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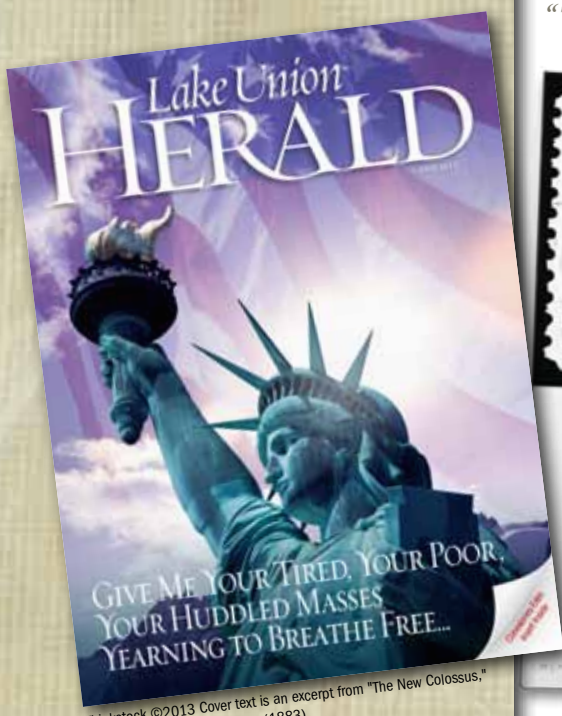
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GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES
YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE...

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"Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of His people"



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The Lord has anointed us to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent us to heal the brokenhearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives (see Isaiah 61:1 NKJV). Furthermore, He's gone out of His way to make it convenient for us by placing them in our own communities. As our nation debates immigration reform, let us remember God has provided a way for us to make a difference in the lives of all who come to our communities.


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Plunging into Sin

Some years ago, a campground manager determined the septic tank for a restroom needed to be pumped. When the truck arrived and the concrete lid to access the tank was pulled, it either broke or was placed at the wrong angle and inadvertently fell into the tank. When the pumping job was completed, a temporary cover was placed over the opening and a new lid ordered.

Some days later, a family was camping in the area. Not realizing any potential danger, their little girl wandered toward where the underground septic tank was located. As the father watched his little girl explore their new setting, he saw her suddenly disappear into the ground. Evidently, the temporary cover either had been moved or was inadequate to secure the opening, and the little girl fell in. Her father rushed to the opening; to his horror, he saw only the dark, murky solution that filled the septic tank.

Prevented from instantly jumping in by the small size of the opening, he could gaze only, with sheer agony, into the offensive mire where his treasured little daughter had disappeared. After what seemed like an eternity, a little hand emerged through the surface. Getting down with his face to the hole, he reached into the muck to grab his little girl's hand. Pulling his treasured child up and out of the pit, love was not deterred by the stench as he began to embrace his precious child and wipe away the filth from her face.

Pretty awful to imagine, huh? The story reminds me of the narrative of the prodigal son in Luke 15. What's different about his story is that his fall into the septic tank of life was a very willful, progressive immersion into sin. I think swine pits and septic tanks are good metaphors for the byproducts of sin. They are really awful, but the sinful nature seems able to adapt quite nicely.

Yet, somehow, grace can still get through. *But when he came to himself...* (Luke 15:21 NIV) was his moment of grace. The prodigal son was not unaware he was in the swine pit. Something happened inside that brought him to his senses — it was remembering from where he had fallen and considering the possibility of change. It's not enough to know you're in the septic tank; like the little girl, you have to reach up to the hovering, anxious, saving Father who is always there to grab the outstretched hand. But here's where both stories are inadequate metaphors. Paul reminds us that God made His Son who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (see 1 Corinthians 15:21). He literally dove into the pit and took our muck onto Himself!

Our human nature leads us to deny the reality of our swine-pit condition. We tend to look at the swine pits of those around us and conclude, *Well, at least I'm not that bad!* But, let's be clear — all swine pits and septic tanks are full of..., well, the byproducts of sin. None can claim antiseptic properties. All are filthy. Yet our heavenly Father sent His Son to plunge into sin, giving us the opportunity to become the righteousness of God!

I am extremely thankful that, every day, my heavenly Father reaches out to me and helps me come to myself, so I can reach out to Him. Although I am a filthy, dirty sinner, He embraces me with righteousness — always enthusiastic, never reserved.



Showers of Blessings

BY MIKE TERRELL

I would like to share a text with you as I begin this story. It is a text that has come to mean a lot to me through the years for many reasons, and now I have one more reason to cherish it. It's a text many of you will know — *I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread* (Psalm 37:25 KJV).

The year 2012 was a year of transition for our little church. Several families, individuals and our pastor all left for different reasons, leaving only a handful of faithful members (35 adults and 17 children and youth) to carry the financial responsibilities of maintaining a 24,000-square-foot structure and the evangelism of a city in which there is no other church. That's right: Community Fellowship Church is the only one in the City of Lathrup Village, Michigan.

In addition to that fact, our church is also a historical site, which means it must be maintained in compliance with some rather rigid guidelines.

Taking all this into consideration, it wasn't long before rumors began to swirl within the local SDA community that, financially, we were going down and our sanctuary doors would soon close. However, within the walls of our church there stood members who were not dismayed by this situation because we understood that where there is prayer, there is power. We also understood that this situation was not about not having enough money — it was purely about having the right amount of faith. At this point, the prayer warriors in our congregation took over and a series of events took place that plainly showed God's direct involvement in the affairs of our church.



From left: John Nametz of Consumers Energy; Garth Gabriel, pastor; Dan Cheresko of Lyon Mechanical

Mike Terrell

Blessing No. 1: Our Church Finance Committee came together under the very capable leadership of Charles McGill, our treasurer. They determined we must attack two areas of financial concern: our mortgage payments and utilities. It just so happens that our mortgage is held by another church which also shares our building. (That's a whole other story.) Upon approaching them, they lowered our monthly note by \$2,000 until we could manage to make our

regular payments again. They also indicated a willingness to reduce our payments even more if it became necessary to help us through this difficult time.

Blessing No. 2: Garth Gabriel, pastor and founder of our church, was permitted to come back on a temporary basis to lead us until a permanent pastor could be assigned. This was a major blessing. Because of his love and commitment to our congregation, we were able to move forward quickly as one body in Christ.

Blessing No. 3: Because of the terrible potholes in our church parking lot, our insurance company told us the repairs had to be made or risk our policy being cancelled. The timing for this couldn't have been worse, but the Lord had already provided a way. We approached a paving company that had already patched several of the potholes.



Mike Terrell

Consequently, we worked out a deal not to fix the potholes but to have the whole parking lot resurfaced! In addition, the company allowed us to make monthly payments. Our little church, small in number though we were, paid off the parking lot debt of \$22,200 in five months as we moved forward in faith, led by the Lord.

Blessing No. 4 — Grand Finale: We decided to get an energy audit through Consumers Energy (CE) to determine how we might save money on our utilities. Steve Salter, an energy advisor for CE, came to our church and went through every room in the building to determine what should be done. As Steve stood in the kitchen of our church assessing its needs, I began telling him how we were planning to expand our food program by preparing sack lunches and taking them to homeless people within the Detroit area. In retrospect, I now realize it was the Holy Spirit who encouraged me to share that information with Steve, considering it had nothing to do with the audit.

A week or so later, Steve called me. He said he had been impressed by what I'd said about our community service food program, and wanted to determine if we qualified for a new initiative CE was offering. Steve asked me a few questions, and said he would call me back with more details soon. Well, to make a long story short, we were selected! In a few days, a team of CE technicians came out to install new, programmable thermostats throughout our church at no expense to us. Then John Nametz, a senior energy engineer for CE, came out to make the final inspection of our building. He told us that CE was going to pay \$50,000 to install a new, state-of-the-art boiler system at our church.

John further explained that CE was willing to fund this project because of our community service food program. The CE Savings Solutions Division felt that if they could help our church save money on utilities, that savings could then be re-directed to support the food program to help feed those in need within our area. He later told me he was familiar with Adventism through Andrews University; he had eaten at the cafeteria there and enjoyed the vegetarian cuisine.

Within a few weeks, Dan Cheresko, of Lyon Mechanical in Hudson, Michigan, came with his crew. They completed the removal and installation of the new boiler within a week. We've already seen a 10 percent, or more, decrease so far in our gas bill, even though this was a harsher winter than last year.

A few Sabbaths ago, our church treasurer made this statement while calling for the tithes and offerings: "Taking the position of treasurer this year has been a blessing for me because it has allowed me to see firsthand how God has pulled us through situations when it seemed all was lost. It has definitely strengthened my faith to see how He has worked to keep our church operating and moving forward."

Our church's story makes me think of 1 Samuel 14:6, last part, where Jonathan says, *It may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few* (NKJV). Well, we are the few, and God continues to work through and for us as He leads us out of what seemed to be a dark place into the light of opportunity so we can work to share His love and our faith with others.

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Third Culture Kids

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Coined in the 1950s, I first became aware of the term “Third Culture Kids” back in 2002 or 2003 when I read David Pollock and Ruth Van Reken’s book, *Third Culture Kids: The Experience of Growing Up Among Worlds*. As I read the research and rich, personal stories intertwined in this book, I better understood the paradoxical world of TCKs. On one hand, they literally know “how to get around in the world.” On the other hand, they often have more difficulty establishing a personal sense of identity and maintaining strong relationships. Some are like modern-day nomads all their lives, and others sink down roots in one place and don’t want to move ever again!

Sometimes the term leads people to think these are kids who grew up in a third-world culture, but that’s not the case. The term refers to kids who experience a significant period of their developmental years having a home culture from which the adults came (first culture or passport culture), live in a host culture where the family lives (second culture), and experience a shared lifestyle in a culture between cultures (third culture). These kids may be from missionary families, military or non-military government families, those whose parents work in international organizations, business, education, and travel or media-related positions. Their involvement with local people and culture can vary greatly.



are more or less “out of sync” with their age group throughout their lives. They feel different, but not necessarily isolated. Many report they don’t identify with their own ethnic group and really may not feel central to any group.

There are also issues of grief and loss. Every time TCKs move, they lose status, the lifestyle they knew, possessions, pets, relationships with friends and “the past that wasn’t.” By that, I mean they recall holidays, graduations and parents who were not with them in difficult or even especially meaningful and happy times. They also lacked the time to grieve because they had to begin fitting into a new environment. Also, when their parents are saving the country from war or representing the government or preaching salvation to a lost world, how can they admit grief or fear? On the other hand, the benefits for them can be enormous.

Whatever the reason they find themselves in a third culture, there are many similarities among them. They often are more comfortable with adults while growing up and have an understanding of geography, world events, politics, and speak two or more languages. While they may seem to have a sense of maturity and autonomy earlier than their peers, they generally have not been as free as their home-based country peers might be to test the cultural rules during their teens. The restrictions on a military base or mission compound or the real danger of being robbed or kidnapped are real for them.

If you are a TCK, are married to one, have friends, relatives or students who have had this experience, or are just curious to learn more about their paradoxical lives, I recommend the 2009 revision, *Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds*.

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Some adult TCKs say they feel completely attuned to everyday life in the United States, but the majority say they

Our disconnection from nature has serious implications for our health and child development.



Nature Therapy

Protect your children from nature-deficit disorder.

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

There is a wonderful healing power in nature. Gardens and natural landscapes have long been recognized as therapeutic and restorative to our health. In this virtual age, we need to better connect with nature. In his national bestseller, *Last Child in the Woods*, Richard Louv says children need nature for their development, healthy learning, creativity and psychological well-being.

More than 100 studies confirm that spending time in nature is beneficial for reducing one's stress, both physical and emotional. While large sums of money are spent on antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications and sedatives, we observe that nature is a healing balm for depression and mental disorders. Children have less behavioral disorders, anxiety and depression, and more self-worth when they have a more natural landscape near their homes than children living in homes with less green landscape.



settings. Children tend to be more physically active when they're outside. Maybe it's time to unplug our kids from the Internet and let them enjoy play in nature. Researchers found that joggers who exercised in a natural setting with landscape views felt less anxious, angry and depressed than persons who burned the same amount of calories in gyms.

People typically feel invigorated from viewing a beautiful sunset, a cascading waterfall, colorful birds at a backyard birdfeeder, playful animal pets, a magnificent snow-capped mountain, a grand and colorful canyon, a meadow full of spring flowers, or a beautiful fall landscape. These things can lift the human spirit from anxiety and depression.

Some universities now offer degrees in horticultural therapy. Therapists design gardens that assist people with physical, emotional or mental disabilities to develop adaptations and coping methods that enhance their lives. These programs recognize the therapeutic benefits of gardening for people with chronic illnesses. People who learn the names of plants are more likely to value them. Giving a name to something is a way of making the plant a part of your community. As a result, we see a more responsible stewardship of nature.

Subjects experience significant decreases in blood pressure by watching fish in a large fish pond or aquarium. Dental and medical offices are able to relax their patients better by placing fish tanks full of colorful fish in their waiting rooms. Exposure to plants or nature can speed up the recovery time from injury. Gallbladder surgery patients with a view of trees from their recovery rooms went home sooner than patients with a view of a brick wall.

Finally, therapy dogs are valuable for reassuring victims of natural disasters, such as Superstorm Sandy. They also help children grapple with grief in school shootings such as in Newtown, Connecticut, and to brighten the days of nursing home patients. Simply petting a dog can decrease levels of stress hormones, lower blood pressure and provide emotional release. Therapy dogs have excellent listening skills and demonstrate unconditional love.

