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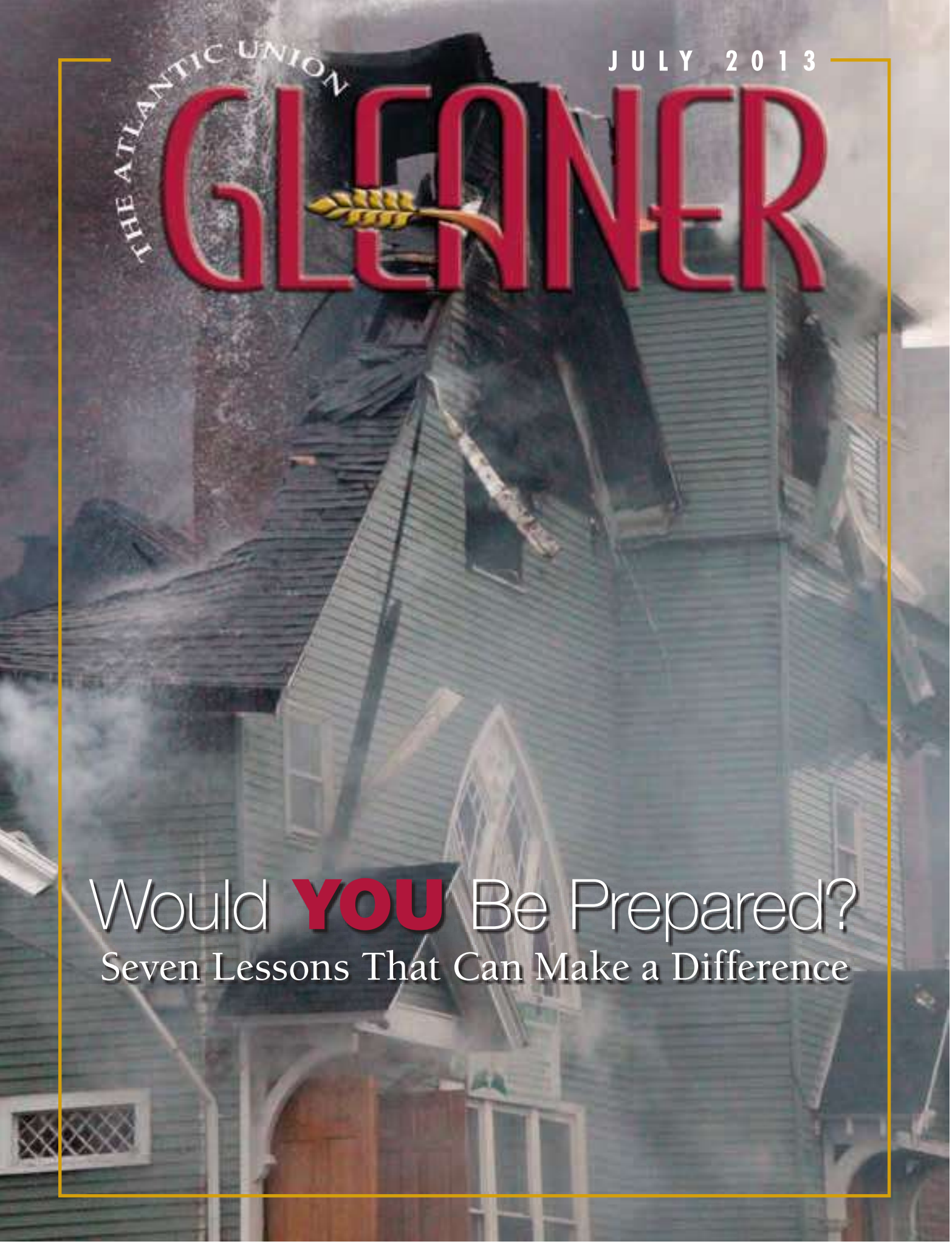

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Let's Move for **Body, Mind, and Soul**

Maintaining a balance of mind, body, and soul is necessary to live a happy and fulfilled life. All three are interconnected and, should a weakness or imbalance in one of these dimensions of life exist, it could be crippling to the others. For example, if you are suffering from severe emotional stress of the mind, it can cause high blood pressure and other illnesses in an otherwise healthy body. In a similar way, a physical illness or injury can cause depression in a usually healthy mind.

One of the easiest ways to maintain physical and mental health is through proper nutrition and regular exercise. People who are able to make healthy diet and exercise choices tend to have more physical and mental energy. They sleep better and are often able to enjoy physical activity and a happier, fulfilling life well into old age.

However, the time to give steady emphasis to nutrition and exercise is early in life. It is a known fact that over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled. Nearly one in three children in America is overweight or obese, increasing their risk for asthma, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, sleep problems, depression, and bullying. Our children make up the first generation in history to grow up less healthy than their parents.

The time is now to take a "let's move" approach for body and mind.

The soul is another important part of the equation, as it has a great impact on happiness and how people tend to view the world around them. Many people acquire a balanced spiritual life through religious practices and regular participation in religious services. Spiritual happiness can also be attained by meditating on God's Word and through prayer. There are many facets to keeping a balanced mind, body, and soul. Fortunately, there are resources and tools to guide us in the quest for that balance.

The time is now to "move" for health of body, mind, and soul.

Finally, as we seek that delicate balance for body, mind and soul, may I encourage you with these two quotes from the writings of Ellen G. White:

"The things of nature are God's blessings, provided to give health to body, mind, and soul. They are given to the well to keep them well, and to the sick to make them well"—Counsels on Health, p. 169.

"Let every thought and word and deed reveal Him. You need a daily baptism of the love that in the days of the apostles made them all of one accord. This love will bring health to body, mind, and soul. Surround your soul with an atmosphere that will strengthen spiritual life. Cultivate faith, hope, courage, and love. Let the peace of God rule in your heart" —Counsels for the Church, p. 175.

An excellent resource for obtaining information on how to balance body, mind, and soul may be found at the North American Division Web site (www.nadhealthministries.org). Also, if you are wanting to start a Let's Move community initiative with special emphasis on tackling the challenge of childhood obesity, go to www.adventistsinstepforlife.org. And keep in mind the national "Let's Move Day" that's coming this September 22.

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College, Inc., Board of Trustees.

"The time is now to 'move' for health of body, mind, and soul."

Would **You** Be Prepared?

By Arthur Blinci

Seven lessons that can make a difference

Tim Gorman/TMGormanPhotography

The El Siloe French church was the scene of a three-alarm fire on May 22. (Read the news article on page 12.)

The past two months have shown us tragic scenes from the streets of downtown Boston, the rural community of West, Texas, and the neighborhoods of Moore, Oklahoma. In today's world, senseless acts of violence, horrific explosions/fires or catastrophic tornados, floods, hurricanes or earthquakes can occur at any time and place. If it happens at your facility, the question is: Would you and your organization be prepared? Oftentimes these tragedies occur with little or no advance warning. Being prepared and knowing how to respond in the event of an emergency is critical to your safety and survival.

We have witnessed many heroic selfless acts by first responders who risked their personal safety to help rescue and save the lives of those in peril. The way employees and volunteers have responded, doing whatever it takes to help those in need, has been inspirational. Through these tragedies there have been many important lessons learned as we have watched these events unfold before our eyes.

Seven Lessons That Can Make a Difference:

- **Having an Emergency Plan—**It is critical that every organization has a well-thought-out emergency plan for each facility. Even Jesus taught the principle of having a plan to prevent loss before it occurs (Matthew 24:43). These types of tragic events can occur like a "thief in the night." When the alarm sounds, it is time to take action; there is no time then to start the planning process!

