as a theme, and collage as his method. The piece took Jones approximately 75–80 hours to complete and is covered with 3,500 flag stickers.

“I’ve made dozens of collages in my life, but always flat — to be hung on a wall. I had to really reconsider some of my methods and adopt some different aspects to how I work,” says Jones.

“Beached Pirates Arrrrt” in St. Joseph will remain on display through Oct. 1.

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[EDUCATION NEWS]

Leona Running awarded honorary doctorate

Michigan—During Andrews University Commencement services on Sunday, May 6, Leona Running was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Running, a professor of biblical languages, emeritus, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for her commitment to the spiritual and educational development of her students, her outstanding global contributions to the Adventist Church and its message, and her groundbreaking influence on the involvement of women in academia and the ministry. Running is known for her lifelong love of languages and her amazing ability not only to understand and master different tongues, but also to teach others to develop the same passion for languages. Professionally trained in both modern and biblical languages, Running also has long championed the rights of women who strive to minister in a traditionally male-dominated field. She has been a longtime advocate for women in academia and theology, and her work and dedication have inspired many men and women around the world.

Running graduated from Andrews University (then Emmanuel Missionary College) in 1937 with a bachelor's degree. She went on to earn an M.A. in Greek and Hebrew from the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955, and a Ph.D. in Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University in 1964. When the Seminary was moved from Washington, D.C., to Berrien Springs, Mich., in 1960, Running came with it, continuing on as a valuable and dedicated professor of biblical languages.

During her early professional years, Running served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in many capacities. From 1944 to 1948, she worked in the Foreign Language Division of the radio program, "Voice of Prophecy,"



Leona Running, professor of biblical languages, emeritus, is awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by University president, Niels-Erik Andreasen, for her work promoting women in academia and in the ministry.

translating programs and typing scripts in German, Spanish and Portuguese. In 1950, she moved to Washington, D.C., to become the copy editor for *Ministry* magazine. During these early years, Running often earned far less than her male counterparts for doing the same amount of work. Nevertheless, she continued to do God's work, traveling to many European countries, promoting the Seventh-day Adventist Church and, at the same time, expanding her cultural experience.

Running began working for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955, teaching Greek and Hebrew. At the time, the president of the Seminary was skeptical about a

woman's ability to teach male students, and male students' willingness to be taught by a woman. She began teaching on a trial basis, but, in 1956, she was granted regular status with tenure. Not content to sit on the sidelines and watch her students, Running was actively involved in their professional and personal development, and her guidance helped countless souls find their voice. Running's strength and determination during a time when women were not always treated as equals with men, even within the church, were an inspiration to many.

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



Nearly 800 people attended the alumni weekend at Wisconsin Academy, April 19–21. Students, past and present, shared memories with friends and reflected on the impact of their experiences at the academy.

Alumni celebrate Adventist education at Wisconsin Academy

Wisconsin—Nearly 800 people attended the alumni weekend celebration, April 19–21, at Wisconsin Academy. This year’s event honored the classes of 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. The oldest alumnus in attendance graduated from Wisconsin Academy’s precursor, Bethel Academy, in 1938.

Walter C. Thompson, class of 1952, was named “Alumnus of the Year.” “Coming to Wisconsin Academy was the beginning of God’s miraculous leading in my life,” said Thompson during the Sabbath school testimony time. “I didn’t have many objectives in life, but after graduation the principal found me a job at Andrews University, so I went. While there, I decided to be a medical missionary doctor.” Thompson has touched many lives through his medical skill in Guam, Cambodia, Poland, Africa and the United States. He is an author, educator who has also worked many years with Three Angels Broadcasting Network and Your Story Hour. “I’ll never forget the influence for good the teachers at Wisconsin Academy had on my life,” said Thompson.

The campus was alive all weekend with the hum of students, past and present, sharing stories and catching up on life since they last met. Here are some of their memories:

Beverly Vieau Rhodes, ‘51, said, “I had a ball here. I spent two years at Bethel and two years here at Wisconsin Academy, so I got the best of both worlds. When the school first opened we didn’t have any running water, no electricity, and we got to spit out the windows when we brushed our teeth. Now they have these nice new dorms and indoor plumbing! But we had fun and I loved it. I sang in the choir and got to sing in a triple trio. The highlight of this reunion is getting together with all my dear friends.”

“One of the things I learned here at Wisconsin Academy is to listen to God’s voice. In whatever circumstance I find myself, if I listen past the noise of life I hear the message of hope and joy God has for me,” recalled Dorothy Duffie Cross, ‘72.

Greg Klemp Sr., ‘69, remembered, “My pastor encouraged me to try the academy after my freshman year of high school, and I really liked it. I wish I had buckled down and studied more while I was here, but I really had fun. My favorite memory was when the gym teacher caught my future wife and [me] holding hands! I have so many good memories

of this place. My wife and I try to put as much money back into this place as possible.”

“Wisconsin Academy was the place I needed to be between the years 2000 and 2002. The three most pivotal decisions of my life were made right here. First, I met my wife in the 7:00 a.m. English class. Second, I decided to be a teacher while here, largely through the influence of a teacher telling me, ‘You have a lot to offer and you need to offer that to other people.’ And third, I met my Savior here. Now that I’m a teacher, I hope I can help my students in their walk with God,” stated Matthew Jacobson, ‘02.

Mick Burrington, ‘48, remarked, “I went to Bethel and met my wife. The first day of school I saw this blond girl walking down the stairs and said, ‘Guys, see that girl there, I’m going to marry her.’ I was 17 years old. I dated other girls after that, but never could get Charlotte out of my mind, and I finally married her. Now here we are at alumni, 57 years later!”