The obesity epidemic seen in American children is connected with their sedentary lifestyle and extended time spent with electronic media rather than playtime in natural

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

The Kingdom of Christ

THE EDITORS

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. —1 Timothy 2:1–4 NIV

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oday in the religious world there are multitudes who, as they believe, are working for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ as an earthly and temporal dominion. They desire to make our Lord the ruler of the kingdoms of this world, the ruler in its courts and camps, its legislative halls, its palaces and market places. They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority. Since Christ is not now here in person, they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom. The establishment of such a kingdom is what the Jews desired in the days of Christ. They would have received Jesus, had He been willing to establish a temporal dominion, to enforce what they regarded as the laws of God, and to make them the expositors of His will and the agents of His authority. But He said, *My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here* (John 18:36 NKJV). He would not accept the earthly throne.

“The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses — extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Savior attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart.

“Not by the decisions of courts or councils or legislative assemblies, not by the patronage of worldly great men, is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ’s nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit. *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but*

of God (John 1:12, 13 NKJV). Here is the only power that can work the uplifting of mankind. And the human agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and practicing of the word of God” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 509).

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 and questions:

- List all the examples in the New Testament where the apostles engaged civil and/or religious authority. What were the circumstances and outcomes?
- What is the church’s response to the kings of the Earth (governments) in the book of Revelation?
- How much of our energy is expended in criticizing our elected leaders rather than being invested in the work that we have been commissioned to do on their behalf? (see 1 Timothy 2:1–4).

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Paul, the Man Who Prayed Constantly

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

God ... is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times. —Romans 1:9–10 (NIV)

For me, the apostle Paul is a truly great hero of prayer, second only to Jesus Christ. In studying the pattern of his prayer life, I was amazed to find no less than 12 distinct passages in Paul's letters in which he uses time words such as "constantly," "always," "not stopped," "every time," and "night and day" to describe his prayers for others. What a great example of his own injunction to *pray continually* (see 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

One reason Paul prayed so constantly was to express his gratitude to God for other believers. Again and again Paul begins his letters with phrases like *I always thank God for you* and *How can we thank God enough for you?* Notice also that Paul thanked God for these people rather than just thanking *them*. I like to be thanked, but it is even nicer to have someone thank God for me. That way God gets the credit He deserves, and I receive the affirmation and joy that go with serving God.

Paul also prayed constantly because he cared so deeply for the people he prayed for. We sense Paul's caring in statements like *I have you in my heart* and *I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus* (see Philippians 1:7, 8). Deep love tends to elicit constant, heartfelt prayers. A young man once complained to me that my congregational prayers in worship services were boring. I asked him if he was bored when I prayed for his grandmother. "No," he said, "then I really tuned in." He caught my point and admitted that he was bored because he didn't really care about the other persons being prayed for. Love gives birth to prayer.

Paul also knew that his prayers would make a huge difference in the lives of his "sons and daughters" in the faith. He prayed so that they would increase and overflow with love for each other (see 1 Thessalonians 3:12), be enlightened in their hearts, be filled with all the fullness of God (see Ephesians 1:18; 3:19), abound in knowledge and depth of insight (see Philippians 1:9), and live lives worthy of the Lord (see Colossians 1:10).

Finally, Paul knew that he needed the prayer support of others. *Join me in my struggle by praying to God for me,* he

writes in Romans 15:30. *Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me,* he asks in Ephesians 6:19. And *I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance,* he assures his friends in Philippians 1:19.

Paul, the great pray-er, is also the one who said, *I urge you to imitate me, and Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ* (see 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1). For this, we need much grace.

Reflect

- What elements of Paul's prayer life do you most need to incorporate into your own prayer life?
- Do you personally welcome the prayer support of others for your own spiritual growth and ministry activities?

Pray

- *Thank* God for others in your family, or circle of friends. Tell God the specific things about them for which you are thankful.
- *Pray* for an increase in your ability to see good in others, for a deep sense of care for the well-being of others, and for the confidence that your prayers will make a difference in their lives.

Act

Read the following additional Bible passages that speak of Paul's prayer life: 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:16; 3:14; Philippians 1:3–8; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 3:9, 10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 11; Philemon 4. Consider their implications for you.

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SHARING *our* HOPE

Sharing Jesus with Greencastle

BY KAREN PECKHAM

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. —Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

The Greencastle Church sits on wide open spaces, yet it is located within city limits and close to DePauw University in Indiana. Wanting to reach out to their community, the church, though small in number, ordered 2,000 copies of the book, *The Great Hope*, with plans to distribute them throughout the city.

Most of the books, however, remained in the boxes they were shipped in as the church's membership continued to decline. It was obvious the devil was directly attacking the little church. But there were faithful members praying and trusting that God had a plan for the books. About this time, Muriel Wilson of the Cicero Church contacted Ernie Peckham, Greencastle Church pastor. She explained how God had given her a burden to reach out to small, struggling churches to help them grow.

Ernie, Muriel and Jim Boddie began to pray and plan for a community outreach project. And, on Sabbath, February 9, ten volunteers from the Cicero Church accompanied Muriel and her husband, Jim, to Greencastle to help launch the project. The group joined the Greencastle members for the worship service and a potluck lunch, and then the afternoon was spent delivering the good news of health and hope.

God provided a mild, sunshiny day for their labors, and approximately 300 area homes received a bag containing *The Great Hope*, a health magazine, a postage-paid Bible



Greencastle Church members, aided by volunteers from other Indiana churches, are reaching their community for Jesus. Area residents are receiving gift bags from members which contain a copy of The Great Hope book, a health magazine, a postage-paid Bible study request card, and a letter presenting Jesus' love.

Karen Peckham

study request card, and a letter presenting Jesus' love for them.

A few who weren't able to do the legwork stayed behind and prayed that the Holy Spirit would precede the distribution. When the supply of materials was exhausted, the laborers returned to the church where they shared their experiences and asked God to multiply their efforts.

So far, two requests for Bible studies have been received. One former member has been back to church. And one woman has

begun to attend, encouraged by her father who recently discovered Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

Six weeks later, on March 23, volunteers from Cicero returned with recruits from the Brownsburg and Capital City churches, 16 in all. An enthusiastic group delivered another 350 packets to the Greencastle community. "You are on a Divine appointment," Ernie declared.

At the end of the day, stories were shared, songs of praise sung and prayers offered that the Lord's plan be fulfilled in Greencastle. The next outreach day was scheduled in May.

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Iglesia Adventista celebra un aniversario

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Como he participado en todo paso de avance hasta nuestra condición presente, al repasar la historia pasada puedo decir: “¡Alabado sea Dios! “Al ver lo que el Señor ha hecho, me llena de admiración y de confianza en Cristo como director. No tenemos nada que temer del futuro, a menos que olvidemos la manera en que el Señor nos ha conducido, y lo que nos ha enseñado en nuestra historia pasada. — Eventos de los últimos días, p. 64

Elena White escribió estas palabras para la revista oficial de la iglesia, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, en el año 1905. Ya habían pasado 42 años desde la organización de la Asociación General. Es interesante leer por completo el artículo en el que Elena White repasa el comienzo y el desarrollo de la Iglesia Adventista. Ella explica que en sus comienzos el movimiento adventista tenía pocos recursos y pocos pastores. Es decir, cuando se organizó la Asociación General en el año 1863 había solamente seis asociaciones, 30 ministros, 125 iglesias, y 3.500 miembros. El Señor dirigió en forma admirable el crecimiento de la iglesia y en el año 1905 había ya 80 asociaciones, 986 ministros, 2.797 iglesias, y 77.443 miembros.

Durante este año 2013, la iglesia celebra 150 años desde su organización. Nuestra iglesia ha crecido mucho — con cientos de conferencias en todas partes del mundo, más de 17.000 ministros, 140.000 congregaciones, y 17.000.000 miembros. El periódico *The Washington Post* publicó un artículo acerca de nuestro aniversario en el que se expresa que a pesar de ser una de las iglesias prósperas, nuestra actitud en cuanto el aniversario no es del todo una celebración ya que esperábamos que Cristo hubiera ya venido. Algunos quizás tratarían de determinar las razones por las cuales estamos aún aquí, pero Elena White enfatiza en su artículo que nuestra responsabilidad no es determinar cuándo Cristo ha de venir sino que nuestro deber es trabajar unidos y seguir adelante para hacer todo lo posible para avanzar su causa.

La Iglesia Adventista tiene ahora, más que nunca antes, la oportunidad de cumplir con el mandato del Señor de predicar el evangelio a todo el mundo. Los avances tecnológicos hacen



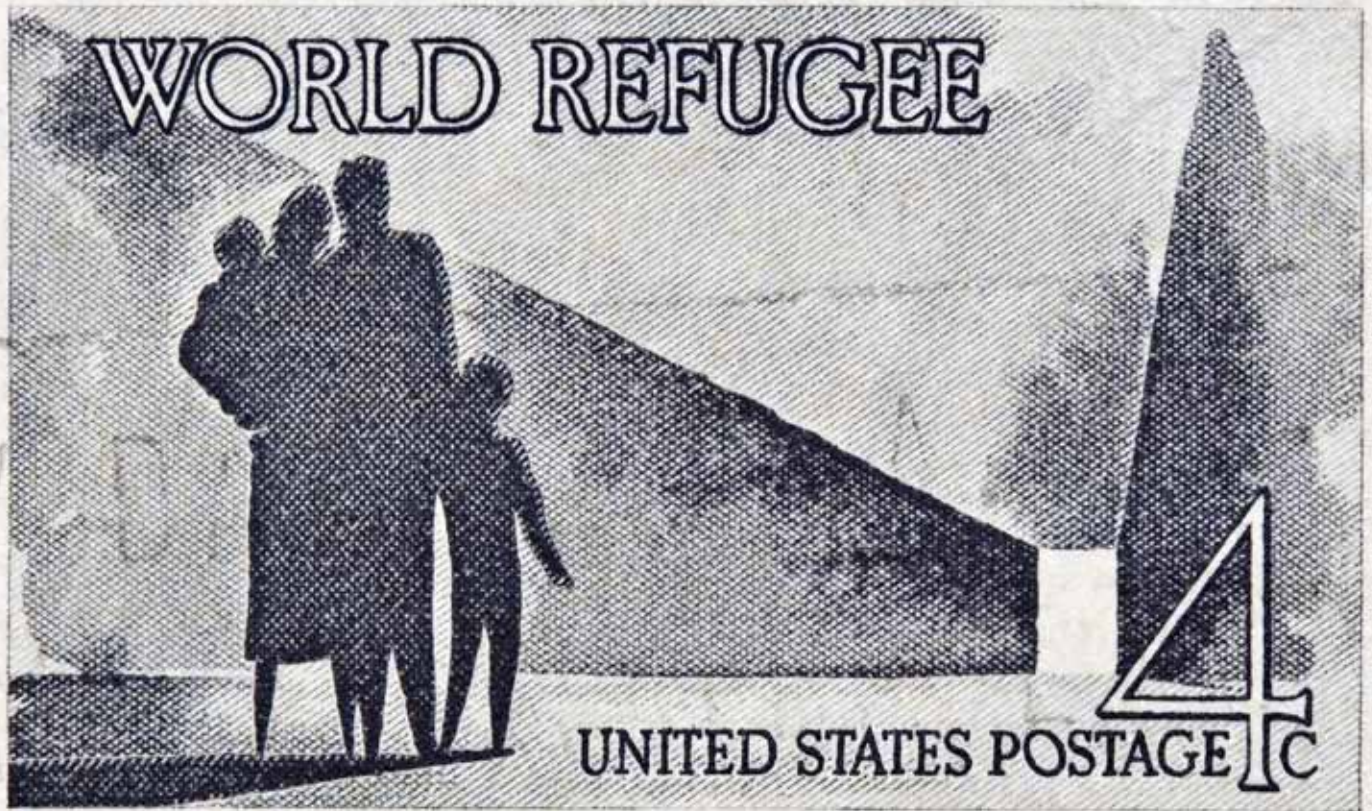
El presidente de la Asociación General, Ted N. C. Wilson, insta a los delegados a que permitan que las lecciones históricas del ciento cincuenta aniversario de la Asociación General, los inspire a predicar con renovado entusiasmo el mensaje que Cristo pronto regresará.

que sea posible presentar las buenas nuevas de salvación en una manera más amplia. También existen cientos de ministerios y organizaciones de sostén propio que están haciendo una obra maravillosa. En nuestras asociaciones hay una variedad de programas en los que se da prioridad al entrenamiento de laicos. Hay también muchos pastores que creen que su ministerio no es solamente

predicar a los miembros de su iglesia sino también plantar congregaciones nuevas.

¿Cómo hemos de celebrar este año tan especial? Lo mejor que podemos hacer es trabajar con el mismo entusiasmo con que trabajaron nuestros pioneros para esparcir las buenas nuevas de Jesús y así, cuando él venga al final, nos podrá decir: “Bien, buen siervo y fiel; sobre poco has sido fiel, sobre mucho te pondré. Entra en el gozo de tu Señor”.

