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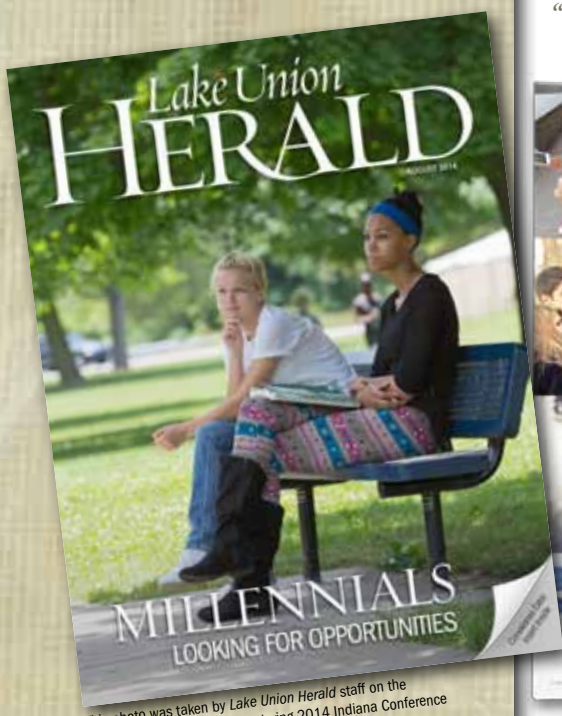


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"Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of his people"



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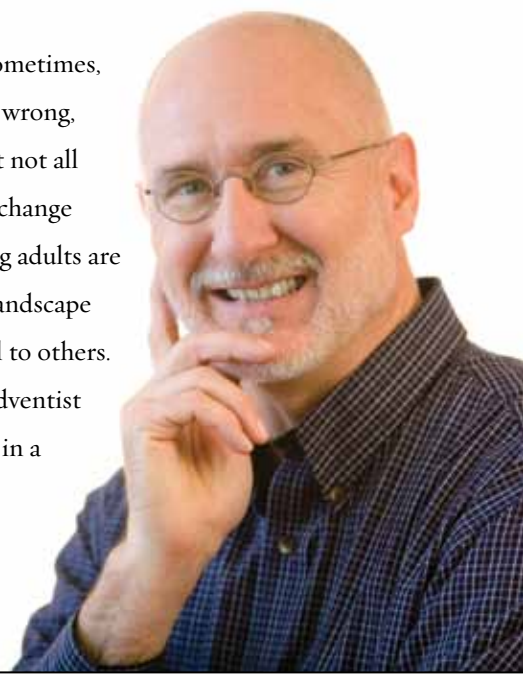
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In this issue...

Change is often resisted out of fear. Sometimes, change is justifiably resisted because it is wrong, immoral or detrimental in some way. But not all change fits these categories. Sometimes, change provides new opportunities. Today, young adults are changing our cultural and ecclesiastical landscape which appears scary to some and hopeful to others. This edition takes a look at how some Adventist young adults are changing our landscape in a positive way.


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Seeking Spiritual Resolutions

Through the years, I have encountered people with concerns about numerous issues and their proposed solutions. Some ideas have been very good, while others have been counter to both simple logic and inspired direction. One imaginative idea came some years ago from a person who felt we should sell all our churches, buy mobile home parks, and then worship in the parks' clubhouses. Maybe your reaction was similar to mine: Though I believe we should seek creative ways to minister to people in mobile home parks, this advice did not go into my "great idea" file.

Some time ago, a godly colleague came to me with a concern about information he was hearing. He expressed a deep conviction that a biblical approach to address a festering problem should be explored.

The conviction shared by this colleague was both sincere and very biblical. It was steeped in selfless concern for people and the mission of the church. There was immediate clarity about the right approach to be taken. Though there were some logistical details that were unclear and needed to be worked through with prayer and conversation, I was eager to pursue this idea.

While I often see God's hand both within and beyond my scope of responsibility, the unfolding of this obviously God-directed pathway was powerful and profound. Logistically, doors opened; there was an ability to follow through, and the prayers of a close circle of trusted friends were answered. It was simply one of the most powerful experiences of my ministry. I attribute the positive outcome of that process to several factors: 1) Godly people who pray and function with spiritual discernment; 2) A mindful spirit of coming together under God; and 3) Humble people willing to hear concerns with an openness to follow council.

It is a beautiful thing to see strongly-convicted people of God, who see things in a different way, collectively cling to God and each other.

There are some individuals who continue to engage in non-spiritual approaches to real problems; however, we need people who bring biblical, godly approaches in the spirit of Christ. We need those who have the courage to lovingly address issues and people who are damaging self, each other and/or God's cause. We need people who seek for productive spiritual outcomes, who are corrective while doing it in a way that brings God's people closer together. We need those who let Scripture and prayer guide what and how we seek resolution while bringing an attitude of humility that is open to hearing all that may not have been known and appropriately shift thinking to include a wider base of information.

In the experience I described above, my colleagues and I saw God bring a very positive change of direction to a developing situation that in human terms seemed improbable. Although the experience filled us with hope, it continues to be an ongoing process dependent on following a course down Spirit-led pathways.

It was a powerful thing to see God work. It is our privilege, and we can expect to see powerful miracles worked by God on a constant basis when we trust with humility, respond with loving courage, and have the faith to wait patiently on the Lord to see what he, alone, can do.



Seeking Spiritual Resolutions

BY LORI RANDALL

Where were you the very first time you remember hearing God speak to your heart? Perhaps you were sitting in a Cradle Roll Sabbath school class, tick-tock sticks clacking and feet barely touching the floor. Or maybe you were playing basketball with your pastor and, for the first time in your life, you realized an adult actually cared and valued spending time with you.

Regardless of where your early experience took place, one thing we do know is this: Children *are* able to hear the voice of God! Consider 1 Samuel 3. A young mother has been gifted with a much prayed-for boy. Her thank-you present back to the Lord is giving him over to a life of service. Samuel ministers faithfully, guided by the love and care of Eli. One night, Samuel goes to bed and hears a voice. Guessing he is being summoned by the priest, Samuel obediently runs to answer the call. After several attempts to understand the situation, Eli says to the boy, *I did not call. ... Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"* (1 Samuel 3:6, 9 NIV).

Here are five simple tips for helping children to hear God's voice through you:

Build Memories

Make purposeful, deliberate choices to involve your children in activities where you know God's name will be honored and glorified. Sign up for family camp and go canoeing down the river. Discuss with them the meaning behind the worship stories and songs at camp. Block off vacation time for camp meeting, and let your kids pick out a few "treasures" from the Adventist Book Center. Commit to



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driving them to vacation Bible school, and then volunteer to help with Bible skits. Fight the urge to turn off your alarm clock on Sabbath morning, and get them to Sabbath school. Building memories in God's kids is a very important thing; it puts handles on their souls that the Holy Spirit will access in years ahead.

Traditions Are Good

When I taught at the Holland SDA Elementary School, I was delighted to learn about a special tradition that took place in their classrooms every Friday afternoon. Menorah candles were placed one at a time in a seven-piece holder as the days of

the Creation week were reviewed. Our time together ended with a Sabbath celebration snack, and together we thanked Jesus for the soon-approaching, precious hours of Sabbath rest. Look for ways to set up traditions in your own home: a special Friday evening meal and a routine, daily pattern for family worship. Be consistent, and don't forget to add a few "sparkles" of creativity along the way to make it fun! My mother, Carol Hahn, has established a very special tradition that is close to my own heart. Each Christmas, she gathers all the grandchildren to have them participate in a retelling of the Nativity experience. She sews simple costumes,



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creates little props, and incorporates songs, poems and animal sounds effects. At the end, we all light candles, recommit our hearts to the Lord, and pray a special dedication prayer for the new year ahead.

Anticipation Is Good

We are blessed within our Church to have some pretty awesome programs in place for children. These programs include the Little Lambs, Eager Beavers, Adventurer and Pathfinder curriculum tracks. Beginning with the tender ages of the preschool years, children are taught that because Jesus loves us, we want to do our very best for him! Each program is unique and different, so kids are able to eagerly anticipate the next level where new challenges and deeper thinking occurs. If you minister in a small church, fight the urge to clump all of your children together into one program. Look for ways to make each age group feel special, and be mindful of their developmental abilities.

Concrete Teaching Matters

The younger the age group of children, the more concrete the teaching needs to be. The story is told of a young boy who came running into his daddy's arms at the end of the day posing the question, "Daddy, how big is Jesus?" The child's teacher had told the class that Jesus was a *big God*, so very big that he held the world in the palm of his hand. Also, that the most important thing of all was to have Jesus living *inside* of you. If all this was truly correct, then Jesus couldn't fit inside of us. Some of him would certainly stick out! The understanding daddy got the point, and told his confused son, "Well, to have Jesus inside of us means to have his love

in our hearts. And if Jesus' love is inside of me, then his love definitely is going to stick out!" Consider your age groups, and don't forget to check for understanding to make sure they get what you are trying to teach.

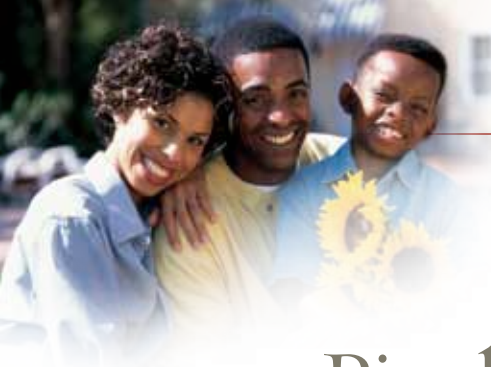
What We Do Is Important not Glamorous

The points of major decisions are not the *start* of where decisions are made. You may feel like you're constantly grabbing tissues to wipe a runny nose, or that you've repeated yourself a hundred times in trying to convey the message in a Bible story. Don't give up! And don't let the devil make you feel like your job isn't important. You have been given the extreme privilege of working with young hearts.

What a joy it is to minister to the children and youth of our church! We have the humble responsibility of helping to prepare tiny souls for the calling God has in store for their lives. Recommit to your own daily connection with Jesus, fall on your knees, and ask the Lord to use you to help the young people within your own sphere of influence to hear his voice.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them... (Psalm 127:3-5 NASB).

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Pipelines and Perseverance

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. —Luke 2:52 NIV

In a recent blog, Tim Elmore* shared that he and his team had assessed 8,500 students from 29 public high schools. While they discovered a low view of morality, assumptions about leadership, and how much students' aspirations and goals played a role in the graduation rate and their life after high school, the researchers discovered something more. As teens began to emerge as leaders, there were four paths they seemed to take en route. "In other words," he stated, "we found four pipelines that repeatedly produced leaders who gained influence among peers."

The P.I.P.E. Line

People: The students who became natural leaders were "others-minded." Yes, they showed common courtesies toward peers, but they also saw a world outside themselves. They were mindful of the needs and wants of others and acted in light of this.

Ideas: A second path toward leadership began in some students who simply had ideas and weren't afraid to share them. The teen with the idea soon became the teen with the influence among his/her peers. It had more to do with having a voice and being heard than it did about having good or not-so-good ideas.

Planning: Some students found their way into leadership because they thought ahead and could see what had to happen to pull off an idea. Even if they didn't come up with the idea, they knew how to implement it. "It proved the man with the plan is the man with the power," said Tim.

Energy: The fourth pipeline was pure energy. These students emerged as natural leaders because they possessed passion and energy, and it was contagious. Even though they weren't necessarily the best and brightest, they moved and inspired others through their sheer vigor.



We each have an important role in encouraging our youth and helping them identify and find the ways they can and do lead others — be it by being inclusive of others and others-minded, gaining influence by sharing ideas, being a source of creativity and thinking ahead, or an ability to motivate peers by their own passion and energy.

