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Brittany Winkfield has a passion for discipling through *B2B Mag*. Photo by Lucas Palmisano.

EMBRACING THE REALITY OF DISCIPLESHIP

OUTLOOK's overarching theme for 2014 is discipleship. Discipleship is, by definition, a life of discipline. When we take on the role of a disciple, we commit to whatever discipline is required to honor the Master, including Bible study, prayer, worship, sharing and service.

Yet discipleship is more than spiritual growth in a personal relationship with Christ, although that is foundational. Discipleship is also more than learning spiritual truths and following them. It is God's plan for reaching the entire world with the good news of His saving grace. As the only divinely authorized method for the spread of the gospel, disciple making is a universally relevant and timeless principle. In order to fulfill the Gospel Commission, Christianity must shed the stale traditions with which it has become entangled and embrace the robust, vibrant reality of discipleship.

In each issue of OUTLOOK this year we plan to include stories of Mid-America Adventists living as real-life disciples of Christ. Our first story featuring Brittany Winkfield is on page 7.

—BRENDA DICKERSON, editor



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Reframing the Discipling Commission

by Thomas L. Lemon



Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age’” (Matt. 28:18-20, NCV).

We know the Gospel Commission so well we can repeat it without really thinking about it. For that reason I chose the New Century Version to bring out a slight nuance we could easily miss.

Let’s start by noticing what is *not* said in the text. Nothing is mentioned about preaching—period. Nothing good or bad. Nothing is said about three, four or five weeks of meetings—good or bad. Nothing is said about PowerPoint, multi-media useage, satellites, handbills, giveaways, offerings, budgets, TV ads—or any number of things we sometimes think of when we read this text.

It isn’t hard language—“go and make followers of all people in the world...” Now I want to make sure I am not misunderstood. I believe in all the previously mentioned tools

we use to make disciples. I gave my life to Jesus Christ on a Thursday night near the end of a two-week evangelistic meeting. It is a decision I have never regretted. I believe in public evangelism. Some of my most rewarding ministry has been in public meetings with reaping specialists like the late Elder Joe Crews, Richard Halvorsen, Dr. Ken Stout and others. I myself enjoy conducting public evangelism.

But the commission extends beyond baptisms. It is to go and make disciples. A disciple (in this context) is one who follows Jesus totally. Everything a follower of Jesus does is in relation to Him and ultimately a reflection of His presence in the disciple’s life. It’s recorded in the book of Acts that the Sanhedrin took note of the apostles because “they had been with Jesus.”

The process of making disciples usually begins long before an evangelistic meeting is contemplated or planned. And it continues long after the last appeal is made and the tent has been put away. There are no “instant disciples,” even though there may legitimately be quick decisions.

Too often we have contented ourselves by counting decisions. Yet the command is not “go get

decisions,” nor is it to go and merely baptize; baptism is a way of celebrating a step in the discipleship journey (see Rom. 6:3-7). The commission is to make followers, or disciples.

Our 2014 OUTLOOK theme is discipleship—what it is and what it isn’t, to be sure, but also what it looks like and what it does. Our goal is not only to share inspirational information but to so portray, and entwine ourselves with, the life of following Jesus that all of us will be more like Him at the end of the year than when we started. And in becoming closer followers of Jesus, we will in turn become more proficient, and more prolific, disciple makers.

We here in the Mid-America Union office are convicted that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon, that the promises we have trusted, believed and preached will be fulfilled and we can go home to meet with all the disciples of the ages and follow Jesus wherever He goes, with nothing to slow us or hinder the journey.

Fellow disciples, let’s prepare to go home—and take others with us. ■

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



Three Keys to Living as Jesus' Disciple

by Jenni Glass

As the busy holiday season comes to an end and the calendar flips over to a new year, I like to reflect on the various mottos I have lived by for the past three years. In 2011, the year I turned 30, I developed my first ever motto—"Stop doing what's typical. Start doing what's memorable."

I think this could describe Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus never did what was typical but rather left a memorable legacy to all with whom He came in contact. Jesus' parting words to His disciples, recorded in Matt. 28:19, were "Go, therefore, and *make disciples* of all nations..." And we are commanded to do as Jesus did while He was on earth.

As I look at many churches, including my own, I see people who often get stuck in the rut of doing what is typical, not what is memorable. As we focus on discipleship this year, there are three keys that can make 2014 a memorable year in our churches, conferences and union.

1. Come together as a *community* and build Christ-centered relationships.
2. Take time to discover your *spiritual gifts*.
3. Seek out a *mentor* and/or find someone you can mentor.

The book of Acts is a great example of how we as a church should act in a spirit of community. Acts 2:46-47 says, "And every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved."

The idea of a Christ-centered community includes Bible study, sharing meals together and serving our communities. I experienced this idea first-hand through my young adult Sabbath school class at New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas. Remember, discipleship doesn't happen in a vacuum and is never done alone. Jesus always sent His disciples out in pairs.

The best example of a church coming together as a community is when all members are using their God-given gifts to the glory of God. Ask your pastor about doing a spiritual gifts assessment. Knowing your spiritual gifts will empower you to say "yes" to your God-given gifts. Eph. 4:11-13 says, "And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and

teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of ministry to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ's fullness."

Finally, seek out a mentor or find someone you can mentor. My wonderful mentor, Yara Young, has taught me about ministry, being a servant-leader, how to develop a prayer life, how to create a Christ-centered home and much more. Young adults learning to navigate life in their 20s and 30s are in a great position to find a mentor. But young adults can also seek out teenagers at their church and mentor them through those challenging years. In the gospels we see Jesus seeking out His disciples and mentoring them for three-and-a-half years.

Discipleship is not just a first century/early church mandate. It is alive and well 2,000 years later. As we begin a new year, I encourage you to earnestly pray about how you can make discipleship a priority in 2014. As my motto for this year states, "This is life—don't miss it!" **10**

Jenni Glass served on the MAUC Young Adult taskforce project for nearly two years.



So What is Discipleship?



1. A disciple surrenders to Jesus and puts Him first in all things (Mark 8:34-38).

A disciple of Christ focuses on pleasing Christ in every area of life. Disciples put off self-centeredness and put on Christ-centeredness.

2. A disciple submits to transformation by the Spirit (Eze. 11:19).

A disciple's job is to abide in Christ and allow the Spirit to change his or her heart. The overflow of this will be new conduct (thoughts, words and actions) representative of this change that comes from the inside out through the power of the Spirit.

3. A disciple commits to learning and following the teachings of Jesus (John 8:31-32).

Obedience is the supreme test of faith in God (1 Sam.

