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Cover Photo: Water skiing is one of many activities campers enjoy at North Star Camp in Minnesota. Photo by Brad Leavelle.

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Summer fun is not often associated with evangelism, but that's exactly what goes on year after year at Mid-America's camping programs. In the wholesome context of God's great outdoors, mentored by dedicated Christian counselors and other leaders, kids give their lives to Jesus—often for keeps. Years later they trace their conversion to a compelling testimony or gospel appeal they heard around an evening campfire at summer camp. Do you know anyone with children or teens who could benefit from summer camp? Maybe you should encourage them accordingly—or even make it happen with a generous sponsorship. There might be no better answer to your prayers than the summer camp outreach described in the next few pages. For a list of Mid-America camps and their websites, go to www.midamericaadventist.org and click "Resources."

—MARTIN WEBER

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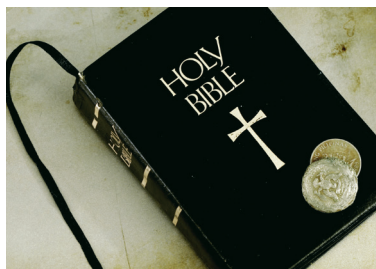
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Questions Without Answers

by Thomas L. Lemon



By the time you read this, both of my grandsons will have had their third birthday. In that stage of life, asking questions is paramount for development.

Sometimes the questions are easy:

“Papa, what makes the car go?”

Sometimes not as easy: “Why is the moon white?”

Now to be sure, those queries are little more than attempts at meaningful conversation, and I revel in those opportunities. But their questions get me thinking about some bigger ones. Not long ago, I was asked by a newer member a question that has been around a very long time: “Pastor Lemon, if God knew Judas would betray Jesus and Jesus needed a betrayer to become our sacrifice, why are we so hard on Judas? Wasn’t he just doing what he was put on this earth to do?” Variations of that question hark back to discussions through the centuries among theologians regarding God’s foreknowledge over/against human freedom. I will not satisfactorily answer that dilemma with this brief editorial.

Let me hasten to say, however: it is not wrong to ask questions—including the “why” question. That question is implicit in Job’s conversation with his friends and his concern for what he assumed was God’s poor treatment of him. It is hidden in the dialog of Martha and then Mary with Jesus at

the death of their brother, Lazarus. It is explicit from the parched lips of Jesus as He struggles with His last breath on the cross. None of them is scolded for asking that three-letter question. But none of them get it answered, either.

Jesus gave a prior answer regarding the concern of Mary and Martha to His disciples—but not to the sisters. Job’s question was not answered either. When you get to God’s intervention at the end of the book, His summarized response to Job is, in effect: “I’m in charge, trust Me.” And Job does. And Jesus’ rasping, dying cry, “My God why have you forsaken me?” was met with isolating and apparently cold silence.

All of these pericopes from Scripture put this question in the mouths of faithful people. Job was affirmed by God as of exemplary character. The family from Bethany consisted of loyal believers. And clearly Jesus was not only sinless; He was completely filled with righteousness—holy and perfect. And all of these questioners remained faithful, even in the silence of their suffering.

And that is where I want to go with this editorial. No, it is not wrong to ask the questions; this is how we learn. But what do we do when our questions go unanswered? Let me encourage you to remain faithful during the inevitable times of silence. If Job had given up; if Martha and her sister had become cynical and bitter; and if Jesus had

said, “I don’t need this anymore, I will come down from the cross”; those stories would have disappeared in the dust of history—and in the case of Jesus, our salvation would have been lost. I rejoice in their faithfulness and persistence, even when they did not understand.

As we consider the world in which we now live, I am convinced that the questions will persist and perhaps deepen for some of us as trouble may appear—and may indeed become—life-threatening. Our prayers are not answered the way we pray them; and when answers do come they often don’t match the questions we ask. When those things happen, let me encourage you to take the long view. As the Psalmist says, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5).

The Adventist worldview includes the Great Controversy theme, with its double helix of sin and degradation brought about by Satan and his minions. There is constant warfare between Christ and the hosts of darkness, until God ultimately prevails. Meanwhile, we may never understand much of what goes on, but we may always find comfort that good will indeed triumph spectacularly over evil. ■

Thomas L. Lemon is president of the Mid-America Union.



When the Campfire Speaks

by Hubert Cisneros

It was my rookie summer as the counselor of Blackfoot Cabin. Friendship Camp was always the first camp because, as director Paul Schmidt explained, “You need to be fresh.” That should have given me a clue.

During Wednesday night worship, Tommy broke in: “I hate the boys next door. They are mean.” Evidently disagreeable words had passed between the two groups. The next day Tommy took a spoonful of mashed potatoes and flung a glob at a taunting Mohican Cabin camper. A food fight immediately began. As the staff restored order, I took Tommy behind the cafeteria.

He looked up at me with tears in his eyes. I knew his story. He had shared it during get-acquainted time on Sunday. His mother had abandoned the family, his father was in prison, his stepmom hated him and had sent him to live with Grandma. Grandma couldn’t handle him so she sent him up to camp so I could take care of him for a week.

What Tommy needed was love—and to know that Jesus loved him. “I don’t know why I act this way,” Tommy choked out. “I don’t want to fight. Could you pray that Jesus will help me?” We walked up the hill and I prayed for Tommy. “Dear Jesus, You love Tommy so much. You want Tommy to have lots of fun.

I am so glad that Tommy is in my cabin. He is a good boy. You died for Tommy on the cross so he could have everlasting life. Please, help Tommy. Let him not be bothered anymore by what the other boys do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Tommy did a lot better after that. But trouble between the two cabins continued.

Saturday night I got an idea. “Remember campfire tonight?” I asked. “How would you like to take a shovel of coals from the fire and throw it on the boys next door?”

“Yeah, that would be so cool,” they replied. Next I read Rom. 12:19-21: “‘Vengeance is mine; I will repay,’ saith the Lord. ‘Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.’”

“Do you boys think that you could overcome evil with good?” The room was quiet—it wouldn’t be easy to surrender to God’s plan for peace.

We went to sleep. But would the week come to an end before they learned how to win by surrendering?

Sunday morning was going-home time; but war was about to break out. Walking back to the cabins from the office, I came upon the two groups facing off with rocks in their hands. They were going to settle this thing

once and for all. As I came upon them I heard, “Remember what Hubert read last night? We’ve all had such a good time at camp. Let’s not be angry anymore.”

My boys dropped their rocks and put out their hands in friendship. In a moment it was over. Soon they were leaving Glacier View together. It really was a Friendship Camp after all. The rest of the summer was peaceful, as well as other Friendship Camps since. (Thank you, Centura Health, for continuing the Friendship Camp tradition begun by Rose Gates.)

I have witnessed thousands of campers give their lives to Jesus and learn lessons of love. The Mid-America Union hosts the best camps in the world: Glacier View Ranch, Mill Springs Ranch, Camp Arrowhead, Broken Arrow Ranch, Flag Mountain Camp, Northern Lights, North Star Camp, Camp Heritage, and Camp High Point. The singing, the worships, the fun activities, the skills learned, and yes, even the campfire itself speaks of Jesus and His love. Plan now to support your camp with your time, funds, and children. It is an investment that will last forever. **■**

Hubert Cisneros is director of youth and church ministries for the Mid-America Union.



The Heart of Summer

Fifty percent of campers attributed growth in their spiritual walk to attending camp.

The western sky is aglow with shades of warm yellows, pinks and reds. Laughter carries on the still evening air through trees, over rolling hills and mountains, across lakes and rivers. It's Friday, and the culmination of an incredible week is about to take place at Mid-America camps.

All week long, campers have been having fun in a natural setting of adventure and excitement. Summer camp staff have seen young people climbing rocks and walls, testing their skills,

failing at times but trying again and succeeding. Arrows have flown from bows finding all sorts of targets—with accuracy increasing as the week progressed. Interest in horses and love for them has grown. If they could, some campers would ride every day and spend time affectionately talking to and grooming each horse.