There's another pressing need today, and that is to assist our youth in increasing their capacity to persevere through distraction and difficulty to accomplish challenging tasks at school, home and in their church. It's about teaching, involving them in activities that strengthen their habits of motivation, leadership and persistence, and by celebrating with them as they grow in wisdom and stature.

How about having conversations about pipelines and perseverance with youth you know?!

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HEALTHY CHOICES

Adding one daily serving of green, leafy vegetables reduces the risk of hip fractures.

Sweet Results

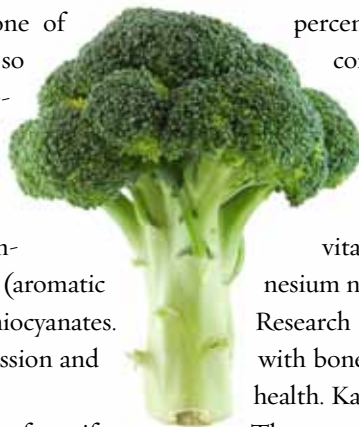
BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Cruciferous veggies provide cancer protection.



Cruciferous vegetables generally are not well liked. They possess a slightly bitter flavor due to their glucosinolates content. However, these compounds provide health-promoting properties. While broccoli and cabbage are the best known cruciferous vegetables, others include Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale, bok choy and collard greens. Different parts of the Brassica plant have been developed for food, including the stems (kohlrabi), leaves (cabbage, collard greens), flowers (cauliflower, broccoli) and buds (cabbage, Brussels sprouts).

Green vegetables are recognized as one of the most inexpensive, reliable sources of so many minerals such as potassium, magnesium, iron and calcium. Cruciferous vegetables are also rich in vitamins A and K, folic acid, and dietary fiber, as well as being a primary source of glucosinolates, compounds which break down to form indoles (aromatic heterocyclic organic compounds) and isothiocyanates. The isothiocyanates decrease tumor progression and promote the death of tumor cells.



A large study revealed that a high intake of cruciferous vegetables was associated with a 15 percent reduction in breast cancer risk. A European study found that those who ate cruciferous vegetables weekly were 72 percent less likely to develop lung cancer. Another European study found that the consumption of cruciferous vegetables at least once a week, as compared with no or occasional consumption, lowered the risk of colorectal and breast cancers by 17 percent, esophageal and liver cancer by 28 percent, kidney cancer by 32 percent, and prostate cancer by 13 percent. Boiling reduces the level of anti-cancer compounds, but steaming, microwaving and stir-frying do not result in significant losses. Heating the vegetable for three to four minutes increases the bioavailability of the phytochemicals.

In a study of 135,000 Chinese adults, those individuals with the highest intake of cruciferous vegetables had a 22 percent lower death rate from all causes and a 31

percent lower death rate from cardiovascular disease, compared to those with the lowest intake of cruciferous vegetables.

Kale exemplifies the value of cruciferous vegetables. At a mere 36 calories, a cup of kale provides about twice your daily need of vitamin A and C, 40 percent of your daily magnesium need, and 10 times the daily need of vitamin K. Research suggests that vitamin K is involved not only with bone health but also cardiovascular and cognitive health. Kale has a high content of lutein and zeaxanthin.

These carotenoids become concentrated in the macular region of the retina, and protect against age-related macular degeneration, the major cause of blindness in the elderly.

Tossed salads can be made more interesting, more healthful, and very colorful by adding to the lettuce, kale or baby spinach, some carrot and tomato pieces, slices of green onions, cucumber and red cabbage, slices of red pepper, as well as some raw pieces of radicchio, broccoli and cauliflower. Adding some arugula gives a distinctive peppery taste.

Health organizations recommend we eat two to three cups of vegetables a day. The health benefits are immense. Adding one daily serving of green, leafy vegetables can lower the risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes by about ten percent. In addition, the risk of a hip fracture and many cancers are significantly reduced.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever he goes

Learn by Doing

BY ELLEN WHITE

“**G**o ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” is Christ’s command to His followers. Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Christ in giving the “glad tidings” to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given.

In view of this command, can we educate our sons and daughters for a life of respectable conventionality, a life professedly Christian, but lacking His self-sacrifice, a life on which the verdict of Him who is truth must be, “*I know you not?*”

Thousands are doing this. They think to secure for their children the benefits of the gospel, while they deny its Spirit. But this can not be. Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training that in this life gives strength and nobility of character. Many a father and mother, denying their children to the cross of Christ, have learned too late that they were thus giving them over to the enemy of God and man.

He who came from heaven to be our example spent nearly thirty years of His life in common, mechanical labor; but during this time He was studying the word and the works of God, and helping, comforting, teaching all whom His influence could reach. When His public ministry began, He went about healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, and preaching the gospel to the poor. This is the work of every one of His children.

“*He that is greatest among you,*” Christ said, “*let him be as the younger, and he that is chief as he that doth serve. For... I am among you as he that serveth.*” Luke 22:26, 27.

Personal love and loyalty to Christ are the spring of all true service. In the heart touched by His love, there is

begotten a desire to work for Him. Let this desire be encouraged and rightly guided. Whether in the home, the neighborhood, or the school, the presence of the poor, the afflicted, the ignorant, or the unfortunate, should be regarded, not as a misfortune, but as affording precious opportunity for service.

Skill in this work, as in every other, is gained in the work itself. It is by training in the common duties of life and in ministry to the afflicted and suffering, that efficiency is assured. Without this the most sincere purposes and efforts are often useless, and even harmful. It is in the water, not on the land, that men learn to swim. — Ellen White, *General Conference Bulletin*, “Article C,” July 1, 1902.

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:

- Is a life of respectable conventionality a goal for you or your children? What factors should influence our career choices?
- How did Jesus train his young adult leaders in ministry? (See Matthew 10, Mark 6, Luke 9, 10.)
- Why is service to the afflicted and suffering a requisite for proper training in ministry?

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Listening to God

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

Learning to hear God is not a matter of discovering a formula. There are no surefire techniques. God is a person. Learning to hear him is a matter of being attentive to a real person. In other words, to improve our hearing we need to improve our relationship.

Listening to God is not a skill that we inherently possess. It has to be learned in the same way that a growing child learns to listen to her mother's voice. There are going to be mistakes. God will be patient, more patient than any parent, as we live and learn. Following are several suggested activities that will help you learn how to listen.

First, turn your mind toward God intentionally and often. Get oriented to his ways of thinking and acting. Create times, like Mary, to sit quietly at the feet of Jesus and pay close attention to what he is saying. Be alert to what is happening in your life, to thoughts that are surfacing in your mind and to the stirrings of your heart. Is God in these things? Talk to him about them. He is interested in every event, every thought, and every stirring. He wants in on your life just as much as you want in on his thoughts.

Second, ask God for a listening ear. That's a prayer he will not refuse. Ask him to reveal himself to you and to train you to hear his voice. He is a great teacher. Invite him to interrupt you with his thoughts about any issue or situation.

Ask him to impress upon you situations and people that you should pray for. Ask him to guide you to assignments that he wants you to carry out for him. God loves that kind of asking.

Third, position yourself to hear. Meditate on the Word of God day and night. Hide the Word in your heart so that God can draw upon it at will.

Be silent often enough and long enough to give him an opportunity to speak to your heart. Ask God questions that will invite his response, questions like: "Is there a sin I need to deal with?" or "How can I be more fruitful for you?" Then wait for his answer.

Fourth, trust God to speak. It's his responsibility. Don't try to force him. You can't anyway, but you don't have to. He wants to communicate with his children. He told us he would. He will speak in ways that he chooses: through the Scriptures, by arranging circumstances, through trusted counselors, and by an inner voice. How he speaks is his responsibility; expecting him to speak and being prepared to listen is ours.

Fifth, be ready to respond. God is not in the business of revealing himself to us so that we can decide whether we will respond. Don't expect him to speak at all unless you are committed to responding. His word may call for confession. His guidance may lead to action. His Spirit may lead you to pray for or reach out to someone you know. He may simply want you to say "thank you."

Learn to listen, and you will find yourself on an incredible journey to a closer walk with God and a joy greater than you can imagine.

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Street Team

BY ZACK PAYNE

If you ask many people, they will tell you Green Bay, Wisconsin, is too small of a city to have a homeless problem, and that there simply can't be that many homeless people here. But a year-and-a-half ago when I decided to start up Street Team, our homeless outreach here at the Green Bay Church, I discovered that assumption simply wasn't true.

Green Bay is filled with homeless people; in fact, there are so many that shortly after the local St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter expanded to accommodate more homeless individuals, they still found more than they legally could house on their doorstep each evening. In reality, we have such top-quality homeless shelters here that the homeless flock to our city.

Street Team, then, is not the answer to every problem the homeless in Green Bay face but, rather, it serves as an opportunity for our church to reach out and remind them that people still care and that the love of God is real, despite the reality of their trials. Every first Sabbath from August through May, Street Team sets up a table outside the downtown branch of the Brown County Library, which is where many homeless go for shelter during the day. They relocate to the library because area homeless shelters require them to leave each morning. We bring hot soup, day-old bread donated by a local restaurant, various hygiene products and warm clothing items donated by our church and its Community Services Center. We also bring a number of relevant GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts, a bag full of copies of *The Great Hope*, and informational materials about local shelters and mental health centers to give away.



Street Team, an outreach of the Green Bay Church in Wisconsin, reminds the homeless that people still care and that the love of God is real.

Everything we give away is free. When asked why we do what we do, we reply along these lines: "Because we serve Jesus, and that's what he wants us to do" or simply, "Because we want to show the community we care."

On a given occasion, we serve 15–35 people, and we have a growing number of regulars who return every time. People are grateful for what we have to offer them, and many have broken down in tears, thankful for the reminder that God exists and

that people still care enough about him to go into the community and help those in need. Many also have opened up and shared their life stories with us. We listen and then pray about the things they are going through. Many others simply have walked by to tell us they think that what we're doing is great, and they would like to donate to the cause.

For those of us who go every month, we are excited to know that what we are doing for the "least of these," we also are doing for Jesus. It's refreshing to be out in the community, literally doing what Jesus has asked for us to do in his Word — not just talking and theorizing about it.

Zack Payne is the youth pastor of the Green Bay Church in Wisconsin.



La dirección de la obra en el siglo 21

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Escribo esto para que todos puedan saber que no hay controversia entre los adventistas del séptimo día acerca de la dirección de la obra. El Señor Dios del cielo es nuestro Rey. Es un líder a quien todos pueden seguir con seguridad porque nunca comete un error. Honremos a Dios y a su Hijo, por medio del cual él se comunica con el mundo. —Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, p. 249).

En el mes de mayo tuve el privilegio de asistir, en la ciudad de Washington, D.C., al primer concilio administrativo de la División Norteamericana. El propósito de este concilio fue evaluar la eficacia y la dirección de la iglesia y ver dónde habría que hacer cambios que pudieran resultar en el avance de la obra de Dios.

Se presentaron los resultados de algunos estudios y encuestas, y fue obvio que a pesar de los muchos esfuerzos evangelísticos que se han realizado, las estadísticas demuestran que la División Norteamericana aún tiene el gran desafío de ganar almas para Cristo en la población que ha nacido y crecido en este país. Fue impactante para mí ver las estadísticas que indican que la mayoría de los bautismos en nuestra



Administradores de la División Norteamericana escuchan a Dan Jackson, presidente de la División, en el Concilio de Administradores realizado en el mes de mayo de este año.

División son de inmigrantes. Otro desafío que se hizo notar fue el de la educación de nuestros niños y jóvenes en un ambiente donde los costos de educación siguen aumentando.

Después de presentarse los resultados de los diferentes estudios se hizo una encuesta a los que estábamos presentes. Se nos preguntó que si fuera necesario hacer cambios en la estructura, si nosotros como administradores estuvieramos, dispuestos a sacrificar nuestros puestos de responsabilidad en las asociaciones. Gracias a Dios, el 95% de los administradores respondió en forma positiva.

