



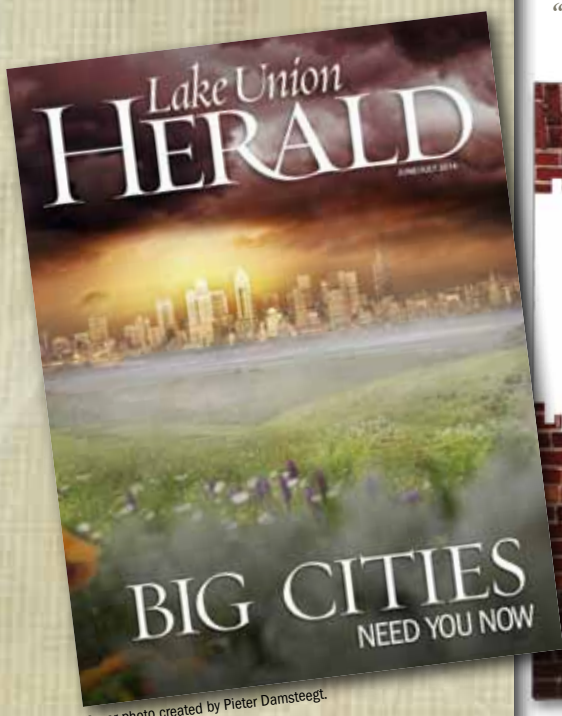
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In concert with the action and initiative by the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta to focus our attention on the large cities of the world, the five conferences in the Lake Union are giving special attention to the four large cities in our territory with initial emphasis directed to Indianapolis, where the Indiana and Lake Region conferences participated in an evangelistic series in association with the Voice of Prophecy ministry.

This edition of the *Herald* provides insights to the scope of the task and how God is leading in this initiative.

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Forgiveness and Restoration

One of the most painful, disappointing events of my ministry was the loss of a young pastor. He was smart, gifted, a good connector and dedicated. I saw him as one who would make an effective, long-term contribution to the mission of the Church.

It was a severe shock when he came to me with a divergent view regarding the covenants that was eroding his belief in the Adventist message. We provided opportunities where he was able to dialogue with godly pastors and theologians who were gifted in sharing this important, sound part of our message; yet, after some time, his opinions solidified away from our wonderful message. He left Adventist ministry and the Church, and moved away. I still look at that loss as one of the most disheartening times of my ministry, especially while in an administrative role.

Just last week, I witnessed a wonderful story of reclamation. Some years ago, a young university instructor, from another part of the country, came to the conclusion he no longer could support one of our Church's fundamental beliefs. While I don't have the details of what happened, ultimately, he was removed from his teaching responsibility.

Adventist education was originally established to prepare individuals for service in the message and mission of the Church. Parents spend much of their resources to send their children to our schools to deepen their walk with God and for engagement in the mission of the Church. That sacred trust must be guarded carefully. I believe it is important to give any teacher, pastor or worker an opportunity to work outside the Church if they are uncommitted to the Church for which they work and its message and mission. So, I believe it was appropriate for this young instructor to leave his post as a university professor.

What followed his departure was a good example of redemptive community. A small group of godly mentors and leaders expressed love, compassion, nurture and support for this young man. They gave guidance to his search for understanding and, over a period of years, his faith grew and weak grasp of a dimension of our message strengthened. He came to the conviction that his earlier thinking had been contrary to the whole teaching of Scripture, and was once again able to affirm our Adventist message.

His reclamation was not quick; it was linear. The process of dismantling and then rebuilding his beliefs was a slow, intentional process as was reestablishing the trust that must accompany those with sacred responsibilities. After years of careful reclaiming, he then was reinstated before his university board.

I believe most of us struggle with the issue of trust in the process of forgiveness. We can recognize a repentant attitude of one who has wronged us and extend forgiveness rather quickly. Extending trust, on the other hand, comes through a growth process. It is a transforming work that takes place within the individual as well as the community. Those who have done wrong and hurt others need to be willing to embrace that healing and growing process. Those who expect and even demand immediate trustworthiness are focused on themselves and endeavoring to control. This demonstrates a lack of the spirit of true repentance. The gift of repentance, and it is a gift, is by nature humble and lays down any expectations of power or position while clinging to the hope of reestablishing trustworthiness and loving relationships.

Those who have broken a sacred trust will realize that the greater the fall, the greater the responsibility; and the more influence, the more care should be exercised in moving through forgiveness to healing and rebuilding their trustworthiness.



A Living Witness

BY LENAY EDWARDS

Don't talk to me about your religion or God; I don't want to know what you believe. If you expect to continue to work here, you had better keep to yourself." These were the words with which I was greeted upon starting a new job of cleaning an elderly lady's house. I couldn't believe what I had just heard. I was in shock; my emotions were spinning. All I could think about was, *How can I not talk about my God? What kind of experience did this lady have to be so upset?* Then the thought came to me, *If I can't talk about God, I will live my life to show her who he is.*

After two weeks, she approached me, "There is something different about you." I didn't reply, just smiled, impressed that I should wait until God told me to speak to her. More weeks went by, then months. I anxiously awaited the time when I could talk to her about God. I knew that if God had placed me here, he had a plan for her and for me. I wanted to say something, but knew if I did, emotional walls would be built and I didn't want that. God had placed me in this mission field, and I had to work alongside her until she felt comfortable around me.

I prayed for her daily as I worked. I knew she must have had a terrible experience with people of other religions. It was confirmed one day as she told me what had happened. I talked with her but never shared my beliefs, until the day came when she asked me, "What religion are you? I never hear you talk about it."

"I'm a Seventh-day Adventist," I told her, and continued working.

She was curious. "What do you believe?"

Before answering her question, I asked God to give me the right words, then shared what I believed as I



Lenay Edwards

continued to work. I saw the emotional walls begin to break down as the weeks went by. There were a few times when God provided a blessing for me, and I shared my blessing story with her. I could see clearly that she had no relationship with God. I wanted to see her in Heaven someday. So, as the days went by, I prayed God would allow something to happen so I could speak something more to her about Jesus.

On the second Easter after I began working for her, she asked me, "Who is this Jesus that everyone is talking about?" My heart leaped within me. So, for the first time, I sat down and told her about Jesus — the Jesus who loved her and came down from Heaven to show us who God really was. She then proceeded to tell me that she was going to Hell. I allowed her to talk more. I told her that she could choose where she wanted to go and that I was going to be in Heaven, and I wanted to see her there. She told me she didn't want to go to Heaven because all she would be doing was playing harps, sitting on a cloud. She had a family Bible that was sitting out of reach on her bookcase, so I brought it down and shared with her from the Bible what Heaven would be like. I told her that



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there was a devil who lied about Heaven and didn't want her there. She quietly listened. Then I closed the Bible and started working again.

She ended up in the hospital, and I visited her there. Early one morning, I dreamed I was going to talk to her more about Heaven. I was so excited. Upon waking, the impression grew stronger. I rushed to the hospital as soon as it opened for visitors. When I arrived, she was glad to see me. As the minutes ticked by, I anxiously prayed, "Lord, is it time yet, and what will I say to her?"

"Wait," came the reply.

It was 45 minutes later, after the nurse had been in to see her, that the impression came, "Now is the time; tell her now."

God spoke through me, because the words that came out of my mouth were not words I normally would say, and they flowed so easily. "Your condition is not stable, and I want to make sure you are in Heaven with me." Tears ran down my face, and I could tell she was about to cry, too. She continued to listen. I told her how much God loved her and gave Jesus to die for her sins. It didn't matter what she did in life, if she was truly sorry, all the bad things she had ever done would be forgiven. I told her how she could ask God for forgiveness and that she could have the assurance of being in Heaven. I reminded her of what Heaven looked like and how much fun we would have up there together, and then I had to leave.

When she was released, she took a stroll outside her home while I worked. I prayed that God would speak to

her in her garden. I specifically asked God, "Tell her that you made those flowers for her to enjoy. Allow her to smell the flowers, and speak to her about how much you love her."

When she came in the house, she immediately said to me, "I don't know how God does it." I asked her to explain what she meant. She continued, "How he made those flowers grow and smell so beautifully, and he made them just for me. He must love me a lot." It was then I realized the real power of prayer. I knew that if I couldn't speak to her freely about God, then I could ask God to do it without her even knowing it. So that is how I began to pray.

As the days went by, I had more opportunities to share with her about Jesus' love for her. Then something catastrophic happened in my life that I shared with her. She told me she would talk to the "man upstairs" on my behalf. She proceeded to tell me how she had been talking to him lately.

God places each one of us in neighborhoods, jobs, driving down the road, shopping at a grocery store, or wherever you may be. It is not just in our words, but also our actions that communicate the love of Jesus. We are all missionaries with a message to share God's love for all people. Where has God called you to be a missionary? Where has he called you to live? Where has he called you to work? Wherever you may be, he will equip you with the power you need to be a living witness of the love of Jesus.

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What You Might Not Know About Dyslexia

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

In plain English, having dyslexia means a person has difficulty remembering and determining visual shapes. For those who know a bit about dyslexia, most know it causes a disconnect in the ability to perceive and discriminate letters and words. But there's more to it than that.

Affecting more males than females, these challenges often show up in the early school years. It is important to know that dyslexia does not affect general intelligence.

It's also important to know that dyslexia is about more than early reading or writing challenges. Some children show few signs of early reading and writing difficulties, but later on they may have trouble with complex language skills such as grammar, reading comprehension and more in-depth writing. They may omit letters, words or even add new ones. This can be due to the brain failing to acknowledge that the word others see is even there!

As noted above, dyslexia affects language, reading and writing, but it also affects a child's emotional and behavioral reactions to life:

From ages 5–8, other symptoms include difficulty in rhyming words, repeating what has been said, learning to speak and staying focused. Children begin exhibiting poor self-confidence, poor social skills (which includes making and keeping friends), are easily frustrated and exhibit a quick temper.

From ages 9–13, additional symptoms include difficulty speaking smoothly and understanding directions, including the rules of grammar and vocabulary. They don't enjoy reading, and have difficulty learning and remembering new words. Remembering numbers, word math problems and understanding spelling rules hold special challenges.



They don't do as well on tests as expected. They have a hard time maintaining a positive attitude, assuming a good sense of direction, learning new games and other new skills.

By ages 14–18, along with the above symptoms, they may have difficulty getting to a point quickly, fully developing ideas, and being logical and organized. They struggle with identifying their own social strengths and weaknesses, dealing with being teased, making and keeping friends, identifying what others are feeling, and dealing with unexpected challenges.

Children who struggle with dyslexia but have not been diagnosed don't receive the additional support they need academically. Depending on their personality, these children may have to work very hard to memorize and organize information classmates and others their age find easy ... and they don't know why.

If there is a child in your life who exhibits these types of issues and you have questioned why, dyslexia may be at the root of their challenges. The earlier a child receives support in these areas and their school can compensate for their needs, all will benefit.

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Suggested Resources: <http://www.dyslexiaexplained.com>, <http://www.offalydyslexiagroup.org> and <http://www.LearningAlly.org>

Anticipation can shape your body's response.

Healing Power of the Mind

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

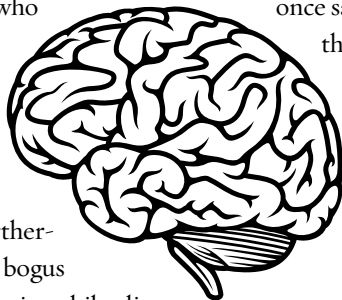
Expectations really do matter.

Placebos can have a powerful impact upon healing. It is estimated that 30–40 percent of subjects have a beneficial response to placebos (inert controls). Patients who experience pain, headaches or depression, or who have irritable bowel syndrome or allergic skin reactions, have been treated with starch pills, vitamin capsules or other placebos, and end up feeling better and experiencing fewer symptoms. Patients with Parkinson's disease produce more dopamine and have better motor function after they are given a saline injection that they are told will relieve their symptoms.

Anticipation can shape one's response. When a British research group tested a chemotherapy drug for stomach cancer, they found that one-third of recipients receiving an inert pill lost their hair, and one-fifth developed nausea and vomiting. In addition, surgeons at Baylor College of Medicine in Texas gave 180 patients with osteoarthritic knees either arthroscopic surgery or just a simple incision. Two years later, those receiving sham surgery (also called placebo surgery) felt as much or more pain relief than those who had their knee joint cleaned. Both groups reported similar improvement in joint function.