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A Divine Strategy

REACHING PEOPLE BEYOND OUR REACH

BY TERRI SAELEE

Migration Information Source reports that “of the ten countries that carry out [refugee] resettlement programs, the United States accepts more than double the number of refugees accepted by the other nine countries combined.”¹ This trend is not limited to refugees. According to the U.S. Office of Immigrant Statistics, “Naturalizations grew at a record pace between 2006 and 2008 with a total of 2.4 million immigrants becoming new citizens in the United States.”²

The last ten years has seen one of the greatest migrations of peoples in the history of the world. According to the International Organization for Migration’s World “Migrations Report 2010,” the number of international migrants was estimated at 214 million in 2010. If this number

continues to grow at the same pace as it has during the last 20 years, it could reach 405 million by 2050.³

God’s purpose is to turn the curses of political turmoil, famine and religious persecution in various countries into a blessing for vast numbers of refugees fleeing these

dangers. “The mysterious providences over which we so often lament, are designed of God to accomplish a work which otherwise might never have been done.”⁴ However, the extent of that blessing will depend largely on whether God’s people catch His vision and cooperate with Him in implementing this Divinely-appointed purpose.

Interestingly, many of the countries that are hardest for Adventists to send missionaries to are the very countries from which the highest numbers of refugees, asylees (asylum seekers), foreign students, and other temporary visitors and permanent immigrants are coming. There are striking parallels between this list and the list of countries in the 10/40 Window and, in particular, countries on “restricted” lists, “watch” lists and countries identified as committing “particularly severe” violations of religious freedom, i.e., countries identified in the Religious Freedom World Report produced by the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the international Religious Liberty Institute based at Andrews University.

Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5:4). God’s overruling providences in bringing millions of unreached people from the hardest to reach places on Earth removes the obstacle of geographical distance for these unreached millions who already have come to our shores. To reach them, Adventists do not even need to quit their jobs, sell their homes, raise thousands of dollars for plane tickets and living expenses, leave friends and family, or fly overseas. The unreached peoples are coming to us! God is sparing us the sweltering heat, tropical diseases and dangers, and the need to navigate narrow dirt trails during monsoon rains in isolated mountain or jungle areas to reach these unreached people groups. People now can drive on the nearest freeway in the nearest city and find the unreached by the thousands from those very mountains and jungles. Sometimes, we even bump into them in our local grocery stores. Many international students are walking past our homes and churches on their way to classes, but are we awake to that privilege and possibility?

Many of these unreached people groups have more freedom to explore the Bible and make friends with Christians here than they did in their home country. The government restrictions are gone. Security is not an issue. They are protected by the law, and they’re far from many of the religious and societal roadblocks of prejudice and hostility of family and friends back home who might ostracize them for talking to a Christian or picking up a Bible. An even more amazing

twist of this Divine providence is that even if we were to make the sacrifices and spend the money necessary to get to these unreached people groups overseas, we still would have to spend years learning their language to even be able to communicate with them, much less translate the needed resources into their languages, and then we still would be very limited in what we could say and do because of government restrictions. But the people God is bringing to us

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are already learning our language — the language with, by far, the most Christian resources and Adventist advantages, including the tremendous benefits of our educational system, not to mention the many ministries and departments of our Church dedicated to nurturing faith and facilitating outreach. Thus, God is preparing many native speakers of once remote languages to be qualified translators, though they may not realize it now.

God’s purpose in this arrangement is that they may “have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God.”⁵

I personally have been involved with three people who illustrate the success of God’s plan in action.

THE PASTOR

A pastor of a multicultural church in Chicago noticed that some members were bringing their father, who was visiting from India, to his evangelistic series. The man came faithfully every night, was convicted of the truth of our message, and baptized. He wanted to make sure he had his baptismal certificate and Bible study materials to take back to India as he “happened” to be the pastor of a 300-member non-denominational church in the mountains of India, and wanted to convert his members to Adventism.

Once we catch this vision, reaching the unreached will not be merely one ministry among many. It will give vitality, direction and meaning to all Adventist ministries.

THE NEW CITIZEN

A refugee from a restricted nation became an Adventist while living in the U.S. After becoming a citizen, she accompanied her pastor and his family on a trip to speak for a camp meeting in a country bordering her home country. As an American citizen, she was able to enter safely the country from which she had fled to visit her relatives. She found that her granddaughter was married, but could not have children.

“God can help,” she told them, “and I can pray for you, but you must stop calling on the spirits and depend only on God for help. And if He gives you a child, you must take that child to church and become believers yourselves.”

They agreed, and soon after her arrival back in the States, she heard the good news that her prayers had been answered and her granddaughter was pregnant.

The family followed through with their promise and, within two years, the whole extended family wanted to become pastors.

All this happened in a country that is closed to missionaries from the outside and that recently gave at least two Christian organizations 48 hours to leave the country permanently for such things as bringing in Bibles and going door-to-door sharing their faith. Yet, when the Adventist Church reaches out to resettled refugees in America, these refugees can evangelize their own people back home in ways that missionaries from the outside never could.

MOTHER CALLS HOME

A Mongolian woman caring for an elderly man in the United States began watching Adventist television in her free time. Notice the series of providences: Neighbors brought her a local newspaper with the story of her client’s 100th birthday. On the opposite page was a picture and article about a local Asian-Adventist pastor she would not have otherwise read. She discovered that there was an

Adventist Church within walking distance from her home. She began attending, studied with the local pastor, and was baptized.

Then she called her mother in Mongolia. “Mother, you need to be attending an Adventist church,” she told her. All it took was a phone call. Soon her mother’s letters were filled with glowing accounts of the wonderful things she was learning at the Adventist church. Now the woman’s brother is attending an Adventist church in Europe where he migrated for work. The Adventist message spread through this one woman to two continents without her even leaving the U.S. city where she first began learning the Adventist message.

THE POTENTIAL FOR MINISTRY

If God can accomplish things this remarkable, despite our blurry vision of the big picture of His wise strategy, what could He accomplish if we were intentional about integrating His global strategy into our personal and collective plans, goals, schedules and budgets?

Jesus is not willing that any should perish, so He delays His return a little longer to give us time to share the message of salvation with the millions of His precious, unreached children — children that He has brought from the mountains and jungles of remote villages and massive unreached metropolises right to our very own communities. His divine strategy gives unprecedented opportunities for us to introduce them to their Maker, Redeemer and heavenly Father, and participate in preparing family and friends to be ready to go home with Him.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a missionary movement. The potential for mobilizing the existing systems and ministries of the church to more fully implement this strategy are endless. Once we catch this vision, reaching the unreached will not be merely one ministry among many. It will give vitality, direction and meaning to all Adventist ministries.

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God Loves Refugees

BY TERRI SAELEE

The Bible is dedicated to telling the story of God's guidance and protection of refugees. Some of the most significant Bible characters were displaced forcibly at some point in their lives. Joseph, Moses, David and Paul were refugees; even Jesus had to flee with His parents at an early age, seeking refuge in Egypt. The Early Church had to flee from Jerusalem as part of God's plan for their protection and to rapidly disperse the gospel.

God's love still shines through miracles among refugees and those reaching out to them. Miracles are part of the story of a budding church plant in Holland, Michigan.

PIONEER CHURCH PLANTERS

Veuy and Lamphai Sihavong suddenly found themselves in the Napho Refugee Camp in the province of Nakhorn Phanom near the northeastern border of Thailand in 1982. They were among the 360,000 refugees who fled their largely-Buddhist homeland of Laos, one of the less-reached nations in the 10/40 Window. They had been caught in the conflict between communism and democracy during the Secret War in Laos, simultaneous with the Vietnam War, making Laos the most heavily-bombed country per capita in history (see <http://legaciesofwar.org/about-laos/secret-war-laos/>).

While at the camp, Veuy and Lamphai learned about God and the Bible, and accepted the Adventist message. During their nine-year encampment, Veuy served as elder of the Adventist church that met in the camp and Lamphai gave Bible studies. Their daughter, Jackie, says she can see that it was God's plan for them to be there that long to spread the gospel among fellow refugees.

In 1990, the Sihavong family was able to get on the last flight out of the camp. All who were left behind were repatriated to Laos, if possible. The family spent six months at Phanat Nikhom, a transit camp in the Chonburi province of Thailand, before being accepted for resettlement to the United States in 1991.

One of the missionaries foremost in helping the Sihavongs was Judy Aitken, founder of Adventist Southeast Asia Projects (ASAP), a supporting ministry of the

Adventist Church located in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Judy wanted Veuy and Lamphai to be with Adventist believers who spoke their language, and she was able to make arrangements for the Sihavongs to go to Sacramento, California, where I was a returning student missionary and planting churches among the Lao refugees there.

The Sihavongs' love for God and dedication to sharing Him with others was a tremendous blessing to the Lao church plant, and they loved the fellowship. Not wanting to be just consumers in America, in 1994, they heard of a factory in Nebraska that was hiring workers with limited English language skills and decided to make the move. Having never driven long distances, they found two friends to help them make the 1,000-mile trek halfway across America. Upon their arrival in Nebraska, the family of seven discovered the factory was no longer hiring. What to do now?

Veuy and Lamphai knew of a small Lao community in Holland, Michigan, so they decided to continue their journey and try to find work there with friends who they had known in the refugee camp. Since their drivers had returned home, Veuy and Lamphai prayed for God's protection as Lamphai ventured driving out onto a freeway for the first time.

They were able to caravan safely until somewhere, in the maze of Chicago's freeways, Lamphai lost sight of her husband's vehicle. Not knowing what to do and with no way to communicate, she exited the freeway and pulled into a gas station where she and the children prayed. A tall, kind-looking stranger walked toward them. Smiling, he said, "I think you are probably looking for your husband, Veuy."

Surprised that this stranger knew their plight and even her husband's name, Lamphai replied, "Yes!"

"Follow me, and I will lead you to him," the stranger said kindly.

They all quickly hopped back into the car and followed the stranger's car from one freeway to another. Before long, they spotted Veuy's car, and the stranger was gone.

There is no question in the mind of any member of the Sihavong family that an angel directed them that day in Chicago.

Upon arriving in Holland, the Sihavongs immediately found the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, and soon were able to find work in a factory owned by one of its members. Little by little, the group began to grow as they began to tell their Lao friends and co-workers about Jesus and invited them to church.

A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER PASTOR

In 2003, Saengthong "Saeng" Saengthip (whose name means "golden light, eternal light"), a young Lao convert

from Sacramento and a graduate of the Pastoral Ministry Degree program at Weimar Institute, began attending the Seminary at Andrews University. He spent his weekends in Holland, encouraging the fledgling flock of Lao believers. With a trained pastor, the group really began to grow.

Saeng and his wife, Mileicy (from Colombia), added so much to the group. Mileicy soon learned enough Lao to converse with the members, and she eagerly learned about Lao customs and foods. She helped them find new ways to prepare their foods vegetarian style.

Saeng, one of only two Lao pastors in the world with a Seventh-day Adventist Seminary education, began a media ministry called LAMP (Lao Adventist Mission Projects). He involved the young people in creating video Bible studies in the Lao language, designed to meet the needs and answer the questions of Lao Buddhists.

When the Sihavongs' daughter, Jackie, married Aek Tantrungrot, a Thai theology student attending Andrews University, he added his dedication and technical skills to Saeng's media ministry.

Soon Saeng and his team had a beautiful website up and running with a Lao Bible and more than 30 video Bible studies available online. (See <http://www.LaoChristian.org>.) Before long, they expanded to Lao cable TV across North America. The Holland Church saw the potential in Saeng's work and provided office space. The Sihavongs now receive phone calls from Lao people scattered across America, some of whom were members of the church in the refugee camp; they recognize Veuy and Lamphai in Saeng's Lao Bible study videos.

A MINISTRY CENTER

Longing to do more, the members began saving and praying for a building they could use as a ministry center. They had their eye on a pretty, little church tucked away in a secluded area near the Lao community, but God evidently had more in mind for them. As they watched the market and prayed for guidance, they discovered a larger facility for much less.

With generous help from the Holland Church, ASAP, and viewers of the programs on Lao Cable TV, together with the members' own sacrificial gifts, the Holland Lao congregation now has a ministry center that is nearly paid for. They continue to expand their ministry to the Lao people in Holland, across North America and around the world.

Walking through the facility after the purchase, the members were amazed to find that the previous owners

left it fully furnished and ready to use, complete with a sound system, lawn mower, commercial-grade dishes in the kitchen, and even materials to teach the children.

The group worshipped in this facility for the first time on Sabbath, April 20, and is planning revival meetings for the July 4 weekend, with the official opening service scheduled for Sabbath, July 6.

Truly God loves, protects and provides for refugees. He also promises to bless families and nations that take care of refugees, and curse nations and people who mistreat refugees. He views our treatment of refugees and others in need as a gauge of the authenticity of our love for Him. (See “Seven Bible Principles of the Care and Nurture of Refugees” at <http://www.refugeeministries.org>.) Please pray for the Lao church plant in Holland and for their ministry to unreached Lao Buddhists around the world.

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Author's Note: For additional information on the background of Southeast Asian refugees, see Judy Aitken's recent article, "Against All Odds: God's Word Germinates in Asian Refugee Camps," at <http://www.adventistworld.org/issue.php?issue=2013-1003&page=20>.



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Visit <http://herald.lakeunion.org>

REFUGEE AWARENESS SABBATH

Sabbath, June 15, has been designated by the North American Division as Refugee Awareness Sabbath. For information, resources and program ideas, ranging from a moment of silent prayer for refugees to a full program, including a sermon outline, activities and service and outreach ideas for all ages, see the Refugee Awareness Sabbath Resources on the Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries website: <http://www.refugeeministries.org>. (Don't miss the play depicting Joseph and Mary interviewing for refugee status in Egypt under today's immigration policies!)