Al final del concilio se llegó al acuerdo de tratar de establecer una estrategia que presentara a la iglesia como la iglesia que se preocupa por los demás. También se decidió

revisar la estructura de la iglesia para asegurar que no hubiera duplicación de servicios y así reducir los costos. Se decidió también estudiar cómo distribuir mejor los diezmos que reciben las asociaciones para hacer progresar la misión de la iglesia.

Al meditar en lo ocurrido durante esos tres días de reuniones, me impresionaron dos cosas. En primer lugar ver el espíritu de unidad que había y el deseo unánime de

buscar soluciones a los desafíos que la iglesia Adventista enfrenta en el siglo 21. Además, me impactó ver el espíritu de humildad que existía entre todos los presentes y la disposición a rendir sus puestos de responsabilidad, si eso fuera necesario, para hacer prosperar la obra de Dios. En mi parecer esa actitud refleja la actitud de Dios al ofrecer a su Hijo para el bienestar de muchos.

A pesar de las dificultades que parecen grandes a nuestros ojos, no tengo la menor duda que Dios dará la victoria a su iglesia, porque existen hermanos y líderes listos para hacer cualquier sacrificio a fin de hacer avanzar su obra y apresurar su venida.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.



Passing the Mantle

BY DIANE THURBER

The Hope Community Church became home to a new group of believers on July 5, 2014. The founding members of the new Lawrence Hispanic SDA Group entered their new church with much enthusiasm and excitement, determined to be a new lighthouse for Jesus in the community. Nearly 50 individuals will transfer to the Lawrence Group from other Adventist Hispanic congregations in Indiana, and the majority are young adults who have been preparing, for more than a year, for this church plant adventure with Jesus. There will be only three or four adults older than 38 years in the new Group. It is thrilling for Antonio Rosario to witness these young adult leaders take this momentous step in faith.

Antonio answered God's call to coordinate Hispanic Ministries for the Indiana Conference just seven years ago. He arrived in Indiana with a plan to grow the Body of Christ in Indiana and, specifically, the Adventist Hispanic work. He is convicted of our Church's mission to tell of

Jesus' love, saving power and soon return, and of Ellen White's directive to train our youth to help accomplish the Lord's work prior to the Second Coming. This new church plant led by young adults is not an accident, but a deliberate strategy bathed in prayer.

Blessed and challenged by a book, *The Community of the Future*, the last of three volumes in the acclaimed Drucker Foundation Future Series, Antonio became convicted by the book's assertion that the institution with the strongest impact in the community in the 21st century will be the church. He read where churches need to have five emphases in order to survive and impact communities: 1) Leadership; 2) Supply Needs in a Community Context; 3) Cultural Relevance; 4) Training and Learning; and 5) Mobilization of Lay People.

Further study of Ellen White's writings confirmed what *The Community of the Future* suggested, and led Antonio to develop and initiate a strategy for Hispanic ministry in the Indiana Conference. The result is three additional churches voted into membership at the last Indiana Conference Constituency Session, six church plants started since that Session, and a Hispanic membership now of more than 1,600 in 21 churches conference-wide. One of the greatest successes of his intentional leadership strategy, guided by the Holy Spirit, is the engagement and involvement of youth and young adults in ministry at the local church level. "They are not the church of the future," said Antonio. "They are the leaders of the church now," he emphasized.

Throughout the Indiana Hispanic churches on any given Sabbath, you might encounter young adults delivering a sermon, leading a new believers' Sabbath school class, teaching the teens and youth, or providing music. During the week, you could find young adults teaching health classes, giving Bible studies, leading small group classes, serving at the food bank or pantry, or completing treasury responsibilities for the church.

Young adults are involved in all areas of ministry in the Hispanic churches in Indiana. And it isn't just the young men.

"We accommodate the women in all our leadership positions and in all our decision-making. We value them," Antonio said. Just recently in the Mishawaka Hispanic Church, he anointed one female elder and four female deaconesses. "If you see my preaching schedule at my church, you are going to see women, too," Antonio said. In addition to believing that God has sprinkled his gifts liberally on all members, Antonio also recognizes the need to develop women leaders because of the absence, or low attendance or number of male members in some congregations.

Each Friday evening throughout the year, small group classes are held in the homes of church members. There are currently 92 small groups scattered throughout Indiana, 36 of which are in Indianapolis. Group leaders have received specialized training during retreats at Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer, Indiana. They are equipped with resources and technology to lead. Approximately \$500 from the Hispanic Ministries Evangelism Fund is invested in each small group. A specific topic is chosen for the year. Each leader uses a teacher's manual, and members are given a study guide. This year, with the North American Division's emphasis on big city evangelism in Indianapolis, the groups are using the "My Ciudad: Su Gente" resources by Roger Hernandez of the Southern Union Conference Ministerial Department.

Within the small groups, you will find individuals of all ages, both church members and community guests, and this works best, according to Antonio. Young adults may lead out or be

mentored, but the small groups exist for discipleship, outreach, nurturing, assimilation and retention. It is from these small groups that new lay leaders are born and churches planted.

"In each small group, each leader is a lay pastor, and they take care of that church. They serve their community," said Antonio. "Ellen White said, 'The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of the others' (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, pp. 21-22). That's the Jesus Christ method, and that's my passion to keep us in small groups and delegate," he added.

In July, young adult members from more than 60 small groups will conduct neighborhood weekend evangelistic series in their homes. There are no invitations to be mailed out, no television ads to run, no doors to knock on because the neighbors already are attending the weekly small group meetings on Friday evenings. The only difference will be the addition of Saturday and Sunday meetings, for a total of 12 nights in July, during which the young adult preacher will show a DVD lesson, summarize it, and give an appeal. Afterward, another young adult will review the previous night's lesson. These meetings are a precursor to the evangelism reaping series in the fall,

at the DuPont Building in the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, with guest speakers Omar Grieve and Nesity Pittau-Grieve, directors of “The Voice of Hope.”

In addition to training and learning at the in-home, small group setting, young adults are invited to participate in the Hispanic Lay Training Institute of the Indiana Conference (Instituto de Capacitación Teológica y Liderazgo de la Asociación de Indiana or ICTLAI) where certifications, in areas such as Bible Worker, Assistant Lay Pastor, Stewardship and Family Life, can be earned. They meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon for ten months at the Conference office in Carmel, Indiana, and spend four-and-a-half hours each time with professional instructors who provide education to help bring balance to their ministry and life. The Hispanic Ministries Department provides study resources.

Currently, 60 individuals are in the stewardship and finance certification program, and Antonio anticipates 25 will be prepared as instructors to carry their knowledge throughout the conference to local churches. He has witnessed with amazement what God can do in the lives of individuals who may be rough around the edges before they submit their lives to God to mold for service. They may not have the education or language skills initially but, through the training at ICTLAI and guidance of the Holy Spirit, they are equipped for the purposes God intends for their lives. Some young adults have continued their education beyond the certification classes and now are enrolled in institutions of higher learning to earn degrees in ministry.

“My personal experience with ICTLAI and the training for the small groups mentoring has been an opportunity to learn, share, lead and grow mentally and

spiritually,” said Luis Rivas, pastor of Hispanic District 5. “Pastor Rosario is doing a great job as he leads this training, not only in preparing and providing us with all the materials, but also as he finds good teachers to come and share their knowledge with the students,” he added.

“I am thankful to Pastor Rosario for his leadership. He always provides materials to help the church grow up. I think the preparation and the teaching is one of the best ways to prepare the church, and to make more leaders to support the church. ... ICTLAI helps me a lot to grow in my ministries. With the certifications in Family Life and Assistant Lay Pastor, I can help myself more and help others,” said Jose Williams, treasurer of the Evansville Hispanic Church.

“ICTLAI is an effective strategy to train, equip and provide fresh resources to the leadership. I have seen great enthusiasm in my local leaders in attending the ICTLAI meetings, which are bringing unity to our vision and mission as a movement,” said Alberto Tass, pastor of the Hispanic North District of South Bend and Elkhart.

Special speakers also have been invited for conference-wide Hispanic youth and young adult convocations and retreats. Recently, Jose Rojas, a minister and president of MOVEMENTUM, coached the young adults on how to reach their peers and other generations in big cities in a post-modern world. Some will implement these strategies in their local churches.

Each year during Holy Week (Easter), youth and young adults in Indiana Hispanic churches present special messages about Jesus. This spring, there were 22 series by young adults, resulting in 36 baptisms and 112 who requested Bible studies or expressed a desire to attend church.

When he arrived in Indiana, Antonio cast his vision for lay-driven churches to

the Hispanic pastors. They are now on board and, together with Antonio, educating older generations in their churches to make a way for the young adults in ministry. The pastors, too, are stressing that each church should be a training school, and that is what they have become. Each generation is learning what it means to respect one another’s views, music, worship and dress, and there is a balance to accommodate one another. “We are each to be change agents,” Antonio said, “and provide space for new generations. We believe that besides training, you have to delegate. You have to empower young adults to do ministry,” said Antonio.

Now, instead of only sharing their God-inspired dreams and hoping for the day their Church will catch up or give them an opportunity to lead, young adults are seeing those dreams happen in Indiana. The Hispanic young adults are given opportunities to plan health expos, operate state fair booths, and lead outreach activities, retreats and festivals. They are on the church boards and in the pulpits. They are empowered to do ministry, not just sit on the sidelines and wait to be heard.

In some churches, we may hear young adults express frustration because they’d like to do more, or we see their restlessness. Antonio says, “When that happens, I blame the leadership. They hold them back. They are limited.” Because of consistent training, Indiana Hispanic pastors have caught the vision that their churches are training schools for lay-driven churches. “It is a win-win for them to do that, and the young people are empowered.” Antonio said.

Antonio also pastors the Indianapolis Central Hispanic Church. Anything he asks the other pastors to do or try, he does himself. He is the oldest Hispanic pastor in the Indiana Conference, and thus mentors younger genera-

tions of pastors, too, not just the young adults in his congregation. He teaches Hispanic-American Church History and Hispanic American Culture classes in the MAPMin program at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. It is his desire for every Hispanic pastor in Indiana to earn their Master's degree. He believes they will better understand the diverse Hispanic culture they will encounter in their churches, have the opportunity to become bilingual, and learn how to reach the second generation of Hispanic youth. This education is important, Antonio says, "for the pastor to fulfill his ministry in the United States."

"I believe that as pastors and leaders we need to prepare ourselves more so we can offer a better service to our church and the community. Gaining knowledge, materials, counseling, new ideas and tools helps me to lead and guide, in a greater way, my church and the small groups that we are planting in my church district," said Luis.

The Lord has been guiding and working with Antonio in the Indiana Conference for seven years. "In the beginning, there was lots of education," said Antonio, to introduce his "Plan B" as another way to lead. It was hard to promote change, be consistent, and wait to see results. "But now the older folks are saying, 'We never did this or that before,' said Antonio. Now it is working, and they understand the value of placing the young people in responsible ministry

positions. They understand the mission.

God has placed a burden on Antonio's heart to see an evangelism center built in Indianapolis. The property is purchased, but funds are now needed to see this become a reality. An evangelism center would mean a 1,500-seat venue for training, evangelism, community outreach and functions. It would open doors for friendship evangelism where currently there are none. "To preach the gospel, sometimes it is more than to win a soul. We have to do ministry sometimes not expecting to do baptisms, but to do what the Lord is asking us to do — to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked... If we do that, I think we are opening the door for the young people to implement more leadership and their vision. They are asking for resources. They want to do things right," said Antonio.

The Hispanic work began in Indianapolis in 1990 at the General Conference Session. It is Antonio's dream to complete the evangelism center and present it along with the fruits of the Hispanic work in Indiana at the General Conference Session when it convenes in Indianapolis again in 2020.

God has surely blessed the Hispanic work in Indiana, and now we pray for the young people who are picking up the mantle, handed to them willingly and eagerly by those from older generations, and marching forward in faith to share God's love throughout the state.

