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—MARTIN WEBER

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Creating Spiritual Opportunities

by John Wagner, EdD



It has been a joy for me to return to Union College after 20 years and meet former students and friends from the 1980s when I served as an administrator at Union. Many now have their own young people enrolled here.

Then, as now, I see Union preparing students for successful careers through caring professors, small classes, a multitude of mentoring opportunities, on and off-campus internships and much more. But we also strive to become the college that cares as much about *who* your student becomes as *what* he or she becomes. We want to help each student develop an identity—not simply defined by a career, but by the impact each one can make in his or her faith community and the world beyond.

During my time away, I heard about great things happening at Union—usually students leading and connecting through spiritual activities—sometimes on their own, but often corporately sponsored by Campus Ministries or some other college group. But since I've been back, I've had the joy of experiencing it for myself.

I have witnessed students praying with each other off to one side of a busy office.

I have seen posters around campus inviting Unionites to participate in student-led prayer sessions.

My heart has been touched by meaningful student-led vespers services.

I had the privilege to participate with more than 750 other faculty, staff, students and guests including G.C. President Elder Ted Wilson and his wife, Nancy, as the campus celebrated 30 years of formally serving the Lincoln community through Project Impact 2011 (see opposite page).

I committed, along with most of my faculty and staff colleagues, to pray daily for a specific small group of students.

I joined a small group of colleagues in Spiritual Mentoring, a pilot program for students. Each participating student meets with a faculty or staff mentor who helps him or her define and develop a spiritual growth plan throughout the school year (see page 10).

I was pleased to reconnect with an old friend during our fall registration a few weeks ago as he moved his child into the dorm for the school year. As we talked, he shared that he and his family decided on Union College because of the spiritual tone they felt when they visited campus.

This is something we take seriously. We work hard to provide an environment where students have freedom to choose a spiritual path that is meaningful to them and will continue to give them inner strength and stability through this life and into eternity. Whether through countless opportunities to serve the community,

week-night Bible studies, a variety of worship service options on Sabbath and throughout the week, or having faculty and staff willing to mentor our students on their spiritual journeys, our commitment is to do everything possible to help students learn to learn for themselves and make positive choices—two traits that will serve them well as they continue to develop an identity and a walk with Christ.

Union's statement of vision succinctly summarizes our commitment: Union College will be recognized as a passionately Christ-centered community where students excel in learning, gain professional competence, and prepare to influence the future with faith, confidence and integrity.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories here about Union students and graduates who have learned through experience the value of a strong connection to God, and sharing with others through service. We covet your prayers as we continue to educate for life here at Union College. **■**

Dr. John Wagner returned to serve as interim president of Union College during the 2011-12 school year after originally serving as president from 1986-91.



PROJECT IMPACT 2011

by Ryan Teller



Avon Crews/Union College

Thandani Dube, senior accounting major from Zambia, and Alisson Loureno, a student from Brazil, prepare a meal for Lincoln's homeless citizens at Matt Talbot Kitchen during the 30th anniversary of Project Impact, Union's annual service day.

Scott Cushman/Union College



Scott Cushman/Union College

When Tyler Bissell's team finished their assigned tasks at Folsom Children's Zoo, they went looking for more work at a residence where another team was still cleaning up a yard.

But the group noticed shoulder-high grass and weeds in front of a house across the street, so they quickly commandeered three lawn mowers and two weed whackers and set to work.

"The family who lived there just had a baby," explained Bissell, a sophomore international rescue and relief major. "The other little kids had been begging their father to mow so they could play on their swing set. The surprised man thanked us over and over, and the kids did, too. The smiles on their faces made it all worth while."

With a record 72 sites served by Project Impact this year, many students embraced the opportunity to do more.

More than 750 Union College students, employees and friends gathered under the clock tower on the cool, sunny morning of September 8 to kick off the 30th anniversary Project Impact, Union College's annual community service day. Nebraska Senator Tony Fulton was on hand to read a special proclamation by the state legislature, as was Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, who also gave an evening talk at the College View Seventh-day Adventist church.

Originally dubbed "Project BRUSH" (Beautifying Residences

Using Student Help) in 1981, students used the annual service day to paint more than 100 homes in 10 years. Thirty years later, Project Impact provides a day off from classes so student can experience the joy of service by helping the agencies that serve the Lincoln community all year long.

"Project Impact is a great way to make new friends and get better acquainted with old friends," said Andrew Stevens, a junior math education major, as he painted playground equipment at a local elementary school with Demion Dublin and Charles Tamay. "It's a bonding experience, and you create a special bond with everyone you help. You feel good and have fun at the same time."

"You see all these little kids out here watching us and smiling," Dublin, an elementary education major, agreed. "It can't get better than this, honestly."

Vanessa Chavez, a junior health sciences major, helped create a gravel path and put up a fence at a shelter for teenage mothers. "I just think about the young mothers," she explained. "If I were in that position or if I knew someone in that position, I would want some help like this. I think about how it will benefit them."

Pastor Wilson spent the day weeding yards and setting fences.

“I believe I was most impacted by the numbers of young people working together on a project,” he said. “We cleaned up some yards today, and when you have a number of people who focus on what they are supposed to do, it’s amazing how fast the job gets done. I think that’s a great analogy for how the church works. The eye is not the foot and the hand is not the ear. When we all work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Lord can accomplish an enormous amount through us.”

Each year, more than 80 percent of the campus family participates in Project Impact, an event planned, coordinated and executed by students. Since its inception, an estimated 18,300 volunteers have impacted Lincoln with more than 115,000 hours of voluntary labor. According to available research, Project Impact is the longest running collegiate service day with the highest percentage of campus participants in the nation.

“I was amazed by how many people helped with all the planning and made Project Impact a success,” said Anna Coridan, a junior nursing major who coordinated the event along with Bernice Tumangkeng and Jayme Anderson. “It helped me, as a leader, to better understand the importance of team building and not taking too much on myself. An event like this would have never

happened without the help of a great group of students.”

“This demonstrates to leaders in the church that they can trust young people to organize things and don’t have to micromanage everything,” said Wilson after observing the student leaders in action. “The Lord has given them tremendous intellect and creativity. Give them the broad strokes and let them run with it.”

Union College took time at the evening meeting to honor those who helped establish the original Project BRUSH. Dr. Dean Hubbard, president of Union College in 1981, received an award for his part in launching Project BRUSH. He and his wife, Aleta, took the idea with them to Northwest Missouri State University where he served as president for 25 years, where Project BRUSH also continues. Union also honored Pastor Rich Carlson, Union College’s vice president of Spiritual Life, for providing consistent support to student leaders through the last 30 years.

“I couldn’t ask for a better place to work,” said Carlson. “The fact that we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of Project Impact is a testament to the quality of our students at Union College.”

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Bruce Forbes/Union College



Brittani Bissell/Union College

(top left) Benjamin Baugher, sophomore chemistry major from Illinois, helps refinish a staircase at one of the 72 sites served by Union students and employees during the the 30th anniversary of Project Impact, Union’s annual service day.

(bottom left) Students noticed an overgrown yard across the street from their worksite and offered to mow it for the young couple who live there with several children and a new baby.

(top right) Elena Cornwell, freshman international studies major from Hawaii, helps clean the yard at the American Indian Center.

(bottom right) Adrienne Bohl, freshman international rescue and relief major from North Dakota, mows the lawn at Orchard Park, a local retirement home.