RESOURCES

God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues. —*Review and Herald*, Oct. 29, 1914.

To reach every refugee in North America, each Seventh-day Adventist member in North America needs to reach three refugees with the love of Jesus. “Reach the World from Here” can help you know how. “Reach the World from Here” is a resource kit scheduled for release in August through a partnership between North American Division Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries and Adventist

Southeast Asia Projects.

Donations toward the Lao Ministry Center can be made through ASAP Ministries: P.O. Box 84, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; <http://www.asapministries.org>; 269-471-3026.

Reach the World from Here

BY AYE AYE

I was born and raised a Buddhist. Growing up, we were very poor. My mother had to take care of me and many of my siblings as my father was no longer around. I grew up fast since I had to help care for my siblings and babysit as a nanny to help my mother financially. I was taken to Thailand to work while still in my mid-teen years. I got married and came with my husband to the United States as refugees.

From my first month of pregnancy with my second child, I had a desire to know truth. My husband and his parents were pressuring me to convert to their religion. His mother had been hospitalized and we wanted to visit, but his father told him, "If Aye Aye has not converted to our religion, we do not want to see either of you, not even at our funerals!"

Two months before our second child was born, I prayed for the first time in my life. I asked God for three things: to reveal Himself (Truth) to me

so I could know who He is; to lead me to good friends who would help me grow spiritually; and to give me strength to overcome the trials and challenges I was facing in my marriage.

Two weeks prior to my first prayer, I was hospitalized because I was too weak. I refused to eat due to severe loss of appetite and could not sleep because of my troubled thoughts. My husband, whom I loved and trusted, had up and left me and the child in my womb. How could I eat? My agony was compounded by the negative remarks made by others about why I had chosen him in the first place. But soon after that first prayer, I was able to eat again. A peace washed over my mind, and I was able to sleep. I gained strength and was able to leave the hospital. I learned God was real.

Shortly after my prayer, a good friend, with whom I had not communicated in eight months, was hospitalized. Her brother called and asked me to call her as she needed some encouragement. I hesitated for a week because previously we had had some misunderstandings. Her brother persisted, and told me that it was not good to hold grudges between good friends.



Aye Aye (left) decides to follow Jesus with all her heart.

I finally called her with the intention of encouraging her. Instead, she was the one who encouraged me.

When she got out of the hospital, she invited me to her home, and we cooked vegetarian snacks together. My friend asked me if I would like to study the Bible. I told her I was very interested, but did not know how to read. She told me there was a nice young man, Samuel Ngala, a pastor who could tell me the Bible stories. "He's even vegetarian!" she added with a smile. When

I prayed and asked God to send me someone to teach me truth, I did not specify what church he or she should be from. When Sam came, I knew he was sent by God.

Then came a time when I had to choose between the father of my child and my Father in Heaven. I decided to choose my Father in Heaven and follow Him. God also gave me dreams to encourage me in my walk with Him. One night, I dreamed that I was traveling. Ahead of me was a bridge with a narrow, square door going into a cave; on the other side was a broad walkway. When I looked back, I saw the father of my child trailing far behind me. I chose to enter by the narrow, square door. At times, I even had to crawl until I reached a beautiful garden where I was warmly welcomed by a smiling lady. In March of this year, I was baptized. I have never regretted my decision, and have decided to follow God with all my heart.

Aye Aye is a member of the Burmese Group of the Southside Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. This story was relayed to Sam Ngala, a pastor and church planter who works with Adventist Refugee & Immigration Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, Adventist Southeast Asia Projects and the Indiana Conference.

CONEXIONES EXTRA

Hasta los confines de la tierra

POR DANIEL SCARONE

Pero recibiréis poder, cuando haya venido sobre vosotros el Espíritu Santo, y me seréis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria, y hasta lo último de la tierra. — Hechos 1:8

Disciplinado y testificación fueron dos legados otorgados a los primeros cristianos en el último mensaje del Señor Jesucristo. El libro de Hechos de los Apóstoles, el libro histórico de la iglesia cristiana primitiva, tiene una dinámica excepcional que en palabras describe casi fotográficamente la expansión espiritual y geográfica de la iglesia. Los especialistas en misión sostienen que posiblemente no haya habido otro momento histórico como el que registra Hechos.

Hasta el mismo final los discípulos del Señor no habían entendido bien cómo iba a ser el desenvolvimiento de la historia. Pero el protagonismo había cambiado sustancialmente, ahora en el marco solemne de la visión jurídica del Antiguo Testamento, iban a ser testigos, oculares, directos, incontrovertibles de la vida y el ministerio del Señor Jesús. Y como testigos habrían de responder con sus vidas de la verdad que proclamaban (ese es el sentido de *martus*, testigo). Ese legado comunicacional de Jesús era la esencia del Evangelio: Las buenas nuevas de salvación para todas las naciones.

El mapa de la expansión está incrustado en las palabras de Jesús. El itinerario sería: Jerusalén, toda Judea y Samaria y hasta los confines de la tierra. Cuando visualizamos todo el libro de Hechos vemos la labor discipular en Jerusalén (Hechos 1), en Judea (Hechos 8), en Samaria (Hechos 8: 4), entre los gentiles (Hechos 10) y el libro avanza hasta los confines de la tierra (Hechos 13-28).

El libro de Hechos luce como un documento de final abierto, como si fuera un documento inconcluso. No es así. Así quedó, pero no es este el sentido, más bien el documento espera que sus lectores retomen la antorcha. El libro registra un movimiento de crecimiento espiritual. Los discípulos



Daniel Scarone

aparecen al principio, como un puñado de judíos en un aposento alto. Termina con una iglesia con decenas de miles creciendo en fe y obras. Hechos revela que los primeros discípulos judíos vencieron (con la asistencia del Espíritu Santo) sus propios preconceptos nacionales y avanzaron en Samaria (territorio espurio para todo judío) y penetraron en el mundo gentil (los *goiim*). Y el mundo gentil de base helenística-pagana fue invadido por el mensaje cristiano. Hechos revela un crecimiento geográfico: fronteras, lugares, palacios e idiomas aparecen como obstáculos vencidos bajo la arrolladora misión de la iglesia primitiva.

La realidad es: nada detiene a la iglesia cuando evangeliza. Porque la evangelización es la única razón de ser (*raison d'être*) de la iglesia. Cuando la iglesia no evangeliza, enferma; se vuelve hacia sí misma. Se enclaustra en un narcisismo teológico, discute y duda de las razones de su existencia, de su teología y de su mensaje.

Sin embargo, cuando evangeliza: crece. Crece porque obedece el mandato del Señor. Y así dirigida por el Espíritu avanza hasta los confines de la tierra.

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Una reseña de 'En espíritu y en verdad'

POR ANDRÈS LIZARDO

Por ser una iglesia mundial con diversidad de culturas y preferencias, *En espíritu y en verdad* es un poderoso libro que viene a poner el punto sobre la (i) sobre un tema del cual, hasta ahora se ha escrito muy poco en español y que es la música y la adoración.

En espíritu y en verdad es un libro publicado por la casa editora Pacific Press y editado por Adriana Perera, profesora de música y adoración, composición y teoría de la música en la Universidad Oakwood, en Huntsville, Alabama. El libro está compuesto de 17 capítulos escritos por 13 profesionales que son expertos en el campo de la música, la teología, el ministerio pastoral, la medicina, la psicología y la historia de la iglesia. Estos autores hacen un excelente trabajo en proveer información sobre la música y la adoración en base a la historia, la Biblia, la tradición y práctica de la iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día.



- ¿Cuál es el estilo, el lugar o los instrumentos correctos para adorar a Dios?
- ¿Existen instrumentos satánicos?
- ¿Puedo encontrar en la Biblia la lista de instrumentos, estilos y géneros musicales que agradan a Dios?
- ¿Tienen efecto los mensajes subliminales en el comportamiento humano? ¿Qué dice la ciencia?
- ¿Estableció Jesús el principio de las emociones en la adoración?

También en este libro encontrará una definición para entender lo que es un “cántico de adoración”, “cánticos de alabanza”, cánticos de edificación”, “cánticos de motivación misionera” y

Lo que este libro hace con toda propiedad es ofrecer a cada pastor, director de música o persona interesada en el tema, material de referencia que lo ayudara a diseñar un programa de música adoración y que responda a las necesidades de su congregación, dentro de las opciones disponibles a una congregación adventista.

En este libro el lector encontrará respuestas a muchas preguntas, como por ejemplo:

- ¿Cuál es la música que el pueblo de Dios ha usado en su adoración a través de la historia?
- ¿Después de Cristo y los apóstoles, sufrió algunos cambios la adoración en su pueblo con la llegada de los padres de la iglesia?

“cánticos para una edificación especial”.

Este libro es un gran aporte para que podamos entender el papel que jugamos cada uno de nosotros en la adoración a Dios, en el contexto de la gran controversia y la predicación del evangelio a toda nación, tribu, lengua y pueblo. Si cada pastor, anciano, junta de la iglesia, ministerio de música de la iglesia local, grupos musicales, solistas, y cada miembro de la iglesia, lee este libro, creo que será de mucha bendición para la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día.

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Recorrido de la FEHJA 2012

POR ISAÍ HERNÁNDEZ

Una de las razones por las que la juventud abandona la iglesia es porque no encuentran actividades diseñadas para satisfacer sus necesidades, tanto físicas como espirituales. Necesitan esa conexión con otros jóvenes que compartan el mismo sentir al buscar a Dios. Con esta urgente necesidad los jóvenes de la asociación *Regional del Lago* deseaban tener una federación de jóvenes hispanos que los representara.

En Noviembre del 2011, se convocó a los líderes juveniles a un congreso en la iglesia de Albany Park. Fue allí donde se realizaron los primeros pasos para restablecer lo que ahora es la FEHJA (Federación Hispana de Jóvenes Adventistas). El hecho de no conocernos no impidió que pudiéramos trabajar juntos como federación. Recordamos lo dicho en el



Muchos de los jóvenes que repartieron bolsas de productos para el hogar también oraron con las familias que visitaron.

libro de Josué 1:9, “Mira que te mando que te esfuerces y seas valiente; no temas ni desmayes, porque Jehová tu Dios estará contigo en donde quiera que vayas”.

En el mes de Febrero del 2012, en la iglesia Maranatha se realizó la primera actividad, “Blue Jean Sabbath”. La actividad consistía en que los jóvenes saldrían en grupos y a diferentes áreas para repartir bolsas con productos indispensables para el hogar. Los jóvenes también llevaron consigo un mensaje de salvación. Muchos se encontraron con personas agradecidas, y oraron por ellos y sus familias. Otros compartieron con familia y amigos el acto de dar sin esperar recibir algo a cambio.

Así, las actividades comenzaron a tomar forma (durante el año 2012). Planeamos actividades físicas como fútbol (soccer), basquetbol, y voleibol. Sólo en el año 2012, se realizaron 4 torneos de fútbol, de los cuales dos fueron en Elgin, Illinois; uno en el campamento familiar y con la

federación de jóvenes de la asociación de Illinois.

Algunas actividades resultaron muy populares. Una de estas actividades que la juventud ha pedido que se repita es el torneo de voleibol en la playa. Ese fue un día de actividad física y convivencia en Montrose Beach en Chicago, Illinois. Muchos disfrutaron al conocer a otros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo de otras iglesias, mientras

otros tomaron un descanso al aire libre. Algunos se levantaron muy temprano para estar en un amanecer con Cristo cerca de la orilla de la playa. Ellos escucharon la palabra de Dios a través del Pastor Newlove. Más tarde se hizo el torneo de voleibol y muchos fueron a bañarse en la playa, tomar el sol y hacer figuras de arena.

En el año 2012 también tuvimos el privilegio de participar en el congreso de jóvenes de la Unión del Lago, “Conéctate”. La oradora principal fue Elizabeth Talbot. Muchos jóvenes fueron bendecidos por esta actividad y compartieron con jóvenes de otras iglesias.

Terminamos nuestras actividades del 2012 con una “Cena de Amistad” para los jóvenes que quisieran conocer a otros jóvenes con las mismas necesidades, sueños y deseos de servir al Señor.

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Noticias

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Indiana—Cuarenta y dos estudiantes se registraron para el nuevo programa de estudio del Instituto de Capacitación Teológica y Liderazgo de la Asociación de Indiana (ICTLAI). El enfoque de este año será el Ministerio de Familia. La primera cátedra fue dictada en el mes de enero por el pastor Luis Rivas, graduado de la Universidad de Montemorelos con una maestría en Ministerio de Familia. Su tema fue -"Fundamentos Teológicos de la Familia". Durante el mes de febrero el pastor Donald Rojas, estudiante doctoral de la Universidad Andrews, dictó el curso: "Matrimonio, Amor y Comunicación". Otros temas del currículo de ICTLAI que se discutirán en los próximos meses incluyen áreas como: trabajo y dinero, manejo de conflictos, retos familiares, y ciclo de la vida familiar, entre otros.