28:18), and Jesus is the perfect example of obedience as He lived a life on earth of complete reliance on the Father even to the point of death (Phil. 3:6-8).

4. A disciple shows love for other disciples (John 13:34-35).

Love for other believers is the evidence of being a member of God's family (1 John 3:10). Love in action is defined in 1 Corinthians 13. Furthermore, disciples think more highly of others than themselves and look out for the interests of others (Phi. 2:3-4).

5. A disciple becomes a disciple maker (Matt. 28:18-20).

Disciples share with nonbelievers about the wonderful changes Jesus Christ has made in their lives. No matter what a Christian's maturity level, everyone has something to offer. Some of the most enthusiastic

representatives of the Christian life are new believers who have just discovered the awesome love of God, which is the true message of the gospel. **U**

Adapted from gotquestions.org/Christiandiscipleship

All we have—ourselves—to Him, and if that be all, that is enough.

—Watchman Nee

A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST IS...

- A follower of the Master
- A learner
- An active believer by faith
- A friend
- A convinced adherent to His teachings
- Called by Him
- Committed to extending His work
- Willing to surrender all
- Blessed, not burdened



Real-life disciple: Brittany Winkfield

by Brenda Dickerson

Imagine living with a dream that's bigger than anything you can think of—a dream that stretches the imagination and requires you to release all doubts, look deep into your soul and believe that it can come true. That's the kind of dream Brittany Winkfield embraced in 2012 with the launch of *Back2Basics Magazine* (*B2B Mag*).

Brittany was exposed to the publishing industry during high school through an internship at a local Colorado publication called *5280 Magazine*. While attending Oakwood University she had two significant experiences with interning for *VIBE Magazine* in New York City and *Upscale Magazine* in Atlanta. “My passion for publishing developed after my internships,” explains Brittany. “I knew I wanted to do this for the rest of my life!”

Finding the focus

Although you may discover your passion, it does not become relevant until you figure out how to use it. God impressed upon Brittany's heart a dream to start a positive publication; however, when the idea first arose she was not clear on content. She pondered and prayed, asking *What's the most important message to share with the world?* And the answer was simple—the Word of God.

B2B Mag was created to inform and inspire young

people in their walk with Christ. With the Bible as the foundation for content, the idea is to get back to the basics in a creative way. Research is proving that young adults are leaving the church in high numbers. *B2B Mag* aims to encourage and excite that audience to keep them engaged in the church. It is a tool for evangelism to those who may not have a strong relationship with Christ, or no relationship at all.

“I was blessed with certain gifts and talents and God gave them to me to have a positive impact on other people,” Brittany states.

The dream becomes life changing

Fast forward to the end of 2013. *B2B* was less than two years old and had published 13 issues. With her husband and two small children to consider, Brittany still determined to lay everything at the feet of Jesus and answer the call to serve God however He might lead her. In a tremendous leap of faith, Brittany transitioned from her professional career in marketing and event planning to focus on *B2B Mag* full time. “It's been incredible to see God use me for the ministry of *B2B Mag*.

I'm excited about what He will do as I devote my time solely to His work,” says Brittany.

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people” (Matt. 4:19, NIV). God calls us all to be His disciples. As we walk with Him, by His grace we become like Him. This is real-life discipleship. **1**

Brenda Dickerson is editor of OUTLOOK.

Check out *B2B*, including their new app, at back2basicsmag.com.

Until you
have given up
your self to
Him you will
not have a
real self.

—C.S. Lewis





Digital Dis

Are you sharing the water?

by Marty Thurber

The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort.

—John Ortberg

It takes some effort, but I can see the apostle Peter holding a smartphone to his ear. I can even see him calling Cornelius to learn how his family is doing. Peter would likely check in with Paul every week. He might even get good at texting John Mark, one of his closest friends. The apostle James, the convener of the first General Conference, would send out a mass email to gather the faithful and devoted leaders together. I have no trouble believing these people who were sold

out for God would use today's technology to add to the kingdom.

Imagining such a scene is not hard for me personally because those disciples of Christ were just that: disciples. The first time they met Jesus, they became disciples. The last thing Jesus said to them was to make more disciples. The disciples lived for one reason—to make more disciples who would learn of God's love, then turn around and live that love out in their lives and make *more* disciples.

As Paul wrote to one of his devoted church families, "You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master" (1 Thess. 1:5,6). Paul lived to serve Christ, to show others what Jesus was like, to imitate Him and help others do the same.

Thirsting for Life

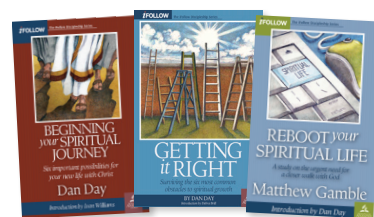
Listen to the same devotion as David prays, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry





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Resources for Discipleship



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iFollow Bible Studies are for mid-week meetings, small groups or hour-long Sabbath schools. (Note: there are leader's guides with discussion questions, activities and resources for each title. Includes DVD, website and books.)

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Reboot: A study on the urgent need for a closer walk with God. Sometimes we have to restart, reboot or turn the page. This Bible study focuses on the basics: trusting Jesus, learning to pray, Bible study, worship and discovering the ministry God has for you.

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All In by Mark Patterson is based on the truth that the gospel costs nothing but demands everything. Through contemporary and vivid images of biblical characters, this book shows how we are all only one decision away from a totally different life—a better life!

and weary land where there is no water” (Psalm 63:1). Desert dwellers have an old saying that the greatest sin in the desert is knowing where to find water but not telling others. Christianity is a religion of refreshing water in a desert of the thirsty. The desert most of us live in today is not as much a physical thirst as a deeper thirst for a genuine life lived with love and joy.

“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink’” (John 7:37). With all the possibilities we have today for getting our voices out there, we too can say in a loud voice, *We know where the Water is; we can lead people to the Well.* We can help them drink deeply and satisfyingly.

Have smartphone, will disciple

For those of us who know the Water of Life, we have new water drilling tools and methods. Smartphones, tablets, laptops, the internet, social media—pick one or two, shadow someone who loves Jesus and loves their tech tools (not as much, I hope) and watch how they are sharing the water of life.

So how would the apostle Peter use his phone? Which social

media platforms would he choose? I don't know. But I believe he would be excited to try out Facebook, maybe Twitter, maybe even Pinterest. At first he might feel like he was wandering around in the desert, or trying to walk on water again, but we know how persistent Peter was. He would stick with it till he got it and could give it away. Peter was nothing if not generous. And his generosity would revolve around going to as many people as fast and as far as he could to give away the water of life—Jesus.