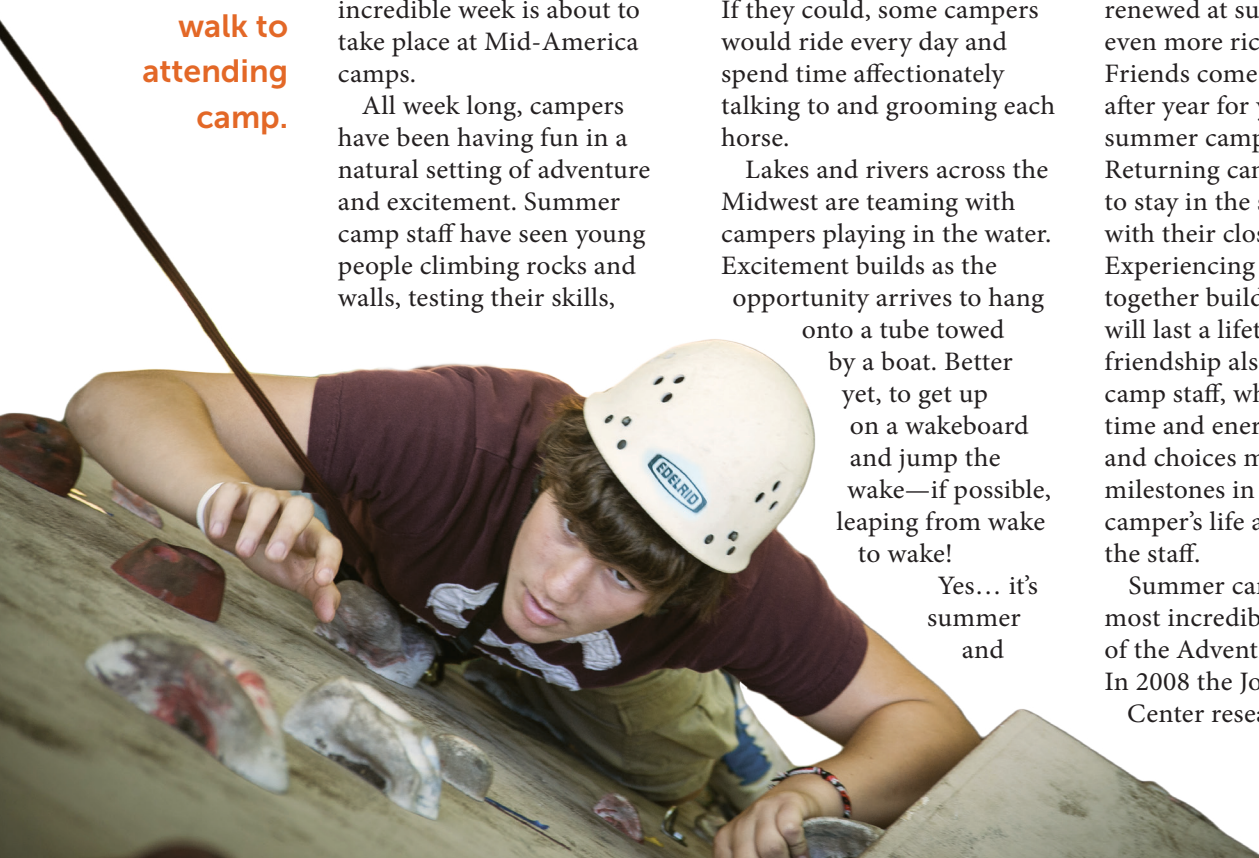
Lakes and rivers across the Midwest are teeming with campers playing in the water. Excitement builds as the opportunity arrives to hang

onto a tube towed by a boat. Better yet, to get up on a wakeboard and jump the wake—if possible, leaping from wake to wake!

Yes... it's summer and

the warm breezes have beckoned young people to joyfully participate in the incredible experience of living life to the fullest in the great outdoors. While the activities are filled with fun, the friendships built and renewed at summer camp are even more richly rewarding. Friends come back year after year for yet another summer camp experience. Returning campers want to stay in the same cabin with their closest friends. Experiencing summer camp together builds bonds that will last a lifetime. The ties of friendship also extend to the camp staff, who invest their time and energy. Memories and choices made are milestones in each summer camper's life and the lives of the staff.

Summer camp is one of the most incredible ministries of the Adventist Church. In 2008 the John Hancock Center researched





Camp

Ministry by Jeff Wines



summer camps across North America (“Summer Camp Research Camper Survey”; “Summer Camp Research Staff Survey”). Data reveal what camp directors and staff have already known for a long time: when young people go to camp, their lives are forever changed. While many campers are already spiritually focused, 50 percent attributed growth in their spiritual walk with God to attending camp. An amazing statistic!

Camping ministry directly impacts young people in aligning themselves with God’s kingdom. Although 64 percent of young people who came to summer camp already identified themselves as Adventists, many campers reported that camp activities and worship programs strengthened their connection with the church. The research findings of young people connecting with God, the church, and

nature are so powerful that when looking at the significant decisions campers make, we see one of the largest evangelism meetings happening every summer for children.

While Adventist summer camps powerfully impact campers, research proves that staff are influenced as well. One of the most intriguing findings is that camp staffers become so invested in the church that many eventually become employees and leaders of the SDA denomination. One of the questions asked was: “Do you see yourself working for or with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the future?” A whopping 62 percent said that they either were employed by the SDA Church or they could see themselves working for the church one day. In other words, summer camping ministry across North America is preparing and

mentoring a significant portion of the future leadership of the Adventist Church.

Friday night at camp, of all the Friday nights in the summer, will be one for campers to remember. They will be led to the foot of the cross by staff who have grown to love and care for each camper. They will hear songs that glorify and praise God; they will laugh, enjoying worship with one another. They will hear staff share how Christ is everything in their lives. They will also meet Jesus for themselves, or have opportunity to recommit to the relationship He wants with them. Some will, for the first time, make decisions to follow Jesus, surrendering their entire life to Him.

That is the heart of summer camp ministry in the Mid-America Union.

Jeff Wines is youth director for the Minnesota Conference.

Some will, for the first time, make a decision to follow Jesus and surrender their entire life to Him.

Campers and staff enjoy the climbing wall (left), wakeboarding (above) and other activities at North Star Camp in Minnesota. Photos by Brad Leavelle.



Meaningful Memories for Eternity

by Jessica Beans

Memories made at camp have the power to impact kids for eternity.

After the Friday night passion play ended, Lawrence, a counselor at Glacier View Ranch (GVR), took his group of boys back to their cabin for the evening. But this evening, things were different. The five boys pulled out their Bibles and began to read and sing. Lawrence still talks about how amazing it was to see his campers

initiate this spiritual experience. The Friday night play and spiritual programming that week had impacted them, and they

wanted to continue the experience on their own. Camp is a place where kids find fun and friendship—but most importantly, many also find God.

This summer GVR is adding a handful of new activities such as rock crawling, a nature center, and new and improved craft options. “Even though we offer fun activities, I see them as simply a platform to impact kids in a more meaningful way,” said Steve Hamilton, Rocky Mountain

Conference youth director and

GVR director. “If a kid will come to camp for the zip line or rock climbing, that enables us to have relationships with them to point them to Jesus—the whole reason for camp.”

This will also be the first summer in years that GVR is offering a family camp option. Families can bond through activities like riding horses, fly fishing or rock climbing as well as experiencing the camp’s spiritual programs together.

This will be a great way for the whole family to spend time together while enjoying an amazing week of camp! The GVR team will also be bringing





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the full camp experience to Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming. The week at Mills Spring will begin on Sunday, July 21, the day after Wyoming camp meeting ends. So come to enjoy camp meeting, and stay for a week of fun and friendship at Mills Spring Ranch.

Camps will always have fun activities like horseback riding and canoeing. These activities will stretch kids to learn new things and grow. But the real worth of camp comes from the friendships and memories that are made. Such memories have the power to impact kids for eternity.

Jessica Beans is assistant to the director for youth ministries in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Full summer camp schedule and online registration is available at www.GVRsummercamp.org

Glacier View Ranch in Colorado and Mills Spring Ranch in Wyoming offer a variety of fun activities designed to bring you closer to God and family, like canoeing at family camp (left). Photo courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference.

Adventure Awaits at Camp High Point



Courtesy Central States Conference

Central States Conference youth (ages 9-16): Are you ready for the "best week of your life"? A week that changes everything? A memory to last a lifetime created in just seven days of high adventure, laughing, meeting new people, hanging with friends, incredible music and fun with tons of other campers? You will get the opportunity to consider a relationship with God in the beautiful setting of Camp High Point. There will be excellent speakers who can relate to you plus lots of fun, great food, and activities such as horseback riding, go-kart racing, rock climbing and water skiing. Sign up for one of two weeks, June 16-22 or June 23-29. Visit www.central-states.org to register.