Indiana—Con mucho entusiasmo los jóvenes de la iglesia Central de Indianápolis de nuevo se lanzaron, por tercer año consecutivo, para conducir la campaña evangelística de semana santa del 23 al 30 de marzo. Desde Columbus, Ohio nos visitó el evangelista laico y cantante profesional, Joel Nieves, quien condujo la campaña en la iglesia Indianápolis Norte. También fueron dictadas campañas en las iglesias de Indianápolis Segunda, South Bend, Elkhart, Goshen, Fort Wayne, Anderson, Huntingburg y Evansville. Como resultado de estos esfuerzos, el sábado 30 de marzo, dieciséis preciosas almas rindieron sus vidas al Señor mediante el bautismo y más de 40 visitas respondieron al llamado para tomar estudios bíblicos. Agradecemos los esfuerzos de los pastores y los líderes de las iglesias locales que organizaron estas campañas, tanto como la contribución de todos los oradores invitados.

Illinois—La asociación de Illinois auspició en el mes de marzo un evento de entrenamiento y certificación en el área del ministerio infantil en Burr Ridge, Ill. Esta es una certificación que se ha realizado anualmente desde el 2007. Durante el evento los participantes aprendieron de manera interactiva al elegir una de tres clases, títeres, payasos o drama. Esta es la primera vez que se realiza esta clase de entrenamiento en estas áreas específicas.

La clase de drama se enfocó en cómo responde un niño a diferentes métodos de contar una historia, como cambio

de voz y cambio de escena. En la clase, de payasos los participantes aprendieron como hacer animales con globos, tanto como la diferencia de payasos cristianos y payasos seculares con vestimenta y pintado de cara. Finalmente en la clase de títeres, los participantes hicieron su propio títere con un molde especial. En las tres clases se demostró cómo se pueden ganar almas con estos métodos. El sábado por la tarde los maestros dieron una demostración de cómo usar sus nuevos talentos para Cristo.

Alrededor de 25 personas completaron el entrenamiento completo de 4 años. Este año hay más de 40 personas para graduar.

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



Los pastores Luis Rivas de la Iglesia Indianápolis Norte y el pastor Antonio Rosario de la Iglesia Central junto a los candidatos para bautismo



Estudiantes del Instituto de Capacitación Teológica y Liderazgo de la Asociación de Indiana (ICTLAI) en clase



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Expanding the Kingdom

PLANTING NEW CHURCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY TERRI SAELEE

Sabbath, April 20, marked the launch of a new Hmong church plant at Milwaukee Central Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Hmong members came from church plants in Madison, Wisconsin, and even St. Paul, Minnesota, a seven-hour drive, to attend the historic launch where Eugene Kitney, pastor, conveyed the church's warm welcome and Mike Edge, Wisconsin Conference president, gave a very inspiring message to the fledgling group of church planters.

The Hmong people are without a country and without a written history, a mountain tribe which has preserved its language and culture through its agrarian way of life, oral tradition of storytelling, and several forms of traditional Hmong music. There is a striking similarity between many Hmong traditions and the guidelines given to the Israelites in the Bible. However, without a written language, through the centuries these traditions are now understood in the context of animism and ancestral spirit worship. Nine million (three-fourths) of the 12 million Hmong people in the world live in China. The rest are scattered throughout northern Southeast Asia and, as a result of their support of democracy in Laos during the Secret War simultaneous with the Vietnam War, thousands were killed; thousands more fled to the safety of refugee camps in Thailand. These refugees since have been granted asylum in the West. God

has, in His providence, brought 300,000 Hmong right here to North America to learn the everlasting gospel of the Creator. (See *Evangelism*, p. 570.)

For a traditional Hmong animist to become a Christian is a very difficult, complicated matter. Due to the close-knit extended family system, which serves as a mini-governing system for the culture — preserving its values, and the strong sense of loyalty to family combined with their practice of ancestor worship, in which children offer sacrifices to their deceased parents and ancestors, parents discourage their children from becoming Christians for fear they will be left to starve in the spirit world after they die. The Hmong value loyalty, hard work, connectedness and hospitality. One of the worst things a Hmong family could do would be to exclude anyone — friend, acquaintance or stranger — from an event such as a wedding, funeral or



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family feast, or run out of food for such an event, which frequently lasts for days. Therefore, weddings and funerals can be very costly. The extended family pools its resources to cover these costs. When a person becomes a Christian, he or she steps outside this comprehensive family support system and frequently is seen as disloyal to one's own family and culture. Thus, becoming a Christian can be a very expensive decision, both financially and emotionally.

So when Nelda Womeck, a member of the Milwaukee Central Church, met a Hmong family in a park near her home a few years ago and began reaching out to them, the father was quite reluctant to let her get too close to his family. "Grandma Nelda," as she is now lovingly known, had just survived a life-threatening health problem, and felt convinced that God saved her life so she could reach out to this Hmong family. She put herself in the place of the parents and tried to figure out how they possibly could manage to buy school supplies for all the children with their low income.

As she shared the need with her church family, the members enthusiastically joined her in the vision of reaching out to the Vang family. They donated to help purchase school supplies for the family, and Grandma Nelda invited Ko Saelee, a pastor, and his family to join them in delivering the gift. This established a connection with Ko, Hmong coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference, who recently had come from California in response to a call to reach out to the large Hmong populations in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was able to speak to the family in their native language.

Grandma Nelda and her church family also raised funds for a couple of the girls in the family to attend summer camp at Camp Wakonda. It took a year or two for the father to agree to let them go but, when they did, they met Jesus and came back with a passion to share Him.

The Wisconsin Conference, alert to the need to reach the more than 10,000 Hmong in Milwaukee (Wisconsin's largest Hmong population), partnered with the Lake Union and Global Missions to bring a young Hmong couple from California to serve as local Bible workers to

nurture these interests. Linda Lee, a Hmong theology graduate from Pacific Union College, and her husband, Choua Lee, one of the few Hmong to have attended Adventist schools since the elementary level because he was sponsored by his church in Santa Maria, began to offer Bible studies for the Hmong. Grandma Nelda taught their mother English at the same time, so the father allowed the girls to attend.

Soon the girls began to invite cousins and friends, and the study group grew. Through a series of miracles, one of the girls was able to attend Wisconsin Academy. As the father saw the effects of Adventist education, he even agreed to allow her to be baptized. Others also are preparing for baptism.

More interests are popping up from within the Hmong community in Milwaukee. In order to meet the needs of whole families, it is crucial to be able to invite them to a worship service in their own language. Since most Hmong adults came as refugees with an average of 0-4 years education, they find it very difficult to understand spiritual concepts in the English language. The new church plant will fill this gap.

Several Hmong Adventist families moved to Milwaukee and formed a team to expand outreach to the Hmong community. Outreach plans include community gardens to begin this summer at the school, family life seminars for the community, follow-up for interests generated by Ko's conference-call evangelism and more. Now, with the launch of a regular worship service in the Hmong language, many Hmong who do not understand enough English to venture to attend a church service in English will now hear the message in their own language.

Please pray for the members of this new church plant as they seek to lead the large Hmong population in Milwaukee to a personal saving relationship with the One most Hmong only vaguely now know as the Owner of the Sky.

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IMC

At an April 13 award ceremony, Michigan Campus Compact recognized Andrews University students for their involvement in focused service activities on campus and in local communities.

Students awarded by Michigan Campus Compact

Fifteen Andrews University students received awards on April 13 from Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) at ceremonies held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. MCC represents a consortium of 40 Michigan public and private colleges and universities that encourages students to engage in focused service activities on campus and particularly in local communities.

Thirteen Andrews students received the "Heart and Soul" award. They were (back row, left to right): Kimberly Clark, Janna DeWind,

Katelyn Nieman, Stephanie Oliver and Olivia Knott; and (front row, left) Atniel Quetz. Not pictured are Rodney Allen, Kathlyn Bearce, Tacyana Behrmann, Brittany Felder, Laury Fouche, Daniel Morea and Amy Moreno. Two Andrews students received special recognition with the "Commitment to Service" award. They were Katelyn Ruiz (front row, center) and Charles "Carlos" Trimble (not pictured).

Award recipients were nominated by Andrews faculty and staff. The University's participation in the event was coordinated by Larry Ulery (front row, right), assistant professor of community service programming and director of service learning.

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Andrews Trails are a best-kept secret

One of Andrews University's best-kept secrets is the Andrews Trails — more than 11 miles of walking, running and single-track mountain biking trails that are quietly tucked away on the

northwest side of campus. There are two main access points: the Pathfinder Building lot or the parking lot along Campbell Drive, the road leading to Timber Ridge Manor. "The trail systems are a valuable asset for our students, employees and community," says Dale Hodges, director of the Office of Campus Safety. "They

are already heavily used by mountain bikers, walkers, hikers and even some University classes. The trails are routinely monitored, and we look forward to installing a permanent parking lot and trail signage to make the trails an even better recreational option on our campus."

Bruce Jones, a long-time community member, is one of several biking enthusiasts who routinely rides the Andrews Trails. He remembers the trails from his days as a young boy in Pathfinders, when he frequently explored the areas surrounding the Pathfinder Building. "But the trails really started to take shape in the 1990s. People began to take an interest and started to take care of the trails, too," Jones says. Many of the routine trail riders also are volunteers who regularly monitor the trails to ensure fallen limbs are cleared.

There is a 10-mile, single-track mountain bike trail and a two-mile loop ideal for runners. "It's a very challenging trail, not because of jumps but because there's a lot of elevation gain. It's aerobically challenging," says Jones.

Transportation and Campus Safety will work during the summer to install a permanent parking lot in place of the dirt parking area along the entrance to Timber Ridge Manor. The development of trail signage is underway which will include a map kiosk at the entrance and trail markers. There also will be points of interest markers for places such as the Andrews Observatory, the Bowl and the Corkscrew.

The trails are open to the public and are closed from dusk until dawn. A PDF trail map is available for download at: http://andrews.edu/life/rec/area_recreation/outdoor_recreation.html. For more information, visit the Andrews Trails Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-TrailsAndrews/267043633400712?fref=ts>, or contact the Office of Campus Safety at 269-471-3321.

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Kathryn Linker Sieberman

Kathryn Linker Sieberman: The heart of a hospital, the pillar of a community

People are what make life, be they children or older people or adolescents or young families. I just enjoy knowing people very, very much. It's my joy. — Kathryn Sieberman.

Kathryn Sieberman was the wife of one, the mother of two and the aunt of hundreds.

But her titles didn't end there. While she was called "Aunt Kate" by the more than 330 future physicians she mentored, Kathryn was also known as "Katy-did" because, as the saying goes, "If it gets done at Hinsdale Hospital, Kathryn probably did it." Kathryn was also the lady who brought patients fresh flowers and the executive who walked the hospital's halls late at night, picking up trash and making sure things were just right.

The heart of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Ill., for nearly half a century, Kathryn went to sleep in Jesus Christ on March 22, 2013, in Asheville, N.C.

After meeting the love of her life, Louis Sieberman, at a military base near Greensboro, N.C., Kathryn began her work-life as a teacher in Hendersonville, N.C., and later taught in a one-room Montana schoolhouse. Later, the couple moved to Illinois to be close to Louis' parents.

Kathryn first joined the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital in 1957 as a switchboard operator but soon was assigned the leadership position for the entire admitting office, becoming the "face" of the hospital to the community. In 1970, Kathryn became an assistant administrator, the equivalent of a vice president. While working full-time, she attended night school, graduating in 1973 from Northwestern University with a bachelor's of philosophy degree.

Kathryn was known for her ability to live her Christian faith by humbly accepting all walks of life and caring for the needs of all she encountered. In 1977, she became the first woman ordained as an elder in the Lake Union Conference.

She strongly believed that a hospital's capacity for healing comes not from its structure, but from the spirit of those who work inside it. Her influence was especially profound on the Hinsdale Family Practice Residency program, for which she was an effective advocate and the key to recruiting many young physicians to the program.

"She was one of the first people our physicians-in-training ever met," said Gary Lipinski, Adventist Midwest Health regional vice president and chief medical officer of the medical staff service. "She found them places to live, registered their children for school, and helped them become shining members of our community. She did this all during a time when there were very few female vice presidents in the healthcare world. She was a pioneer."

In her "retirement years," Kathryn returned to Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, welcoming each new patient with a flower bouquet. She said, "I give them (the patients) the opportunity to express their needs, concerns or questions, so I can make their stay better. I don't want to take the human touch out of healthcare."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was Kathryn's spiritual home, where she taught many classes and shared her unique gifts of spiritual discipline and positive, healthy Christian living. She was a member of the Hinsdale Church for 56 years.

There will be a special celebration of Kathryn's life at 3:00 p.m., July 20, at the

Hinsdale Church, located at 201 N. Oak St., Hinsdale, Ill.

Sheila Galloro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



David Sitler, pastor of the Glen Ellyn and West Central churches in Illinois, provided the keynote address for a community prayer breakfast on May 2.

Community breakfast highlights National Day of Prayer

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital was the lead sponsor for a community breakfast highlighting the 62nd annual National Day of Prayer on May 2.

David Sitler provided the event's keynote address. Sitler has been a Christian for 28 years and a pastor for 19, serving Seventh-day Adventist congregations in Texas, California and, for the past 11 years, in Illinois. He has worked in Elmhurst, Ill., and currently is working with the Glen Ellyn and West Central churches.

In December 2011, Sitler suffered severe burns while on a mission trip with his family in Nicaragua. In answer to the prayers of many, he has made a full recovery that still baffles the medical personnel who treated him.

