An artistic painting of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white tunic and a blue sash. He is smiling and looking to the right, with a black lamb resting on his shoulders. His hands are gently touching the lamb. The background is a soft, ethereal landscape with blue and purple tones.

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Telling Our Stories of Jesus

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One day we will cast our crowns at the feet of the One who stooped to take our place so we might have the abundance of joy. Spontaneous and unsuppressed, our response of gratitude springs forth to the One who created us, loves us, emptied Himself and gave Himself to us. Until then, we can't help but share our stories with those around us—to tell them the good news that the One who loved us loves them, too.

The articles in this issue reflect the hearts of those who have already begun to sing their song of eternity, "Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!"


Gary Burns, Editor

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To God Be the Glory

When I was a boy in second grade, my dad came home from a seminary class repeating stories and illustrations he'd heard from a teacher. One story was that of lemonade and ministry—when you put sugar with something sour, you end up with something wonderful. The teacher also spoke of keeping pure as a leader. That teacher was E.E. Cleveland, then associate ministerial director for the Seventh-day Adventist World Church (General Conference).

As I write, I am returning from E.E. Cleveland's funeral. A life journey of 88 years and more than 60 years in ministry, both full-time and in retirement, he is credited with 13,000 baptisms—preaching in campaigns on six continents. His was the first evangelistic campaign in the Seventh-day Adventist Church that resulted in 1,000 people joining our community of faith and being baptized. Hundreds of pastors sat at his feet and learned how to lead individuals to Christ. He was a champion for human rights and dignity. In fact, this man has been one of the most influential figures in our church.

For more than four hours, those who worked with him and knew him well glorified God and honored the service of this man with descriptors such as: passionate for the message, evangelist, focused, a man of prayer, a man in touch with God, mentor, honest, energetic, organized, a productive leader, teacher, pastor, full of integrity, profound preacher, friend, devoted, seeder of God, patriarch, great church member, influential, ping pong player, effective, champion for those in need and devoted husband.

H.M.S. Richards Sr. was well-known to me, and I have held him in high level of esteem as a leader for God. Today, I became convinced of what many others already knew—E.E. Cleveland also has such a place in the Adventist "Hall of the Faithful."

This man fought for right and righteousness. He preached with clarity and conviction, bringing people to Jesus and raising up congregations. He would often (some accounts suggest every day) read 2 Samuel 8. He wished to reflect on David's success and, more importantly, the reason for his success—reliance on God, following His will and living in His power.

For me, this concept is well stated in 1 Corinthians 1:31: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord" (NIV). We all make statements of what we boast about—some with houses, cars, clothing, etc. But for me, I'm thankful for a Bible full of stories of men and women who knew God, understood His power and stayed focused on seeking and doing His will. How about you? When you get up in the morning and walk out of your home, who does your life boast of?



E.E. Cleveland

Welcome NEW MEMBERS



Lucy Currier

At Dale Vondell's baptism, he and his wife, Dottie, gave those present a poem Dale wrote for his baptism. In it, he expressed: "Today I'll be baptized, my old life I'll give. Today I am new, in Christ I will live!"

Indiana **Dottie Vondell** was born in an Adventist home, but as a teenager decided she no longer wanted to be part of the Church. When she married **Dale Vondell**, the farthest thing from either of their minds was to serve or follow Jesus. They thought they were living the good life—good jobs and plenty of money. That is, until Dale was arrested and imprisoned for something Dale admits was a very stupid thing to do.

While Dale was incarcerated, Dottie and Dale felt the best thing was to divorce. Dale took documents to the sheriff of the prison to be notarized, but the sheriff informed him that he was no longer authorized to do any type of notary work. As Dale thought over all the events of the past, he realized divorce was not a solution. He called Dottie and she agreed.

Dottie decided to move to Indiana to be with her mother, Lucy Currier, a faithful Seventh-day Adventist who prayed for Dottie and Dale for years. Lucy and Dottie moved to the Warsaw, Indiana, area where they both began attending the Adventist church. Dottie began to study her Bible and soon realized the life she had led was not the great life she had thought it was. As she studied further, Dottie found the peace and comfort she sought. And Dottie knew she had to share this newfound experience in the Lord with Dale. Because of prison regulations, Dottie had to copy each Bible lesson by hand before she could send it to Dale.

Dale, in the meantime, had attended prayer and Bible study groups conducted in the prison. At first, he only attended just to have something different to do. But, gradually, he also began to realize that there was something missing in his life, and he eagerly awaited each of the Bible studies Dottie sent to him.