We are living through an interesting and remarkable time. As we near the day when Jesus comes back to take us to heaven and remake our home on earth, we have been given awesome last-day tools to raise our voice and point people to the well. There are nearly 1.5 billion smartphones in use today, and in four years it will be somewhere around 4 billion if we keep going at the same pace. The mobile Internet is truly a disciple maker's assistant. For a list of practical ideas, check out my blog post titled Social Discipling (outlookmag.org/social-discipling). ■

Marty Thurber regularly uses various types of media in pastoring his in-the-pews and digital congregations.



2014 Central States Conference Calendar

Brittany Winkfield



It is our pleasure to share with you our 2014 Conference Calendar, based on the theme "Revived and Ready." We hope you are blessed and inspired by all the exciting events we have planned for you this year. Additional information and the most current event details are available on our website, www.central-states.org.

January

- 3 Serving it Up¹
- 5 Community Ministry Teleconference²
- 11 Community Service Projects³
- 12-18 Youth Ministries Online Week of Prayer
- 16 Men's Webinar⁴
- 18 Men's Fellowship⁵
- 18 Local Church Sports League
- 12-18 Youth Ministries Online Week of Prayer
- 20 MLK Day of Service
- 25 Religious Liberty Day; Campaign Begins

February

- 2 Men's Superbowl Fellowship

- 8 Local Church Temperance Run-off
- 15 Support Our Schools Emphasis Day
- 16 Men's NBA All Star Fellowship
- 23 Quad Cities School Constituency Mtg.
- 25 Children's Ministry Leadership Webinar

March

- 4 Women's Min. Summit on Abuse (Maryland)
- 8 CSC Spring Youth Federations
- 9 1st Qtr Executive Committee Mtg.
- 13-15 LE Rally/Summer Urban Min. Boot Camp
- 15 Liberty Magazine Campaign Ends
- 16 Conference Board of Education Mtg.
- 23 V. Lindsay School Constituency Mtg.



April

- 3-6 Youth Congress
- 13 Unified School Constituency Mtg.
- 12 Message Mag. Campaign; Spelling Bee, STL
- 19 Women's Min. Seasoned Saints Day
- 26 Adventist Education Day
- 25-27 Family Life Single's Retreat at Camp Heritage

May

- 1-4 Young Adult Ministries Retreat
- 17 Support Our Schools Day
- 22-25 SDA Schools K-8 Graduation Weekend
- 30-31 Conference-wide Spring Weekend of Service
- 31 Hispanic Women's Convention at CSC

June

- 1 Summer Urban Min. Program Begins
- 13-15 Camp Meeting at CSC – Kansas City
- 18-22 Camp Meeting at CSC – Kansas City
- 22 Camp Meeting Olympics - Kansas City
- 22 2nd Quarter Executive Committee Mtg.
- 22-29 iGeneration Mission Impact Week
- 28 Literature Evangelism Emphasis Day

July

- 8-12 Camp High Point Staff Orientation
- 12-13 Focus on the Family Weekend
- 13-29 Camp High Point Youth Camp
- 26 Message Magazine Campaign Ends
- 27 Summer Urban Ministry Program Ends

August

- 1-3 Summer Urban Min. Leadership Retreat
- 3-6 SDA Teacher's Convention at CSC
- 8-9 Communication Ministry Summit at CSC
- 11-16 Int'l Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI
- 23 End it Now Abuse Awareness Day

- 29-31 Family Life Marriage Retreat

September

- 6 Rocky Mountain Youth Federation
- 13 Central Youth Federation
- 14 3rd Quarter Executive Committee Mtg.
- 20 Great Plains Youth Federation
- 21 CSC Let's Move Day
- 25-28 NAD Women's Convention (Orlando, FL)
- 27 Eastern Youth Federation

October

- 4 Great Lakes Youth Federation
- 5 Stewardship Online Training pt. 1
- 12 Stewardship Online Training pt. 2
- 12-15 College Days at Oakwood University
- 24-25 Conference-wide Fall Weekend of Service

November

- 1-30 CSC Stewardship Campaign
- 5 Support our Schools Emphasis Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 6 Stewardship Emphasis Sabbath
- 14 4th Quarter Executive Committee Mtg.
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

We also invite you to join us in reading together The Desire of Ages, our 2014 book of the year.

¹1st Friday of each month

²1st Sunday of each month

³2nd Sabbath of each month

⁴3rd Thursday of each month

⁵3rd Sabbath of each month



ACS DR Director Collaborates with Local Officials

by Jacquie Biloff

Courtesy Dakota Conference



Rapid City mayor Sam Kooiker and ACS DR director Phyllis Alexander meet to discuss emergency management services.

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) director **Phyllis Alexander** recently met with Rapid City, South Dakota mayor **Sam Kooiker**, and introduced him to ACS DR and the services rendered for communities during times of disaster. She explained about the National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), State VOAD and the agencies involved.

Alexander also offered to meet with any of the city officials to explain and make available ACS DR's services.

Rapid City emergency manager **Dustin Willett** was present at the meeting and affirmed the positive

work ACS DR does and its cooperation with the South Dakota VOAD.

"I guess the mayor was impressed with my presentation," Alexander said, "because he invited me to give a presentation at the next city council meeting. From there we can address some of the city's churches and businesses."

Last October Alexander completed a four-month training program for Pennington County Emergency Management in Rapid City using the ACS DR's syllabus.

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



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Medora, North Dakota



Woman-to-Woman Projects Reach Around the World

by Jacquie Biloff



Karen Roe

Attendees at the Dakota Conference Women's Retreat participate yearly in projects that improve the lives of other women.

For the last 22 years Dakota Conference Women's Ministries has sponsored a Woman-to-Woman Project at the Women's Retreat to make a difference in the lives of women around the world. Through the years attendees have donated funds for projects such as Dakota Teen Girl's Camp; Native Women's Health seminar in Pierre, South Dakota; hysterectomies for women with a prolapsed uterus in Nepal; building an education center for

Maasai women in Kenya; supporting Pollywog Industries to help destitute women in India earn a living; stocking the Bismarck, North Dakota Food Pantry; donating Bibles for Ukrainian women; distributing copies of *Desire of Ages* for women in North and South Dakota prisons; and many others.

At the 25th anniversary of Dakota Women's Retreat in 2013 over \$2,120 was donated for the Botswana Union Mission Women's Ministries to begin a

mentoring program for young women in Botswana.