Lance Misheleau, ‘02, shared, “My favorite memory at Wisconsin Academy was the year we had an awesome spiritual revival. The guys in the dorm started a prayer group. I remember one night we started out planning to have a five-minute prayer time and it turned into two hours. There were 15 or 20 of us, and it was incredible! We sensed the Holy Spirit, and it was a great experience. Our whole senior class was impacted.”

“The highlight of my years here at Wisconsin Academy was the relationships I made. I have so many friends from here, and they can never be replaced. No matter where I go, I meet people I know because I attended Wisconsin Academy. It really is wonderful,” exclaimed Ginny Spangler Campbell, ‘78.

“When I left my family in Costa Rica, at age 15, my mother said, ‘Wherever you go, look for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You will be safe there.’ I came to Wisconsin Academy and had no money, spoke no English, and had no worries. I was naive, yes, but I trusted God. In three weeks, God helped

me to speak English. Some kind, anonymous people paid my school bill. When I needed personal things, I would find money in my desk. To this day, I do not know who they are, but I am so thankful. I am proof that the money you give to this school is not wasted. Matthew 25:35, 36 (NIV) says best what Wisconsin Academy means to me: 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, ... I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me....'" stated Yahaira Betancourt, '92.

"The things I learned here at Wisconsin Academy have really stuck with

me. This academy is pretty important to me. I'm so glad to see the positive spiritual attitude on campus," remarked Sandy Lanaville Miller, '60.

Lisa Habenicht Isensee, '92, spoke Friday evening for vespers; Dean Waterman, '87, spoke for church; and former teacher, Carl Sigler, ended the Sabbath hours with Hallowed Moments. Saturday evening the girls' WA Knights basketball team beat the girls' alumni team with a score of 25 to 18. After an amazing show by the gymnastics team, the guys' WA Knights basketball team beat the alumni guys' team with a score of 73 to 41.



Wisconsin Academy alumni enjoyed fellowshiping together.

Keep contact with Wisconsin Academy and the Alumni Association at <http://wisacad.org>.

Juanita Edge, communication director, Wisconsin Conference

GCS students awarded in Law Day Contest

Illinois—Law Day, a day dedicated to the principles of a government under law, was established by then U.S. president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, in 1958. May 1 was designated as the official day to celebrate Law Day in the U.S., by a joint Congressional resolution in 1961.

This year, students in the Lake County region of Illinois were invited by the judges of the Circuit Court of Lake County to participate in planned activities to recognize Law Day to "underscore the importance of the American court system and its role in ensuring access to justice," according to the 19th Circuit Court website.

Twelve students from Gurnee Christian School, an Adventist school, won awards in the May 4 Lake County Law Day Contest. Students in grades K-1 were asked to color a picture depicting the Statue of Liberty. Grades 2-3 colored a picture of people standing by a globe, with the words beneath the picture stating: "If we all work together, we can make the world a better place." Students in grades 4-6 were asked to design a poster with the Law Day theme, "NO Courts, NO Justice, NO Freedom." Students in grades 7-8 were asked to write an essay on the



Gurnee Christian School students received many of the awards distributed for their submissions to the May 4 Lake County Law Day Contest. They saw the contest as an opportunity to witness, and many included references to the Ten Commandments and the Bible in their submissions.

same theme, which would be judged on content, clarity of expression and originality.

Students saw this as an opportunity to show that, as Christians, we are to uphold not only God's laws, but also our local, state and national laws. The posters and essays submitted by GCS students included references to the Ten Commandments and the Bible, and the need to uphold God's standards in all aspects of our lives.

Winners for each grade level included: kindergarten, Corban Hood

(first place); second grade, Isabella Aguilera (second place), Zary Godoy (third place); third grade, Abigail Tait (first place); fourth grade, Lamont Taylor (first place), Faith Buckley (second place), Jasmine Merilan (third place); fifth grade, Seth Slade (second place); sixth grade, Yetunde Washington (first place); seventh grade, Daniel Eck (first place), Shelbi Slade (second place), Jarvis Locke (third place).

Dwayne Clark, principal/teacher, Gurnee Christian School, with Lake Union Herald staff

Music Festival Choir blesses Sabbath Celebration attendees

Indiana—On Sabbath, March 31, 129 voices sang in the Music Festival Choir, which gave its annual performance at the Sabbath Celebration Weekend, hosted at Indiana Academy, in Cicero. Weekend attendees were additionally blessed as Dick Tibbits, chief people officer at Florida Hospital and author of *Forgive to Live: How Forgiveness can Save Your Life*, ministered to the audiences as he helped them understand how forgiveness can literally save one's life.

On Thursday of that week, grades 5–10 flooded the IA campus to register for the music festival. The mass choir had two days to make four pieces performance-ready.

“Clinician Cyril Myers was enthusiastic and committed to ministering through choral music not just to listeners, but to the singers,” said Phillip Byrd, IA music director. “The kids engaged in strenuous rehearsal and developed a confidence they didn’t have before.”

Cyril Myers Jr. holds degrees from Andrews University and Western Michigan University, and he completed a Doctorate of Musical Arts in



Under the direction of Cyril Myers Jr., 129 voices blended together to form the Music Festival Choir at Sabbath Celebration, March 31, at Indiana Academy.