Diane Thurber is the associate director of communication for the Lake Union Conference.



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Millennials

BY THE EDITORS

Pundits are scratching their heads, trying to figure out how the rapidly-shifting demographics will impact the American political, cultural and religious landscape. This demographic shift is not just a change in ethnic populations, it is also a generational shift in basic American cultural foundations, traditions and relationships.

In March 2014, Bruce Drake, senior editor at the Pew Research Center, released new findings about young adults ages 18–33, also known as “Millennials.”¹ This group has fewer attachments to traditional political and religious institutions, with half describing themselves as political independents, and nearly one-third have no affiliation with any religion.

“Yet, in other ways, Millennials remain fairly traditional in their religious beliefs and practices. Pew Research Center surveys show, for instance, that young adults’ beliefs about life after death and the existence of Heaven, hell and miracles closely resemble the beliefs of older people today.”²

Though they have fewer attachments to institutions, millennials are connected and networked through social and digital media. They are optimistic about their financial future while facing greater financial hardships than previous generations. Singlehood is becoming more of the norm with just 26 percent of millennials being married compared to 65 percent for those of the Silent Generation — a label for the generation of people born during the Great Depression and World War II — at the same age. Millennials are the most racially-diverse generation in American history with non-whites making up 43 percent of the millennial population.

Another interesting finding is that millennials are less trusting than previous generations. About half believe they

will get no Social Security benefits, and most of the rest believe their benefits will be reduced.³

Often dubbed “The Me Me Me Generation,” World Vision reports in their 2013 Holiday Giving Survey that 56 percent of men, ages 18–34, have given a charitable gift versus 36 percent for men 35 and above.⁴

According to the “Millennial Impact Report,” 75 percent of young people donated to causes last year, and 63 percent said they gave their time to volunteer.⁵

In light of these trends, consider the challenges and opportunities millennials face in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the positive implications from the following perspective by Ellen White.

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A New Army of Workers?

BY ELLEN WHITE

In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people. Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the plow, from the vineyard, and from various other branches of labor, and sent forth by the Master to give His message. Many of these have had little opportunity for education. To human wisdom the outlook for them would seem discouraging. But Christ sees in them qualifications that will enable them to take their place in His vineyard. If they put their hearts into the work, and continue to be learners, He will fit them to labor for Him.

He who understands the terrible depths of the world's misery and despair, understands by what means to bring relief. He sees on every hand souls in ignorance and darkness, bowed down with sin and sorrow and pain. But He sees also man's possibilities, the height to which he may attain. Even though human beings have abused their mercies, wasted their talents, and lost the dignity of God-like manhood, the Creator is to be glorified in their redemption.

The burden of labor for these needy ones in the rough places of the

earth Christ lays upon those who can feel for the ignorant and for such as are out of the way. He will be present to help those who are susceptible to pity though their hands may be rough and unskilled. He will work through those who can see mercy in misery, and gain in loss. When the Light of the world passes by, privilege will be discerned in hardship, order in confusion, success in apparent failure. In calamities will be recognized disguised blessings; in woes, mercies. Laborers from the common people, sharing the sorrows of their fellow

men as their Master shared the sorrows of the whole human race, will by faith see Him working with them.

“The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly” (Zephaniah 1:14). And a world is to be warned.

With such preparation as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to this work. Already many hearts are responding to the call of the Master Worker; and their numbers will increase. Let every Christian educator give such workers sympathy and co-operation. Let him encourage and assist the youth under his care in gaining a preparation to join the ranks.

There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God’s helping-hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish

their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what “university course” can equal this?

With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come, — the end of suffering and sorrow and sin. How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where *“there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away”* (Revelation 21:4).

Ellen White was a co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This article written by her was published in the *General Conference Bulletin*, “Article C,” July 1, 1902.



- Millennials have fewer attachments to traditional political and religious institutions.
- Millennials are more burdened by financial hardships than previous generations, but they’re optimistic about the future.
- Singlehood sets millennials apart from other generations.
- Millennials are the most racially-diverse generation in American history.
- Millennials are less trusting of others than older Americans are.
- Few millennials believe that Social Security will provide them with full benefits when they are ready to retire, but most oppose cutting current benefits.



CONEXIONES EXTRA

Las Riquezas de Dios

POR DAVID GARCÍA-MARENKO

Los noticieros nos han informado recientemente que se ha descubierto en las profundidades del mar una nave que aseguran es la que Cristóbal Colón usó en el descubrimiento de América. No sabemos todavía si es en realidad la misma embarcación; lo cierto es que en ella encontrarían una riqueza histórica incalculable.

El apóstol Pablo, al escribir a la iglesia en Éfeso, utiliza una serie de declaraciones que enfatizan las riquezas de Dios. Tenemos un Dios tan rico que, es lamentable que muchas veces suframos sin razón, por las aparentes pobreza y carencias que nos envuelven en nuestro diario vivir, olvidando que Él se ha comprometido a suplir todas nuestras necesidades abundantemente.

En primer lugar, contamos con “el Evangelio de las inescrutables riquezas de Cristo” (Efesios 3:8). Las buenas nuevas de la salvación en Cristo nos hacen ricos, de tal manera que no podemos entender ni explicar su alcance. “En el plan de salvación hay alturas y profundidades que la eternidad misma nunca podrá agotar...” (*La Educación*, p. 276). Sólo los que han sido transformados por la gracia de Jesucristo, pueden testificar del rico caudal de las bendiciones halladas en Cristo.

Esto nos lleva a las riquezas de la misericordia divina. Nos dice el apóstol Pablo que “Dios, que es rico en misericordia, por su gran amor con que nos amó, aun estando nosotros muertos en pecados, nos dio vida juntamente con Cristo...” (Efesios 2:4-5). Con razón, Jeremías declara en Lamentaciones 3:22 que “por la misericordia de Jehová no hemos sido consumidos, porque nunca decayeron sus misericordias”. Vivimos, respiramos y disfrutamos de paz porque las riquezas de Cristo siguen destilando misericordia.



David García-Marenko

En tercer lugar, nos dice la Palabras inspirada que la redención y el perdón de nuestros pecados provienen “según las riquezas de su gracia” (Efesios 1:7). El regalo de la salvación y el don del perdón son posibles debido a que la gracia de Dios en Cristo sobreabunda ante nuestras limitaciones e imperfecciones, “para mostrar... las abundantes riquezas de su gracia en su bondad para con nosotros en Cristo Jesús” (Efesios 2:7).

Pero, como si esto fuera poco, Dios nos capacita con poder, nos fortalece “conforme a las riquezas de su gloria” (Efesios 3:16). No

solamente hemos sido liberados de la culpa de nuestros pecados; sino que también de la esclavitud del pecado en las riquezas de su gloria. Así, llegamos a poseer “las riquezas de la gloria de sus herencia” (Efesios 1:18).

Con un Dios tan rico y “poderoso para hacer todas las cosas mucho más abundantemente de lo que pedimos o entendemos, según el poder que actúa en nosotros” podemos unirnos hoy en alabanza con Pablo, proclamando que “a él sea la gloria en la iglesia de Cristo Jesús por todas las edades, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén” (Efesios 3:20-21).

David García-Marenko es el hispano coordinador de la asociación de Michigan.

Estudiante en Andrews Habla de su Experiencia

POR ELOISE RAVELL

Hay muchas razones para asistir a la Universidad Andrews, pero para Pablo Sánchez, de Montemorelos, Nuevo León, México, la decisión fue fácil. Pablo vino a Andrews hace tres años siguiendo su deseo de estudiar música. Sus padres se graduaron de la maestría en educación musical en Andrews y él ya había tenido la experiencia de venir a visitar la universidad durante dos veranos cuando era niño. Tiempo después, el departamento de música le atrajo para continuar con su pasión de tocar el violín.

“En primer lugar decidí venir a Andrews por la maestra de violín, Carla Trynchuk, de quien supe por medio de una de mis amigas quien creció en la misma ciudad que yo en México,” dice Pablo. “Ella vino a Andrews antes que yo y su experiencia me motivo a venir aquí. El director de la escuela de música en ese tiempo era el profesor Carlos Flores, y él fue de fundamental ayuda en el proceso de que yo viniera a Andrews finalmente.”

Los aspectos de Andrews que Pablo le gustan más son la diversidad, la amistad y la aceptación. “Hay muchas personas de diferentes países y se siente un ambiente amigable,” dice Pablo. “La gente entiende cuando uno no habla el inglés tan bien, como fue mi caso en mi primer año, pero esto no impidió que conociera a los que han sido mis amigos por tres años.”

Los académicos en Andrews siempre son una razón para asistir a la universidad. No sólo son los académicos superiores al promedio, pero las oportunidades para estar involucrado, participar y viajar, mejoran la experiencia de la educación en Andrews. “Académicamente es una experiencia enriquecedora, llena de oportunidades y con ambiente de aprendizaje. Definitivamente, el hecho de que los otros estudiantes estén concentrados en la escuela me motiva a estudiar y aplicarme para sacar buenas calificaciones y aprender.”



Pablo Sanchez es un violisnista Mexicano y actualmente estudia musica en la universidad Andrews, en Berrien Springs, Michigan.

También había un elemento espiritual que Pablo quería en su experiencia universitaria. “Puedo decir que lo espiritual es algo que la universidad toma seriamente,” dice Pablo. “Siempre piensan en los servicios, predicadores, música, y estudiantes que participan, y cada semana de oración es una gran experiencia para todos. Cada viernes hay un servicio vespertino donde los estudiantes están mayormente encargados del programa.”

Pablo anima a las estudiantes hispanos a considerar asistir a Andrews por la posibilidad de crear un futuro mejor y hacer recuerdos duraderos. “Finalmente, la razón por la cual yo motivaría a la comunidad hispana a hacer un esfuerzo

para venir a estudiar a la universidad Andrews sería por el nivel de educación, las oportunidades y las tantas opciones espirituales que hay disponibles para los estudiantes,” dice Pablo. “También, aprenderán el idioma inglés, el cual es necesario en muchos empleos, y quizá incluso otro idioma. En mi experiencia y la de mis amigos, esta escuela está llena de oportunidades para todos.”

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La iglesia de Roger Heights presenta la pasión de Cristo

POR BERTA MUÑOZ

Mientras me disponía a tomar las primeras fotografías comencé a ver con mucha emoción como la iglesia prontamente se fue llenando de personas. Hermanos de diferentes iglesias de la zona y visitas, se dieron cita en nuestro templo Rogers Heights para el tan esperado programa. Ya todo estaba listo. Los participantes esperaban en sus lugares a que se abriera el telón, mientras el reloj ya marcaba las 6:00 p.m.

Fueron muchos ensayos, muchas prácticas de un tema tan hermoso y con tanto significado como lo fueron los últimos momentos de nuestro señor Jesús en la tierra. Estábamos conscientes de que era una magnífica fecha para tocar esos corazones receptivos, aprovechando que se celebraba la Semana Santa.



Es de ésta manera, como todo un equipo de jóvenes, bajo el liderazgo de Vicente Estrada y de nuestro pastor de jóvenes Michael Campos, presentaron el programa que se tituló "Lo Hizo por Ti y por Mi".

Un grupo de nuestros conquistadores y jóvenes participó activamente junto a varios de nuestros hermanos de más edad. Fueron más de 50 participantes. La música que ambientó el programa y las escenas tan vívidas de lo que fueron esos momentos en la vida de Jesús, dejó su huella en todos. Podemos decir con toda seguridad, que se contó con la aprobación de

Dios en este programa, y damos gloria a Dios por ello.

Mientras me movía de un lugar a otro, para obtener las mejores imágenes en fotografías y a medida que transcurría el drama, pude ver muchas lágrimas de gozo y un sentimiento de profunda solemnidad y compungimiento.