Treasure Seekers Wanted at Broken Arrow Ranch



Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference

Kansas-Nebraska Conference youth: Rumors have been spreading everywhere that pieces of a long-lost treasure have been found just north of Manhattan, Kansas at a place called Broken Arrow Ranch. Treasure hunters from all over the world are currently scavenging the area, looking for what is now being called "the greatest treasure of all time!" Professor Paddy McIrish has been seeking this lost treasure for over 20 years, and he needs your help. Treasure hunters must be willing to ride horses across wide open prairie, fly over canyons on eight different zip lines, water ski, wake board and jet ski on waters where pirates roam—and that's only the beginning! The reward is discovering the greatest treasure ever known to humanity. "Come join the adventure," invites the camp staff at Broken Arrow Ranch. Visit www.ks-ne.org/article/404/office/youth-ministries for the camp schedule and to register.



Central States Members Unite in Prayer

by Philip Baptiste

Philip Baptiste



Denver-area members praying at Park Hill Church

Central States Adventists throughout the conference met at selected locations on

March 16 for an evening of prayer and praise. All across the nine-state territory,

hundreds gathered to pray for their conference, their congregations and their communities.

Pastors throughout Central States worked together to organize the prayer event. Each hour one of them gave a short message of encouragement. Time was provided for inspirational singing and testimonies, but the bulk of the evening was spent in prayer for Central States churches to become more active in reaching their

communities for Christ.

Members reported experiencing an outpouring of God's Spirit during the evening. **Pastor Joe Ikner**, conference prayer coordinator, plans to follow up with more conference-wide prayer events so the shared unity and oneness of purpose can grow.

Philip Baptiste is communication director for the Central States Conference.

Children's Program Energizes St. Louis Rally

by Twainika Jimmerson

Courtesy Central States Conference



Program director Teondra Lyles engages children in a story at the St. Louis-area mission rally.

On Sabbath February 23, 1,000 St. Louis-area Adventists gathered for a mission rally with **General Conference President Ted N.C. Wilson**. While adults recommitted themselves to share Christ in their

communities, children experienced innovative ministry on their behalf from a talented Central States team.

Boys and girls were energized as they creatively experienced God's love. A

song titled "Romans 8:28" introduced the theme Together We Can Do It. Praise leaders **Candis Johnson** and **Twainika Jimmerson** and their staff intrigued the children with sign language and other

hand movements. Activities such as Play-Doh sculpting and rice battling focused on team building. Children also collaborated through puzzle play. Some crafts and activities focused on Bible characters such as Adam and Eve.

Through fun, age-appropriate activities, the younger attendees of the mission rally experienced firsthand that Bible-based activities can be fun as well as educational.

Visit www.happychoices.net for samples of character building songs, visual aides, and testimonials.

Twainika Jimmerson is a member of The Lighthouse in St. Louis, Missouri.



Shiloh's Prison Ministry Yields Baptisms

by Marcia Payne

Courtesy Central States Conference



Pictured (l to r) are Pastor James White, Marcia Payne, Hewitt Adams, and David Arnold

With Bibles in hand and “Step Up To Happiness” study guides created by **Pastor George Bryant**, the Shiloh Church prison

ministry team reaches out week by week to inmates of the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Marcia Payne, David Arnold,

Maria Fraker, and Hewitt Adams faithfully provide instruction about Jesus, the Bible and Seventh-day Adventist beliefs.

Prisoners hear messages of hope that appeal for them to dedicate their lives to Jesus. Six of them have been baptized at the penitentiary, becoming the first satellite members of the Shiloh Church. Their group adopted the name Light House, which provides them a distinctive identity inside the “Big House.”

Pastor James White officiated over the baptism, with 22 inmates and four volunteers attending. Before the baptism, White preached the gospel of Jesus

Christ with Holy Ghost power, inspiring inmates to erupt in spontaneous expressions of praise. During his appeal, two more prisoners decided to be baptized at a later date.

The Shiloh Church prison ministry team asks for prayer that the warden, chaplains and prison officials at Leavenworth will remain supportive of their ministry.

Marcia Payne is prison ministry director for the Shiloh Church in Leavenworth, Kansas.

CENTRAL STATES CALENDAR

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.CENTRAL-STATES.ORG

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| May 23-25 | Young Adult Wilderness Retreat
Colorado |
| May 26-29 | Youth LE Boot Camp
Kansas City, KS |
| June 7-8 | Rocky Mt. Area Campmeeting
Denver, CO |
| June 8-15 | Summer Camp Staff Orientation
Kansas City, KS |
| June 14-15 | Central Area Campmeeting
Kansas City, KS |
| June 16-22 | Camp High Point - Week 1
Camp Heritage |
| June 21-22 | Eastern Area Campmeeting
St. Louis, MO |
| June 23-29 | Camp High Point - Week 2
Camp Heritage |
| June 28-29 | Great Plains Area Campmeeting
Omaha, NE |
| July 5-6 | Great Lakes Area Campmeeting
Minneapolis, MN |

CENTRAL STATES YOUTH, DON'T MISS **CAMP HIGH POINT!**

Activities this summer include
Aerobics, Archery, Arts & Crafts,
Banquet, Basketball, Bonfire Bash,
Canoeing, Drama, Gospel, Hiking,
Horseback Riding, Jogging,
Mix & Match Parade, Nature Study,
Ping Pong, Rock Climbing,
Skate Boarding, Swimming,
Volleyball, Water Skiing and more.

See page 9 for more info.

To register, visit

www.central-states.org.



Where Kids and Families Come Together to Meet Jesus

Camp is a place to make friends and learn about God's great outdoors. Learning about nature, ceramics, archery, horses, leather craft, hiking, biking and many other enjoyable activities is only a hint at the fun Dakota camps have to offer.

Come join us as we explore what it means to depend on God for everything. Our theme this year is: **When Life Throws you a Giant, Go to The Rock!**

Send your children or come as a family. You will experience inspiring and wonderful things. We are very excited to show you a world full of the wonders of God.

From caves at Flag Mountain to wake-boarding at Northern Lights, you won't want to miss being a part of Dakota camping this summer!



Summer Schedule

Dates	Place	Camp
June 16-23	Flag Mountain	Junior
June 23-30	Flag Mountain	Teen Extreme
July 1-7	Flag Mountain	Family Camp I
July 8-14	Northern Lights	Family Camp II
July 14-21	Northern Lights	Junior Camp II
July 21-28	Northern Lights	Teen Camp



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North Dakota Adventist Veteran Honored

by Jacquie Biloff with Lonna Milburn and Estelle Tachenko

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Lonnie Tachenko with daughter Lonna

Medora Chamber of Commerce recently honored **Lonnie Tachenko** of Dickinson, North Dakota with its Military Veteran Award. *The Billings County Pioneer* reported the following:

“I’m overwhelmed...” declared Tachenko. “I feel unworthy. Many of you could have done what I did.” Tachenko said he loves his country and thinks fondly of his time in military service. “I enjoyed the Army service. They treated me very well.” He adds with a smile: “I never got in the brig, either!”

Tachenko was born in Billings County 97 years ago to Ukrainian immigrants. The drought of the 1930s made ranching a challenge in the Dakotas, so Lonny’s father set up an additional farming operation in Ohio, sending his three oldest children there to oversee the work.

Tachenko graduated from high school in Ohio but received his teaching certificate from Dickinson State College in 1939. His first teaching assignment was 2.5 miles from the Tachenko homestead outside Belfield, North Dakota. There he taught 10 students, earning \$45 per month—but even that paltry paycheck did not materialize until half the year was over, because the county was short of money. The next school year he accepted a salary of \$75 per month from the Fallon County (MT) School Board. This brought him to a 14-student country school near Ismay.

Drafted in 1941, Tachenko became a Surgical Technician III and shipped to Greenland, staging area for the European-African-Middle Eastern theater. In the fall of 1944, he entered the active war zone in France going to the Battle of

the Bulge. Tachenko prayed that God would direct his path forward. In a dream he saw a prairie valley with a winding creek surrounded by badlands. A beautiful collie dog was running freely.