Ryan Teller/Union College



Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, helps students clean up several residential lawns during Union College's Project Impact on September 8.



Learning on the Job

by Nicole Meharry



Mindy Liebelt, a 2011 communication graduate, learned a lot about life as she worked to keep Union's administration building clean and attractive.

Mindy Liebelt hasn't always been as fulfilled by her janitorial duties as she is now. In fact, she remembers an instance in high school that did just the opposite for her self-esteem. An administrator marched by her as she was sweeping the hallway and told her boss, who was standing only a few feet away, to "have her sweep the stairs next." Liebelt remembers feeling emotionally hurt, invisible, unworthy of recognition.

Liebelt is no stranger to pain, however, emotional or physical. She deals with chronic musculoskeletal pain, a frustrating diagnosis for such a young, active woman. Liebelt spent six years following high school trying to figure out her health issues—testing, treatment and trying out every regimen of pain management her doctors suggested—only to be told that the pain would continue for the rest of her life, and the best she could hope for was learning how to deal

with it effectively. By 2006, she decided she needed to get on with life and began classes at Union College.

Despite the negative experience she'd endured during high school, Liebelt applied for and accepted a student supervisory position with Union's janitorial team under Lori Brasuell. Speaking fondly of her boss, Liebelt shares, "Lori creates a great working environment for our team. And it really is a team; I've had a great support system throughout my years at Union because of it." Liebelt credits her work experience with enabling her to succeed on campus, both scholastically and socially. She feels blessed to have been able to contribute to a positive environment on Union's campus and thankful to the administrators and staff who not only recognize the work she does but also care about her as a person. "I'm going to miss my job. As I was vacuuming the other morning, I started to cry just

thinking about leaving. I've loved being able to greet everyone as they come in at the beginning of the day. The professors and staff in the administration building are just wonderful. I'm going to miss seeing all of them every morning."

Liebelt graduated last May with a degree in communication with a public relations emphasis and a history minor. But Liebelt stresses it's not the only thing she's taking away from her Union College experience. Her job, Liebelt says, has taught her just as much as any class she's ever taken in the building she cleans. Beyond the perfect formula for deep cleaning windows, she learned about people, about stereotypes, about societal norms. "My job strengthened my resolve to fight against unfair stigmas attached to certain work that society tends to devalue," Liebelt says. "I have a keen interest in society's norms and relation to power, success, hierarchy, economic disparity and injustice, and this job has only increased my interest."

Liebelt concludes with another reflection on her Union College student work experience: "Whether it is making a good first impression for someone new to campus or creating a calm, peaceful vibe for staff and students walking through, I've loved being a part of making Union's space a positive one."

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Nicole Meharry graduated from Union College in 2004. She is now a freelance writer living with her husband and son in Chicago.

Liebelt's work experience enabled her to succeed both scholastically and socially.



From Campus Ministries to a Ministering Campus

by Brittani Bissell

Courtesy Kayla Meelhuisen



Cooks for the September 2011 Soulfood gathering: Meagan Wakefield, Kayla Meelhuisen, Mollie Cummings, Vernee Norman and Laura Ventura.

Mollie Cummings didn't want to go to college. "I came back from a mission trip to the Philippines my senior year of high school and decided I wanted to be an evangelist," said the sophomore communication and religious education major from Minnesota.

"I wanted to do mission work in the United States, but I didn't know what to do," she explained. "That's how I ended up at Union." Discouraged by the perceived roadblock to her life goals, Cummings was inspired one day when a professor talked about making a major life decision. "God said to that professor, 'I don't care where you go, just take me with you,'" she said. "So I decided if God hasn't sent me to be a missionary somewhere else, then I need to do mission work right here at Union College."

Cummings chose to volunteer in Campus Ministries that first year, starting a unique ministry of

her own, and then took a year off from classes to help train student literature evangelists as a task force worker at Campion Academy. Now happy to be back at Union, Cummings has joined the staff of a revamped Campus Ministries department, making it her mission to creatively contribute to the spiritual life on campus.

The new Campus Ministries

Until this school year, 35–40 students have worked in Campus Ministries, and with the support of Pastor Rich Carlson, vice president for Spiritual Life, led out in at least that many ministries happening around campus. Activities included everything from Friday evening vespers to weekly Bible studies, community services ministries and Project Impact.

But things have changed. "Instead of having one person in charge of vespers, one person in charge of the Sabbath afternoon activity, etc., each student serves as a liaison to rally the troops within every division or other campus group and challenge them to get involved—whether volunteering at a homeless shelter, taking children to the park, doing accounting work, or cleaning someone's garage," said Carlson. "Our Campus Ministries team goal is to assist every academic division in developing strategies to create a spiritual community. A

number of groups worked together during Project Impact and started to unify their club or division in service. The ladies volleyball team, gymnastics team, honors program, physician assistant program and others worked as teams at Project Impact and hopefully will continue to be a part of campus spiritual life throughout the school year."

As Women's Ministries coordinator this year, it is Cummings' job to help women in Rees Hall follow through with this idea and implement three phases of an active spiritual life: personal commitment, corporate fellowship and worship, and response through service and outreach.

Personal Commitment

"I want to get to know every person in Rees Hall, do something for her, and let her know she is wanted here at Union College," said Cummings. Sesame Street provided the inspiration for an idea Cummings is calling the ABCs of Prayer. It started last school year when Cummings took a discipleship class while working at Campion Academy. While mentoring a shy student in feeling comfortable with approaching people to pray with them, they chose a different letter of the alphabet each day and prayed with somebody whose name started with that letter. The idea worked so well, she encouraged the entire Union campus to try it in October.



Corporate fellowship and worship

“Our team wants to involve all of the women in either a small group Sabbath school or some other support group,” said Cummings. “We’ve found the most effective way to get people to come is by word of mouth. They are generally more excited because they were personally invited.”

And a ministry she started during her freshman year at Union also provides a unique way to create community. “What’s better than food, especially free food on Sabbath?” Cummings asked. Once a month her ministry, dubbed Soulfood, provides a Sabbath lunch for 30 hungry college students at a volunteer’s home. “It’s awesome because random people sign up and they all come together and associate with each other and become friends—just because of Soulfood.” Cummings hopes the ministry can grow large enough to accommodate everyone on campus. “It would be awesome if Union Market doesn’t even have to be open for Sabbath lunch.”

Response—outreach and service

Union has a strong history of community involvement through traditional service opportunities for Lincoln’s needy citizens. But Cummings is excited to see women in the dorm already thinking up new ways to connect with the community around Union College. “Pretty much everyone from Union has been to The Mill,” she said of a little coffee house and bistro across the street from campus. “One of the women purchased a huge card,

had everyone in the dorm sign it, and we gave it to employees at The Mill. They were so happy. I think we need to show people how much we appreciate them”

Making Jesus real

Although the school year is still young, Cummings sees God working in her current mission field, the women’s residence hall. She is excited to see other areas of campus building a stronger spiritual community, as well.

“We want Jesus to be real on campus,” she said. “I plan to search for new ways to help all Union students learn to be disciples.”

Facilitating (not legislating) spirituality

“Students are most likely to build a lasting walk with God if they can develop it in their own way,” says Pastor Rich Carlson, Union College vice president for Spiritual Life. A pilot program in spiritual mentoring is available to students with a good worship attendance record who want to take personal responsibility for their spiritual journeys. Each participant is paired with a spiritual mentor from Union’s faculty or staff and develops a plan based on the three phases of a healthy spiritual life: personal commitment, fellowship and worship, and response through outreach and service. Student and mentor meet several times during the semester to review progress, which eliminates the worship attendance requirement.