Researchers found they could open the airways of asthmatics by telling them they were inhaling a bronchodilator. Furthermore, it has been shown that injections of bogus painkillers can activate endorphins in the brain, while clinically depressed patients taking a placebo experienced brain activity in the same part of brain as those taking antidepressants. What does all this mean?

Signals from the brain can control bodily functions and profoundly influence our physiology. Sanjay Gupta, in his book *Chasing Life*, explains that there are ten times more nerves carrying information from the brain than there are sensory nerves feeding data into the brain. The brain processes the sensory information. If the mind is convinced, perhaps the senses can be ignored. The power of a placebo could be explained by this top-down processing by the brain.



What we experience is influenced by our expectations, and these expectations are important in the healing process since they can trigger neurochemical pathways that result in measurable physiological changes. An expensive medicine tends to be more effective than an inexpensive one. We know that color, shape and size of medication and the newness of a therapy all influence the response of patients. William Osler, frequently referred to as the “father of modern medicine,” once said, “We should use new remedies quickly, while they are still efficacious.”

How important it is that we prayerfully anticipate God's protective care and guidance in our daily lives and live expectantly with the knowledge of his leading.

Harvard researchers have shown that placebos can even work when patients know they are getting them. Patients do respond positively to attentive care shown to them by health practitioners. This interaction also can be considered a treatment, a form of medication.

The brain is capable of making the body feel better. The relationship between “the mind and the body is very intimate.” The mind can energize the whole body and is “one of the most effective agencies for combating disease” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 241).

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever he goes

Our Brother's Keeper

BY THE EDITORS

On November 20, 1855, while in prayer, Ellen White received a vision that addressed a number of issues in the fledgling company of Advent believers. She later recounted her experience. —The editors

“I saw that the Spirit of the Lord has been dying away from the church. The servants of the Lord have trusted too much to the strength of argument, and have not had that firm reliance upon God that they should have. I saw that the mere argument of the truth will not move souls to take a stand with the remnant, for the truth is unpopular. The servants of God must have the truth in the soul. Said the angel ‘They must get it warm from glory, carry it in their bosoms, and pour it out in the warmth and earnestness of the soul to those that hear.’ A few that are conscientious are ready to decide from the weight of evidence, but it is impossible to move many with a mere theory. There must be a power to attend the truth; a living testimony to move them.

“I saw that the enemy was busy to destroy souls. Exaltation has come into the ranks, and there must be more humility. There is too much of an independence of spirit indulged in among the messengers. It must be laid aside, and there must be a drawing together of the servants of God. There had been too much a spirit like this, ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ Said the angel, ‘Yea, *thou art* thy brother’s keeper. Ye must have a watchful care for thy brother; be interested for his welfare, and cherish a kind, loving spirit toward him. Press together; press together.’ God designed man should be open-hearted, and honest, without affectation, humble, meek, with simplicity. This is the principle of Heaven. God ordered it so. But poor, frail man has sought out something different — to follow his own way, and carefully attend to his own self-interest.

“I asked the angel why simplicity had been shut out from the church, and pride and exaltation come in. I saw that this is the reason why we have almost been delivered into the hand of the enemy. Said the angel, ‘Look ye, and ye shall see that this feeling prevails, Am I my brother’s keeper?’ Again said the angel, ‘Thou art thy brother’s keeper. Thy

profession, thy faith, requires thee to deny thyself and sacrifice to God, or thou wilt be unworthy of eternal life, for it was purchased for thee dearly, even by the agony, the sufferings, and blood of the beloved Son of God,” (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 113–114).

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:

- Contrast having the mere argument of the truth with getting the truth warm from glory. What does that mean?
- What is the context of the angel’s words, “press together; press together?” With whom are we to press together?
- How does an independence of spirit destroy souls, and what does it have to do with Genesis 4:9: *Am I my brother’s keeper?*
- What is “the principle of Heaven,” and how can it replace our contemporary epidemic of narcissism?

The Lake Union Herald editors

Is that Really You, God?

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

The biggest problem in hearing God's voice is knowing for sure it is really *his* voice that we hear. Is it possible, we may ask, that what I think I hear is really self-talk? Could it be just my imagination? Are there other voices that attempt to masquerade as his voice? Jesus says, *Listen to [the shepherd's] voice ... his sheep follow him because they know his voice ... they will never follow a stranger ... because they do not recognize his voice* (John 10:2–5 NIV).

Jesus is the Shepherd. As we come to know *his* name, *his* thoughts, *his* ways and *his* will, we also will come to know his voice.

If I am uncertain, then I need to ask God to silence the voice of the devil, to squelch the voice of the world, and to tune out the voice of sinful flesh. That's a prayer God always answers. He is eager to protect us from the lies and deceptions of other voices. He clears the channels of our hearts so we hear only his voice.

It also is important to test what you think God may be saying. Ask yourself, "Is this the kind of thing God would say? Does it fit with his Word? Do godly counselors confirm that it is probably a word from the Lord?" If doubt remains, ask God to further confirm his word to you and give you assurance it is really he who is speaking. He wants us to hear his voice and be sure of it.

In all of this, it's important to remember that the main reason God speaks to us is not simply to guide us. Guidance is only a part of a life lived in loving fellowship with God. Listening is mostly about love — his love for us and our love for him. God, above all, wants you to "hear" his heartbeat, a heart that beats with love.

Something to Think About

- When have you heard the voice of the Shepherd? What do you remember about what you heard?

- When have the other voices — the devil, the world or the sinful nature — tried to get your attention? What did you do with them? Why?

Something to Pray About

- *Praise* the Good Shepherd for his good shepherding.
- *Thank* him for guiding you, protecting you, and keeping you from harm.
- If you have listened to the other voices and followed their leadings, *confess* that to your Shepherd and ask his forgiveness.
- Ask your Shepherd to help you hear his voice, to follow his lead, and to spurn those who would lead in wrong ways.

Something to Act On

Read and meditate on Psalm 23. Thank the Shepherd for everything he does for you as mentioned in the psalm. Try to translate the metaphors of the ancient shepherding world into current situations in your life.

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When Angels Acquire Radios

BY GEORGE CORLISS

“I can’t give a bunch of details now,” said Cory Herthel, pastor of the Midland and Mount Pleasant churches in Michigan, “but we have a gentleman coming to the Midland Church because his car radio ‘malfunctioned.’ His radio tuned itself to WBHL 90.7 FM, and he couldn’t change it back!”

This man was driving his vehicle to a job that required him to be on the road a couple hours each day. The radio set itself to a particular station, and would not play anything else. When the driver attempted to change the station by pressing other buttons, it didn’t change.

“He’s been listening close to a month now, and has been in regular attendance for the past three weeks at our worship service. He is already engaged in active Bible study with our interest coordinator. Isn’t God amazing?” exclaimed Cory.

God is indeed amazing! On December 23, 2013, we began the fifth year of broadcasting the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14 on the Strong Tower Radio Network in Cadillac, Michigan. It is amazing what God continues to do through much prayer and a willingness to bring honor and glory to him.

Beginning our broadcast in December 2009, on 2,000-watt WGCP 91.9 FM in Cadillac, God added 50,000-watt WIHC 97.9 FM in Newberry, and 10,000-watt WBHL 90.7 FM in Harrison in 2012, and 100,000-watt WUPJ 90.9 FM in Escanaba and TV-23 in Cadillac in 2013.

The year 2013 also featured Bible studies, distributed materials, listeners attending church, story after story of miracles happening in people’s lives that led to a record number of baptisms. One church member was standing in line at the convenience store near the Estey Church when he casually overheard a conversation about Strong Tower Radio and Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). He started a conversation, asking the shopper if he would be interested in studying the



Jilane Fenner and George Corliss invite you to join them every Monday at 10:00 a.m. for Strong Tower Radio Today.

Bible. With an incredulous look, the man responded, “I’m not studying the Bible with anybody except Seventh-day Adventists!”

Darryl Bentley, pastor of the Edenville, Estey and Gladwin churches, explains, “It’s because as he’s listened to Strong Tower, listened to what’s broadcast through 3ABN, he has discovered that we as Seventh-day Adventists are not trying to hold up our own version of truth; we are trying to uplift the Word of God. The Word of God has

to be made paramount. Again, that old Protestant mantra, *Sola Scriptura* — we as Seventh-day Adventists embrace that.”

God is opening doors for more Adventist radio stations throughout Michigan. One special example was when the Strong Tower Radio Network was presented with an opportunity to purchase the 50,000-watt WAVC 93.9 FM in Mio. With \$57,000 already raised and \$93,000 to go, this station would effectively help reach much of the central and northeastern part of the lower peninsula. That would increase our effective reach to more than 2.5 million people throughout Michigan and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. God is so amazing!

Be part of the movement to continue acquiring and erecting radio stations for Jesus Christ. Get your own church radio ministry and/or take advantage of this opportunity to partner with Strong Tower Radio. For more information about the prospect in Mio, contact 877-278-5512, visit <http://www.strongtowerradio.org>, or email george@strongtowerradio.org.

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La necesidad de evangelizar las ciudades

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Vi a Uno que estaba en pie con los brazos extendidos en una plataforma elevada. Se volvió y señaló en todas direcciones diciendo: “Hay un mundo que perece en la ignorancia de la santa ley de Dios y los adventistas del séptimo día están durmiendo. El Señor pide más obreros, porque hay una gran obra que debe realizarse. Deben efectuarse conversiones que añadirán a la iglesia a los que serán salvos. Hay que llegar hasta los hombres y las mujeres que viven a lo largo de las rutas principales y de los caminos menos transitados...” — Evangelismo, p. 28

En el mes de marzo de este año se comenzó una gran campaña evangelística en la ciudad de Indianapolis, estado de Indiana, auspiciada por la División Norteamericana, la Unión del Lago, la Asociación de Indiana y la Asociación Regional del Lago. El orador de la campaña fue Shawn Boonstra, Director del programa de radio *The Voice of Prophecy*. Fue impactante para mí saber que los pastores de las iglesias en esa ciudad habían dedicado dos años de preparación para ese evento, ofreciendo programas de salud y enviando miles de tarjetas de inscripción para recibir estudios bíblicos. Desde el momento que comenzó la campaña fue notable ver que más de mil personas asistieron a las reuniones cada noche, que se ofrecieron ¡cinco días por semana durante seis semanas! En el momento que escribo este artículo entiendo que muchos se han bautizado y que hay un buen número de personas interesadas que ya asisten a las iglesias.

Al meditar en lo ocurrido en Indianapolis siento la fuerte convicción de que la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día tiene la gran responsabilidad de predicar el mensaje de los tres ángeles en un mundo donde existe gran confusión y temor. Causa tristeza escuchar las noticias de la actualidad que hablan del aumento de la violencia, los accidentes, los desastres naturales y las enfermedades nuevas que no tienen cura, y a la vez oír pocas palabras de esperanza. Hay personas que se sienten angustiadas y desesperadas debido a esta situación y creen que la respuesta es el suicidio. Y ha habido un gran aumento de suicidios; un suicidio cada trece minutos, y aún peor, hay intentos de suicidios cada sesenta segundos.

Al ver los rostros felices de las personas que entraban y salían de las reuniones del pastor Boonstra comprendí que



Un gran número de personas asiste a una de las reuniones de la campaña evangelística en Indianapolis conducida por The Voice of Prophecy.

nuestro mensaje es uno que sí ofrece esperanza en un mundo lleno de oscuridad. Es por esto que tenemos que seguir compartiendo nuestro bendito mensaje.

Gracias a Dios, los planes de evangelismo en la ciudad de Indianapolis no concluyeron con esta campaña sino que siguen adelante. En este momento se están haciendo los preparativos para una campaña

evangelística para los hispanos que viven allí. Comenzará el 12 de octubre de este año y será dirigida por Omar Grieve, director del programa La Voz de la Esperanza. Habrá, además, más campañas en otras ciudades en los próximos meses. Los invito a orar por los planes evangelísticos que se llevarán a cabo para que muchas más personas puedan entregar sus vidas a Cristo y así encontrar alivio y paz.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.



TELLING GOD'S STORIES

New Beginnings

BY TOM SCHRAM

What a difference God can make in your life when you turn it over to him! If I had only realized that sooner, my life would have been very different. Ever said that to yourself, “If only...?”