El programa cumplió el cometido. Los jóvenes quedaron maravillados y muy satisfechos por el trabajo realizado.

Esto nos anima para una próxima proyección el año 2015. Sabemos que fue bastante el trabajo realizado, pero estamos más que convencidos que el resultado fue una enorme bendición. Cada uno de los participantes y cada persona que asistió fueron tocados por Dios; éste es el propósito de toda obra cristiana.

Berta Munoz es la directora asociada de la Sociedad de Jóvenes de la iglesia de Roger Heights en Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anuncios

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Entrenamiento para pastores de la Unión del Lago

El martes, 19 de agosto se ofrecerá un entrenamiento sobre mayordomía para los pastores de la Unión del Lago. Todos los pastores de la unión están invitados a participar de este evento que se llevará a cabo desde las 9:00 a.m. hasta las 3:00 p.m. en las nuevas oficinas de la unión.

Campaña Evangelística en Indianápolis

La Voz de Esperanza tendrá una campaña Evangelística en la ciudad de Indianápolis comenzando el 12 de octubre y

terminando el 25 del mismo mes. La campaña será dirigida por el director de La Voz de Esperanza, Omar Grieve en el Indiana State Fairgrounds. Oremos para que el Señor nos bendiga con una buena cosecha de almas.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.

Noticias

POR CARMELO MERCADO



Felígrases asisten a las presentaciones durante el Campestre Hispano en Camp Au Sable.

Nuevos clubes juveniles en Indiana

Este año las iglesias de Logansport y Hammond, en la asociación de Indiana, organizaron nuevos clubes juveniles. El club "Guardianes" de Logansport comenzó este año con 44 miembros en los clubes de Castores, Aventureros, Conquistadores, y Guías Mayores. Igualmente la iglesia de Hammond comenzó, a principios de año, el club "Alfa y Omega" con 23 miembros entre Castores, Aventureros, Conquistadores y Guías Mayores.



El pastor David García-Marenko y su esposa Giannina

Nuevo Coordinador Hispano de la Asociación de Michigan

La Asociación de Michigan le dio la bienvenida a un nuevo coordinador de la obra hispana. El pastor David García-Marenko ha comenzado su ministerio como coordinador de la obra hispana y superintendente del distrito 3 en Michigan, después de servir por 29 años como pastor en esta asociación. En su ministerio lo acompaña su esposa Giannina.

El pastor García-Marenko tiene cinco hijos adultos: Dennis, José, Delwin, Delmer y Salim.

Campestre Hispano de la Asociación de Michigan

El Campestre Hispano de la Asociación de Michigan del 2014, se celebró del 23 al 25 de mayo en las instalaciones del Campamento Au Sable, en Grayling, Michigan. El invitado principal de este evento anual fue el Doctor Félix H. Cortez, profesor de Nuevo Testamento en el Seminario Teológico



Miembros del club Alfa y Omega la iglesia de Hammond, Indiana.

Adventista, de la Universidad Andrews. Sus poderosos mensajes iluminaron a los presentes trayendo "Esperanza en las Visiones del Fin". Los mensajes Cristo-céntricos dejaron una fresca comprensión de la obra de Cristo a favor de su pueblo a través del cumplimiento de las visiones del fin.

El primer mensaje fue presentado el viernes por el pastor Jim Micheff, secretario ejecutivo de la Asociación de Michigan, desafiando a los presentes con un llamado a temer a Dios. El pastor José Antonio Barrientos condujo a los jóvenes a una experiencia de crecimiento espiritual maravillosa. Los pastores y sus esposas, asistidos por maestros de sus iglesias, trabajaron con los menores y niños de todas las divisiones de la Escuela Sabática, con programas especiales elaborados para alcanzar a cada niño con un mensaje apropiado para sus edades.

Hubo también la oportunidad de disfrutar de las actividades recreativas en el lago y el río. Los niños disfrutaron de los Go-Karts y de otras actividades especiales. Todos los asistentes regresaron a sus hogares con la determinación de animar a los hermanos que no pudieron asistir, para beneficiarse el próximo año de las múltiples bendiciones recibidas.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.

Rediscovering God

BY BOB CHESNUT

Elmer Beachey was born into a rural family that lived off the land. His grandfather was a prominent bishop in the agrarian community that took root in the fertile farmland around Arthur, Illinois. Elmer's mother died when he was two years old, so his older sisters took care of him from then on.

By the age of 19, Elmer wanted something different. Just after World War II began, he joined the U.S. Marines and was transferred into the intense combat zone of the South Pacific.

On the battlefield, Elmer strung telephone wire as bullets flew all around him. He was among a group of Marines who were walking single file when an enemy machine gunner opened up on them, killing both the man in front of Elmer and the man behind.

"One evening," he says, "the enemy opened fire on us. The first shell landed about 75 feet straight in front of us; the next one landed about 50 feet in front of us. After those two, the next one landed right on the corner of the foxhole that another Marine and I were sharing. It shook the ground, but it did not explode. This is where it seemed that something supernatural was happening. There was a quick flash of light and then a strange sound as if someone was swinging a whip back and forth



Elmer Beachey (right) stands with his brother, Louie Beachey. They both served their country during World War II – Elmer in the Marines and Louie in the Navy. Elmer realizes that the God who protected and preserved him on the battlefields is still with him today.



Elmer Beachey

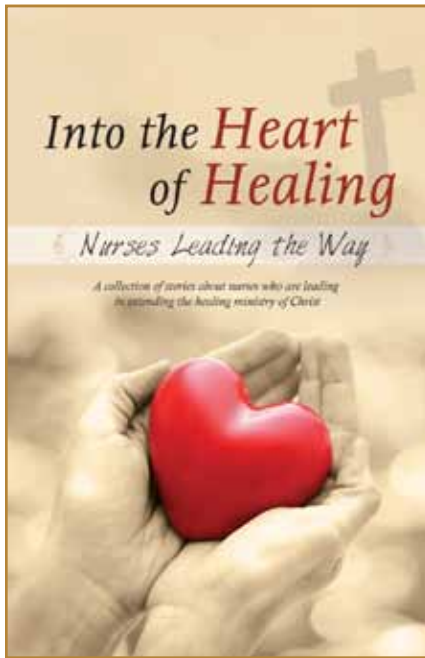
through the air. My guardian angel was there with me that day."

After the war, Elmer married and had two children, and ran successful businesses in glassblowing, coin laundries and building construction.

After the death of his wife, Elmer realized that the God who had protected him on the battlefields was still there. More than ever, he was open to God's leading. Then he discovered Three Angels Broadcasting Network. The biblical messages Elmer heard prompted him to commit his life to Christ and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church in his 70s. He now attends faithfully and brings his grandchildren to church every week.

In September 2013, Elmer celebrated his 90th birthday. His church family, Church of the Advent Hope in Champaign, Illinois, joins him in prayers for many more years of dedicated service.

Bob Chesnut is a member of Church of the Advent Hope.



Compilation honors nurses by sharing their stories

Registered nurse Christine Nordin recalled a patient she was visiting, checking up on his needs, and how he was feeling. She was just about to leave his room, but noticed he looked worried.

"I asked him what was troubling him," Nordin remembered. "He said he was a little nervous because he was going to have open heart surgery the next day."

Hoping to comfort him, Nordin asked the patient if he would like to pray with her. Appreciative, he agreed.

"I held his hand and prayed with him, asking the Lord to uphold and strengthen him, to give him peace about the surgery that only God can give, and to give the surgeon wisdom, guidance and the skill to perform the surgery successfully," she wrote.

Nordin's story is included in the compilation, *Into the Heart of Healing: Nurses Leading the Way*. The book, published by the hospital's Ministries and Mission Department, features dozens of memories from the hospital's nurses, administrators, chaplains and volunteers.



To thank the nurses for all they do, the Ministries and Mission Department provided them with free copies of *Into the Heart of Healing* during National Nurses Week in May.

"Our nurses make an extraordinary difference in the lives of the people who come to us for physical, emotional and spiritual care," said Mary Murphy, chief nursing officer at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. "Their stories shine a spotlight on the exceptional team we have working with us. They are everyday heroes who open their hearts and spirits to their patients."

The book looks beyond the physical element of caring and provides a glimpse of everything nurses do to touch the souls of their patients, said John Rapp, vice president of ministries and mission with Adventist Midwest Health.

"Each patient's journey is sacred, and our nurses recognize that," Rapp said. "What they do to help people in their greatest moments of need — their compassion, wisdom and love — is truly inspirational."

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Among the stories shared in the compilation is one from Julie Thomas, a registered nurse and the director of

transitional care and education at Adventist Health Care at Home. Thomas recalled helping a patient recovering from complications that developed following a hip replacement.

The woman had returned home from the hospital, Thomas wrote, but was still feeling down. She loved to cook, she said, but following her surgery, her husband had taken over many of those duties so she could rest. All she really wanted, she said, was to return to church and go back into the kitchen.

Thomas worked with the woman's physical therapist to improve her endurance and arranged for transportation to the church. She also spoke to the woman's husband, explaining that while he was a great help, his wife would like to offer some assistance in the kitchen while she recovered. They agreed that she could help set the table.

"She lit up with a huge smile when she heard she could go to church and be in the kitchen again," Thomas said.

Into the Heart of Healing: Nurses Leading the Way can be purchased at <http://Amazon.com> for \$15.

Julie Busch, regional director of Communications, Adventist Midwest Health

Andrews takes care of its neighbors

The Andrews University Student Gardens was awarded a Michigan State grant which allows the program to participate in a regional initiative to bring affordable healthy food to the community. The Gardens is now a part of the Be Healthy Berrien initiative. In partnership with the Berrien County Health Department and Planning Commission, the YMCA, Lakeland Healthcare, the cities of Buchanan, Niles and Stevensville, and United Way, the Gardens will help host a mobile farm market at strategic locations within the county.

“The county has identified seven locations in Berrien County with a high concentration of low income families who have limited access to produce and groceries,” explains Stephen Erich, Mobile Farm Market coordinator. “These areas are classified as food deserts.” The food truck will take fresh produce to the food deserts, sell it for affordable prices, and will accept Bridgecard food stamps, cash and credit/debit cards.

The Gardens also will work with Lakeland Healthcare to offer health and cooking classes for the community.

“We’re not just providing local families with tangible things; we’re also helping to educate them. It’s about building community and taking care of our neighbors,” says Erich.

Interns from the Gardens will travel to the mobile farm market locations. They will learn how to create similar programs in their own neighborhoods, while gaining business skills and work experience. Twenty student summer employees will plant, tend, harvest and deliver to those signed up for its produce subscription service.

“We’re emphasizing quality this year,” explains Arthur Mulyono, manager of Andrews University



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Student Gardens. “We want our plants to produce as much as possible within each square foot, so we’re applying special styles of planting and tending to encourage healthier, more abundant growth in each individual plant.”

“This isn’t just about growing fruits and vegetables;” says Mulyono. “It’s about giving back to the community. When we take care of our fruits, vegetables and soil, giving food and necessary nutrients to the people, they will be healthier and better able to give back to the community themselves.”

Last year, Erich was involved with the Summit on Poverty in America at Andrews. When he saw an article in a local paper about the level of poverty in his own community, he couldn’t ignore it. Erich applied for an open position at the Gardens, and was hired quickly.

“There’s nothing else I’d rather be doing right now,” he says with a grin.

In addition to the partnerships Mulyono and Erich established through the county, each location for the mobile farm market represents a positive relationship with a local community center or church.

“It’s a wonderful witnessing tool,” says Erich. “It’s important for us as Christians and as young people within the Church to encourage healthy living and do what we can to provide that opportunity for those in our community who may not otherwise be able to manage it.”

To learn more about the Andrews University Student Gardens and the Mobile Farm Market, visit <http://augardens.com> and follow them on Twitter @berrienmarket and at <http://facebook.com/AUagri>.

