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Veena Tharayil, a 2013 graduate of Maplewood Academy, is thankful for the life turn-around she experienced there. Photo by MWA yearbook staff.

UNCERTAINTY+TRUST=TRUE KNOWLEDGE

If you were interviewing for a position as a disciple of Christ, what would be the required qualifications? In Luke 14:33 Jesus lets us know "...any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." Everything? That's radical. Yet choosing to follow Jesus must take priority over all earthly possessions and relationships—ultimately requiring total dependence on Jesus with no guarantee of safety, comfort or even understanding.

In his classic work The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer asserts that discipleship is not limited to what one can comprehend but that it must transcend all comprehension: "Bewilderment is the true comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge."

This month's OUTLOOK focuses on making disciples through Adventist education. Both the teaching and learning processes are sometimes journeys beyond human understanding. Yet the rewards of such experiences are priceless if they lead us to crave the presence of Jesus.

—BRENDA DICKERSON, editor



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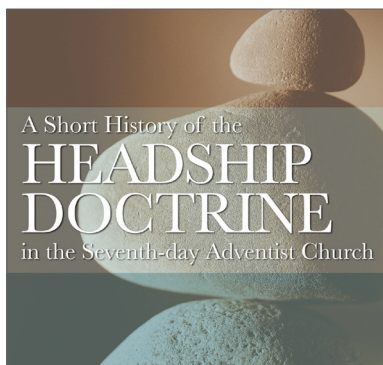
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The Difference Adventist Education Makes

by Malcolm Russell



John clearly was a marked man. His distinct accent set him apart as an immigrant, while his few years of education provided little preparation for better jobs. The skills of his homeland provided few opportunities. Restless, struggling financially, and inclined to set aside worries by drinking, he joined the military and was shipped overseas, leaving his wife to raise their five children.

During his absence, his lonely but resourceful wife turned to religion. An evangelistic series drew her attention, and when John returned from the military, he discovered what Adventism really meant. The family, transformed by Sabbath school and church attendance, left the lower-income city neighborhood for a better life near an Adventist academy. Still poor, but drawn by the Adventist emphasis on Christian education, all their children eventually attended church schools.

This particular John was my grandfather. The family's conversion to Adventism immensely changed the lives and opportunities of his children and grandchildren. In Christian schools they learned their lessons well and gained visions of a wider world. Christian teachers encouraged further education, a key investment in the family's climb from poverty to the middle class. Crucially, the teachers did more: they emphasized the importance of healthful living, including abstinence from tobacco and alcohol. Their

students also absorbed the importance of serving God and humanity.

Although this specific story happened decades ago, John's experience is not unique. The impact of Adventism has been repeated countless times, in families of many languages and ethnicities. Yet certainly the purpose of Adventist education remains the same. As explained by Ellen White, it is to restore the image of our Maker in human beings—mentally, socially, spiritually and physically. This is an astounding task. Caught up in controversies over what should be taught, and how that learning should be measured, American society has no comprehension of the grand mission to transform every vital aspect of students' lives. No state board of education would ever attempt such a challenge.

This sacred task is not easy. Practical difficulties confront us almost daily. The financial sacrifices deter some members and congregations. The demands on parents' time may be considerable. School facilities often seem small and outdated compared to the buildings and technology that taxpayers provide. Opportunities for the most talented might also seem modest, with smaller music organizations and few advanced courses to provide college education in academy. Parents of children with disabilities that require specialized programs must sometimes choose between a Christian education unable to meet their child's specific needs and professional support for the children.

While these challenges and others demand perpetual attention, we can draw our inspiration from some outstanding achievements. The Cognitive Genesis study led by Dr. Elisa Kido of La Sierra University surveyed some 50,000 students at more than 800 Adventist schools in North America. The results show, says Dr. Kido, that "in all grades and in all subjects, students in Adventist schools performed above the national average." This result still holds even after adjustment for socioeconomic differences. Furthermore, the advantage enjoyed by Adventist students increases with each year of study.

Working at Union College, every day I see the fine graduates of Mid-America's church schools and academies. Strangers remark about how nice they are, and employers praise their qualities. But more than social accomplishment and job skills are necessary for success. We live in a society where morality is badly eroded by waves of secularism, lax ethics and self-centeredness. The dominant post-modernist philosophy of our time subtly proclaims that truth is relative—individuals may construct their own. Just like those enrolled in church schools and academies, Adventist college students more than ever need the protective spiritual value of a Christian education. ■

Dr. Malcolm Russell is vice president for academic administration at Union College.



Unearthing My Hidden Talents

by Raschelle Casebier

Three colleges, five years and 10 majors ranging from marine biology to photojournalism pretty much explains my college career. Obviously, my journey to becoming a communication major and graphic designer was not a direct one. As a high school senior I hadn't discovered my talents. But God placed individuals in my life who saw these talents more clearly than I ever could.

After graduating from Auburn Adventist Academy in 2008 I attended Highline Community College (HCC) in Des Moines, Washington taking a plethora of classes from Oceanography to American Literature attempting to find something I enjoyed. I also worked for the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a front-desk receptionist.

One afternoon Heidi Baumgartner, the communication director, asked if I would do some editing. I was happy to help, writing being a hobby of mine. After a few projects with Heidi, she shared her need for a summer intern and encouraged me to explore communication as a career option. I didn't think I had the skills or experience for the job and questioned God's leading. Yet I reluctantly accepted because I enjoyed working with Heidi and loved the challenges she set before me.

By the end of the summer my career path should have been clear. But I just couldn't see myself in a writing career—it was only a hobby. So in the fall of 2010 I transferred to Walla Walla University to study biology and pursue a career in the medical field. After a couple months of General Biology I knew this wasn't for me. But the friends I met and experiences I had were well worth the misstep in my curriculum. I moved home to Seattle in December and took a quarter off to explore other fields.

In the spring of 2011 I went back to HCC and worked for their newspaper as a student reporter (required for a writing class). My nerves were shaken as I stepped into the newsroom bustling with students on phones, intimidating editors and the scariest of them all—the advisor, a former journalist for *Seattle Times*. My first thought was, *I'm way too shy for journalism—what am I doing here?* But I found myself loving the interactions and tight deadlines. When the advisor offered me an editor position, I knew this was the direction I should go. So that summer I returned to the Washington Conference to further develop my communication skills under Heidi's guidance.

Finally, I got the hint. Finally, I was willing to trust God and stop doubting my skills as a communicator. So I packed up and headed off to Union College in the

fall of 2011 to finish my degree in communication. Despite the lack of mountains and ocean views in Nebraska, I couldn't have asked for a more supportive place to grow and explore. But God wasn't done surprising me. Union provided many opportunities to refine my writing skills and discover a new passion: graphic design. I never anticipated doing design work since I was already a junior with no experience. However, most of my time at Union was spent learning Adobe software, resulting in a graphic design minor.

If it weren't for the opportunities available to me through Adventist education and conference internships, I wouldn't be writing this article or starting my communication career off in such a positive light.

My college journey parallels my walk with God. I may not always see answers right away or understand the path I'm on, but God knows where I should be. Living in Lincoln isn't something I could have ever imagined myself doing, yet it's where God wants me right now. Our journeys may be long and winding but they always have purpose. A song my third grade teacher, Marjorie Norris, taught our class based on Jeremiah 29:11 often pops into my head, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you." ■

Raschelle Casebier is editorial/web assistant for OUTLOOK.

