

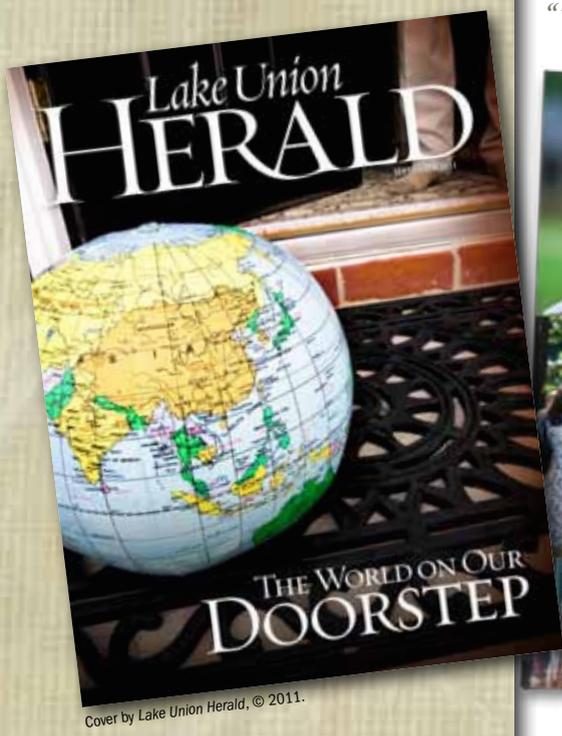
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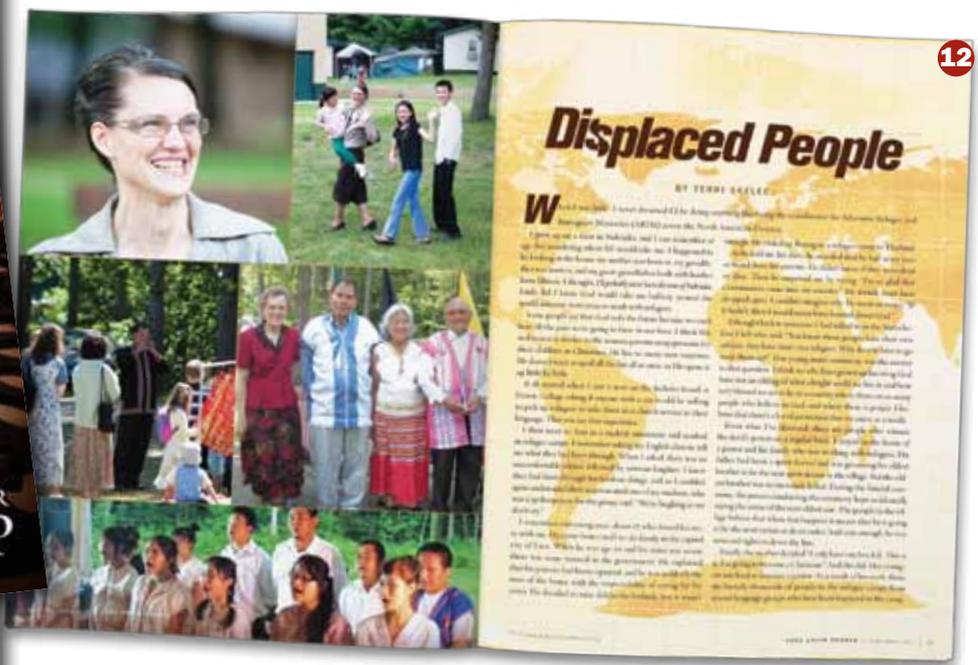


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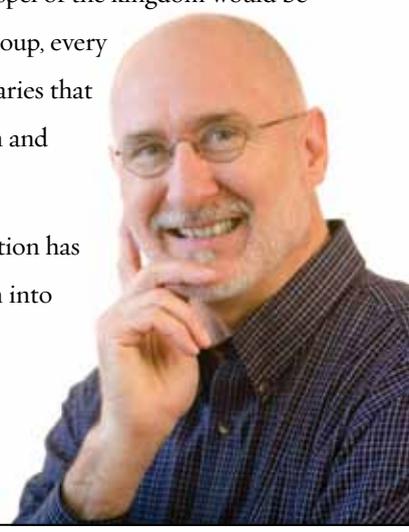
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## In this issue...

With so many "signs" happening all around us, it's easy to get distracted and lose our focus. Our commission is to make disciples of Jesus (see Matthew 28:19). That's what He has asked us to do. And He said that the end would not come until the task was finished! He promised that His gospel of the kingdom would be preached throughout the world, to every language group, every ethnic group, and there would be no political boundaries that could stop it. And once that task is completed—then and only then—will the end come (see Matthew 24:14).

Provisionally, every kindred, tongue, tribe and nation has been delivered to our very doorsteps. Let's love them into discipleship!

  
Gary Burns, Editor



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## Low Maintenance

**F**or many years, I've enjoyed saving money by doing maintenance on our cars. In the last 20 years, the 15-Bolt Rule has come into play. If a bad part can be replaced by removing 15 bolts or less, I'll usually do it myself. Water pumps, alternators, starters, belts and brakes—these are mostly accomplished within the 15-Bolt Rule.

But something painful just happened. After changing the front three spark plugs on my car, I paid someone to change the back three. The front plugs were easy, but the back three are so hard to get to. It was less painful to pay someone than to do the job myself.

The good thing is that cars are now very low maintenance. Other than oil and transmission fluid changes, there's just not much to do up to and beyond 100,000 miles. Some of you may remember the "good old days" when we had to gap the plugs and points, set the dwell and use a timing light to tune up the car—and tune-ups came rather often. It was high maintenance, a normal part of life.

Low maintenance has now become a high priority in almost every aspect of our lives. Our lawn and flowerbed must be developed to be as low maintenance as possible. In some parts of the country, automatic lawn watering systems are standard and outdoor lights magically come on at dusk. Heating and cooling systems are programmed with multiple settings for each day of the week, so you are always in comfort without having to even think about it.

With our busy schedules, it is possible for our desire for low-maintenance and automatic lifestyles to shift from material things to people. We tend to avoid those relationships that are high maintenance. Could it be that we neglect or even avoid our Creator because we see Him as a high-maintenance Friend? It takes real, conscientious and intentional effort on our part to maintain a Spirit-directed and empowered life. Our tendency is to revert to our low-maintenance approach and neglect the abiding, linear saving relationship with our Creator and Savior—essential for the transformational and abundant life.

While saving grace is free, the power to overcome (also God's gift) is provided by God alone through a relational process. We have a role to play. Jesus describes our role. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ... for apart from me you can do nothing. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:4, 5, 7 ESV).

Abiding in Christ does not describe a low-maintenance relationship. It is not like getting a tune-up every 100,000 miles. Our Creator seeks to bring us in sync with Himself—to sanctify us, to make us what we were created to be. Abiding describes the continual and constant connection produced by beholding the beauty of Christ's character, allowing His transforming power to flow into our lives—not just daily, but continually throughout the day.



## Investing in Their Future

BY SAM NGALA

While completing my graduate studies in business, I was preparing to serve God for one year and then start my own import and export business. I thought that working in finances was how God wanted me to serve Him as a faithful steward. Before I graduated, I asked God to show me where He wanted me to serve—preferably in a remote part of the world. I applied to serve as a teacher on the outer island of the Marshall Islands through Adventist Volunteer Services, and the Lord opened the door for me to go.

During my first year, I began to realize that the greatest investment I could ever do in my life was investing in the future of God's children. That is, I could teach them about God, His love, His grace, His mercy, and at the same time empowering them with godly, Christian, Adventist education. This would prepare them not only to be outstanding citizens of their country, but also God's kingdom.

As I was getting close to the end of my first year of service as a missionary, I decided to extend my service another year. I began to realize God had been calling me for a long time not only to serve Him through education as a teacher, but also as a pastor in the field of pastoral ministry. As I prayed more about it, I began to ask, "Lord, where would You want me to study more about You and prepare for pastoral ministry, and how would You like me to finance my education because I do not have the funds and resources needed?" As I fasted and prayed, I began to realize that if this takes place, it will not be because of who I am and what I can do, but because of who God is and what He can do.

I was still unsure whether I should go into medical ministry or pastoral ministry, but I began to realize I enjoyed



Sam Ngala

pastoral ministry more. I said, "Lord, I would like to study, but You know I do not have the funds. You have to come through for me." And as I was serving on Pohnpei, in Micronesia, God sent a husband and wife whose daughter was serving as a student missionary. During a conversation, I shared how I wanted to study in the United States. A few months later, the husband sent me an e-mail that said, "If you would like to study in the United States, I am interested

in loaning you money to start your first year."

I would still have to come up with the money for my room and board; but as a missionary, I didn't even have the funds to do this. All the savings I had went to help my brother who was studying in the Philippines.

A fellow missionary contacted a friend who was living in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and that is how I met Grace and Don Lloyd. God touched their hearts, and they decided to accept me into their house. God also provided a plane ticket through the school where I was serving.

When I arrived at Andrews University, I asked God to lead me to the church where He wanted me to serve, where I would grow the most, and where I would learn the most.



Don Starlin

From Left: Sam Ngala; Aung M. Latt, lay leader, Jacksonville, Florida; Saw Morrison, lay leader, St. Paul, Minnesota



Don Starlin

Youth attended the first Midwest Adventist Immigrant Youth Camp held in Albion, Indiana.

The Lord led me to the South Haven (Michigan) Church where He gave me the opportunity to work with the youth, the young adults and the rest of the church members.

One problem was that South Haven is about an hour from school—and I didn't have a car. There was a time when I had to walk to church on a snowy day here in Michigan. The Lord impressed me to literally walk by faith. After walking for half an hour with my hands getting a little bit frost-bitten, I said, "Lord, this is the farthest I can walk. You have to come through as You said You would come through." At that moment, a car driven by a man named Steve from South Bend, Indiana, stopped, and he gave me a ride. As I began to share with him how God had used him to answer my prayer, he began to share with me some of the pain he was going through. I was able to witness to him and share with him about God.

And that is how God began to impress me that even though I didn't have a car, He would take care of my needs for transportation. I now travel to Indianapolis as a church planter, nearly four hours away. God has taken care of my gas money through Adventist Southeast Asia Projects, where I now work part time. ASAP is an organization that spreads the gospel in Southeast Asia and works with the Adventist church here in North America as a catalyst to help immigrant and refugee pastors for their first few years until a local conference employs them.<sup>1</sup>

Last year, when I was visiting in Indianapolis, I came across many refugees. I also visited Grand Rapids and Lansing, Michigan, and I began to realize that there are large numbers of refugees and immigrants—from Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Nepal and Bhutan. These refugees and immigrants are people whom God has brought to this very nation, to our very doorstep, so that

we could reach out to them. But sadly, I realized that many of our churches and church members do not notice the refugees and immigrants. Some have gone to our Adventist churches and did not receive love and support, warmth and friendship. Many do not have transportation. Because they do not have transportation and the means to come to church, and because many of the church members did not ask them how they were doing or if they need any help, many of these Adventist refugees and immigrants are sadly no longer in church today.

As a church, there are many things we can do. When you see refugees and immigrants coming to your church do not just walk away—approach them. Introduce yourself. Ask them who they are. Ask them where they are from. Ask them how they are doing, show them you care for them. Many of these refugees and immigrants are about ready to give up their faith; and you don't know, you may be the very person God is calling to strengthen and encourage this church member, this brother or sister in your family.

By serving the refugees and immigrants, your faith will grow. By serving them, your horizons will grow. Why not bring the 10/40 Window<sup>2</sup> into your home? You can take the initiative to reach out through your church or family, today. God will richly bless your effort as He is blessing me.

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Sam Ngala looks forward to graduating from the Adventist Theological Seminary this coming May. He hopes to continue to plant churches and help advance the work among immigrants and refugees. He is also a member of the Asian Advisory Committee for Adventist Refugees and Immigrant Ministries of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

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1. For more information about ASAP and refugee ministry, go to [www.asapministries.org](http://www.asapministries.org).

2. The 10/40 Window refers to a rectangular region of the world which contains 60 percent of the world's population, largely untouched by the gospel. See [www.adventistmission.org/article.php?id=2](http://www.adventistmission.org/article.php?id=2).

## After the Wedding... Comes the Marriage

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Questions newly married couples find themselves asking include: “How do we keep the romance alive?”; “Who is really responsible for the laundry, dishes, money?”; and “We were so happy, but it’s changing. Why?”

The spring and summer brides have now walked down the aisle. The grooms have long returned (hopefully) their tuxedos. Now comes the “happily ever-after.”

While it may seem surprising, most newly married couples come into marriage with dozens of unanswered questions. They often don’t even know the questions to ask until after they get married. This is normal. After the emotional high of planning the wedding ceremonies and related events comes the settling in to the marriage itself.

In our marriage, an early question for me was “How do I get out of here?” No, it wasn’t that I wanted out of the marriage, I wanted out of the bedroom! We found ourselves in conflict over something, neither of us remembers what, and I just wanted to get away from it. So, I went to the bedroom of our two-room apartment and slammed the door!

There I was in a lavender prison, so to speak. Don’s grandmother crocheted us a purple, lavender and yellow afghan for our bed, so we painted the room lavender. I didn’t know what to do, what to say to make it better, and I just wanted to get away from it. But where was I to go? I tried to get out the window, but the windows were made so not even my head would fit in the opening. So, I had a choice: to stay there forever or to go out and deal with it!