When he returned from Germany, he married **Estelle Lang** of Jamestown, North Dakota, whom he had met during a furlough. He became a mortician, graduating at the top of his class. Life was opening up before him, but he still longed for that valley with the beautiful collie running free.

He wrote to his brothers in Billings County, telling them he wanted to come home. While looking for a place to live he discovered his dream ranch—complete with collie dog—and purchased the land for \$19 an acre. It was an investment that brought dividends during years of hard work.

For the next half century, he raised Hereford cattle on the Lazy X-Bar ranch.

Tachenko is a member of the Grassy Butte Adventist Church. Over the years he has served as Sabbath school teacher, home missionary leader, deacon and elder. He was elected to the North Dakota Conference Board, a position he held for several years.

After his ranch was sold, Lonnie and Estelle retired to the town of Dickinson in 2004. There he helps his neighbors and enjoys fellowship with daughters **Lonna** and **Brenda**. He also grows a large garden that produces all kinds of vegetables—including up to 200 squash a season, most of which is donated to Manna House, family and neighbors.

Tachenko browses periodicals like *Reminisce*, *Grit* and *Country*, looking for names of people who would like something to read, buy, sell, or perhaps just want a pen pal. He writes a note, includes a Bible study guide and encourages them to send in the card. He even supplies the stamp. He receives many replies.

Love for people and faith in God have been the hallmark of Lonnie Tachenko’s remarkable life—a foundation of strength in the past and hope for the future.

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



Outreach to St. Louis

by Michelle Hansen

Michelle Hansen



Elder Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, spoke at the St. Louis Mission Rally.

earnestly pouring energy into making friends and sharing Jesus with the people of St. Louis. **Dr. Ron Clouzet**, director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute, spoke at the Friday night meeting. “God intends for us to be an instrument of His grace,” he declared. “There is a reason we have the job we do, live in the neighborhood we do, and have the friends we do. God has asked us to sow the seeds by having an attitude that says ‘I want to be a blessing to others.’ God will take care of growing the seed and then, when it is time, you and God together will reap the harvest and invite your friend to make a decision for the Lord.”

On Sabbath morning, **General Conference President Ted N.C. Wilson** talked about the importance of modeling Jesus to people. “The Holy Spirit will work through you if you ask God to work in your life,” said Wilson. He went on to admonish the group: “The power of Christ working in your life is what the people of St. Louis need. Don’t let the devil distract you from your mission to reach them with the message of Christ’s love for them and saving grace. Stay close to Jesus; He will propel you.”

Michelle Hansen is communication and Sabbath school director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

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Last February over 1,000 members from St. Louis-area churches in the Central States, Iowa-Missouri, Illinois and Lake Region conferences converged at Faith Church to show their support for the Adventist message and their commitment to spread that message in their communities. There are 2.8 million people in St. Louis metro with only 15 Seventh-day Adventist churches to serve them. This vast disparity in church-to-individual ratio was the impetus behind the first ever St. Louis Mission Rally.

David Klinedinst, event coordinator and resident evangelist for the St. Louis area, believes that church growth can only come by asking the Lord to bless every effort and



ASI Joint Convention Promotes Practical Evangelism

by Michelle Hansen



Michelle Hansen

Barry Black (left), 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and Mark Finley (right), vice president of evangelism for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, spoke at the ASI convention in St. Louis.

The Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) chapters of the Mid-America and Lake unions held their annual regional convention jointly this past March in St. Louis. ASI is a cooperative network of lay individuals, professionals, business owners, and ministries who collectively support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

St. Louis Northside Church hosted ASI members and guests from the combined 13-state area for a weekend dedicated to experiencing God's individual calling. Sabbath morning **Barry Black**, 62nd chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and **Mark Finley**, vice president of evangelism for the global Adventist church, shared insights on practical outreach.

Chaplain Black declared

that God wants Adventists to be "stirred, but not shaken." He outlined how people can get stirred: "First you cultivate a relationship with God, being faithful in the little things—and always trust in the power of God's name." Black challenged the congregation to "pray daily for the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, and watch what He will do for and through you."

Elder Finley reminded everyone that Christ always says "Come" before He says "Go." "Jesus invites us to the mountain before He sends us out to the multitude. He doesn't say 'Go out and be successful.' No, He says 'Go out and do it.'" Finley concluded, "You will never accomplish anything great through doubt. When we step out in Jesus' name, victory is ours."

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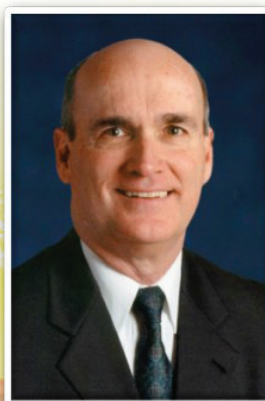
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Sabbath Keepers: A Unique Witness to Motorcyclists

by John Treolo

John Treolo



"Sabbath Keepers" from Ottawa mentored fellow bikers in Topeka.

When it comes to witnessing, one size does not fit all. Sabbath Keepers, a national group of motorcycle enthusiasts, connects for Jesus with other bikers in an unconventional manner. Recently, the Ottawa (KS) Chapter came to Topeka to

help start another chapter.

"Motorcycle ministry is about reaching out to those who won't walk into church on Sabbath mornings," said **Stuart Wolzen**, Ottawa Chapter president. "We emphasize kindness, friendship and willingness to meet people on their own

level—not to condemn, but just showing love. That's the mission of Sabbath Keepers."

After conducting worship services at Topeka's Wanamaker Church, the Ottawa team shared more details about Sabbath Keepers and the rewards received from attending biker meetings. They set up a booth to distribute literature such as *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Hope*.

Kenny Adams, Ottawa vice president (who has been riding since 1958), is enthusiastic about the ministry: "We can get in and talk to other bikers because we have a common

bond—motorcycles."

"Our job is to plant the seed; the Lord will bring the harvest," Wolzen declared. He added, "People need not own a motorcycle to join Sabbath Keepers. We also need members who can haul trailers with our booth and literature materials. The key component is a willingness to witness."

To find out more about Sabbath Keepers, contact Wolzen at swolzen76@yahoo.com.

John Treolo is communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

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- May 29- June 1** | **KS-NE Camp Meeting**
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John Treolo

Members of the West Lenexa Church recently opened a food pantry to serve their Kansas community. Pictured (l-r) are Don Reynolds, Melvin McRoy, Carlyle Thompson, Anita Lickteig and Diane Hansen. About 25 families come each Wednesday for vegetables, fruit and paper products. Thompson, pantry coordinator, says the pantry concept came from a farmers' market ministry they conducted last year from May to September. When cold weather came, they continued the ministry indoors. "We attract people in need by showing that we are friendly and courteous, trying to reflect Christ's character," Thompson said, adding his appreciation of all the church volunteers who assist. "This project is a real joy to work with," he testified. "It's a labor of love for us all."



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Sun and Fun for the One

My Mission to Belize

by Katelyn Weyant

Courtesy, Minnesota Conference



Katelyn Weyant interacts with a local student while helping build a school in Belize.

Belize's toasty climate warmed up my winter in March as I joined Maplewood Academy students on a mission to the tiny tropical country in Central America. There I learned a lot about God and how He provides love and beauty for His people, even amid poverty.

The story begins last autumn, when I decided I would love to go on a mission trip. I never had before, so why not now? When I heard the academy was going, I asked if I could tag along. I learned they were actually looking for teachers who could hold training workshops for the Belizean teachers. Perfect!

The cost of the trip was a challenge, which I placed in God's hands. Soon I received a statement for a bank account I didn't

even know I had. There was enough there to cover half of the cost. Family and friends began sending money for my trip. Before I knew it, the entire trip was funded from generous donations. And why not? "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19, NKJV).

In Belize, we built the foundation for a new Adventist school in Ladyville. Bending rebar day after day, I began to realize the importance of our job. The steel had to be cut in various sizes, bent in particular ways, and tied together in specific formations. Doing these tasks correctly was essential. We were setting the foundation. Without a solid foundation, the school might collapse.

The spiritual lesson seemed obvious: God is our cornerstone, our foundation. Only through Him can we withstand the storms of life. He keeps us upright. "My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever" (Psalm 73:26, NLT).