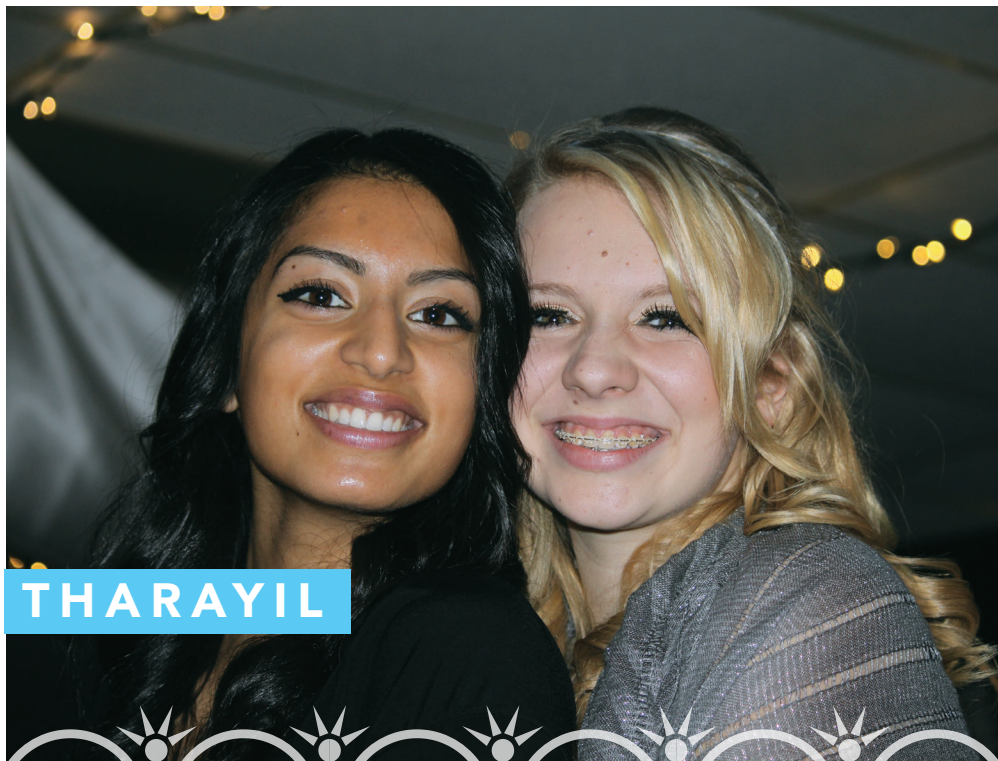


By Brenda Dickerson

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLE

“If God weren’t so gracious and merciful, I wouldn’t have had this experience and be who I am today.”

VEENA THARAYIL



Photos: Maplewood Academy yearbook staff

Veena (left) made many new friends during her year at Maplewood Academy.

The fact that Veena Tharayil marched with the 2013 graduating class from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota is extraordinary for a student who a year before had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists and was more interested in partying than studying. In an attempt to turn their daughter’s life around, Veena’s parents had called various charter and Catholic boarding schools before contacting MWA—on the recommendation of a friend—and being offered a campus tour.

“When my parents told me that the next morning the

three of us would be going to take a tour I said, ‘No, I’m not going.’” Veena recalls. “I wasn’t the greatest teenager to have around!”

Although she spent the evening crying in her room, by the next morning Veena’s attitude had changed. “I decided that I wasn’t going to fight with them since I didn’t have a choice, so I got ready and we left peacefully.”

As their guide, Mr. Ellstrom, kindly showed the family around and answered her parents’ questions, Veena remained quiet. “I was tired from crying the night before and wasn’t too excited about being there. After we got

back home it was decided that I was attending that school in the fall.”

NEW PLACES, NEW FACES

The night before registration Veena stayed up late packing. When she arrived at the academy the campus was already bursting with activity. “I observed people hugging and greeting each other in excitement. It seemed like everyone knew each other. I knew no one. Yet during the registration process the faculty greeted my parents and me with smiles and were very helpful.”

At the girls dorm Dean

Mally warmly welcomed Veena, and several students introduced themselves and offered to help her move in. One girl showed Veena her closet and explained the dress code, and another girl invited her to supper in the cafeteria. “I was so used to delicious homemade Indian food with real meat,” says Veena. “I took one bite of the fake meatball then looked at my mom and said, ‘Are you really going to leave me here?’ It took me awhile to get used to the food and living in the dorm, but each day I got more and more comfortable at Maplewood.”

One of Veena’s favorite



classes proved to be Bible, which surprised her since she had not been a fan of Sunday school. “I found myself wanting to know more and asking a lot of questions. Thankfully Mrs. Vigil, my Bible teacher, was kind and open to answering them all. I was exposed to Jesus in a whole new way like I’ve never experienced before.” Guest speakers, musical concerts, the testimonies of other students, along with the answer to a specific prayer Veena prayed all worked together to inspire her and strengthen her faith.

At Maplewood Veena tried new activities, including playing sports with the Lady

Huskies and joining band. “I made so many memories, such as going to North Star Camp with the whole school, falling off a canoe, doing senior prank night, volunteering at the nursing home with Ms. Cummings, getting candy from Mr. Okimi’s office, receiving extra help from the teachers, and so much more! I made new friends who I could pray with, have Bible studies with, and talk about God with.”

A BRIGHTER PATH

Like any high school, Maplewood Academy isn’t perfect and being there wasn’t always easy for Veena. However, the overall experience was much more

positive than negative, and she is thankful that God led her there.

“Things are so different now,” Veena adds. “Before Maplewood, I would never go out of my way to open the Bible. Now I read it every day. My parents are glad they sent me to MWA. They say I’ve really changed and that I’ve become more appreciative and respectful to them. Also, my grades are better.”

Although Veena never expected to attend a Christian college, the 2013-14 school year found her enrolled at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Veena hopes to continue her walk with Jesus, gain

an education, and become successful in a good career so she can donate money back to Maplewood in return for what she received there.

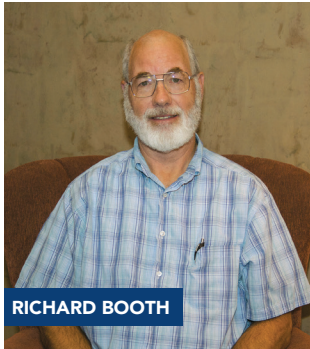
“My parents, extended family, and family friends prayed a lot for me. I think Maplewood was the answer to their prayers,” Veena concludes. “If God weren’t so gracious and merciful, I wouldn’t have had this experience and be who I am today.” **11**

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Brenda Dickerson is editor of
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Missouri Teachers Receive **The BLUEPRINT** Award



RICHARD BOOTH



KAYLA BOOTH



KAREN RHODES

Three Iowa-Missouri Conference teachers are among the first in the North American Division to receive the Journey to Excellence Teacher's Award from the Office of Education in conjunction with the national broadcast of The BLUEPRINT, a new film on Adventist education independently produced by Martin Doblmeier and Journey Films. The BLUEPRINT Award is being presented during the 2013-14 school year to longtime Adventist educators who embody the vision of helping every learner excel in faith, learning and service.

RICHARD & KAYLA BOOTH

Richard began his teaching career in Humboldt, Iowa in 1976. Kayla started her career in her home state of Kansas in 1981 teaching at Pittsburg. Richard and Kayla were both single when they met at Union College while working on their master's degrees through the Loma Linda University summer school program. They have been a teaching couple since their marriage on July 28, 1985, creating an educational team that has spanned nearly 30 years.

In 1987 Richard and Kayla moved to Moberly, Missouri to teach at the Maranatha Adventist School. Kayla took a break from 1989 to 1998 to raise their two children, Rachele and Brian. Since 1998, Richard and Kayla have taught together, making them the longest serving teaching couple at the Maranatha Adventist School and in the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

"Richard and Kayla have given the Moberly school a solid foundation on which to build an education of excellence," states Dr. Joseph R. Allison, Iowa-Missouri Conference superintendent. "Their academic skills and spiritual influence have impacted two generations of Maranatha Adventist School students and their families. This recognition by the North American Division Office of Education is well deserved."

KAREN RHODES

Karen began her teaching career at the Des Moines Junior Academy in 1976. She taught there until 1979 when she moved to the Idaho Conference to teach at the Eagle Seventh-day Adventist School.

In 1987 she returned to the Iowa-Missouri Conference to teach at the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy in Springfield, Missouri. Karen has continued to teach at the Springfield school for 27 years, making her the longest serving teacher at this school and one of the longest serving teachers at any single school in the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

"Karen teaches the youngest students at Springfield. The quality of instruction she provides her kids sets them on a course of academic success and spiritual growth," shares Dr. Joseph R. Allison, Iowa-Missouri Conference superintendent. "The Journey to Excellence Award recognition is fitting for someone who has given so much to Adventist education." **I**

Resources for Discipleship from AdventSource.org



Grow a World Changer will motivate and train you to cultivate seeds of kingdom aspirations in children. Rock solid Bible principles are coupled with practical suggestions and inspiring, motivating true stories. For teachers, parents, or youth leaders who want to guide the children and youth in their care to the destiny that God has designed for them.

Kids in Discipleship starts by leading parents into a discipleship relationship with Jesus and then showing them how they can teach their children to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This DVD can be used in a Sabbath school or small group setting. Segments include: Biblical Vision, Be a Disciple, Equipping Parents, Disciple the Kids and more.