- **Being Aware of Your Surroundings—**As part of your emergency planning have you included awareness training for all individuals? What should be done if something looks out of place, if a suspicious item is found at a church activity, or someone unknown is lurking on your premises or seems out of the norm? Employees, volunteers, church members, and students need to be alert for items or actions outside the scope of normal events and report what they observe to the appropriate leaders or authorities.

- **Train Your Employees, Volunteers, and Others—**Emergency plans cannot just be well-detailed guidelines kept in a notebook on the shelf in the office. They must be included in a living document that becomes internalized by your employees, volunteers, church members, and students. When the alarm sounds, will your people know how to immediately respond? Have you taken the time to train your employees and volunteer leaders on what to do in the event of an emergency? If not, why not?

- **Practice, Practice . . . Practice Your Plan—**To internalize emergency planning requires a commitment to both training and practice. Once you have taken time to train your leaders, it is essential to con-

duct practice drills on a regular basis. Is it too much to ask your pastor to set aside 15 minutes on a Sabbath morning to conduct an emergency safety drill? Schools have safety drills on a monthly basis so students know what to do and how to follow directions that could save their lives. Likewise, adults need to know how to evacuate your buildings or *shelter in place* in the event of an emergency. There is no greater act of stewardship than practicing life safety skills, even as part of a worship service.

- **Know You Will Be on Your Own**—Oftentimes when an emergency strikes, you are on your own until the storm passes or first responders can be on site to begin the rescue efforts. It is estimated that even the best fire and police response can take three to five minutes to arrive on scene. Major storms can oftentimes overwhelm the capabilities of first responders and you will need to rely on your own first aid skills and emergency supplies. Now is the time to work with your local fire and police agencies to assist with your emergency planning. Invite them to walk through your facilities and help to identify appropriate evacuation routes and safe zones within your buildings to *shelter in place* and the type of necessary emergency supplies to be kept on site.

- **Stay Calm and Take Action**—When you hear the alarm or receive a storm warning, always remember, *time* is of the essence! In a fire emergency you often have less than two minutes to safely evacuate all occupants from the building before the area on fire becomes uninhabitable due to extensive heat, smoke, flames, and poisonous gasses. Being alert to weather-related warnings can allow time to activate your emergency plan and take the appropriate evacuation or shelter precautions as may be warranted. Staying calm will help to minimize panic and will help others follow appropriate directions that can lead them to safety. The acts of well-trained individuals have saved the lives of many during these recent events.

- **Have Confidence in God and Others**—When disaster strikes, a well-trained staff can have confidence they are doing the best thing possible for their survival. Students in Moore, Oklahoma, were assuring teachers they were OK as they sheltered in place. Well-trained teachers had confidence in one another as they moved from their classrooms to more secure areas following the instructions being given calmly and confidently over the public address system by a colleague. Many lives were saved because of the brave actions of individuals who had been trained and practiced their emergency drills many times over, not knowing when disaster might strike. In times like these, when we have done everything within our human power—lest we never forget the promise that "The angel of the Lord encamps around about them that fear him, and delivers them" Psalms 34:7, NIV.

Adventist Risk Management encourages all denominational organizations to take time today to review their emergency plans to be sure they are current, train staff members on how to respond, and practice safety drills on a regular basis. If you would like more information on how to develop an emergency plan for your facility, please visit our Web site: www.Adventistrisk.org, where you can download the following emergency planning resources: Church Emergency Response and Business Continuity (http://www.adventistrisk.org/Prevention/ ChurchEmergency ResponseandBusinessContinuity.aspx) and Disaster Preparedness (http://www.adventistrisk.org/Prevention/DisasterPreparedness.aspx).

So today's question: Has your organization taken the time and necessary steps to prepare its people on how to respond in the event of an emergency? Is life safety part of your ministry plans? Would you be prepared? Think about it and take action.

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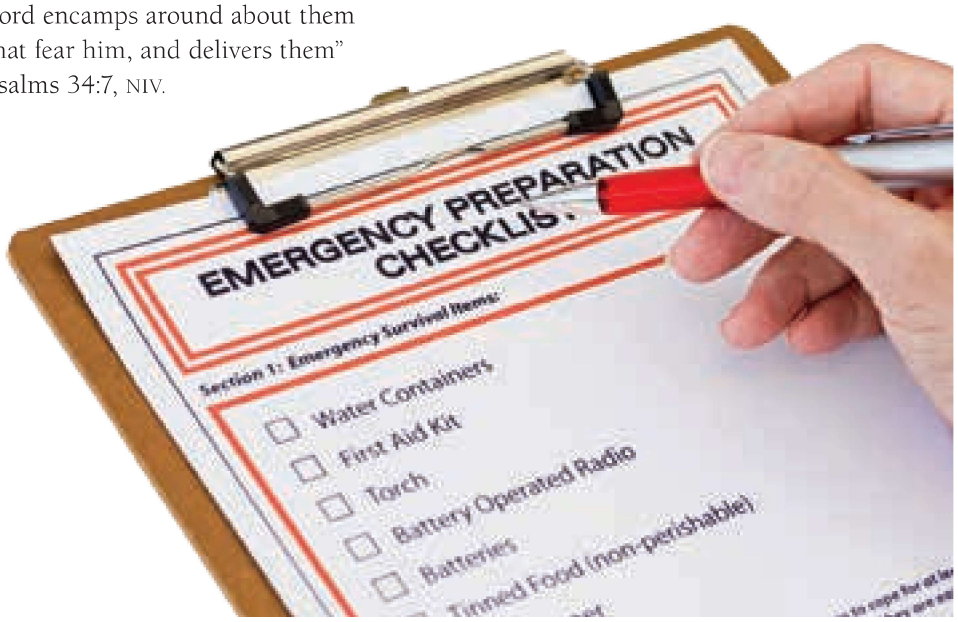

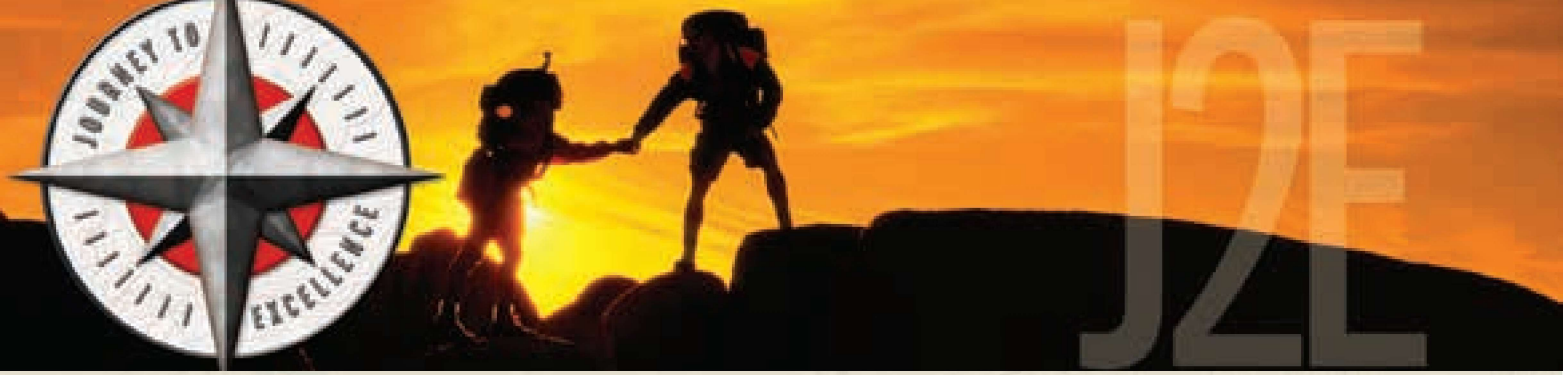

By Roberta Merrow

Adventist Education — The Critical Ingredient

In his devotional book, The Chosen, Dwight Nelson shares the following statistic regarding people who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior: 75 percent of all Christians in America today accepted Christ before the age of 14. This means that three out of four men and women who are Christians chose Him as their Savior sometime between birth and 13 years of age. The conclusion is that the most fertile, receptive target group of all spiritual endeavor is before a child turns 14.