Bruce C. Christian, chief executive officer of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, said the prayer breakfast is a natural outgrowth of the hospital's faith-based mission. "This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to foster unity and to encourage prayer by all faiths in America," Christian said.

Sheila Galloro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Andrews Academy takes an adventure with God

Michigan—The day after Christmas 2012, 22 students gathered in the Chicago O'Hare International Airport to embark on what would be the trip of a lifetime. Andrews Academy's SOW Safari group was taking its first-ever trip across the Atlantic Ocean to India. Many of the young people going on the trip never had been out of the country, let alone halfway around the world. For some, it was even the first time to be on an airplane. With bags packed, hugs from parents and lots of prayers, these high-school students embarked on their adventure with God.

For this year's mission trip, Andrews Academy students traveled to Falakata, in northeast India. Its close proximity to the Himalayas causes the weather to be slightly colder than the temperatures that one normally would expect to find in India. Many of the Andrews Academy students found this out the hard way as they shivered beneath thin blankets at night in a room with no heat.

During the 16-day mission trip (Dec. 26–Jan. 10), the students spent the daylight hours serving the Falakata community by building two Seventh-day Adventist churches in the area and playing with the local village children. While the majority of the students never had done any construction work at all, they joyfully put on their hardhats and went to work putting up walls, trying their hand at roofing, and figuring out how to work power tools. Both churches were built and dedicated prior to their departure, and they already are overflowing with SDA members!

After a long day's work on the job site, these young people conducted both an evangelistic series for the adults and a vacation Bible school for the children who came from nearby villages. As some students summoned up the courage to tell Bible stories for the first time



Andrews Academy students stand in front of one of two churches they built in Falakata, India. They traveled to India for the school's biennial SOW Safari to participate in service, outreach and witnessing.

to 200-plus children, others preached their first-ever sermon to a packed church.

Anna Rorabeck, a junior at Andrews Academy, fondly recalls her time in India: "I miss the children that smiled all the time. I miss hugging them and pretending to know what they were saying in Bengali. I miss eating piles of Indian food. I miss seeing churches being built in front of my eyes and being a part of building them. I miss seeing that beautiful, big, red sun every morning. I miss the crazy traffic that made me think I was going to die. I miss the animals that roamed the streets, especially the adorable puppies. I miss the miracles I witnessed. I miss India."

However, she did add, "I love being able to drink water from the tap. I love seeing my parents again. I love taking hot showers that are *not* from a bucket. I love my soft bed, which is more than a two-inch-thick mattress on plywood. I love eating all-American macaroni and cheese. I love my phone. I love home."

As illustrated by Rorabeck's personal thoughts, we clearly can see that we are caught in-between two worlds: the world of our comfort and a world filled with great need. There are so many

people who need to hear of God or just receive a helping hand. I encourage you to follow these young people's example and go! Take the adventure of a lifetime with God and, while you are doing it, remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40: *Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me* (KJV).

SOW Safari, Andrews Academy's biennial two-week mission trip, has been an important part of Andrews Academy's mission since 1986. The name, SOW Safari, speaks to the reason for these trips: **service** through construction of a church or school building, **outreach** through vacation Bible school, and **witness** through evangelistic efforts. To date, several hundred people have been baptized through the evangelistic component of these trips, including some of the students themselves! SOW Safari mission trips are coordinated and led by Sari Butler, the school counselor at Andrews Academy, in partnership with Maranatha Volunteers International.

Lindsey Holland, mission trip adult sponsor and a graduate student at Andrews University currently doing her school counseling internship at Andrews Academy

Warmth Drive benefits Benton Harbor neighbors

Michigan—As the frigid 2012 holiday season arrived, Andrews University student Jessica Constantine searched for a way she could give a unique kind of gift. Constantine, a student chaplain in the Office of Campus Ministries, already had found several ways to minister. She supported the Campus Ministries Mobile Office initiative, provided leadership for Andrews University vespers and participated in setting up prayer walls across campus. But the words of University chaplain Japhet De Oliveira, at the Campus Ministries Leadership Retreat, hung in her thoughts: “Let’s work to create space for miracles.” Constantine’s miracle turned out to be the Andrews University Warmth Drive.

One of the simple joys for Constantine is knitting scarfs, hats and any number of other warm, fuzzy “knitables.” She wondered if there were ways her hobby could be used to help people. As she dreamed with her team at Campus Ministries, someone brought up the needs of Benton Harbor Emergency Shelter Services (ESS).

ESS is a non-profit organization that provides temporary living space for impoverished women and children in addition to managing voucher programs and working to facilitate self-sufficiency. For many of the single mothers who come to the shelter, even the bare necessities are difficult to come by. The ESS staff does what they can to provide things like hygiene items, blankets and emergency clothing for patrons but, with minimal funding, sufficient supplies are not always available. Jeff Montero, ESS director and an Andrews University graduate, has worked hard to develop collaborative relationships with local businesses, churches and schools in order to better serve those whom ESS supports. Because Montero is passionate about getting youth involved in ESS’ mission, he was immediately on board with any idea to



Pictured are key supporters of the Andrews University Warmth Drive ministry (from left): Isaac Suh, a junior behavioral neuroscience major; Jonathan Momplaisir, a nutrition & wellness major; Evan Knott, current AUSA religious vice president and a communication major; Jessica Constantine, a student chaplain for Campus Ministries; José Bourget, chaplain for the Office of Campus Ministries; Jeff Montero, the director of the Emergency Shelter Services and an Andrews alum; and Matthew Master, a communication arts major.

increase awareness and involvement in the Andrews University community.

As soon as Constantine realized the need and her hobby was a match made in Heaven, she began to coordinate with campus departments, residence hall deans and a network of knitters to start collections across campus from Nov. 26–Dec. 7, 2012. People began to donate homemade treasures and, for those who wanted to be involved but didn’t know how to knit, she hosted the first-ever “Knit-a-Palooza” at Andrews University.

Constantine provided training, needles and yarn for anyone who wanted to come learn and share their work for the Warmth Drive. The “Knit-a-Palooza” was held in the Student Center, where couches were pulled together to create a cozy nook, complete with a hot drink station. Nearly 30 people milled in and out, receiving tips and tricks from Constantine. There were even a few people who had no idea how to knit when they arrived, but they had a wonderful, homemade gift to donate by the time they left.

According to Montero, the blankets and coats provided by the Warmth Drive were quickly put to good use. Families who did not have these items or the funds to provide them were immediately given access to the donations. In fact, the Andrews University community gave so plentifully that ESS case managers

were able to take the surplus donations to families in the community who were in need. The Warmth Drive resulted in 200 donated items, including gloves, hats, scarfs, coats, sweaters and blankets for children, women and men.

The success of the Warmth Drive was a pleasant surprise to Constantine, as she knew that the weeks leading up to Christmas break at the University are extremely busy for students and faculty alike. “I was very surprised when we found ourselves receiving phone calls from different departments letting us know that our [collection] boxes were overflowing!” says Constantine.

Constantine’s dreams and hard work not only served those at ESS, but provided the Andrews University campus with an opportunity to unite through service. “The Andrews University campus really came together to serve the needs of our neighbors in Benton Harbor,” says José Bourget, chaplain for Campus Ministries.

Constantine began her journey praying for a miracle. By the end of her experience, she found that even a simple idea can blossom into a miracle. “God takes our smallest efforts and blesses them beyond anything we might have originally imagined,” she said.

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[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

'Operation Blueprint' series with Ivor Myers offered

Michigan—The week of March 24–30 was an exciting time for members of the Michiana Fil-Am Church and Living Word Fellowship, both in Berrien Springs. This was the week the two churches joined forces to host Ivor Myers, pastor of Templeton Hills Church in California, in two concurrent week-long series of reaping meetings. Another very strong partner in this endeavor was Revive, a student-led club at Andrews University whose mission is to promote the spirit of revival and reformation through a return to the study of Scripture and writings in the Spirit of Prophecy.

The evening series, "Operation Blueprint: Earth's Final Movie," was held every night, Sunday through Sabbath. Despite the misleading title, this was not a movie — there was no mistaking that Myers was there in the flesh as he kept the attention of 200 or more people nightly with intriguing topics like "The War in Heaven," "The GPS," "The Search and Rescue Mission," "God's Blue Law," "The City of Fire," and "Jury Selection." The first five meetings took place in the Michiana Fil-Am Church. In anticipation of higher weekend attendance, the Friday evening and Sabbath meetings were held in the multipurpose auditorium of the new Andrews Discipleship Center, which is just across the parking lot.

Michiana Fil-Am member Kevin Pollitt, who ministers to residents of a nearby mobile home community, brought a young friend to the first evening meeting. "She liked what she heard and told her friends about it," Pollitt reported excitedly. "And some of them came with her on the following nights!"

The second series, "Escape from the Black Hole," took place at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



Ivor Myers preaches during the Sabbath morning service held in the Andrews Discipleship Center.



Ivor Myers preaches in the Michiana Fil-Am Church during one of the "Operation Blue Print" evening meetings, March 24–30.

and Friday of the same week on the Andrews University campus. The Badger Room in the University cafeteria was chosen as the venue, which allowed busy students to multitask by getting physical and spiritual food simultaneously. Each day the room was filled beyond its capacity of 64 as Myers shared how God called him out of the hip-hop music industry and explained how to avoid what he called "the black hole."

Fueled by the conviction that everything must be bathed in prayer, a faithful group committed to pray twice daily for 10 days leading up to these meetings. United prayer meetings were held on the telephone daily at 5:45 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. These half-hour prayer times were "attended" by members of Fil-Am and Revive as well as some faithful friends from Indiana. The praying continued throughout the

meetings — on the phone every morning and in a prayer room in the church during the meetings. One of those who gathered each morning and night to pray for Myers, the attendees and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was Fil-Am member Vicki Wiley. "We thought a couple hours in the prayer room might drag, but it went really fast," she says. "The whole experience was a real blessing."

By the end of the week, approximately 20 people had expressed a desire to be baptized. Many more pledged recommitment to Christ. Please join the pray-ers in asking God to keep drawing these precious people to Himself.

Kevin Wiley, head elder, Michiana Fil-Am Church

Lewis Church celebrates a birthday

Indiana—The Lewis Church family held a birthday celebration on Sept. 29, 2012, in honor of their church building's 19th year. The Lewis Church originated as a branch Sabbath school in 1960. The group first met in a store and then in a home, which they turned into a church. The company became an organized church in 1968. In 1970, the group of believers purchased a local church where they met until 1993. A new church was constructed on property donated by Don and Debbie Cottom. Only those who remember the old church truly can appreciate the convenience and comforts of their current church building. Patty Dyer mused, "Wow, 19 years with indoor toilets and running water!"

The Birthday Celebration began with Sabbath school and the morning sermon by Ernie Peckham, pastor, who said, "As we serve one another in love, the separate parts of the body grow into one, ... to accomplish the work that Jesus began, and that He has called us to complete. ... Happy Birthday, Church — you're growing up! ... Have you got stage-fright? If you have a speaking role, God will give you the words. Would you rather work behind the scenes...? God can use you, too."

After a potluck lunch, the birthday celebration service began with songs and prayer, followed by the pastor's welcome and a responsive reading, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" from Psalm 84. Then the many Spirit-filled ministries and activities of the church, in recent years, were revisited, for example:

Approximately 20 percent of the members have participated in mission trips, building churches in El Salvador, Panama, Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Ecuador and Peru.

Leone Copeland, a local church elder, praised the members' sacrificial spirit: "It's just amazing what we've been able to do!" Thousands have been



Senior members display the certificates of recognition (from left): Dale McKee, Modell McKee, Bertie Tyler, Herb Wrate; not pictured: Phyllis Wrate. They were honored at the birthday celebration, Sept. 29, 2012, for their wisdom and service to the Lewis Church.

donated to support ADRA's matching fund disaster-relief projects, as well as food and clean water projects.

The Christmas Community Hymn Sing is a newer tradition, which began just three years ago. Area pastors of other faiths and their congregations are invited to attend and participate in a Christmas season service at the Lewis Church. The program includes Scripture readings, poetry and a variety of music. The growing turnout and participation for this event displays the community's interest.

Health and life enrichment seminars — "Coping with Life," "Faith and Finance," and "Forks over Knives" along with two natural remedy classes — have been well received by the church and community.

Other highlights of the service included musical selections by the children and Mike Shinn, and recognition of senior members: Modell McKee, Dale McKee, Bertie Tyler, and Herb and Phyllis Wrate. Birthday cake and punch completed the special day.

Celebrating the birthday of their church building was enjoyable, but perhaps the bigger blessing was the reminder of their rich history of dedication to the Gospel Commission and

a growing spirit of love and generous service that reaches beyond the church walls to the community and world.

Karen Peckham, communications,
Lewis Church



Patty Dyer, Lewis Church member, displays the cake she made for the Lewis Church birthday celebration, Sept. 29, 2012.

[UNION NEWS]

ASI regional meetings brings double blessing

The Lake Union and Mid-America chapters of Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries combined forces March 22–23 for a joint spring conference at the Northside Church in St. Louis, Mo. With two union chapters and two keynote speakers, a double blessing was enjoyed by the more than 1,000 in attendance at the Sabbath morning meeting.

Chaplain Barry Black, 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and Mark Finley, well-known author and evangelist, alternated to share four stirring messages. The meetings were streamed live on Three Angels Broadcasting Network, allowing many more thousands to be blessed by tuning in online or via television.