As a child, I was raised in another faith group; I attended the church and the school associated with it. As I grew older, I began to question what was being taught — or maybe it was what was *not* being taught. I had many unanswered questions. I went to the elders, the priests and others with my questions. One particular question was “How do you know when you are saved?” I received so many different answers that it was confusing, and I felt more lost than ever. I never did find the answer that rang with truth.

Still, I faithfully attended church until the age of 30. But without a solid faith foundation, my life started going in the wrong direction. I ended up in the prison system because of a horrible mistake I made when I was a registered nurse. I even dug that hole deeper by trying to lie my way out. Yes, you can tell the rest of that story yourself.

I had a lot of time to think about the direction my life had gone and where I would like it to go. I spent almost all my free time searching for truth.

Someone asked me a question one day, “Why do you go to church on Sundays?” I wanted to be able to answer that question. So, I started to search for the answer, and it just lead me into a deeper study of God’s Word. Jesus is the God of another chance, of a new beginning. He fights for you when others have counted you out. He offers



At his baptism, church members assembled to welcome Tom Schram (center) with open arms. He studied God’s Word and formed special friendships with Everett Kittleson (left), and David Austin (right), Alpena Church pastor.

restoration when others offer only condemnation. He refuses to give up on you even when you’ve given up on yourself.

I learned there were volunteers from many different denominations who go to prisons and hold services. As my study deepened, I learned about the Sabbath. I started to attend the Adventist services, and began to find my answers. Eventually, I was moved to another prison where no services were held, so I

started teaching services myself. Although I was still learning, I felt I just had to spread God’s message. I learned that the prisons have a budget for religious services, so I was able to purchase Bible lessons, DVDs, and other books on the Adventist beliefs.

It was not always easy trying to teach others the truth. I remember a time when two other prisoners were trying

their best to give me a hard time about the messages I was teaching. I asked the Lord for strength to get through these times. If I would have let fear take hold, I never would have left my cell. The authorities finally stepped in and the issues were resolved.

I knew there would be a time when I would be released, and I wanted to establish myself with a church. I am from Alpena, Michigan, so I wrote to the Alpena Church. They gave me answers, Bible lessons, prayer and more prayer. The previous pastor, Jim Howard, started writing letters; then Everett Kittleson took over with the help of the current pastor, Dave Austin, and other members. The many questions I had, through the years, were being answered. The confusion was waning, and my understanding of God's truths became clearer.

When all points started to line up, I was furious with all the past false teachings I had learned as a child and young adult. That being said, the blame starts at home: We are all responsible for our learning. God gives us all a portion of discernment. We need to use it or go with the crowd, which is so easy.

Once home, I was involved in intense studies of the Adventist truths, as found in God's Word. I continued to study with Everett, Rod Thompson and Dave. These wonderful men of God were able to help me put it all together, and led me toward baptism and church membership.

I was baptized in the river at the Kittlesons' home where I was able to go down into the beautiful water. The beach was packed with church members who have welcomed me with open arms, something that was so very special to me and continues to be. The people are so full of God's love.

That day, I truly died to my old self and was raised a new creation in the Lord; never to turn back to that old life is my prayer. I know this because God's Word tells me. If we continue to grow in and follow his Word, he is faithful to help us not go back to the old life of sin. Even if we falter, he is there to take us back when we sincerely repent.

We read in 1 Peter 5:7–10, *Casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you* (NKJV).

As I have continued my studies and prayers, once again he has answered a long-time prayer. I prayed for an Adventist woman with whom I could share my life in his will. He has answered that prayer. We have committed our lives to our Lord and Savior, and we will allow him to direct our paths.

So, you see, God is still in control. He continues to make our messes good, all in his time. We have been promised that, despite the various ways we sin and mess things up, God's steadfast love will never leave us. It is because of this unflagging compassion that we are not condemned.

My life's mission is to follow his will for me, to care for the person he has brought me, to tell others about him, to help the church when called upon, and to live a life worthy of him.

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An Appeal to Work in Our Big Cities

WORK THE CITIES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

BY ELLEN WHITE

Individually and as a people we have a most solemn work before us. There is a daily preparation of heart and mind to be gained in order that we may be fitted to work out the purposes of God for us. The perils of the last days are upon us, and at this time we are each determining what our destiny for eternity shall be. Individually we are to form characters that will stand the test of the judgment. Individually we are to give, in the church where we are, an example of faithfulness and consecration. The ministry of the Word is designed to prepare a people to stand in the times of temptation in which we live; and church members are to cooperate with the work of ministry by revealing in the life the principles of the truth, that no word shall be spoken or act performed that will lead into false paths or create a condition of things that God cannot approve.

There has been revealed to me the grave dangers we shall meet in these last days of peril and temptation. Our only reliable light and guide for this time is in the Word of God. We must take this Word as our counselor and faithfully follow its instructions, or we shall find that we are being controlled by our own peculiar traits of character, and our lives will reveal a selfish work that will be a hindrance and not a blessing to our fellow men. We need to go to the Word of God for counsel for every step we take, for self is ever ready to strive for the mastery.

It is the duty of those who stand as leaders and teachers of the people to instruct members how to labor in missionary lines, and then to set in operation the great, grand work of proclaiming widely this message which must arouse every unworked city before the crisis shall come, when, through the working of satanic agencies, the doors now open to the message of the third angel shall be closed. God requires that we shall give the message of present truth to every city, and not keep the work bound up in a few places. Wherever an opening for the truth can be found, there let men be stationed who are capable of presenting its teachings with a power and conviction that will reach hearts.

The judgments of God are being stayed that the voice of truth may be heard in its simplicity. Let those who have a part in this sacred work be wide awake and each endeavor to labor in God's appointed way. Let none set up as the Lord's way the way of human devisings.

The words were spoken to me with impelling power: Wake up the watchmen to carry the word of warning to every city in America. Build up the waste places. The righteous judgments of God, with their weight of final decision, are coming upon the land. Do not hover over the churches to repeat over and over again the same truths to the people, while the cities are left in ignorance and sin, unwarned and unlabored for. Soon the way will be hedged up and these cities will be closed to the gospel message. Wake up the church members that they may unite in doing a definite and self-denying work.

Our camp meetings should not be held again and again in the same places. Carry the message into new cities. If necessary, we must expend less means in the few places where the message has been quite fully preached, that we may go out into other places where the warning has not been given, and where men and women are ignorant of the great crisis that is about to come to all who live upon the earth. We have the word of truth — the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus — to give to the people of this generation.

Means is needed that we may do quickly the work that must be done in building up the waste places and raising up the foundations of many generations. We are not to spend our money on things that are not essential. God requires that every available dollar shall be given to the work of opening new fields for the entrance of the gospel message and in lessening the mountains of difficulty that seek to close up our missionary work. For Christ's sake, I ask you to carry out God's purposes for the opening of missions in every city, in every place. Satan is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. Is it not time that we awake out of sleep? Our apparent devotion to the things of this life contradicts the faith we profess to hold.

The warning message for this time is not being given earnestly in the great business world. Day after day the centers of commerce and trade are thronged with men and women who need the truth for this time, but who gain no saving knowledge of its precious principles, because earnest, persevering efforts are not put forth to reach this class of people where they are.



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The publications and periodicals that come from our presses have a definite and far-reaching work to do. These papers are not to repeat and discuss the errors that are all the time coming in to divert the mind from what is truth. Let the articles deal with the truths of the Word of God, giving clear instruction regarding the saving truths for this time, and warning of the near approach of the judgments of God and the end of all things.

As the work advances, our publications in all languages should increase in circulation. Our presses are now at work in many lands, sending forth the truth in French, Danish, German, and many foreign languages. Let a spirit of harmony and unity prevail as the work is carried forward. We have no time for contention and strife. In every clime the truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let every reasoning mind have the privilege of hearing the truth for this time.



When the workers in the cause of God are converted in spirit, they will be willing to do the work that is waiting to be done.

In the advocacy of the cause of temperance, our efforts are to be multiplied. The subject of Christian temperance should find a place in our sermons in every city where we labor. Health reform in all its bearings is to be presented before the people, and special efforts made to instruct the youth, the middle-aged, and the aged in the principles of Christian living. Let this phase of the message be revived, and let the truth go forth as a lamp that burneth.

The men and women who believe the truth for this time are to be educated to go forth and speak intelligently in regard to the reformation which God calls for in the observance of the true Sabbath, given at the creation of the world to man to be observed by him to the close of time. God will be with those who with faithfulness will give the message of present truth in all its fullness. He will be with them, even as He has been with His people in the past.

The world is preparing for the closing work of the third angel's message. The truth is now to go forth with a power that it has not known for years. The message of present truth is to be proclaimed everywhere. We must be aroused to give this message with a loud voice, as symbolized in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. There is danger of our accepting the theory of the truth without accepting the great responsibility which it lays upon every recipient. My brethren, show your faith by your works. The world must be prepared for the loud cry of the third angel's message — a message which God declares shall be cut short in righteousness.

The message of the apostle James, depicting the misery of the rich who have done wickedly, is to be repeated as a message of warning and appeal. The instruction given in the first and second chapters of 1 Peter, exhorting believers to a godly life, is to be presented to the people. Let all be impressed with the fact that the time has come when all should work intelligently and earnestly for the accomplishment of the work of salvation. I am instructed to say to those who have long stood at the head of the work, and who for years have allowed many of our large cities to remain unworked: The Lord will call to account those who have worked out their own plans to do a large work in a few places, while they have left undone the work that should have been done in giving the last warning message to the many large cities of our land. There has been with some a spirit of forbidding, a desire to hold back from the work brethren who desired to have a part in it. Some in the blindness of their hearts have been hindering the work, and this has brought unbelief into many hearts. I am now counseled



in regard to the need of employing all our energies and all our means for the advancement of the work. We need to use our influence in encouraging others to labor. Let the spirit of sanctified activity be encouraged rather than the spirit that would seek to hinder and forbid, and there will be seen advancement where in the past there has been failure to follow the will of the Lord.

When the workers in the cause of God are converted in spirit, they will be willing to do the work that is waiting to be done. When they are willing to practice self-denial, they will have spiritual discernment to understand what the purposes of God are. Then they will remove from their hearts that which hinders them from cooperating fully with Him. And when they give evidence that they are determined to carry out the Lord's plans, and not their own devisings, decided changes will be seen. A spirit of humility and trust in God will reveal that God is a God of wisdom, and that His work is done in righteousness and truth.¹

Calamities Coming on Cities — The outlook in our world is indeed alarming. God is withdrawing His Spirit from the wicked cities, which have become as the cities of the antediluvian world, and as Sodom and Gomorrah. The inhabitants of these cities have been tested and tried. We have reached a time when God is about to punish the presumptuous wrongdoers who refuse to keep His commandments and [who] disregard His messages of warning....

The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew gives an outline of what is to come upon the world. We are living amid the perils of the last days. Those who are perishing in sin must be warned. The Lord calls upon everyone to whom He has entrusted the talent of means to act as His helping hand by giving their money for the advancement of His work. Our money is a treasure lent us by the Lord, and it is to be invested in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy. My brother, you can act a part in this work. You can help to sustain the Lord's work in [your city]. Remember that those who spend in self-gratification the money that should be used to open doors for gospel work, suffer an eternal loss.²

Appeal to Evangelize the Cities of America — I am weighed down by the thought that our people do not realize the responsibility resting on them to proclaim the truth in the unwarned cities of America. God says to them, *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee* (Isaiah 60:1 KJV). Why are such cities as New York left unwarned? Do not those who know the truth understand the commission of Christ? Why then do they feel no burden to add new territory to the Lord's kingdom, to plant the standard of truth in new places? Why do they not obey the word: *Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not* (Luke 12:33 KJV). Why do they not return to the Lord His own, to be invested





in heavenly merchandise? Why do not our people wake up to the peril threatening the men and women in the cities of America? Why are not our churches aroused, and why is there not an earnest call made for volunteers to enter the whitening harvest field? When I bear my testimony in person, I want to bear it where it will be appreciated, where it will be heeded, where I shall not be afflicted by those who are so spiritually backslidden that they make no effort to proclaim the truth for this time.

We have no time to dwell on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world. Men are needed who move under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, men who will obey the words, *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins* (Isaiah 58:1 KJV).