> We need to realize that Christ's kingdom and Satan's kingdom are heavily investing in our children.

The most successful evangelistic field is among children; and the most significant investment the church can make is to pour its resources and personnel into the lives of the youngest. We need to realize that Christ's kingdom and Satan's kingdom are heavily investing in our children.

George Barna, the Christian demographer, compiles some interesting statistics in his book, Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions: Why Children Should Be Your Church's #1 Priority. He states that of the 31 million children in the 5-12 age bracket, more than four out of five use a computer regularly in school. Kids between ages 2 and 7 average nearly 25 hours per week consuming mass media, with the number jumping to 48 hours a week for ages 8-13. Forty-four percent of all preteens admit they have no role model. When naming the three most important people in the world to them, only one out of three names a mother or father; yet nine out of 10 say they get along well with parents, and one-third of 8- to 12-year-olds say they want to spend more time with their mother. These are sobering statistics.

Another interesting discovery I have made concerns the South Pacific Division, where our first quarter 13th-Sabbath mission offering was designated. On the back of the Sabbath School Quarterly for first quarter one can find the following regarding the large continent of Australia and the island of Papua New Guinea (PNG): the population of Australia is 22,674,000, and the population of PNG is 6,888,000. In Australia there are 421 churches; in PNG, 904 churches. There are 98 companies in Australia and 2,812 in PNG. Church membership in Australia is 56,741; in PNG church membership is 247,756. How does one account for the difference? According to the Mission Quarterly, ever since Adventists first began work in PNG, education has been the focus of outreach. There are numerous primary, middle, and secondary schools and a college dotting the island. They are committed to education because it is recognized that our schools are the greatest evangelistic effort there is.

Many of our students, upon graduation from academy, choose to attend a secular college rather than an Adventist college. Is Adventist education cost prohibitive? Lifestyle prohibitive? How do we keep students in our educational system and gain a better chance of keeping them in the church, or more importantly, in a vital, growing relationship with Jesus? We can help in this process by mentoring them, realizing their potential, working with them in service, involving them in church, and being the example they look for. All of this involves the family, school, and church working together for our young people.

And vital to all of this is keeping our schools going and growing, supporting them with our finances, volunteering, praying, and being committed to our schools and their leaders.

If a small island in the South Pacific recognizes the value of Christian education as an evangelistic tool for growing the kingdom of God, how much more should we have the same vision for our youth and the growing of God's kingdom in our corner of the world.

Roberta Merrow is a retired English/religion teacher.

Danbury-Bethel Navigators Place Second at the Pathfinder Bible Experience Finals

Brenda Dickerson

Manny Cruz, North American Division Youth Ministries associate director, left, and James Black, North American Division Youth Ministries director, right, stand with the Danbury-Bethel Navigators team from the Southern New England Conference that was awarded a certificate for placing second at the 2013 North American Division Pathfinder Bible Experience finals.

The Danbury-Bethel Navigators, the sole Pathfinder club representing the Southern New England Conference and the Atlantic Union, placed second at the North American Division Pathfinder Bible Experience finals.

The College View Seventh-day Adventist Church at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, was crowded with highly-trained Bible scholars on Friday night, April 19, and Sabbath, April 20, when the 38 North American Division Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) finalist teams arrived to participate in the final testing program for the 2013 PBE division finals. Pathfinders from across the United States, Canada, and England, ages 10 to 16, showed their knowledge of the books of Acts and first and second Thessalonians by answering 90 questions of varying difficulty and point value.

In most cases, the young people memorized vast passages of Scripture, often six to eight chapters, while knowing a lot of the content for additional chapters.

Event coordinator Gene Clapp reports that the 38 participating teams were from eight of the nine unions in the North American Division, and one team came from London, England. Each team was made up of six members plus an alternate.

The conferences represented were Allegheny East, Arizona, Carolina, Central California, Chesapeake, Florida, Indiana, Iowa/Missouri, Kansas/Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Northern California, Ohio, Ontario, Potomac, Southern England, Southern New England, Texas, and Wisconsin. Many more teams and conferences from across the division participated in the first three levels (area, conference, and union) of testing. The teams that participated at the PBE finals were the first-place teams from each union.

"With team members, staff, and families, we had approximately 650 persons in attendance for the weekend," Clapp said.

On Friday night and Sabbath morning, each team was invited to participate in the program by sharing a musical selection, and everyone was involved in the activities that included mixers centering around the Bible study books.

On Saturday evening following all the testing and tallying of points, screams of delight from parents, staff, and team members were heard as each team was called to the front and awarded their placement certificate. Twenty-six teams were awarded first-place certificates. This means the team score was at least 90 percent of the highest score.

The Danbury-Bethel Navigators team was among the 11 teams that were awarded second-place certificates. One team, depleted by sickness, chose to compete and placed third.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience program has had a major impact on participants. "Several students stated that their school grades have gone up because they are applying their study methods for PBE to the way they study for school," Clapp said. A team member from England told his director that he was scheduled to take a school assessment exam during the time he was traveling to the United States for this event. When the proctor heard why the student was not available to take the exam, he said the young man need not sit for the exam because his grades had improved so much since he began studying for PBE.

The 2014 Pathfinder Bible Experience will cover the book of 2 Samuel.

—Contributors: Gene Clapp, NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience coordinator; Brenda Dickerson, managing editor for the Mid-America Union Outlook; and Mark O'Ffill, webmaster for www.Pathfindersonline.org.

Greater New York Conference's Oldest Member Turns 104

Irene Wright is 104 and "still going strong!" She is the oldest known Seventh-day Adventist in the Greater New York Conference. Wright, born April 28, 1909, in North Carolina, became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in her early twenties.

Representatives from the Greater New York Conference, G. Earl Knight, president, and Rohann Wellington, communication director, joined Victor Dyman, the pastor of Middletown church where Wright is a member, along with elders Devon Tugman, Richard Mills, and Gary Thompson on a special visit in honor of Wright's birthday. Knight presented Wright with a fruit basket and offered a prayer of thanksgiving and continued blessings on her life and family.

There are six generations alive in Wright's family, and her immediate family members number about 275. Her cognitive abilities are still functioning well and Wright remembers the names of most of her family members.

"I have read the Bible ever since I was a child. I have depended on [God] a lot, and with all my problems I have felt His presence, and I still do. So I think being busy and not worrying about every little thing and knowing that God loves me helps," Wright said.

On a table at the entrance to Wright's home is a picture of President Barack Obama, along with a framed birthday message from him. Wright boasts that not only is she a good Christian but a faithful citizen who has exercised her democratic right to vote in every presidential election since she cast her first ballot for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932.

Irene Wright, 104-year-old member of the Middletown church, right, receives a visit from G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Victor Dyman, Middletown church pastor; and Devon Tugman, elder.

Wright's son, David, expressed his appreciation to the church representatives for visiting his mother, and he urged them to encourage the youth to visit the elderly. "Our young people should know that it is part of the culture of Adventism to visit the elderly. It's part of who we are as Adventists," David Wright said.