“This pilot program is one more way our campus can be a place of spiritual learning and growth.”

Courtesy Mollie Cummings



Mollie Cummings, sophomore communication and religious education major from Minnesota, has joined the revamped Union College Campus Ministries team as they work to help each area of campus develop a spiritual identity.

Ryan Teller/Union College



Union College Campus Ministries helps plan many spiritual activities on campus including a Resurrection Pageant held on Easter weekend. Now Campus Ministries will work with different academic divisions and areas of campus to develop plans for corporate worship services as well as personal spiritual development and outreach.



Preaching for More than a Grade

by Michael Rohm

Steve Nazario/Union College



Michael Paradise, a 2005 graduate of Union College, is now the young adult pastor at College View Adventist Church in Lincoln. Paradise credits his time as a student pastor in nearby Fremont with helping to prepare him for real-life ministry.

Robert Fetrick wants his students to be ready to become effective pastors. “When I graduated, I had little exposure to the realities of pastoral ministry,” said the chair of Union College’s Division of Religion. “I felt very unprepared and inadequate. We want our graduating theology majors to move into a church situation with the confidence and skills they need to be successful.” He and his fellow theology professors find opportunities for their students to experience life as a pastor through working as student pastors in areas churches through their junior and senior years.

For Union graduates like

Michael Paradise, these opportunities helped him be successful in a variety of pastoral jobs. Paradise, who recently became young adult pastor for the College View church in Lincoln, arrived at Union College in 2001. He soon felt God calling him to be a youth pastor. Paradise worked all four years in Campus Ministries, leading spiritual activities on campus, developing his gifts and finding avenues in which to use them. When Michael reached his junior year, he, like all his classmates, was ready to test his education.

Assigned to the Fremont congregation, Paradise immersed himself in the church. He gave sermons and was involved in church life as much as possible. “If you seek leadership opportunities, you’ll get them,” he explained. He helped lead prayer meetings and orchestrate an evangelistic series. The biggest challenge of his additional involvement also proved to be his biggest blessing. “At that point, you’re not preaching to get a grade, but to give a sermon,” he said of his extracurricular church activities. “The church members expect their spiritual bread.”

After graduating from Union College in 2005, Paradise was hired as associate pastor at Piedmont Park Church in Lincoln. “At that time, we were looking for a youth pastor to work with the kids and we felt like he would make a good fit for that,” said Allen Myers, then senior pastor of Piedmont Park. “He was young, enthusiastic, had a good attitude

and was easy to work with.” Myers believes he and the conference leadership knew Paradise in large part because they watched him as a student pastor.

The next year, the Kansas-Nebraska Conference appointed him youth director, the youngest in conference history. Paradise credits many of his college experiences, both as a student pastor and as a leader in Campus Ministries, with preparing him for the assignment. “The leadership training I received at Union College is second to none,” he said.

In 2009, Paradise left his role as youth director to earn a Master of Divinity degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. “You could tell which students had gone straight to seminary with all the knowledge but none of the practical skills,” says Paradise. “My experience as a student pastor and subsequently in the field definitely gave me a head start in that regard.”

Although he graduated six years ago, Paradise still visits his former professors at Union to ask theology questions. Sylvester Case, who retired from teaching last year, became a special mentor during Paradise’s years as an undergraduate and especially during a mission trip to Tanzania. “He helped me so much with my sermons,” said Paradise, “but more importantly he cared about my development.”

The future of pastoral training

Fetrick and his fellow theology professors constantly explore new



ways to better prepare students to be effective pastors and next year will launch an entirely new training program. For the first time, senior theology students will spend the first semester of the school year working full-time at a local church.

“Students could be placed anywhere in the Mid-America Union,” said Petrick. “We will

match them with a mentoring pastor in a church.” The students will live in the area and function as an associate pastor for four months. “They will immerse themselves in the life of the church: leadership, speaking, board meetings, youth ministry. They will have a much more in-depth experience.”

This will be the first

undergraduate theology training program of its kind in North America, and a partnership with the local conference to fund the students’ living expenses will make it possible. “Students need a practical view of ministry that allows them to apply the principles learned in the classroom,” said Petrick. “They need to experience the real life of the church.”

The Hardwood Pulpit

by Kelly Phipps

For Chavez Morris, now a junior theology major, the strength to follow God’s calling didn’t come from a burning bush or a vivid dream, but another source that many might consider unlikely.

It all started his senior year at Minnetonka Christian Academy in Minnesota. Morris was one of the students selected to speak for a Revelation seminar hosted by his school. Although he felt apprehensive at first, the experience turned out to be God’s way of revealing a bigger plan.

“Preaching the word of God gave me the greatest feeling ever,” said Morris. “And the best part was that it wasn’t about me.” Morris determined to come to Union College and study theology.

But as his senior year progressed, doubt began to erode his resolve. “By the time I arrived at Union for registration, I decided to study computer science instead.”

The strain of not following his calling proved difficult, and because of financial challenges, the next school year Morris found himself attending a community college back home in Minnesota.

“It was a great school—the teachers were awesome—and my grades were really good, but it just wasn’t a good fit,” Morris said. “I was always thinking about Union.”

Every day, Morris prayed for God to demonstrate His will and provide a way for him to return to Union for the spring semester.

“God allowed me to come to a place that I really didn’t want to be so He could get through to me,” said Morris. “He was calling me in one direction, but I let my fear lead me in another.”

Morris decided that if God allowed him to go back to Union, he would change his major to theology. “During that fall semester I was able to get a financial package worked out so I could return to Union in the spring,” he said. “The doubts and fears returned but I was determined to trust in God and let Him lead the way.”

While Morris searched the Bible for answers about his fear of becoming a pastor, he found inspiration in an unlikely place. When Morris made the Warriors varsity basketball team at Union,

he found that coach Ron Dodds worked hard to show the team a lot more than just basketball.

“One of the biggest ways Dodds has impacted my life is the way that he lives his life,” Morris said. “He shows the team that playing basketball is the smaller picture; being a positive representative of Christ in all that we do is what really matters.”

It was through his mentor on the team that Morris found confidence not only in his skills, but in his life’s calling. Now when Morris practices basketball, it serves as a spiritual reminder. It is a symbol of what one can achieve through God. It’s a reminder to him that getting the shot is not all that matters, but also the journey of going down the court.

“There will come a day when basketball will not be a part of my life the way it is now,” said Morris. “But the lessons I’ve learned on the court have forever impacted what I will say in the pulpit.”

The doubts and fears returned but I was determined to trust in God.

Kelly Phipps is a senior communication and graphic design major from Minnesota.



Spare Change Leads to Change of Heart

by Kelly Phipps



Courtesy Lauren Kelley

Lauren Kelley, now in her first year of the physician assistant program at Union College, made friends with the village children in 5 de Septiembre, Peru, during her nine months volunteering with AMOR Projects.

Lauren Kelley, now a first-year student in Union College's physician assistant studies program, took a long look at the list of unusual ice cream flavors. As a student missionary for the Ambassador's Medical Outreach and Relief (AMOR) Projects in Peru, a day off was the perfect chance to learn more about the local life.

"I heard someone behind me trying to get my attention," Kelley said. "I turned and to this day I can still see his face."

A man with a sun-weathered face timidly asked if she had any spare change. "For whatever reason—I regret to say—I told him no," Kelley recalled.