Janell Hurst

Choral Conducting from Michigan State University in May. As a master teacher, Myers’ students have won awards associated with National Association of Teachers of Singing, Metropolitan Opera and Seattle Opera.

This musical refinement was perfectly timed as the IA choir departed for an Illinois tour the following weekend.

“It’s powerful working with people who want to be in music groups,” Jasmine Davison, a sophomore member of Keynotes, said. Keynotes is IA’s select choir, which practices every other day for 90 minutes. “Tour was tiring, but it

was so much fun lifting up God’s name. I felt God. We knew He was working with us and through us.”

Byrd hopes to increase next year’s music festival repertoire and the number of breakout sessions for people who are interested in additional singing instruction. The department also desires to reinstate a simultaneous hand bell event.

“The kids are all capable of creating high-quality music. It’s a matter of investing in the know-how and then the practice of the knowledge,” Byrd said.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

IOC strategy includes Christlike care for communities

Indiana—On Sabbath, April 14, mid-day festivities ensued for the Indy Evangelism Rally at the Glendale Church. Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president, claimed the promise of Matthew 7:7 and reminded fellow members of Ellen White’s words in her book, *Heavenly Places*: “We are to plead for the Holy Spirit, as God stands

back of every promise He has made” (p. 334). With Bible in hand and open to the verse, Hurst asked God to give the city of Indianapolis to the mission outreach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“We’re not trying to create a project. We are instigating a movement!” Hurst said.

The Indianapolis Outreach Coalition (IOC) designed a 2013–2014 strategy around the key point of Christlike care to reach out to the communities. By joining civic organizations, auxiliary and volunteer groups,

the IOC purposes to show the love of God to Indianapolis. After nurturing these relationships, Adventist churches in the Indianapolis Metro area will host one mass “Forks Over Knives” event. It will be followed by 80 MicroCHIP units throughout the city to help people with their health. The health events are designed to transition to evangelistic meetings for those who would uphold family, health and values in Christ.

Initiating the IOC’s strategy in the Carmel area, rally attendees received fliers for health events that would take



Teams of Adventist volunteers distributed advertising for the Carmel Church Lifestyle Expo, which was followed by the 2011 hit documentary, "Forks Over Knives."

place at the Carmel Church and maps of assigned territories to distribute them.

Operation Downpour commenced as teams of Adventist volunteers hummed about the Carmel area, advertising the following day's health events. On Sunday, the Carmel Church hosted a Lifestyle Expo. It was followed by a showing of the 2011 hit documentary, "Forks Over Knives." Celebrity

endorsement of the film, including Mehmet Cengiz Oz, known as "Dr. Oz" of "The Dr. Oz Show" and CNN chief medical correspondent, Sanjay Gupta, won the City of Carmel's favor for the church event. The Carmel Church event was endorsed by the City, and listed on their public marquee.

"Operation Downpour weekend was a blessing because the whole church worked together on the project.

It was a 'win,'" said Walter Snyder, project manager.

Subsequently, the Carmel Church distributed an estimated 3,000 fliers on May 5, advertising its May 6 cooking class, and laid plans to host a community MicroCHIP program.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

Participants benefited by CHIP program

Michigan—At the beginning of 2012, the Cedar Lake Church decided to respond to the people wanting to make New Year's resolutions to enact positive changes in their lives. Margie and Ron Conner and Lyris and David Barroso received approval of the church board and pastor to attend the required three-day CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) training in Wisconsin. After graduating from the training course, they were qualified to purchase the 16-video CHIP series.

They were excited to be among more than 50,000 graduates of the CHIP program, which is international in its scope. The couples went back to Cedar Lake armed and determined to impact the community in a healthy way! All in all, it took six months to obtain necessary approvals and prepare themselves to administer the CHIP program.

The couples, along with help from members of their church family at Cedar Lake, proceeded to print fliers and spread the word to the community that there would be a CHIP program at the newly-constructed Heartland Center. Thirty-three individuals signed up, half were community guests. The meetings began January 15, and took place three

times per week from 6:30–9:00 p.m. A vegan meal was served upon arrival, organized by Margie Connor and Tamara Mallory from the Cedar Lake Church.

The vegan dietary changes espoused in CHIP emphasize eating whole foods while eliminating meat, dairy and sugar. CHIP helps people to use healthier choices, such as soy curls, which is a good alternative to chicken, or brown rice and beans with seasoning. It is also important for CHIP participants to exercise regularly. The CHIP administrator awarded prizes at each meeting for those who exercised the most, and to the table with the most exercise. Groups at each table were accountable to each other at each meeting

and shared how they did in meeting exercise and diet-change goals.

The CHIP meetings lasted five weeks. After graduation, every participant showed signs of improvement in their overall health.

Luverne Adamson, a nurse who went through the CHIP program, stated, "It was well worth it, and ... life-changing for my husband, Steven, and me!" Her husband didn't attend the meetings, but he benefited by all Luverne was learning. Steven lost 30 pounds, and his cholesterol was down 25 points. Luverne's cholesterol went down 80 points, and she lost approximately 20 pounds. "We are both very happy," says Luverne. "The information in CHIP is so good, and the way Dr. [Diehl] puts it is so practical, so it's easy to apply versus theoretical. Information in the program is all based on research, which is very important to me as a nurse. The fact that they served cooked food that was tasty at every meeting and provided recipes, proving that healthy food can taste good, was huge! Another important factor in the success of CHIP is that there is accountability through camaraderie of group members at the meetings. You know you're with people who are also following the dietary and lifestyle changes encouraged in the program. We all worked together to achieve successful results, and our overall health improved dramatically! Steven and I eat better and exercise more. The medical world can prolong life these days, but it does not promote quality



Thirty-three individuals signed up to attend the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) at the Heartland Center in Cedar Lake, Mich. Half of those attending were community guests.