Deal with it we did (obviously); but after many years, I can still feel some of the pain. Fortunately, we learned ways to communicate more positively and worked out ways to deal productively with conflicts—which are inevitable in every intimate relationship. On the other hand, we could have endangered the very survival of our marriage by avoiding

any conflict and not discussing issues of dissatisfaction.

In her book, *Uncoupling: How Relationships Come Apart*, researcher Diane Vaughan shares her discovery that couples begin to “uncouple” when one partner becomes dissatisfied with the relationship but refuses to discuss the dissatisfaction with their partner. Instead, the unhappy spouse tries to “fix” the relationship (sometimes by trying to get the partner to change in some way) without talking to their partner about the problem. When attempts to fix the relationship in this way fail, the dissatisfied partner becomes convinced that the relationship can not be salvaged and begins to look for a way to end the relationship.

Diane’s work suggests that the lack of open discussion about problems dooms many relationships. Sadly, she found that the other partner often doesn’t realize there is a serious problem until the dissatisfied partner already wants out. Not being willing to voice one’s frustrations to a spouse is toxic in a marriage.

As Ellen White so aptly put it, “However carefully and wisely marriage may have been entered into, few couples are completely united when the marriage ceremony is performed. The real union of the two in wedlock is the work of the afteryears” (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 359, 360).

There will continue to be questions in the “afteryears.” How couples choose to deal with life’s questions early in marriage are foundational to the long-term satisfaction and health of their lives together.

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# HEALTHY CHOICES

*Childhood obesity rates have skyrocketed.*



*An epidemic of diabetes is looming.*

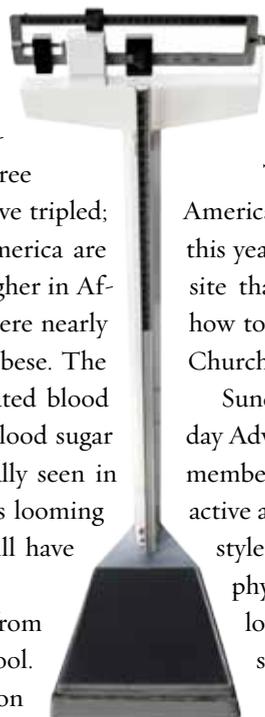
## Let's Move!

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

**W**e know more than ever before about the benefits of nutrition, fitness and a healthy lifestyle. And yet, sadly, we seem unable to implement what we already know. Education is not our desperate need. It is motivation to make lasting behavioral changes. While fitness equipment is readily available—and biking and hiking trails multiply across the country—the national statistics for fitness are not encouraging; and the level of fatness is increasing at an alarming rate, especially among children. The children of this nation are increasingly at risk of health problems, and chronic diseases are showing up in a younger and younger age group.

Because of this, Michelle Obama, America's First lady, stepped into the arena. On February 9, 2010, she launched the "Let's Move!" initiative dedicated to solving the huge challenge of childhood obesity. During the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled; and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. The numbers are even higher in African American and Hispanic communities where nearly 40 percent of the children are overweight or obese. The consequences of this are already seen in elevated blood pressure, abnormal blood lipids and elevated blood sugar levels in young people, which are more typically seen in middle-aged adults. An epidemic of diabetes is looming on the horizon in American society, and it will have devastating results.

Three decades ago, kids walked to and from school every day and played for hours after school. Meals were home-cooked with reasonable portion sizes. Today, things have changed. Kids are bused to school, and gym classes and after-school sports have been cut out. Fast food is the norm, and kids consume hundreds of junk calories every day in snack foods. Water has been replaced by sugar-sweetened beverages, and food portion sizes have doubled and tripled. In addition, teenagers spend an average of seven to eight hours a day with



computers, video games, cell phones, the Internet and other entertainment media. Few high school students get the recommended levels of physical activity anymore.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America launched the "InStep for Life" program early this year to promote a healthy lifestyle. There is a Web site that promotes the benefits of an active life and how to start a walking/fitness program. Check out the Church's Web site at [www.instepforlife.com](http://www.instepforlife.com).

Sunday, September 25, is set aside by the Seventh-day Adventist Church as "Let's Move Day" to encourage members everywhere to seriously get more physically active and stay engaged in the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle. Those who engage in walking and other regular physical activities are rewarded with a substantially lower risk of obesity, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis and cognitive decline.

When people greet each other with "How are you?" the reply is usually "I'm good." When we answer that way, hopefully we are not describing ourselves like the average American who is becoming increasingly greatly stressed, out of shape, overweight and deficient in sleep.

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# EXTREME GRACE

## Are You Going to Leave Me Here?

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Evenel paused. The question hung like a vulture searching for a place to land. Tears filled his eyes as he remembered the hot, humid January afternoon when the unknown woman reached out her hand and voiced her fear.

His day began like every other Friday in his home near Port-au-Prince, Haiti: basic chores and Bible study at home, followed by a wild tap-tap taxi ride to the school where Evenel taught English to several different groups of students throughout the day.

In the midst of an early afternoon class, the school building began to vibrate and then wave “like an ocean lifting and dropping your boat on a stormy day.”

Screams followed the initial shock, but Evenel quickly called for calm and gathered the students into the safest corner of the room. Around them the quake continued to shake, wave and grind the building and their world.

When the initial shock passed, Evenel led the students from the building, released them and dashed toward the center of Port-au-Prince where his mother operated a small shop.

“I will never forget the journey,” Evenel speaks slowly as if remembering each step, each detour, each body beneath his feet.

He ran, leaping over giant chunks of broken buildings, around walls that had been on the hillside but now lay crumpled across the street, through areas amazingly vacant of everything, and over bodies—some whole and lifeless, others just parts jutting from beneath rubble.

“The journey took a very long time,” Evenel remembers. “It was very hard and filled with fear.” There is another long pause. “I finally reached my mother’s shop and found her alive, but she had lost all of her goods and was in deep shock herself. Her eyes were not focusing and her words were not making sense.”

Evenel slowly guided his mother from the shop toward the home they shared. They would have looked back, but everything around them looked the same as the shop: broken, dusty, destroyed.



Almost immediately, they came across a woman—alive but broken—lying in the street rubble. Evenel stooped, removed some of the crushing debris, freed the woman, and then began to move on. That’s when she hung the question in the heavy Haiti air.

“Are you going to leave me here?”

The question crushed Evenel’s world into a tiny moment of decision. He saw the woman’s blue dress, her pleading eyes and her broken body, and he saw his mother’s tears, felt her grasping hand, and sensed a primal urge to run away from the broken street and the certainty of more disaster to come.

“Are you going to leave me here?”

It came again, demanding response—a command, etched with despair and tinged with hope. The voice of Christ called from the rubble of death, the Gospel Commission in a woman nearby.

Evenel released his mother’s hand and reached for the woman. She could not stand on her own, so he lifted her and carried her like a father would carry a broken child. With one hand guiding his mother and the other steadying the woman, he walked toward home.

“It was a long journey,” Evenel remembers. “We stumbled often, and sometimes I felt like it was too much for me to do. Then I called to God for strength, and walked on.”

They found a home where the woman had family and left her there with them.

“I had never seen her before and do not know her name. But I do know she is one of God’s children. I was privileged to serve her. I certainly could not just leave her there!”

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# What Is Intercession?

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

*Then [Jesus] said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."—Luke 11:5–8 NASB*

**W**hen we move from petition (praying for ourselves) to intercession (praying for others), we shift the focus of prayer. We need to pray for ourselves so we may receive all God intends us to have. We also need to pray for others as an act of self-giving love.

The dictionary defines intercession as "acting between two parties; begging or pleading on behalf of another; mediating." An intercessor is a go-between, representing one party to another. In intercession, believers go before God and make requests on behalf of others.

Jesus' story about the friend-in-the-middle portrays the role of the intercessor. This friend-in-the-middle has a friend-in-need who comes at midnight, and he has a friend-with-bread. Unable to meet the need of his midnight guest, this host goes to his other friend and pleads boldly and shamelessly till he receives what he needs. What he receives he carries back to his friend-in-need. He is a go-between.

The position of the friend-in-the-middle is the position of an intercessor who pleads with one who has much on behalf of one who has nothing. In other words, intercessors labor before God—the-Friend-with-bread—and plead with Him on behalf of those who need the Bread of Heaven.

In the ongoing work of God, intercessory prayer is of prime importance. People desperately need our intercessory prayers. Many people are hurting. Many families are dysfunctional. Many churches are stagnated. Many neighbors are living lonely, isolated lives. The majority of people in North America do not have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. And they need far more than we are able to give them.

They need what only God can give. And God chooses to give His good gifts in response to the intercessory

prayers of His people. That's where we come in. We can be friends-in-the-middle to God's lost and hurting world.

## Reflect

Who in your family, church or neighborhood is like the friend who came at midnight? What kind of help do they need that is beyond your ability to give?

What are you willing to do to see that they get what they need from God?

## Pray

*Praise* God as the all-sufficient Giver of every good gift.

*Confess* any failure on your part to intercede faithfully on behalf of needy persons around you.

*Commit* yourself to labor before God on behalf of your family, friends, neighbors, fellow workers, church members and others.

*Intercede* right now on behalf of one or more needy persons whom God is bringing to mind.

## Act

Make a list of persons for whom God would have you intercede on a regular basis. Start with family and friends, but go beyond them by asking God to lay certain coworkers, classmates, neighbors and acquaintances on your heart.

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## Hope Behind Bars

BY MILENKO TANURDZIC

Hope is, along with love and faith, the greatest gift we have received from God through His Word and through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The gospels proclaim hope for mankind in Jesus. Because of this good news, eight years ago an enthusiastic group founded the Bible institute named “Stazama Nade” or “Pathways of Hope,” headed by then pastor Dragan Stojanovic (currently vice president of the Canadian Union).

The institute was founded to proclaim the good news to all from the territories of the former Yugoslavia who reside in the greater Chicagoland area (along with northern Indiana and southeast Wisconsin). The group also desired to promote a healthful lifestyle as a component of a life of happiness today and in the future, and to motivate people to advance and grow in their spirituality; for it is through God’s Word that a man is uplifted and revitalized.

The members of the Yugoslavian Church in Chicago became involved in the work of the institute. A radio program of the same name was started. Thirty-minute broadcasts can be heard twice on Saturdays—morning and afternoon on 750 AM. Members of all ages took part in the preparation of these broadcasts, take phone calls from listeners, or visit those who wish to be visited. Countless literature is distributed—most often the Bible. Numerous contacts were established.

Two years ago saw the renewal of the Web site, [www.stazamanade.com](http://www.stazamanade.com), on which are posted some previously aired broadcasts as well as a number of e-books and articles. The Web site has been visited by more than 5,000 people monthly. Streaming (24 hours a day) of radio broadcasts consisting of existing episodes, music and articles is in the works. Video production has started; and with the cooperation of the church mission department, DVD projects oriented toward non-Adventists have been completed.



*Andria “Andy” Dedic, technician for Paths of Hope, assists Milenko Tanurdzic, pastor, before a broadcast.*

The church’s second Web site, [www.adventisti.us](http://www.adventisti.us), is also a popular site. Visitors find articles about current events, a multitude of e-books, video and audio sermons, as well as many links dealing with similar topics. The church has a presence on Facebook and Twitter, expanding the church’s audience to include not only those who hear the good news in the Chicagoland area but the entire world and all those who speak our language

(Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian).

Among the hundreds of radio listeners and thousands of online visitors, many contacts have been made. One of the more interesting ones happened at the beginning of this year. The prison chaplain in Kenosha, Wisconsin, called the church on behalf of an inmate of Serbian nationality who listens to the church’s broadcasts. He had requested a Serbian language Bible as well as other spiritual literature. A representative from the church contacted him, provided the requested literature, and maintains continued contact. The message of hope reaches everywhere, even behind bars.

The Yugoslavian Adventist Church members desire to preach the Gospel utilizing all available resources—especially media of mass communication (radio and Internet). In doing this, they become a part of Jesus’ prophecy: “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14 NASB).

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## La filantropía—a y el avance de la obra de Dios

POR CARMELO MERCADO

*En los momentos más difíciles, antes de que esta obra termine, miles de pesos serán depositados gozosamente ante el altar. Hombres y mujeres consideran un bendito privilegio participar en la obra de la preparación de las almas para que estén firmes en el gran día de Dios, y darán cientos de pesos con tanta presteza como ahora dan uno. Si el amor de Cristo ardiera en los corazones de su pueblo profeso, hoy veríamos manifestarse el mismo espíritu. — Consejos sobre mayordomía cristiana, p. 45*

**E**n el mes de junio de este año tuve el privilegio de asistir a una convención de filantropía en la ciudad de Indianápolis, estado de Indiana. Esta convención fue dirigida y auspiciada por Philanthropic Services and Industries (Servicios filantrópicos e industrias), un departamento de la División Norteamericana. Cientos de personas que venían de diversos ministerios e instituciones asistieron, todos con el propósito de compartir sus experiencias como también de aprender los principios de la recaudación de fondos.

Fue para mí una experiencia nueva el oír los testimonios de cómo Dios ha bendecido y apoyado la obra de nuestra iglesia al recolectar millones de dólares usando los principios de la recaudación.