The sermons preached by some of our ministers will have to be much more appropriate, and much more to the point than they are now, else many backsliders will carry a tame, pointless message that lulls people to sleep. Every discourse given should be given under a sense of the awful judgment soon to fall on our world. The message of truth is to be proclaimed by lips touched with a live coal from the divine altar. Christ refers to the lifeless, purposeless messages given in our churches, when He says, *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot....* (Revelation 3:15–18 KJV quoted).

Night after night I get up at twelve and one o'clock, and walk the floor in intense anguish because of the tame messages borne by our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear to the people. The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. Where are the evangelists who can go to the South and work for the people there? Where are the men who have encouraged Elder [S.N.] Haskell? He and his wife are doing a noble work. Not only are they proclaiming the truth, they are training other workers to proclaim the truth in the right way. Do you not think that God requires His people to help a man who is doing as much as Elder Haskell is doing? I know how the Lord regards this matter. It would be well-pleasing to Him for His people to give of their means and their sympathy to those who are working for Him in the cities of America. God has instructed me that His people are neglecting a work that is close beside them.

If our people would feel more of a burden for the men and women in our cities who have not heard the message of salvation, if they would labor for them with determined energy, they would have less time and thought to give to tearing down what has been accomplished. God is not pleased with the way that things are shaping, and unless more is done than has been done for the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work.³

Diversities of Gifts in City Work — One worker may be a ready speaker, another a ready writer, another may have the gift of sincere, earnest, fervent prayer, another the gift of singing. Another may have special power to explain the Word of God with clearness. And each gift is to become a power for God because He works with the laborer. To one God gives the word of wisdom, to another knowledge, to another faith. But all are to work under the same Head. The diversity of gifts leads to a diversity of operations, *but it is the same God which worketh all in all* (1 Corinthians 12:6 KJV).

Let no man despise the supposed lesser gifts. Let all go to work. Let no one fold his hands in unbelief because he thinks he can do no mighty work. Cease looking at self. Look at your Leader. In sincerity, meekness, and love, do what you can....



God will certainly bless wholehearted workers. If the Lord chooses your feet to do His work, give your feet to Him. With the feet you may hunt for souls. Christ says, *If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.* They may not be eloquent, but if they are connected with God, He will richly bless them. Their rugged, solid words, coming directly from the heart, are of great value, and are appreciated by the Lord.

Let not those connected with the Master's service look to men of large abilities to do their work for them. God stands behind the one who does his best. Let every worker rely on His power, and He will impress the hearts of those for whom they labor. Great good may be accomplished by the sincere, humble worker who realizes that success does not depend on appearances, but on the One who has given him his commission.

Now is the time to work in [your city]. The Lord has many workers to use in this great city, and He has a great many kinds of work to be done there. Some of the work will be great, some small, but all is to unite to make a perfect whole.

The reason the number of workers is so much smaller than it should be is that men are looking at their supposed weakness, and putting their trust in one whose appearance and capabilities will, they suppose, win success. Thus spiritual consumption is brought into the church, and souls are dying because the spiritual lifeblood is poisoned. Men have depended on men till they are strengthless.⁴

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SALT AND LIGHT

BY THE EDITORS

This article is based on some comments, thoughts, stories and observations from urban pastors, in and outside the Lake Union, and is presented to encourage our readers to seek opportunities to participate in the discussion and to support our mission to our large urban communities. —The Editors

When Jesus began his Discipleship 101 class, he described his students by using two metaphors: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13–14 NIV).

Some describe being a light as one who proclaims truth and performs services. And some people live to be in the limelight. They may be performers by nature and live for the spotlight. But *being* light is not being in the spotlight. It is being a source of light. We are to let God's light shine through us to bring light to others so they will join us in bringing glory to God. However, some of us — even some of us who are pastors — fall into a trap, and focus on those noticeable, reportable and measurable activities that may help us achieve our own goals or desires. There are many motivations for being light — some good and some detrimental.

But salt, that's another matter altogether. Who wants to be salt? It's not very glamorous. First of all, salt has to be poured out, shaken out of its comfort zone. It has to be worked, rubbed,



dissolved and mixed into the food to achieve the desired result. Salt permeates the food, disappears and gets lost from sight. Usually, you can't even tell it's there, but you sure do notice if it's not. Being salt requires Christians to do the uncomfortable. Like Jesus, we must empty ourselves, become obedient — even to the point of suffering and death. We must be willing to be shaken out and immerse ourselves in the lives of the people we serve.

Those who work in our territory's big cities — Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis and Milwaukee — will tell you that the bulk of the effort that produces long-lasting results is doing the work of being salt. It means having a heart for the city, assessing community needs, caring for people who nobody cares about, and personally investing in a lifetime commitment to community relationships.

On any given Sabbath, someone in distress can walk into an urban church. They may be high, drunk, hungry or cold, and they always want to see a pastor. Efficient pastors train and empower members who will greet these guests, assess their need, and put a pre-determined plan into action.

Recently, a distressed man and his son entered an urban church. No one knew he owned a gun and was suicidal nor did they know he and his children were homeless and eating out of dumpsters. What did this urban church do? They invited him in. The man and his son accepted the invitation and stayed through the whole service. The church became a safe place of transformation for the man, and he became a member of the church.

Sometimes there is not enough time to teach a person to fish in order to take care of their urgent, survival needs. A number of urban churches provide food pantries for those with urgent needs. And guess who faithfully volunteers week after week to distribute food? Sometimes it's those who have been helped previously by the community service pantry. And often times, these volunteers are men. Their help in packing and loading and assisting their community gives them a sense of purpose and worth.

There is a great need for male leaders in urban communities, and the Church can be the place for male leadership transformation if it is intentional about being relevant to the challenges urban men face. Everyone needs to be seen for their potential rather than their plight.

Some urban pastors believe our church structure can get in the way sometimes. To effectively work for the urban areas, our churches must work together. That requires collaboration and participation by all for a common mission, driven by a compassionate desire to do what's best for the

community — not what seems best for us. This also means full collaboration between ethnic, language and conference lines.

We have observed that our urban pastors care deeply for the people in the communities where they serve. Though faced with what appears to be an impossible task with very limited resources, they are determined to bring the transforming power of Jesus to the people who need it most.

Most of us have supported this work through our tithes and offerings. From these funds, the Lake Union will distribute \$1 million in assistance for our mission in Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis and Milwaukee for the five-year period from 2011 to 2015. To date, \$875,000 has been distributed to the local conferences.

Milwaukee churches will conduct community meetings this fall to prepare for a major city-wide evangelistic campaign in both English and Spanish in the spring of 2015.

This past fall, 11 meetings were held in Detroit's northwest suburbs, resulting in a new church plant. Plans are underway to hold another series, on a smaller scale, this next year.

Indianapolis churches partnered with The Voice of Prophecy this past spring for a full evangelistic series. It was held at the Agricultural Building within the Indiana State Fairgrounds, and on many nights overflow attendance occurred. Local churches will continue to nurture new members and interests with additional seminars and studies. Another series is planned for this fall.

There is something more that each one can do. We have provided a complete list of Lake Union churches whose address is in Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee or Minneapolis.

To go beyond providing funds to turning on a few lights in these cities, some of us have adopted one of these churches and the communities they serve, and are committed to praying for them every day. We'd like to invite you to join us in taking some steps to be salt to our urban areas. Your prayers can be more informed if you let God shake the shaker, and then visit the church you are praying for. Get acquainted with the pastor and the members. Allow them to introduce you to the community they serve, then stay in touch with your prayer support while you continue to grow and serve in your own church community. See what God will do in response to your prayers — not only for the church and the community it serves, but for you, too.

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COMMISSIONED!

BY GARY BURNS

Most of us know the great Gospel Commission. Some even can recite it from memory: *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world* (Matthew 28:18–20 KJV).

The Commission is simplified in Mark's gospel. He said to them, *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation* (Mark 16:15 NIV).

In Luke's the-rest-of-the-story book of Acts, the dimension of the Holy Spirit is added, and the Commission is given as a promised outcome. *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth* (Acts 1:8 NIV).

For 1,813 years, Christ's faithful followers continued to share the good news to the world as they knew it. Then, in 1844, the gospel was proclaimed with a greater sense of urgency, and it began to circle the globe. *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters"* (Revelation 14:6–7 KJV).

It is important to note this commissioned messenger is proclaiming the eternally good news to everyone. This portrayal is an allegorical description of the fulfillment of the Gospel Commission.

Did you ever have to diagram sentences in school? Do you remember why? It was to better understand the construct, meaning and emphasis of a sentence. Look at the construct, meaning and emphasis of the messenger's message: *[You] fear God. [You] give glory to him. [You] worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of the waters.* The focus of the message is our respect, admiration and adoration for our Creator. It's about worship! Oh, and, by the way, this proclamation comes with a great sense of urgency and motivation. The time for people to be judged has come!

The message is not about the judgment. The message is about the good news and our relationship with the One who has made the good news a reality! The message is about our Creator, Jesus! The judgment announcement is a prepositional phrase within the message. It is neither the subject nor the predicate. It is not even the heart of the message, it's an add-on. It does, however, give the reason why it is so important to proclaim the good news to everyone now, so they can get their relationship with their Creator back on track while there is still time.

Jesus painted a number of allegorical judgment scenes during his ministry. My favorite is the third in a trilogy recorded by Matthew in chapter 25: the sheep and the goats. In this allegory, the Lamb-Shepherd identifies those who are like him as sheep, and he identifies those who are not like him as goats. The only difference between the sheep and the goats was whether or not they were like Jesus — whether they cared for those Jesus called family and those who were in great need of food, protection and companionship, or not.

Do you remember what Jesus came to proclaim? *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor* (Luke 4:18–19 KJV). That's good news!

We are commissioned to teach people what Jesus taught, and we also are commissioned to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, to share our food with the hungry, to provide the poor wanderer with shelter, to clothe the naked, to do away with the yoke of oppression, to spend ourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, to care for

the sick, to visit those in prison and to welcome strangers into our fellowship (see Isaiah 58).

We have 573 churches, companies and groups in the Lake Union. Only 70 of these have a big city address. These relatively few urban members are trying to reach the largest segment of our population. The task is too great for them to do it alone. So let's

get to it! Let's join together to help proclaim the everlasting gospel to the masses of lonely, hurting, broken, disenfranchised, oppressed, successful and indifferent people in our big cities. Some of them are beginning to sense we don't have much time!

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Lake Union Churches, Companies, Groups and Fellowships with Big City Addresses

Chicago: 35

Altgeld Gardens
Beacon of Joy
Bethlehem French
Beverly Hills
Central Hispanic
Chicago Fil-Am
Chicago Ghanaian
Chicago Maranatha
Hispanic
Chicago Romanian
Chicago Unity
Chicago Yugoslavian
Epic
Goshen
Hispanic American
Humboldt Park Hispanic
Hyde Park
Independence Boulevard
Lake Shore Hispanic
Lake View
Lake View Hispanic
Little Village Hispanic
Logan Square Hispanic
Morgan Park
Mount Sinai
New Life
North Hispanic
North Shore
Northwest Hispanic

Pilsen Hispanic
Shalom Hispanic
Shiloh
Sion French
South Hispanic
South Shore Hispanic
Straford Memorial
Detroit: 8
Burns
City Temple
Conant Gardens
Detroit Center
Detroit Northwest
Detroit Spanish Cavalry
Detroit Spanish
Ebenezer
Maranatha
Indianapolis: 17
Capitol City
Central Hispanic
Chapel West
Eastside
Eastside Hispanic
Emmanuel
Encounter Group
Glendale
Haughville
Indianapolis Chin Group
Indianapolis Mizo
Group

Indianapolis Second
Hispanic
Irvington
North Hispanic
Southside
Tabernacle of Hope
Westside Ministries
Milwaukee: 8
Central
Central Spanish
Hosanna
La Hayes Spanish
Milwaukee Hispanic
North Spanish
Northwest
Sharon
Minneapolis: 1
Glendale

The list was generated from information provided on local conference websites. Visit <http://www.lakeunion.org/churches> to connect for contact information.



THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

BY THE EDITORS



Which came first? Have you solved that riddle yet? Creationists usually say the chicken came first, and we even narrow it down to day five of creation week. Evolutionists tend to prefer the single cell (egg) origin theory, so the egg came first in their “book.”