A return reply from **Susan Williams**, Women's Ministries director at the Botswana Union Mission, began "Greetings from a hot and dry Botswana."

Williams continued, "We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the donation from the women in the Dakota Conference. We feel blessed and honoured [French spelling] that the women felt the need to make this donation to start this vitally important

programme with the teenagers of Botswana. Please pass on to your ladies the assurance that their generous donation will go where it is intended and will make a huge difference to our programme with the teenagers."

The Dakota women feel blessed to be able to share their abundance and demonstrate the truth of Jesus' statement that it is more blessed to give than to receive.



Church Teams with Local Businesses to Promote Better Health

by Rirett MacKenzie

Courtesy Rirett MacKenzie



Attendees participate in health screenings while a Hy-Vee chef prepares healthy food samples.

The Dubuque (IA) Church sponsored a walk-a-thon for Let's Move Day 2013 at the Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Volunteers organized various healthy living stations for the 80 participants to visit along the way, including 60-second "seminars" on how to burn fat, the importance of water, how

to intensify your workout and how to relax. Health screenings and food samples were also available. The church teamed up with their local Hy-Vee, Walmart, Sam's Club and Walgreens to sponsor the event.

Rirett MacKenzie is director of Health Ministries for the Dubuque Church.

Students Learn Life Skills at Outdoor School

by Joseph Allison

Shelley Matthews



Students in 5th and 6th grades gathered at Camp Heritage to learn practical life skills during the recent conference-sponsored Outdoor School.

In mid-September the Iowa-Missouri Conference Education Department held its annual Outdoor School for 5th and 6th graders at Camp Heritage. Thirty-five students and

their sponsors from nine schools learned more about basic First Aid, natural remedies and nutrition. Students 12 years and older earned a First Aid certificate and

all students completed two Pathfinder honors— Nutrition and First Aid. The students also participated in a variety of group games and enjoyed morning and evening

worships themed around the classes.

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



Adventist Couple Give Support During Life Transitions

by Sheila Galloro

Two large bulletin boards—one covered with photos of post-war veterans and one covered with soldiers still in the thick of it—hang in a busy hallway of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital in Chicago's western suburbs. The woman responsible for the boards, **Yvonne Losey**, is the director of the hospital's birth center. She knows the military almost as well as she knows babies.

Her husband, **Chaplain Lt. Col. Garry Losey**, is stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. A second-generation Seventh-day Adventist pastor with more than 30 years of ministry experience, Garry was selected by the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon as the chaplain for the Army Liaison Team. He provides the needed counseling and spiritual care for family members during the dignified transfer ceremony for departing Fallen Soldiers on the flight line. Before his deployment, he was manager of pastoral care at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Yvonne witnesses new life every day, while Garry deals with the end of life and supporting the family members of the Fallen through the grieving process. "It's the best job I ever hated and the worst job I ever loved," Garry has told Yvonne countless times.

The Loseys met 36 years ago at Loma Linda Medical Center when Yvonne was a



Judy Hansen

Garry and Yvonne Losey encourage people experiencing the beginning and the end of life.

nurse and Garry a hospital chaplain. Today they have two grown children and two grandchildren. Garry joined the Army in 1988 and the Reserves in 1999. During 2009, he helped 250 Army families based at Joint Base Balad in Northern Iraq, located about 40 miles north of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, back home in Illinois, Yvonne has lost track of the number of people she's helped. Besides her two military boards, which she hung the day Garry left for Iraq, she also led an effort to ship homemade cookies to members of the U.S. military serving overseas. And she sews beautiful quilts decorated with American flags. From time

to time Garry asks Yvonne to make a special quilt for a grieving family he meets, as was the case in January 2012.

"I pray this quilt will give you comfort," Yvonne wrote in a letter to a woman who lost her husband, a sergeant in the Army. "I know the days ahead are not easy. May our Heavenly Father wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort."

She never heard back, but to Yvonne that's not important. She provided comfort to a woman going through a terrible time. And in a small way, Yvonne knows what it's like to miss someone you love. She didn't get to see Garry for eight months and says the military boards, tending

to new moms and babies at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, and sewing the quilts were a way to fill the hours while he was gone.

"I know Garry has been doing God's work and that it's important," Yvonne said. "He helped people in a time of horrible loss and grief. They will never forget him."

Garry retired from the Army in August 2013 and is now back home with Yvonne in Illinois.

Sheila Galloro was a public relations specialist with Adventist Midwest Health when she wrote this article. Yvonne Losey grew up in Nevada, Iowa and has many family members around the state. Reprinted with permission of Adventist Midwest Health.



Prayer and Friendship Lead to Baptism

by John Treolo

For more than four decades **Augie Bednar** watched his wife, **Joyce**, and their daughters, Lisa and Lynae, embrace the Adventist message. He enjoyed attending socials at the Beatrice Church and helping with work bees, and when the girls were ready for Union College he financially supported them. Although he did not attend Sabbath services,

Augie wasn't opposed to the church's beliefs—he just wasn't ready to be baptized. Until recently.

Born in 1938 and raised on the family farm in Wymore, Nebraska, Augie has spent his entire life on the farm, except for a few years laboring as an iron worker in Wymore. Realizing the iron mill wasn't his calling, he returned to the family

farm and took over its management from his parents in 1962.

Several years prior, Augie had met Joyce, who was then a country school teacher. "His dad was a member of the school board, so he basically hired me," Joyce said.

While Joyce thrived as a teacher, Augie freely admits he was not a good student. "I have dyslexia,

so I can't read or spell very well," he said. "I tried reading the Bible when I was young, but I had a hard time."

Beatrice district pastor **Dean Carlisle** saw the sensitive side of Augie and went out of his way to build a friendship. "Augie began having a personal relationship with God in his own way," said Carlisle. "After a Bible

Photos: (left) John Treolo, (right) Bruce Forbes



For 40 years Joyce Bednar and their daughters prayed for Augie to be baptized. Their prayers were answered when he found a trustworthy friend in Pastor Dean Carlisle, who guided Augie through baptismal studies.



study at his house one day, Augie walked me to my car and stated he was ready to be baptized.”

Augie refers to his pastor as a man of God. “I prayed for somebody like Dean to come along, someone I could put my trust in,” said Augie. “That day he hugged me three times. I was more at ease. My only question about Bible studies was, ‘Do I have to take a test?’” Augie said, smiling.