En esta convención se me dio la responsabilidad de dirigir una mesa redonda en la cual discutimos diferentes aspectos de la recaudación de fondos en la comunidad hispana.

En preparación para esta mesa investigué y descubrí estadísticas sorprendentes acerca de nuestra cultura hispana. Por ejemplo, como muchos ya saben, la población hispana ha crecido mucho en los últimos veinte años: de 22.4 millones en el año 1990 a 35.3 millones en el año 2000, y a más de 50 millones en el año 2010. Lo que muchos no saben es que ha aumentado también el potencial de gastos de los hispanos: de \$200 billones de dólares en el año 1990 a \$850 billones en el año 2007. Además, de acuerdo al censo más reciente, se estima que para el fin de este año el potencial subirá a más de \$1.2 trillones de dólares. Estudios han demostrado también que en comparación con otros grupos étnicos los hispanos



*Lilya Wagner, presidente de Philanthropic Services and Industries da la bienvenida a los que asistieron a la convención de filantropía en Indianapolis.*

suelen ser ocho veces más dadivosos para las organizaciones de servicios humanos y dos veces más dadivosos para los proyectos de educación.

Al pensar en nuestro pueblo hispano adventista sé que existen muchos desafíos financieros, tanto en las iglesias como en nuestras situaciones individuales. Pero es interesante leer en el libro de los *Hechos de los apóstoles* que “ninguno decía ser suyo propio nada de lo que

poseía, sino que tenían todas las cosas en común” (4:32). Parece que los creyentes en Jerusalén pudieron enfrentar los desafíos financieros con un verdadero espíritu de generosidad. Siendo que nuestra cultura suele ser dadivosa no tengo la menor duda que las limitaciones que a veces vemos se pueden eliminar si nos unimos para dar con el espíritu generoso de Cristo, quien dio todo lo que poseía para darnos la salvación.

Dios desea que su pueblo vea las posibilidades y no las limitaciones. Oremos para que Dios nos dé fe para creer que para Dios nada es imposible.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



# Displaced People

BY TERRI SAELEE

**W**hen I was little, I never dreamed I'd be doing anything like being the coordinator for Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries (ARIM) across the North American Division.

I grew up on a farm in Nebraska, and I can remember at age five wondering where life would take me. I happened to be looking at the house my mother was born in, my grandfather was born in, and my great-grandfather built with lumber from Illinois. I thought, *I'll probably never leave the state of Nebraska.* Little did I know God would take me halfway around the world into war-torn areas to work with refugees.

Some people say that God veils the future because we can't bear all the pain we're going to have in our lives. I think His real reason is similar to the reasons parents wrap presents for their children at Christmas. He has so many neat surprises. He doesn't want to spoil all the fun all at once, so He opens it up little by little.

It all started when I saw a note on the bulletin board at Union College asking if anyone with a car would be willing to pick up refugees to take them to a church service in their language. That was my first experience.

I then went to Asia as a student missionary and worked in refugee camps. I remember asking my English class to tell me what they had been through. When I asked, there was an uncomfortable silence followed by nervous laughter. I knew they had been through horrendous things, and so I couldn't quite understand their reaction until one of my students, who was a spokesperson for the group, said, "We're laughing so we don't cry."

I remember one young man, about 17, who shared his story with me. He came from a well-to-do family in the capitol city of Laos. When he was age 10 and his sister was seven, there was some turmoil in the government. He explained that his parents had been captured, and he was suddenly the man of the house with the responsibility of caring for his sister. He decided to raise fish in the bathtub, but it wasn't

enough. He ended up fleeing to a refugee camp in Thailand.

As he told me his story, he revealed that he had never seen or heard from his parents. He didn't know if they were dead or alive. Then he surprised me by saying, "I'm so glad that Communism came into my country." My mouth must have dropped open. I couldn't imagine why. He went on to say, "If it hadn't, then I would never have learned about God."

I thought back to someone I had talked to in the States before I left who said, "You know, those people have their own culture; they have their own religion. Why do you have to go mess them up?" This young man's testimony was the answer to that question. I think we who have grown up knowing God have not an inkling of what a bright world we live in and how very blessed we are to be in a country where there are so many people who believe in God, and where there is prayer. I believe that there's a lot of protection that we enjoy as a result.

From what I've observed, there are people who witness the devil's power on a regular basis. I stayed in the home of a pastor and his family who was working with refugees. His father had been a spirit doctor and was grooming his oldest brother to be the next spirit doctor in the village. But the oldest brother was mysteriously killed. During the funeral ceremony, the person conducting the ceremony kept accidentally saying the name of the next oldest son. The people in the village believe that when that happens it means that he is going to be the next victim in short order. And sure enough, he was next and right on down the line.

Finally, the mother decided "I only have one boy left. This is it. I'm going to become a Christian." And she did. Her youngest son lived to become a pastor. As a result of his work, there are literally thousands of people in the refugee camps from several language groups who have been baptized in the camp.

But my heart goes out to these new-Adventist refugees when they are relocated to America. Due to our lack of understanding of the culture, of their needs, we have unintentionally alienated thousands of these precious people.

They arrive with a number of challenges, with language being a primary one. They typically have no transportation and don't know how to find a church, or how to ask. If they do find a church, they don't know what to expect or how to act. They most likely have never been to a church.

In many cultures, there is an underlying fear of imposing on others. They are often very warm in their hospitality. If you were to go to their homes, they would immediately bring you water or something else to drink. They may also provide a snack or an entire meal.

I remember, when I was in Asia, some of my English Language students invited me to their home. We were sitting and chatting around a little table outside and talking about different fruits because they were interested in learning their English names. When they asked me if I liked mangoes, I said, "Oh, I love mangoes." Soon, some mangoes appeared on the table and I thought, *Oh, wow! This is wonderful!* So I ate the mangoes.

Later, they asked, "Do you like rambutans?"

I said, "I love rambutans!" Pretty soon some rambutans appeared. I soon began to realize that what I happened to say I liked, they provided by sending someone to the market right then and there to get it. When I finally realized what was happening I thought, *Oh my! They are so eager to please.*

When they come to America, our style of welcoming them is not what they have grown up with. It is very different from what they would pour on us if given the opportunity. When they come to our churches and we only say, "Oh, hi. How are you today?" and continue on, they may conclude that we're not happy for them to join us for church.

One of their common greetings is, "Where are you going?" We might think, *Why are they asking me that? It's none of their business.* But their question comes from a sincere desire to meet any need that we might have. Their way of making us feel welcome is by finding a way to help us.

They wonder how to interpret our brief "Hi" and "Bye" at

church. If the situation were reversed, they would invite us to join them for dinner. Even if they had nothing but rice and water, they would invite us to join them. When we don't invite them to our homes, they assume they must not be doing something right. They would rather disappear from the scene than to be a burden or imposition to anyone.

When I was in Thailand, I had the privilege of meeting Chris Ishi. He was the pastor of the Fresno Asian Church and started reaching out to Hmong refugees in their community. He then organized a group of Japanese and American young people to go build a church in northern Thailand for the Hmong people there. He said to the Hmong refugees in Fresno, "I know that you probably still have relatives in the refugee camps. If you have a little letter or little package you'd like me to take, I'll be happy to take it to your relatives when I go."

Well, Chris ended up with three suitcases full of more than 200 letters and packages. When he arrived at the camp, Chris was not able to go in. He did not realize that he needed permission from the Ministry of the Interior from the capitol city, so I had the privilege of distributing the letters and packages for him.

He gave me a camera to take with me. There were tears in the refugees' eyes when they saw a package or letter from their relatives in the States. They would ask, "Do you know my family?"

And I replied, "No, not yet, but I'm going there soon." As I planned to return to Thailand, I had the privilege of taking pictures of their relatives here in the States as well.

Through Chris and other people who were involved in refugee ministry here, the Lord mentored me little by little.

When I was a student at Weimar College, I had an assignment to give an informative speech in class. I thought, *What do I know a little about that I can learn more about and share?* I had heard there were some refugees in Sacramento, about an hour away, so I did a little research and found out there were about 5,000 Hmong refugees there at the time.

The week following my speech was Week of Prayer, and the focus was on the Holy Spirit. The speaker touched briefly on the fact that within the space of two years everyone in Asia

***By serving the refugees and immigrants,  
your faith will grow. By serving them, your  
horizons will grow.***

had heard the gospel through the ministry of Paul (see Acts 19:10). That fact was just riveted in my heart. It's as though God was saying, "Terri, there's a little Asia right down the hill from you—just an hour away in Sacramento. And look around you. Here is a whole school full of people who are eagerly preparing to share the gospel. What a perfect fit."

The next assignment in speech class was a persuasive speech. My topic was "Weimar College Should Have an Outreach to the Southeast Asians in Sacramento." A missionary who had just returned took me under his wing and mentored me. Our outreach team worked with the Japanese Church of Sacramento, and the result was two church plants—one among the Lao refugees and one among the Hmong. Both groups are still there, worshiping and growing.

I had the privilege of sponsoring three families. I regret that as a student I was scared to take on the first one. When the family came, they were so sweet. I vowed I'd never pass up that opportunity again; and eventually, sponsored two more refugee families. The first family is the core family of believers in the Sacramento Lao church plant, and the other family moved to Michigan to find work. They have planted a Lao group of believers in Holland, Michigan. The Holland Church has just welcomed them with open arms.

It's beautiful to visit and see the loving atmosphere that there is between the members of the mother church and the Lao church plant. I just praise the Lord for how the members there have welcomed them. I wasn't there to introduce them, but love translates into all languages.

I never realized that I would be in the Lake Union myself. My husband and I were called in 2005 to come and reach out to the refugees for the Hmong people in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Now we're working primarily in Wisconsin, and God is opening doors.

While we were in Minnesota, the Lord miraculously put us in touch with a pastor who does translation work. He eventually asked his church leaders why they were keeping Sunday when the Bible says to remember the Sabbath day. Well, they quickly decided to shift their focus from Hmong ministry to another ethnic group, and they dropped him like a hot potato. They terminated him just after he had built a new home with ministry in mind. It was built as a split level so they could have church in the lower level. His wife was just about to deliver their third child and his benefits were cut—everything was cut.

But you know, God brought them through that. They basically lost everything except their faith in God, and that kept shining through. Thanks to the vision of the North American Division, he has now completed his Masters in Divinity at

Andrews University and is continuing his translation work of the Hmong Bible. He had recruited about 22 students to the Seminary he previously attended, and they still regard him as their beloved professor. A few months ago, the first of them was baptized and became a Seventh-day Adventist along with a Lao pastor friend of his who is bringing his members into the new truth he's found. It is so exciting to see what God is doing among the people who have been brought to our very doorsteps.

I worked with refugees for years before I realized that God gave Ellen White some very specific counsel. Tucked away in the book, *Evangelism*, under the title, "Working for Special Classes," under the section, "The Stranger in Our Midst," I stumbled upon these words and they began to germinate in my heart:

"God would be pleased to see far more accomplished by His people in the presentation of the truth for this time to the foreigners in America than has been done in the past. ... As I have testified for years, if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of earth. God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues. There is a great work before us" (*Evangelism*, p. 570).

I didn't see the whole picture at first, and then about three years ago I began waking up in the wee hours of the morning, thinking, *If I know about these few language groups that few of our members seem to know about, how many other language groups are among us? How many are eager to know God, to learn the truth about Him, and would be willing to commit their lives to Him that we don't even know about?* The thought just began to weigh on my heart.

I am discovering some incredible parallels between countries that we are unable to reach or that are extremely difficult to reach with missionaries, and countries from which we have the most refugees, asylees, other immigrants and non-immigrant visitors. I believe that if we were more awake to the Divine appointments that God is setting up for us, we might discover them in the grocery line, at the gas station or even at our doorstep.

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# Unto All Our World

BY ELLEN G. WHITE

*The article that follows was written nearly 100 years ago, but it could have been written today. There are 42 million displaced people worldwide. Three million refugees have come to North America since 1975, yet many of us are not aware of the refugees in our own communities, the odds they struggle against and God's purpose in their coming here. With your help, Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries is helping local communities to: plant churches among unreached and barely-reached refugees and immigrants in North America, provide Christian education opportunities for refugee and immigrant children, develop resources for reaching out to refugees and immigrants, putting refugees in touch with those who can meet the unique needs of each people group, locating pocket communities of unreached people groups, and more. For more information go to: <http://www.refugeeministries.org/>.—Editor*

While plans are being carried out to warn the inhabitants of various nations in distant lands, much must be done in behalf of the foreigners who have come to the shores of our own land. The souls in China are no more precious than the souls within the shadow of our doors. God's people are to labor faithfully in distant lands, as his providence may open the way; and they are also to fulfill their duty toward the foreigners of various nationalities in the cities and villages and country districts close by.

It is well that those in responsibility are now planning wisely to proclaim the third angel's message to the hundreds of thousands of foreigners in America. God desires his servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned millions of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities in our land from the nations of earth. Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time.

Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland. Among these men and women are some who, upon accepting the truth, could soon be fitted

to labor for their own people in this country and in other countries. Many might return to the places from which they came, in the hope of winning their friends to the truth. They could search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message.