So when it comes to ministry, which comes first? The development of the Christian graces in the life or soul-winning and outreach? Some argue that proper training and the development of character must precede any venture to win others for Christ. This seems logical, but consider Jesus’ counsel: *As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you (Mark 5:18–19 NIV).*

It seems that people are qualified to tell what Jesus has done in their lives as soon as Jesus does something in their lives! And look at the results: “The two restored demoniacs were the first missionaries whom Christ sent to preach the gospel in the region of Decapolis. For a few moments only these men had been privileged to hear the teachings of Christ. Not one sermon from His lips had ever fallen upon their ears. They could not instruct the people as

the disciples who had been daily with Christ were able to do. But they bore in their own persons the evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. They could tell what they knew; what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the power of Christ. This is what everyone can do whose heart has been touched by the grace of God.... As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us. We can tell how we have tested His promise, and found the promise true. We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing. ... When Jesus returned to Decapolis, the people flocked about Him, and for three days, not merely the inhabitants of one town, but thousands from all the surrounding region, heard the message of salvation” (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 339–340).

The very qualities God wants to develop in the lives of his disciples come as a natural result of sharing our faith with others. If we will just step out of ourselves and go to work on behalf of those who do not know the living Christ, there are at least 20 personal transformational benefits that will take place in our life:

1. You will feel the need of a deeper experience.
2. You will feel the need of a greater knowledge in divine things.
3. You will hunger and thirst after righteousness.
4. You will plead with God.
5. Your faith will be strengthened.
6. Your soul will drink deeper drafts at the well of salvation.
7. Encountering opposition and trials will drive you to the Bible and prayer.
8. You will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ.
9. You will develop a rich experience.
10. Your spirit of unselfish labor for others results in depth and stability.
11. You will develop Christlike loveliness to the character.
12. You will experience peace and happiness.
13. Your aspirations will be elevated.
14. You will have no room for sloth or selfishness.
15. Exercising the Christian graces will bring growth.
16. You will become strong to work for God.
17. You will have clear spiritual perceptions.
18. You will have a steady, growing faith.
19. You will have an increased power in prayer.
20. The Spirit of God, moving upon your spirit, calls forth the sacred harmonies of the soul in answer to the divine touch. Those who thus devote themselves to unselfish effort for the good of others are most surely working out their own salvation.

The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us — to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life.

The Lake Union Herald editors

Editors' note: The 20 transformation benefits listed above that result from service for God and the paragraph that follows the list are adapted from *Steps to Christ*, p. 80.

CHICAGO

- Population: 2,714,856
- Unemployment: 11.2%
- Estimated median household income in 2011: \$43,628
- Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.: #79
- Percentage of residents living in poverty: 23.7%
- Percentage affiliated with a religious congregation: 57.6%
- Workers who live/work in the city: 75.3%
- Residents who are foreign born: 21.4%

DETROIT

- Population: 701,475
- Unemployment: 18.8%
- Estimated median household income in 2011: \$25,193
- Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.: #6
- Percentage of residents living in poverty: 40.9%
- Percentage affiliated with a religious congregation: 37.7%
- Workers who live/work in the city: 53.0%
- Residents who are foreign born: 4.8%

INDIANAPOLIS

- Population: 834,852
- Unemployment: 8.0%
- Estimated median household income in 2011: \$39,015
- Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.: #60
- Percentage of residents living in poverty: 21.4%
- Percentage affiliated with a religious congregation: 40.3%
- Workers who live/work in the city: 77.8%
- Residents who are foreign born: 7.3%

MILWAUKEE

- Population: 598,916
- Unemployment: 10.6%
- Estimated median household income in 2011: \$33,122
- Most Dangerous Cities in the U.S.: #92
- Percentage of residents living in poverty: 29.4%
- Percentage affiliated with a religious congregation: 47.5%
- Workers who live/work in the city: 63.0%
- Residents who are foreign born: 9.9%

1. Population source: <http://census.gov> (retrieved May 7, 2014)
2. Top 100 Most Dangerous Cities source: <http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/neighborhoods/crime-rates/top100dangerous2013/> (retrieved May 14, 2014)
3. Remaining statistics source: <http://www.city-data.com> (retrieved May 14, 2014)



Sue Kett

Michael Devaney holds his Best of Show entry "Flower Garden." Devaney took top honors in the Adventist Midwest Health National Arts Program Healing Arts Exhibit.

Artist inspired by beauty of God's creation

Michael Devaney has worked at a few jobs in the trades, spending time as an electrician and a carpenter. Right now, he's a truck driver. But that work has never spoken to him the way art does. When he paints, Devaney feels a special, spiritual connection with God. That is why his work mainly focuses on landscapes and nature.

"It gives me a chance to focus on the natural beauty that God created in our world," he said.

Devaney recently was awarded Best of Show honors during Adventist Midwest Health's second annual National

Arts Program Healing Arts Exhibit. The exhibit — featuring art by hospital volunteers, staff and their family members — was on display at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital this past winter.

The annual Healing Arts Exhibit is an opportunity for hospital staff to put their talents on display and acts as a celebration of the creative and artistic gift God has provided each of us, said Sue Kett, who leads the Healing Arts effort for Adventist Midwest Health.

"Through art, we communicate the way we feel in ways our words could never express," Kett said. "Art is an expression of the spirit, and this exhibit is a chance for our staff to share those feelings and connect with others in new ways."

Art allows people to better understand the power of God's creation, Kett said, connecting to him in much the same way Devaney does in his work.

"When you observe God's beauty, peace and joy, he offers us yet another opportunity to have a glimpse of him while we are here on Earth," Kett said.

Devaney's award-winning piece that he painted recently, titled "Flower Garden," is a piece inspired by Monet. While some of Devaney's work has been displayed at smaller galleries, the National Arts Program show was his first display in a public exhibit.

"My sister is a nurse at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, and she's the one who convinced me I should be in the show," Devaney said. "I didn't believe I was good enough, but maybe I am."

In choosing a Best of Show winner, the executive team at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital searched for a work that represented healing, said Michael Murrill, vice president and chief financial officer for the hospital.

"Michael's depiction of a flower garden amidst a summer setting portrayed peace and serenity," Murrill said. "It felt as if the woman in the painting was walking through a healing garden. The hospital seeks to provide a healing sanctuary for our patients, so we felt a deep connection with his work."

Devaney's painting also provided his family with one last touching memory of his father, who recently died of lung cancer. In his last weeks, Devaney's father spent time at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital for surgery. Devaney's painting, complete with its Best of Show ribbon, was on display at the hospital the day his father was discharged which provided him the opportunity to view it before he left. Not long after his return home, Devaney's father passed.

"It meant the world to me, his having a chance to see that," he said.

Chris LaFortune, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

Seminary promotes healthy lifestyles

The Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary recently initiated a health promotion program that encourages students to balance schoolwork with eating well in addition to getting enough sleep and regular exercise.

“Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews, expressed his desire to become the healthiest university in the United States,” says Tom Shepherd, professor of New Testament Interpretation, director of the Ph.D. in religion and Th.D. programs, and chair of the Seminary’s Health Promotion Committee. “Our Adventist health message is about living a healthy lifestyle so we can serve God well and long.”

The Committee began last fall after Shepherd spoke to the Seminary students about the history of Adventist health, why health is important, and the commitment each of them should make to take care of themselves.

Committee members meet once a month with three goals in mind: health information, student activities and structural change. Health information includes posters to remind students to make healthy decisions, and activities such as a health fair and cooking school. They also analyze and seek to implement positive changes in the departments.

At the health fair, students were able to fill out a simple form, measure their body mass index (BMI), determine their exercise endurance, check their blood pressure, and discuss ways to improve their health. Five attendees were found to have hypertension, or high blood pressure, a disease that can go unnoticed if not regularly checked, but is easily treated with medication.

Shepherd explains that there are five levels of fitness, ranging from sedentary to extremely athletic.

“The biggest change in heart attack risk occurs between level 1, sedentary,



The Seminary Health Promotion Committee works hard to provide healthy lifestyle education opportunities for students throughout the year, including exercise and healthy cooking demonstrations.

to level 2, mild exercise, in which if you walk at least 20 minutes, three times a week, the risk of a heart attack will be cut in half,” explains Shepherd.

He goes on to explain how making simple changes in your lifestyle can lead to lasting health benefits.

“The best exercise is the one that you will keep doing,” says Shepherd with a grin. “I have not missed a day of walking in seven years. Aerobic exercise, lifting weights and being a vegetarian have made such a positive difference in my life.”

Expressing his earnest desire to promote health at Andrews, one suggestion Shepherd had was to provide a health and wellness center on campus that would be completely free of charge for students, faculty and staff.

“If we really want to be the healthiest university in the nation, we have to be serious about it and do things that promote health,” he says.

Shepherd points out that, in general, college and university students feel they are overwhelmed with coursework and have very little time to focus on their health.

“One issue is that, at many schools, the fee for taking between 12 to 16 classes is the same,” he explains. “It encourages undergraduate students to

take a full load, which for many students is too much. But if they don’t take the full 16 credits, they feel as though they are wasting their money.” Shepherd suggests that if undergraduate students could pay for the amount of credits they are taking instead of paying one flat rate, they will be able to make healthier decisions regarding time management and health priorities.

“There are too many people saving money, but losing their health,” says Shepherd. “In the Seminary, we have chosen to invest in encouraging health and making decisions based on the values and mission of the church. We need to help spread the good news: the gospel of good health!”

Eloise Ravell, student writer, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



The Seminary Health Promotion Committee sponsors various events throughout the year, including checkups and teaching students how to check their own vitals.

Andrews Academy students visit Guatemala

Michigan—This spring, Andrews Academy Select Strings and the Silhouettes singing group enjoyed a 12-day music mission trip to Guatemala. Two core statements of the purpose of Andrews Academy include global awareness and mission work to spread the good news of Jesus. For decades, Andrews Academy has organized a biennial service mission trip which usually includes building a church and numerous evangelistic programs for children and adults in a foreign country. This year the Academy initiated a new biennial mission trip focusing on mission service through music.

While in Guatemala, students performed ten concerts and delivered one short presentation at an orphanage. In each of their concerts, at least two students gave testimonies, and Micheal Goetz, Pioneer Memorial Church youth pastor, delivered a sermonette.

Academy students said they were struck by a change they experienced a few days into their tour. During the first few concerts they did well, but said they felt like it was just a musical presentation they were making. Their experience changed as they felt so welcomed and appreciated by the Guatemalan people. Students caught a vision of the ministry of which they were a part, and sang and played with renewed energy and purpose for the remainder of the trip.

A Guatemalan resident sent a message to Andrews Academy after the tour was over, “We are thankful with God for the blessing of 43 missionaries who healed souls with their music. May God bless you abundantly in everything you do. Thank you, Andrews Academy for sharing for 12 days these marvelous students. Adults, children and youth were blessed with this music from Heaven.”



Andrews Academy students had a presentation on Thursday evening at the Soccer Stadium of San Miguel Petapa, where the National Symphony Orchestra of Guatemala was performing. They gave our group the first 30 minutes of the program, and the National Symphony Orchestra performed the last 45 minutes. The city’s mayor was present and gave special recognition to the school, and the students were able to take pictures with him and the members of the National Symphony Orchestra.

A majority of the concerts were in Seventh-day Adventist churches, and local members took advantage of the opportunity to invite many of their community friends. There were three large presentations in places other than churches where the majority of attendants were not Adventists. The attendance at these three presentations was 2,200.

On Thursday evening, the students presented a concert at the Soccer Stadium of San Miguel Petapa where the National Symphony Orchestra of Guatemala was performing. Academy students had the honor of sharing the performance time with the Guatemala orchestra. The city’s mayor was present and gave special recognition to the group, and several students enjoyed taking pictures with him and the members of the Symphony Orchestra after the program.

During the tour, students were thoroughly immersed in the culture and had opportunities to visit places of interest such as the Mayan ruins of Tikal, Lake Atitlán, swim in the Pacific Ocean, and see the beautiful colonial city of Antigua, where the group stayed the last half of the trip. Although students saw and experienced so many new and interesting sights in

Guatemala, it was the Guatemalan people they will remember the most.

A Silhouettes member commented, “If I could stay in Guatemala, I would! This country is so beautiful, and the people we have met have been so wonderful, friendly and welcoming! I thank God for giving me this awesome experience.”

While presenting for large audiences in public venues was a great opportunity, many of the students said the presentation at the small orphanage in Guatemala was the highlight of the music mission trip. There, students interacted with the children before and after the small concert. The children at the orphanage were so appreciative of spending time with the academy students. The smiles of the children were contagious, and the academy students left with more smiles and joy than when they arrived.