Both of Augie and Joyce’s daughters, along with their spouses, now serve Adventist institutions. **Lisa Forbes** manages the Lincoln SDA Credit Union, while husband **Bruce** is a professor of photography and graphic design at Union College. **Lynae Murray** is an administrative

assistant at the ABC Book & Bible House in Lincoln, and her husband **Don** is the operations manager at AdventSource.

Referring to their father’s baptism, Lisa said, “Never give up on prayer. I’ve prayed since I was 10 for my father to be baptized. Miracles happen as a result of prayer.” Lynae added, “For my father to pay our tuition at Union College says something about his character. I did believe his baptism would come someday. The Holy Spirit works on its own time, not on our time. We just kept praying.”

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



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Adventist Education Promotes Sense of Community

New MWA student shares her first impressions

Maplewood is the strangest high school I have ever attended. (No offense to all you Huskies!) At my former school, everyone arrived at 7:45 am and had class until 3:00 pm. We lived by an airtight schedule with seven periods and three minutes in between. New kids were treated with cold indifference, and were usually left to figure things out on their own. There were cliques, and a defined line between the popular and unpopular kids. Most of the other students were Christian, but there

wasn't a single one who had ever heard of Seventh-day Adventists. When I told anyone what my denomination was, I was usually asked, "Is that like some kind of a cult?" My friends were shocked when they found out I had never eaten ribs or bacon.

I have been at Maplewood for only a week, but the differences between the two schools are extreme. My new schedule is so flexible, with breaks and free time in between periods. Instead of nagging teachers prowling the halls

to warn students to hurry, everyone here is personally in charge of being on time. As far as dealing with new kids, I've never seen a school that was more accepting. Everyone is so friendly and willing to help me figure things out.

The biggest and most important difference to me is the sense of community that exists at Maplewood. The students are much closer here than at any other school I've attended because of how much time we all spend together—every hour of every single day. Almost

everyone shares the same beliefs and I never have to defend myself from closed-minded people.

One of my favorite aspects of Maplewood is the dorm life. It's like having a sleepover every night. I haven't been here long, but already I can see how close these girls get to each other. It's so amazing to always have somebody (or several somebodies) to talk or laugh with about anything. This week has been so much fun and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year.

School Re-Opens in Thief River Falls

Courtesy Minnesota Conference



Russell Bantin is teaching seven students at the newly re-opened elementary school in Thief River Falls.

Church members in Thief River Falls voted on Apr. 17, 2013 to re-open the doors of their school after 16 years of closure. The new teacher, **Russell Bantin**, brings educational experience,

a heart for evangelism, technological savvy and love of children to the community. Accompanying Russell are his wife **Amy** and their three children, **Caleb**, **Sarah** and **Anna**.

Nearly all the church members participated in individual and corporate work bees to prepare the building for the influx of youthful energy. Closets were emptied, dumpsters filled, walls and halls painted, updates installed and textbooks purchased, including the new By Design science series.

When superintendent of schools **Connie McCormick** came to check on progress, she was overwhelmed by improvements to the facility. Considering that the work on revamping the school did not begin until summer, she felt she was seeing a miracle. "I feel like I'm walking on holy ground!" McCormick said.

One young couple hoping to relocate had been praying for God's direction when the wife heard a voice

saying "Thief River Falls, Minnesota." She and her husband looked on the map to see if there was such a place, and sure enough there was—complete with a new Adventist church school opening in the fall! Their two children were among the seven who were present for the first day of school last August.

"We praise the Lord for the courage and dedication that has inspired this generous gift to the children and parents of the Thief River Falls community," said McCormick. "We are also thankful for the services of **Joan Freeman** who is volunteering as the Language Arts teacher and general assistant."

Submitted by Connie McCormick, education director for the Minnesota Conference.



Stone Ridge School Receives Donations

by Collene Klick

Recently several private donors, businesses, foundations and the city of Duluth have made donations to Stone Ridge Adventist Christian School. These contributions have come in the form of gift cards, products and cash.

The school has purchased (with funds made available specifically for this purpose) the kindergarten Stairway to Reading curriculum, which has enhanced their learning program. The school also received a donation of 68 strawberry plants—a welcome addition to the Stone Ridge Back to Eden Community Garden.

Each contact has given the teachers and students the chance to form friendly relationships in the community and beyond. This has resulted in touch points for further interaction, increasing the school's name recognition in the area, and providing an opportunity to tell others what is happening here and about the God who makes all things possible at Stone Ridge.

Collene Klick is a member of the Duluth Church.



Kindergarten students at Stone Ridge Adventist Christian School are benefiting from the newly-purchased Stairway to Reading curriculum.

Photos: Courtesy Stone Ridge Adventist Christian School



Winterfest Adds Mission Project

by Jessica Beans

Winterfest 2014 attendees can expect a worship-filled weekend of dynamic speakers and praise teams along with plenty of great skiing at Copper Mountain. And this year's Winterfest has the addition of an even greater purpose—a local mission trip to aid the rebuilding of Colorado in the wake of the floods that ravaged the state last September.

Long-range disaster committees in the affected areas are lining up projects so registered participants can work on construction and rebuilding from Sunday through Friday during Spring Break (March 9-14). The mission trip will culminate in the Winterfest weekend (March 14-15). Mission trip groups will join other Winterfest participants in skiing on Friday and Sunday.

Reports and pictures will be presented during the worship service on Sabbath so everyone can see the impact of the rebuilding projects.

Cathy Kissner, RMC director of Adventist Community Services Disaster Response, is excited to be involved. "I'm thrilled that the RMC youth department is partnering with ACS in helping Colorado residents get reestablished into their homes," Kissner said.

Kissner added that most people don't realize it could be a year or more before people are back into their homes again. "There is such a need for clean up from the floods through basic construction, yard work and landscaping." These are just a few of the projects mission trip participants will tackle.

According to Kissner, more than 760 homes were destroyed or damaged in the flood. Through this mission trip "you get to become the hands and feet of Christ through showing love to those who are hurting," she said.

RMC youth director **Steve Hamilton** said, "Winterfest has been a favorite event for years. Now we get a chance to make a much-needed impact in our community as well. Skiing, worship and service... what could be better!"

Kissner encourages everyone to participate by joining this mission trip opportunity or by giving donations to the rebuilding effort through www.acslift.org.

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

Register soon!

Seats will fill up fast. The dates for the mission are March 9-16, with the Winterfest spiritual programming on March 14-15.

The RMC youth office is selling discount tickets. We invite everyone to attend the weekend Winterfest program, whether as part of the mission or not. If your group is planning to join the mission project, please contact us!

For more information about Winterfest or the Winterfest mission trip, visit rmcwinterfest.org or call 303.282.3664.