Irene Wright loves to exercise her independence and still cooks her own food daily. She likes spending time with her grandchildren and getting acquainted with the iPad.

—Communication staff, Greater New York Conference

Pastor Reaches Out to Muslim Community

Since 2012, Nazih Yacoub, associate pastor of the Yonkers church, has met with Muslims. "I contacted them through a Muslim school and received an invitation to visit them on their celebration day (known as Ramadan)" Yacoub said. Daniel Zabaleta, pastor of the Yonkers church, and Billwayne Jamel, pastor of the Morris Park and Port Chester churches, joined Yacoub in the first meeting.

Another meeting was arranged at the beginning of 2013 with pastors Jamel and Yacoub meeting with Imam Adam Adamu, the leader of the Islamic Yonkers Center. "I invited him and his group to come to our church, because one of the groups knew we are Seventh-day Adventists. He asked me, 'Why do you keep Sabbath? Jesus did not keep that day.' I gave him and the group an explanation that peaked their interest to learn more about Adventism, and invited them to a meeting. They accepted my invitation to meet on January 24."

Yacoub prepared PowerPoint presentations in Arabic and English that give an overview of Adventism. A total of 12 people attended. After the meeting, the group agreed to meet once a month.

Nazih Yacoub, Yonkers church associate pastor, presents a seminar giving an overview of Adventism.

Before they left, everyone received a copy of The Great Hope, and was served a meal prepared especially for them.

"On February 4, I went again to meet the Imam, inviting him and his group to our health seminar at the Yonkers Seventh-day Adventist Church," Yacoub said. "He came with seven people." The group volunteered to participate in several health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol.

"We are preparing to meet with them again," Yacoub said. "We seek your prayers for them to know the truth and to prepare their hearts for the Holy Spirit."

—Contributor: Nazih Yacoub, pastor, Yonkers church

Haitian Community Celebrates Fraternity Day

Members from the Haitian churches affiliated with the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) met on April 13 to celebrate Fraternity Day—a Sabbath of unity and fraternity. The event was sponsored by the GNYC Haitian Ministries department, under the leadership of Moab Honoré, the Haitian Ministries coordinator.

The meaning of the day is based on John 13:34, 35 and the motto on the Haitian Flag that reads "L'Union Fait La Force" ("Unity Makes Strength").

All GNYC Haitian pastors attended the service at the Gethsemane French church, the largest Haitian Adventist church in North America. They came to show support and to work together for the progress of the Haitian churches in all spiritual and social aspects.

Rohann Wellington, the conference communication director, addressed the congregation on behalf of G. Earl Knight, the conference president. Jose L. Joseph, Northeastern Conference Haitian Ministries coordinator, presented greetings on behalf of Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president.

Pierre E. Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference Haitian and African ministries vice-president, delivered a stirring and thought-provoking message. Many people expressed after the service that the sermon would produce a positive change within the Haitian community.

In the afternoon, Jean Marie Charles and André Célestin presented a seminar on the subject: "Already Seen and to be Discovered," a presentation on the Bible.

The organizing committee for the event included all GNYC Haitian pastors and a group of laypersons, including Glaphyra Lapierre, Daniel Beauzil, Antoine Vaval, Edouard Michel, Jacques François, and William Joseph.

—Communication staff, Gethsemane church

Pierre E. Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference Haitian and African ministries vice-president, delivered a thought-provoking message.

Moab Honoré, Greater New York Conference Haitian Ministries coordinator, speaks to the members attending the Fraternity Day services.

Corona Spanish Church and Conference Youth Ministries Unite in Drawing Hundreds to Meetings

The Corona Spanish church hosted an evangelistic meeting during the week of March 9-16. The speaker was Francisco Reynolds, a volunteer evangelist from Texas. About 150 people attended the meetings nightly, and were touched by praise, prayer, and the testimony of Jesus. In response to this evangelistic effort, eight people were baptized.

The church joined forces with Greater New York Conference's Youth Ministries director, Andres Peralta, who supported the evangelistic endeavor with his presence and prompted the young people from the church to get involved. Corona youth brought friends and actively took part during the meetings.

Sharing enthusiasm with the people present at church, Reynolds preached and invited people to make personal decisions for Christ. "This is just one of the many evangelistic campaigns we are planning to have during this whole year," Gilberto Cañas, the church's pastor, said.

This year, 2013, is a milestone for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York. The churches are involved in a great initiative to reach out to people in the big city.

Corona Spanish church is one of the largest Hispanic churches in New York and for decades has helped people to know the gospel of Jesus.

—Denison Moura, assistant communication director, Greater New York Conference

Francisco Reynolds, a volunteer evangelist from Texas, was the speaker for the evangelistic meeting at the Corona Spanish church.

Parkview Students Make an Impact for a Homeowner

It may not quite be as dramatic as "Extreme Makeover," but 20 eighth- and ninth-grade students from Parkview Junior Academy (Parkview) spent a week working to make an impact for a Syracuse homeowner in need of help. Their work to repair and beautify this home was all part of their "Project: Make an Impact" mission project.

Community outreach is a major part of the program at Parkview. In existence for more than 110 years, the school trains students to help others as they grow academically. These groups of eighth- and ninth-grade students, many of them refugees from Myanmar/Burma and Africa, have been fundraising since last September. Local businesses donated building supplies, food, labor, and expertise. A student's father who is a contractor donated his time to supervise the project.

Emmanuel, an eighth-grader from Rwanda, commented prior to the event, "This is the first time I've done something like this, and I feel like God is using me. It reminds me of the Bible and what it says—we should help each other. I can't wait for this project, I am so happy."

"I am always amazed at what young people can do when given the opportunity to serve others. This is the reason I became a teacher," project leader and teacher Mark Tamalea said. Many of the students have commented that it makes them happy when they make another person happy.

Students from Parkview Junior Academy spent a week helping to repair the house of a Syracuse homeowner.

"This project will benefit not only the homeowner, but it will also be good for us," said ninth-grader Jalen. "It will be a learning experience and will help us learn how to give back to the community that serves us. I believe it will be a growing experience for me.

—Beth Burghardt, parent of a ninth-grader, Union Springs Academy

Union Springs Academy Hosts Fiftieth Annual Alumni Weekend

Near the shores of Lake Cayuga, Union Springs Academy (USA) hosted its fiftieth annual alumni weekend on May 3-5, with nearly 150 alumni in attendance. Many alumni brought their spouses and family members, as well, for a weekend of fellowship and reminiscing.

The participants were blessed with sunny weather over the weekend as they gathered at their beloved alma mater to catch up with former schoolmates. Alumni also met the current faculty and students, while hearing updates regarding the Lord's work at Union Springs Academy. Futures and currency broker Gerry Greene, '63, attended from Dayton, Ohio, with his wife Sharon (Myers),'63, and delivered the Sabbath sermon entitled "Know the Lord and Live."

For the first time, USA alumni weekend events were broadcast via live stream on the Internet and archived on YouTube. Cory Pletcher, '12, contacted a friend present at USA during Sabbath School, noting that he was watching the services from Incheon, South Korea, where he is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

Union Springs Academy golden years alumni.

Another one of this year's surprises was touring the innovative hydroponics greenhouse, erected on the former milking barn's foundation, that was razed in 1999 when the academy discontinued its dairy operation. This new enterprise will provide student industry, as students earn money while training in practical agricultural work. The support of many individuals, along with a $10,000 grant from the Allyn Foundation, helped bring this productive opportunity to fruition.