The next morning she got up and had her devotions. She read 1 John 3:18: *Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

"Through some tough conversations with God, He showed me that even though I was

serving Him as my job, I needed to serve Him with everything, including what I did in my free time," Kelley said.

Her passion for mission work runs in the family. Since her father has a dental practice for poor areas in North Carolina, Kelley grew up seeing healthcare as a ministry.

Throughout high school Kelley participated in several short-term mission trips. In 2004 she went to Mexico with her church to help with a small clinic, hold a Vacation Bible School and complete various construction projects. In 2007 Kelley went to Roatan, an island in Honduras, and helped build a church. Each evening she held a Vacation Bible School.

This all inspired Kelley to take a year out of college to go to Peru for 10 months for the AMOR Projects. As a student missionary for Touch of Love, the founding mission project in Peru, Kelley functioned as public health nurse. She taught health lessons to women in four different jungle villages, assisted in clinics doing triage, assisting in surgeries, filled prescriptions and assisted the doctor. She also helped with Sabbath school for the children, Bible studies and church planting along with regular project maintenance and manual labor.

Kelley decided to attend Union

and finish her undergraduate studies in 2010 after returning from Peru. Now a graduate student in the PA program, Kelley is looking forward to seeing where God takes her next.

"I chose to come to Union because it was important for me to go to a PA program at an Adventist school," she said. "Union also offers the opportunity to take one clinical rotation overseas. I'm definitely interested in doing that."

Kelley is one of the first five awarded the Primary Care Services Scholarship for the PA program at Union College.

In 2010, Union received a \$792,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Expansion of PA Training program, allowing it to award \$22,000 to five new PA students over the next four years and to expand the program from 25 to 30 spots in each class. Each scholarship is renewable one time, totaling \$44,000. Union is one of only 28 PA programs in the country to receive the grant.

Like the rest of the students who won a scholarship, Kelley's ultimate goal is mission-oriented. She hopes to work outside the U.S. at a hospital in need after graduating.

"I want to be able to bring healthcare to those who need it most," Kelley said. "I hope to not only bring healing to their physical beings, but to their spiritual souls the best that I can."

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Kelly Phipps is a senior communication and graphic design major from Minnesota.



Saving Sarah

by Tiffany Doss

If someone gave you \$20, how much of an impact would the money make on your life? Would you smile and forget about the gift? Would you be thankful for the half tank of gas it might buy? You may appreciate the convenience, but could it save your life?

As a child, Sarah had been forced to sleep with men for money. Not knowing another way to provide shelter and food, her mother organized the encounters. Sarah remembers men coming to her house, first sleeping with her mother, then with her. It's how they survived.

Last year, Anna Coridan, junior nursing major, went to Banepa, Nepal, as a student missionary. She met Sarah at a Bible study a few days after she arrived. "She and I hit it off right away," said Coridan. "We're close in age and she spoke better English than most. We spent almost every day together."

During one of their conversations, Sarah mentioned her financial challenges. "She told me she didn't have enough money for rent and wasn't sure how to come up with it," said Coridan. "Jobs are scarce there, especially for women." Coridan said she immediately felt compelled to offer Sarah the job of doing her laundry for 2,000 rupees a month, but didn't want to cause a stir among the other villagers. "I was there for all of them. I didn't want anyone to feel I was favoring Sarah, and I certainly didn't want to offend her."

After explaining the situation to several other missionaries, Coridan said they began to cry. "After I told them my laundry idea,

they told me Sarah's story and said that offering her this job could keep her from having to subject herself to the abuse any longer."

Starting in September, the arrangement lasted until April when Coridan left. "Two thousand rupees is only about 20 American dollars. How fast do we go through that in a day?" Coridan asked. "I can go to the mall and spend that much the second I walk through the doors, but for Sarah, it really could mean the difference between life and death."

Coridan's experience overseas made her more aware of other's needs. It also made her realize her own need for Christ. "During my time in Nepal, war was ongoing. I knew it was possible I wouldn't make it out. Without Him, I didn't see how I'd make it. Time in Nepal taught me the importance of just being faithful with where you're at."

Back in the United States, Coridan says she's experienced three stages. "When I first got back I was so excited to be home and to see my family," she explained. "Then, I started to experience intense anger. How is it we have so much in America yet it all means so little? We take \$20 for granted here, but there they savor every drop of water because of dire conditions. Now, I'm sad. I'm aware of what's happening in Nepal each day, aware of how things are so different here. I'm still trying to understand why."

This reverse culture shock is bitter and sweet, said Coridan. "I don't ever want to forget what I learned through my mission



Courtesy Anna Coridan

While a student missionary in Nepal, Anna Coridan, junior nursing major, helped save Sarah from a life of prostitution.

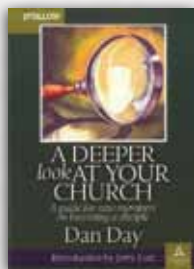
experience. I understand the way I lived there isn't how it works here. I'm trying to figure out how my experience and American life work together."

With three years of schooling left, Coridan plans to be a long-term overseas missionary after graduation. But before then, in May, Coridan plans to visit the people in Banepa who changed her life. "My time as a missionary taught me to take the focus off me and put it on others and God," she said. "Where His love exists, there is life. I want to help bring life to the world. I just want to be faithful."

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Tiffany Doss graduated from Union College in 2011 with a degree in communications.



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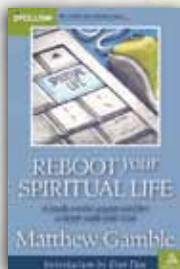
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Friends of Berean Enjoy Fellowship Bible Classes

by Eileen M. Nelson

Eighteen Berean Church families, led by **Pastors Roger Bernard and Duane Thomas**, have opened their homes to host a Steps to Christ Bible Class. Friends from the community are joining Berean members in this evangelistic adventure, which is modeled after the example of early Christians in the book of Acts. Participants include clients of the church's food pantry, encouraged by **Elder Howard Pippins**.

Eileen Nelson, another local church elder, launched the class more than seven years ago. Initially it was intended for Berean Church seniors to have a daytime prayer service, but the plan developed into the Pantry Bible Class with anyone welcome to attend.

In September, 25 neighborhood friends received certificates for completing the Steps to Christ Bible Class. Two other recent graduates joined the church family, with others attending Sabbath services.

(top) Neighbors who attend the Steps to Christ Bible Class enthusiastically participate.

(bottom) Berean members who operate the church's food pantry invited clients from the community to the Bible classes.





Still Making Music at 91

by Miles Trump



"Music adds another dimension to your life," reports retired Wahpeton (ND) physician E. R. Wasemiller, 91, who rediscovered his high school oboe 20 years ago.

People in the Twin Towns area (Wahpeton, North Dakota/Breckenridge, Minnesota) know **E. R. Wasemiller** as a retired physician. Wasemiller, 91, practiced medicine in Wahpeton for 56 years and started a clinic—now Essentia Health. But many residents didn't realize he is an oboe player until he was announced as the guest artist for the world-renowned New York

Kammermusiker ensemble at this year's Winds of Change Festival in Fargo.

"It's a great honor for me because I'm certainly not a professional musician," Wasemiller said.

In high school, Wasemiller took to the oboe and played for more than 10 years, but he gradually set it aside amid the rigors of his medical practice. Then 20 years ago he found the instrument in the corner

of his attic, dusted it off and tried playing again. Wasemiller now takes lessons with **Jennifer Peterson** of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony and an oboe teacher at Concordia College.