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication



June Price, previously associate dean of women at Lamson Hall, a women’s residence hall at Andrews, is the new University chaplain. She officially began this role July 1. Price holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s in counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy from Southern Adventist University. Previously, she has worked as a Bible and psychology teacher, school counselor, and marriage and family therapist. “My passion in life is the pursuit of God and his transforming power in our lives through changing the way we think,” says Price. “I pray that the Father will make me useful and pleasing to his Kingdom agenda here at Andrews University.”

[EDUCATION NEWS]

God's power touches lives in Cuba

Michigan—The great transforming power of Christ was evident on the Cuba Study Tour organized by the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. During the spring tour, 50 people decided to be baptized and another 200 accepted the Lord for the first time. Great things happen when youth work for the Lord serving other youth.

“I had the privilege of being an instrument of God through the evangelistic crusade ‘Hope for Today.’ The transforming power of God was visible in the lives of many people, including Mitchel, a 20-year-old man who came to one of our six evangelistic meetings. Mitchel came the first Friday night and said he had told his friends if they were true friends and loved him they would come with him. Several youth came with him night after night to hear the word of God,” stated Ruth Rivera, an M.Div. student at the Seminary.

The meetings started with the importance of the Bible as the source of truth and continued with the Sabbath as a special day, among other crucial truths about the gospel of salvation.

“Day by day, I surrendered myself to God as one of the speakers, asking for his help and guidance to be able to work for the people. On Wednesday, we went to Mitchel’s home to talk with him. He was not in, so we visited with his mother. When we asked if she would come to the meetings, she was hesitant, but when we asked if she had seen any change in her son since he began attending the meetings, a smile shone on her face,” Rivera said.

“Yes!” she said immediately. “Before he went to the meetings, we had serious arguments. Now, every time we disagree, instead of fighting with me, he goes to his room and reads the Bible.”

Reflecting on her son’s change allowed her to see the importance of attending the meetings and supporting his decision to change his way of life. That



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Fernando Ortiz



During the spring tour, 50 people decided to be baptized and another 200 accepted the Lord for the first time. “The same Spirit of God that moved many lives in Cuba will move many hearts here if we allow him to do his work through us,” said Ruth D. Rivera, an M.Div. student who appealed to the people to give their lives to Christ.

night Mitchel and his mother attended the meeting together.

“Night by night, as I appealed the people to give their lives to Christ, the Spirit of the Lord was telling me I had to keep calling. As I made the final appeal, I saw Mitchel struggle to give his heart to Christ. Then I asked those who wanted to surrender their lives completely to Christ to stand up during my last prayer,” Rivera said.

Mitchel stood up that night, but he did not do it alone; his mother also decided to give her heart to Christ.

“After that night, we visited Mitchel and his mother again. I encouraged them on the great decision they had made, and we had a special prayer for God to seal their decision. Throughout the week, Mitchel invited friends to the meetings. But because God knows our deepest

needs and does not give up on us, the last Friday of the evangelistic meetings Mitchel could not run away from God’s call anymore.

“I remember that day I asked God to use me to reach the deep fibers of any human heart so God could make them feel the freedom they needed. As I started the appeal, God kept showing me the people I needed to look at and call. I prayed within me for God to tell me the things his [children] needed and, one by one, even the struggling ones started to come to the front. When Mitchel came up front, he was crying as if he was in pain. We prayed over him for the great freedom God wanted to bring into his life,” Rivera commented.

On Sabbath morning during the last appeal, Mitchel was so happy to come up front as a sign of his desire for baptism.

He even decided to share his testimony of how much he had won by accepting Christ to more than 70 youth that attended a Sabbath afternoon program for youth.

Mitchel invited his brother, Roberto, to go with him to share the testimony. “When they came up front, I asked Roberto how he had seen his brother change. He said that the meetings had changed him into a peacemaker. Then we asked him to read 1 Peter 2:9–10,” Rivera said.

Roberto used to attend church two years ago but, due to relationship problems, he stopped attending. However, that Sabbath afternoon as he read that Bible verse, he decided to give his life back to Christ.

“As we were saying goodbye to beautiful people in Cuba, Mitchel told me he wanted to serve the only true God. He admitted it was hard for him to accept the appeal at first but, as I continued calling, he heard the words of God calling him

and could not run away anymore,” Rivera commented.

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Ruth D. Rivera, M.Div. student, as told to L. Fernando Ortiz, director of the M.Div. program, Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



The fourth Sabbath of each month, Glendale (Minn.) Church members volunteer at People Serving People.



Volunteers from the Glendale (Minn.) Church have volunteered at People Serving People for the past five years. They serve meals to residents.

Glendale Church serves at community shelter

Lake Region—People Serving People is the largest, most comprehensive, family-focused shelter in Minnesota. What distinguishes People Serving People from other emergency shelters is the broad range of on-site programs and services designed to address common barriers facing homeless families. Its ultimate goal is to permanently end a family’s homelessness with one visit to the shelter (see <http://people.servingpeople.org/>).

Every fourth Sabbath of the month, Glendale Church members in Minneapolis, under the leadership of Michael

Gilbreath, volunteer in the PSP dining room by serving meals to the residents. Glendale has volunteered at PSP for the past five years. “We are very excited to give back to our community and to honor God’s Word,” stated Gilbreath.

As they serve, Glendale Church volunteers are reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:34–40: *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, ‘Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.’ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and*

gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?’ And the King shall answer and say unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me’ (KJV).

“By the Lord working through us, we are willing and able to do what the Lord requires of us,” stated Gilbreath.

John R. Sconiers, communication director, Lake Region Conference with Michael Gilbreath, elder, Glendale Church

Note: The Glendale Church in Minneapolis is a constituent church of the Lake Region Conference.



Oscar Montes

The Frost and Riverdale churches in Michigan operate a food pantry. Together, these two churches have distributed 60,000 pounds of food with a retail value of \$132,000, reaching eight towns in the surrounding community.

Food pantry ministry opens doors for other community ministries

Michigan—God is doing amazing things through the small agents of his grace in the Riverdale and Frost churches. In past years, God has poured out his grace and blessings upon the ministries of these churches. Together, these two churches have distributed 60,000 pounds of food with a

retail value of \$132,000, reaching eight towns in the surrounding community and ministering to thousands of people. During an average year, Frost Church serves 245 families, of which 112 families are served monthly.

The most amazing aspect about the food pantry ministry, at both churches, is that it continues to be self-sustaining and solvent, and it has opened doors for a multitude of other ministries. Frost Church is a beehive of activities when it comes to outreach. It currently has a thriving women's ministry which has multiple outreaches to the community and the church; a growing, active Adventurer club, which has become an important part of the church to minister within and outside the church; and a door-to-door ministry, which has included distributing literature in the surrounding communities of Carson City, Crystal, Sheridan, Sidney, Stanton and McBride. In total, volunteers have knocked on more than 1,000 doors. This particular personal outreach, as well as the food pantry, has led to the baptisms of some people from the community who attend the church.

Other evangelistic outreaches include a prison ministry which has generated 18 baptisms of inmates, and many are integrating into other local churches. Currently, there are 32 inmates attending Sabbath services and Tuesday evening studies at the Carson City and St. Louis correctional facilities.

Another fruitful event has been mass mailings, which have saturated more than 10,000 homes in the area, producing ongoing Bible studies and interests who attend church. Riverdale will conduct, for the first time in years, a vacation Bible school at the local community center. This church also has a Homes of Hope meeting that takes place on Monday evenings attended by eight from the community.

Continue to pray for these ministries. The Word says, *He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful in much* (Luke 16:10 KJV).

Oscar Montes, pastor, Riverdale and Frost churches

Boyne City members adopt Bobon Church

Michigan—When Boyne City Church member Brad Houle visited his girlfriend in Bobon, Philippines, he discovered an Adventist church in need. The faithful worshippers met each week in a church which was open to the elements.

Upon his return to his home church, Brad described the needs of the Bobon believers. The Boyne City members decided to adopt the Bobon congregation as their sister church and provide them with a better place to worship.

Money was raised to provide the materials for windows, walls and doors. Brad then made another trip to help the local members install the electricity and all the fixtures.



Boyne City (Mich.) Church members raised \$1,800 to purchase rice and water for the Bobon congregation after Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines. Bobon Church members, in turn, shared their blessings with the entire region.

When Brad brought his fiancé Lilibeth Garzon to the United States, Boyne City members assisted in making their wedding day a special one, and welcomed Lilibeth into the church family. The ties between the two churches grew even stronger.

For the past two years, children's Sabbath school leader Kathy Brower has spearheaded a project to make sure each child in the Bobon congregation received a Christmas present. This year, shortly after the gifts were mailed, Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines. Bobon was right in its path, so many prayers were offered to God.

The Boyne City members were relieved to learn that everyone in Bobon was safe, and the church was undamaged. However, their crops had been totally destroyed, and they were in desperate need of water and food. The Houles knew the mountain village would not be reached quickly by aid agencies. Immediately, \$1,800 was raised to send emergency supplies.

The donations from Boyne City members were used to buy rice and water. Lilibeth's sister was able to bring the supplies within two miles of the village. The church members then walked the distance, singing hymns and praising God for the rice and water. They turned their church into a place of service, sharing their blessings with the entire region. They became known as the "Adventists who share their food and water."

With all the chaos of the storm, it was assumed that the Christmas presents would never "find their way" into the mountains. However, another blessing was in store for the children of Bobon when the packages arrived safely, and each child received a special gift.

The Bobon Church members have continued to witness to the greater area by establishing the Bobon Pantry. The Boyne City Church has experienced the joy that comes from sharing and giving. Currently, Brad and Lilibeth



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are raising money to provide a fresh-water well for the village. God truly has blessed both the Boyne City and Bobon churches through their continued relationship.

Danni Sherwood, member, Boyne City Church

Spencer Church blesses Belize

Indiana—On March 20, a group of 10 teens and 11 adults set out from the Spencer Church headed to Belize. According to Steve Pickett, primary trip coordinator, the story of their mission trip began almost one year earlier. "We wanted our young people to experience ministering in countries where there is great need, to help them understand the important role they have in our Church. So we started looking for a place to serve." After researching, they decided to finish two schoolrooms in buildings erected by a group from Colorado in the Corozal district of Belize.

With only \$1,600 and hoping to raise enough for building materials and travel expenses, the idea seemed overwhelming to many church members. Then the impossible started happening. A yard sale yielded more than \$1,700. By the end of six months, \$7,000 had been raised for construction materials.



On March 20, a group of 10 teens and 11 adults from the Spencer Church in Indiana traveled to Belize. The young people learned that they could do whatever God asked them to do, even if it was outside their comfort zones.

Donations continued to pour in, and the entire group was able to buy tickets and take off as scheduled. By the time both classrooms had been completed, not only were they able to leave funds in Belize but "we ended up with more money in our church budget and mission budget than when we started," reports Seth Fickett, co-coordinator for the trip.

The Adventists in Belize planned for the group's arrival even better than anticipated. Local Belize students visited homes in the village of San Pedro to gauge interest before the Spencer group arrived. Their work and the enthusiastic response of families who opened their doors to the missionaries was clear evidence that God was preparing the way.

“They had such small homes and didn’t have much, but they seemed really happy. They wanted to know more about God and were happy to have Bible studies. They wanted us to come back and give more,” says teen member Vincent Dubyna.

A chapel service was planned and conducted by the Spencer Church youth exclusively at the Belize Adventist Junior College campus for students, faculty and staff. Testimonies were also shared during Sabbath morning worship and during Bible studies conducted in the homes. Though not every student chose to share a testimony, many were blessed to have the opportunity.

The young people were excited about the chance to help others. They worked in various roles: assisting in carrying and laying block, grouting floor tile, painting walls, etc. They took turns in the kitchen and came around at other times to minister to the cook. They spent days and nights together getting better acquainted, praying together, tasting native dishes, and exploring some of the sites, including the Mayan Ruins, and snorkeling at a coral reef. They led Bible studies, played with local children, sang for vespers, and passed out donated dental care supplies, toys, clothes, books and Bibles. The young people learned that they could do whatever God asked

them to do, even if it was way outside their comfort zones.