Union Springs Academy was established in 1921 when Fernwood Academy and Eastern New York Academy were combined at the location of the Quakers' former Oakwood Seminary in Union Springs, New York. This consolidation created a larger and more centrally located Adventist secondary education program to better serve the New York Conference.

Today, Union Springs Academy, the sole traditional Seventh-day Adventist boarding academy in the Atlantic Union Conference, continues to serve students traveling from as far away as Bermuda to attend.

—John Schumacher-Hardy, president, Union Springs Academy Alumni Association

Students Learn the Art of Public Speaking

In May, all Union Springs Academy students had the opportunity to experience the art of teaching as they made presentations to groups of schoolmates, faculty, and community members. These student presentations were a culmination of the year-long projects that are an integral component of the academy's Direct Education curriculum.

During specially scheduled presentation days over the course of three weeks, students shared concepts and knowledge that they had learned through research and experimentation. Each student was required to attend 30 presentations that covered a wide range of topics, from eating disorders to sled dogs to the music of India. During the three weeks of presentations, students gained a wealth of knowledge from speakers to whom they gave their wholehearted attention, simply because the presenters were their peers.

Junior Brandon Visser's project was on physical training.

One objective in having the students give presentations about their projects is to provide them with experience in public speaking. Laurean Blakes, a freshman, said that while she was nervous about standing up in front of an audience and talking, she did better with her presentation than she expected. Blakes has an interest in the periodic table of elements, so she spent the school year learning about Polish scientists and writers for her project. While she felt confident in her knowledge of her topic, Blake's nervousness stemmed from a fear of public speaking.

A Union Springs Academy alumnus, Kyle Raymond, who recently finished his first year of college, said that he was much more comfortable speaking in front of an audience than many of his college classmates, a confidence that he attributes to his experience giving project presentations while at Union Springs Academy.

Junior Jonathon Ryan studied the human brain for his project.

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—Andrea Starr-Tagalog, development and alumni relations coordinator, Union Springs Academy

Annual William Miller Chapel Convocation

Featured speaker, Merlin Burt, is the director of the Center for Adventist Research, associate professor of Church History at Andrews University, and director of White Estate branch office

July 27

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French Church in Lynn, Massachusetts, Destroyed by Fire

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Firefighters on the scene of an early-morning three-alarm fire at the El Siloe French church in Lynn, Massachusetts.

The El Siloe French church on Liberty Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, was destroyed by a fast-moving fire on Wednesday, May 22. The first 911 call came in at 5:14 a.m. and by 5:30 a.m. a third alarm was struck.

The fire also forced the evacuation of more than 200 people from a nearby apartment complex, according to authorities. No one was injured in the blaze.

"As a church family, we have hope and we know that we have something special. Our God is a powerful and merciful God and we do not know why it happened, but God always has something better," Sem Omeler, pastor of the church, said.

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, joined Omeler and members of the congregation for a prayer service in the parking lot of the church building on Wednesday evening. "We, as a conference family, are shocked and saddened at the loss of the El Siloe church building, and we are thankful that there was no loss of life. We will stand with the congregation, supporting them as they rebuild their house of worship," Honoré said.

On Wednesday afternoon, Lynn city inspectors ordered that the 118-year-old wooden structure be torn down because of safety concerns. The remaining structure was demolished on Thursday, May 23.

Church members are temporarily worshiping at a local Spanish-speaking church in Lynn, Massachusetts. They are planning to build at another location, Omeler said.

The El Siloe church building, which dates back to 1895, underwent an $180,000 renovation six years ago, Abner Polynice, the church's first elder, said. The church has a membership of about 130 people, many of them of Haitian descent.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Twenty-four Baptized at Shiloh Church

The Shiloh church in Springfield, Massachusetts, held a three-week evangelistic meeting from May 3 to May 25.

Easton Marks, pastor of the Kingsboro Temple church, opened the evangelistic meetings and spoke for the first four nights. Walton H. Rose, pastor of Shiloh church, continued the meetings, presenting soul-stirring messages about life and God's unconditional love for mankind.

People were changed and as a result, 24 people committed their lives to Christ and were baptized on May 25. The members thank God for His love and grace and for the new addition to the Shiloh church family.

—Janet Russell, elder, Shiloh church

Newly-baptized members of the Shiloh church with other church representatives.

Deaconesses Ordained at Ebenezer Church for the First Time

In the earlier years of Adventism, no provision was made for the ordination of deaconesses. However, at the 2010 General Conference Session held in Atlanta, Georgia, a policy change was voted that allowed for the ordination of deaconesses, which had long been the case for deacons. The duties of a deaconess are very similar to the deacon, with particular emphasis being placed on assistance in coordinating services and the care of the sick.

Newly-ordained deaconesses and deacons at the Ebenezer church.

On March 2 history was made at the Ebenezer church in Freeport, New York, when, for the first time, 11 deaconesses were ordained, alongside two deacons. This solemn service highlighted male and female servants of God who have faithfully throughout the years served the congregation and the community.

This service was conducted by Harris Thompson, the church's pastor. It was simple, precise, and memorable. The newly-ordained deacons were reminded that, as they were being appointed to the office of deacon, they were also publicly reaffirming their own personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Ordained as deaconesses were Elouise Gordon, Hazel Isaacs, Joyce McClain, Mabel Connolley, Ena Joseph, Ann Ryan, Norma Shand, Lena Hayes, Rebecca McZeno, Marie Lucy Pean, and Ruth Grammont. Deacons ordained were Moise Grammont, Sr., and Donovan Constantine. These dedicated men and women of faith and service pledged to continue to serve the Lord with glad, fervent, and contrite hearts.

—Leonie Boucher, communication director, Ebenezer church

Goshen Temple Members Encouraged to Pull Themselves Together

Women's Day at Goshen Temple church in Brooklyn, New York, was a day of excitement and blessings. The event, coordinated by Deanna Lambert, Women's Ministries leader, began with Sabbath School taught by Fritze Honoré, wife of Northeastern Conference president Daniel Honoré and Lynette Thompson, wife of Harris Thompson, pastor of the Rogers Avenue church in Brooklyn. Goshen Temple members were blessed with the presence of U.S. Representative Yvette Clarke, serving New York's Ninth Congressional District; guest soloist Lorraine Davison; and the speaker Lola Moore, a pastor in the Panama City District of the South Central Conference. Moore's message was entitled "Pull Yourself Together."

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Lola Moore, a pastor from the South Central Conference, presents the worship service message.

U.S. Representative Yvette Clarke, who serves New York's Ninth Congressional District, addresses the members.

Fritze Honoré, wife of Northeastern Conference president Daniel Honoré, teaching Sabbath School.

Fifteen Baptized Following Evangelistic Meeting

D. Randolph Wilson, pastor of the St. David's and St. George's churches, left; Carlton Knott, the evangelist, second from left; and the candidates for the baptism following the three-week evangelistic series at St. David's church.

In three short weeks, Carlton Knott, evangelist from Lauder Hills, Florida, presented God's Word night after night at St. David's church in Bermuda, resulting in 15 baptisms.

From the opening night when Knott preached on Daniel 2, people began traveling from as far away as Warwick and Southampton on a consistent basis to hear the Word of the Lord being presented.

The messages were plain and simple, yet direct. At the end of each message, three questions were asked: (1) Was tonight's presentation clear? (2) Do you accept it as the Word of God to you? (3) Do you intend to obey God's Word for your life?

The Spirit of God moved in the lives of the visitors and members. The messages were similar to those of long ago, showing how prophecy is being fulfilled through current events.