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Award-winning filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, producer of *The ADVENTISTS*, now brings *The BLUEPRINT*—a warm and thoughtful look at Adventist Education. This film will air on PBS stations beginning in April. Check local listings for times.



To learn more about Adventist Education
visit us at www.adventisteducation.org



JOURNEY FILMS



Central States Conference Camp Meeting—June 2014

Revived and Ready—an old-fashioned camp meeting with a new twist

GUEST SPEAKERS



Pastor Carlton Byrd

director and host of Breath of Life Ministries and Pastor to Oakwood University Church



Pastor G. Alexander Bryant

secretary of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Friday, June 13

Camp meeting begins with a Praise Team workshop.

Saturday, June 14

Spirit-filled worship with guest speaker **Pastor Carlton Byrd**, director and host of Breath of Life Ministries and pastor to the Oakwood University Church. In the afternoon dinner is served to registered attendees, and our First Annual Praise & Worship Concert will be held.

Sunday, June 15

The Family Life Ministries

department will host its first Seniors Banquet for our members 70+ years young.

Wednesday, June 18

Camp meeting resumes in the evening.

Thursday, June 19

Conference departments present various workshops for church officers and members at large.

Friday, June 20

Education Summit

Saturday, June 21

International Day

ceremonies begin with guest speaker **G. Alexander Bryant**, secretary of the North American Division. The day will continue with our Temperance Rally and our Parade of Nations showing the diverse flags of CSC. An ordination service is also scheduled.

Sunday, June 22

We display our athletic prowess with our Family Olympics to conclude this old-fashioned camp meeting.

Singles Commit to Honoring God

by Marlon and Denise Johnson

Single adults from throughout the Central States Conference spent a rejuvenating weekend at Camp Heritage in the Lake of the Ozarks last month. Facilitators **Dr. Judith Fisher**, director of Counseling Services at Andrews University, and **Brandon Scott**, founder of Single Ministry Network, led in presentations and discussions for the weekend.

Seminar titles included Relating to Single Bible Characters, Living a Vibrant Life as a Single Person, and Essentials for Wholeness. The weekend began with a bonfire vespers, nature scavenger hunt, table games and other fun activities. The

2014 Single's Retreat Disc Golf Open created an opportunity for building friendships while reflecting on God's beautiful creation. During the weekend attendees committed to use their gift of singleness to more fully live a life of glorifying God.

After the event, hosted by the Central States Family Ministries Department, participants were so excited that before leaving the retreat site they adamantly commissioned Family Ministries directors **Marlon** and **Denise Johnson** to start planning the 2015 Single's Retreat.

Marlon and Denise Johnson are Family Life directors for the Central States Conference.



Courtesy of Central States Conference



Youth Leaders Empowered to Excel

by Philip Baptiste



Photos: Philip Baptiste



Participants at the recent Youth Leadership Summit in Minneapolis were enriched through corporate worship, workshops and community service.

In April the Central States Conference hosted a “Refuel” Youth Leadership Summit at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Youth ministry consultant **Pastor Jamie Kowlessar** served as the keynote speaker, focusing on equipping and empowering youth leaders and Pathfinder leaders from around the nine-state region to take their ministry to the next level.

Conference vice president **Pastor Roger Bernard Jr.** conducted practical workshops for Pathfinder leaders and their teams. **Pastor Philip Baptiste**, communication director, shared workshops titled Using Social Media for Youth Ministry and Effective Planning for Youth Ministry Excellence. **President Maurice R. Valentine II** encouraged the leaders with

his presence all weekend and **Pastor Darriel Hoy**, associate youth director, led a powerful anointing and prayer service to consecrate the leaders for service.

Attendees said they were thrilled with the weekend and appreciated the corporate worship, workshops, community service projects and, of course, the opportunity to visit the Mall of America.

Many attendees expressed gratitude and appreciation to conference leadership for their vision and insight to host such a relevant and helpful event for youth leaders. Pastor Hoy is already making plans for the 2015 Youth Leadership Summit.

Philip Baptiste is communication director for the Central States Conference.



Dakota Adventist Camps Welcomes You

Young people flourish in the out-of-doors! At Dakota Adventist Camps they are introduced to the Creator of all things, Jesus Christ. This year's theme is **Reflections of the Wise Man, Solomon**. Offered activities will include archery, backpacking, BMX, caving, ceramics, climbing,



horseback riding, mountain biking, mountain boarding, photography, fishing, sailing, windsurfing, skiing, wake boarding, swimming, basic survival, GeoCaching, ukulele lessons and more! Camp is where children and families come together to meet Jesus.



2014 Summer Schedule

June 22 - 29	Flag Mountain	Junior Camp
June 29 - 6	Flag Mountain	Teen Camp
July 7 - 13	Northern Lights	Family Camp
July 13 - 20	Northern Lights	Junior Camp
July 20 - 27	Northern Lights	Teen Camp

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Four Churches Participate in Coats for Kids Giveaway

by Debra Claymore-Cuny

Every year the Dakota Native Ministry program provides funding to Dakota churches to buy and distribute warm jackets, gloves and boots to Native children who live on reservations or in urban areas. This year the Payabya, Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Bismarck churches participated. Brand new winter clothing was purchased to ensure a high level of quality that Native youth and their parents would appreciate.

During the month of December Payabya members provided approximately 80 jackets to area children, including those attending the Rockyford Elementary School on the Pine Ridge Reservation. **Bill Glassford**, mission director, and his wife, **Marilyn**, assisted in both the purchase and distribution.

In January Sioux Falls church members, their pastor and a group of Pathfinders traveled to the Flandreau Sioux Reservation and gave away approximately 40 jackets at the Tribal Community Center. **Duane and Janet Ross**, who live in Flandreau, helped coordinate the event. Six Pathfinders assisted: **Sam Brown, Skyler Doss, Greg Liddell, Elly Petrik, Katelyn Rickard and Karissa Rickard**.

Rapid City members distributed approximately 80 jackets at a February giveaway that brought Native people to the church. Coordinated by **Rachael**

Henry and Renee McKey, with help from 15 other church members, the event also featured warm drinks and free books. The group hosted another giveaway the next week in which 80 additional jackets went to area Native children.

Janice Wolf, Bismarck church member, worked with the principal of the Cannon Ball Elementary School on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation to distribute jackets, snow pants and hats to 26

students, along with 36 pairs of mittens or gloves. One little girl said, "Is that for me?"

Members of all four churches reported that there were wide eyes and many smiles from children trying on the jackets. "The coats are so pretty and warm," and "Thank you!" were common remarks.

Not only did the children receive gifts but each participating church member and Pathfinder also received the gift of

being a blessing. Having entire churches involved in outreach to the over 160,000 Native people in the Dakotas helps tremendously in achieving our goal of reaching "all nations" before the Lord returns. Thank you so much for your willingness to help in the Native Ministry work!

Debra Claymore-Cuny is Native Ministry coordinator for the Dakota Conference.



A group of Pathfinders helped with giving out 40 new jackets at the Tribal Community Center in Flandreau.



Pine Ridge Reservation children are happy to be wearing new winter coats.

Debra Claymore-Cuny

Marilyn Glassford



Music Festival Brings Students Together

by Joseph R. Allison

Michelle Hansen



The Iowa-Missouri Conference Education Department sponsored its annual Music Festival on the Sunnydale Adventist Academy (SAA) campus in April with the theme We Are His Children. Music Festival

is the one yearly event in which all conference K-12 schools participate.

This year 113 students from 15 conference schools, six homeschoolers, two public school students and 17 Sunnydale Academy

students blended their voices to create a 138-member mass choir under the direction of **Stephen Zork**, choral director and music professor for Andrews University. Stephen was pleased to lead the choir since his father, **Warren**

Zork, is a member of the first graduating class from SAA.

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

Michelle Hansen



The Iowa-Missouri Conference sponsored a Hispanic Marriage Retreat last March in Kansas City. More than 30 couples came to hear featured speakers Drs. Claudio (with hand raised) and Pamela Consuegra, Family Ministries directors for the North American Division.



Jennifer Sager

Every item on Camp Heritage maintenance director Steve Patten's to-do list was recently checked off, thanks to the nearly 100 volunteers who came out for two spring work bees to clear brush, spread fresh bark chips, roll on new coats of paint and replace a shower house roof.