The driving philosophy of mission trips is to travel and share Jesus in other places of the world. And although students go with the purpose of sharing Jesus in order to bless others, in sharing Jesus they return changed themselves.

One student said, “This trip has made a huge impact on me, and I’m so glad I had this opportunity to be a

witness. Thank you, God, for allowing me to come on this trip. I will never forget Guatemala.”

Adventist education has many purposes: To learn about Jesus and have a meaningful relationship with Him, to promote great academic growth, to experience humanity on a global level, and many more. These short-term mission trips often inspire students to consider a life of missionary service.

Upon returning from the trip, an orchestra student shared, “I think God might be calling me to be a missionary in Guatemala one day. They need music teachers, and I think I want to do that there.”



The trip highlight for Andrews Academy students was their musical presentation at a small orphanage in Guatemala. The orphans' smiles were contagious, and the students left with more smiles and joy than when they arrived.

Thank you, community members and family members, for giving financial gifts to help send students on this great, life-changing mission. And thank you for your prayers for a safe trip and mission experience. Your prayers were answered. Please continue to pray that these life-changing experiences will be remembered, will grow, and will continue to transform the lives of students into lifelong service for Jesus.

Steven Atkins, Biology and Earth Science teacher, Andrews Academy



A foundation established by Paul Hufnagel helps fund mission trip expenses for Indiana Academy students. Here students prepare cement to lay blocks for a new church structure.

Essay winners receive money for mission trip

Indiana—Why do I want to go on the Cicero Church mission trip to El Salvador? That was the question that challenged Indiana Academy students in an essay contest, with prize awards of \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Ten students accepted the challenge to write for the financial assistance to participate in the trip.

Leaving March 5 and returning March 16, the group included

medical, dental, vacation Bible school and construction teams. The students' challenge was to express why they desired to be a part of one of these teams.

First prize winner Emmanuel “Manny” Lapoterie wrote, “I don't think I could truly express with my words the blessing that mission trips can bring to your life. You enter this new culture with all of these biases, prejudices and mixed feelings all jumbled in your brain, and leave with a piece of that society, that way of life, attached to your soul forever.” (Read Lapoterie's account of the trip in his article on page 42.)

Second prize winner Betty Mchone stated, “When I first went on a mission trip my freshman year, I thought I was going to touch the lives of many people, and they would be extremely happy to see that people are willing to help them. We did indeed get that response, and more. The part I wasn't expecting was for me to be truly blessed. I was blessed beyond measure.”

Third place winner Jasmine Davidson expressed her desire this way: “First and foremost, I love helping people. That's what it's all about, right? Well, not only helping the people of El Salvador in a practical, physical aspect through building a church and providing clothes, shoes and hygiene items, but we'll aspire to show them who Jesus is and give them so much more than any gift or package could contain. I think the most important part of life is loving others and pointing them to Jesus. I mean, you're merely a walking breath if you have no life purpose. Jesus is the reason I go on mission trips.”

Each of the other students who entered the essay contest also received \$50 from a foundation set up by Paul Hufnagel for academy students.

Each team which traveled to El Salvador was successful in their mission, and left behind many friends who received much needed help and also a church in which they could worship.

Money was the incentive to win, but the love of Jesus and the desire to *live* for him was the motivating force behind these academy students to be a part of the Cicero Church mission trip; the reward was the joy of serving Jesus.

In our technically-inspired world, it takes a change of pace and culture to really let the needs of the world sink into our reality. Pictures, videos and lectures never can take the place of the actual feelings, smells or tastes of another culture that is in real need. The looks on the faces of the children and adults, the grasp of their hands, the smiles on the faces, the air generating friendliness and camaraderie that exists just cannot be experienced except to be there and to hold that reality in your own hands and hearts. God invented mission trips, and blesses those who can experience them.

Ramona Trubey, member, Cicero Church.



Indiana Academy students entered an essay contest in an attempt to be awarded financial assistance to participate in the Cicero Church mission trip to El Salvador. Money was their incentive to win, but the love of Jesus and the desire to live for him was their motivating force.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Women from the Port Huron Church in Michigan filled gift baskets for residents of a nearby women's shelter, and delivered them on Easter Sunday.

Women's shelter receives Easter baskets

Michigan—On Sunday morning, April 20, 30 Easter baskets were delivered to a women's shelter in Port Huron. The baskets were filled with toiletries, GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts, plus *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy* books.

Jolene Messer, a partner in ministry with her husband, Anthony, pastor of the

Port Huron Blue Water Church, invited women from the church to her home the evening before to assemble the baskets. All basket contents were donated by women of the church as well as the baskets, ribbons and cellophane paper.

"The woman who accepted the baskets at the entrance of the shelter seemed to be overfilled with joy. She kept expressing her gratefulness and how she thought the women would be ecstatic to receive the baskets," Messer shared.

She asked Messer, "How many baskets did you bring?"

"I replied, '30,'" Messer said.

Her next response was "Wow! You supplied us beyond our need!" There were only 20 women at the shelter then. "We wanted to give more because we knew they could probably use whatever they are given," Messer said.

LoAnn Whiting remarked, "It was fun to get the women of the church together, and to work on a project to benefit others."

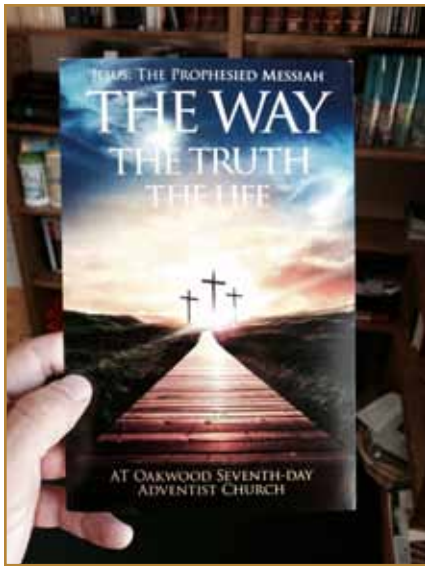
"That's what women's ministries is all about, helping other women," said Linda Kincaid.

"It was a privilege to be part of this project, and to be able to give to those in need. I was truly blessed by the thought of helping out other women. Like it says in Acts 20:35, *I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, when He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'* (NKJV) This verse sums it all up for me," stated Messer.

This was the second time that Women's Ministries has reached out to the shelter. The first time, years ago, they needed diapers, so church members collected and delivered diapers to the shelter, which also houses some children.

Every third Saturday night of the month, the Women's Ministries Department, under the leadership of Amy Gauthier, invites women to come together. They meet in a different home each month, and a new project is selected monthly. The women start with prayer and a Bible study, and then work on the project together.

Lake Union Herald staff with Jolene Messer, member, Port Huron Church



Five thousand postcards were mailed to the community, and 200 were personally used to invite friends and family to the one-day evangelistic meeting on Easter Sunday at the Oakwood Church in Taylor, Mich.

Oakwood Church holds one-day evangelistic meeting on Easter Sunday

Michigan—"It was an idea that had been swimming in my mind for several years. I was thinking of having a one-day evangelistic meeting on what is commonly called 'Easter Sunday,'" said Ariel Roldan, pastor of the Oakwood Church in Taylor. He began to share with his Church Board how, next to Christmas, Easter Sunday is one of the most attended. "If we took advantage of Christmas to reach out to friends and family, why not take advantage of this day also in order to reach out to our community with the Bible's prophetic message?" Roldan asked.

He searched the writings of Ellen White to see if there were any reservations or cautions about using Sunday as an evangelistic tool. Roldan said, "I shared this quote with my Board members: 'Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work that will accomplish much for the Lord. ... *Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on*



Seasoned Disciples, the Oakwood Church ministry for seniors led by John Ledl, label 200 copies each of *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* to be placed in 200 gift bags for guests who would attend the church Easter Sunday, April 20.

Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. *Sing genuine revival hymns, and speak with power and assurance of the Saviour's love. ... You will thus learn much about how to work, and will reach many souls*" (*Counsels to the Church*, p. 318, emphasis added).

So Oakwood Church leaders decided to develop a simple but engaging program with songs and preaching. "I further shared with my Board the idea of having a gift bag with our church logo and website. In each bag we would place a copy of *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*; also included would be several GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts on subjects such as the state of the dead and the Sabbath as well as a tri-fold flier showcasing all of our church ministries. First-time visitors would receive the Anchor Point DVD titled 'The Ultimate Timeline.' We got excited!" Roldan exclaimed.

The church invested in 5,000 fliers to be mailed, plus 200 fliers for personal invitations by church members. Excitement grew among members, and Roldan said he was "nervous" as the date drew near. "No one really knew what to expect. Would people

actually come? If they did, how would they respond? The leadership spent a lot of time praying for the Lord to bless our efforts to preach Jesus Christ 'more perfectly' to our surrounding community (see Acts 18:26)," Roldan said.

"At 10:30 a.m. that Sunday, we had a few members ... and visitors!" Roldan remarked. "By 11:00 a.m., we began to sing well-known, loved hymns and praise songs. When I got up to preach, I could still see people coming into the church. Over 100 church members came out to support this event. But to our pleasant surprise, we had over 40 guests, of which 35 were not Adventists. Some were re-connections from our fall series last year; others were family of church members who accepted the invitation because it was Easter Sunday. Still others had come for the very first time because of the unique emphasis of the flier on the prophesied Messiah. One thing they all had in common: They loved the whole program," Roldan said.

Roldan preached from Luke 24 with strong conviction about how resurrection morning had been the most discouraging and depressing day for the disciples.* The only thing that

revived their faith was Jesus revealing himself through the prophecies of the Old Testament. He shared how these prophecies had been the source of a firm, growing faith in the Christian church throughout the book of Acts. "I appealed for all to return to our prophetic Christian roots and take advantage of the free gift we were placing in their hands, and to take ownership of their faith by becoming familiar with these prophecies. I finally invited them to attend the Revelation sermon series that would begin that very next Sabbath, April 26, at Oakwood Church," Roldan shared.

As Roldan engaged people afterward, several community visitors expressed gratitude for the new insights of how to see Jesus through the prophecies of the Bible. "All were very happy for the gift bag and the DVD. We rejoice to see how the Lord used this event to bring a fresh biblical view of Jesus to many for whom Christianity had become monotonous with little spiritual meaning. We have learned a lot from this experience and cannot wait until next year to cast the prophetic gospel net again!" Roldan exclaimed.

As Oakwood Church members seek to continue gathering interests for the

fall series by following up on this event, they are trusting in a promise from the Bible: *Your labor in the Lord is not in vain* (see I Corinthians 15:58 NIV). "We prayerfully look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through that sermon, each book, tract, DVD and smiling handshake with a hug that was shared on that special day," Roldan said.

Lake Union Herald staff with Ariel Roldan, pastor, Oakwood Church

Note: If you would like to hear Roldan's Easter Sunday sermon, look for "How to Believe in Jesus as Savior" in Sermon Videos in the Media menu at <http://www.oakwoodsda.com>.



Walter Wollenberg

Five men's choruses gathered for the Spring Men's Chorus Festival, April 4-5, at the Hinsdale Church in Illinois. The event concluded with the Festival chorus and congregation joining to sing the last reprise of "We Have This Hope."

Hinsdale hosts Spring Men's Chorus Festival

Illinois—The lights were dimmed to the cascading gentle strains of "Holy, Holy, Holy" sung by the Hinsdale Men's Chorus. The familiar, harmonious hymn floated down from the balcony to the congregation below as over 100 men proceeded to encircle the congregation and, in live surround-sound, embarked on the second verse. Then women's voices, in unison, sweetly chimed in on the third verse as the festival chorus advanced up the stairs to the Hinsdale Church platform.

Supported by brass, organ and piano, sanctuary rafters were "lifted" with the majestic last verse of "Holy, Holy,

Holy" as everyone present raised their voices to acknowledge the supremacy of the great God whom we serve. The festival chorus' powerful response — "Holy, Holy, Holy," in ascending dramatic chords and increasing volume — yielded a climactic ending! The worship service of the Spring Men's Chorus Festival had begun.