Armed with the Bible and his computer, Knott's presentations showed how Scripture defines God's will for our lives and how it impacts our daily lives.

Perhaps most captivating was the on-screen presentations of how the Roman Catholic church fulfills prophecy and how the Bible predicted it so many years before. If it didn't come to pass as the Bible said it would, we could not trust the Bible to be the Word of God. It had to happen just as the Bible said it would.

In one of his final messages entitled "Multitudes in the Valley of Decision," Knott reminded the congregation that there are still people sitting in the pews who have not made a commitment. St. David's church is committed to following up on all leads in the St. David's area to assist people in making their decision.

Cyril Smith, Southampton church member, and the Seek Ministry team were instrumental in acquiring Knott's services as the evangelist for "The Last Solemn Appeal" evangelistic series. St. David's church provided the venue, and the members were a part of the ministry of saving souls in the east end of Bermuda from March 31 to April 20.

Leonard Gibbons, Bermuda Conference Health Ministries director, provided fresh insights on health from night to night. Traveling from near Dockyard each day to get to St. David's and returning each night showed his commitment and dedication to the spirit of evangelism.

Earl Godfrey and Godfrey's Bakery distributed bread to visitors in the gift segment of the program. Others who assisted nightly include Shawn Roberts (prayer ministries), Sherman Swan and Dora Baker (choristers), Tobert Dillas, Winston Berkeley, and Edward Stowe (treasury), St. David's audio department, Maverneen Fox, Iva Wilson, Victor Walter, Bible workers, Chaplain Kevin Santucci, Sharon Stowe, Ann Pitcher, Debra White, Teoni Hodgson (transportation for the evangelist), and more.

This evangelistic series proved that the laymen have a part to play and they are prepared to do so when called upon. Seek Ministry, despite obstacles, soldiered on until the job was completed.

"God is calling Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. There should be one hundred believers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is but one. . . Every agency must be set in operation, that present opportunities may be wisely improved"—Medical Missionary, p. 248.

—D. Randolph Wilson, associate communication director, Bermuda Conference

Rutland Church Welcomes Interim Pastor

The Rutland church in Vermont recently welcomed their new interim pastor, Janely Pierre and his wife, Rachele. He comes to Vermont from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor's degree in theology and history from Atlantic Union College.

Pierre was the chaplain and Bible teacher at Central Vermont Academy in Barre, Vermont, for two years. He is a man of many talents and interests, including reading—mostly about history, world religions, cultures, and social sciences. He is also a pianist.

Pierre's passion for ministry and bringing young people into the path of righteousness with a better understanding of who Christ is, will not only be a blessing to the Rutland church, but to the Rutland community, as well.

—Helen O'Dell, communication liaison, Rutland church

Janely Pierre, the new interim pastor at Rutland church, and his wife, Rachele.

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What's Happening in Your Church?

We are looking for stories about how your church is impacting your community, about how youth are involved in your church and the community, and other inspiring stories. E-mail your stories with the photos attached as separate files to the Northern New England Conference communication director. Be sure and include a caption with each photo.

For information on submitting articles, visit atlantic-union.org/writing-guidelines.

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Southern New England Conference Executive Secretary Announces Retirement

After a journey of 43.5 years of service filled with sacred memories for eternity, Whitford Shaw, executive secretary and evangelism coordinator for the Southern New England Conference (SNEC), will announce his retirement at the 2013 Constituency Session on July 14.

Shaw's journey of service in the Atlantic Union Conference territory began on January 1, 1969, as a literature evangelist in Bermuda. He received his bachelor's degree from Atlantic Union College in 1969 and that became the launching pad for his graduate studies and ministerial career. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1978 and 1994, respectively.

During these years of service, he traveled to 34 countries and served in the Inter-American, Trans-European, and North American divisions. His work in the church includes

Whitford Shaw, retiring Southern New England Conference executive secretray, right, and his wife, Gloris.

24 years of pastoral ministry in Jamaica, Canada, England, and the United States. He also has 20 years of departmental experience at the union and conference levels of the church.

Highlights of his career include four mission trips to Ghana, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, and Zimbabwe. While in Zimbabwe he served as the mentor for 10 theology students from Atlantic Union College, whose collective efforts resulted in the baptism of 1,375 people. His involvement in these trips highlights his passion for the salvation of souls.

"One of the great joys of my ministry journey was to marry my high school sweetheart, Gloris (King). This year, on May 10, we celebrated 43 years of marriage. My wife has served the church as an educator for 33 years and she became a tremendous partner in ministry," Shaw said. Gloris Shaw is the volunteer Children's Ministries coordinator for SNEC.

The Lord blessed them with three children and two grandchildren: Laverne, who is married to David Bailey, M.D., and their daughter, Simone, and Martin, who is married to Camille, and their son, Kal; and Kalina.

Since 1999, the Lord has guided Shaw's ministry experience in SNEC as pastor for the Lincoln, Rhode Island, District where the Grace and Glory church was planted, along with the start of the Lincoln school in 2003 with 17 students. Over a period of seven years that enrollment mushroomed to 64 students. Unfortunately, the Lincoln school was closed in 2011.

In 2005, Shaw received a call to serve in the Southern New England Conference office where God provided success to many departmental initiatives to advance His kingdom. "For God's leading throughout these years I give Him all the glory and praise," Shaw said.

His favorite quote is from the scientist, George Washington Carver: "No man has a right to come into the world and to go out of it without leaving behind him distinct reasons for having been in it."

Shaw says his own guiding principle is, "What I am is God's gift to me and what I make of myself is my gift to God and to mankind."

—Communication staff, Southern New England Conference

South Lancaster Academy Students Volunteer at Blood Drive

A group of students led by the South Lancaster Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society volunteered on May 10 at an American Red Cross blood drive held at Acton Toyota in Littleton, Massacusetts. The students helped in three areas: escorting donors to the donation area, registering donors, and working in the canteen where donors sit, eat, and drink for a while, to be sure that they are well before leaving after their blood donation.

The students represented the school and God well, as evidenced by the many donors and workers who commented on the students' maturity level and exceptional behavior. The students said they enjoyed the service they were doing and that they would do it again!

Ricardo McInnis, volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross, was pleased as well.

South Lancaster Academy sophomores Cassandra Fuller and Rafael Menezes volunteer at the registration table for the American Red Cross blood drive.

In an e-mail he sent following the blood drive he stated, "We collected a total of 35 units, which was nine units above the projected goal. So that's 105 lives we helped on Friday. So on behalf of the American Red Cross, myself, and the staff at the drive, I thank you very much!"

The students who participated in the drive were Cassandra Fuller, Rafael Menezes, Kleyton Rossi, Rosalba Valera, Igor Yoshida, and Leonardo Zamo.

Other students helped in a blood drive on May 23 at the Leicester Knights of Columbus. The school hopes to continue giving this service throughout the coming year.

—Theresa Robidoux, vice principal, South Lancaster Academy

Laurel Oaks Annual Concert Benefits Worthy Students

Laurel Oaks Adventist School Choir performed for the annual fundraiser concert.

Along with other schools in the Southern New England Conference that were involved in this venture called Christian education, Laurel Oaks Adventist School in Hamden, Connecticut, has been the recipient of God's grace.

The New Haven church continues to uphold and support Christian education through many avenues, not the least of which has been the recent annual fundraising concert, organized and promoted by church members Millicent Corbett and Paul Jackson. This year, proceeds from the concert totaled $8,541.68 to benefit worthy students at Laurel Oaks. Along with violin, piano, and vocal solos by local talent, featured were the angelic voices of the Laurel Oaks Choir, under the direction of Danielle Storey Carson, and several selections performed by the Blue Mountain Academy Bel Canto, under the direction of Lawrence Galera.