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Relief Efforts of ACS DR Praised by Peers

by Mark Bond



Photos: (left) Mark Bond, (right) Cathy Kissner

(left) Cathy Kissner, Rocky Mountain's ACS DR director, was recognized for her leadership during the aftermath of the Colorado floods. (right) ACS volunteers receive furniture donations at the flood emergency distribution center in Loveland, Colorado.

The Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) recently recognized **Cathy Kissner**, Rocky Mountain Conference Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response (ACS DR) director, for her outstanding leadership.

In a letter of appreciation, leaders from the NCCC, which is the domestic version of the Peace Corps, expressed their thanks to the RMC ACS DR team for their significant support during the recovery efforts in the aftermath of Colorado's

floods last September.

Kissner played a critical role in achieving success in the NCCC's two-part mission of strengthening communities and developing leaders. The RMC ACS DR team provided much needed support to the operations of the Northern Colorado Flood Emergency Distribution Center in Loveland. According to the NCCC team, working hands-on with the RMC DR team was "an exceptional experience."

They stated that Kissner's team-oriented approach was what made

her a great leader. She was quick to integrate the FEMA and NCCC teams with her ACS DR team. Kissner's team worked together to solve problems, and they were very inclusive in the decision-making processes.

"Above all, Cathy and her team stand out for their dedication, compassion and selfless service," said **Ken Goodson**, NCCC regional director. "The distribution center was a well-oiled machine because they refused to offer anything less than their best service

to citizens in crisis," he added.

"We know in our hearts that community service efforts are an important part of our ministry," said **Eric Nelson**, RMC executive secretary, "but it's always nice to hear affirmation. This is indeed high praise by a national organization recognizing the effort and work of Cathy Kissner and all the volunteers that assisted in the relief efforts."

Mark Bond is communication director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Strong Connections Help Teachers Succeed

by Amy Prindle

“Mrs. Mac, I’m not from America. I’m from Nebraska! Just wanted to let you know.”

Courtney McLachlan, a 2012 Union College graduate, knew her job was cut out for her. These adorable and amusing youngsters in McLachlan’s K-2 classroom at Wichita Adventist Christian Academy needed not only a geography lesson, but also a well-rounded education in all subjects, demonstrated through a Christ-like example of leadership and compassion. And all 17 kids in this multi-grade classroom needed to be kept in line while she simultaneously instructed them in reading, writing and arithmetic. Easy-peasy, right?

Despite the abundance of observation, practicum and student-teaching hours required of Union College education graduates, taking ownership of one’s own classroom often proves a daunting task. Union’s education faculty and staff realize that it’s a multifaceted road to quality education and hold fast to the idea of connection. This connection involves a process that spans a student’s college career and extends beyond graduation.

“Without the education faculty and staff’s support, my practicum experience and my wonderful advisors throughout my student teaching experience, I would not be a successful teacher,” McLachlan explained.

She was able to find a job right after graduating, but her education didn’t end there. “I received a lot of communication from my former advisor, **Kathy Bollinger**, during those first few months on the job. And I had endless questions! I also kept in touch with the division office manager, **Amy Webb**, through Facebook. I appreciated both their friendship and helpfulness. It helped make the year go much more smoothly.”

This continued connection after graduation is especially important in such an influential and demanding line of work. According to the National Education Association, 50 percent of new teachers leave the profession during their first five years. But at Union, 90 percent of elementary education graduates from the last 12 years are still working in education.

“Nobody’s perfect, and we all need to be bolstered up from time to time,” said Bollinger, associate professor of education. Because of the high demands placed on teachers, faculty and staff in the Division of Human Development strive to remain approachable for recent grads seeking advice or encouragement. “We all have a burden on our hearts to stay connected with our grads. We feel it’s important for them—especially those who start out teaching in multi-grade classrooms in small towns.

We want them to know they’re not alone.

“We also try to visit them on site within their first or second year of teaching,” Bollinger continued. “We’ve traveled to Tennessee, Colorado, Oregon, Florida—we take it seriously!”

Additionally, education graduates automatically become part of an online community through Union’s education division’s website called Teacher Features. Its home page lists new teachers for the current school year who have recently graduated from the program. Teacher Features also provides links to relevant news stories, campus updates and blog posts.

“We want to share the progress of our new teachers and keep them connected,” explained Webb, office manager for the Division of Human Development, who also maintains contact with many recent education graduates via email and Facebook. “We can keep track of them pretty closely through different methods of communication. We like to broadcast their successes to the rest of the campus through our website and on the TV screens across campus.”

And the feedback on these efforts has been incredible. Both Bollinger and Webb have received glowing messages of appreciation for their continued contact and support.

“We also send them a checklist after their first

year of teaching,” Webb continued. “It assists with accreditation, and it gives them a chance to personally evaluate their first experience as a professional. It gives them an opportunity to be honest, provide suggestions and note any aspects of their educational experience that were particularly helpful.”

A result of staying in touch is that recent graduates are recognizing the true value of connections. McLachlan, now teaching Pre-K at Vista Ridge Academy in Colorado, stays in contact with many others in her graduating class, creating even more links in a supportive professional network. “Several of my former classmates and I exchange suggestions and advice, as well as websites or articles we’ve come across that have helped us as we teach.”

“People like to know you’re interested in them and care about their success,” Bollinger reflected. Union’s existing connections are demonstrating just how valuable that interest can be. As students evolve into educators and as young teachers develop into seasoned professionals, these connections continue to pay dividends in classrooms all around the world.

Amy Prindle, a 2005 Union College graduate, is a freelance writer and the owner of Flawless Documents in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Commitment to Education Transcends the Classroom

Nursing professors help injured student succeed

by Mindy Leibelt

Steve Nazario/Union College



When he experienced a serious car accident, nursing student Andrew Corbin (pictured with instructor Debbie Eno) discovered that his teachers' commitment to his success didn't end when he left the classroom.

A field of tall grass. A tree. An indescribably peaceful feeling. Then a bright light flashes in the sky and an EMT is holding his head, shouting his name. Spinning red strobes. Rough asphalt cradles him in an unforgiving embrace. Blood. His connection to life tenuous, he slips in and out of consciousness.

Andrew Corbin decided to check out Union College's nursing program when his brother shared how he loved being a part of Union's Master of Physician's Assistant Studies degree program. After two years of attending a large, impersonal university, Corbin was immediately impressed with the individual connections that Union instructors make with their students.

"Before, I felt more like a number," he said. In contrast, Union faculty

made him feel appreciated and respected as an individual.