Had the work of warning the cities of America been carried forward in past years with an earnestness in harmony with the importance of this part of the harvest field, we might now be standing on vantage ground. In urging this matter upon the attention of our brethren in responsibility assembled in a union conference in 1909, I said: "In New York City, in Chicago, and in other great centers of population, there is a large foreign ele-

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ment—multitudes of various nationalities, and all practically unwarned. Among Seventh-day Adventists there is a great zeal—and I am not saying there is any too much—to work in foreign countries; but it would be pleasing to God if a proportionate zeal were manifested to work the cities close by. His people need to move sensibly. They need to set about this work in the cities with serious earnestness. Men of consecration and talent are to be sent into these cities, and set at work. Many classes of laborers are to unite in conducting these efforts to warn the people.

“When God’s chosen messengers recognize their responsibility toward the cities, and in the spirit of the Master Worker labor untiringly for the conversion of precious souls, those who are enlightened will desire to give freely of their means to sustain the work done in their behalf. The newly converted believers will respond liberally to every call for help, and the Spirit of God will move upon their hearts to sustain not only the work being carried forward in the cities where they may be living, but in the regions beyond. Thus strength will come to the working forces at home and abroad, and the cause of God will be advanced in his appointed way.”

In *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VIII, counsel is given concerning this same matter. From pages 34–37 I quote: “I must write something in regard to the way in which our cities in America have been passed by and neglected,—cities in which the truth has not been proclaimed. The message must be given to the thousands of foreigners living in these cities in the home field....

“Who feels heavily burdened to see the message proclaimed in Greater New York and in the many other cities as

yet unworked? Not all the means that can be gathered up is to be sent from America to distant lands, while in the home field there exist such providential opportunities to present the truth to millions who have never heard it. Among these millions are the representatives of many nations, many of whom are prepared to receive the message. Much remains to be done within the shadow of our doors,—in the cities of California, New York, and many other states. ... We repeat the prayer, ‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven’ (Matthew 6:10). Are we doing our part to answer this prayer? We profess to believe that the commission which Christ gave to his disciples is given also to us. Are we fulfilling it? May God forgive our terrible neglect in not doing the work that as yet we have scarcely touched with the tips of our fingers. When will this work be done? It makes my heart sick and sore to see such blindness on the part of the people of God.

“There are thousands in America perishing in ignorance and sin. And looking afar off to some distant field, those who know the truth are indifferently passing by the needy fields close to them. Christ says, ‘Go work today in my vineyard.’ ‘Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest’ (Matthew 21:28; John 4:35).

“Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked. After you have given something for foreign fields, do not think your duty done. There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost



every language. These need the light that God has given to his church.

“The Lord lives and reigns. Soon he will arise in majesty to shake terribly the earth. A special message is now to be borne, a message that will pierce the spiritual darkness and convict and convert souls. ‘Haste thee, flee for thy life,’ is the call to be given to those dwelling in sin. We must now be terribly in earnest....

“My heart is filled with anguish when I think of the tame messages borne by some of our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear. The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. May God help his people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message.”

Recently we were favored with a visit from Elder O. A. Olsen, who has been appointed by the General Conference to have the general oversight of the work among foreigners in America. We were greatly cheered by the encouraging report he brought concerning the progress that has been made in a few places. He told us of the continued prosperity of the cause of present truth among the Scandinavians and the Germans in America, and of the plans for continuing the work among the French. We rejoice that the efforts put forth by the pioneer workers among foreign nationalities in the United States and Canada, have borne a rich harvest of souls and we pray that our brethren and sisters who have sacrificed to establish schools for the training of their children in their own mother tongue, may continue steadfast in the faith. Their labor of love will not be in vain. The workers trained in these schools should be encouraged to find their places quickly in the Master’s vineyard, and to labor perseveringly in behalf of those who know not the truth for this time. God will go before them, and give them many souls for their hire.

Elder Olsen told us also of the encouraging beginnings among the Italians, Servians, Roumanians, Russians, and several other nationalities. We rejoiced with him in all that has been done, and yet our hearts were made sad by the

knowledge that much that might have been done has been left undone because of lack of means. We hope that the special collection recently taken in all our churches in America, will enable our brethren having this department in charge, to do more aggressive work in the great cities of the land. Thus many may be won to our ranks, and from among these may be developed laborers who can proclaim the message to those of their own nationality in our own land and in the other nations of earth.

God would be pleased to see far more accomplished by his people in the presentation of the truth for this time to the foreigners in America than has been done in the past. Let us strengthen the hands of Elder Olsen and his associates in labor. Let us not permit them to struggle on, alone, with only a meager allowance for the prosecution of their great work. As I have testified for years, if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel’s message into all the nations of earth. God in his providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues.

There is a great work before us. The world is to be warned. The truth is to be translated into many languages, that all nations may enjoy its pure, life-giving influence. This work calls for the exercise of all the talents that God has entrusted to our keeping,—the pen, the press, the voice, the purse, and the sanctified affections of the soul. Christ has made us ambassadors to make known his salvation to the children of men; and if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and are filled with the joy of his indwelling Spirit, we shall not be able to hold our peace. The truth will be poured forth from hearts all aglow with the love of God. We shall long to present the attractions of Christ and the unseen realities of the world to come.

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## A Growing Church

Several events have been taking place in the Hartford City (Indiana) Church, and it is evident that God has a plan for this little church to grow. The common denominator among these experiences is the amazing work of the Holy Spirit.

In Spring 2010, Susan Landess, director of Indiana Healthy Choices, conducted four health classes at the Hartford City Public Library. Twelve persons attended; five were from the community. Church members continue to hold the interest with a monthly Indiana Healthy Choices meeting for those in the community.

Hartford City Church members also sponsored a booth at the Heritage Days Festival in May 2010. They provided blood work-ups and literature. Many people were interested, and the church found 40 good contacts. Last summer, they followed-up with a booth at the Blackford County Fair, which also resulted in 40 additional contacts.

Beverly Monroe was raised in an Adventist home by her grandmother in Washington state. She attended Adventist schools and was baptized when she was 11 years old. After graduation, Beverly drifted away from the Lord. Eventually, she moved to Hartford City and began attending church reg-



*Good things are happening in Hartford City, and God is using willing members to reach others searching for truth. Beverly Monroe (left) studied with Emma Maddux (middle), and she made a decision to be baptized. Also pictured: Ron Olney, pastor, Hartford City Church*

ularly—but had not yet made the decision to be a member. In response to the wooing of the Holy Spirit, Beverly decided to be rebaptized and officially became an active member of the church.

Beverly is currently helping with the Indiana Healthy Choices events and giving Bible studies. One of the persons she studied with is Emma Maddux, who desired to better understand Scripture. Soon, Emma felt the need to have a closer

relationship with the Lord and was baptized at Lake Placid. Both ladies are now active in the Hartford City Church, and Emma is also helping with the Hartford City Healthy Choices events.

In an effort to make their presence better known in the community, the church erected a new church sign. They covet the prayers of like-believers everywhere asking that they be enabled to continue their outreach and service to everyone in their community.

Cheryl Olney is a member of the Hartford City Church in Indiana.

## Eager Students

Under the sponsorship and support of the Indiana Conference, Ruth Ann Plue, a literature evangelist, has a booth at the Delaware County Fair every summer. Two years ago, Jennifer and Richard Wright visited her Bible Story booth at the fair and signed up for a drawing for a five-volume set of *Great Stories for Kids*, written by Jerry D. Thomas.

After the fair, Ruth Ann visited the Wrights at their apartment and showed them some additional books. When they saw *Bible Readings for the Home*, Ruth Ann says, “I could see they had an interest in knowing more about the Bible.” She offered to give Bible studies to them. They readily accepted, and she studied with them for more than a year.

“The Wrights were searching for a church,” reports Ruth Ann. “They were eager students, faithfully completing their prophecy seminar study guides each week. They accepted Jesus as their Savior, and each new truth as they learned it. When they found out about the Sabbath, they were so surprised—it just about blew them away! But they were in the Muncie Adventist Church the very next



Sarah Weesner

*When Ruth Ann Plue, a member of the Muncie (Indiana) Church, met Jennifer and Richard Wright at the Delaware County Fair, she discovered a Divine appointment. The Muncie Church family joyfully welcomed the Wrights into membership on June 11. From left: Ruth Ann Plue, literature evangelist/Bible worker; Jennifer and Richard Wright; Dwight Kruger, pastor, Muncie Church*

Sabbath!” The Muncie Church family had the joy of welcoming the Wrights into membership and witnessing their baptism on June 11.

In reflecting on this ministry, George Crumley, secretary/treasurer for the Indiana Conference, says, “Through the prayers and efforts of our literature evangelists, individuals are reached with a message of hope that encourages them to commit their lives to Christ through baptism into His cherished church. To see an increase in the kingdom of God is the hoped-for outcome

when funds are provided by the Indiana Conference for our literature ministry work.”

Judith Yeoman is the correspondent for the Indiana Conference.

## I Belong

**L**acey Goley’s journey began more than a year ago when she began watching the Hope Channel—the official Seventh-day Adventist online TV channel—on her cable network. A wife and young mother of two, Lacey prayed for the Lord to lead her because she felt something was missing in her life.

About that same time, in March 2010, the Madison Church in Indiana distributed Bible study invitation cards to residents in three zip codes. “Lacey was one of 55 from the community who responded to the cards we mailed,” reports Eric Freking, pastor. Completing the 27 Amazing Facts Bible study lessons, Lacey was an eager learner “searching for truth.” After doing just a few of the studies, Lacey began attending Sabbath services at the Madison Church and the Monday night Bible study.

In February 2011, Lacey volunteered and faithfully served when the Madison Church hosted a *CHIP* (Coro-



*Lacey Goley was baptized on May 7. During her testimony on the day she was baptized, she remarked, “I believe this is where I belong.”*

nary Health Improvement Project) Express program with Susan Landess, Indiana Healthy Choices director. “There was a tremendous response to this outreach endeavor,” says Eric, “with 30 attending from the community.”

After a year of Bible study and prayer for God’s guidance, Lacey requested baptism. On May 7, the Sabbath of her baptism, Lacey shared her testimony with the congregation. She stated, “I believe this is where I belong.”

Karen Starr is the communication leader of the Madison Church in Indiana.

Karen Starr



Sheila Galloro

Ron Raidy recovers from quadruple bypass surgery at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital with his wife, Karin, and daughter, Kristina, by his side.

## Ron Raidy experiences Fourth of July miracle

The last thing Ron Raidy remembers was shooting off a cannon.

His Civil War re-enactment group was nearing the end of the Hinsdale July Fourth parade. The Confederate artillery unit draws a lot of interest wherever it goes, especially when they fire the bronze cannon perched on its carriage.

“We had pushed the cannon for more than a mile,” Raidy said, “but I felt fine. I didn’t feel anything coming on.”

Instead of hearing the crowd’s cheer, he collapsed in full cardiac arrest. A few days later, he was recovering from quadruple bypass surgery at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

“It’s like a miracle,” Raidy said.

Although he had no history of heart trouble and he was in good shape leading up to the parade—from pushing a cannon for the last three years, he quips—he nearly died. Officials said he was not breathing for five minutes.

But because people like Mike Dominguez were around, Raidy is still alive today. Dominguez, the lead house director at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, just hap-

pened to be walking in the parade with the hospital’s float right behind Raidy. He sprang into action as soon as Raidy went down and preformed CPR on the 61-year-old man.

“If he had experienced this episode of cardiac arrest anywhere else, or under different circumstances, he wouldn’t have made it,” Dominguez said. “Rarely do we get such dramatic second chances in life; and when we do, the seminal question then becomes, *What do I do with this new chance?*”

Later, Dominguez spoke with Raidy in the hospital emergency room and came away with a sense that Raidy felt a new purpose for his life.

“As a third generation Seventh-day Adventist, I am impressed to think of our lives as gifts, and with that comes the stewardship responsibility to manage that which God has entrusted to us,” Dominguez said. “I was blessed and privileged to be a part of his resuscitation effort, and I feel that Ron is enjoying his newfound opportunity as truly a gift of grace from God.”

Dominguez isn’t the only one who was amazingly by Raidy’s situation. After all, there wasn’t just a team of medical professionals behind Raidy, there were also police armed with defibrillators.

“His timing couldn’t have been better,” said Kevin Baker, a firefighter and paramedic with the Hinsdale Fire Department. “The [Adventist Hinsdale] hospital float was right behind him, so there were a lot of medical personnel right there.”

As even better luck would have it, a cardiologist who specializes in heart rhythms was watching the parade with his family.

“I noticed all the commotion when he went down,” said Greg Lewis, an electrophysiologist who treats patients at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. “When he wasn’t getting up, I went over and found that he was unconscious, not breathing and without a pulse.”

Lewis recognized Raidy was in danger of dying. He immediately began administering CPR, staying with it until Hinsdale Police officer, Tim Lennox, arrived with an automatic external defibrillator. The AED shocked Raidy enough to resuscitate him, and Hinsdale paramedics took him to the hospital.

Firefighters said they see too many cardiac arrest cases that don’t have happy endings.

“Just knowing Mr. Raidy has had a successful outcome,” Baker said, “makes all of our work and training worthwhile.”

Lewis concurred, adding that while he diagnoses heart rhythms every day, he never expected to be doing it on his day off.

“When a cardiac arrest happens outside of the hospital, your only hope is that someone is there to witness it, and someone has immediate access to a defibrillator,” he said. “In this case, we had both of those. Were it not for those, Mr. Raidy would have been dead.”

Raidy said he wants to take CPR training in case he comes across someone who needs his help.

It’s the least he can do, Raidy said.