As we worked on the school, the dusty soil clung to our feet. The first thing I did each day after work was clean them with a wet wipe. This reminded me of the disciples and how Jesus washed their dusty feet. What a humbling act! Our Creator also wants to wash us, not only physically, but spiritually. "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5, ESV).

While in Belize, we met wonderful children who adored us the moment we set foot on their school's soil. They welcomed us with smiles and hugs. As we arrived at the construction site each morning, the children ran to our bus as if we were celebrities.

One student in particular was especially fond of me. When she heard my birthday was coming up that week, she promised to bring a gift. It was touching to see a child with so little want to give me one of her prized possessions.

Driving through the streets, one could see that many people in Belize have very little—yet are willing to share. Shouldn't we do the same? "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Cor. 8:2-3, NIV).

In addition to working on the new school and interacting with the students, we held a youth rally, visited an orphanage, and presented a literacy workshop for local teachers. We did some sightseeing as well. Touring Mayan ruins, visiting a zoo, snorkeling over a coral reef, and strolling through the streets of San Pedro Island are a few of many memories I will never forget.

The bonds of friendship with the people of Belize and my mission companions from Maplewood Academy will always be precious to me.

Katelyn Weyant teaches grades 1-4 at Northwoods Elementary in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Conference and Maplewood Academy coordinated two mission trips, one to Belize and one to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. To read about the South Dakota mission trip, go to <http://mnsdayouth-youngadult.com>.



Rocky Mountain Pastors Tour Reformation Sites

by Mark Bond

Courtesy: Rocky Mountain Conference



The first group of pastors, conference workers and spouses at the Neuschwanstein Castle on a snowy day during the Reformation tour

In February, pastors and conference workers from the Rocky Mountain Conference visited Germany to see the places where Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation. **Don** and

Marti Schneider, pastoral team from Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, led the tour. They have been taking church members on Reformation tours for nearly 25 years. “Our goal is for

participants to fall in love with the God and the Scripture that Martin Luther fell in love with so many years ago,” said Marti. Don added, “We don’t care so much about the old buildings and architecture. We want the people who come to have a deeply spiritual experience.”

A generous donation was earmarked specifically for the Reformation tour, and an additional donation from administrators of Porter and Parker Adventist hospitals helped make the trip a reality. Around 140 pastors, workers and spouses went on the tour. Because of the large group size, they divided the trip into two tours, each lasting a week.

“When our pastors can see firsthand the trials and hardships that our Christian leaders faced in the past, it ignites a sense of passion and purpose to their ministry today,” said **Gary Thurber**, Rocky Mountain Conference president.

“It was wonderfully exciting and inspirational—a trip of a lifetime,” said **Cheri Barber**, administrative assistant at the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Mark Bond is communication director for Rocky Mountain Conference.

Schneiders Say Goodbye to Denver South Church

by Mark Bond

Pastors **Don** and **Marti Schneider** have led the Denver South Church since 2010. Previously, Don served as president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and Marti was director of projects for Adventist Missions at the General Conference. Now they are moving to Keene, Texas.

The Schneiders report finding it difficult to say good-bye to a congregation they have

come to love: “This has been a wonderful place to serve, and we feel like the church family has been serving together with us.”

March 30 was the Schneiders’ final Sabbath at Denver South. **Gary Thurber**, Rocky Mountain Conference president, bid them a fond farewell: “Thank you, Don and Marti, for your loving service here.”



Courtesy: Rocky Mountain Conference

Marti and Don Schneider shared their final Sabbath with the Denver South Church on March 30. They will be transitioning into retirement in Keene, Texas.



Spring Break Mission Trips

Rocky Mountain Conference sponsors four unique adventures for Christ

by Mark Bond

Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference



Campion Academy students constructed new housing at an orphanage in Honduras.

Kaleo Project: youth preach in Ecuador

In Quevedo, Ecuador, 11 Rocky Mountain young people conducted their own evangelistic series, each at a different location. As snow fell back home, young evangelists from Mile High and Vista Ridge academies were preaching in humid, 80-degree weather. Two spoke in Spanish and the rest in English, with a translator. It was the first mission trip of the Kaleo Project, a youth evangelism arm of the Rocky Mountain Youth Department.

“I visited each site to see firsthand how the Lord was using our young people in a powerful way,” reported **Jamey Houghton**, who directed the trip. “Our youngest preacher was 12

years old and our oldest was 17. Every one of them preached boldly the message of hope and salvation!” Local pastors reported that 130 people were baptized.

Campion Academy students return to Belize

For the ninth time, students and adults from the Rocky Mountain Conference visited Belize Adventist Junior College. The group of 47 volunteers built a chapel, began construction of a library and nearly completed a classroom and administration building.

“There is something about giving yourself in service that gives such a good feeling, down to the depths of your soul. And having so much fun while you are

doing it—that’s about as good as it gets,” said **Bill Hay**, stewardship director for Rocky Mountain Conference. While providing new facilities for the school, students also learned construction skills.

Colorado members build a church in Panama

Members from Denver West Church joined several other congregations and seven students from Campion Academy on a mission to David, Panama, to construct a church building.

Campion math and physics teacher **Kent Kast** reported: “Most of us didn’t know each other before this trip. Many friendships were formed within our group

and with local people. I much enjoyed working with everyone—and it was evident that God was with us.”

Honduran orphanage benefits from new housing

For the fifth time, a group from Campion Academy visited the Pan American Health Service in Peña Blanca, Honduras. The facility is a hospital and orphanage for malnourished children. Mission participants included 29 students, 13 sponsors and a dentist.

Nate Marin, Spanish and geography teacher from Campion Academy, reported that they tiled all the walls, did electrical work, poured concrete and laid cement block to provide the orphans with new housing. They also found time to organize a Vacation Bible School and to staff a dental clinic in the nearby village of Aqua Azul.

Upcoming projects

“I am excited about the wonderful reports from these mission trips,” said **Gary Thurber**, Rocky Mountain Conference president. “I look forward to seeing how God uses our Rocky Mountain youth on future trips to bring hope to a dying world.” In June, a group of young people from Wyoming will preach in Honduras, while others will preach and build a church in Zambia.



Our Promising Future Campaign tops \$13 Million

by Ruby Ruano

Steve Nazario/Union College



The new science and mathematics complex at Union College is rapidly taking shape even as the capital campaign to fund the project also nears completion. The Division of Science and Mathematics plans to start holding classes in the new building in January of 2014. (Photo taken March 2013)

Union College’s new science and mathematics complex is nearing reality—both physically and financially. Already the framework for the new 58,000-square-foot building towers over what used to be parking lots between Rees Hall and Larson Lifestyle Center on the north side of the campus, and the complex is well on its way to completion at the end of the calendar year.

“The new facility is more than steel and brick,” said **John Wagner**, president of Union College. “This building sets the tone for the future of education at Union College. It will facilitate our professors’ ability to continue to provide the highest level of education for our students and equip them to be leaders in their

communities.”

Because almost 60 percent of Union’s student body are in programs requiring a significant number of science and mathematics classes (biology, chemistry, physics, math, pre-med, pre-dental, pre-PA and Union’s two largest majors: nursing and international rescue and relief) the Union college faculty and board decided an up-to-date science complex should be the school’s top priority.

On June 16, 2011, Union College officially launched a capital campaign to support the construction of a new science and mathematics complex to replace Jorgensen Hall, home of the Division of Science and Mathematics for 66 years.

The new two-story

complex will provide laboratory and learning spaces for biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, with additional labs specifically designed for student and faculty research projects. It will contain seven research labs large enough to house equipment necessary for faculty to guide students in research projects and for faculty to engage in their own research as well.

“With more than \$13 million committed for Union’s new science and mathematics complex, we have passed 90 percent of the campaign goal,” reported **LuAnn Davis**, vice president for advancement. “In keeping with the legacy of generosity exhibited by the college’s alumni and friends, we remain confident others will join

the donors who have already stepped forward, and commit the final 10 percent of funding needed to achieve the \$14.5 million goal for the *Our Promising Future* campaign.”

In addition to the generosity of alumni and community donors, the Union College family, including employees and board members, has joined the action. Nearly 90 percent have contributed to the campaign.

Be part of the last 10 percent of *Our Promising Future*. To learn more, visit www.ucollege.edu/ourpromisingfuture or call the Advancement office at 402.486.2503.

Ruby Ruano is a senior nursing major at Union College.