Pat Humphrey, ASI representative for the Southwestern Union, who watched the event live from Texas, commented via text, "The program was awesome. We watched the Friday evening program and were so blessed that we decided to stay in to watch the Sabbath meetings as well. What a great idea for the two unions to combine for their meetings. This was on par with the National ASI Convention."

It is one thing to be blessed by watching an ASI meeting on television. It's what happens when the camera is turned off, however, that is most powerful. One must be there in person to experience it. The connections made, the ministries introduced, the stories of how God is working in lay members' lives, the fellowship and food — all these are vital aspects of the ASI experience.

"When I hear the reports of what ASI is doing around the world, when I talk to people who are not just happy, but joyful to be working for Christ, when I run into old friends and make new ones who share the same



Chaplain Barry Black, 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, speaks to a capacity audience during the joint Lake Union and Mid-America Union ASI spring chapter meetings held in St. Louis, Mo.

yearning to see Jesus, my heart is full. That's ASI!" said Barbara Weimer, ASI Lake Union chapter vice president for communications from Woodridge, Ill.

Cheryl Romrell, an active ASI member from Franktown, Colo., shared, "The whole weekend was spiritually uplifting and exhilarating. I'm so glad we came!"

On Sabbath, the Northside Church sanctuary was filled to capacity with cars parked alongside the highway for blocks. A church member who had stopped attending happened to drive by on Sabbath morning. When she saw the many cars and the 3ABN uplink trucks in the parking lot, she thought, *I'd better stop in to see what's happening!* She expressed to one of the event organizers that she now plans to return to church, and is thankful for the prompting of the Holy Spirit that caused her to drive by.

Jesse Johnson, ASI Mid-America Union chapter president, and Debbie Young, ASI Lake Union chapter president, both expressed appreciation to the Northside Church family for their hospitality, and for the extra effort that went into making the event a success. Numerous volunteers and ASI

personnel traveled many miles to assist and participate as well.

"We couldn't have done it on our own, and we give God the credit and the glory for such an amazing event," said Young.

Johnson added, "It was a huge team effort, and we are so thankful for our speakers, musicians, volunteers, the 3ABN team, and all the people who turned out and tuned in."

The messages presented by Black and Finley will be available to download or stream at <http://www.ASIidamerica.org> or www.ASIlakeunion.org.

Mark Bond, director of communication and family ministries and ASI representative, Rocky Mountain Conference



Mark Finley shares a stirring message with the ASI audience on Friday evening of the joint Lake Union and Mid-America Union spring chapter meetings.

Announcements

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

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Cruise with a Mission: Are you a young adult looking for a service opportunity close to home? If so, Cruise with a Mission, sponsored by the Center for Youth Evangelism, may be just the right opportunity for you! It's a mission trip, cruise and spiritual retreat all wrapped up in one meaningful adventure: a vacation with purpose! Cruise with a Mission offers an opportunity to release the tensions of life in the context of Christian community. Join other young adults as we explore Alaska in 2013. The ship sails from Seattle, Wash., **Sept. 15-22**. For additional information and to register online, visit <http://www.cye.org/cwm>.

Subscribe to the Forever Faithful International Camporee Newsletter. The Camporee Newsletter is the best way to stay up-to-date on details concerning the upcoming International Camporee, **Aug. 11-16, 2014**. Get exciting news and the information you need about the camporee by subscribing on our webpage: <http://www.cye.org/camporee/about>. We will post our archived newsletters on our website: <http://www.cye.org/camporee/newsletter>. You also can download and view newsletters you've missed. For more information, please contact Catrina LeSure at catrinalasure@yahoo.com.

Be a part of the International Pathfinder Camporee Orchestra. Do you play a musical instrument? Will you attend the International Pathfinder Camporee, **Aug. 11-16, 2014**? If so, the opportunity for you to audition for the Camporee Orchestra is here! The steps are simple. If you would like to audition, download the audition music from our website, practice and upload your audition videos. You must be a Pathfinder between the ages of 9-19 to audition.

The orchestra will perform for the Sabbath morning church service under the direction of Claudio Gonzalez, assistant professor of music, Andrews University. For more information about how to audition, requirements and rehearsal times, visit our webpage at <http://www.cye.org/camporee/what-to-expect/orchestra/> or contact Catrina LeSure at catrinalasure@yahoo.com.

Indiana

BIKE, offered **June 6-9**, is an annual road-biking event with full SAG support! Bring your multi-speed bike, a tent and sleeping bag, and we take care of the rest. For information, email youth@indysda.org or call the Indiana Conference Youth department at 317-844-6201.

Lake Union

Offerings

June 1 Local Church Budget

June 8 Multilingual Ministries/
Chaplaincy Ministries

June 15 Local Church Budget

June 22 Local Conference Advance

June 29 NAD Evangelism

13th Sabbath

June 29 East-Central Africa Division

Special Days

June 8 Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Michigan

Adelphian Academy Reunion will be held in Holly, Mich., **June 7-8**. The Fri. evening program will be held in the Holly Church, starting at 7:30 p.m. Sabbath morning Sabbath school and church service will be held in the old Adelphian Academy chapel, starting at 9:15 a.m. The afternoon service will be held in the Holly Church. For more information, contact Arlene Bliesath at 517-536-4312.

North American Division

The Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming will be **June 21-23**, honoring classes 1943, '48, '53, '58 and '63. Also invited are those who attended Madison College, Madison College Academy and the School of Anesthesia. We will have activities and meals beginning Fri. evening and continuing through Sun. morning at the Madison Academy campus. For more information, contact Henry Scoggins, president, at 865-919-7767, or Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, at 615-415-1925.

Lake Union Camp Meetings

ILLINOIS

Family Camp Meeting: July 24-27

Camp Akita, 1684 Knox Road 122 N, Gilson, IL; <http://www.illinoisadventist.org>; 630-856-2874

Campestre Hispano: May 24-26

Camp Wagner, 19088 Brownsville St., Cassopolis, MI; <http://www.illinoisadventist.org>; 630-856-2874

INDIANA

Indiana Conference Camp Meeting: June 9-15

Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19, Cicero, IN; <http://www.indysda.org>; 317-844-6201

Hispanic Fellowship Day: June 15

Cicero SDA Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero, IN; <http://www.indysda.org>; 317-856-5770

Campestre Hispano: Aug. 30-Sept. 2

Timber Ridge Camp, 1674 Timber Ridge Rd., Spencer, IN; <http://www.indysda.org>; 317-856-5770

LAKE REGION

Lake Region Conference Camp Meeting: June 14-22

Camp Wagner, 19088 Brownsville St., Cassopolis, MI; <http://www.lakeregionsda.org>; 773-846-2661, ext. 113

MICHIGAN

Campestre Hispano: May 24-26

Camp Au Sable, 2590 Camp Au Sable Dr., Grayling, MI; <http://www.misda.org>; 517-316-1562

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting: June 14-22

Great Lakes Adventist Academy, 7477 Academy Rd., Cedar Lake, MI; <http://www.misda.org>; 517-316-1512

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting: Aug. 1-3

Camp Sagola, 2885 SR-M69, Sagola, MI; <http://www.misda.org>; camp.sagola@gmail.com

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Camp Meeting: June 14-22

Camp Wakonda, W8368 County Road E, Oxford, WI; <http://wi.adventist.org>; 920-484-6555

Hispanic Camp Meeting: Aug. 14-18

Camp Wakonda, W8368 County Road E, Oxford, WI; <http://wi.adventist.org>; 414-446-5964

Hmong Camp Meeting: June 28-30

Eastside SDA Church, 1052 Minnehaha Ave. E, St. Paul, MN; pksaelee@gmail.com

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28	Jul 5	Jul 12
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:17	9:20	9:23	9:23	9:23	9:20
Chicago, Ill.	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:30	8:29	8:26
Detroit, Mich.	9:06	9:10	9:13	9:13	9:12	9:09
Indianapolis, Ind.	9:10	9:14	9:16	9:17	9:16	9:14
La Crosse, Wis.	8:44	8:48	8:50	8:51	8:50	8:47
Lansing, Mich.	9:14	9:17	9:20	9:20	9:19	9:16
Madison, Wis.	8:34	8:38	8:40	8:41	8:40	8:37
Springfield, Ill.	8:25	8:28	8:30	8:31	8:30	8:28

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Obituaries

COMBS, Ishmael T., age 98; born April 3, 1914, in Dwarf, Ky.; died March 4, 2013, in Hollywood, Fla. He was a member of the Anderson (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his son, James; daughter, Carolyn Grosswiler; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Don English, and interment was in Alexandria (Ind.) Cemetery.

DUNDER, George, age 85; born April 30, 1927, in Dugger, Ind.; died Nov. 6, 2012, in Cicero, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero Church.

Survivors include his wife, A. Virginia (Closser); sons, Terry, Neil and Roger; sisters, Shirley Secrest, Grace Casey and Emma Wallace; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ron Kelly, and interment was in Cicero Cemetery.

EDWARDS SR., Carmi E., age 81; born May 25, 1931, in Kittanning, Pa.; died March 15, 2013, in Vero Beach, Fla. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois R. (Newberry); son, Carmi Jr.; sisters, Marilyn Stepp, Elaine Shaffer and Gail Jordan; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Salazar, and interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

HUSTED, Ruth E., age 101; born April 5, 1911, in Holton, Mich.; died Jan. 4, 2013, in Dayton Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sister, Beverly Doll. Memorial services were conducted, and interment was in Holton's Oakwood Cemetery.

JORGENSEN, Inga (Kofoed), age 85; born June 14, 1927, in Bornholm, Denmark; died Feb. 4, 2013, in Dowagiac, Mich. She was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac.

Survivors include her husband, Svend; son, James; daughters, Eva Eagan, Anne Savinsky and Susan Fenwick; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Gene Hall, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Dowagiac.

KUHN, Kenneth F., age 88; born May 10, 1924, in Gleason, Wis.; died March 4, 2013, in Irma, Wis. He was a member of the Merrill (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Hutchison; sons, Delmar and Darrell; stepson, Timothy Hutchison; daughter, Linda Patterson; stepdaughters, Sarah (Hutchison) Popelka, Prudence (Hutchison) Buchholz and Ruth (Hutchison) Smith; sister, Emily Pankow; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rowell Puedivan, with private interment, Irma.

LEWIS, Dorothy Louise (Sterry), age 89; born July 28, 1923, in Muncie, Ind.; died March 2, 2013, in Noblesville, Ind. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry W. and W. Paul; one grandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Ron Kelly, and interment was in Arcadia (Ind.) Cemetery.

PIEKAREK, Rudolf, age 91; born Feb. 3, 1922, in Germany; died March 13, 2013, in Grand Blanc, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Dietmar, Ulrich and Gary; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by David Salazar and Bob Benson, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Holly.

ROCKWELL, George T., age 82; born June 26, 1930; died Nov. 17, 2012, in Weston, Wis. He was a member of the Merrill (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Roy, James, Larry and Henry; stepsons, Kenneth,

Harold and Roger Ruether; daughters, Verna and Linda Rockwell, Rachel Farley and Vivian Nasiatka; stepdaughters, Mary Brown, Kathy Schmerler, Linda Heinrich and Nancy Barcroft; half brother, Roger Rockwell; sister, Deloris Paddock; half sisters, Lilly Gutierrez, Bessie Kmiecik, Rose Neal and Minnie Bork; and many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and step-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rowell Puedivan, and interment was in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

SIEWERT, Eva L. (De Pas), age 88; born Oct. 13, 1924, in Wilson, Mich.; died Feb. 3, 2013, in Dowagiac, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Everett; son, Peter J.; daughter, Suzi O. Woods; brother, Laddie De Pas; sisters, Beatrice Soper and Lucy Zetko; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Bruce Hayward, and interment was in Wilson Church Cemetery.

SMITH, Reger C., age 86; born Oct. 19, 1926, in Conneaut, Ohio; died March 6, 2013, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine (Baker); daughters, Marjorie Bates and Susan Smith; brother, Rothacker; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dwight Nelson, David Rand and J. Alfred Johnson II, and his body was given to medical research.

SQUIRE, Carolyn D. (Young), age 86; born Nov. 24, 1926, in Rhinelander, Wis.; died March 11, 2013, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison East Church, Monona, Wis.

Survivors include her sons, Stanley, Rodney, Timothy and Roy; brothers, Allan and Clayton Young; sisters, Vivian Colvin and Cleo Short; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Titus Naftanaila, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monona.

TAWNEY, Leonard E., age 89; born Dec. 10, 1923, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died March 11, 2013, in Kingsport, Tenn. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Carol D. and Nancy E. Tawney; brother, Charles H.; and sister, Maxine Morgan.

Graveside services were conducted by Bob Stewart, and interment was in Grace-land Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

TEETER, Larry K., age 71; born Jan. 19, 1942, in Mishawaka, Ind.; died Feb. 15, 2013, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tootie (Smolka); sons, Jeffrey and Daniel; daughters, Laura Fuller, Jane Lemon and Penny Fuller; brothers, Tom, Richard and Mike; sisters, Dorothy Eller and Judy Snyder; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Ron Kelly and Aaron Clark, with private interment.

YOUNG, Allan, age 80; born Sept. 15, 1932, in Rhinelander, Wis.; died March 12, 2013, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Madison East Church, Monona, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Fuller); daughters, Donna Kullavanijaya and Brenda Paulsen; brother, Clayton; sisters, Vivian Colvin and Cleo Short; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Titus Naftanaila, and interment was in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery, Madison.