Douglas C. Gruesbeck

of life, and quality, healthy living is so important to happiness!"

Most of the participants plan to continue the changes because they feel better and can see proven results. At first, there will be alumni meetings once a month for a couple of hours. Alumni are encouraged to bring their recipes, along with a prepared dish for a potluck meal. There are also vegan potlucks to which the community is invited on the first and third Sabbaths of every month.

David Barroso explained the goal of the CHIP leaders is to establish a CHIP program in the community, through a local SDA church, a couple of times a year. He reminded me of something very critical to our final days on Earth and our mission as Adventists, as prescribed by Ellen G. White, and that is the health message, as God

revealed it to her. He said, "The health message is the end-time message. It is of the utmost importance that we, ourselves, succumb to its credence, live it, so we can testify of its value as evidenced by its fruit in our appearance and overall health. Let it be something that others can see in us. May we become a living testimony of health, thus arousing the curiosity of others, so they may desire to be connected with us and educated in a healthier lifestyle! Healthier living and associations will allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in bringing them to Jesus. Nutritional health is precursor to spiritual life."

To learn more about the CHIP program, visit <http://www.chiphealth.com>.

Catherine Gruesbeck, communications secretary, Cedar Lake Church

'Chippers' walk 1,117 miles

Wisconsin—Milwaukee Central and Southside Adventist Fellowship Churches co-sponsored the first Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) in the Milwaukee area on February 27.

Nine church members came together to make up the CHIP core team. Eighteen participants registered,

including one phlebotomist working with the first blood draw.

"My first heart-screen results were a scary, rude awakening. I was not going to take the class because of the cost, but now I am so grateful I did. After four weeks, my lab results improved 20–48 percent," shared Jose Santana.

Nilda Santana said, "After only five weeks, I've lost weight, stopped drinking coffee, sleep better and have more energy than ever. This program is



Eighteen participants of the Complete Health Improvement Program learned the benefits of healthy eating and exercise in February at the Milwaukee Central Church. Together they walked a total of 1,117 miles.

not just another diet; it's a life change forever."

"CHIP has taught me a lot about how to eat the right food and exercise. I learned a lot about managing my weight, cholesterol and blood pressure. I even stopped smoking. I feel great," stated Venissa Jackson.

Elaine Delaney shared, "The Lord answered my prayers by putting CHIP in my life. I sleep through the nights

now, my acid reflux is not an issue, and I feel how I look, good!"

Bonnie Segawa experienced many positive health changes during the week and developed her own acronym for CHIP: Caring Holistic Invigorating Participation. Each night, several participants met and walked prior to the program. Together the 18 participants walked a total of 1,117 miles.

Jesus calls all to go out and teach.

While sometimes this moves some out of their comfort zone, the reward of serving is high. The friendships built during CHIP will last a lifetime. It is a wonderful thing seeing people experience the joy of getting positive results. Is it any wonder that those who have gone through a CHIP program are called "Chippers"?

Deirdre Peters, CHIP coordinator, Milwaukee Central Church

Young adults plan for vibrant church plant in Indianapolis

Indiana—Sometimes grasping the opportunity to fill a need — the ones we feel called to fill — causes some to question their sanity.

"We fought the Holy Spirit for a long time," Debbie Jamieson remembers. "We kept saying, 'He's not really asking us to do this' or 'We're the wrong people.' But small things happened. And now, we can't do much more without something big, something exciting happening!"

Twenty years ago, Debbie and her husband, Bill Jamieson, realized there was no organized place for their four sons to go when they would someday be too old for the youth department.

"It was unsettling. It seems that church leaves young adults without a niche. The older the boys got, the more clearly I could see that," Debbie said.

Their sons and their friends entered college. To the Jamiesons' distress, they saw whole groups of kids become less and less active.

"They weren't angry. They weren't upset with the church or with God. They just stopped coming," Debbie said.

Many young adults in Indianapolis don't have a church home. They often travel with friends to different churches in the city — Glendale, Chapel West, Brownsburg — or maybe nowhere, and just go camping for the weekend. The



Pierre Eleniste (center), his wife, Rachel Eleniste (left), and Helda Pounds share ideas at a church planting meeting.

quality of their worship experience is greatly influenced by the relationships they have with those around them, i.e., this demographic goes where the group wants to go.

"All of my friends who I grew up with are out of the church," commented one of the Jamiesons' sons to his mom. "I want to go to church with friends, but I can't invite them here; and without them, there's nothing here for me."

"We have praise singing," Debbie encouraged.

"Yeah, but most people don't even participate. It's not joyful."

"That's true. What if there was a church that was designed for you, toward your worship with God?"

"Oh, yeah!"

And Debbie's son listed off a half-dozen friends. This friend group represents a population of 576 Adventist members between the ages of 18 and 35 who live within 30 miles of the Indianapolis Circle Centre.

The Jamiesons built a core group of people in their 20s and 30s. "Our role is to be there and lead by connecting them

[to one another]," Debbie said. "Since we are familiar with church policies, we participate in an assistive, administrative role. The young people design how it looks and sounds and acts."

Downtown Indianapolis does not have an Adventist church. With the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus located there and so many Adventist young adults working or living nearby, the addition of a downtown church will reach a geographic area previously not served.