Film Festival Engages Students in The World of the Blind

by Jeri Lyn Rogge

Last October, Union College students received a media challenge: produce a short video for use on the Web and social media that answers the question, “Do we understand the world of the blind?” Six filmmakers rose to the challenge. On January 17, three of them received cash prizes at the first in:sight Film Festival—hosted jointly by Christian Record Services for the Blind and Union College.

First prize and a cash award of \$1000 went to **Eric Bing**, a senior biomedical science major. His film, “Color,” portrayed a woman who learned to appreciate the world even without sight. Second place and \$500 went to **Benjamin Baugher**, a junior physics major, for his film, “Ed Carpenter,” about a blind military veteran who finds fulfillment through creating in his wood shop. Third place and a \$250 cash award went to **Elliott Moseley**, a sophomore elementary education major, for his film, “Staying on Key,” a stop motion animated film about a frustrated man who finally has his piano tuned properly by a blind piano tuner. The videos can be viewed on Union College’s YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/unioncollegeNE).

“It’s nice to see organizations like Christian Record promote creativity,” said Bing. “I’m a science major, so I enjoy having a creative outlet completely different than what I normally do.”

Bing started dabbling in video around the time he



Union College students Elliott Moseley, Benjamin Baugher and Eric Bing won the top three spots—including cash prizes—in the first in:sight Film Festival cosponsored by Christian Record Services for the Blind and Union College.

arrived at Union College and appreciated mentorship from experienced filmmakers on campus. “I am hopeful when I see church organizations putting money into young people,” he explained. “I know many people back home in Washington have downloaded my film and showed it in their churches.”

The idea for the contest came from **Rajmund Dabrowski**, assistant to the president for marketing at Christian Record. “In creating the contest theme, I felt it was important to involve the students themselves by communicating in their language,” he said. “Our hope is that we will use the winning videos to bring awareness to a larger audience about the world of people who are blind.”

“I think it’s really exciting that Christian Record

Services for the Blind is looking for innovative ways to communicate to new audiences and to tap into the incredible creative potential here at Union,” said **Ryan Teller**, director of public relations for Union College. Video entries were reviewed by a six-member judging panel, including filmmaker **Terry Benedict**, and representatives from both sponsors.

The awards ceremony featured presentations by Benedict and **Dan Weber**, associate communication director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Benedict, who directed an award-winning documentary film, “The Conscientious Objector,” premiered his newest documentary, “The Economics of Poverty,” at the event.

Teller, who teaches video

production at Union, said, “I work with students every day and I see their ideas. To have somebody believe in those ideas and give them an opportunity to express them is fantastic not only for Christian Record, but also for our students. When they see what they create being used and valued by an Adventist organization, that helps them feel more connected to our church—and it helps them feel ownership in our church.”

Christian Record and Union College are making plans to hold the event again next school year. To learn more about the ministry of Christian Record, visit www.christianrecord.org.

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Jeri Lyn Rogge graduate from Union College in 1995. She is a communication consultant for Christian Record Services for the Blind.

Courtesy: Christian Record Services for the Blind



Happiness Redefined

The world of medicine is nothing new to Lynda Kithil. During her career, she's seen healthcare from many vantage points—as a nurse, as Avista Adventist Hospital's community board member, and as a volunteer on mission trips.

But Kithil says her recent volunteer work with Global Health Initiatives (GHI), the organization that coordinates international medical aid for Colorado's Adventist hospitals, has had the greatest impact on her.

"Some of the happiest people I've met have been those with nothing," says Kithil. "And they're grateful for so little."

Kithil will tell you that everyone who goes on a mission trip will come back with a different perspective. "One thing that changes is your view

on happiness. I've become less tolerant of unhappiness here in the states, where we have so much."

The 15 mission trips she's experienced have taken her to Peru, Nepal and Rwanda. A self-declared "behind-the-scenes" person who organizes supplies and recruits team members for these trips, Kithil has had a front-row seat to seeing lives forever changed for the better.

Greg Hodgson, director of GHI, knows that it takes a team to make these trips successful, yet is quick to recognize the important role that Kithil plays. "Hundreds of people have received life-changing surgery through our teams, but their success is based on Lynda's amazing talents," he says.

Kithil points out that these trips often change the

lives of the medical team as well. For her, the contact with some remarkably strong, grateful people has left a lasting impression. Like the woman who delivered her own child all by herself; the women who cry with joy at the chance to have surgery; or the people who have trekked miles on foot hoping to receive a life-changing procedure.

Besides assembling medical resources for the trips, Kithil teaches women better ways to stay healthy. She implores them to choose healthy diets, to take time off during pregnancy, and to get help during childbirth—things that will have a lasting impact on their lives.

Yet she, like the rest of the team, knows there's a limit to how many surgeries, educational

clinics and deliveries they can perform on a trip. There will always be more women in pain who need medicine or expertise, and that's why Kithil keeps coming back. "Even though we have to leave, I focus on the good."

It's clear that mission work has found its way into her heart—and she's grateful for it. "If you had told me I'd find this much joy at this stage in my life, I would have laughed. I was happy before," she says, adding that her work is made easier because of the support she's been given by Avista.

"Lynda's work is an inspiration to many of us, and her impact has been far reaching," said Avista's (at-the-time) chief executive officer John Sackett, who presented Kithil the hospital's Humanitarian Award in 2012. "She embodies what our healthcare work is about—faithful, compassionate service to people wherever the need presents."

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This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for mission and ministry for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health System/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospitals in Colorado. It was written by the CMBell Company.

Courtesy Adventist Health System



A mission trip will change your life, says Lynda Kithil, volunteer for Global Health Initiatives, the organization that coordinates international medical aid for Colorado's Adventist hospitals.



Shawnee's Missional Leader

Choose a great team—then trust them

Courtesy, Shawnee Mission Medical Center



Ken Bacon, president/CEO of Shawnee Mission Medical Center

As a new hospital CEO in San Marcos, Texas at age 32, Ken Bacon already knew one of the secrets to success. “I had to hire really good people and trust them,” he said.

With a background in finance and previous experience as a CFO, Ken knew how to perform jobs in the financial arena. But he wasn't familiar with how to work as a clinician or in other essential healthcare roles. He trusted his staff to perform their jobs to the best of their abilities—and trusted God to guide his team as they grew in their careers together.

Early in his role as CEO, Ken was tasked with hiring chief nursing officers, quality directors, human resources staff and physicians—jobs he had never done before. “This is

when I fully appreciated the essential need for a great team,” he said.

Today, as he approaches his one-year anniversary as president and CEO of Shawnee Mission Medical Center in suburban Kansas City, Ken's leadership philosophy hasn't changed. His confidence in both his leadership team and his faith have allowed him to take on numerous challenging career opportunities, such as building Parker Adventist Hospital in Colorado from the ground up in 2002.

As he was growing up in a small northern Minnesota town, Ken's parents instilled the value of hard work in him and his siblings, whether they liked it or not. “My dad owned the local car dealership, and this meant I was constantly

scrubbing, washing and oiling,” he said. “There was no silver spoon at my house. I made \$2 per hour. My dad would say, ‘Ken makes \$10 per hour, but he's charged \$8 an hour for his training.’”

As a business owner, Ken's dad taught him that employees come from all walks of life with different backgrounds, but teamwork is still essential for success.

“My parents were very intentional about teaching my siblings and me how to be accepting of people who were different than us,” he said. “Not everyone thinks like we do and we need to consider their opinions.”

These lessons have proven their value as Ken has traveled throughout the Midwest serving as CEO of four hospitals. “People come to us for care when they are the most vulnerable. They are often scared and nervous about the unknown,” he said. “It's our responsibility to show God to our patients and their loved ones, and bring His comfort to them—many times in their context, not ours.”

In his short time at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Ken has already gained the trust and respect of the hospital's nearly 3,000 associates with his personal and Christian-focused leadership style.

“Leadership is a serious business and my decisions impact people's lives,” he said. “Early on in my career, I really didn't

understand that. I thought the higher you moved in an organization, the more people you had with a responsibility to you. But in reality, the higher you move in an organization, the more people you are responsible for. When I make a wrong decision or put someone in the wrong position, I've done them a disservice. I'm responsible for the consequences.”