Volunteers Build School in Africa

by Joseph R. Allison



Marvin Roberts

This year's building and evangelism team from Iowa-Missouri gather around the Mtshibini Primary School principal (center).

This past March a team of 22 volunteers, including five elementary teachers, traveled to Lupane, Zimbabwe, Africa to build the Mtshibini Secondary School. Three years prior, a group of 40, including students from Sunnydale Adventist Academy and 20 adults from around the conference, built the Mtshibini Primary School that now has 368 students in attendance.

The 2014 team stayed on site, sleeping on desk benches they constructed upon arrival. Mattresses were provided by Solusi Adventist University located in Bulawayo. For six and a half days the

group diligently worked—framing, attaching walls and roofs, assembling windows and desks until eight new buildings were in place for the Mtshibini Secondary School.

Each evening **Kathy Ulrich**, conference administrative assistant for the Youth and Women's Ministry Departments, led evangelistic meetings in the center of the Primary School circle. Average attendance was 350-400, and at the conclusion of the meetings 15 people were baptized and 20 more are actively studying.

Iowa-Missouri Pathfinders Dig Deep Into God's Word

Three Pathfinder teams from Iowa-Missouri placed first at the State, Conference and Union Bible Experiences and qualified for the National BE held at the North America Division's headquarters in Maryland this past April. After a day of very specific questions about selected portions of Scripture, the Willow Springs team placed first, the Joplin/Neosho team placed second, and the Sunnydale team placed third. Teams are placed according to how well they do compared to the top score at the event. Congratulations to all of our NAD PBE teams! "It was awesome to see so many Pathfinders who had been digging that deeply into God's Word," said Michelle Chacon, Joplin Pathfinder director.





NAD President Inspires Adventists in Omaha

by John Treolo

John Treolo



Participants in the Sabbath worship service included (l-r) Ron Carlson (KS-NE president); Gil Webb (vp for Mid-America Union); Dan Jackson (NAD president); John Sweigart (vp for KS-NE); and local pastor Jerry Connell.

Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division (NAD), spent two days last April at Omaha Memorial Church sharing inspiring messages, reporting on the state of the church and holding a Q&A session during a special weekend themed Fulfilling the Missional Dream.

“The function of the church is to serve as a mediator for the grace of God,” Jackson said. “He appointed the church to mediate His grace.”

Coordinated by **Pastor Jerry Connell** and a team from the Omaha Church, this spiritual emphasis weekend involved other Adventist pastors and members in the Omaha area. “One long-time member from the Sharon Church told me it was the first time she

had seen anything like this where the churches worked together,” Connell said.

During the worship service Pastor Connell and his wife, **Kathy**, presented Jackson with a small box of mementos, including coasters, a water bottle and baseball cap from Omaha, and a bottle of 100% pure maple syrup from Quebec. Connell and Jackson are both native Canadians.

Touched by the warm response from those who attended, Jackson concluded, “Friends, it’s all about the foundation. The family of Adventism around the world owes that faithfulness to our own NAD members.”

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

KS-NE CONFERENCE CALENDAR

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June 5-8 Single Moms and Kids Camp (BAR)
Info: scarlson@ks-ne.org

June 8-15 Junior I Camp (BAR)
Info: tsager@ks-ne.org

June 13-14 Cowboy Camp Meeting
Info: ckwyatt@bbcwbn.net

June 14 Ottawa Church 130th Anniversary
Info: sdapastorjim@sbcglobal.net

June 15-22 Junior II Camp (BAR)
Info: tsager@ks-ne.org

June 22-29 Teen Camp (BAR)
Info: tsager@ks-ne.org

June 23-27 Discovery Camp (Arrowhead)
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Alomia to Lead College View Church

by Ron Carlson

Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



Harold Alomia is the new lead pastor of Lincoln's College View Church (CVC). Harold and his wife, **Rosie**, most recently served the Champion Academy Church in Colorado.

After completing his undergraduate work at Peruvian Union University, Alomia received his Master of Divinity degree from our seminary at Andrews University. Believing that God's Word is relevant to all ages, he has a passion for preaching and teaching.

Both he and Rosie are gifted musicians, Harold on the guitar and Rosie on the violin. Rosie is also a

professional photographer.

They will begin their work at CVC in July. College View Church serves about 2,500 members, as well as hundreds of Union College students. Pastor Alomia replaces **Ron Halvorsen Jr.**, who became president of the Ohio Conference last December.

We welcome the Alomias to our conference and believe God is able to advance His kingdom through them.

Ron Carlson is president of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Remembering Norman K. Harvey (1929-2014)

by John Treolo

Former pastor and administrator **Norman K. Harvey** passed away on April 17, 2014. He was 84.

Born in Fairland, Oklahoma on August 30, 1929, Harvey became an Adventist in Lander, Wyoming after a neighbor sent *Signs of the Times* to his family for 10 years. He later received a bachelor's degree from Union College in theology and business administration. While attending Union, he met **Thelma Kepler**. They were married on August 19, 1951 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Spending his entire denominational career within the Mid-America Union, Harvey began church work as a pastor in the Wyoming Conference,

followed by serving as teacher/business manager at Enterprise Academy, treasurer of the North Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska conferences, auditor for the Mid-America Union and finally retiring in 2004 from the position of secretary/treasurer of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Even in retirement he was active at his home church of Wanamaker in Topeka and continued doing church audits for our conference.

Elder Harvey is survived by his wife, Thelma; daughters, **Cynthia Lane** and **Muffy (Dave) Kessler**; a sister, **Reba (Ron) Christensen**; and grandsons, **Travis Lane**, **Nicholas Mohr** and **Trevor Mohr**.



Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



Nonagenarian Chooses Christ

Amina's journey

by Valera Ruchko

Amina Iskhakova, now in her 90s, recently relinquished her Muslim beliefs and accepted Jesus as her Savior. **Valera Ruchko**, pastor of Shalom Spiritual Learning Center at the Minnetonka Adventist Church, had the privilege of baptizing her.

Amina was born in the small village of Takhtaly Tatarstan in Turkey. At the age of 15 she left her hometown for

the city of Krasno-uralsk, Siberia, where she worked as a painter. She survived the ravages of World War II and shortly thereafter married **Saber Iskhakova**. After the war she found employment at a hospital where one of her co-workers spoke of Jesus—her first time hearing about Him.

In 1998 **Rafik**, the younger of Amina's two sons, moved to the United States and two years later

became a Christian along with his family. They began to pray that Rafik's parents could come to America also and learn of the Christian faith.

In 2010 Amina did move to the U.S. Unfortunately, her husband had passed away. For over two years Rafik and his family patiently witnessed to Amina before she made her choice to be baptized.

Amina's name is of

Arabic origin and means "trustworthy." Although her memory is starting to fade, when you ask her about her baptism she lights up with a smile as she recalls her commitment to follow Christ.

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Elder Valera Ruchko pastors the Source of Life Russian Church and Shalom Spiritual Learning Center of Minnetonka.

Courtesy Valera Ruchko



Amina Iskhakova (center) chose to follow Jesus Christ through the prayers and witness of her son and his family.



Mungandi is New VP for Minnesota Conference

by Jeff Wines

Jeff Wines



Brian Mungandi, pastor of Faith Church International and Light of Christ Church, accepted the invitation from the Minnesota Conference to become vice president for administration starting May 1. As part of his official duties, he also

serves as communication director and Sabbath School director. He replaces **Justin Lyons**, former vice president who is now president of the Minnesota Conference, and frees **Jeff Wines**, former communication director, to focus full time on youth

ministries.

Although Elder Mungandi is a native of Zambia, he is a permanent resident in the United States. He has been married to his wife, **Evelyn**, for 24 years. They have three sons; **Brian Jr.**, who currently attends Union College, **Paul** and **John**, who live at home.

Mungandi has 26 years of experience in pastoral ministry in Zambia and the United States. He has served as a district pastor, field Church Ministries director, union associate departmental director, and union Youth and Stewardship director. He also helped to start the TV ministry series Penetration (now Voice of Prophecy) in Zambia, and the Faith Hour in Minnesota. Mungandi has been a bi-vocational pastor in both the Central States and Minnesota Conferences.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Zambia chose Mungandi to represent them on the national administrative

boards of the Bible Society of Zambia, African Army Chaplain Committee, and the Presidential Prayer Breakfast Committee. In 1990 he was selected by the government to be a national speaker for Zambian National Youth Day.