"I'm hoping I can help create a culture that doesn't need a wall or safety net, but one that feels like a warm blanket. You know, where we feel safe to come together and cry on each other's shoulder, laugh, crack jokes," Kandi Jamieson, a core member, said.

Pierre Eleniste also participates and said, "The gap between people in their 20s and 30s from other members in their congregations is not unique to us. Other denominations also struggle to make the Gospel applicable to a contemporary demographic."

Helda Pounds chimed in, "It's like school. Not everybody learns the same. Students have different learning styles. It's the same with church."

"The principles should not be different, just applied with a new approach," Eleniste said.

The core meets weekly to formalize the "DNA" of the church plant. On Jan. 10, marketing research was conducted through an anonymous focus group. The research helped them gather candid opinions and advice

from individuals in the primary audience.

Members of the core group seek to reconnect young adults with Christ. They envision a vibrant downtown congregation whose purpose is to lead others to a deeper spiritual experience for this life and the life to come.

A group of about 30 have gathered at the church plant, now called

“Encounter.” They will meet monthly until the core grows larger, hopefully by fall. Until then, young adults are invited to the Harrison Center for the Arts, 1505 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, at 11:00 a.m., on July 21 and August 18. A continental breakfast will be available, and worship will conclude about 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served afterward.

For additional information, search

for “Encounter-Indianapolis” on Facebook or see <http://www.encounterindy.blogspot.com>. You also may email encountersda@hotmail.com, or call Billy or Kandi Jamieson at 317-773-0038 to learn more.

Kortnye V. Hurst, correspondent, Indiana Conference

[UNION NEWS]



The one characteristic common to those whom God has used mightily has been a tender heart toward God. —Richard Blackaby, co-author of *Hearing God's Voice* and pre-session keynote speaker

Andrews University to host Leadership Conference

The second annual Leadership Conference will be held on the campus of Andrews University, July 20–23, and is co-sponsored by the Office of the Graduate Dean, the Department of Leadership, the *Journal of Applied Christian Leadership* and the Christian Leadership Center (CLC).

This marks the second year that a leadership conference is being held on the Andrews campus. This unique event will explore the theme of emotional, social and spiritual leadership, featuring expert panel discussions and paper presentations. Pre-conference plenary sessions and workshops begin on Friday evening and continue Sabbath morning with keynote addresses by Richard Blackaby, co-author of *Spiritual Leadership*. Following Blackaby's address will be an interactive panel discussion focusing on spiritual leader-

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ship and the church today. A series of workshops on topics related to spiritual leadership will be offered Sabbath afternoon and Sunday morning. Sunday evening and Monday morning will feature the keynote speaker, Daniel Goleman, best-selling author of the book, *Emotional Intelligence*, with more than 5 million copies sold in 40 languages. Goleman will extend the conference theme into the leadership dimensions of social and emotional intelligence.

To register for the Leadership Conference, go to <http://www.andrews.edu/grad>. Contact leader@andrews.edu or call 269-471-6580. For more informa-

tion on the pre-conference, call the CLC office at 269-471-8332.

Founded in 2003, by a group of colleagues under the direction of Skip Bell, professor of Christian Ministry and director of the Doctor of Ministry program, the CLC is an interdisciplinary organization providing inspiration, ongoing leadership development, coaching, consultation, pastor and church evaluation, assessment and research for a network of church and community leaders throughout the world.

Stanley Patterson, Christian Leadership Center director and associate professor of Christian Ministry, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.



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Andrews University

Howard Performing Arts Center Concerts

All concerts are held in the HPAC on the Andrews University campus. For more information, contact HPAC at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560, or email hpac@andrews.edu.

Sept. 14, 6:00 p.m.: Andrews University Annual Freshman Concert

Oct. 10, 6:00 p.m.: A.U. Department of Music Vespers

Nov. 30, 5:00 p.m.: Welcome Christmas Concert

Illinois

CHIP Founder Comes to Hinsdale: Hans Diehl, founder of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP), will be in Hinsdale **Sept. 8-9** to share information and encourage participation in the CHIP program. He will give a mission story, "From Crippled to Champion," on Sabbath, Sept. 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hinsdale Church, 201 North Oak St. At 5:00 p.m. he will show the documentary, "Forks Over Knives." This will be followed by a light supper and then Diehl's own presentation, "Eat More, Weigh Less." On Sun, Sept. 9, at 2:00 p.m., the same program will be repeated at the Hinsdale Community House, 415 West 8th St. For more information, go to <http://www.HinsdaleCHIP.hsdac.org> or contact Debbie Ward at 630-403-8095.

Indiana

Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that a regular Quadrennial Session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Ci-

cero Seventh-day Adventist Church at 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana, 46034, on Sun., **Sept. 30, 2012**, at 10:00 a.m. Duly accredited delegates and delegates-at-large will be authorized to: receive reports; elect a conference president, secretary-treasurer, departmental directors, a Conference Executive Committee, a K-12 Board of Education, a Standing Nominating Committee, and a Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee; enact, amend or repeal Bylaws and vote recommended changes to the Constitution for the Indiana Conference and Indiana Academy; and issue credentials and licenses for the ensuing four years. Delegates will transact such other business as may properly come before the delegation. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. The organizing committee will meet the same day, Sun., **Sept. 30, 2012**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church at 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana 46034. The first meeting of the Standing Nominating Committee is scheduled for Sun., **July 22, 2012**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Indiana Conference office. Elder Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union Conference, will serve as chair

of the nominating committee.