“It was Divine intervention,” he said. “It was a miracle. The Big Guy has a plan for me and I’m listening.”

Sheila Galloro, public relations specialist,  
Adventist Midwest Health

## Welcome to Griggs University & International Academy

Nine months from the day ownership was transferred to Andrews University, Griggs University & Griggs International Academy arrived at its new home. During the months of June and July, every piece of Griggs University & Griggs International Academy—from student records and textbooks, to office décor and historical archives dating back to 1909—were packed up in Maryland, loaded onto moving trucks and delivered to the new Griggs Hall on the campus of Andrews University.

On July 15, a welcome reception was held for employees of Griggs University & Griggs International Academy, who joined the Andrews University community as part of a newly established School of Distance Education. Their new headquarters will operate out of the Lake Union Conference building, which Andrews recently purchased but will continue to share with the Union until they build a new facility for their operations. The wing where Griggs is located will be named Griggs Hall in honor of Frederick Griggs, a leading Adventist educator at Andrews and elsewhere, and the namesake for Griggs University & Griggs International Academy. In addition to housing Griggs, the new Griggs Hall is also the new home for the Office of Development, the Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services and the Office of Affiliation & Extension Programs. These offices relocated to Griggs to help ease congestion in the Administration Building.

Building tours of the new Griggs Hall revealed a reconfigured building that includes office suites, a reception area, two distance education classrooms, a testing area, a mailroom and the Griggs bookstore and warehouse.



Near the end of the welcome reception for Griggs, Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen gathered attendees to give recognition to a few key individuals. Among those he recognized was Alayne Thorpe (center), the dean of the School of Distance Education and interim president of Griggs University & International Academy. Pictured on the far left is Pat Mutch, a former academic vice president who came out of retirement to oversee the transition of Griggs from Md. to Mich.

Many of the new employees of Griggs and the School of Distance Education were present at the welcome reception, while others are still in the process of relocating to the area.

Near the end of the welcome reception for Griggs, Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen gathered attendees; and he, along with provost Andrea Luxton, gave special thanks and recognition to a few key individuals. Among those recognized was Alayne Thorpe, the dean of the School of Distance Education and interim president of Griggs University & Griggs International Academy. Thorpe introduced her team and gave special thanks to Pat Mutch, a former academic vice-president who came out of retirement to oversee the transition of Griggs from Maryland to Michigan.

Andreasen also expressed appreciation to the previous occupants of the building, the Lake Union Conference staff. "I hope that in the midst of the discomfort of moving twice, you will also have some satisfaction of seeing this house full of people once again. It

was built by the Church to serve the Church, and then it became too big for the services provided. But now, it's going to be full of service once again," said Andreasen. He then gave a prayer of thanks to God for His blessings and dedicated "the people and this place to His service."

Andrews University, including Griggs and the new School of Distance Education, now has more than 10,000 students around the world.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication



During the welcome reception for Griggs University & International Academy, building tours of the new Griggs Hall were offered. Shown is the new mailroom where textbooks, lessons and other resources will be packaged and shipped to students around the world.

## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]



Gordon Dezotell, math teacher at HAA, assists Orlando Hernandez.

## HAA revamps to become a model academy

Illinois—“HAA (Hinsdale Adventist Academy) became an oasis for me. It’s where I found healing,” said Juan Bello, who lost his parents four years ago and was taken in by an Adventist aunt and uncle. “When my aunt told me about HAA, I had absolutely no desire to go there—or to any school in Hinsdale where the rich and wealthy live. But this is where I found healing. The teachers were so caring. Pastor (Danny) Frederick helped me so much.

“When I started four years ago as a freshman, the school was very laid back. I would say spirituality was at a low level. The education was okay. Dr. (George) Babcock brought new life into the school, especially on the spiritual side. For the Week of Prayer, he brought in a terrific speaker. The students were still talking about it two months later. We had very good chapels last year, and the singing—the praise team really improved.”

Bello is off to college now with the goal of becoming a medical doctor, thanks to the school’s Honduras mission oppor-

tunity where he worked side by side with a doctor in the medical clinic.

For Tom Dunham, who teaches high school history and has two children at HAA, “The big thing is the new vision for the school, the things that happened this past year and what is in the works. I think it’s the technology that will impact us more and more. Classroom teachers will tap in, and it will become a great component for the students.

“This was such a spiritual year. Bible Camp usually drew only a handful of students. This year we probably had 60 students come for the camping weekend. Pastor Milton Coronado was the speaker, and the kids had a great experience with God. The 30-hour famine had 70, more than double the usual number. The kids really stepped up with some great spiritual leadership. Personally, I want to see these kids in the kingdom, and whatever we can do to help them spiritually is important.”

“I really enjoy the changes. The school has made good progress,” said Claudio Velasquez, who has two children attending. “I believe this coming year will be even better. Changes are always difficult. My experience is very positive.”

“I hate change. It’s been hard, but it’s been good. It’s made me a better teacher. It’s made me strive for more excellence for myself and my students,” said Olga Datil, who teaches first grade. “And I’m bracing for more changes. I say, just hold onto your hat!”

One school year down, two to go—for the aggressive HAA upgrade. Never before has this school undergone so much change, progress and revamping in a single year.

Enter George Babcock, coming out of retirement for a third time. In 2010, after spending several months observing every area of HAA and providing a 40-page presentation to the academy’s school board, Babcock was charged to solve the number one problem—declining student enrollment and administration/faculty retention.

This is not unique to the Hinsdale school. According to Babcock, more and more Adventist schools are encountering the same problems—and too many

are closing. Babcock stirred the School Board with these words, “We’ve got to do something at HAA.”

Babcock believes HAA has the potential to become a truly great academy, a leader in the push for excellence in Seventh-day Adventist education. Under Babcock’s leadership, the Board anticipates that HAA will be a long way down the road to educational excellence.

“In order to do God’s work, you must be willing to think outside the box,” Babcock said. He determined to raise the standards, enhance the image, and make HAA a school where parents want to send their children, knowing they are getting a quality education with a strong spiritual component.

Year one of the three-year commission has now ended, and the school is actually ahead of schedule. In just a few months, the school building underwent a series of renovations—new offices, complete rewiring and a new roof. HAA was introduced to RenWeb, an academic Web site where parents can stay current with daily homework assignments, exams and other class work as well as view report cards. Now text messaging, sent 24 hours in advance, announces school closings due to inclement weather.

So how can such a small academy accomplish so much in a single school year? This is where Babcock made a bold move. He hired the academy’s first director of advancement, Hebe Soares, to bring money into the school without burdening the parents and constituent churches or placing social pressure on the students. She accomplishes this by tapping additional streams of income through various philanthropists, those interested in giving gift donations and academy alumni.

Soares doesn’t use the typical blanket method. She works closely with teachers to learn what they need to enhance their classrooms and curriculum. Once a marketing strategy is in place, Soares pools the most effective market resources based on profession, ability to give and personal interest.

“Share the vision, never share the need,” she says. “People are most likely to financially support what ministers direct

to them, and then they'll donate repeatedly."

All teachers are now required to hold denominational certifications and at least a master's degree, or working on it. They also attend workshops and seminars for personal growth.

The addition of a Spanish curriculum for grades K-12 and a full-time certified physical education instructor jump-started the last school year.

Associate principal Robert Jackson is also evidence of Babcock thinking outside the box. He is grateful to have Babcock as a mentor, finds fulfillment in school administration, and shares the same vi-



David Forner graduated from eighth grade in 2011. He is an accomplished violinist.

sion for HAA school growth. The plan is for a principal always to have somebody in training.

Two new programs are being implemented now. A Microsoft IT Academy Program was introduced to students and

parents in late April. While the focus is on providing this program to students, it is open to parents and church members as well. This fall a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, in partnership with Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, will be available to high school students.

To learn more about the school, go to [www.haa.org](http://www.haa.org).

Karen Ferrusquia, parent, and Dorothy Deer, communication director, Hinsdale Church

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PWA Spelling Bee 2011 judges, coordinator and principal congratulate winners. From left (back) Darlene Brown, coordinator; Juanita Martin, principal; Rodney Cooper, Kathleen Martin and Joyce Bone, judges; (front): Henry Lowery, Juelien Vaughan and Jasmine Smith

## PWA Spelling Bee 2011 winners announced

**Lake Region**—During June 2010, an official spelling list was mailed to every child entering grades five to nine at Peterson-Warren Academy, in Inkster, Mich., to begin their studying during the summer months. When school began in Fall 2010, a total of 31 students signed up for the first annual Spelling Bee Challenge held at the beginning of the school year.

From the beginning of the school year, students were impressed to always do their best and to put God first in every aspect of their lives. With this in mind, they attacked the Spelling Bee

words with prayer and with diligence, knowing their efforts would be rewarded.

After three elimination rounds, held Oct. 5, 2010, Jan. 4 and Mar. 7, the field was narrowed down to ten finalists: Alicia Dent, Kobe Gary, Tyree Kelly, Imani Laues, Henry Lowery, Jillian Romeo, Jasmine Smith, Juelien Vaughan, Stephen Wallace and Justin Williams.

During a season of prayer, Darlene Brown, the coordinator, asked for God's guidance and presence to aid the students in remembering what they had studied. On Thursday, May 5, the entire Peterson-Warren Academy school family (faculty, staff and students) sat glued to the whiteboards in their classrooms to observe the long-awaited 2011 Spelling Bee Finals. The challenge was held in the newly renovated library and streamed live to the classroom projectors through the Internet for all to see. Impartial judges included retired PWA English teacher, Joyce Bone; parent and educator, Rodney Cooper; and retired special ed teacher, Kathleen Martin. There were ten finalists in grades five through nine from the three previous selection rounds.

The students studied from a list of about 500 words. They reviewed action verbs, adjectives and adverbs, which included words like "ascertained" and "sophisticatedly." The last few rounds were quite close with Jasmine and Juelien,

both fifth graders in Pamela Bertram's class, vying for first place.

The first place winner was Juelien, who received \$150. In second place was Jasmine, who was awarded \$100. The third place and \$50 went to Henry from the eighth grade class.

All of the students worked extremely hard to make it as finalists, and they are all winners for doing so. Juanita Martin, PWA principal, hopes the challenge encourages other students to participate in future spelling bees, which are a fun, educational and rewarding activity. But more importantly, she hopes they will realize through the experience that God can help them obtain academic excellence. She believes challenges like the Spelling Bee teaches students to realize the importance to "Study to show thyself approved unto God" in every aspect of their lives (see II Timothy 2:15).

Albert Rodgers, assistant principal, as shared by Juanita Martin, Ed.D., principal, Peterson-Warren Academy



Juanita Martin, PWA principal, awards the winners of the PWA Spelling Bee 2011. From left: Juelien Vaughan (first place), Jasmine Smith (second place) and Henry Lowery (third place)

## Hearts touched as young men speak from God's Word

Illinois—Feb. 26 seemed like an ordinary Sabbath at the North Shore Church in Chicago until the pastor, Reuel Bacchus, introduced the “guest speakers.” Three young men sat on a bench beside the piano, bright eyed and beaming! Many took a second look at their bulletin. Was this Children’s Sabbath? Or perhaps Education Sabbath?

Bacchus shared how these three young men, along with many other youths in the church, dedicated their service during the Chicagoland Evangelistic Campaign in 2010 led by General Conference vice president, Mark Finley. He told how much the three friends love Jesus and want to help in any capacity possible. It was a once in a lifetime learning experience for them, and they were inspired to preach the truth of God’s mighty words. So Bacchus set the Sabbath apart, not having any other occasion but to have the young students share their love of Jesus through His Word.

Years of training at home, in Sabbath school and while attending North Shore Adventist Academy prepared the young men with an eagerness to share the good news of the wondrous love and unending mercy of our great God. They all participated in various children’s ministry programs, but this was the first time the boys took the pulpit to speak like their pastor. Eljasz Perez, a fifth grader, and Erwin Tubillara and Nathanael Velez, sixth graders, are students of Maureen Plumb.

The young men were excited; you could see it in their eyes. They were a bit nervous too, but the joy of preaching from the Book of Life overcame any trepidation that might have hindered their spirits. The focus of the three-part sermon based on Luke 15 was purposeful and intentional with Bacchus’ coaching and instructions.

Eljasz preached about the lost



On a special Sabbath at the North Shore Church, three young men shared their love of Jesus through His Word. From left: Eljasz Perez, Erwin Tubillara and Nathanael Velez

Steve Martin

sheep. Reflecting on this experience, he said, “Studying the Bible made me feel very good inside, and preaching the Word made me feel very blessed and honored. What the lost sheep parable told me about God’s character is that he is a very loving and compassionate GOD, and He will never give up looking for us and He will find us no matter what!”

Erwin preached about the lost coin. He stated, “The parable gives us a glimpse of that in which the Lord delights. Once the woman had found her coin, she calls her friends and neighbors in order to share the good news. When a sinner is restored to fellowship with God, it is a cause for rejoicing. This is the whole plan of salvation; this is why Jesus Christ came. This is the splendid, marvelous, most glorious act in the history of the universe. God seeks sinners and rejoices when they are found.”

Nathanael preached about the prodigal son. Thinking back on his experience, he gushed, “It truly made me feel as if the Holy Spirit was working through me. [The story] taught me about the loving kindness of the Father and that I will always be welcomed

home with outstretched arms. The Father loves us so much that He even sent His only son to die for our sins, nothing can compare to the mercy and compassion of the Father. God is love.”