Corbin began classes in August 2011. One year later on September 11 as he was driving away from the Nebraska Heart Institute and Heart Hospital, failure to yield led to a head-on collision with another car traveling 60 mph. In the space of a heartbeat, Corbin's life suddenly hung in the balance.

"I do not remember what occurred upon impact. I was completely unconscious, if not gone from this earth," he recalled. What followed would be a surreal blur between a peace-drenched vision where he sat by a tree in a field of tall grass, and a blood-drenched reality where he was lying on the side of the road instructing the EMT to squeeze his gushing head even tighter.

Suffering from cuts to his

face, a serious laceration to the back of his head from which he lost over a liter of blood, a torn meniscus, and a broken spinous process from his T1 vertebrae, Corbin could not recall his own name when asked.

But incredibly, despite never having been in a car accident before and repeatedly losing consciousness, Corbin's training from Union College kicked in. He continued to calmly state nursing interventions whenever he regained consciousness, both to the EMTs and later to his emergency room nurse.

"The most emotional part in the whole situation was when I realized what had happened and I was afraid I had hurt someone," he said. He was extremely relieved to discover that the other driver had escaped the crash without a scratch.

When his condition stabilized and **Jackie Halley**, his clinical instructor, and **Theresa Stimson**, director and chair of the Division of Nursing, were able to visit him in the hospital, he quickly realized how meaningful it was to have a strong, supportive connection with his nursing instructors. "Many staff at Union College went above and beyond to help me emotionally, physically and personally," he said. "All of them played a huge role in my recovery."

Corbin remains especially grateful to **Nicole Orian**, assistant professor of nursing, who provided continual support throughout each step of his recuperation—including his hospital stay, reorienting his memory with a speech pathologist, physical therapy, and his return to classes while still on crutches.

"She lives on the opposite side of town and she dropped off all the class notes for me," he said. "While I was on crutches she would always carry my books and open doors for me." Her dedication in helping Corbin and his family has had a profound effect on him. "I have never seen such a loving and caring person in my life," he said.

This experience has strengthened Corbin's relationship with God, reaffirmed his desire to live each day to the fullest, and defined the kind of nurse he wants to be. In 2014 Corbin will graduate. In a full circle kind of synchronicity, he plans to return to Nebraska Heart Institute and Heart Hospital to work as a nurse. "I want to help others through their recovery both physically and emotionally like I was helped," he says.

Mindy Leibelt, a 2011 Union College graduate, is a freelance writer in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Executive Committee Elects Communication Director

by OUTLOOK staff

Ron Long



Brenda Dickerson was recently elected MAUC communication director and editor of OUTLOOK.

During its November meeting, the Mid-America Union Conference Executive Committee elected **Brenda Dickerson** to serve as OUTLOOK editor and communication director for the MAUC. Dickerson has been functioning as interim director since May 2013 when former director **Dr.**

Martin Weber retired.

For two years previous, Dickerson was assistant communication director and managing editor for OUTLOOK magazine. Before joining the union team, she worked as a freelance writer and editor with various organizations, including the North

American Division, Union College and AdventSource.

Dickerson is a Union College graduate with a degree in English and emphases in writing, communication and art.

Thomas L. Lemon, president of the Mid-America Union, said, “Whenever a leadership position comes open, one knows instinctively that the future will be different from the past. Among the questions to be answered are: How much and what kind of difference do we want? How can the needs of the MAUC best be served? Our highest priority in communication leadership is for spiritual depth and technical skills. As we looked over the division, we believe that our own interim director fits that priority exactly. We have been pleased with the product Brenda and her assistant, **Randy Harmdierks**, turn out every month in OUTLOOK magazine, as well as the union web pages. And we are excited by the new ideas she has for the future.”

Ryan Teller, MAUC communication director from 2002-2005 and currently director of public relations for Union College, said, “Brenda has shown outstanding leadership as she has helped mold and adapt OUTLOOK magazine and the web pages to be great resources for the people of Mid-America. I appreciate her dedication to consistently improving the communication efforts of our church and to telling the stories of Adventism.”

Dickerson said she is looking forward to the opportunity of regularly communicating with the 66,000 Adventists in the nine-state territory.

“It’s a great privilege to serve in this capacity—both the members of our church and the larger audience we reach online,” said Dickerson. “In our current environment of information overload, I want to help people focus on things that are important and can have a positive impact in their lives.”

MAUC COMMUNICATION GOALS FOR 2014 INCLUDE:

Websites

1. Streamlining online advertising pages to improve the paperless experience for advertisers
2. Implementing responsive design templates
3. Exploring new ways to utilize web analytics
4. Refining goals and guidelines for corporate use of social media

OUTLOOK magazine

1. Hosting photo/video/essay contests (see p. 31)
2. Promoting youth/young adult events
3. Creating awareness of training/resources for local church communicators
4. Sharing stories in every issue (and more in the online edition) of Mid-America’s real-life disciples



MAUC Educator Authors Award-Winning Article

by Brenda Dickerson

LouAnn Howard, associate director of education for the Mid-America Union, received the Best in Class award from the Society of Adventist Communicators for her editorial How a Biblical Worldview Impacts Adventist Education that appeared in the June 2013 issue of OUTLOOK magazine.

Howard joined the Mid-America Union education team in the

spring of 1999. Her current responsibilities center around providing support for K-12 education, with an emphasis on elementary schools. She serves on various union and North American Division committees, attends local conference Board of Education and Academy Board meetings, assists with elementary school evaluations, and participates in curriculum development at the

division level.

There are two things she likes most about her job—the opportunity to serve and support the educational program in our conferences, and the opportunity to be actively engaged in curriculum development for Adventist education.

“I’m passionate about Adventist education because it gives us a unique opportunity to share the Adventist worldview with

young people and provide them with the opportunity to accept Christ as their personal Savior and prepare for life here on earth, and in eternity,” said Howard.

Brenda Dickerson is director of communication for the Mid-America Union.



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Youth Prayer Congress to Focus on Training and Outreach

by Hubert Cisneros

Is your church dying? One indicator is the absence of youth and young adults. Did you know that only about 16 percent of NAD churches have a significant number of youth and young adults? If your church is one of the 84 percent slowly dying, here's good news—you can turn your dying church into a living and vibrant church!

How? The key is local leaders who know how to win, reclaim and involve your church's youth and young adults into the life of the church. The NAD Just Claim It Youth Prayer Congress (JCI) taking place in Miami, Florida, February 19-22 at the Double Tree Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center is a great opportunity to join thousands of youth and youth leaders who will be learning how to galvanize young people and reach your community for Christ.