Van G. Hurst, president

Mark Eaton, secretary-treasurer

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Van G. Hurst, president

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Michigan

The annual Health Professionals Retreat will be held at Camp Au Sable, **Sept. 14-16**. Guest speaker will be Tim Riesenberger, an emergency medicine physician from Seattle, Wash. Riesenberger has volunteered his time for medical mission service in 48 countries on six continents through the Islita Foundation, and is a well-loved speaker for GYC, ASI and AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network). Michigan Conference Health Ministries is partnering with AMEN, a national organization of Christian physicians and dentists whose purpose is to share Christ in their workplace through medical evangelism, to sponsor this family retreat. For registration information, please call 517-316-1527 or email sch Christie@misda.org.

North American Division

Oak Park Academy Alumni Weekend: All alumni and former faculty and staff are invited to this special reunion weekend, **Sept. 28-29**. Honor classes: 1937, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77. Location: Gates Hall, 825 15th St., Nevada, Iowa. Make plans to attend! For more information, contact Mary Dassenko Schwantes by phone, 636-527-0955, or email, maryschwantes@sbcglobal.net. We need your email; postage is too expensive. Contact Warren Woledge at warrenw2u@gmail.com or 402-570-0346.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3	Aug 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:22	9:19	9:14	9:08	9:01	8:53
Chicago, Ill.	8:28	8:25	8:21	8:14	8:08	7:59
Detroit, Mich.	9:11	9:08	9:04	8:58	8:50	8:41
Indianapolis, Ind.	9:16	9:13	9:09	9:03	8:56	8:49
La Crosse, Wis.	8:50	8:46	8:41	8:34	8:27	8:17
Lansing, Mich.	9:19	9:16	9:11	9:05	8:58	8:49
Madison, Wis.	8:40	8:37	8:31	8:25	8:17	8:08
Springfield, Ill.	8:30	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:11	8:02

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Anniversaries



Martin and Irene Fishell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2012, with an at-home celebration in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church (Mich.) for 25 years.

Martin Fishell and Irene Bolenbaugh were married June 18, 1947, in Allegan, Mich., by D.W. Hunter. Martin has been a C.P.A., Adventist Frontier Missions treasurer, co-founder of G.E.M. (Global Educational & Medical Services) Resources International and is a World War II veteran. Irene has been a homemaker and elementary school teacher.

The Fishell family includes Randy and Diana Fishell of Smithsburg, Md.; David and Karen Fishell of Grand Junction, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Obituaries

BERTOCCHINI, Gilbert J., age 88; born March 22, 1924, in Chicago, Ill.; died April 13, 2012, in Richmond, Texas. He was a member of the East Lansing (Mich.) University Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bette M. (Brown); sons, Bill and John; daughter, Melinda Li; brother, George; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted, and interment was in Houston (Texas) National Cemetery.

CASH, Robert W., age 91; born Aug. 2, 1920, in Arpin, Wis.; died Jan. 28, 2012, in Wyoming, Mich. He was a member of the Wyoming Church. He served the Church in the Lake Union as an accountant at Cedar

Lake Academy, as an auditor for the Union, and did church finance audits for Lake Region Conference after his retirement.

Survivors include his sons, R. William "Bill" and Fred; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dan Rachor, and interment was in Farwell (Mich.) Cemetery.

CRAWFORD, Alice A. (Dancey), age 69; born Aug. 23, 1942, in Detroit, Mich.; died April 3, 2012, in Fenton, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Edward G. and William D. McFarland, and Gerald L. Crawford; brother, Russell Dancey; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by David Salazar, with private inurnment.

DE PAS, Ernest R., age 79; born July 25, 1932, in Gourley Twp., Mich.; died March 22, 2012, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Wilson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Ruth De Pas; brother, Cecil; and sister, Geneva Kroehler.

Funeral services were conducted by Anthony Ludwig, and interment was in the Wilson Church Cemetery.

FRASER, Donna B. (Pumford), age 86; born April 29, 1925, in Shields, Mich.; died Feb. 11, 2012, in Clermont, Fla. She was a member of the Saginaw (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph F.; son, Joseph R. "Rock"; daughters, Donna J. Cundell, Carolyn Y. Yee and Judy K. Campbell; brother, Larry Pumford; sister, Geraldine Glass; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Michael Fortune, with private inurnment, Clermont.

FREEMAN, June M. (Edens), age 77; born June 11, 1934, in Detroit, Mich.; died April 14, 2012, in Pontiac, Mich. She was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church, Waterford, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell; sons, Dean, Tim and Jerry; daughter, Laurie Johnson; brother, Charles Rollins; sister, Fran O'Guin; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held June 2, with private inurnment.

JENKS, Gloria J. (Hunt) Moore, age 77; born Dec. 10, 1934, in Kalamazoo, Mich.; died Feb. 13, 2012, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Milton C.; sons, Gary F., Richard O. and Brook A. Moore, and Michael C. Jenks; daughters, Tari E. Record and Victoria L. Moore; step-daughters, Shirley Axtell and Cindy Jenks; half-brother, David Benton; sister, Janice Parker; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Glenn Russell, and interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

KIMBERLIN, Howard H., age 85; born June 27, 1925, in Millersville, Ind.; died March 26, 2011, in Allegan, Mich. He was a member of the Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; daughters, Judy O'Conner and Rhonda Kimberlin; brother, Ivan; half-brother, Dale Regier; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Delmer Austin, and interment was in Robinson Cemetery, Bloomingdale Twp., Mich.