Pastor Mungandi says he is excited to have the opportunity to serve the Minnesota Conference. He is passionate about reaching people for the kingdom. One of his guiding biblical texts comes from Matthew 28:20, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (NKJV). Mungandi said, "Now is the time to show everyone around us that Jesus lives in us, and as they see Jesus in us we then have the opportunity to tell them about what a wonderful Savior He is."

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Jeff Wines is outgoing communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

Maple Grove ABC Under New Ownership

by Jeff Wines

The Iowa-Missouri Conference Adventist Book Center (ABC) is pleased to announce that the Maple Grove, Minnesota branch ABC will continue to operate in the Minnesota Conference office building.

The Iowa-Missouri ABC has taken it over as a branch store and service will continue without interruption. The new hours are Monday–Thursday from 11:00 am–5:00 pm, and Friday and Sunday

from 11:00 am–2:00 pm. The local phone number of 763.424.8531 remains the same. Orders can be pre-paid through the Maple Grove branch ABC and picked up at the Minnesota Conference office from

8:00 am–5:30 pm Monday–Thursday. We want to thank **Debbie Quigley**, manager of the Iowa-Missouri ABC, and the Iowa-Missouri Conference for partnering with us to make this transition.



RMC Students Take Over Town

by Kelly Waller

Last spring students in grades 4-6 at Brighton Adventist Academy, HMS Richards SDA School, Mile High Academy, and Vista Ridge Academy participated in a special curriculum project called Young AmeriTowne, which is part of an organization designed to improve the financial intelligence of young people.

Young AmeriTowne is a 37-lesson curriculum covering basic economics, banking, money management, government, communications and philanthropy. Students write resumes, interview for jobs, learn how to write checks and balance their accounts, and many other skills needed to succeed in today's world.

All four schools came together in the culminating activity—a daylong visit

to the organization's headquarters in which a 17-business "town" is located. This is far more than your average field trip. Each "citizen" has a specific job, gets paid, has a bank account, and has city rules and ordinances to follow.

While the town was miniature, the experience was not. Many students were surprised at how hard it is to have a job and responsibilities. "Being an adult isn't easy," said **Michael** from Brighton Adventist Academy. "It's hard to keep track of money and to stand up to the pressure!"

Students realized that they were learning, and they had fun doing it. "I loved it," said **Katie** from Mile High Academy, "because usually the adults boss us around. But at AmeriTowne we were the bosses."



Courtesy RMC Education Department

A group of 4th-6th graders from around the Denver metroplex gather at AmeriTowne, a miniature city where they learn to manage stores, banks, town hall, and perform the tasks that adults must accomplish on a daily basis.

This program is only available to Rocky Mountain Conference schools every other year. We hope that during the 2015-16 school year we can have more of our Adventist schools across the Front Range join in this learning process and make

some new friends, too. For more information, email the Education Department office at kellyw@rmcsda.org or go to www.yacenter.org.

Kelly Waller is an administrative assistant in the RMC Education Department.

Bear Grylls Survival Academy Comes to GVR

by Anthony Handal



Courtesy Bear Grylls Survival Academy

BGSA will be teaching survival skills at Glacier View Ranch beginning in June, 2014. The courses will be taught by Adventist instructors from Durango.

The Bear Grylls Survival Academy (BGSA) is teaming up with the Rocky Mountain

Youth Department and coming to Colorado. Beginning June 9, BGSA

will be hosting 24-hour Family Survival Courses at Glacier View Ranch (GVR). Instructors will be Durango-based Adventist teachers **James Turner, Jim Hughes** and associate youth director **Anthony Handal**.

Bear Grylls is recognized world-wide for his Discovery Channel survival reality program *Man vs. Wild*. The same training and instructors teaching for BGSA will also be available to Rocky Mountain Conference students through outdoor education

classes held at GVR.

Techniques being focused on will include learning how to build and light fires, nighttime navigation, using a knife for survival, foraging for food, building shelters, extreme weather survival and river or lake crossings.

Anthony Handal is associate youth director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

For more information please contact Anthony Handal at anthonyh@rmcsda.org or visit beargryllssurvivalacademy.com.



It's Lights Out for Spring Creek Christian School

by Melissa Hanna

Even for the most talented and ambitious educators, keeping students engaged in learning is always a challenge. That's why **Charity Espina**, lead teacher at Spring Creek Christian School in Montrose, Colorado stretched the comfort zone of her students with Outdoor Classroom from April 14-30 in celebration of Earth Month. During that period, no lights were used at school.

For two weeks, students learned outside the

traditional classroom, attending classes held outside the school walls. Fortunately, the school sits on nearly five acres of land and includes a fire pit for heat during cold Colorado spring weather.

The goals of Outdoor Classroom were to help give students a real life experience of "going green" by observing an energy audit and assisting with the implementation of its suggestions to improve energy efficiency at the

school. Students also learned from area experts about alternative energy sources such as solar, wind and hydro. In addition, they created a community garden on the school property.

"My ultimate goal is to give my students a complete understanding of what it means to conserve and preserve our precious resources," said Ms. Espina. "What better way to do that than give them a real-world, hands-on and out-of-the-box experience

that they will hopefully remember for a lifetime!"

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Melissa Hanna writes from Montrose, Colorado.

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Melissa Hanna

Students from Spring Creek Christian School in Montrose, Colorado studied outside for two weeks to reduce their carbon footprint and learn about saving energy. Teacher Charity Espina (left) also guided them in starting a community garden.



Math Professor Explores Online Classes

by Ruby Ruano

Scott Cushman/Union College



Union College mathematics professor Larry Ray has started teaching calculus and precalculus using online courseware that allows students to work at their own pace.

This is a different kind of math classroom. To start with, it's very quiet. Most of the students wear headphones, and the teacher isn't standing at the front. Instead of lecturing, **Dr. Larry Ray**, professor of mathematics, has pulled up a chair beside a student to help work through a tricky problem. As soon as that student understands, he hurries off to the next raised hand. This is a new online/offline hybrid mathematics class at Union for students taking precalculus and calculus.

Lectures? Grading? That's the software's job. This new model gives the teacher time to focus on what really matters: individual attention.

"Students are preferring more and more online material, and most do well online," said Ray. "But

there are people who need more than just a computer to help them understand, which is why we also have laboratories set up where students can come in and get help from a teacher or teaching assistant."

Forty new HP Probook 4440 laptop computers in the new mathematics lab make it possible for students to come into a classroom to work on assignments, quizzes and tests, or seek help from Ray or a teaching assistant. These new computers were made possible in part by a \$20,000 gift to the Krueger Center made in honor of **Clifton and Leonora Ray** by their children and grandchildren.

The newly structured classes were built using courseware from Hawkes Learning Systems, which

is installed on the HP Probooks, but can also be used by students on their personal computers. This enables them to learn calculus and do their homework on the go.

The online system caters to a wide variety of learning styles by allowing students to listen to the lecture, watch videos or read the course content. The online-based class also eliminates the need for textbooks, cutting back on costs for students.

"The lecture, quizzes, homework and exams are all online," said Ray. "Students move on to the next lesson once they have mastered a section. They master it after going through the lecture, doing the review and getting a passing score in the homework assignment. If a student

does not have a passing score, Hawkes is able to essentially 'see' where the student is struggling, present a review of the specific concept, and then give the student another chance to redo a parallel assignment until mastery is achieved."

Freshman **Katie Dieter** said, "I was very skeptical when he first said the course would mostly be online. I tried doing precalculus online in the past and I ended up having to join a traditional class because the system was really frustrating. Hawkes is a very different system. The assignments are a lot more focused and it is really easy to handle all the material."

The courseware allows for individualization, too. "I really like it because it allows me to go at my own pace," said freshman **Larissa Bovee**. "Dr. Ray is always there if we need help. We can go slower in some lessons, but I can get my work done ahead of time if I want, too. For math, I really like it more than the traditional classes."

For those who need a little extra help with an assignment or the whole course, Ray designates outside class time to provide them with one-on-one assistance. "Five days a week, students can come in during those lab times and get help," said Ray. "No appointment is needed. Assistants are available during those times to help students—even if it's just on one problem—so they can keep on going at their own pace."



The success of calculus and precalculus online may soon open the door for students to take other courses online including Math 017, a beginning course for students who need to work on various math skills before taking regular college courses. “Students don’t particularly like remedial courses because they don’t count toward their graduation credits,” said Ray. “But online courses could give students the opportunity to work ahead and move on more quickly to college-level courses.”