Most of the congregation is familiar with the stories these young men presented. But there is always something marvelous when you hear young ones repeat the mercy and compassion of our sovereign God. Quite a few tears dropped, and even more hearts were touched.

Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This side of Heaven has so many temptations that distract us from our Savior. It is imperative to guide and nourish young minds with the absolute truth that is in our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. To help them to delight in the Word and find purpose in teaching others about our loving God is to train our children for eternity.

Feb. 26 seemed an ordinary Sabbath, but God’s Holy Spirit made it an extraordinary experience for all who were there!

Shiungor Velez, member, North Shore Church

## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Glendale (Ind.) Church members, Charles and Cecilia Pea, participated in ShareHim efforts in Colombia, South America, in May. They shared Jesus' love in a house that was converted into a church.

### Glendale members share the gospel in Colombia

Indiana—For the past five years, Charles and Cecilia Pea participated in one or two mission trips every year with ShareHim. In May of this year, they went to the Republic of Colombia in northwestern South America. At each site Charles preaches and Cecilia translates.

In one of Colombia's fastest growing cities, Bucaramanga, the Peas were assigned to Cristo Vive, a small church

with a membership of approximately 60. It was a new congregation meeting in a house which had been remodeled and converted into a church.

Several visitors faithfully attended the meetings from night to night. During the final week of the evangelistic campaign, the Peas made an appeal each night for people to accept Christ as their Savior. One evening, as Cecilia was making an appeal, she wondered what to say. Just then, it seemed the Holy Spirit impressed her to give her testimony. When she finished, Cecilia invited the people to come forward—five responded! One was a lady named Yolanda who attended every night with her boyfriend and children.

Yolanda was an atheist. She only read the Bible to look for errors. She was invited to the meetings by a sister in the church, Graciela. "Yolanda went to the church solely to criticize the Christians, but that was an opportunity for God," Cecilia said. The local pastor, Isaac Torreglosa, read a quote from *Steps to Christ* when he gave a welcome from the platform. It said, "It is right to study closely the teachings of the Bible and to search into the deep things of God as are revealed in the Scriptures." He later

gave a copy of *Steps to Christ* to Yolanda. She read it completely in one night! She was amazed as she learned about the God of love revealed in that book! As she learned more and more truth each night, Yolanda became "hooked."

Yolanda and her boyfriend were living together. As they learned more about the Bible, they each made the decision on the same day to get married and be baptized! Yolanda hugged the Peas and said again and again, "How thankful I am that you came to Bucaramanga to teach us these wonderful truths!" Yolanda was married on July 23 at Cristo Vive, and the following day she and her husband were baptized.

Those meetings resulted in three baptisms with six more precious individuals studying for future baptisms. Plus, the pastor reports the church members were revived after hearing the gospel and doctrines preached by two people who came all the way from America! Charles and Cecilia heartily recommend that you take a mission trip and share in the blessings as you share Him!

Judith Yeoman, correspondent, Indiana Conference as shared by Cecilia Pea, member, Glendale Church, Indianapolis

### Ice Cream Fellowship builds community

Lake Region—Each year, during a Sabbath afternoon in July (designated as National Ice Cream month), the Burns Seventh-day Adventist Church in Detroit hosts a unique ministry event for its immediate community—the Ice Cream Fellowship. It is an event that confirms Burns as a resource center involved in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the surrounding community. The Ice Cream Fellowship in its ninth year of operation had the theme, "Reach Up. Reach Out. Reach Across." Here are some facts about the event and how the Ice Cream Fellowship realized the theme and was effectively used in Christian witness.



Burns Church elders and Cory Jackson (striped shirt), pastor, wear their "Reach Up. Reach Out. Reach Across." hats during the Ice Cream Fellowship attended by 500-plus community guests on July 23. From left (back): William Harris, Frank Gray, Henry Stewart, Doris Gothard, Tim Gardner, Cory Jackson, Kevin Jones; (front): Anisa Jones and Syble Marshall

Ice cream melts and is enjoyable. July 23 was another scorcher of a day in Detroit. When it's hot, eating ice cream is an ideal and pleasurable way to keep

cool; and the more you lick it, the better it gets! In addition to ice cream, spiritual counseling, Adventist health tips, literature and event information were made available. Through this witnessing event, the community was brought closer to Christ, the Son of Righteousness, giving Him an opportunity to impact their stomachs, hearts and minds.

Ice cream is for sharing. Sharing the quality ice cream (17 flavors) among the community created greater opportunities for building and renewing friendships. Helen Bryant, of the City Temple Church in Detroit, noted that "the ice cream social is truly a unique and creative way to establish a friendship—a relationship with the community!"

Ice cream attracts; and if it's free, they'll come—and hundreds did!

Indeed, 100 gallons of ice cream were served by 25 volunteers to more than 500 persons—the majority of which reside in the community. For many of these patrons, this was their first time visiting an Adventist church. Jan and Lynn Ross, two first-time visitors from Huntsville, Ala., were overwhelmed by the community response to the event and shared, “We were amazed to see all the folk from your church’s neighborhood come out and participate. It did my heart good to see all the children and all the diversity of folk that attended.”

Ice cream appeals. Everybody of all ages, economic status, gender, ethnicity or even religious persuasion appreciates ice cream. Days before, Burns members canvassed the community to promote

the event. Members Kevin Jones and Robin Chateau had excellent responses during the time they went out, and were often asked to pray for those they met. Another member, Henry Stewart, commented that the “community looks forward each year to the event.”

Burns demonstrated yet again that ice cream can be an effective Christian witness. Many visitors during the event asked about Adventists and requested Bible studies. Member Rose Mary Jackson relates that “everyone I came into contact with was very receptive, and they asked about the church and what programs were offered at the church.”

In the economically depressed neighborhood of Detroit eastside, creating relationships is a pivotal but

sometimes neglected step in the saving of souls. Christ first established relationships, and then ministered to physical and spiritual needs. This strategy at the Ice Cream Fellowship resulted in approximately 90 community members signing up for Bible studies. At the close of the event, Cory Jackson Sr., Burns Church pastor, prayed for each name and initiated follow-up plans with the Bible workers. To God be the glory!



Oliver Page, Ph.D., communications director,  
Burns Church



The Ashland (Wis.) Church invited their community to a CHIP series in May. Nine guests attended the four-week health program and celebrated together at their graduation. They continue to come to the church's monthly alumni meetings.

## CHIP changes lives in Ashland, Wis.

Wisconsin—The Ashland Seventh-day Adventist Church held a Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) series in May. Nine guests attended the four-week health program; and four months later, all nine participants continue to practice the health principles learned. All nine still regularly attend the monthly alumni meetings to exchange ideas, watch a health DVD and share a meal together.

“It’s fantastic,” says Annette Carlson, coordinator for the CHIP program. “After just one week on the program,

a participant came to me and said the swelling in her arthritic hands was gone, and she could bend her fingers without pain. By the end of the second week, another participant came to class all excited because her blood sugar had been below 100 for three days in a row.”

“Since the program ended, two of the CHIP alumni have each lost 25 pounds and are telling everyone how great the program is,” said Carlson. “Their doctors are so impressed with their improved health, they are asking when the next CHIP program will be so they can recommend it to other patients under their care. It’s exciting to see what is yet to come.”

A representative from the health department of Red Cliff Reservation heard about the CHIP program and plans to meet with Carlson about bringing the program to the reservation. They received government grant money for education in a healthy lifestyle. The Bad River Reservation has also asked Carlson about possible CHIP training. Hopefully these doors will open wide.

During the four weeks of training, CHIP participants receive more than 40 hours of practical health education. The local hospital tests participants’ blood before and after the four-week program. Each night, heart-healthy food and recipes are provided; and Hans Diehl, director of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute of Loma Linda, Calif., and CHIP founder, speaks about the critical role daily choices play in overall health.

CHIP is changing lives and winning friends for eternity. Sept. 23–25, a CHIP leadership workshop will be held at Wisconsin Academy to prepare people to conduct this dynamic, 30-day CHIP program. For information and registration, call 423-546-4719 or e-mail [info@adventistCHIP.org](mailto:info@adventistCHIP.org).

Juanita Edge, communication director,  
Wisconsin Conference



*Terry Dietrich, an orthopedic surgeon from the Fox Valley Adventist Church in Wisconsin, and his wife, Jeannie Dietrich, are spending a year as medical missionaries at Haiti Adventist Hospital.*

## Wisconsin surgeon gives medical care in Haiti

Wisconsin—Terry Dietrich and his wife, Jeannie, of the Fox Valley Adventist Church, are spending a year as medical missionaries at Haiti Adventist Hospital.

After the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake that devastated the island of Haiti, Terry, an orthopedic surgeon in Appleton, Wis., was invited by his friend and colleague, Scott Nelson, to come help care for earthquake victims at Haiti Adventist Hospital. The Dietrichs de-

ecided to go for two weeks. While there, Nelson asked Terry to stay on staff as director of surgical services.

“My wife and I looked at the situation and decided to adjust our obligations and stay in Haiti for a period of a year,” says Terry, who has spent almost 40 years contributing time to other medical missions in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Romania, El Salvador and several African nations. “I had to return and give my employer a six-month notice, then we went down in November [2010] to spend a year volunteering at Haiti Adventist Hospital.

“What really drew my wife and I to do this project was that this was something really worth putting a year of our lives into. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. The earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince was the fourth most deadly earthquake in the world. Haiti was on its knees, if not on its back before the earthquake struck. The needs are incredible.”

As money, equipment and volunteers poured into Haiti after the earthquake, Haiti Adventist Hospital was able to provide care to earthquake victims, and also hundreds of people with deformities caused by birth defects, developmental conditions and infections that had been present for many years. These people had never received care because they were too poor to pay for it.

Here is an excerpt from Terry’s blog entry dated May 13: “Today, I did the clinic by myself. ... Saw a six-year-old with bilateral Tibial Hemimelia (the shinbone, or tibia, doesn’t form properly). She scoots around in the sitting position. I offered her surgery to allow her to stand and walk and be as

tall as her friends and she is eager. ... A five-year-old with untreated clubfoot also came in. A displaced femoral neck fracture, nasty diabetic foot, and a three-day-old unstable pelvic fracture all came in within two hours yesterday. The coming week with no one to help me and only spotty local anesthesia help will present some challenges.”

“My desire and my goal are to establish a program that will make it possible for every patient, regardless of their financial situation, to come and receive care at Haiti Adventist Hospital,” said Terry. “No patient should ever be turned away from the door. Yet, providing care for those who cannot pay presents a challenge. It can only happen if there is an outside source for addressing the financial burden.”

Terry has now developed the Haiti Indigent Patient Fund to help address this challenge, and he is also working to involve visiting volunteer surgeons and anesthesia providers. Terry has also produced a book about Haiti and the great needs there. He hopes it will raise awareness and financial support. See <http://www.haititogetherwemove.com/>.

“There are so many areas that, if properly funded, could help insure the ongoing capability to provide high quality orthopedic care to the indigents in this country,” said Terry, listing such needs as a blood bank, orthopedic formulary, housing for patients and volunteers, a cannulated screw set and more. “The list goes on and to some might even seem endless,” he says, but remains confident. “This is God’s work, and I have a strong belief that it will work out in His time frame.”

Juanita Edge, communication director,  
Wisconsin Conference

### [UNION NEWS]

## ASAP sends team to Myanmar

The great nineteenth-century American revivalist Charles Finney stated, “Revival is a renewed conviction

of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one’s will to God in deep humility.” This quote nicely sums up the revival that was recently experienced at Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary.

Adventist Southeast Asia Projects of Berrien Springs, Mich., sent a small team to visit the college to share with the students and faculty the concepts of united prayer and revival. The team members took turns sharing messages each morning and evening at 6:00 from



Students visit the all-day prayer room between classes.

Wednesday to Saturday, June 22–25. The team also ran an all-day prayer room for three days as well as assembling with more than 400 students in the main auditorium each evening for united prayer after the evening message.

It was truly amazing to see the Spirit of God poured out as the team spent much time in prayer with the students and faculty members in united prayer. Students visited the prayer room between classes, and at times there were more than 50 students in the prayer room.

The Adventist Youth program at the college typically runs on Saturday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. On the weekend the ASAP team visited, the AY program

ended around 10:00 p.m. with a powerful session of united prayer where many were moved to tears. The ASAP team learned this was the longest AY program in the history of the Myanmar Adventist Union Mission. Many young people recommitted their lives to God, and made a decision to serve Him and go where He leads rather than choose a career path based on salary—a big temptation in Myanmar where so many struggle with poverty. Following are some of the testimonies shared by the students who attended:

“Thank you for coming to teach us how to pray. I used to struggle with prayer. For me it was difficult to pray for more than five minutes. But now I have learned to pray. Last night, I got together with my friend and we prayed together for a long time. The prayers are just coming out now, and I feel that the Holy Spirit is working in my heart. I want to be a missionary like each one of you.”

“I’m a senior majoring in religion. Although I am studying religion, I wanted to become a teacher because a



A team from Adventist Southeast Asia Projects invites students to experience united prayer in the main auditorium at Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary in June.

pastor’s salary is very small. As a teacher in Yangon, I can make more money; but my heart was changed after hearing the messages from the ASAP team. I realize now that money is not the most important thing. A high salary will not make me happy. Serving God is more important. I have decided to work for God after I finish my education.”