"I'll be 92 in October, but I'm going to continue as long as I can," he said.

"He plays daily," said **Lucy Wasemiller**, his wife of nine years. "I have a concert five days a week."

Dr. Wasemiller, who attended all five years of the North Dakota Winds of Change Festival, met Kammermusiker director **Ilonna Pederson** last year. He recalled, "Because I was 91 and still taking lessons and playing, [Pederson] got kind of excited and said, 'You have to play with us next year.' I thought maybe she was kidding."

New York Kammermusiker, which Pederson founded in 1969, is a world-renowned double-reed ensemble that performs across the globe. Each year the ensemble plays at North Dakota's Winds of Change Music Festival—also founded by Pederson—which she said is a "happening" to promote environmental awareness and music.

Wasemiller, who loves playing Mozart, performed pre-concert theater on September 7, Pederson said. "We've met with him a couple times, and he's doing really fine," Pederson said. "It's very inspiring to everybody."

About 15 years ago, Wasemiller purchased a new Loree oboe, which he enjoys "a great deal."

"I was surprised that he comes in with a professional instrument," Pederson said. "He looked very much like any other professional. Usually orchestral people that play these instruments have to retire after 65 or 70, because it's a very complicated instrument," Pederson explained. "Not him. He's got more energy than the rest of us!"

Dr. Wasemiller said, "I always encourage people to stay mentally and physically active as you get older, because, boy, it doesn't take too long for everything to go away from you if you don't. I plan to continue as long as I can hold on."

Miles Trump is contributing editor of *Wahpeton Daily News*. Used with permission.



Students Learning Leadership

by Loren Nelson III



Dakota Adventist Academy students are being trained as leaders of the church. Three seniors and a sophomore recently attended a leadership event at Camp Arrowhead in Nebraska, accompanied by DAA chaplain **Derek**

Timms and **Julie Vieau**, vice principal of academics. They joined representatives from other academies across Mid-America to receive training and inspiration from a Union College team with **Linda Wysong Becker**, vice president

for Student Services.

Students discovered their personal leadership styles and discussed strategies to motivate different types of learners. They also built friendships with fellow teens.

DAA's team organized the

Friday night Agape feast and communion service.

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Loren Nelson III is the senior youth and camps director for the Dakota Conference.

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Praising the Lord at Constituency Session

by Michelle Miracle

The Ninth Regular Constituency Session of the Iowa-Missouri Conference was held September 18, 2011 at Sunnydale Adventist Academy. All officers and departmental directors were reinstalled:

Dean Coridan: President / ASI director

Robert Peck: Vice president for administration / director of stewardship and Global Mission

Rhonda Karr: Vice president for finance / director of risk management

Dr. Joseph Allison: Education superintendent

Brian Carlton: Planned giving director / Conference Association secretary

Michelle Miracle: Director of communication and Sabbath school

Denison Sager: Director of youth and Camp Heritage

Stan Shireman: Adventist Book Center manager

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Iowa-Missouri Conference officers with their spouses (right to left): Elder Robert Peck, vice president for administration, and wife, Alice; Elder Dean Coridan, president, and wife, Gail, Women’s Ministries coordinator; Rhonda Karr, vice president for finance, and husband, Ron.

The theme for the session was “Praising the Lord.” Elder Dean Coridan and his fellow officers gave thanks for God’s blessings upon the conference, and department directors shared powerful stories of His goodness via a conference-produced video. The following business items were voted on and approved at the session by the 358 regular delegates and 75 delegates-at-large in attendance:

1. To change the Iowa-

Missouri Conference Sessions from quadrennial to quinquennial.

2. To enable the officers to begin the process of combining the conference and the association into one entity. This action enables the conference to seek legal counsel and then act as the executive committee directs. The conference, as stewards of the church’s resources, has been advised to merge these entities into one to avoid dual legal liability—a

step recommended by the conference’s attorneys and Adventist Risk Management.

Presently the conference is an unincorporated nonprofit association—the ecclesiastical and operational organization.

The association, on the other hand, is a nonprofit religious corporation—the legal organization, handling all aspects of property ownership along with wills and trusts. When the two are fully combined, the legal and ecclesiastical functions will be joined into one entity, with only one committee, one set of minutes and one Constituency Session.

3. To expand the lodge at Camp Heritage, enlarging the worship and cafeteria areas and adding additional lodging accommodations. The project will begin only when full funding is secured.

Elder Coridan closed the meeting by explaining the

mission of the conference:

- To emphasize the importance of Adventist Christian education.
- To cast a vision so compelling that members of all ages catch it.
- To focus on spreading God’s word in our major cities.

“We must be about the mission of Jesus Christ,” said Coridan. “If we see children in our churches being taught worldly viewpoints in public schools, we need to get them into our schools. And when we see young people stepping up and taking an active role in their church, we need to acknowledge their service and sacrifice to further the Kingdom of God. And finally, we need to adjust the spending of resources to reflect the needs of the lost people in our two states. By focusing on the large metro areas in our conference, we can make a difference in this world.”



New Conference Youth Director

by Michelle Miracle

The Iowa-Missouri Conference welcomes **Denison Sager** as the new youth director.

Previously, Denison taught several subjects and coached two sports at Sunnysdale Adventist Academy, having

also served as boys' dean from 1997-2001. Denison was PE/athletic director at Mile High Adventist Academy, taught at

Midland Adventist Academy and was vice principal, teacher and campus ministries director at Highland View Adventist Academy in Maryland.

Denison is a graduate of both Sunnysdale Adventist Academy and Union College, and has worked for 10 summers at Camp Heritage. He and his wife, **Jennifer**, have a three-year-old daughter and an infant son. "Jennifer and I are really excited about continuing our work with the youth in Iowa and Missouri," said Denison. "We pray God will continue to guide us in bringing young people to Jesus. We hope to be a great example of a strong, Christian home while reaching out to the youth around us."

Denison Sager, his wife, Jennifer, their daughter, Denali and newborn son, Kenai



Courtesy of Denison Sager

Welcoming New Teachers

by Joseph Allison

The Iowa-Missouri Conference is pleased to welcome three new teachers:

Lori Adams is the new K-8 teacher and principal at Rolla (Missouri) Adventist Elementary School. Adams knows the school well, having been the lower grade teacher's aide last year. She is a military wife whose husband is

stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Karen Carlton is the new lower grade teacher at Des Moines Adventist Junior Academy. Carlton is familiar with DJA, as she was a locally funded teacher last year for grades 4-6. Her husband is trust services director for the conference, and they have two daughters.

David Pitcher is the new principal and grades 5-9 teacher at DJA, having taught most recently in Boston, Massachusetts. David and his wife have served church schools in various conferences.

Dr. Joseph Allison, conference education superintendent, expressed satisfaction with the new

teachers: "Each has a great passion for young people and the joy of training them academically and spiritually."

Joseph Allison, EdD, is the education superintendent for Iowa-Missouri Conference.



Wilson encourages pastors/students

by John Treolo

Ted N. C. Wilson, world leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, came to Lincoln in September to participate in Union College's Project Impact and also to visit with local pastors of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and Union College theology professors. At the invitation of **Ron Carlson**, conference president, Wilson and his wife, Nancy, were guests of honor at a dinner with a small group of workers and other church leaders in Heartland Hall at College View Church.

"The kinds of members in this [Kansas-Nebraska] Conference are bedrock Seventh-day Adventists," Wilson stated during words of encouragement prior to the meal. "Things are happening to wake people up. We need to use these opportunities."