Hinsdale Men's Chorus, a ministry of the Hinsdale Church, in partnership with the Illinois Conference and our local church, coordinated and hosted the festival. Five Christian choruses from three states were assembled the first weekend of April, including one non-denominational chorus. Participating choruses were the Chicago Adventist Men's Chorus (Marshall Merklin, director); Hanson Place Men's Chorale (Lincoln Blackwood, director), New

York; Proclaim Him! (David Burghart, director), Michigan; the Singing Men of Oak Brook (Wendell Borrink, director), Illinois; and Hinsdale Men's Chorus (Arnold Hutabarat, director). Inspired by a vespers message on Friday afternoon, delivered by Ron Kelly, senior pastor of the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., the festival chorus rehearsals commenced, and participants later performed for the Illinois Conference convocation occurring that weekend in Hinsdale.

The formal convocation meetings ended with the festival chorus leading out in a Wayne Hooper arrangement titled "Four Hymns of the Second Coming." The congregation joined in the last chorus of "We Have This Hope," pointing those present heavenward to our Great Hope in anticipation of his soon return.

While it must have been an awesome spectacle to witness and be part of over 100 men praising their Creator and Savior, in no way will it compare to singing in that great heavenly chorus when we are all gathered by the glassy sea praising the slain Lamb who assured us our salvation.

Even so, Lord, come quickly!

Arnold Hutabarat, director, Hinsdale Men's Chorus

[UNION NEWS]

Manoukian to lead Gulf Field

Indiana—“We need a break,” Steve and Jill Manoukian agreed. “Where should we go?” They decided to take a week-long vacation in California to relax and visit relatives. While at his sister’s house, Steve spoke to Jill. “There are a couple things I need to pick up at the store. Why don’t we run over to [the store] and get them?”

The Manoukians drove to a nearby store, never suspecting God was leading them. At the checkout counter, they just “happened” to stand in line behind the president of the North Africa Union of Seventh-day Adventists. They just “happened” to overhear his conversation with the cashier about Beirut, Lebanon. They just “happened” to begin talking with him. They just “happened” to learn they were both Seventh-day Adventists and that Steve was a pastor, a native-born Lebanese of Armenian descent who spoke Arabic who served in Indiana. They agreed to stay in touch.

A couple months later, Steve received a call: “There is an opening for Gulf Field president. Would you be willing to take the position?” Steve said he and Jill would pray about it. After reflection and prayer, they responded with a decided “Yes, we would be willing to do this!”

The North Africa Union then voted unanimously to officially call the Manoukians to serve the people of the Gulf Region. Steve says, “The whole thing was amazing. We couldn’t help but think God planned everything out



Steve and Jill Manoukian pastored the Brownsburg and Chapel West churches on Indianapolis west side from Jan. 15, 2008, to March 22, 2014. During that time, Stephanie and George were added to the family. Together, they will move to their new home in the Gulf Region.

— from our taking a vacation in California, to meeting the North Africa Union president at [a store], to being invited to work in the Gulf Region. This kind of thing doesn’t just happen, but that is how it happened! It was definitely a Divine arrangement.”

While the idea of being mission field president makes Steve a little nervous, he is excited about the possibilities. He says, “I’m facing a different kind of assignment than ever before, but I hope that my background and skills can help make a difference for ministry in that part of the world. I hope to help equip pastors to better deal with the stresses and demographics of the Gulf Region. That is my hope. That is my prayer.”

The area in which Steve and Jill will work covers seven countries: Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab

Emirates, Oman, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. There are approximately 15 churches in this region along with many small groups and companies. “We can’t do things like in the United States,” Steve says, “but we can make friends. We can answer the questions our friends ask.”

Indiana will miss the Manoukians, but Steve and Jill are looking forward to their new assignment. They hope fellow believers will hold them up in prayer. “We are going to what is probably one of the most difficult fields in the world,” Steve says. “Pray that God will give us wisdom and guidance so people are impacted for him. Wherever we are in the world, we want people to see Jesus in us and recognize his power to change lives.”

Betty Eaton, communication secretary,
Indiana Conference

R. Clifford Jones elected president of Lake Region Conference

The 27th Lake Region Conference Constituency Meeting opened the

morning of May 18 at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. There were 779 delegates who convened to elect officers and departmental directors for the ensuing quadrennial term, and for the transaction of other business.

The Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division’s Lake Region

Conference have a new president: R. Clifford Jones (former associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews and senior pastor of the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Mich.).

A native of Trinidad, West Indies, Jones acquired his undergraduate ministerial training at Atlantic Union



Photos by Pieter Damsberg

The newly-elected Lake Region Conference administrative team will serve the constituency for the next four years. From left: William Collins; Yvonne Collins, treasurer; Elva Jones; R. Clifford Jones, president; Sandria Nixon; Timothy Nixon, executive secretary; and Eddie Allen, vice president; Lourdes Allen (not pictured)



From left: R. Clifford Jones, newly-elected president of the Lake Region Conference, receives keys to the office from Jerome L. Davis, retiring president. Jones was elected at the 27th Lake Region Conference Constituency Meeting held May 18 at the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.



More than 750 delegates filled the Pioneer Memorial Church to elect officers and departmental directors for the next quadrennium.

College, earned an M.A. (Religion) from Andrews University, a D.Min. from the New York Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University.

Jones has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1979, and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Northeastern Conference in 1983. He served as pastor of two of the largest African-American congregations in New York City: the Hanson Church in Brooklyn and the Ephesus Church

in Manhattan. Jones also was chair of the Christian Ministry Department of the Seminary and has taught classes there, including "Urban Ministry," "The Church and Social Issues," "Issues in Black Church Leadership" and "Biblical Preaching." He is a prominent preacher and seminar presenter, and has published countless scholarly and professional articles and three books: *James K. Humphrey and the United Sabbath Day Adventists*, *Preaching With Power* and *Preaching With Power II*.

Jones and his wife, Elva, are the parents of two children: Clifford Jones Jr. and Jewel Jones.

Jones succeeds Jerome L. Davis who retired after 44 years of denominational service, 38 in the Lake Region Conference.

The Constituency Meeting delegates also elected Timothy Nixon (former chaplain for inreach at Andrews University) to serve as conference executive secretary, and re-elected Yvonne Collins, treasurer, and Eddie Allen, vice president, to serve the next four years.

During the Constituency Meeting, delegates heard reports from the president, executive secretary, treasurer, General Conference auditor, Multi-cultural Ministries director, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Delegates voted minor changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Delegates also voted the following ministry leaders for the new quadrennium, 2014–2018: Dwayne Duncombe, Adult Ministries; Debbie Young,

Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI); Pamela Daly, Children's Ministries; John Sconiers, Communication; Debra Davis-Moody, Community Services; Renee Humphreys, Education; Joe and Deidre Garnett, Family Life Ministries; Christina Wells, Health Ministries; Cory Jackson, Inner-City Ministries; William Lee, Men's Ministries; Michael Horton, Ministerial; Dolby Knott, Prison Ministries; Edward Woods III, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty; Doris Gothard, Women's Ministries; and Jason North, Youth Ministries.

Also elected were new members for the Lake Region Conference Executive Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Delegates voted by means of an electronic device. Election results were provided quickly and accurately with this new voting method, which replaced the hand-counted paper ballots used at prior constituency meetings.

Delegates to this constituency meeting were duly-appointed representatives of the various churches in the Lake Region Conference. Each church was entitled to one delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof.

Departing administrators Jerome L. Davis, president, and Donald Bedney, executive secretary, received special recognition for their significant contributions to the mission of the Church in the Lake Region Conference during their tenure.

G. Alex Bryant, executive secretary, and Alvin Kibble, vice president, represented the North American Division at the Constituency Meeting.

Jones concluded the session with a prayer of dedication for the new Lake Region Conference ministry team. The officers and directors elected for the next four years will provide leadership for the nearly 31,000 members of the Lake Region Conference in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Lake Union Herald staff with Rayford Young, former communication director, Lake Region Conference



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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Indiana

The **Indiana Conference** is calling for mission-minded members to move to Indiana to help us plant 100 new churches. We need churches all over the state, and God is opening doors everywhere we look! For more information on locations and help with the move, contact Walter Allred and Van G. Hurst at wdallred@hotmail.com.

Lake Region

Illinois Adventist Prison Ministry

Organization: Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates is pleased to announce its 24th annual Prison Ministry Convention, **Wed., July 23-Sun., July 27**, in Bloomington, Minn. For more information and to register, contact AdventSource (formerly PlusLine) at 402-486-8800 or 800-328-0525, or go online to <http://adventsource.org>, look to the left at the top of the page and click "Events." See you at the convention!

Illinois Adventist Prison Ministry

Organization cordially invites you to attend its Annual Fellowship Awards Dinner. Come, break bread with us as you feed upon the words of the dynamic speaker, Charles Wesley Knight, senior pastor of Mt. Olive SDA Church, East Point, Ga. Date: **Oct. 26**, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Place: Belvedere Chateau, 8055 West 103rd St., Palos Hills, Ill.; 708-430-1800. For more information, contact your church prison ministry leader.

Lake Union

Offerings for June

- June 7** Local Church Budget
- June 14** Multilingual Ministries/
Chaplaincy Ministries
- June 21** Local Church Budget
- June 28** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

June 7 Women's Ministries
Emphasis Day

June 14 Refugees Awareness
Sabbath

Thirteenth Sabbath

June 28 Southern Asia Division

Offerings for July

- July 5** Local Church Budget
- July 12** Women's Ministries
- July 19** Local Church Budget
- July 26** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

July 12 Griggs University

Michigan

Adelphian Academy Reunion will occur

June 27-28: Friday in the Holly Church at 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath in the academy chapel at 9:15 a.m.; potluck dinner in the church school gymnasium; afternoon meeting in the Holly Church at 3:30 p.m. For additional information, call Peggy Hoffmier at 348-467-0985, or Arlene Bliesath at 517-536-4312.

North American Division

The Madison College Alumni Association

Homecoming will occur **June 27-29**, honoring classes 1944, '49, '54, '59 and '64. Also invited are those who attended Madison College or Madison College Academy or Anesthesia School. Activities and meals will begin Friday evening, 5:00 p.m., and continue through Sunday morning at the Madison Academy Campus. This year, we will commemorate 110 years since the school's founding in 1904 and last graduating class in

1964, and roll out a DVD history of Madison College prepared by the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University. For more information, contact Harry Mayden, president, at 240-645-2305, or Jim Culpepper, secretary/treasurer, at 615-415-1925.

Oak Park Academy Alumni Weekend: All alumni and former faculty and staff are invited to this special reunion weekend, **Sept. 12-13**. The 2014 honor classes are: 1939, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74 and '79. The reunion will take place at Gates Hall, 825 15th St., Nevada, Iowa. Make plans to attend. For more information, contact Mary Dassenko Schwantes at 636-527-0955 or email maryschwantes@sbcglobal.net.

Important Notice from the Editors

This is to let you know that we will publish only **ten** issues of the *Lake Union Herald* this year. We will combine the June/July and November/December issues.

Correction

On page 18 of the April issue, we inadvertently published that Dorothy Stephens never had attended any church prior to visiting the Kalamazoo Church in Michigan. The author has since learned, from Dorothy's daughter, that she did attend a Christian church with her children when they were small.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Jun 6	Jun 13	Jun 20	Jun 27	Jul 4	Jul 11	Jul 18	Jul 25	Aug 1	Aug 8
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:17	9:21	9:24	9:25	9:24	9:22	9:18	9:12	9:05	8:57
Chicago, Ill.	8:22	8:26	8:29	8:30	8:29	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:10	8:02
Detroit, Mich.	9:06	9:10	9:12	9:13	9:13	9:10	9:06	9:00	8:53	8:45
Indianapolis, Ind.	9:09	9:13	9:16	9:17	9:16	9:14	9:11	9:05	8:59	8:51
La Crosse, Wis.	8:43	8:48	8:50	8:51	8:50	8:48	8:43	8:37	8:30	8:21
Lansing, Mich.	9:13	9:17	9:19	9:20	9:20	9:17	9:13	9:07	9:00	8:51
Madison, Wis.	8:33	8:37	8:40	8:41	8:40	8:38	8:33	8:28	8:20	8:11
Springfield, Ill.	8:23	8:27	8:30	8:31	8:30	8:28	9:09	8:19	8:13	8:05

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>. Conference addresses and phone numbers are listed in the masthead on the inside back cover.

Anniversaries



Linda and Robert Quillin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2014, at Michigan Camp Meeting in Cedar Lake. Their children will again recognize their anniversary on August 3-8 when they can all be together at their home in Saginaw, Mich. They have been members of the Saginaw Church on Center Road for 37 years.