Building a great team, however, doesn't always come easy. Ken says that if he's learned anything from his mentors—some of whom include Pete Weber, Kevin Lang and Doug Goetz—it's his obligation to identify future talented leaders and develop them for their next opportunity, even if it means elsewhere.

“I've worked for some really talented and gifted people, and on occasion they gave me opportunities that I didn't necessarily have the resume for,” Ken said. “They helped me be successful and taught me that it's my responsibility to help others be successful, too.”

Thinking back to the days of working at his dad's car dealership, Ken equates a portion of his CEO position to that of a sales job. “A leader has to sell their organization's mission and strategies to their staff—which includes leading by example—so that together they can serve their community in the most Christ-centered manner possible.”



Algiere, Jimmie, b. May 3, 1941 in Columbia, MO; d. May 31, 2012 in Columbia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Served in US Marine Corps. Survivors include wife Dottie; daughter Charissa Algiere; stepdaughter Carla Brooner; 3 siblings.

Allen, Homer, b. June 19, 1921 in Winterset, IA. d. Sept. 24, 2012 in Winterset, IA. Member of Winterset Church. Served in US Army. Preceded in death by first wife Dorothy; 1 sister; 1 grandson. Survivors include wife Florence; sons Richard and Rex; daughter Rosemary Waite; stepson Mark Jenkins; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Barcq, Andre, b. 1926. d. Nov. 10, 2011. Member of Three Angels (St. Joseph, MO) Church. Survivors include wife Julia; daughters Maggie Turner and Michelle Lias; 3 grandchildren.

Blauert, Brian M., b. Sept. 29, 1963 in Detroit Lakes, MN. d. Jan. 9, 2013. Member of Detroit Lakes Church. Survivors include wife Stacy; children Jason, Robby and Jolene; parents; 1 sister; 3 grandchildren.

Bonnel, Gladys, b. Aug. 31, 1924; d. Dec. 12, 2012 in Rushville, MO. Member of Three Angels (St. Joseph, MO) Church. Preceded in death by daughters LeaAnna McCooile and Nancy Christeson; 4 siblings. Survivors include husband Bob Sr.; sons Joseph McCooile Jr., Bobbie Bonnel Jr. and Michael Bonnel; daughters Patricia Blacketer, Kathryn Bonnel, Melinda Underwood and Lisa Bridger; 1 brother; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Brandstadt, Jean I., b. Sept. 14, 1929 in Pontiac, MI. d. May 19, 2012 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Delta (CO) Church. Preceded in death by brothers Harold and Donald. Survivors include sister June.

Buchmann, Jackie, b. Feb. 14, 1965 in Bismarck, ND. d. Jan. 8, 2013 in Spokane, WA. Member of Aberdeen (SD) Church. Survivors include daughters Brandie Zundel and Chelsie Long; son Danny Zundel; mother; 2 siblings; 3 grandchildren.

Calcagno, Sharon "Sher", b. Dec. 31, 1952; d. Feb. 22, 2013. Member of Cedar Rapids (IA) Church. Survivors include husband Chris.

Cochran, Lenhart, b. May 18, 1933 in Honolulu, HI. d. Jan. 3, 2013 in Billings, MT. Member of Powell (WY) Church. Preceded in death by daughter Dorena. Survivors include wife Rowena; daughter Idella Gayle, sons Steven and Scott; 1 grandchild.

Eisenman, Albert, b. May 31, 1913 in Glenham, SD. d. Dec. 15, 2012 in Republic, WA. Former member of Loveland Church. Survivors include wife Bertha; daughters Donna Hartenstein, Crystal Kronner, DeEtta Burr, Lititia Coleman, Aldine Klein, Joanne Rea, and Robin Howard; 1 sister; 21 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren.

Fish, Mary A., b. Aug. 21, 1934 in Platte, SD. d. Jan. 27, 2013 in Custer, SD. Member of Custer Church. Preceded in death by husband Dean; 2 siblings. Survivors include daughter Gloria; sons Gordon, Melvin, Gary, Donald, Clifford, Rodney and Raymond; 2 siblings; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Forshee, Margaret, b. July 11, 1945 in Fort Smith, AR. d. Dec. 16, 2012 in Columbia, MO. Member of Sunnysdale Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include husband James; daughters Shaunna and Brenda; sons Scott and Darren; 2 siblings; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Gooch, Patrick, b. Mar. 17, 1941 in Joplin, MO. d. Aug. 16, 2012 in Kansas

City, MO. Member of Joplin Church. Preceded in death by 4 siblings. Survivors include wife Linda; daughter Jennifer Forbes; son Jeffery; 5 siblings; 2 grandchildren; 3 stepgrandchildren; 4 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Griffith, Vina "Viola", b. Jan. 29, 1919 in Mountain Grove, MO. d. Dec. 31, 2012 in Grinnell, IA. Member of Newton (IA) Church. Preceded in death by husband Carl; 1 brother. Survivors include sons Charles and Jack; 1 sister; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Hagele, Maurine E., b. July 18, 1914 in Meriden, IA. d. Dec. 9, 2012 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Grand Junction Church. Preceded in death by husband Elmer. Survivors include son Timothy Hagele; 1 sister.

Hallock, Ethel A., b. Jan. 29, 1912 in Hawley, MN. d. Dec. 12, 2012 in Detroit Lakes, MN. Member of Detroit Lakes Church. Preceded in death by husbands Wilfred Kelley and Glen Hallock; 3 siblings; 1 grandson. Survivors include daughter Joyce Ashdon; sons Wil and Randy Kelley; 5 stepchildren; 6 grandchildren; 17 stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 42 stepgreat-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 3 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Harr, Donald J., b. July 23, 1920 in Woodworth, ND. d. Mar. 8, 2013 in Jamestown, ND. Member of Jamestown Church. Preceded in death by wife Julie; 5 siblings. Survivors include sons Gregory and Timothy; 2 sisters; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Harris, Mary A., b. Sept. 30, 1914 in Mendota, MO. d. Nov. 28, 2012 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Grand Junction Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings; Survivors include husband Max; numerous stepchildren, grandchildren,

great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Hayes, Larry, b. Mar. 8, 1945 in Fort Madison, IA. d. Mar. 3, 2013 in Keokuk, IA. Member of Burlington Church. Preceded in death by daughter Shelly; father and stepfather. Survivors include mother Betty; son Marcus; 5 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

Heitzmann, Alvina, b. Jan. 21, 1922 in Napoleon, ND. d. Feb. 25, 2013 in McClusky, ND. Member of McClusky Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings. Survivors include husband Clarence; daughters Ivana Meacham and Lila Anderson; son Neal; 3 sisters; 4 grandchildren.

Hoodie, Peter E., b. May 31, 1956 in Milaca, MN. d. Nov. 29, 2012 in Kelliher, MN. Member of Northome Church. Preceded in death by mother. Survivors include wife Jane; daughters Misty Spencer and Kristie Hoodie; sons Aaron, Danny, Nathan, Keith and Ethan; 9 grandchildren; 6 stepgrandchildren.

Hulett, Eldon C., b. Mar. 14, 1933 in Bevier, MO. d. Nov. 19, 2012 in St. Joseph, MO. Member of Chillicothe Church. Served US military during Korean conflict. Preceded in death by 8 siblings. Survivors include wife Kathryn; daughters Cyndy and Renee; son Christopher; 6 grandchildren.

Huston, Larry, B. Oct. 20, 1940 in Cedaredge, CO. d. Jan. 18, 2013 in Littleton, CO. Member of Littleton Church. Survivors include wife Janice; daughter Ann Stiles; son Jason Scott; 2 grandchildren.

Jackson, Velda M., b. Jan. 18, 1934 in Manhattan, KS. d. Jan. 26, 2013 in Topeka, KS. Member of Wanamaker (Topeka, KS) Church. Survivors include daughters Gladys Cooper and Wendy Peters; sons Donovan Jr., Keith Sr. and Jeffrey; 3 siblings; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.