During the day, Wilson had teamed up with more than 800 students, faculty members and community volunteers to participate in the 30th anniversary of Project Impact. After the Heartland Hall dinner, Wilson shared a message with students from Union College.

"The joy of doing something for others helps us spiritually," he said. "The Mid-America Union and Kansas-Nebraska Conference are fortunate to have you as students at Union College. I challenge each of you to work for Christ and make an impact."



Photo by John Treolo

At dinner with Kansas-Nebraska pastors and teachers were General Conference president Ted Wilson and his wife, Nancy (center), pictured with Mid-America Union president Tom Lemon and Kansas-Nebraska Conference president Ron Carlson.



Photo by John Treolo

Among many local community and charitable organizations benefitting from Project Impact was New Creation Church. Pastor Marty Thurber reported, "We got quite a few students from Union, and they are making our landscape project beautiful! This should be on TV since the students are doing such a good job." Working beside them was Ron Carlson (foreground).



New Haven Hispanic Church—*numero ciento dos*

by John Treolo

Members of New Haven Hispanic Company have dual reasons to celebrate: they became the *ciento dos* (102nd) Adventist congregation in Kansas-Nebraska, with nearly 75 charter members; and they were moving into their own place of worship.

Conference president **Ron Carlson** presided over the service that welcomed the congregation into the sisterhood of churches. Current pastor and conference Hispanic coordinator **Roberto Correa** acknowledged the support of New Haven (English) Church members in helping launch the Spanish-speaking group. Although

he wasn't their pastor then, Correa said one of the original concepts was to connect with Hispanic people who were interested in learning English.

"This group was started by inviting people to come and take an English course. And that's how people came to the church—even though we are starting a Spanish church!" Correa said. He presented Pastor Douglas Elsey of New Haven (English) Church with a plaque of appreciation from Hispanic members for the vision New Haven English members had displayed in planting a new congregation. For years the Hispanic members held

Sabbath services in a large side room simultaneously with the English members. Their new

place of worship is located at 513 E. Oak Street in Olathe, Kansas.



Photo by John Treolo

Conference President Ron Carlson looks on as nearly 75 members sign the charter for New Haven Hispanic Church.

Adams Honored As Teacher of Year

by John Treolo

Peter Adams, who teaches 7th and 8th graders at College View Academy (CVA) in Lincoln, was named Teacher of the Year in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference for the 2010-11 school year.

Gary Kruger, education superintendent, awarded him at a meeting of the educators in Overland Park, Kansas.

Kruger described Adams as respected not only by fellow teachers but also by students, although he demands a lot from them. He is famous for vocabulary tests and his use of "big" words. Adams has taught at CVA for 10 years,

having previously attended Union College and thereafter earning a master's degree in administration and leadership.

This past May, Adams encouraged his 8th graders to conduct their own evangelistic series. Over a three-week period, the students led out in 15 different sessions at nearby Piedmont Park Church. Four attendees were baptized.

Brian Carlson, College View Academy principal, added, "He is a well-deserving teacher who is a huge asset and blessing to College View Academy."



Photo by John Treolo

Peter Adams (left), teacher at College View Academy, receives Teacher of Year plaque from Gary Kruger, Kansas-Nebraska Conference education superintendent



Mayor Celebrates Expansion of Dorcas Facility

by Jeff Scoggins, pastor in Brainerd and Aitkin

One September Monday marked the opening of a new addition to Dorcas Thrift Store, operated by Brainerd Church. Guests of honor included **James Wallen**, city mayor, who expressed gratitude for “the fine people of the church” who dedicated thousands of

hours to the facility, making it a blessing to the community. “I give you my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the city of Brainerd, Wallen said.”

The ceremony honored volunteers past and present, including **Vera Fisher**, who birthed the dream of caring for

the needy in the community. For years, **Joyce Rideout** also gave her helping hands and continues as a prayer warrior for the center. **Cathy and Skip Terhark** had the vision for funding the expansion so as to better meet the needs of customers.

Don and Alvina Peterson and **Sharna Wicklund** all served as directors of the center. **Dorothy Johnson** also received honorable mention, having been an inspirational mentor and worker in Dorcas ministry for the past 17 years.



Participating in ribbon cutting at the Dorcas facility expansion were (left to right) Don Peterson, Alvina Peterson (past director), Jerry Nelson, Kathy Burdorf (director), Laurie Sorem, Sharna Wicklund (past director), Ann Drevlow, Colleen Zupko, Julie Jordon, Irene Johnson.



Baptisms at Windom

by Don Hensel

Windom Church in southwestern Minnesota experienced a high day when six people joined their congregation. Following Bible

studies with **Ed Eigenberg**, a retired pastor, four were baptized from the **Ogeka** family (**Martha, Brian, Brown** and **Victor**), along with

Joshua Onsare. Accepted on profession of faith was **Daniel Ondieki Otachi**, who had been an active leader in his native Kenya. Despite losing work

opportunities due to their commitment to honor God's Sabbath, the new members are standing strong and sharing their faith.



Elder Ed Eigenberg (second from right) with baptismal candidates

Pastors Retreat for Spiritual Renewal

Several Minnesota pastors attended a three-day spiritual retreat at North Star Camp in early September. Their purpose was to "come aside and rest for a while." The pastors spent half of each day in complete silence, enjoying a relaxing activity while meditating on a specific passage of scripture. The rest of the day was for fellowship and discussion of that scripture.

"I hope more pastors and

conference leaders will work future retreats into their schedules," said **Jeff Scoggins**, a participant. "The value of taking specific quiet time with God in the company of others who understand firsthand the life of a pastor is truly a lift to the spiritual life, and therefore, also a lift to the church in general. Jesus evidently understood this, since He called His disciples away on similar retreats."





Cardboard and Twigs?

by Shawn Boonstra

When I first received the invitation to visit Eden Valley, I wasn't sure what to think. I'd never been there, but back when **Jean** and I first became believers, I'd heard of such places: cardboard and twigs for lunch, unforgiving task masters waiting to catch you in the slightest of dietary transgressions—even righteousness by diet. And yet I felt compelled to go.

I will be forever glad I did; I am now convinced that the compulsion to go was heaven sent. Jean and I had been enduring the worst year of our lives, and Eden Valley proved to be God's prescription for us. The moment we drove onto the spectacular campus, long-harbored tensions started to evaporate. The team, anything but unforgiving task masters, made us feel immediately at home.