Robert C. Quillin and Linda L. Irving were married June 14, 1964, in Portland, Maine, by Pastor William Menshausen. Robert has been principal for 17 years, pastor for 32 years and District Superintendent for 19 years in Mich., retiring from full-time pastoring in Aug. 2011 and from interim pastoring and educational ministry in 2013. Linda has been elementary and music teacher, and pastor's wife, retiring from teaching in 1987.

The Quillin family includes Wendy-Lynn and Kevin Dunn of Endicott, N.Y.; Randall E. and Teresa Quillin of Cortez, Colo.; Cheryl-Kim and David G. Hamilton of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada; and Robert C. Quillin IV of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

Obituaries

BEEBE, Lillian E. (Benedict), age 95; born May 5, 1918, in Kewanee, Ill.; died March 26, 2014, in Morris, Ill. She was a member of the North Aurora (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth L.; daughter, Judith Hauch; brother, Ronald Benedict; sister, Margaret McPherson; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Larry Clonch and Daniel Vis, and interment was in Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

CONSTANTINE, George N., age 74; born May 5, 1939, in Riverside, Ontario, Canada; died Nov. 2, 2013, in Carmel, Ind. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda (McCutchan); sons, Greg and Rob; brothers, Emil and Greg; and sisters, Minerva Straman and Aurelia Holman.

Memorial services were conducted by Greg and Rob Constantine, and close friends, with private inurnment.

FITZSIMONS, Charles J. "Chuck", age 67; born Dec. 30, 1946, in Youngstown, Ohio; died March 9, 2014, in Hillsboro, Wis. He was a member of the Tomah (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alana "Lanny" (Reilly); sons, William W., Charles J. II and James J.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Samuel Garbi, Abraham Swamidass and Michael Ehm, with private inurnment.

GREVE, Floyd L. "Mountie", age 87; born May 29, 1926, in South Branch, Mich.; died March 17, 2014, in Grand Blanc, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Charles E.; stepson, Robert L. Potter; daughter, Lana L. Semenuk; stepdaughters, Linda L. (Potter) Cansler and Lori L. (Potter) Thorne; brothers, David O. and Robert; sister, Donna J. Scofield; two grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Salazar, and interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Linden, Mich.

HIPPLER, Gloria A. (Young), age 58; born Oct. 20, 1955, in Carthage, Mo.; died April 5, 2014, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Stevensville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, James; son, Jason; daughter, Tonya Snyder; mother, Bonnie Young; sisters, Twyla Wall and Judith Klein; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Glen Russell, with private inurnment, Berrien Springs.

INGALLS, Gladys (Knight), age 94; born Feb. 28, 1919, in Stanton, Mich.; died Oct. 12, 2013, in Bloomingdale, Mich. She was a member of the Frost Church, Stanton.

Survivors include her daughter, Janis Quakenbush; brothers, Percy and Armour Knight; sister, Rebecca Dunlap; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Oscar Montes, and interment was in McBride (Mich.) Cemetery.

LAND, Gary G., age 69; born Aug. 22, 1944, in San Francisco, Calif.; died April 26, 2014, in Mishawaka, Ind. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich. Gary was professor at Andrews University in the History Department since 1970 and Chair of the History Department for 22 years.

Survivors include his wife, Edith M. (Stone); son, Jeffery A.; and daughter, Jessamyn E. Land.

Memorial services were conducted by Josef Greig, with private inurnment.

MCCULLOUGH, Donald E., age 80; born Jan. 7, 1934, in Hanna, Ind.; died April 9, 2014, in McMinnville, Tenn. He was a member of the Wolf Lake (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannine M. (Chaffee); son, Edward McCullough; stepson, Rick Cook; daughters, Holly O'Neal and Sharon Zerby; stepdaughter, Robin Rudicel; brothers, Jon, Bob and David McCullough; sisters, Ruth Ludwig, Wilma Bellis, Verda Slack, Linda Hayman and Merle Risner; five grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Harry Hartmann and Bill Ludwig, with private inurnment.

MARSHALL, Syble Ryans, age 92; born Feb. 12, 1922, in Pleasant Hill, Ala.; died April 5, 2014, in Detroit, Mich. She was a member of the Burns Church, Detroit.

Survivors include her daughters, Lenora Johnson and Lula Ryans; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by William E. Joseph Jr. and Cory Jackson Sr., with private inurnment.

MIDA, Margie Ann (Messer), age 72; born Nov. 12, 1940, in Arcadia, Mich.; died June 15, 2013, in LeRoy, Mich. She was a member of the Bristol (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Fred A.; son, David Smith; daughters, Christal Hill and June Wesley; brothers, Kenneth and Larry Messer; sister, Barbara Swanson; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted at a later date.

SIEMS, Shirley R. (Rutherford) Osborne, age 86; born May 13, 1927, in Ionia, Mich.; died March 15, 2014, in Cedar Lake, Mich. She was a member of the Edmore (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, William, James and Kenneth Osborne; stepson, Milton Siems; daughters, Suzan Herrick and Patricia Gleason; stepdaughters, Evelyn Spencer and Shirley Donahue; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by David Gotshall and Robert Benson, with private inurnment, Cedar Lake, Mich.

STEWART, Margaret G. (Neal), age 89; born April 25, 1924, in Washington, Ark.; died March 26, 2014, in Holly, Mich. She was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include her son, Donald; brothers, Wesley and Wayne Neal; sisters, Ina Bryeans, Patricia Harp and Joy Brown; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by David Salazar, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

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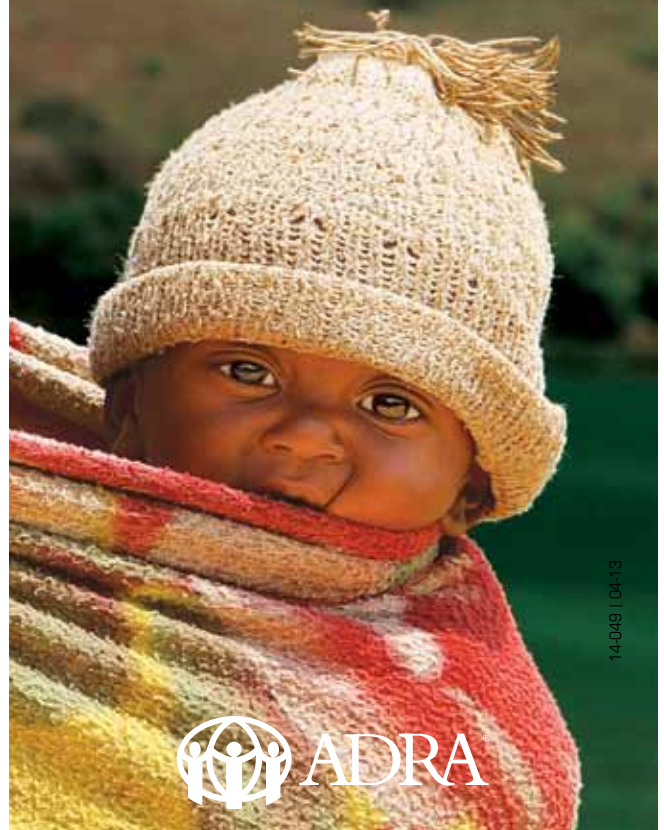
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

The Right Motivation

BY GARY BURNS



In his book *Whiteman's Gospel*, Craig Stephen Smith talks about a counterproductive motivation that white missionaries sometimes have had toward Native Americans. Motivation driven by a desperate plight often can produce unintended but predictable results. By focusing on the negative, any assistance, including our discarded items, appear to be of help when, in fact, they can perpetuate a negative self-identity and lack of self-worth.

A motivation driven by potential has a much better chance of success. While hearts can be moved with compassion regarding desperate situations and conditions, an eye for potential gives us a different perspective on assistance.

When Jesus mingled with the crowds or spoke words of encouragement on a hillside, he saw every person as a candidate for his kingdom. Even now, he looks

at you and me not as we appear but as we are in Christ. He sees our identity as a reality of our potential, not in terms of our present or past.

We have been given a mission for which we are called to be faithful stewards. We have a special focus in the Lake Union on our large cities of Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis and Milwaukee. In our personal work, which means meeting the people where they are, we need to be motivated by potential — to see beyond the obvious and offensive to the promise and potential.

Compassion is a good and desired motivation, but real compassion resists stereotypes and brings us in line with God's heart — to see people as his princes and princesses and to serve them as such, in partnership with God.

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

Spring Break Miracle

BY MANNY LAPOTIERE

Ten years from now, I'm not going to look back at my high school experience and remember the shoes I wore, the way my friends styled their hair, or the ridiculous amounts of money I spent on frivolous pleasures. The memories that are going to flood my mind will be the ones made in the incessant heat and smoggy towns of El Salvador.

More than 30 fellow academy students participated in a life-changing, ten-day experience in this quaint, little country, situated beneath Guatemala and Honduras, with several Cicero Church members and Aurora Hufnagel, trip leader. As we made use of our spring break, I can say, with certainty, that there isn't a single person who regrets participating in this trip.

Eunice Gomez, a sophomore at Indiana Academy who hails from El Salvador, went so far as to say, "It was a wonderful experience of warmth, beauty and personality. The people I met down there were extraordinary, and I was able to explore my heritage and meet family I had never had a chance to meet before. Overall, it was a very interesting trip."

Never before has there been such a multi-faceted trip, incorporating medical, dental, construction, VBS and evangelistic services all in one, and the things we were able to accomplish were absolutely astounding. Our medical and dental clinics, headed by physician David Bolin and dentist Randy Griffin, were able to reach almost 1,500 people who otherwise would not have been able to receive care and treatment.

Our construction crew, organized and led by Cicero Church member Jack Cain, laid block and helped construct an entire church in San Pablo where the locals had held services in a member's backyard. The VBS programs, coordinated by Cicero Church member Lisa Odenthal,



Manny Lapotiere pauses for a photo with a special friend he met in El Salvador.

reached out to five of the area's churches and one of the Adventist church schools. Thomas Morrow, Plant Services director at Indiana Academy, shared the love of Christ through short worship thoughts each day at a local Adventist mission school.

One aspect of the trip that focused solely on the welfare of those attending the trip was the tireless efforts of our kitchen staff, led by Kathy Griffin, director of Development and Recruiting at Indiana Academy. "Our hardworking kitchen staff enjoyed being together and providing meals for all the hungry people," Kathy states. "Cooking for 75-plus people isn't an easy job." It was their meals, along with some help from the local

church members, that provided the fuel to keep us going until our work was complete.

This is my third mission trip since attending Indiana Academy, but neither of my previous experiences can compare to the enormous change this trip made in my life. I thank God for blessing me in this way and providing funds for me to go, through job opportunities and generous community members. The impact made on this trip is truly a miracle, and we will never know just how much of a difference we made until we get to Heaven.

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A Volunteer of Love

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—Acts 20:35 ESV

Darrell Ezell II enjoys volunteer work that connects him with others. "I just love people," says the recent graduate of Wisconsin Academy. "I like being around people and hearing their stories."



Darrell Ezell

Last school year, when he was a senior, Darrell and a small group of students spent three hours every school day volunteering at a local assisted living facility. The high schoolers interacted with tenants, planned and decorated for events, and cleaned and performed odd jobs given to them by the facility director.

Darrell enjoyed every day when he volunteered at The Meadows of Fall River. "The tenants would open up to you when you were there. It was nice to let them see the kinds of people we have in our school," he says.

Because he spent so much time with the people there, Darrell got to know many of them on a personal level. He became friends with a man who had been a race car driver and a lady who recently had converted to Adventism. Darrell claims that experiences like these taught him he is not as shy as he thought. He also learned the importance of trusting God.

"The most important thing I learned is that God puts you in the right place at the right time," he says. "You never know what kind of an impact you could leave on a person. You never know what they've been through."

Marsha Braatz, facility director, is very thankful for the students and their volunteerism. She recalls one day, in particular, when Darrell went out of his way to pray with a tenant. "We're so impressed and very thankful for the students," she says. "It's a blessing to have them alongside our staff."

Besides his volunteer work, Darrell also is a literature evangelist in his hometown of Chicago. Last school year, he served as the senior class pastor at Wisconsin Academy. He hopes to attend Andrews University in the fall, and has interests in religion and business.

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