MULLING, H. Donald, age 72; born March 13, 1940, in Frost Proof, Fla.; died Feb. 7, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Hartford (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Judith M. (Vong); son, Dana S.; daughter, Lenay D. Edwards; brother, David L.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Sheldon Seltzer, Ted Toms and Bill Dudgeon, with private inurnment.

PERRY, Donald L., age 92; born Apr. 23, 1919, in Holly, Mich.; died March 30, 2012, in Holly. He was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Sue L. Kirk and Carole A. Matthews; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Melvin Matthews and David Salazar, with private inurnment.

PFEIFLE, Robert, age 78; born Nov. 25, 1933, in Flint, Mich.; died Jan. 5, 2012, in Apopka, Fla. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Davis); sons, John, Rex, Ross and Daniel; brothers, Richard, Gerald and David; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Darrel le Roux, with private inurnment in Niles, Mich.

PORTER, John, age 98; born Oct. 22, 1913, in Muskegon, Mich.; died Dec. 16, 2011, in Cedar Lake, Mich. He was a member of the Centreville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria (Carmen); sons, Noel, Morris and Steve; daughter, Evelyn Nuffer; and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Terry Nelson, and interment was in South Park Cemetery, Three Rivers, Mich.

SCHLEGEL, Robert H., age 79; born Feb. 17, 1933, in Oneida, Wis.; died March 25, 2012, in De Pere, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Donald and David; and sisters, Marvel Melvin, Joyce Cottrell and Yvonne Paulsen.

Funeral services were conducted by William Ochs, and interment was in Oneida Methodist Cemetery.

WIENSCH JR., Frederick, age 83; born April 10, 1929, in Detroit, Mich.; died April 13, 2012, in Algonac, Mich. He was a member of the Port Huron Blue Water Church, Marysville, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Jane M. (Lane); son, Freddie H. III; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by David Gotshall, with private inurnment.

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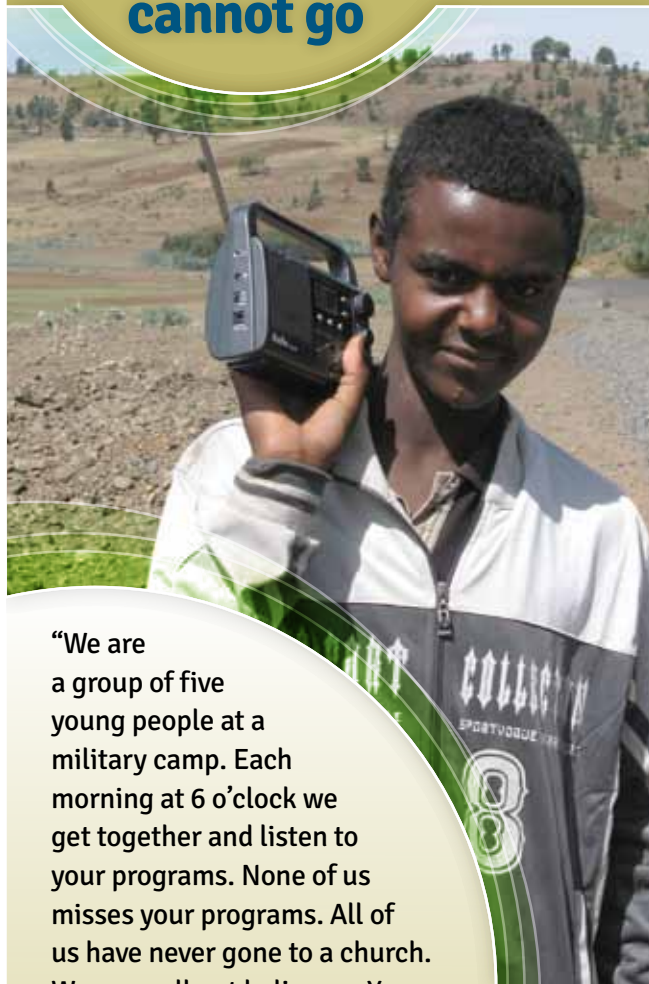
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Leading the Way

BY GARY BURNS



One advantage of being in partnership with God is that He is always ahead of the game. Being the Alpha and the Omega gives God a perspective that would make someone on Wall Street, if they had His insights, the richest person in the world.

Yet, God is eager for us to have His perspective. He has given the secrets of His kingdom, His perspective, to His faithful followers. And those "secrets" are not to be kept to ourselves. Unlike the world's system, the subjects of God's kingdom gain by losing. We realize an increase by giving away. That's true when we give physically and financially, and it's also true when we give intellectually, artistically, emotionally and spiritually.

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We have a great heritage of healthful living, but are we still leading the way? We can be, if we remain in partnership with God.

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

Like a Modern Jonah

BY GIDDER D. MARTINEZ

Last year, in March, I was on my way to Miami, Florida, to begin my first mission trip experience. However, for some reason, God didn't want me near water or anything involving traveling to St. Lucia. My brother and I left Indiana Academy in the afternoon with a group from the local church who were going to drive to Miami, and then depart for St. Lucia.

I thought I had everything in perfect order but, four hours into the trip, Beth Bartlett, the IA registrar, called about my I-20 visa (a very important document issued to international students to go in and out of the U.S.). Her signature needed to be on those papers in order to come back in to the U.S., and it was not.

My entire universe stopped for three seconds, and all hopes of being part of a mission collapsed. I needed to do something. After prayer, I called the director of the mission trip and told her the situation. She immediately canceled my tickets, and then I proceeded to find a way to let my parents know about the situation. They were in El Salvador, where I'm originally from. I apologized for not being careful enough. My father calmed me down, and assured me that everything was going to be all right.