But what would the program be like? Instinctively, after seeing the campus and meeting the staff, I knew it would be fine. But I was wrong about that, too. It wasn't fine—it was wonderful. Each morning, before breakfast, as the guests gathered for an invigorating study of the book of Romans (led by one of the doctors), I felt as if we were starting the day in the presence of the Great Physician Himself. The study focused on the love and acceptance of God. No righteousness by diet! And the food itself, a far cry from twigs and cardboard, was some of

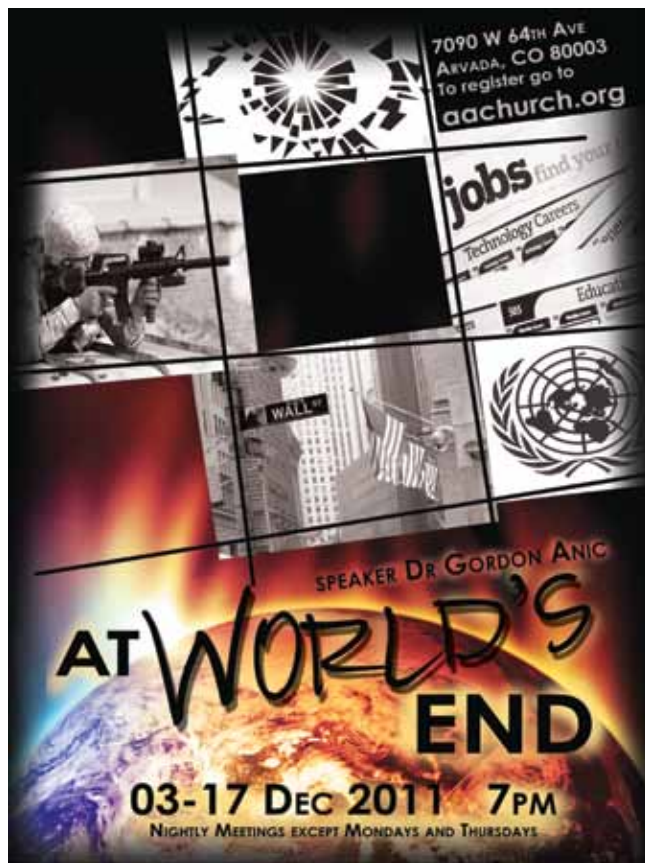


the best vegan cooking I'd ever experienced.

And the care—well, to call it merely “professional” would be an understatement. I can't remember the last time a doctor spent more than 15 minutes working through my case, let alone took time to pray with me. The therapists were, above all, godly people who seemed genuinely invested in their patients' well-being. They made me feel as if my recovery was the most important thing in the world to them.

It's hard to find words to describe just how good our stay at Eden Valley was.

Shawn Boonstra is the ministerial associate director for evangelism in the North American Division.





Newday Mission to Peru

A summer mission to Peru resulted in blessings returned upon the donor congregation. Parker (Colorado) Newday Church members embarked on a two-week serving excursion expecting to help others—and ended up being helped themselves.

"Our mission as a church is to develop love for God

and service to people," reported **Pastor Dave Kennedy** of Newday, which for six years has organized a foreign mission trip. "This year we went to a very poor area of Iquitos, Peru, called Padre Jesus Vies. There we rebuilt a house for a single mom with four children," Kennedy said. "Our members returned with

a different perspective on how to live, how to give and how to share."

"What I walked away with is that materialism doesn't buy you happiness," **Janessa Marsh** said. For Marsh and her family, this was the first trip to Peru, where she put to use her skills as an art teacher. "We had some extra paper, and I just

started drawing for these kids. Well, the crowd just started getting bigger, bigger and bigger."

Marsh hopes that she taught them a skill that could lighten their difficult daily existence. "I regret not doing something sooner, and I'm so glad that I did something now," she said. She plans to return next year.



The Newday Church mission team traveled to Peru from Parker, CO.

100th Birthday Celebration

by Karen Cress

Sterling (Colorado) Church celebrated 100 years of life for **Miles Whitehall** in September. At age 15, he began a 47-year career with Burlington

Northern Railroad. Still strong and healthy, he mows his lawn and drives short distances, but he can no longer navigate the 50-mile trip to church.

When asked how he has managed to live so long and maintain a firm handshake, he answered, "It's nothing I have done; the Lord has been very

good to me. He always keeps me in the hollow of His hand!"



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Using the da Vinci, surgeons have better visualization and dexterity than with traditional or laparoscopic approaches. Visualization is enhanced with use of a larger camera and 3-D vision. Dexterity is improved because rotation and flexibility of the robot is not limited, unlike a surgeon's hands or laparoscopic tools. "Robotic instruments allow us a 360-degree range of motion," explained Emmott.

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smaller incisions, reduced post-operative pain, less time in the hospital, minimal scarring and faster return to work and everyday activities. "An additional benefit is better eradication of the disease," Emmott says. "It boils down to precision. The better we can see the area, the more accurate our operation is."

Although robotic instruments play a significant role in surgical procedures, it's SMMC's highly trained physicians who perform the surgery. The surgeon's skill, complemented by the robot's precision, offers numerous patient benefits. SMMC has performed more than 1,200 surgeries using the da Vinci and has a team of operating room nurses devoted to assisting with this type of surgery.

"Like with anything else that requires technical skill, the more you do it, the better you get," Emmott said. "We're committed to using this type of technology and are accustomed to performing these procedures from start to finish."

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Making an Impact for the Kingdom



Scott Miller believes his time at Union College prepared him professionally, and gave him the spiritual grounding to fulfill his personal mission.

The idea didn't strike him like a thunderbolt from the sky—this isn't one of those stories.

Scott Miller had attended Seventh-day Adventist schools his whole life, and had always known he'd move on to Union College. It had a great reputation, after all, and he wanted to play basketball.

But even though the decision was pretty much a given, the choice still hasn't lost its luster years later. "Without Union's spiritual focus and the influence of teachers who were mentors and role models, I could very well have made different choices and be

making less of an impact for the kingdom," he says.

Although his parents like to remind him that he planned to be a garbage man when he grew up, Scott's early memory is of wanting to do anything related to sports. Once he reluctantly realized he'd never play for the Denver Broncos, a career in physical therapy offered the next best thing—a chance to work with athletics and active people.

After graduating from Union, he went on to graduate school to complete his professional training, then accepted a series of physical therapy jobs both within

and outside the Adventist healthcare system. After 13 years on the East Coast, Scott moved back to Colorado and is thrilled to be serving in the faith-based environment of Parker Adventist Hospital, where he's director of rehabilitation and business leader of its joint and spine programs.

Scott feels Union gave him not only a professional backdrop for business success, but the spiritual grounding to fulfill his calling. He's known around the hospital as an enthusiastic proponent of wellness and the Adventist healthcare mission. "We deal

in a world that needs not only physical healing but spiritual as well," he says. "Having the opportunity to impact the whole person is what Adventist healthcare is all about, and the reason why I'm here."

He also credits Union with helping instill an instinct for service, and he's taken a leadership role in Parker's outreach trips to Peru through the Global Health Initiatives program. "If we don't reach out and extend the healing ministry of Christ around the world, who will?" he wonders. "That's the mission of the church and the hospital—and mine as well."

As he looks to ensure the future of Adventist healthcare, Scott does all he can to energize young people to the importance of Christian higher education. He and his wife have two children of their own, and his seven-year-old daughter already says she wants to be in charge of a hospital someday. So maybe she'll follow in his footsteps to Union, become CEO of Parker and Scott will end up working for her.

And the Miller family legacy of Adventist higher education and healthcare ministry will continue.

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for mission and ministry for Colorado's Adventist hospitals, and written by CMBell Company.



Beck, Mildred (Runck), b. Dec. 7, 1914 in Dolores, CO. d. Aug. 18, 2011 in Cortez, CO. Member of the Cortez Church. Survivors include daughter Myrna Cortner; son Russell Beck; 8 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Brown, Floyd, b. Sept. 9, 1917 in Randolph, NE, d. Oct. 24, 2010 in Ames, IA. Member of the Nevada Church. Predeceased by wife Lorena; great-granddaughter Alissa; sister Dorothy Brown; and brothers Donald and Allan. Survivors include daughters Bonnie Peterson and Arlene Fry; sister Marilyn Brown; 9 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Cottingham, Karilyn "KC", b. Nov. 24, 1986 in Rapid City, SD, d. Jan. 5, 2011 in Rapid City, SD. Member of the Rapid City Church. Survivors include parents Carey and Kathy Cottingham; sisters Laurelin Cottingham and Sonya Frisch; brothers Perry and James; and grandparents Duane and Irene Whaley.