Although Laurel Oaks places its strongest emphasis on Christ and academics, education takes place outside the classroom, as well. An end-of-winter ski trip, a pottery-making excursion based on the book A Single Shard, and visits to the Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe houses put a spark into student learning.

On April 24 students took a trip to Mystic Aquarium for a hands-on lesson related to creatures of the Long Island Sound, where they were able not only to see, but also to touch and dissect marine life. "It was really neat to see God's underwater creation!" Neil Clauson, the school's principal, said.

Service is another keynote of the school as students continue to collect items for the Midnight Run. Formed in 1984, the organization is a consortium of churches, synagogues, and schools with the goal of finding common ground between the housed and the homeless by providing the basic necessities of life.

Adventist schools such as Laurel Oaks abound throughout the conference. With Christ's imminent Second Coming, adding the dimension of Christ in the classroom can make all the difference in a young person's life.

—Eileen Brown, school board chair, Laurel Oaks school

GRACELINK Curriculum Enables Great Teaching

By Syntyche Mashamba

I have been a children's Sabbath School teacher since my daughter was two years old. By God's grace she is now five years strong and still counting. I remember quite vividly my first teaching day. Here I was with a bunch of two- to three-year-olds who were just learning to speak and exercise their autonomy in many different ways. Frankly speaking, I am not a teacher by profession. My only qualification or rather, my three calling qualifications, as far as I could see, were:

- Being a devoted mother to a two-year-old
- Being a till-death-do-us-part Christian who is devoted to Christ
- Having a willingness to stretch my talent to teaching children's Sabbath School.

People in the art created for the GRACELINK curriculum are depicted in a way that captures attitudes, personality, and ideas—to be symbolic of the points the lesson is trying to make.

I was fully equipped with my copy of the GRACELINK teacher's edition, as well as my daughter's Sabbath School lesson book. With that, I literally went to task. As I started to browse through my daughter's book, I immediately noticed how the book began by discussing the relevant stages of development and their needs pertaining to social, spiritual, and cognitive learning. I was immediately drawn to its child-centered approach. Every lesson study is equipped with daily exercises to help the child to engage in the lesson. This approach provides a great opportunity for families to begin to cultivate in a practical way the spiritual growth that decision-making brings about.

I was amazed by my daughter's book, and my teacher's edition was even more impressive. Not only was it packed with ideas as well as skits for the lesson, but it also contained the same lesson study that appears in my daughter's lesson book. There was also an opportunity to apply the lesson and memory verse in sign language. This approach provided an opportunity to teach the kids sign language, which was tremendously popular, but also an opportunity to teach them tolerance for those who learn and communicate through sign language. I was highly impressed.

Another added value that I still use to this day, as I have since graduated from Beginners to Kindergarten, is the Parent's Corner. The authors provide stories for teachers to share with parents as they bring their kids to Sabbath School. I have used these stories from time to time and they provide for me a platform to break the ice and allow parents to share parenting skills, challenges, or cute moments that most parents can never get enough of.

The GRACELINK lesson approach made me look like a professional. It also made me feel like a genius graduate of "Hallelujah Gracelink University." It is practical and easy to use.

Having said that, there have been many times when I have wished it was more biblical in its approach of delivering the story or certain verses, especially on the kindergarten level. Kids have an amazing grasp of biblical stories as well as facts. Yet, at the same time, I also understand its contemporary approach.

There is still room for the teacher's creativity in using all the ideas that are in GRACELINK. I would recommend GRACELINK anytime. It is getting the kids excited about the Bible stories, the story of redemption, and most of all, about a loving God. The children can remember most of the stories long after a teacher is finished telling it.

Syntyche Mashamba is a member of the Lincoln church in Rhode Island.

Église Haïtienne de Lynn, Massachusetts, Détruite par un Incendie

L'église Haïtienne El Siloé située à Liberty Street à Lynn, Massachusetts, a été détruite par un incendie en évolution rapide, dans l'après-midi du mercredi 22 mai. Le premier appel 911 fut arrivé à 17 h 14 et vers 17 h 30 une troisième alarme a été frappée.

L'incendie a également forcé l'évacuation de plus de 200 personnes d'un complexe d'appartements à proximité, selon les autorités. Personne n'a été blessé dans l'incendie.

"En tant que famille de l'église, nous avons l'espoir et nous savons que nous avons quelque chose de spécial. Notre Dieu est un Dieu puissant et miséricordieux. Nous ne savons pas pourquoi ceci est arrivé, mais Dieu a toujours quelque chose de meilleur," a déclaré Sem Omeler, pasteur de l'église.

Dr. Daniel Honoré, président de la Conférence de Northeastern, a rejoint Pasteur Omeler et les membres de la congrégation pour un service de prière dans le stationnement de l'église, mercredi soir. "Nous, en tant que famille de la conférence, sommes choqués et attristés par la perte de l'édifice de l'église El Siloé, et nous sommes reconnaissants qu'il n'y a eu aucune perte de vie. Nous serons aux côtés des membres de la congrégation, pour les soutenir, tandis qu'ils sont en voie de reconstruire leur église," a déclaré Dr. Honoré.

Mercredi après-midi, les inspecteurs de la ville de Lynn ont ordonné la démolition de l'édifice en bois âgé de 118 ans, en raison de problèmes de sécurité. La structure restante a été démolie, le jeudi 23 mai.

Les membres de l'église adorent temporairement dans une église locale hispanophone à Lynn, Massachusetts. Ils envisagent de construire une autre église à un autre endroit, a dit Omeler.

Selon Abner Polynice, premier ancien de l'église, le bâtiment de l'église El Siloé, qui remonte à 1895, a subi une rénovation de $180,000 il y a six ans. L'église a un effectif d'environ 130 personnes, dont beaucoup d'entre eux sont d'origine haïtienne.

Jenean Johnson, directeur des communications, Conférence de Northeastern

Traduction: Margareth Morisset

English translation on page 12 of this issue.

La Communauté Haïtienne Célèbre la Journée de la Fraternité

Les membres des églises haïtiennes affiliées à la Conférence de Greater New York (GNYC) se sont réunis le 13 Avril pour célébrer la Journée de la Fraternité – un sabbat de l'unité et de fraternité. Cet événement était parrainé par le département des Ministères Haïtiens de la Conférence de Greater New York, sous la direction de Pastor Moab Honoré, coordinateur des ministères haïtiens de cette dite conférence.

L'emphase de la journée a été mise sur Jean 13:34, 35 et la devise du drapeau Haïtien qui se lit "L'Union fait la force."

Tous les pasteurs haïtiens de la Conférence de Greater New York ont assisté au service qui a eu lieu à l'église Gethsémané d'expression française, la plus grande église adventiste haïtienne en Amérique du Nord. Ils étaient venus pour montrer leur soutien et travailler ensemble pour le progrès des églises Haïtiennes dans tous les aspects spirituels et sociaux.

Rohann Wellington, directeur de communication de la conférence, s'est adressé à l'assemblée au nom de G. Earl Knight, président de la conférence. Pasteur Jose L. Joseph, coordinateur des ministères haïtiens, de la Conférence de Northeastern adressa l'assemblée au nom de Pasteur Daniel Honoré, président de la Conférence de Northeastern.

Pasteur Pierre E. Omeler, vice-président des ministères haïtiens et africains de la Conférence de l'Union Atlantic, a livré un message qui suscite la réflexion. Beaucoup de gens ont exprimé après le service que le sermon produira un changement positif au sein de la communauté haïtienne.