Ray hopes the new online approach to mathematics will benefit both students and instructors. “Students have instant results for assignments and exams,” he said. “Grading is done by the Hawkes system and scores are recorded immediately in the teacher’s online grade book. The program generates help if there are any misunderstandings with some of the questions.” Being able to see mistakes or incorrect answers instantly gives students the opportunity to fix mistakes immediately or ask for help from their instructor on the spot instead of waiting a few days for assignments to be graded.

Online math courses that can be individualized for learning style and pace is one more way Union College is seeking to give the best educational experience possible for every student.

Ruby Ruano is a senior nursing major at Union College.

The Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics Opens



Photos courtesy Union College

It’s been a decade of planning. Seven years of fundraising. Eleven months of construction. Nearly 2,600 donors contributed over \$14.9 million to create a state-of-the-art facility for science and mathematics at Union College. Now the Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics is a reality.

On March 5, the building officially opened and many classes moved into the new building right away. On May 8, a grand opening ceremony marked the completion of the facility.

Fifty-nine percent of Union College students major in fields in or closely related to mathematics and the sciences, and the new 57,000-square-foot facility gives those programs room to grow and thrive. The building includes:

- A 126-seat amphitheater
- Two configurable classrooms for lecture or team learning
- Two combination biology lab/lecture spaces
- Five dedicated biology teaching laboratories
- Five chemistry teaching laboratories
- Two combination lab/lecture spaces for physics and engineering
- One teaching laboratory for modern physics
- Eight research labs for faculty and students to engage in personal research projects
- Four student commons and study spaces
- Fourteen faculty offices for teacher/student interactions such as advising and tutoring
- Dedicated work areas for student assistants

To learn more about the new facility, visit www.ucollege.edu/ourpromisingfuture.



Shawnee Mission Opens Cancer Center

by Emily Becherer

Courtesy, SMH



The newly opened Cancer Center is directed by Becca Bell and led by medical oncologists Prasanth Reddy, MD (center) and Michael Hughes, MD.

For patients at the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center, each visit begins with the same familiar face. The Center, which opened in January, offers a full range of medical and radiation oncology services. All physicians and services are housed in one building conveniently located on the Shawnee Mission Medical Center campus, and patients get to know the doctors and staff throughout their oncology journey.

Having a fully integrated cancer center is just one of the ways Shawnee Mission Health (SMH) lives out its commitment to whole-person care.

“This is the perfect place to have a cancer center,” said **Becca Bell**, executive director of Shawnee Mission Health Oncology Services. “Oncology in general treats

the whole person because there are so many aspects to the patient’s care.”

The Cancer Center is led by medical oncologist **Prasanth Reddy, MD, MPH, FACP**, and radiation oncologist **Michael A. Hughes, MD**. In addition to medical treatments, the Center offers genetic counseling, dietary services, spiritual wellness programs and massage therapy. To provide patients with a continuum of cancer care services, the Center also hosts breast cancer and prostate cancer support groups.

“When the diagnosis of cancer is given, your world completely changes,” said Bell. “One’s perspective on everything changes. So the psychosocial part of it becomes very important and relevant early on.”

To ensure the Center was designed with patients in mind, SMH held focus groups to learn what patients value in a treatment center. For example, since an infusion therapy session can sometimes take hours, the staff wanted to design the Center’s infusion therapy suite according to their patients’ suggestions.

The focus groups revealed that patients wanted a convenient, comfortable space to receive their infusion therapy. To meet these requests, the infusion therapy suite has 14 cubicle-like bays, which each have outlets for patients’ electronics, a television, cubbies for belongings, a recliner chair for patients and extra seating for guests. The suite is lined with windows, and each bay is

separated from the others by a partition. There are also two private rooms where patients can have more space for guests.

To help take patients’ minds off their treatment, nurses dispose of used chemotherapy equipment in “chemo garages,” trashcans tucked away in cabinets throughout the suite.

“Patients said they didn’t want to be reminded all day long of their chemo treatments, so after the nurse disposes of the waste the doors are closed so the patients don’t have to sit and look at everything,” said Bell.

Patients do not just come to the Cancer Center to receive medical treatments. Another component is feeling good and looking good. Just upstairs, the Santé Image Renewal Center offers wigs, wig styling, prosthetics, skin care products, scarves, head wraps and makeup. A simple shopping trip can make all the difference in a patient’s oncology experience, Bell said.

“We’re built on the Shawnee Mission Health foundation of providing *much more than medicine*,” said Bell. “It really is about the whole cancer journey, not just the treatment.”

Emily Becherer is a writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

For more information about the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center, visit ShawneeMission.org.



Dying in an Adventist Hospital

Chaplain **Michael Hansen** does what he can for the soul after doctors and nurses have done all they can for the body.

Hospitals are bookends for humanity, ushering in new life and saying the final goodbye to it. Yet the passing of a loved one is difficult to prepare for, even when the signs are there. From arranging final communions to opening up about his own faith, Chaplain Hansen at Parker Adventist Hospital tries to meet people where they are and practice the art of gently experiencing the end of life.

“What most people want is just to have someone nearby,” Hansen explains. “My job is not to preach, but to listen and, if prompted, share my views on faith and the afterlife.”

Board certified chaplains follow certain guidelines, although in an Adventist hospital like Parker, Hansen has more room to talk openly and honestly to patients about spiritual matters.

“Every death is unique and it only happens once for people, making it a sacred experience,” he says.

Requests like having a final communion are moments when Hansen can help ensure a sacred goodbye.

Two years ago a patient, very lucid but ready to die, made the decision to go off life support. Hospital staff arranged for a small ceremony with bread and grape juice. A harpist was unexpectedly playing in the room as well—making

it even more special. With family gathered around, a prayer was offered and communion was shared.

Some final moments are tougher than others. “A man came in who had left God and his affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist church many years ago. He and his wife had gone to Mile High Adventist Academy, where my kids attend. Facing serious health issues, he asked me if God would take him back.”

This opened up a conversation about faith and God. Here was a chance to meet this person where he was. The door had opened for redemption, and emphasizing God’s love for the man, Hansen’s last interaction with the patient was overwhelmingly positive.

Meeting them where they are is not strictly spiritual. “A big part of my job is being present both for the patient and the families,” says Hansen, adding that many times people will ask what they should say or how they should help someone who is dying. “I always tell them that people will care far more about who was with them than what was said.”

Often severely ill patients wait for the right person to come or leave before passing away. After 10 years as a chaplain Hansen concludes that patients have some control over when they go. “Some people need a family member to tell them it’s okay to die. Some need to hear a prayer.”

Hansen can say goodbye if no relative or friend is there.

“Sometimes being present with another in their pain and loss is the greatest gift one can give,” says **Stephen King**, senior vice president for mission and ministry for the Rocky Mountain Adventist Health System/Centura Health. “Being the hands of Christ—in whatever form is necessary—is part of the sacred work of chaplains, employees and physicians in an Adventist hospital, and a way to bring hope even in the face of death.”

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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 hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by CMBell Company.



A person’s attentive presence—more than what he does or says—can often be what is most treasured by a patient, says Parker Adventist Hospital Chaplain Michael Hansen. Whether praying with a patient before he leaves the hospital (shown above) or being with one who is dying, Hansen tries to enter into the unique experience of each person and be open to the needs.



Akins, Joseph V., b. Oct. 17, 1932 in Fort Valley, GA. d. Jan. 5, 2014 in Firestone, CO. Member of Carbon Valley Church. Survivors include wife Ruth; daughters Karen Fernandez and Sandy Akins; sons Randall, Keith, Bill and Brian; stepdaughters Peggy Montgomery and Theresa Metcalf; 24 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

Ambrosen, Mona, b. Jan. 24, 1933. d. Sept. 5, 2011. Member of Aspen Park Church.

Balew, Georgia, b. July 4, 1929 in Clareton, WY. d. Dec. 22, 2013 in Gillette, WY. Member of Gillette Church. Preceded in death by 11 siblings. Survivors include daughters Faye Tompkins, Leah Johnson, Lola Coor, Linda Murray and Loretta Spence; sons Ralph and Ronnie Shuck; 1 brother; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Beck, Alvin, b. Feb. 11, 1923 in Woodworth, ND. d. Feb. 6, 2014 in Jamestown, ND. Member of Jamestown Church. Preceded in death by wife Martha; 3 sisters. Survivors include daughter Joyce Azevedo; son Morris; 4 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

Beck, Herbert, b. May 8, 1944 in Strond, Vestur-Landeyjar, Iceland. d. Feb. 11, 2014 in Renick, MO. Member of Columbia Church. Served as Captain in US Air Force. Survivors include wife Lorna; daughter Brenda; son Mark; 2 grandchildren.