DeLong, Ruby F., b. April 11, 1925 in Brush, CO, d. Aug. 17, 2011 in Colorado Springs, CO. Member of the Colorado Springs South Church. Survived by daughters Nancy Teeter, Judy Grafft and Carolyn Church; sons Elbert, Raymond and Ronnie; and 73 grand-, great- and great-great grandchildren.

Enders, Norma Jean, b. May 5, 1924 in Victor, CO, d. Dec. 22, 2010 in Peru, KS. Member of the Colorado Springs South Church. Survived by sons Clyde Webster Jr., Robert, Jack, and Timothy; 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Gingher, Dianna "Dee", b. Oct. 3, 1949 in San Francisco, CA, d. Sept. 14, 2011, in Englewood, CO. Member of the Denver South Church. Survived by son Wesley; sisters Linda Condreay and Dana Scott Cerko; and brother Anthony Cerko.

Graves, Theodore Nelson Jr., b. June 12, 1952 in Chattanooga, TN, d. Sept. 23, 2011 in Denver, CO. Member of the Denver South Church. Survived by mother Mary Jane; brother Tim; and sister-in-law Robin.

Hehn, Phyllis Lorraine (Strand), b. Nov. 16, 1918 in Lisbon, ND, d. Aug. 29, 2011 in Minot, ND. Member of the Minot Church. Predeceased by husband Carl. Survivors include son Barry; and daughter Joyce Loucks.

Lauterbach, Ruby Darlene, b. Sept. 7, 1920 near Sumner, IA, died May 25, 2011 in Burleson, TX. Survivors include daughters Betty Gonzales, Rita Lauterbach, Judy McGee, and Susan Hopkins; sons Dennis and Bob Lauterbach; sister Marjorie Nuss; 21 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Long, Marjorie (Howard), b. June 11, 1905, d. July 7, 2011. Member of the Delta Church. Survivors include sons Roy and Wayne; and sisters Clara, Merle and Mabel.

Morrison, John M., b. May 14, 1937 in Aldrich, MN, d. Sept. 6, 2011 at Abbott Hospital, Minneapolis, MN. Member of the Brainerd (MN) Church. Served in pastoral ministry, as an evangelist, and in conference positions in many states. Predeceased by 2 sisters and 1 brother. Survivors include wife Sharon Johnson Morrison; sons Wayne and Dale; brother Leo Morrison; 8 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Moseanko, James "Jim" Jay, b. May 18, 1950 in Minot, ND, d. Sept. 10, 2011 in Velva, ND. Long-time member of the Adventist Church. Survivors include wife Debbie (Phillips); son Eben; daughters Heidi Brewer, Tammy Kostenko, Loni Lesmeister and Dana Philipenko; twin sister Jeannie Phillips; brothers Perry and Rich; and 9 grandchildren.

Ott, Alice Marie, b. Aug. 13, 1919 in Beemer, NE, d. Aug. 14, 2011 in Fargo, ND. Member of the Detroit Lakes Church. Predeceased by husbands Ezra and Virgil; two sons; one grandson; four sisters; and one brother. Survivors include daughters Sharon Summers, Mary Trumble, Arla Caraboolad and Deanna Kunza-Stuber; sister Anne Schmidt; brothers James Erb and David Erb; 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Owen, Eunice, b. Jan. 21, 1922 in Culbertson, NE, d. Aug. 28,

2011 in Lincoln, NE. Member of the Chadron (NE) Church. Predeceased by husband Bernard; sister Rachel George; and brother Ralph. Survivors include sister Norma Skinner; daughters Dixie Gaswick, Patsy Peterson and Cindy Stokes; son Terry; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Patterson, Colleen, 83, d. Sept. 15, 2011 in Pueblo, CO. Member of the Pueblo Church. Predeceased by first husband John Patterson; son Robert Patterson; an infant daughter; sister Carol Upton; and granddaughter Alicia Patterson. Survivors include husband Tom; children John Patterson and Laura Christenson; step-children Dale Patterson and JoAnne Senoma; sisters Delores Rowell and Mabel Ethredge; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Rodacker, Kim B., b. Feb. 9, 1953 in Carrington, ND, d. Sept. 4, 2011 in Fargo, ND. Member of the Minnesota Conference Church. Survivors include mother Clarice; sisters Julie Blume, Pamela Rodacker-Waye, Angela Triebold; brother Kerry Rodacker. He was preceded in death by his father Nathan.

Smith, Howell Hudson (Bo), b. Oct. 7, 1932 in Union Point, GA, d. Aug. 12, 2011 at his home in Westminster, CO. Member of the Golden Church. Predeceased by granddaughter Rebecca Smith. Survivors include wife Helen; children Jill Garcia, Jody Murphy, Chip Smith and Rhonda Gadaway; 6 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Sutton, Raymond B., b. March 2, 1922 in Hyannis, NE, d. Aug. 13, 2011 in Alliance, NE. Member of the Hyannis (NE) Church. Predeceased by parents, 3 brothers; and 3 sisters. Survivors include wife of 73 years, Marge; children Genelle Holder, Lany Sutton, Kathy Sutton, Charlotte "Kay" Hubbard and Pamela Bell; brother Bill Sutton; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great granddaughter.

Tebelius, Ervin, b. Aug. 4, 1926 in Harvey, ND, d. Aug. 23, 2011 in Bismarck, ND. Member of the Harvey Church. Survivors include

wife Edna (Smestad); daughter Diane Tebelius; sons Dean and Mark; sister Darlene Morford; and 2 grandchildren.

Tretter, Peggy Jo, b. Jan. 26, 1958 in Crookston, MN, d. Aug. 29, 2011 at the Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. Member of the Crookston Church. Survivors include husband Randy; daughters Cassie and Carrie; son Chad; two brothers, Dean and Jeff Kronschnabel; parents Tom and Darlene Kronschnabel; and one grandchild.

Wahlen, Vernon H., b. Dec. 24, 1921, in Middle River, MN, d. Aug. 30, 2011, in Fort Collins, CO. Member of the Fort Collins Church. Survived by wife Donna; daughter Marianne Samson; son Mark; brother Ernest; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Pueblo	5:56	4:49	4:44	4:40
Iowa				
Davenport	5:54	4:46	4:40	4:36
Des Moines	6:06	4:58	4:52	4:48
Sioux City	6:15	5:07	5:01	4:56
Kansas				
Dodge City	6:39	5:32	5:27	5:23
Goodland	5:42	4:36	4:30	4:26
Topeka	6:19	5:12	5:07	5:03
Wichita	6:28	5:21	5:16	5:13
Minnesota				
Duluth	5:49	4:39	4:32	4:26
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Minneapolis	5:57	4:49	4:42	4:36
Missouri				
Columbia	6:05	4:58	4:53	4:49
Kansas City	6:14	5:08	5:02	4:58
Springfield	6:13	5:06	5:01	4:58
St. Louis	5:58	4:51	4:46	4:42
Nebraska				
Grand Island	6:26	5:19	5:13	5:08
Lincoln	6:20	5:12	5:06	5:02
North Platte	6:35	5:28	5:22	5:18
Scottsbluff	5:45	4:38	4:32	4:27
North Dakota				
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