Dans l'après-midi, Pasteur Jean Marie Charles et André Célestin ont présenté un séminaire sur le thème: "Déjà Vu et à Découvrir," une présentation sur la Bible.

Le comité organisateur de l'événement comprenait tous les pasteurs haïtiens de GNYC et un groupe de laïcs, y compris Glaphyra Lapierre, Daniel Beauzil, Antoine Vaval, Edouard Michel, Jacques François, et William Joseph.

Personnel de Communication église Gethsemané

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Ejercitemos nuestra Mente, Cuerpo y Alma

El mantener un balance entre la mente, el cuerpo y el alma es necesario para tener una vida feliz y completa Estas tres áreas están interconectadas y si alguna esta fuera de balance o debilitada puede significativamente afectar las otras. Por ejemplo, si usted sufre de un severo estrés emocional, esto puede causarle presión alta y otros problemas de salud a su cuerpo. De forma similar cualquier enfermedad física puede causar una depresión aun cuando su salud mental halla siempre estado bien.

Una de las mejores maneras de mantener una buena salud mental y física es mediante una buena nutrición y el ejercicio regular. Las personas que escogen seguir una dieta balanceada y un régimen de ejercicio regular tienden a tener más energía física y mental. Duermen mejor y muchas veces disfrutan de una buena actividad física, una vida feliz y placentera hasta su vejez.

Pero es importante recordar que el tiempo de dar énfasis a la nutrición y al ejercicio es a una temprana edad. Es un hecho muy conocido que en las últimas tres décadas la obesidad en los niños en Estados Unidos se ha triplicado. Uno de cada tres niños en América esta sobrepeso u obeso, lo que incrementa su riesgo de asma, diabetes, problemas del corazón, alta presión arterial, depresión, insomnio y acoso. Nuestros niños son la primera generación en la historia que serán menos saludables que sus padres.

El tiempo es ahora de tomar la iniciativa de "movernos" para el beneficio de nuestro cuerpo y mente.

El alma es otra parte importante de la ecuación, ya que tiene un gran impacto en la felicidad y como las personas tienden a ver el mundo alrededor de ellos. Muchas personas obtienen una vida espiritual balanceada por medio de prácticas religiosas y la participación regular en servicios religiosos. La felicidad espiritual también puede ser obtenida por medio de la meditación en la Palabra de Dios y de la oración. Hay muchas facetas para mantener una mente, cuerpo y alma balanceada. Afortunadamente, tenemos muchos recursos y herramientas para ayudarnos en nuestra búsqueda de este balance.

> **"El tiempo es ahora de "movernos" para un cuerpo, mente y alma saludable."**

El tiempo es ahora de "movernos" para un cuerpo, mente y alma saludable.

Mientras buscamos ese delicado balance para nuestro cuerpo, mente y alma quisiera animarlos con estas dos citas de los escritos de Elena G. de White:

"Las cosas de la naturaleza son bendiciones de Dios, provistas para promover la salud del cuerpo, la mente y el alma. Se ofrecen a los sanos para mantenerlos sanos y a los enfermos para sanarlos."—Consejos Sobre la Salud, p. 166

"Permita que cada pensamiento, palabra y acción revele a Cristo. Usted necesita un bautismo diario del amor que en los días de los apóstoles hizo a todos unánimes. Este amor impartirá salud al cuerpo, al espíritu y al alma. Rodee su alma de una atmósfera que fortalezca la vida espiritual. Cultive la fe, la esperanza, el valor y el amor. Deje que reine en su corazón la paz de Dios"—Consejos para la Iglesia, p. 312.

Un excelente recurso para obtener más información acerca de cómo alcanzar un balance del cuerpo, la mente y el alma puede ser encontrado en la página web de la División Norteamericana (www.nadhealthministries.org). Además si usted desea comenzar un movimiento comunitario de "Vamos a Movernos" con un énfasis especial en el desafío de la obesidad infantil, visite a www.adventistsinstepforlife.org. Recuerde el "Día de Movernos" el cual se llevará a cabo el 22 de septiembre.

Donald G. King es el presidente de la Unión del Atlántico y el presidente de la junta directiva del Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico.

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Savings Time

August 2013	2	9	16	23	30
Bangor, ME	7:58	7:48	7:37	7:25	7:13
Portland, ME	8:01	7:51	7:41	7:29	7:17
Boston, MA	8:01	7:52	7:42	7:31	7:19
South Lancaster, MA	8:03	7:54	7:44	7:33	7:22
Pittsfield, MA	8:10	8:01	7:50	7:39	7:28
Hartford, CT	8:06	7:57	7:47	7:36	7:25
New York, NY	8:08	8:00	7:50	7:40	7:29
Albany, NY	8:10	8:01	7:51	7:40	7:29
Utica, NY	8:19	8:10	8:00	7:48	7:37
Syracuse, NY	8:23	8:13	8:03	7:52	7:40
Rochester, NY	8:29	8:19	8:09	7:58	7:46
Buffalo, NY	8:33	8:24	8:13	8:02	7:51
Hamilton, Bda	8:13	8:06	7:59	7:51	7:43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLANTIC UNION

Atlantic Union Attorneys Conference, Oct. 11-12 in Stamford, Conn. Speakers: Arthur W. Lindsley, Senior Fellow, C.S. Lewis Institute, and Robert V. Gentry, Creation Scientist, Earth Science Associates. To register and for information, contact Charles J. Eusey, (978) 534-1414, or e-mail ceusey@euseylaw.com. Sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department (PARL). www.atlantic-union.org.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Missing members. Do you know the whereabouts or have any information on the following names? The Billerica church is updating its membership list and would appreciate any information you may have. You may contact Pastor Matthew Vixie at (603) 401-0426 if you have any information on these individuals: George Chin, Marianne Yang Chin, Veronica Gayton, James Gillespie, Michael Gillespie, Michelle Gillespie, John Harris, Eric Kihia, Margaret Kihia, Rita Ricard, and Raquel Whidbee.

OUT-OF-UNION

Festival of the Laity FREE Virtual Conference. Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel, or hotel expenses! The North American Division Adult Ministries Department is offering FREE online training for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival of the Laity, Sept. 11-14. Attend from the comfort of your home, church, or office—all you need is a computer with Internet access. All of your church's leaders can benefit from these live broadcasts presented by globally respected facilitators. Visit www.festivalofthelaity.com to sign up.

The North American Division Music Committee for the 2015 General Conference Session (Jul. 2-11 in San Antonio, Tex.) is now accepting applications from musicians/groups desiring to perform at the 2015 General Conference Session. Applications can be downloaded at the 2015 General Conference Web site at www.gcsession.org, Click the "Music Application Packet" tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through Dec. 31, 2013.

This year marks the Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A brief history of the church, with photos of early pioneers, is online at www.adventist.org/150. Slide shows there can be downloaded for use in church.

OBITUARIES

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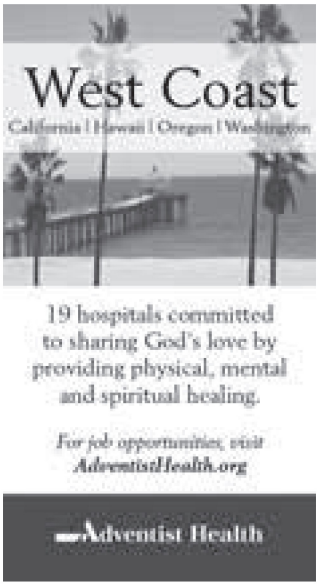

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