Black, Freda, b. June 10, 1925 in Lucas County, IA. d. Jan. 2, 2014 in Carlisle, IA. Member of Des Moines Church. Preceded in death by husband Robert; son Owen Williams; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughter Susan Eckel; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Bowles, John J., b. July 13, 1950 in Omaha, NE. d. Jan. 23, 2014 in Coon Rapids, MN. Member of Andover Church. Survivors include wife Debra; daughter Danelle Herra; son Brandon; 2 grandchildren.

Bruce, Frank B., b. Apr. 15, 1919 in Ulysses, KS. d. June 10, 2011 in Holly, CO. Member of Lamar Church. Preceded

in death by daughter Paulette Bruce; son Danny; 3 brothers; 1 great-granddaughter. Survivors include wife Julia; daughters Myrtle Mathis, Judith Young, Joan Burlew, Diann Hancock and Darlene Bruce; son Fred; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Colglazier, Marjorie L., b. May 8, 1920 in Holyoke, CO. d. Apr. 14, 2013 in Holyoke, CO. Member of Rocky Mountain Conference. Preceded in death by husband Dale.

Conditt, Gene C., b. July 21, 1927 in La Junta, CO. d. Feb. 27, 2012 in La Junta, CO. Member of Arkansas Valley Church.

Cooper, William "David", b. Oct. 8, 1961. d. Jan. 14, 2014. Member of Montrose Church. Survivors include daughter Stacy Lujan; stepdaughter Kaelyn Davis; sons Demetrius and Dmonique Cooper and T.J. Lujan; stepson Jady Davis; father Bill; companion Traci Davis.

Counts, Joyce, b. Jan. 8, 1946 in Steamboat Springs, CO. d. Apr. 17, 2012 in Rolla, MO. Member of Salem Church. Preceded in death by parents; 2 sisters. Survivors include husband Lloyd; daughters Sherry Lo and Lisa Terrillion; sons Mark Counts and Lamar Frele; 2 grandchildren.

Cowan, Vyca, b. June 5, 1912 in Glendale, MO. d. Apr. 2, 2014 in Loma Linda, CA. Member of Centerville (IA) Church. Preceded in death by husband Noah; 8 siblings. Survivors include daughter Diana Brown.

Cross, Jessie I., b. Dec. 20, 1914 in Cheyenne, WY. d. Feb. 27, 2014 in Denver, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Preceded in death by husband Chester. Survived by sons Bruce and Steven; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Duncan, Marjorie L., b. Mar 5, 1929 In Las Animas, CO. d. Feb 7, 2014 in Columbus, NE. Member of the Columbus Church. Survivors include 1 sister; 2 grandchildren.

Dyer, Samuel J. Sr., b. Aug. 9, 1935. d. Feb. 16, 2014 in Rapid City, SD. Member of Dakota Conference. Survivors include wife Margaret; daughters

Debra Brunken, Anita Fisk and Beatrice Olson; sons Samuel, John and Curtis; 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Field, Raymond "Lee", b. Feb. 12, 1936 in CO. d. Jan. 10, 2014 in Riverside, CA. Member of Corona Church. Preceded in death by son Ben; 1 brother. Survivors include wife Shirley; daughter Tami; son Kip; 3 siblings; 5 grandchildren.

Friesen, Emma E., b. May 16, 1917 in Lisco, NE. d. Dec. 6, 2011 in Lamar, CO. Member of Lamar Church. Preceded in death by 6 siblings. Survivors include husband Virgil; daughter Wanda Balmer; sons George, Clarence and Calvin; 1 brother; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Frisbey, George Jr., b. July 13, 1920 in Corona, CA. d. Jan. 26, 2014 in Independence, MO. Member of Kansas City Central Church. Preceded in death by wife Twila; 1 sister. Survivors include daughters Colene Jackson, Eilene Vannoy and Alison Bryant; 2 sisters; 1 grandchild.

Fulton Dize, Janice M., b. Dec. 14, 1952. d. Dec. 8, 2005. Member of Colorado Springs South Church.

Goetz, Derald C., b. July 11, 1934 in Gettysburg, SD. d. Apr. 2, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include wife Shirley; daughter Sherene; sons Douglas and Dennis; 3 siblings; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Holmes, Hertha, b. Apr. 2, 1920 in Keokuk, IA. d. Feb. 26, 2014 in Buffalo, MO. Member of Branch Memorial Church. Preceded in death by husband Raymond; 1 sister. Survivors include sons Philip, Preston, Patrick and Paul Burris; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Erma, b. June 2, 1925 in Tarsany, MO. d. Jan. 21, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include daughter Karen Upchurch; son Robert; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Mavis A., b. Sept. 4, 1919 in Minneapolis, MN. d. Feb. 18, 2014 in Walker, MN. Member of Hackensack Church. Preceded in death by husbands Roy Ahrens Sr. and Walter Johnson; son Roy "Buzz" Ahrens Jr.; 2 brothers. Survivors include daughters Lana Dahl, Lynnnda Van Steenwyk, Lynette Hubin and LaVonne Blackwelder; son Rick Ahrens; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Kaiser, Kenneth E., b. Nov. 21, 1922 in Shaffer, KS. d. Jan. 13, 2014 in Crete, NE. Member of College View Church. Served in WWII. Preceded in death by wife Eleanor. Survivors include daughter Alicia Murray; son Jim; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Kisinger, Robert N., b. July 3, 1932 in Fruita, CO. d. Jan. 5, 2014 in Montrose, CO. Member of Montrose Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother. Survivors include wife Beverly; son Neland; 1 brother; 2 granddaughters.

Lester, Clifford, b. June 4, 1957 in Des Moines, IA. d. Jan. 29, 2014 in Des Moines, IA. Member of Ankeny Church. Preceded in death by parents. Survivors include daughters Alesha Givens and Nadalie Forcht; 9 siblings; 2 grandchildren.

Leyba, Benjamin, b. Nov. 21, 1929. d. Jan. 24, 2004 in Denver, CO. Member of Denver Hispanic Church.

Locke, Victoria J., b. Feb. 9, 1950 in Worland, WY. d. Feb. 23, 2014 in Sheridan, WY. Member of Worland Church. Preceded in death by parents; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Holli Procriv; sons Jeffery Lyman and Kirk Smiley; 2 sisters; 6 grandchildren.

Longcrier, Esther, b. Mar. 7, 1942 in Jefferson City, MO; d. Dec. 14, 2013 in Macon, MO. Member of Fulton Church. Preceded in death by 6 siblings. Survivors include daughters Velvet Morrison, Linda Gilpin, Allison Schafer and Donna Dinwiddie; son Henry Dinwiddie; 2 sisters. 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Macomber, Harriet, b. Feb. 28, 1927 in Dodge Center, MN. d. Jan. 28, 2014 in Hawkeye, IA.



Member of Hawkeye Church. Preceded in death by husband Wayne; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Shirley Kammeyer; sons Larry and Ron; 2 siblings; 4 grandchildren; 2 stepgrandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 stepgreat-grandchild.

Mattausch, Everett G., b. Sept. 29, 1913 in St. Paul Park, MN. d. Feb. 4, 2014 in Delta, CO. Member of Cedaredge Church. Served RMC as custodian for 10 years. Preceded in death by wife Hazel. Survivors include 3 siblings.

McCormick, William R., b. Nov. 19, 1932 in Omaha, NE. d. Jan. 16, 2014 in Omaha, NE. Member of Omaha Memorial Church. Survivors include wife Sylvia; daughters Brenda Miner and Carol Fletcher; son Mike McCormick; 2 sisters; 6 grandchildren.