The ASAP team prays the Holy Spirit will continue to move mightily in the lives of the students at Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary.

Martin Kim, communication director,  
Adventist Southeast Asia Projects



Author/pastor David Guerrero (center) says he used to be a workaholic and was driven for success, but now his family is his priority. His book, *Fatherhood: Reclaiming Your God-given Role*, gives biblical and practical suggestions to problems every dad faces. Also pictured (from left): Hannah, Micah, Joel, Jacquelyn and Joshua Guerrero

## Pastor authors book on fatherhood

Wisconsin—David Guerrero, D.Min., who pastors the Stevens Point Church, penned *Fatherhood: Reclaiming Your God-given Role*—a book selected for publication by WinePress Publishing.

a member of the Christian Booksellers Association and the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

Guerrero’s book shows fathers “how to father the heart of your children from the biblical perspective on fatherhood and to reclaim the type of fatherhood God has designed,” he says.

For many fathers, time is precious. Guerrero makes two simple promises to readers of the new book: 1) This book won’t bury you under an avalanche of guilt. It will inspire, motivate and encourage you to become the man and father that God desires for you to be; and 2) This book will give you the biblical and practical suggestions you’ve been looking for to address the practical problems every dad faces. It will help your wife and children to also desire and become part of the family life that everyone dreams of.

The message of Guerrero’s book is simple and yet profound: Follow God’s

blueprint for fatherhood as outlined in Scripture. If you do, His Word promises to make your family life beautiful as well as the rewarding experience God intends for all families.

For many fathers, including Guerrero, prioritizing family life is their number one concern. He says, “Men have a tendency to want to ‘make a name for themselves,’ and they then express this via their jobs or a pursuit of a certain type of employment. We have to realize that the greatest name we can give the world is the lives of our children, what they become and how they contribute to things of eternal value.”

For Guerrero, his family is number one. He says, “Nothing but God comes before them.” Each day, Guerrero schedules time with his wife and children. “I have communicated that to them by word and by action, and they feel safe, secure and loved. They know

## Fatherhood

Reclaiming Your God-given Role



David Guerrero

that with me there is always priority time for them. They come first, and I will drop anything for them. I love my wife and children, and they know it!”

Guerrero sees a disappearance of true fatherhood where dads have become a two-minute presence in the

lives of their families. He says, “If we as men don’t reclaim our God-given roles, God tells us what will happen in the book of Malachi. This Earth will be smitten with a curse. That is what is happening today. We see the curse of broken and dysfunctional families, young people, children and people in general—and it is all because we have allowed secular, societal changes to erode out family life.” Guerrero believes fathers need to turn the tide of societal decadence by fulfilling the role for them God outlines in His Word.

In Guerrero’s book, he outlines three main biblical roles of a father: priest, prophet, king. He says the role that most caught his eye was the father as king because “this role is one of a servant leader.” He adds, “As our families see us with a genuine desire and intentionality to serve them, it will win their hearts over and great unity will be the result.”

Guerrero says he used to be a workaholic and was driven for success. “By God’s grace, this has changed. My family comes first in all things, and the only success I seek is to see my fam-

ily become all God desires for them individually as well as us as a family.” He desires to hear God say to him one day, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant-father!”

New dads and moms always have the same reaction: “I had no idea it would be this hard!” But you can make it a little easier and a lot more rewarding simply by following *Fatherhood: Reclaiming Your God-given Role*. In words that are clear, simple and biblical, Guerrero, from several years of counseling and raising his own children, helps you create a biblical foundation for life’s great challenge and most important calling: fatherhood. This book may be just what you need to help you disciple your children to love God for a lifetime. I recommend it highly.

Readers may look for Guerrero’s book at the Wisconsin Adventist Book Center or at Lifeway Christian Book Stores, Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble stores. It is also available at [www.rekindletheflameministries.org](http://www.rekindletheflameministries.org).

Abraham Swamidass, D.Min., family ministries coordinator, Wisconsin Conference, and pastor of the Madison Community Church

### [NAD NEWS]



## Churches prepare for Fall NET 2011 series: Prophecies Decoded

Churches throughout North America are laying plans to introduce those in their community to Jesus this fall. While plans may vary from church to church, Ron Clouzet, speaker for the upcoming “Prophecies Decoded” series, stresses the importance of friendship evangelism. “Regardless of your mass advertis-

ing plans, the most important step for public meetings is connection with the community,” urges Clouzet. He suggests churches plan bridge-building events such as a health expo at a local mall, parenting seminars or vegetarian cooking schools. Clouzet stresses the importance of training members to make friends with guests, and further encourages members to take the names of these new acquaintances into their hearts for prayers. Friendships made during bridge-building events may lead to opportunities to invite new friends to the Bible study meetings in the fall.

The Prophecies Decoded NET 2011 event will be aired Sept. 30–Oct. 29 from the Madison Campus Church in Nashville, Tenn., every night except Sunday and Thursday. NET 2011 will be delivered on Hope Church Channel. Churches may register at <http://host.propheciesdecoded.com> or call 855-NET-2011.

A pre-Net seminar is scheduled for

Sept. 14–18, “Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible.” This seminar will be co-hosted by Clouzet and Michael G. Hasel, Ph.D., on the Hope Church Channel. The seminar will take viewers through Egypt’s Valley of the Kings, the Pyramids and the mysteries of the mummies, including the thrilling discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen. The presenters will bring the stories of the Bible to life with archaeological data. You may host the archaeology seminar at your church and invite the community. Visit <http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/archaeology> for additional information.

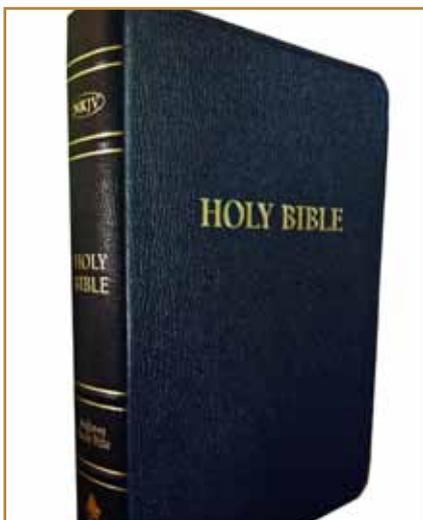
The Seventh-day Adventist Church states as its mission, “To make disciples of all people, communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6–12, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and unite with His remnant Church, discipling them to serve Him as

Lord and preparing them for His soon return.” In his book, *Revive Us Again*, Mark Finley says, “The mission of reaching lost people with the ‘everlasting gospel’ is God’s mission. It is not ours. He invites us to cooperate with Him in finishing the work.”

For additional information about the North American Division’s plans to reach North America for Jesus and how you may participate, subscribe to *REACH North America News* at [NETCoordinator@nad.adventist.org](mailto:NETCoordinator@nad.adventist.org). *REACH North American News* is archived weekly at [www.advent](http://www.advent)

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*REACH North America News* (adapted by Lake Union Herald editors)



## Andrews Study Bible selected for NET 2011 series

A new Outreach Edition of the landmark Andrews Study Bible has been selected as the official Bible for the “Prophecies Decoded” NET 2011 series, according to Ron Clouzet, speaker/director of the month-long satellite broadcast and director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI).

Clouzet says the special edition of the study Bible will be distributed in large quantities by the hundreds of Adventist churches across North America hosting the satellite broadcast evangelistic meetings. The meetings will be held Sept. 30–Oct. 29. The Andrews Study Bible was published by Andrews University Press in June 2010.

“Every evangelistic series of this type needs a good Bible to recommend and share with people who want to know more about the truth of God’s Word,” Clouzet said. “The Andrews Study Bible is the most important print

resource Adventists have ever had to support a series of evangelistic meetings. The outstanding study helps in this Bible, in the notes at the bottom of each page, highlight the great themes of the Bible—the very themes that we’ll be discussing in the meetings.”

Supporting Adventist evangelism was one of the goals of the publication of the Andrews Study Bible, according to Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University and chair of the Andrews University Press Board. “From the beginning, as church leaders planned this Bible, we had two goals for it,” Andreasen said. “First, in its standard retail editions, it is to be the basic Bible for church members around the world to use for serious Bible study in the context of home and church. And second, in an inexpensive edition, it is to become the basic mass distribution Bible in public evangelism.

“In the past year, we had a great start in achieving the first goal, and that will continue for many years,” Andreasen continued. “Thousands and thousands of copies of the retail editions have been sold in the English-speaking world in North America and overseas. And now we’ve also begun to turn our attention to the second goal. We are very pleased Dr. Clouzet and his team, and all the churches participating in the Prophecies Decoded NET 2011 series, will help us begin to achieve it.”

Andreasen noted the Outreach Edition will also be useful in other settings where a mass distribution Bible is needed. “We think it is ideal for prison ministry and for other smaller evangelistic initiatives at the local conference and church level.”

More than 600 churches have already registered as downlink sites for the Prophecy Decoded NET 2011

series, according to Russell Burrill, manager of the series and former director of NADEI. “We’re excited to see so many churches signing on. And we have high-quality materials from NADEI, including the Andrews Study Bible, to support every aspect of how a local church hosts the meetings,” Burrill said. “The churches will order the number of these special Bibles they need from NADEI as part of the larger complete set of materials they will use to enhance their participation in the meetings.”

The Outreach Edition of the Andrews Study Bible contains all the text content of the standard retail editions, but has a slightly smaller trim size and is printed in one color instead of two, according to Erno Gyéresi, associate director of Andrews University Press and managing editor of the Andrews Study Bible product line. “Our goal has been to produce an attractive, durable, quality product specifically for wide distribution in evangelistic settings,” Gyéresi said. He noted the paper inside the Bible is of the same high quality as the retail editions of the Andrews Study Bible, and the cover is made of a highly durable synthetic material.

The Outreach Edition is available for the Prophecies Decoded NET 2011 series only in quantity purchase and only from NADEI. Call 269-471-8303 for information on ordering. Quantity purchase for other evangelistic events may be made through Andrews University Press. Gyéresi says because the Outreach Edition is intended specifically for mass distribution in evangelism, it is not sold as a retail product and will not be available for individual purchase in Christian bookstores.

Ronald Knott, director, Andrews University Press



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## Andrews University

**Andrews University will celebrate Alumni Homecoming 2011 on Sept. 29-Oct. 2.** Honor reunion classes include: 1931, '41, '51, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91 and 2001. We hope to see you then. Contact the Office of Alumni Services for more information at 269-471-3591; visit [alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming); or e-mail [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu).

## Illinois

**Hinsdale Adventist Academy** welcomes all alumni and friends to join us for a special homecoming weekend, **Oct. 14-16**. Come relive memories of school days and reconnect with faculty and friends. The event is for graduates of Hinsdale Elementary, Hinsdale Junior Academy and Hinsdale Academy. Honored classes include 1961, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, 2001 and '06 (as well as honorees of any year prior to 1961). To register, e-mail [alumni@haa.org](mailto:alumni@haa.org) or phone 630-323-9211.

## Indiana

**Project Downpour:** On Sabbath, **Sept. 24**, a three-hour Project Downpour is planned in two zip codes on the west side of Indianapolis. Hundreds of volunteers are needed from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. In order to have your territory and materials ready for you when you arrive, please pre-register. Provide the number of cars, name of driver and how many teams per car who are coming from your church to either your pastor or Sheri DeWitt at the Indiana Conference office. Contact Sheri at [sdewitt@indsda.org](mailto:sdewitt@indsda.org) or 317-844-6201.

## The Indiana Academy Alumni Association

welcomes all graduates/attendees to the IA campus for **Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 7-8**. Honor classes this year are 1961, '71, '86 and 2001. For detailed information regarding the weekend, contact Rick deFluiter, IAAA president, at 989-833-2393. The **IAAA Golf Outing** will be **Oct. 7**; registration begins at 7:45 a.m. For Golf Outing information, contact Lawrence Johnson at 765-649-7256 or [ljohnson@mustinbuilders.com](mailto:ljohnson@mustinbuilders.com). For questions regarding RV or hotels, call Kathy Griffin, alumni development director, at 317-984-3575, ext. 241.

## Lake Region

**The Third Annual Homecoming Gospel Concert Weekend** will be held at Shiloh Church, 7000 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., on Fri. and Sat., **Sept. 9-10**. Starting time on Fri. will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and on Sat. at 4:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. The concert is sponsored by the music ministry department, and will feature various talented artists and musicians. For more information, contact Michael Willis at 773-341-4806, the church office at 773-224-7700 or visit [www.shilohadventist.org](http://www.shilohadventist.org).

## Lake Union

## Offerings

- Sept. 3** Local Church Budget
- Sept. 10** Fall Mission Appeal
- Sept. 17** Local Church Budget
- Sept. 24** Local Conference Advance

## Special Days

- Sept. 3** Men's Day of Prayer
- Sept. 4-10** Nurture Periodicals (*Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend*)
- Sept. 11-17** Family Togetherness Week
- Sept. 18-24** Hispanic Heritage Week
- Thirteenth Sabbath Offering**
- Sept. 24** Inter-American Division

## Michigan

**The Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association** invites all alumni from Adelphian, Cedar Lake, Grand Ledge and Great Lakes Adventist Academies to Alumni Weekend, **Oct. 7-8**, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. This year's honor classes are 1961, '71, '81, '86, '91 and 2001. Come join us for a memorable weekend. For more information, visit [www.glaa.net](http://www.glaa.net), or call the Alumni Office at 989-427-5181.