The mission team returned to Indiana with a realization that God could use them [overseas and] right in their own hometown.

Spencer Church is considering another mission trip to Belize, possibly to finish a One-Day Church or continue to work on the school. If interested in juncturing with the group, please call Seth Fickett at 765-795-3638.

Sandy Clauser, communication secretary,
Spencer Church

*To learn more about building a One-Day Church, visit <http://onedaychurch.org>.

[UNION NEWS]

Lake Region members volunteer to help tornado victims

Lake Region—Lake Region Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) is prepared in the event of another round of devastating storms this season. Last year’s response included the communities of Brookport, Diamond, Gifford, Peoria and Washington, Ill. “Washington was the hardest hit area of the storm system. The other areas suffered devastating effects as well,” said Debra Davis-Moody, Lake Region Conference ACS DR director.

Lake Region ACS DR conducted warehouse operations in November 2013 in Tazewell County, with the Illinois Conference as the lead, and participated in distribution and collection activities in Diamond, Dec. 11–13, 2013, with Lake Region Conference as the lead. Davis-Moody was the Donation Management coordinator for the Illinois State VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) beginning in November and continuing through the end of 2013.

“Several trained volunteers from Chicagoland worked in the Center. They sorted, organized and packed



Volunteers from the Methodist Church disaster response team worked alongside Lake Region Conference ACS DR volunteers to bless tornado victims in Illinois.

donated goods that were made available to the tornado survivors. The volunteers were Dollie Williams of New Life, Sadie Watkins of Hyde Park, Iskell Lee of Maywood Church, and Dorethia Martin, Deloris McDonald and Doris Yates of Shiloh Church,” recalled Davis-Moody.

In the Washington area, the LRC volunteers in the warehouse received the donated items. Those volunteers were Charles Brooks, pastor, Meryl Brooks, and Gloria Flatt of the Peoria Church in the Illiana area; and Dollie Williams from New Life Church in the Chicagoland area. Adventist-trained volunteer Christina Miller served in the Brookport warehouse under the direction of the Illinois Conference.

“ACS DR appreciates the hard work of all of our trained disaster



Matt Fitz, Diamond Village administrator, stands with Dollie Williams (left), Iskell Lee (second from right) and Debra Davis-Moody (far right), Lake Region Conference ACS DR director.



ACS DR appreciates the hard work of all Lake Region trained disaster responders who helped throughout the state.

responders who helped throughout the state, and wish to acknowledge the volunteer efforts and say we are proud to have them as a part of our team,” commented Debra Davis-Moody, director, Lake Region Conference ACS DR.

Lake Union Herald staff with Debra Davis-Moody, director, Lake Region Conference ACS DR

[NAD NEWS]



More than 500 people assembled for the 2013 BAYDA National Bible Bowl Championship in North Bronx, New York.

BAYDA Bible Bowl Championship participants demonstrate Bible knowledge

The 2013 BAYDA (Black Adventist Youth Directors Association) National Bible Bowl Championship was hosted by the Greater New York Conference at

the North Bronx Church in New York, Oct. 25–26, 2013.

More than 500 people gathered to witness the brightest youth and young-at-heart praise God in their knowledge of the Word. Forty-two teams representing 11 conferences were present, including teams from the Lake Region Conference. All demonstrated skill in rightly dividing the Word, and praised God in recalling his Word.

There were several riveting games that were determined by the minimum of five points.

The 2014 BAYDA National Bible Bowl Championship will be hosted by the South Central Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 24–25. Please join those who assemble to rejoice and fellowship, and witness the enthusiasm and love for sharing God's Word.

BAYDA Bible Bowl is an annual event for ages 6–126 in which people come together to study, learn, share and demonstrate their biblical knowledge.

Each year, specific passages of the Bible are selected to study. The ultimate purpose of the Bible Bowl, as with all Bible study, is to bring the participants closer to Jesus through study, sharing, fun and Christian fellowship.

Each participant is rewarded by drawing closer to Christ through his Word and being able to face any challenge in life by saying, *Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee* (Psalm 119:11 KJV).

To learn more about the BAYDA National Bible Bowl Championship, please contact your AYS leader, Lake Region Conference Bible Bowl coordinator Felicia Hunter at cnuhunf@gmail.com, BAYDA Bible Bowl secretary Maurice Turner at biblebowlsouthwest@yahoo.com or 817-925-9569, or BAYDA Bible Bowl chair Careta Phillips at cap9006@hotmail.com.

Maurice Turner, secretary, BAYDA Bible Bowl, and Felicia Hunter Bible Bowl coordinator, Lake Region Conference



The base packages contain cutting-edge SDA ministry and outreach materials.

Logos Bible Software introduces new SDA base packages

Logos Bible Software has launched a new line of base packages for Seventh-day Adventists. These suites of digital tools and texts combine Logos' top-rated Bible research and reference tools with a library of SDA theology, history and practical resources for church life and outreach.

Logos, the world's leading creator of Bible software and digital Christian products, is collaborating with SDA publishers, pastors, seminary professors, church leaders and authors to provide resources for Adventists. Logos has

produced three base packages: Starter, Bronze and Silver, stocked (in the Silver edition) with nearly 400 Bible study resources, more than 100 of which are uniquely Seventh-day Adventist.

Familiar SDA books take on new functionality in the Logos environment, which connects volumes to each other and to Logos tools. All the content is fully searchable, with Google-like specificity, in user-defined collections or within the larger Logos library, which includes 40,000 books.

All three base packages include cutting-edge SDA ministry and outreach materials like the "Lifting Up Jesus" Bible study guides (English and Spanish), along with fresh church life resources like the AdventSource youth and young adult ministry collection.

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Logos Bible Software operates across many platforms: Windows, Mac, iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire and Android. With a single license, users can synchronize their content across as many devices as they own.

Doug Batchelor, president/speaker of Amazing Facts Ministries, says, "As a pastor for over 30 years, I've tried all the major Bible study software; Logos is light-years ahead of the rest. And now, with their additional SDA resources, the search is over."

"I personally use Logos for my Bible study and sermon preparation. The integration of Seventh-day Adventist resources (*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* and other books by Ellen G. White) are very helpful for my study," said Steven Poenitz, evangelism coordinator and ministerial director, Indiana Conference.

For complete information on all three editions, visit <http://www.logos.com/SDAhp>.

Logos Bible Software with Lake Union Herald staff (adapted)

Announcements

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

Andrews University

For further information on the following events, contact Undergrad@andrews.edu or 800-253-2874.

Aug 17: First Stop for New

Undergraduate Students

Aug 18-22: Freshman Orientation Week

Aug 21-22: Seminary New Student Orientation

Aug 24: Registration for Seminary and University Level Schools

Aug 25: First Day of Classes, University Level Schools

Illinois

Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that the 32nd regular constituency session of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hinsdale, Illinois, with the first meeting called at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, **October 26, 2014**. This session is for the purpose of receiving reports of the quadrennium which ended December 31, 2013; to elect officers, departmental directors and an executive committee for the ensuing term; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the constituency, including possible changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. Delegates are those duly elected by the churches of the conference and delegates-at-large as provided in the constitution. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifty members or fraction thereof, based on actual church membership as of September 30 of the year preceding the meeting. Ray Pichette, president
Ron Aguilera, secretary

Indiana

Indiana Academy registration date for dorm students is **Aug. 17** from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration for community

students is **Aug. 14** from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For preregistration questions, please call Teresa Schaezka, Registrar, at 317-984-3575. Come join the fun at IA! First day of school is **Aug. 18**

Indiana Academy (IA) Alumni Association welcomes all graduates/attendees to the IA campus for Homecoming Weekend, **Oct. 10-11**. Honor classes: 1964, '74, '84, '89, '94 and 2004. Special recognition will be given to the Golden Age Club, classes 1929-1963. Sabbath morning speaker will be Les Speer, '64. The 24th Annual Golf Classic will be on Fri., Oct. 10. For more information, contact Kathy Griffin, Alumni Development director at 317-694-3260 or kathyagriffin@gmail.com.

Lake Region

Third Annual Prayer Summit, "Make Us One," will be held **Aug. 22-24** at Ypsilanti Church, 402 S. Adams, Ypsilanti, Mich. The Summit will feature Fredrick Russell, senior pastor of the Atlanta, Ga., Berean Church. Advance registration is before July 31. For more information and registration form, contact Catherine Wright at 734-484-3442, or Monica Johnson at 734-678-7467 or monykasu@att.net.

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

Aug 2 Local Church Budget

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Michigan: Good News Farm

Wisconsin: Church Planting

Special Days

Aug 23 End it Now Emphasis Day

Michigan

Great Lakes Adventist Academy's registration for the 2014-2015 school year is **Aug. 21** 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., and **Aug 24** from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Classes begin on **Aug. 25**. Come, join our GLAA family for a great year! For more information, visit our website at <http://www.glaa.net> or call 989-427-5181.

The Revelation of WHOM? Lee Venden is returning to the Battle Creek Tabernacle with a new series on the book of Revelation titled, *The Revelation of WHOM?* These nightly presentations will provide a fresh look into this prophetic book with the intent of finding Jesus as the central theme and will focus on ways to discover personal applications that impact our daily walk with Christ. The series begins Fri., **Sept. 12**, at 6:30 p.m., and continues nightly through Sept. 20. Additional presentations will be at 10:40 a.m.

Sabbath mornings. The church is located at 264 West Michigan Ave. in Battle Creek. This mini-evangelistic series will have personal relevancy for every individual, regardless of denominational association. For more information, contact the church office at 269-968-1801.

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Wisconsin

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Mike Edge, president
Brian Stephan, executive secretary

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 5
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:05	8:57	8:47	8:37	8:26	8:14
Chicago, Ill.	8:10	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:31	7:19
Detroit, Mich.	8:53	8:45	8:35	8:24	8:13	8:01
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:59	8:51	8:42	8:32	8:22	8:11
La Crosse, Wis.	8:30	8:21	8:10	7:59	7:48	7:35
Lansing, Mich.	9:00	8:51	8:41	8:31	8:19	8:07
Madison, Wis.	8:20	8:11	8:01	7:51	7:39	7:27
Springfield, Ill.	8:13	8:05	7:56	7:46	7:36	7:25

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Anniversaries

Dale and Ruth Fitch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2014, by a private dinner with their immediate family at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Mich. They have been members of the South Flint (Mich.) Church for 42 years where they were very active in the Pathfinder program, and served in numerous positions of the church.

Dale Fitch and Ruth Hablutzel were married June 9, 1964, in San Bernardino, Calif., by Harold Beltz Jr. Both Dale and Ruth graduated from the Loma Linda University Physical Therapy Program. Dale was employed by McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint as director of Therapy Services, retiring in 1999 after 35 years. Ruth was employed as a physical therapist at several facilities in the Flint area, and as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Michigan Program in Physical Therapy, retiring in 1995.

The Fitch family includes Daniel Fitch of Burton, Mich.; Robin Chandler of Bancroft, Mich.; Roger and Florence Fitch of Linden, Mich.; and four grandchildren.



Gerhard and Kathleen Koehn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8, 2014, by a Sabbath musical vespers followed with a meal for all in the fellowship hall. A slide show of the Koehns' life was shown to the guests, one of their granddaughters modeled Kathy's wedding gown, and a replica of their wedding cake was enjoyed by all. The celebration took place

at the South Flint Church, Burton, Mich. The Koehns have been members of the Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Warren and South Flint (Mich.) churches for a total of 28 years.

Gerhard Koehn and Kathleen Britt were married Feb. 2, 1964, in National City, Calif., by George Akers. Gerhard has been an educator in public and church schools, as well as in administration, retiring in 2004. Kathleen has been school/principal's secretary at two academies, and a legal secretary from 1980 until her retirement in 2006.