Learning the strategies

Workshops and events specializing in youth evangelism are: *A Place To Belong / Public High School Ministry* for youth and youth leaders (training manual instruction); *REVELATION 101* for pastors, Bible teachers and youth evangelists (training manual instruction); *CRAVE Festival* for college and university students on the campus of Florida International University; and *IGNITION Conference* for young adults

taking place in its own auditorium at the convention center. Young adults will learn the key strategies: We Are Ready To Listen, Small Group Communities, I Create Movement, Why I Am An Adventist, The Locals, Mentoring Starter Kit, Youth Adult LIFE: love, inclusiveness, forgiveness, encouragement.

Reaching the cities

The churches and academies of Greater Miami will be matched up with conferences and academies from throughout the NAD for outreach. On the afternoons of February 20 and 21 youth groups will do outreach projects in the neighborhoods of greater Miami churches and schools—they will be "Jesus In the City." Inspired and motivated youth can return home and continue the work of Christ where they live.

Shaping the future

The NAD Ministerial Department will be sharing with young people about the need for pastors. Why? Over the next few years 50 percent of the NAD's approximately 4,000 pastors will be eligible for retirement. The largest generation in the North American population (25 percent) are millennials, roughly ages 20-30). Currently only 9 percent of NAD pastors are millennials. A recent study revealed that young adults are more likely

to stay involved in church if their pastor is closer to their age, and younger pastors are more likely to be pastoring growing congregations. Bottom line? We need to be recruiting the best and brightest high school students *now* for gospel ministry to be ready for this massive demographic shift. A special invitation will be made for young people whom the Lord is calling to be in the ministry. It's time for the church to place its young people front and center in proclaiming the gospel—and JCI is doing exactly that.

Is your church important enough for you to invest in

its future? Whether your church is dying or thriving it is always a good idea to plan ahead. Visit JCI4.org and see the various packages available for church youth and young adult groups. Plan now to be in Miami and learn how you can change your church into a place where the young people love to be each week—a place they belong.

For more information, manuals and free brochures call *AdventSource* at 1.800.328.0525.

Hubert Cisneros is director of Church and Youth Ministries for the Mid-America Union.





Baedke, Debra, b. Aug. 24, 1952 in Peace Valley, MO. d. Oct. 18, 2013 in Stratford, MO. Member of Oak Grove Heights Church. Preceded in death by 2 twin infant children; stepdaughter Samantha Baedke; 2 brothers. Survivors include husband Randall; daughters Lynda Baedke and Rebecca Lane; sons Bradley Hawkins, Carl Junction, Marlin Lane and Jesse Baedke; 1 sister; 8 grandchildren.

Briscoe, Charles "Chuck", b. Nov. 22, 1922 in Newark, OH. d. Oct. 4, 2013 in Ava, MO. Member of Ava Church. Served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam with the Merchant Marines. One of the few survivors of the Murmansk Run. Preceded in death by wife Lois. Survivors include 1 brother.

Bruce, Julia M., b. July 4, 1923 near Holly, CO. d. Oct. 18, 2013 in Holly, CO. Member of Lamar Church. Preceded in death by husband Frank; daughter Paulette Fay; son Danny Ray; 11 siblings; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include daughters Myrtle Mathis, Judy Young, Joan Burlew, Diann Hancock and Darlene Bruce; son Fred; 1 sister; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Cox, Burton Sr., b. Nov. 18, 1930 in Winterset, IA. d. Oct. 11, 2013 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Member of Poplar Bluff Church. Preceded in death by daughter Katherine Cox; 1 brother. Survivors include wife Clara; son Burton Cox Jr.; stepdaughter DelJean Brown Benton; stepson Douglas Brown; 6 grandchildren.

Eastwood, Richard, b. May 25, 1952 in Poplar Bluff, MO. d. Oct. 6, 2013 in Ottumwa, IA. Member of Ottumwa Church. U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Preceded in death by wife Belva; father; 2 sisters. Survivors include daughter Connie Jean Adams; son Joe; mother; 8 siblings; 3 grandchildren.

Goett, William "Bill", b. Nov. 24, 1941 in Marceline, MO. d. July 18, 2013 in Higbee, MO. Member of Moberly Church. Preceded in death by 3 siblings. Survivors include wife Lynn; son Aaron Goett; 2 siblings.

Hartman, Margueriete, b. Nov. 16, 1922 in Pleasanton, IA. d. Oct. 13, 2013 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include husband Glen; daughter Joyce Jesse; son Glendal; 2 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Jorgensen, Verda, b. Aug. 28, 1921 in Audubon, IA. d. Sept. 17, 2013 in Des Moines, IA. Member of Des Moines Church. Preceded in death by husband Richard; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughter DeEtta Hinger; sons Stuart and Scott; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

Krupsky, Stanley Jr., b. May 8, 1919 in Ruso, ND. d. Nov 4, 2013 in Oakes, ND. Member of Dakota Conference Church. Preceded in death by 5 siblings. Survivors include wife Elsie; daughters Deanna Bird, Connie Teske, Bonnie Hopkins and Nancy Krupsky; 1 sister; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Lane, Gwen, b. Oct. 11, 1960 in Springfield, MO. d. Aug. 10, 2013 in Springfield, MO. Member of Springfield Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include husband Roye; daughter Allison Morris; sons Glenn and James Morris; parents; 5 grandchildren.

McNeally, Colleen R., b. May 30, 1958. d. Nov. 2, 2013 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include husband Gene; children Daniel, Jonathan, Christopher, Heidi, Rochelle Loasrimore, Seth, Catriona and Joshua; 1 brother; 2 grandchildren.

Sharp, Gloria, b. Oct. 15, 1930 in Battle Creek, MI. d. Nov. 5, 2013 in West Point, NE. Member of Norfolk (NE) Church. Survivors include daughters Lou Ann Crowell, Rebecca Brown and adopted daughter Angel Sharp; sons Paul and Joseph; 1 sister; 1 grandson.

Stevens, Clarice, b. June 26, 1934 in Robinson, ND. d. Nov 6, 2013 in Moorhead, MN. Member of Jamestown (ND) Church. Preceded in death by first husband Nathan Rodacker; son Kim Rodacker. Survivors include husband Ralph; daughters Julie Blume, Pamela Rodacker-Waye and Angela Triebold; son Kerry Rodacker; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

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that they may rest
from their labors,
and their works
do follow them."
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Denver	4:48	4:55	5:02	5:10	5:19	
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Goodland	4:36	4:43	4:50	4:58	5:06	
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