**Crystal Mountain Marriage Retreat**, held **Nov. 11-13** at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Mich., is a wonderful opportunity for couples to get away together for the purpose of renewing and refreshing their relationship. The facilities are very conducive to a romantic weekend alone together, and the seminar sessions are designed to help encourage and strengthen your marriage. Our presenters this year are Ritchie and Timi Brower from

Chattaroy, Wash. They have a dynamic message to share and a very real and personal presentation style. This is a weekend you won't want to miss. For more detailed information or to download an application, go to [www.misda.org](http://www.misda.org) (Family Life) 2011-2012 Brochure, or ask your Family Life leader, bulletin secretary or pastor for an application. You can also register by calling Alyce at 517-316-1543.

## North American Division

**Sheyenne River Academy/Dakota Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 2**, at Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, N.D. Come renew your friendships! Honor classes: 1942, '47, '52, '57, '62, '72, '82, '87, '92, 2002, '07. For more information, call 701-258-9000, ext. 236, or visit our Web site at [www.dakotaadventistacademy.org/alumni/alumni-events](http://www.dakotaadventistacademy.org/alumni/alumni-events).

**Oak Park Academy Alumni Reunion is Oct. 7 and 8**. Meet with classmates and friends at Gates Memorial Hall, 825 15th St., Nevada, Iowa. Honor classes: 1936, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76 ('81, '82, '83). For additional information, go to [www.opainiowa.com](http://www.opainiowa.com).

**Association of Adventist Women's Annual Convention:** You are invited to this convention at La Sierra University, which takes place **Oct. 13-16**. The convention theme is "Total You—Body, Mind and Spirit," and our keynote speaker is Chris Oberg. There is a registration fee; register online at [www.aaw.cc](http://www.aaw.cc).

# Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 7
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:19	8:07	7:55	7:43	7:31	7:19
Chicago, Ill.	7:25	7:13	7:01	6:49	6:37	6:24
Detroit, Mich.	8:07	7:55	7:43	7:30	7:18	7:05
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:17	8:05	7:54	7:43	7:31	7:19
La Crosse, Wis.	7:41	7:29	7:16	7:03	6:50	6:37
Lansing, Mich.	8:13	8:01	7:49	7:36	7:24	7:11
Madison, Wis.	7:33	7:21	7:08	6:56	6:43	6:30
Springfield, Ill.	7:31	7:19	7:08	6:56	6:45	6:33

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## Weddings

**Nicole R. Van Allen and Stephen T. Horne** were married Dec. 21, 2010, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jerry La Fave, uncle of the bride.

Nicole is the daughter of Kevin and Dawn Van Allen of Hudsonville, Mich., and Stephen is the son of Eileen and the late Franklin Horne of Berrien Springs, Mich.

The Hornes are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif., while Nicole finishes medical school.

**Kayla D. Jayne and Joshua T. Nimeskern** were married June 25, 2011, in Butternutville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dale Boyd.

Kayla is the daughter of John and Melissa Jayne of North Vernon, Ind., and Joshua is the son of Thomas and Cindy Nimeskern of North Vernon.

The Nimeskerns are making their home in North Vernon.

**Heather R. Schwagmeier and Conrad A. Reichert III** were married June 5, 2011, in Madison, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Conrad Reichert Jr., father of the groom.

Heather is the daughter of William and Tammy Schwagmeier of Madison, and Conrad III is the son of Conrad Jr. and Candy Reichert of Gettysburg, Pa.

The Reicherts are making their home in Fishers, Ind.

## Anniversaries



**Robert "Bob" and Celia "Penny" Ancel** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 29, 2011, by a small celebration with family and a few friends at their daughter's house in St. Johns, Mich. They have been

members of the Lansing (Mich.) Church for 44 years.

Robert Ancel and Celia Wright were married July 29, 1951, in Houghton Lake, Mich. Bob has worked at Michigan Department of Transportation and was manager of the Clinton County Road Commission. Penny has worked for the State of Michigan and State Legislature, and as a lobbyist consulting for the Michigan Conference.

The Ancel family includes Jeff and Michelle Ancel of DeWitt, Mich.; Cheri and Steve Arwood of St. Johns, Mich.; and four grandchildren.



**Laura and Harry Hartmann** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 1, 2011, by a renewal of vows ceremony at Hickory Hill Chapel with Elder Steve Poenitz, ministerial director of the Indiana Conference, followed by a reception at Oxbow Haus in Oxbow Park, Goshen, Ind. They have been members of the Wolcottville (Ind.) Church for six years.

Harry Hartmann and Laura Olson were married Apr. 29, 1961, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, by Pastor Dell Phelps. Harry served in the publishing department ministry for 28 years and then in pastoral ministry for 17 years. He retired in 2003 but still serves as pastor of a two-church district in Warsaw and Wolcottville. Along with being a homemaker and mother, Laura has served in various secretarial positions through the years, retiring in 2002.

The Hartmann family includes Eric Hartmann of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; Amy and Keith Scott of South Bend, Ind.; and Jason Hartmann of Westfield, Ind.

## Obituaries

**CHAFFEE, Fonda L. (Cordis)**, age 90; born Mar. 28, 1921, in Boulder, Colo.; died May 12, 2011, in Lakeport, Calif. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Clinton; daughter, Carol Lewis; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held June 8, 2011, in Berrien Springs, Mich., and a graveside service was held June 14, 2011, and interment was in Montecito Memorial Cemetery, Colton, Calif.

**GULKE, Fern E. (Krueger)**, age 94; born June 22, 1916, in Merrill, Wis.; died Mar. 25, 2011, in Stevens Point, Wis. She was a member of the Merrill Church.

Survivors include her stepson, Patrick Gulke; daughters, Joyce (Folkedahl) Volm, Sandra (Folkedahl) Thiede, Kathleen (Folkedahl) Sefcil, Susan (Folkedahl) O'Day and Nancy Folkedahl; stepdaughters, Charlene "Chickie" Voigt and Barbara "Bobbie" Doerr; sister, Dolores Harris; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rowell Puedivan, and interment was in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

**HARTSOCK, Harry P.**, age 88; born Apr. 1, 1923, in Oak Park, Ill.; died May 7, 2011, in Donelson, Tenn. He was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Debbie Morgan; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor John Rapp, and interment was in Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill.

**MITCHIE, Audrey O. (Eva) Cooks**, age 94; born June 3, 1916, in East London, South Africa; died Apr. 26, 2011, in West Lafayette, Ind. She was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include her son, Graham Cooks; daughter, Thelma (Cooks) Rhodes; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held, and interment was in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens Cemetery, West Lafayette.

**MURRAY, Kathryn (Jones)**, age 94; born Dec. 8, 1916, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died May 31, 2011, in Greenwood, Ind. She was a member of the Greenwood Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gary L. and Steven R.; sisters, Wilma Mundy and Maxine Moore; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Brian Yensho, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

**RAGAN, Wanda L. (Brane)**, age 73; born Feb. 19, 1938, in Fostoria, Ohio; died June 7, 2011, in Greenwood, Ind. She was a member of the Southside Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Survivors include her son, Marvin; sister, Shirley Thomas; stepsisters, Jean Welsh, Ann Johnson and Judy Kemp; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Brian Yensho, and interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Franklin, Ind.

**SNELLING, James M.**, age 80; born Aug. 29, 1930, in Paducah, Ky.; died May 19, 2011, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek. He was known as "Ranger Jim" on 3ABN Kid's Time.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnne (Wrate); son, Mike; daughters, Susan Kohltfarber and Sandy Whetmore; sisters, Helen Walls Elkin and Nell Yancy; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Jim Micheff, with private inurnment.

**TOMPKINS, Virginia M. (Lewis)**, age 88; born July 8, 1922, in Adrian, Mich.; died Apr. 19, 2011, in Ypsilanti, Mich. She was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church, Waterford, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Roger; daughter, Sharon Erickson; sisters, Helen Cutler and Bernadine Becker; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

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## PARTNERSHIP with GOD

### Foreign Behaviors

BY GARY BURNS



If you have traveled to what we label as a Third World country and come in contact with local members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I would venture that your experience has been similar to mine—you were welcomed and greeted by joyful, exuberant faces and treated as a special guest. You were invited into their homes and lavished with gifts and food reserved for special occasions. If you spent any time in their company, you began to sense you were being adopted into their family and felt love's tug at your heart as you departed for home. They are beautiful examples of the hospitality of God.

God appealed to Israel to be like Him in administering true justice and showing mercy and compassion to one another. He spoke against those who oppress or

take advantage of the foreigners among them (see Zechariah 7:9, 10). He put those who deprive foreigners of justice in the same category as the sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers (see Malachi 3:5).

God even made His blessings for the children of Israel contingent on their providing for the foreigners, and to do so from a tithe of their annual crop (see Deuteronomy 14:28, 29).

Those in relationship with God will awaken to the opportunities all around them to love, serve, provide for and protect those who have a special place in His heart. His providence has brought people from around the world to our very doorsteps, that He may bless them.

Gary Burns is the communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

# My God Is Real

BY GENAIDA BENSON

I know God has saved my life for a purpose more than once.

When I was young, I contracted Typhoid fever and almost died. In grade school, I was in two major accidents. In academy, I was separated from my group while hiking on a mountain. Being alone in the woods gave me a chance to reflect on the past week of spiritual emphasis and on God. Several hours later, I heard my name called by one of the staff members who came looking for me on the trail. God was there for me in several ways: He sent His angels to protect me, He reminded me of songs, and He was there as a friend. In the times ahead in my life when I needed Him most—in the moments when I felt I couldn't go on any longer, when my heart was breaking—He was and has been there for me. Each day, I wake up and ask Him for strength to go on.

As a first time homebuyer, God provided my home to strengthen my faith in Him. In the months that followed, I discovered that both my realtor and inspection company hid a fire-damaged roof from me. The roof was collapsing in on itself and needed immediate replacement from the structural level. When rebuilding my roof, a contractor stole my insurance money, all my cash was stolen out of my home, and roof tar was tracked all across my carpet. A fraudulent lien was placed against my house and several other smaller liens were forced as a result. I picked up extra jobs to generate money, only to find out again that the money was being stolen. To make matters worse, a rainstorm came. God woke me up two hours before my upstairs ceiling collapsed. I ran out of one room as the ceiling crumbled and stood in the doorway of my room watching as a huge piece of sheetrock landed right where my head would have been if I had still been sleeping. I've seen God directly intervene in my life more than once. He



is a very present help in the time of trouble.

Amidst all this crisis, God sent a call to become a volunteer missionary and teach music as a full-time faculty at the college level in the Philippines. I made a list of all that needed to happen in order for me to go as a missionary. One by one, I have watched as things were checked off in ways I had not expected. Finally, the last detail is the financial aspect. I know if God wants me to go, He'll provide the means. He has proven again and again that He is with me, and that He will be there for me. I have placed my life in His hands. Not only is He my Friend, He is my Protector, Defender, Provider and Salvation. In short, He is Everything to me.

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Genaida Benson lives in Niles, Michigan. In 2008, she graduated from Andrews University with a Masters in Piano Performance. She has accompanied musical groups, academy and college choirs, and played at Youth for Jesus and ASI. Performance tours took Genaida throughout North America, Bolivia, Chile, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Hawaii and Bermuda. She teaches piano lessons and helps on the Pioneer Memorial Church video team as a camera operator.

## Honoring God with the Body

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.—1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 NIV*

Being healthy means much more to Ashleigh Walton than diet and exercise. The college junior loves to run and will enter her first full marathon on October 9. Ashleigh isn't just running for the workout. She's participating to help hundreds of people in Japan and around the world.



Ashleigh Walton, right, sees running as a way to increase her health and help hundreds of people. Her mother, Astrid Walton, left, ran with Ashleigh in her first half marathon.

Ashleigh never dreamed she would have this opportunity, let alone enjoy running! In 2009, she began the exercise as a weight loss tool and has since lost 75 pounds.

"My freshman year at Andrews University, I decided to try things that I hadn't done in a long time because of my weight. I got on a treadmill one day and realized I enjoyed it!" she says. "I started doing it more and more. ... I had no idea my body was capable of this."

Excited by the progress, Ashleigh entered several 5K events and a half marathon. She then began training for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, a 26.2-mile race through the city streets. When Ashleigh went online to register, however, her heart sank. The marathon had sold out in record time.

"More than 45,000 people had signed up already!" Ashleigh says. "I looked for ways to still enter the race, and the only possibility was through a charity bid. I figured this was a God thing because it was as if He was saying, 'Listen, if you could do this for yourself, why not do this for Me and others?'"

Following much prayer, Ashleigh registered to run for the American Red Cross Run Red Team. She continues to train and is raising \$1,200 (nearly \$50 per mile) to aid efforts in Japan and wherever the needs are greatest. She claims God is responsible for this life-changing opportunity. "I feel a blessing of health whenever I run, and it's given me endurance in other things," Ashleigh says. "Through it all, I've seen God the most. I've seen Him working in how I came to this thinking and found a way to increase my health and a way that I can help hundreds of people. ... I do my best to honor Him."

To learn more about Ashleigh's goal, visit [american.redcross.org/goto/ashleighwalton](http://american.redcross.org/goto/ashleighwalton).

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