I couldn't understand why I couldn't go on that trip, since I was following God's command to serve others. Two days later, I stopped questioning and decided to accept God's will.

That week I met Laura. She was attending the Brownsburg Church in Indiana, which was planning a mission trip to Honduras, and Laura convinced me to go with them. Since I was going to be in El Salvador for summer vacation, I could easily drive to Honduras and meet up with the church there.

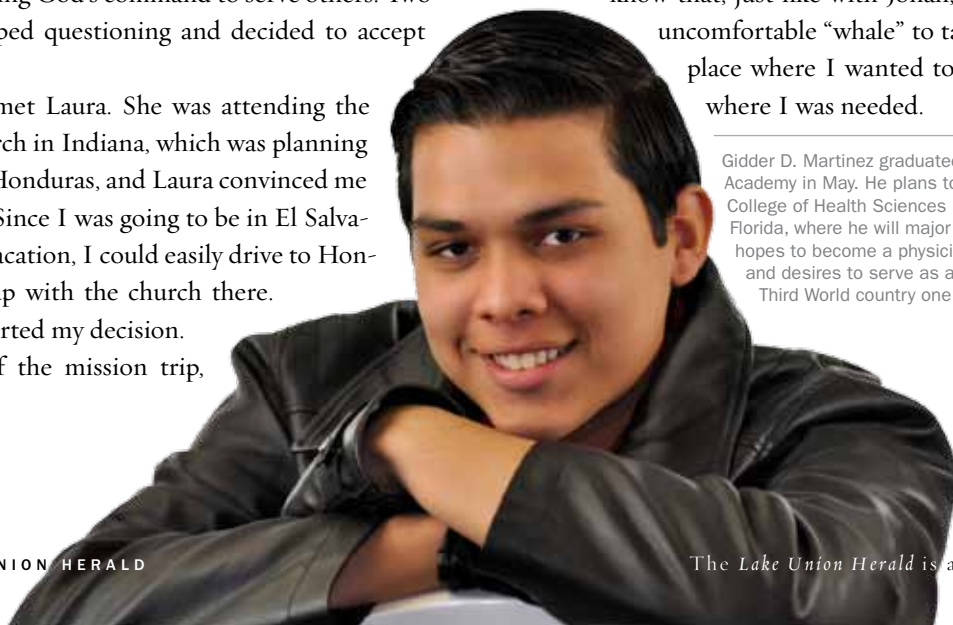
My parents supported my decision.

At the end of the mission trip,

most of the kids wrote letters to every member of the mission team. One girl wrote a letter to me that moved me. In the letter, she depicted me as a change factor in her life, an example to follow, a person to look up to. She hadn't been interested in things related to church or anything but, after she saw me singing with the kids during vacation Bible school and leading song services during the morning meeting at the local high school, she regained her courage, and was now sure that young people such as herself can be involved in church. It made a big impact on her life.

I like to think God didn't want me in St. Lucia because He knew I would have never gone to Honduras, or maybe God preserved my life and saved me from a disaster on the trip to St. Lucia, or saved me so I could continue my studies at Indiana Academy. Who knows? I'm sure of one thing: God can turn bad experiences into positive adventures. I know that, just like with Jonah, God used an uncomfortable "whale" to take me from a place where I wanted to go to a place where I was needed.

Gidder D. Martinez graduated from Indiana Academy in May. He plans to attend Florida College of Health Sciences in Orlando, Florida, where he will major in nursing. Gidder hopes to become a physician's assistant, and desires to serve as a missionary in a Third World country one day.



Blown Into Action

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Katie Kurtz has a passion for helping people. The high school freshman has participated in service projects at her elementary school and served food to children at a local church.



Katie Kurtz

On March 2, 2012, severe weather ripped through Henryville and several towns in southern Indiana. Katie was at home in Eau Claire, Michigan, when the tornadoes struck. The following day, her father was watching the news and realized the damage caused by the storms. After talking to Katie, the two decided to spend their weekend as volunteers in Henryville.

“It was a very spur-of-the-moment decision,” says Katie. “We had 30 minutes to pack, and then off we went.”

The two had no idea what to expect when they reached the town. As they drove through Henryville, the Kurtzes saw houses with roofs torn off, windows broken and doors missing. Hills were covered in vehicles and scrap, and the local high school had been completely demolished.

“I’d never seen anything like it before,” recalls Katie. “Henryville looked like it was just a frame of what it used to be. It was just horrifying to think of people actually going through that.”

When they arrived at the local firehouse, Katie and her father were immediately put to work organizing supplies and arranging care packages for families whose homes had been hit. That evening, they served food and cleaned up in the areas where they could. They spent the night in the firehouse, and the remainder of the weekend washed cars, prepared meals and searched out families in need of help and shelter.

The experience was so touching to Katie that she returned to Henryville several weeks later to help a family whose house had been destroyed. More volunteers, including Katie’s mom, joined her and her father as they helped the family clean out their home and recover belongings.

Katie claims she will never forget these experiences or the lessons God taught her.

“I learned so much from it,” she says. “You don’t have to have a lot of skill or be especially good at something to be able to help others. God can use anyone! I’ve also learned to be more thankful for what I have.”

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- Retirement celebrations for professors Bill Chobotar, David Steen, John Stout and Dennis Woodland
- Harvest Picnic and Wagon Tours
- 5K/10K Run ...*and much more*

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