Mead, Stella R., b. Feb. 15, 1913 in Cheyenne, WY. d. Sept. 3, 2012 in Rocky Ford, CO. Member of Arkansas Valley Church. Preceded in death by husband Ernest; daughter Charlotte Polland; son Gyrel Brisco. Survivors include daughters Glenna Walter, Sue Henry and Lesa Puher; sons Larry Mead and Ross Brisco; 2 sisters; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Meese, Billy, b. Oct. 20, 1925 in Springfield, MO. d. Jan. 1, 2013 in Nixa, MO. Member of the Nixa Church. Survivors include daughter Jan Barnes; son Gene Meese; 3 siblings; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Miles, Lorraine N., b. July 20, 1919 in Sioux Falls, SD. d. Jan. 30, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Piedmont Park Church. Preceded in death by 2 brothers. Survivors include sons Bill and John Needles; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Morgan, Doris, b. Jan. 17, 1924 in Haydock, IA. d. Feb. 20, 2014 in Albia, IA. Member of Albia Church. Preceded in death by husband Jack; 9 siblings. Survivors include daughter Sandy Conley; 3 grandchildren.

Olson, Jennie, b. June 16, 1922. d. Sept. 20, 2012 in Columbia,

MO. Member of Columbia Church. Preceded in death by husband Marvin. Survivors include daughter Linda Davis; 4 grandchildren.

Origas, Shirley M., b. Sept. 11, 1927 in MN. d. Jan. 17, 2014 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include son Scott; 4 siblings; 1 grandchild.

Pidoux, Carlos, d. January 12, 2014. Member of Aurora First Church.

Pullins, Nancy J. (Schutte), b. Aug. 29, 1929. d. Dec. 23, 2013 in Brighton, CO. Member of Brighton Church. Preceded in death by husband William. Survivors include daughters Marge Riley and Rita Schutte; sons Chuck and John; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Rawlings, Frances "Irene", b. Jan. 13, 1923 in Sturgeon, MO. d. Feb. 24, 2014 in Jefferson, TX. Member of Moberly Church. Preceded in death by husband Harold; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughters Mildred Boaz and Dlorah Friesen; sons Harold, Kendall and Roger; 2 brothers; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Risse, Matthew C., b. Sept. 28, 1924 in Montry, NE. d. Feb. 5, 2014 in Alliance, NE. Member of Alliance Church. Preceded in death by 4 siblings. Survivors include daughters Connie Lang and Jeanne Ray; 3 siblings; 5 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Roberts, Harry, b. May 20, 1918 in Connelsville, MO. d. Aug. 14, 2013 in Windsor, MO. Member of Golden Valley Church. Preceded in death by 6 siblings. Survivors include wife Janet; daughter Helen White; stepdaughters Cheri Vickers and Mary Thaut; stepson Rodney Laymon; 3 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 5 stepgrandchildren; 1 stepgreat-grandchild.

Roystone-Bell, Evangeline G., b. Aug. 27, 1919. d. Dec. 15, 2013. Member of Arvada Church and Granby Church, which she helped organize. Preceded in death by husband Eldo Bell. Survivors include sons Everett,

Rex and Skip Bell; numerous grandchildren.

Schultz, Arlene D., b. Sept. 30, 1920, in Lincoln, NE. d. Jan. 4, 2014 in Durango, CO. Member of Durango Church. Preceded in death by husband Frederick; son Edward. Survivors include daughter Janet; sons J.C. and Frederick Jr; 2 granddaughters; 2 great-granddaughters.

Scott, Mary, b. Sept. 17, 1916. d. Nov. 25, 2012 in Martindale, TX. Member of Columbia Church. Preceded in death by husband Herbert. Survivors include daughter Shelby Fleck; sons Robert and Ronald; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Shogren, Kenneth, b. Jan. 28, 1927 in Lansing, IA. d. Nov. 25, 2012 in Waukon, IA. Member of Waukon Church. Survivors include wife Lorraine (who has since passed); daughters Susie Cabrera and Lorie Hackman; son Daniel; 3 siblings; 5 grandchildren.

Shogren, Lorraine, b. Mar. 12, 1926 in Lansing, IA. d. Feb. 12, 2014 in Waukon, IA. Member of Waukon Church. Preceded in death by husband Kenneth; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughters Susie Cabrera and Lorie Hackman; son Daniel; 5 grandchildren.

Siegrist, Albert, b. May 14, 1928 in Lomax, IL. d. Feb. 10, 2014 in Keokuk, IA. Member of Ft. Madison Church. Preceded in death by 1 brother; 1 grandson; 1 great-granddaughter. Survivors include wife Ruth; daughters Lynn Dorothy, Kim Schneeberger and Stephanie Cameron; son Steven; 2 siblings; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Stubbs, Bill, b. July 19, 1954 in Florence, AZ. d. Jan. 11, 2014 in Newcastle, WY. Member of Newcastle Church. Survivors include wife Melissa; daughter Maggie; 4 siblings.

Suter, John E., b. Dec. 3, 1927 in Malta, MT. d. Nov. 26, 2013 in Hot Springs, SD. Member of Hot Springs Church. Served in US Army Air Corps from 1945-47. Preceded in death by son John; 3 sisters. Survivors include wife Virginia; daughters Beverly O'Dell, Sandra Nauman, Denise

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Tate, Betty, b. July 26, 1944. d. Jan. 21, 2012 in Columbia, MO. Member of Columbia Church. Preceded in death by husband Basil. Survivors include daughters Crystal and Carla Bradley; mother; 9 siblings; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

Taylor, Clifton E., b. Apr. 8, 1931 in Basin, WY. d. Dec. 26, 2013. Member of Powell Church. Preceded in death by sons Ernie and Duane; 3 siblings. Survivors include daughter LaVonna McClannahan; sons Robert and Larry; 1 brother; 6 grandchildren.

Thrasher, Richard, b. July 4, 1928; d. Aug. 24, 2010. Member of Des Moines Church.

Weber, Beth, b. Dec. 3, 1965 in Springfield, MO. d. Apr. 16, 2012 in Centralia, MO. Member of Columbia Church. Survivors include sons Shawn and Devin; parents; 1 sister; 1 grandchild.

Wilmart, Lee I., b. July 16, 1940. d. Jan. 24, 2014. Member of Fremont (NE) Church. Survivors include daughter Stacey Schulz; sons Jeff, Sweden and Brad; 1 sister; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Wilson, Robert L., b. Apr. 8, 1922 in Bemidji, MN. d. Feb. 22, 2014 in Conejos County, CO. Member of Alamosa Church. Preceded in death by wife Marie. Survivors include daughter Sandee Gass; son Hal; 2 siblings; 3 grandsons; 6 great-grandchildren.

Yates, Rosalie, b. June 25, 1932 in Madison, IL. d. Nov. 18, 2013 in Independence, MO. Member of Salem Church. Preceded in death by husband Bennie; 2 siblings. Survivors include son Ben; 11 siblings; 1 grandchild; 2 great-grandchildren.

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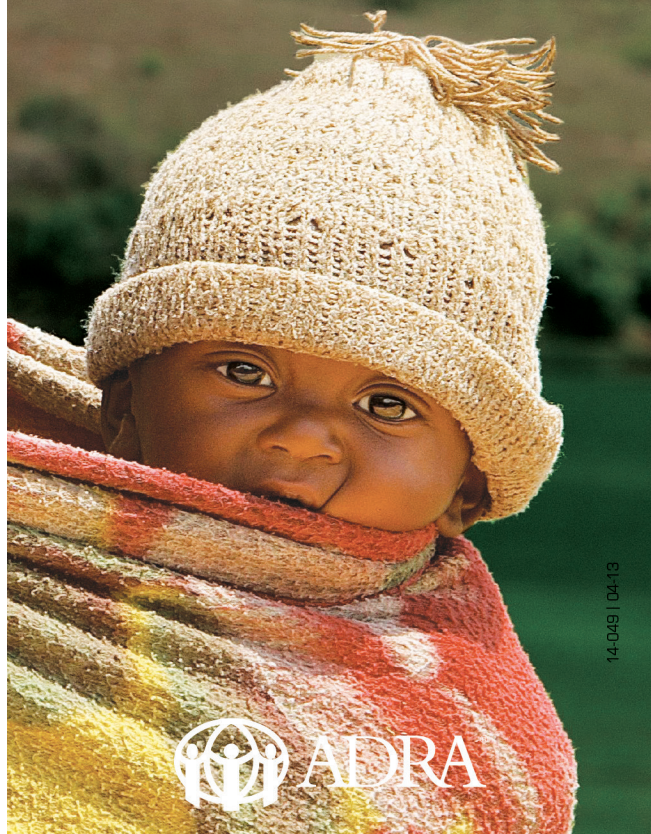
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