Jacobsen, Ralph Sr., b. Apr. 1, 1933 in Council Bluffs, IA. d. Jan. 6, 2013 in Council Bluffs, IA. Member of Council Bluffs Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include wife Florence; daughters Carolyn Jacobsen and Debbie Fittinghoff; sons Kenny and Ralph Jr.; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Jensen, Nels, b. Sept. 29, 1920 in Dannebrog, NE. d. Mar. 2013 in Lakeland, FL. Member of College View (Lincoln, NE) Church. Survivors include daughter Deberra; sons Ron, Steve and Paul; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Jones, Betty S., b. Aug. 12, 1930 in Pollard, AR. d. Dec. 24, 2012 in Piggott, AK. Member of Campbell (MO) Church. Survivors include husband Samuel Sr.; son Sammy Jr.; daughters Barbara Jones and Linda Rainbolt; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Jones, Suzanne, b. Nov. 9, 1949 in St. Louis, MO. d. Dec. 12, 2012 in Davenport, IA. Member of Davenport Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings. Survivors include sons Damon Roberts and Mario Jones; daughter Teirrah Moore; 3 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Keller, Helmut, b. July 5, 1945 in Hockenheim, Germany. d. Nov. 22, 2012 in Pierre, SD. Member of Huron Church. Preceded in death by parents; 5 siblings. Survivors include wife Rita; daughters Tammy Johnson and Jennifer Schultz; son Fritz; 4 siblings; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Kwakenat, Ronald, b. Sept. 12, 1943. d. Feb. 26, 2013 in Minneapolis, MN. Member of Southview Church. Served US Army during Vietnam conflict. Survivors include wife Carol; 2 siblings.

Lambeth, Adell C., b. Feb. 16, 1915 in Franklin Parish,

LA. d. Mar. 23, 2013 in San Antonio, TX. Member of Grand Junction (CO) Church. Served as Church worker in Brazil. Preceded in death by 4 siblings. Survivors include daughter Gwen Long; son Ron; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Larson, Verna C., b. Mar. 17, 1927 in Corson County, SD. d. Feb. 19, 2013 in Olivia, MN. Member of Olivia Church. Preceded in death by husband Lyle; 1 brother. Survivors include children Lee, Lyle and Lorie; 8 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Lepper, Wanda, b. Jan. 27, 1933 in Jefferson City, MO. d. July 25, 2011 in Jefferson City, MO. Member of Jefferson City Church. Preceded in death by husband Willard; son Carl. Survivors include daughter Penny Heckerman; 1 sister; 3 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Page, Judith, b. Nov. 26, 1948 in Sedalia, MO; d. Dec. 24, 2012 in Florence, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Survivors include husband Robert; daughter Lindy Liepke; son Brent; 1 brother.

Piveral, Sandy, b. Sept. 8, 1956 in Springfield, MO. d. July 19, 2011 in Springfield, MO. Member of Three Angels (St. Joseph, MO) Church. Survivors include husband Butch; children Gene and Julie.

Quarterman, Irene, b. Sept. 28, 1923 in Ashley, MO. d. Jan. 8, 2013 in Urbana, IL. Member of Cedar Rapids Church. Preceded in death by numerous siblings. Survivors include husband Alfonzia; daughters Joyce Quarterman and Theresa Collier; son Oneimus; stepmother; 1 brother; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Radcliff, Laurel, b. Apr. 30, 1966 in Carrington, ND. d. Nov. 8, 2012 in Evergreen, CO. Survivors include husband Jeff; daughter Paige.

Rees, Irene V., b. Feb. 15, 1919 in Eagle Bend, MN. d. Dec. 2, 2012 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Grand Junction Church. Preceded in death by husband Howard; sons Fred May and Dean Rees; 4 siblings. Survivors include son Dale; 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Ross, Ruby, b. Dec. 2, 1914 in Columbus, NM. d. July 26, 2012 in St. Clair Co., MO. Member of Golden Valley Church. Preceded in death by husband Lyle. Survivors include daughter L. Eileen Ross-Korth; 3 grandchildren.

Royer, Bonnie B., b. Sept. 9, 1928. d. Jan. 29, 2013 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include son Rick; 2 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

Sewell, Nadine, b. Jan. 19, 1922 in Buffalo, KS., d. Jan. 27, 2013 in Independence, KS. Member of Wanamaker (Topeka, KS) Church. Survivors include son Thomas; 2 grandsons.

Smith, Reger C. Sr., b. Oct. 19, 1926 in Conneaut, OH. d. Mar. 6, 2013 in Niles, MI. Member of Pioneer Memorial Church. US Army veteran. Served the Church as teacher/administrator/leader. Preceded in death by daughter Merridith Smith-Dickerson; son Reger Jr.; 1 brother. Survivors include wife Katherine; daughters Marjorie Bates and Susan Smith; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Tebelius, Edna P., b. Mar. 16, 1927 in Harvey, ND. d. Jan. 27, 2013 in Mesa, AZ. Member of Harvey Church. Preceded in death by husband Ervin; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughter Diane; sons Dean and Mark; 2 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Turner, Donna, b. Sept. 25, 1941. d. Dec. 29, 2010. Member of Rolla (MO) Church.

Uehlin, Alonzo "Bud" Jr., b. Sept. 11, 1929 in Oklahoma City, OK. d. Jan. 15, 2013 in Amazonia, MO. Member of Three Angels (St. Joseph, MO) Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Viola; daughters Brenda Aspey, Patty Uehlin and Amy DeMelt; son Dwight; 1 brother; 3 grandchildren.

Waggoner MD, Sharon, b. Oct. 23, 1921 in Dairyland, WI. d. Mar. 15, 2013 in St. Joseph, MO. Member of Three Angels (St. Joseph, MO) Church. Served in US Army. Preceded in death by 1 sister. Survivors include wife Marion; daughter Marcella Hassen; son John; 1 brother; 3 grandchildren.

Widmayer, Harold, b. Jan. 12, 1921 in New York, NY. d. Jan. 6, 2013, in Denver, CO. Member of Denver West Church. Preceded in death by wife Katherine. Survivors include daughters Carole Steinbrink and Robin Sagel; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Wolkwitz, Menard, b. Mar. 9, 1913; d. Jan 3, 2013. Member of the Lee's Summit (MO) Church. Survivors include son David; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Zaritz, Dorothy, b. July 4, 1919. d. Jan. 15, 2013 in Springfield, MO. Member of the Rolla Church. Preceded in death by husband William; sons Leroy and Robert. Survivors include daughter Phyllis Harper; son William; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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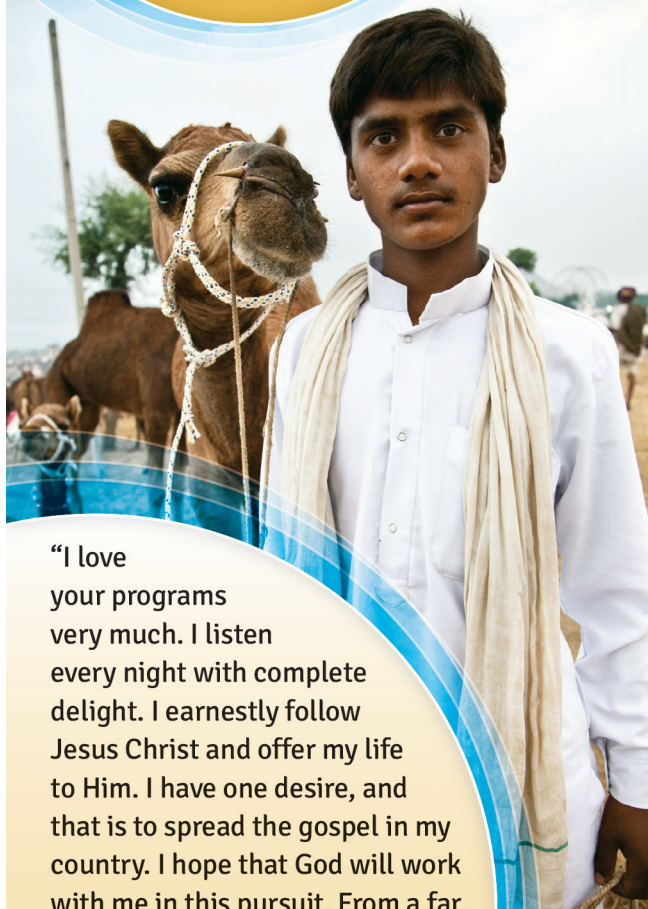
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1 Harrison, a junior who decided to switch from computing to a major in communication with Union's new emerging media emphasis.

2 As the social media manager for a music blog, he already knows the language. Now he wants to learn how to use online tools to say something meaningful.

3 In a world where nearly all employers want a digital presence, Harrison will be ready to make their stories stand out.

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