The Koehn family includes Tamara Keplinger of Richmond, Va.; Gayle and John Stevens of Flint; and four grandchildren.

Obituaries

AUSTIN, Marilyn S. (Briggs), age 72; born Jan. 10, 1942, in Galesburg, Mich.; died May 29, 2014, in Mt. Morris, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint Church, Flint, Mich.

Survivors include her son, John; daughter, Ronda Sierra; sister, Cheryn L. Briggs; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Leonard Kitson, and interment was in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint.

CASTETTER, Alice B. (Ertel), age 87; born Dec. 3, 1926, in Daytona Beach, Fla.; died May 14, 2014, in Corydon, Ind. She was a member of the Jeffersonville (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, David and Philip; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

No funeral services were conducted, with private inurnment.

FRITZ, Joyce A. (Olson), age 69; born Aug. 14, 1944, in Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; died May 16, 2014, in Janesville, Wis. She was a member of the Beloit (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gary; son, Todd; daughter, Tanya Fritz; mother, Lucille (Slaght) Olsen; sister, Lois Elmer; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by James Van Arsdale and Dale Bossenberry, and inurnment was in Ft. Atkinson Cemetery.

HAMSTRA, Raymond D., age 93; born July 22, 1920, in Grand Haven, Mich.; died March 31, 2014, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Stevensville (Mich.) Church. Raymond was a pastor in Michigan for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine (Byker); sons, Dick, Jim, Don and Dan; daughter, Karen Winans; sisters, Verda Goudzwaard and Opal Zevalkink; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Gene Hall, and interment was in Allendale Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

MINNICK, William G., age 76; born May 5, 1937, in Joliet, Ill.; died April 15, 2014, in Joliet. He was a member of the Joliet Church.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi (Lee); daughters, Christine Yamamoto and Karen Brown; brother, Richard; sister, Bonnie L. Zanelli; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Tom Ferguson, with private inurnment, Joliet.

SELTZER, Annie (Carroll), age 82; born April 11, 1932, in Melrose, N.M.; died May 5, 2014, in Buchanan, Mich. She was a member of the Buchanan Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sheldon; son, Bryan; daughters, Sharon Symonds and Sandra Seltzer; sister, Rosie Jones; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Celebration of Life services were conducted by Robert Hess, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Niles, Mich.

SMITH, Mary M. (White), age 90; born Sept. 6, 1923, in Paducah, Ky.; died May 8, 2014, in Gary, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include her son, Donnell; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Philip Willis Jr. and Jerome Davis, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gary.

STRAWBRIDGE JR., Arthur V., age 62; born April 12, 1952, in Detroit, Mich.; died May 15, 2014, in Detroit. He was a member of the Burns Church, Detroit. Arthur was a faculty member of Peterson-Warren Academy for close to 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl (Price); daughter, Cynnamon Anderson; father, Arthur Sr.; mother, Alice (Jones); and sister, Sherry Gardner.

Funeral services were conducted by Cory Jackson Sr. and William Joseph Jr., and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit.

YOUNG, Carolyn (Fuller), age 80; born Dec. 15, 1933, in Cicero, Ind.; died May 16, 2014, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison East Church, Monona, Wis.

Survivors include her daughters, Donna Kullavanijaya and Brenda Paulson; sisters, Betty Logue and Mabel Kelley; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Anniversaries Correction

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

Robert C. Quillin and Linda L. Irving were married June 14, 1964, in Portland, Maine, by Pastor William Menshaussen. Robert has been principal for 17 years, pastor for 32 years and district superintendent for 19 years in Michigan, retiring from full-time pastoring in August 2011 and from interim pastoring and educational ministry in 2013. Linda has been an 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.

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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Answered Questions

BY GARY BURNS



Recently, I counseled a young adult who was faced with having to make some unexpected life-changing decisions. The person wanted to know what they should do. As a youth pastor, I often have been approached by a young person who asks the question, "What should I do?" They'd seem frustrated that I didn't give them an answer. The reason I didn't want to tell them what to do is because I don't want to take God's place in their lives. There is only One Spiritual Guide, and that is our Good Shepherd who wants to lead us step by step through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

You may be surprised to learn that "We cannot depend for counsel upon humanity. The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will

teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 668).

When I share that with young people, they say, "Really?" And I say, "Really! God wants to be your life partner, and here are the terms: 'Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted to them, as Christ has promised'" (*ibid*).

What a deal! What a partnership with God! Go ahead. Ask him.

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

Learning to Live

BY STEPHEN ERICH

In some places, like those where I grew up, people ask one another where they live. In others, like parts of Benton Harbor, Michigan, they ask one another where they stay. Change is the norm in many low-income living arrangements, and may be one cause of this lexical shift; in the last year, one of my young friends at Harbor of Hope — a growing church-plant in Benton Harbor — has moved approximately four times and used three different phone numbers. This kind of movement seems excessive even for an unstable university student, but much more for someone still in high school. A life like this naturally could shape a language around the temporary instead of the permanent.

Noticing this shift from the permanent-sounding life to the more temporary stay has me questioning my future on a level beyond how many times I'll move. It represents two distinct kinds of life: one without responsibility beyond myself — an uninvested, short stay, and one tied to the well-being of those around me — a long-term life. I just graduated from Andrews University with a degree in international business, however, I started college with plans to travel and see the world.

Even though I've always said "live" to explain where I slept at night, I lacked any sense of responsibility for my community. I was excited to get out and be free.

The staying versus living perspective can be a sort of proxy for understanding community investment. As a student missionary, I met a friend from California who called Bangkok his home. He arrived after I did but, as soon as I met him, he already had begun to identify with the place. He told me that he never acted as if he would be somewhere temporarily. Like Jim Elliot writes, "Wherever you are, be all there!"¹ Wherever he was, that was home.

To talk, to claim a truth, without investing in the people around you is merely to stay — to be in a house but to remain detached — with a temporary mindset. But to *live* is to love sacrificially, to base one's own well-being on that of others. To tie one's fate into those around. This approach makes the new house a home from the very start.



Stephen Erich

What we believe is so extraordinary, and based so much on a future hope, that encouraging and supporting each other in this belief is one of the most important things we can do. Always praying, encouraging, singing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs is vital as Christian community members. A church consists of the day-to-day dynamics of its members.

As time has gone on, I have become more invested in the Benton Harbor community, and it has become a place where I not only contribute, but I receive. And now, instead of planning to launch immediately into another country, I look for opportunities to live in Benton Harbor. It is becoming my community.

Once I discovered that difference in vocabulary several years ago, I started to replace "live" with "stay" when in the context of my church family at Harbor of Hope. Recently, however, I've started to notice myself using "stay" unintentionally, simply as my normal answer to that same old question, "Where do you live?" My lexicon has shifted. And maybe my attitude has changed in the opposite way. Maybe it takes living together to the point of being changed, to the point of learning to say something like "stay" to really learn how to live.

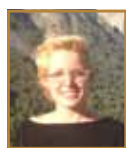
Stephen Erich graduated with a business degree from Andrews University in May 2014 and currently works as Mobile Farm Market coordinator at the Andrews Student Gardens.

1. *Leadership Resources*, retrieved from <http://www.leadershipresources.org/blog/christian-missionary-jim-elliott-quotes/> (May 9, 2014).

Empowering the Voiceless

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Shae Archambault enjoys helping others through mission work. The speech pathology student at Andrews University went on her first mission trip when she was a high-schooler at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy. She and her classmates traveled to Arizona to give worship talks and work in the community. Since that experience, her passion for service has grown.



Shae Archambault

Last winter, Shae made the decision to volunteer at an orphanage in Uganda. She and several friends traveled to the country and did mission work during July 2014. In considering her decision, Shae says, "I got to a point where I had been wanting to go somewhere for a few years. I knew I was ready. ... I didn't see any openings, though, so I waited."

When she received a phone call "out of nowhere" from a close friend who was planning the trip, Shae claims the opportunity was too good to pass up. She decided that minute to go to Uganda as well.

Shae says her relationship with Christ became more and more real after she decided to go on the trip. She realized how excited she was about God and noticed a difference in how open she was with him. One of her biggest goals became to love people better and see through others' eyes. Even more appealing was the chance to do this at an orphanage.

"I've always wanted to do that," Shae says. "I'm drawn to the older kids, the teens and the women there. ... I feel like I understand them."

Currently, Shae and the other missionaries are trying to create a student missionary position at the orphanage through Andrews or Southern Adventist Universities. Besides her work in Uganda, she also stays involved in the States. She has worked at youth camps for four summers and participates in the non-profit organization TrueYou in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The TrueYou organization teaches people to love better through self-discovery and personal purpose.

Some day, Shae hopes to go on a mission trip as a speech pathologist. She has a passion for traveling, art and meeting new people.

Ashleigh Jardine is a freelance writer from Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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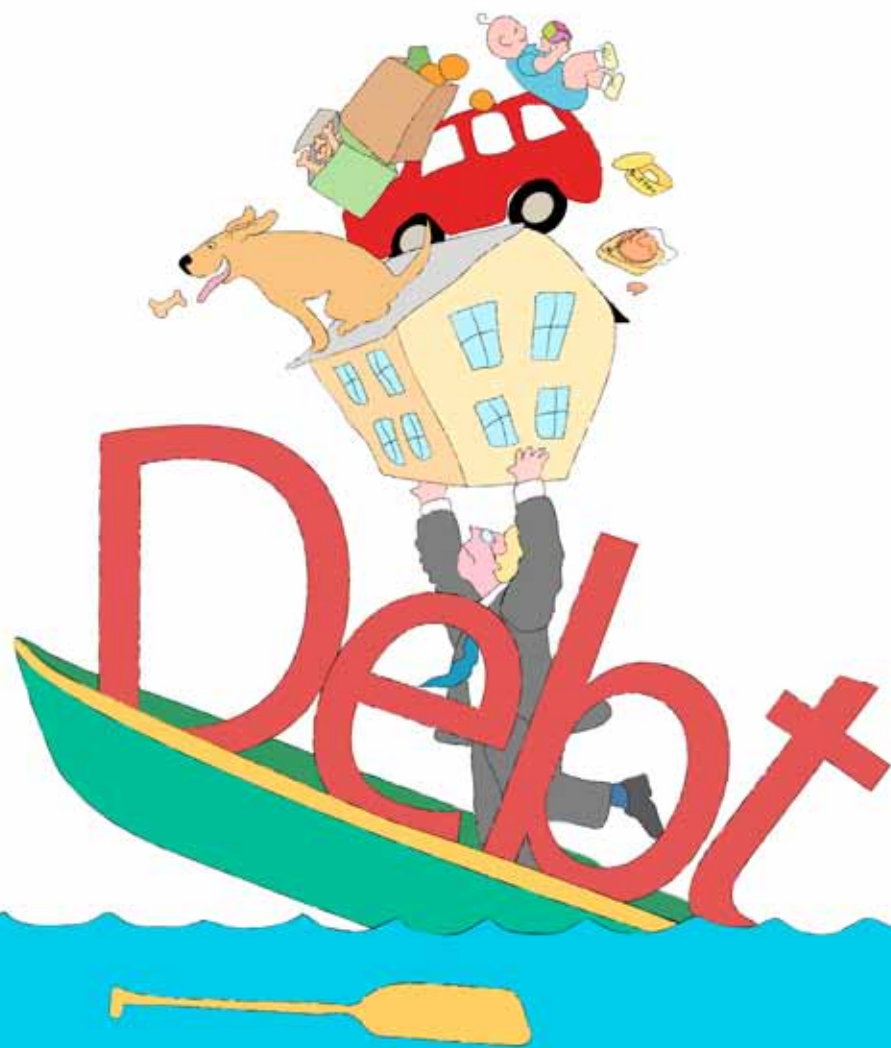
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