ZIRKLE, Joyce E. (Beatty), age 75; born June 9, 1937, in Los Angeles, Calif.; died Feb. 14, 2013, in Cicero, Ind. She was a member of the Cicero Church.

Survivors include her husband, Larry L.; sons, Stacy, Robert and Richard; daughters, Darla Riggio and Danita Johnson; sister, Louise Montgomery; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Ron Kelly, with private interment, Cicero.

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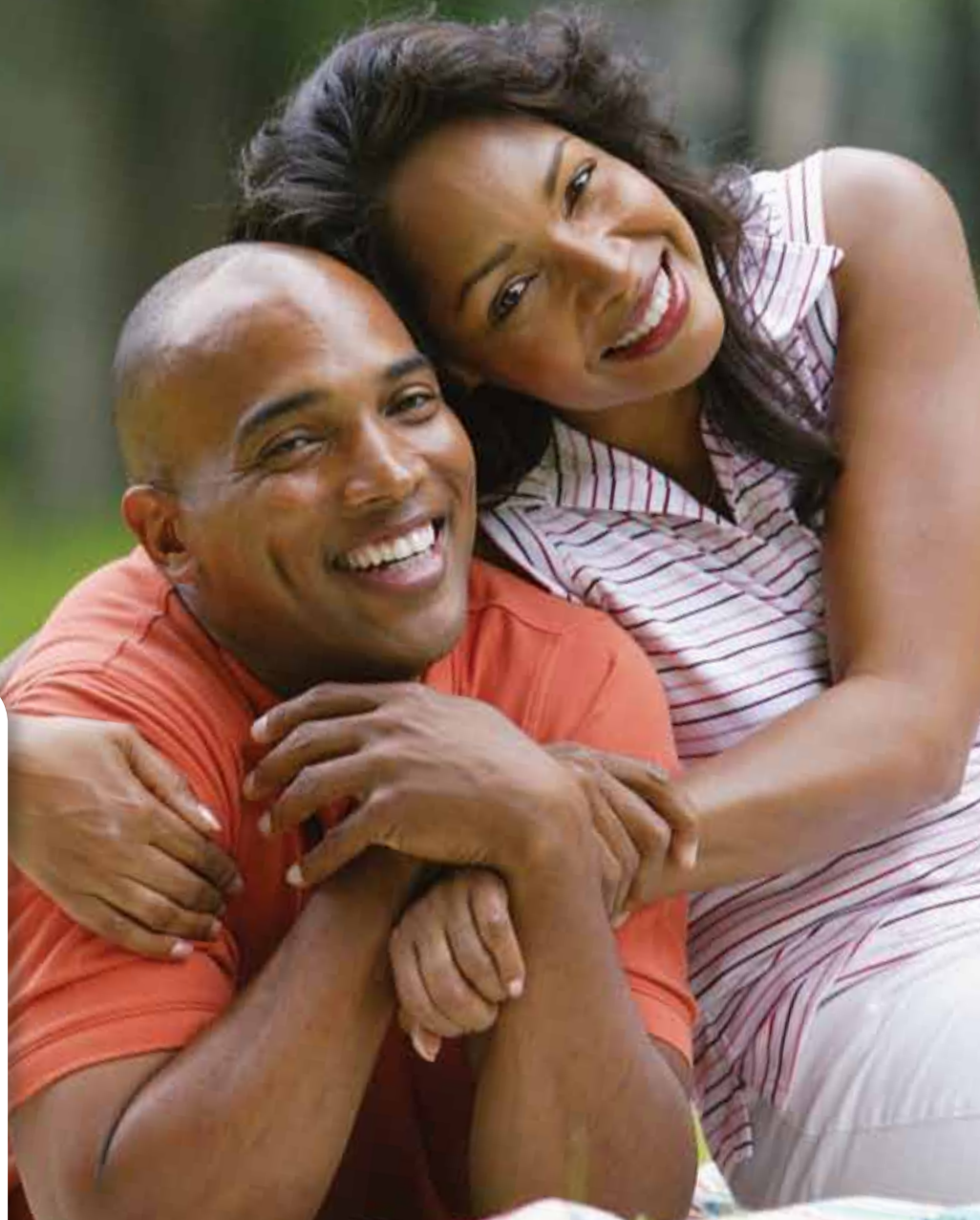
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Quid Pro Quo

BY GARY BURNS



I was returning from a prayer retreat at Timber Ridge Camp when I noticed, at the end of my exit ramp, a young woman braced against the freezing cold wearing a scarf, hat and snowsuit. She held a cardboard sign with the words, "I have three children and no job." My heart went out to her, but I was in the wrong lane — about 20 yards away with a number of cars between us. A regard for safety prevented me from trying to make my way to her, giving me a legitimate excuse not to respond to her desperate need. But something about just having spent a weekend in a praying community made it difficult for me to dismiss my responsibility. I couldn't get the image of that dedicated, freezing mommy out of my mind.

Six miles and three U-turns later, I repeated my path down the exit ramp — this time in the lane closest to her. I

looked in my wallet and pulled out a non-tax-deductible contribution. She pulled off her mittens to receive the folded bills with a smile and a "Thank-you." When she realized how much God had put it in my heart to give, tears welled up in her eyes, and mine.

We are counseled to give without any hint of *quid pro quo*; that means to give "this for that" — like only giving to get a tax deduction or a bag of homemade chocolate chip cookies. Yet, while we do give with disinterested benevolence — nothing in it for me, God says to prove Him, to see if He will not pour open the windows of Heaven. It's true. I received so much from that humble act of giving; I believe my blessing was greater than my relatively small contribution.

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Witnessing for Jesus

BY MELISSA ANN RUHUPATTY

What does it take for a mission to set sail? A small packet of GLOW tracts, a Chicago-bound ticket and a song in the heart.

March 20 saw ten daughters of Christ head to the big city with directions to have fun while witnessing and witness while having fun. We were only normal teenage girls, part of a Thursday night Girls' Bible Study held at the home of Micheal Goetz, Pioneer Memorial Church youth pastor, who felt that we could do something to step up and reach out.

To glow is to shine, to radiate, to exhibit an effect. After weeks of learning to cultivate the beatitudes of Christ through Ellen White's book, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, we felt that the pursuit of the character of Christ called for some kind of service as a public expression of our devotion to Him. And what better way to accomplish the mission of being a "city on a hilltop" (Matthew 5:13 NLT) than by radiating the effects of His love through our lives?

Our goal was to roam the Magnificent Mile and leave Chicago with an empty GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) packet in our pocket by spreading blessings all around. Through our Christ-filled words and actions, we found ways to reach out to people for Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each GLOW tract we handed out was a little booklet with interesting stories and ideas relating the secular world to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each could be a spark with which God could ignite a new mission.

One such spark came through the form of song. Gathered together, right under the famous Cloud Gate, we sang hymns boldly and joyfully, and we watched as people gathered around us, absorbed by the timeless truths set into rhyme and rhythm. Among the people we reached, in that one instant, was a security guard, a cluster of young college students and a pair of photographing tourists.



Melissa Ann Ruhupatty

And so our mission continued. We GLOWed the cash registers of Panera and Starbucks, discreetly placed GLOW tracts in the Lego and Apple stores, and stowed away more GLOW tracts in creative places in the American Girl, Forever 21 and Disney stores. Our journey down the Mile included GLOW tracts being handed out to random people on the street accompanied with a warm smile and a bouncy step. Homeless people, store clerks, a gay-rights' pamphleteer, even the train conductor on the way home were GLOWed. Whomever we were impressed to GLOW, we GLOWed.

Life-changing could not even begin to describe the effects of our mission. For us, the experience was exhilarating, bringing out spiritual talents and gifts for social connection and encouragement that we never realized we possessed, and igniting a passion to fully live our ministry. We had prayed fervently that through our efforts at least one person's life could be touched by our character and that through our good deeds God might be glorified (see Matthew 5:16). Who knows? One day we may learn for certain that a great harvest was reaped because of this small, simple act of ministry.

Ten daughters of Christ now stand as witnesses for Jesus, testimonies in our hearts and ready to GLOW further in a world that hardly knows Jesus. We did our part; God has the rest under control. All it takes to start a spiritual wildfire is a willingness to go and GLOW.

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Making a Difference in Majuro

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Ever since his first mission trip in 2008, Phil Giddings wanted to be a student missionary.



Phil Giddings (right) and his student, Kenny

"I really enjoyed the trip, and saw a lot of opportunities at Andrews [University] to be a student missionary," says Phil. "Everything I had as a reason not to go, God took away from me. Then the decision was easy."

The biology student at Andrews spent the 2011–2012 school year in Majuro of the Marshall Islands.

He taught eighth grade at an SDA school and formed friendships with the students and staff.

There was one person, in particular, with whom Phil felt compelled to share Jesus. It took Phil no time to realize that "Peter was a troublemaker," he laughs. The eighth-grader lied, cheated on assignments and got in trouble often. As the school year went on, however, Phil noticed a change in his behavior.

"The first thing we did every day in eighth grade was devotions and then Bible class," says Phil. "Throughout the year, Peter would really tune in during talks, stories and the Bible lessons I gave." Phil saw Peter's character change right before his eyes. The student showed a genuine interest in God and wanted to learn more about Him.

One day, Phil received enough money donations to buy a Bible for each student in his class. Peter was thrilled and began reading the Book in- and outside of school. Then, during a week of prayer, Peter decided to start Bible studies with Phil. He attended each session until his baptism at the end of the school year.

"I gave a little testimony for him, and he was baptized at the church," says Phil. "I was able to make a difference, and Peter's decision is the evidence of my work. I'm thankful for that opportunity, and I hope he is continuing along the right path."

Phil hopes to be a missionary again someday in the future. Until then, he is completing undergraduate studies at Andrews and spends his summers ministering to youth at Fun Learning About God (FLAG) Camp.

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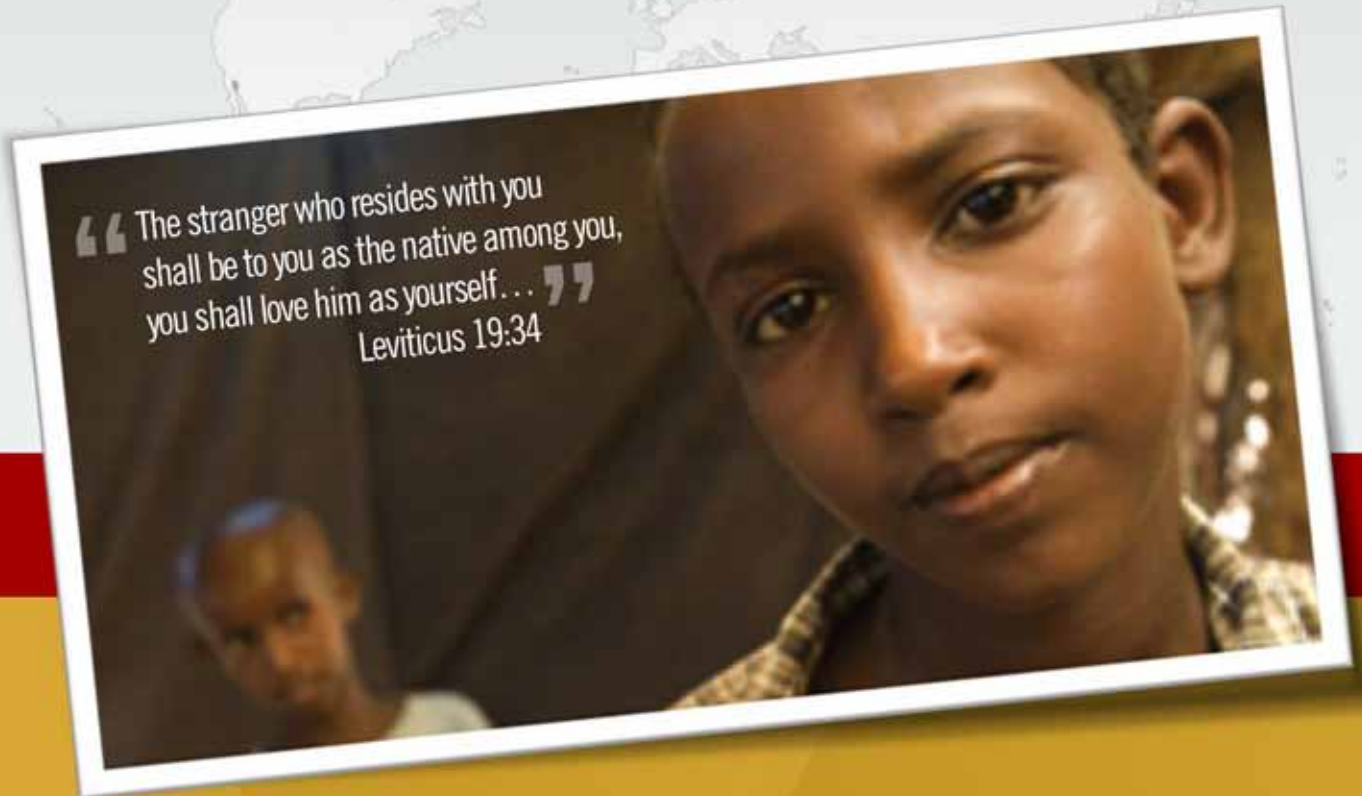
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