On Sabbath, April 5, 2008, Dottie was rebaptized at the Warsaw Church. One year later, on Sabbath, April 4, a few days after Dale's parole, Dale and Dottie walked hand in hand into the Warsaw Church celebrating his first Sabbath! During the church praise time, Dale expressed his desire to join the church. On July 18, Dale was baptized in Lake Winona by Harry Hartmann, pastor of the church. A large group of Dale's friends and family watched from the shoreline as he read a poem he wrote for his baptism (read the poem in the online version of this article at www.LakeUnionHerald.org). Dottie and Dale gave each person a copy of the poem and attached two ribbons for them to use in their Bibles as a remembrance of the special day.

Laura Hartmann, correspondent, Warsaw Church

Wisconsin **Jim and Barbara Hom** listened to WWJP, a low power radio affiliate for the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), and soon began attending the Rice Lake Church, responsible for the station. When Jim discovered that Len Fast, a church member, was also the radio manager of WWJP, his first question was, "Can't we turn up the power so the radio signal can reach out further? Everyone needs to hear these messages!"

Len replied, "Oh, how I wish we could!"

Jim told Len straight up: "We are looking for truth, not someone's opinion—just the Bible truth."

Len reports, "They were in good company for I, too, sought Bible truth; and when they were ready, we could study together to see what the Bible says." As Jim and Barbara continued to attend the Rice Lake Church, they soon discovered the Bible was the church's textbook, and Jesus Christ its central theme. As they listened to the Sabbath messages and



Barbara and Jim Hom (front) were eager Bible students searching for truth when they met Len Fast (back) of the Rice Lake Church. Len studied with them, and together they learned many valuable truths in Scripture.



Jim and Barbara Hom desired to be baptized in a river setting like Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River. They desired the symbolism that their sins were washed away forever.

WWJP radio, Jim and Barbara grew more excited about the simple yet profound truths found in the scriptures. For them, their Bible studies were like fresh water for someone dying of thirst. Often, they completed two lessons in a week.

As Len studied with the couple, Jim and Barbara repeatedly exclaimed, “We had no idea these truths were in the Bible. We have never heard anything like this. We are thrilled with what we are learning!” Upon completing the first series with Len, Jim and Barbara quickly finished a second prophecy series offered by the pastor, and then studied a third series with the church’s head elder. They were amazed at the depth and yet simplicity of Scripture and how it reached their hearts and changed their natures; they loved the studies and Jesus Christ. Jim and Barbara also praised God for WWJP radio, which got their attention.

Jim and Barbara chose to follow their Lord’s example and were baptized on June 27. Since Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, they asked if they could also be baptized in a river setting to symbolize their sins would be washed away and be gone forever.

Today, as they seek to share their new-found faith and the good news of the Bible with their children and grandchildren, Jim and Barbara ask everyone to pray for their efforts. The Rice Lake Church members thank God for adding Jim and Barbara Hom to their fellowship. “They are such a joy,” says Len.

Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*, as shared by Len Fast, member, Rice Lake Church

Wisconsin **Carlos Edwards** was born in an Adventist home and attended the Charlotte Northeast Church in the South-Atlantic Conference. The church’s practical ministry helped shape him into the person he is as an adult. When Carlos met **Veronica (Vaughan) Edwards**, he believed she could be a wonderful life companion. As their friendship grew closer and deeper, Carlos and Veronica opened up to each other about their spiritual experiences and life goals.

Veronica told Carlos she had not attended church regularly until she was in high school, and by then it was not very appealing to her. After graduating from college and finding a job, Veronica became curious about the Bible and God. However, after struggling to find a church she felt comfortable in, Veronica finally gave up and worshiped at home alone.

As their friendship developed, Carlos began to share his faith with Veronica and explained the powerful biblical truths he had learned as a child. Veronica discovered what the Bible taught about God, salvation, Christ’s Second Coming and more. When Carlos invited her to his church, Veronica was welcomed by the members and felt right at home. It was the first time she was ever excited about attending church. Week after week Veronica enjoyed the sermons. She appreciated how they were informative and explained the Bible in a way that was understandable.

New work opportunities took Veronica and Carlos to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and they quickly found a church home at the Northwest Milwaukee Church. When Adam Case, pastor, began Bible studies with Veronica, he discovered she already had a good understanding of the Bible teachings.

Soon, Adam had the privilege of baptizing Veronica and re-baptizing Carlos. And as you probably guessed, he also provided pre-marriage counseling with the couple and united them in marriage.

Adam reports that God is blessing the church through their ministry. Veronica and Carlos serve as joint leaders of the Adventist Youth program, which began when they joined the church. Yes, God is good!

Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*, as shared by Carlos and Veronica Edwards, members, and Adam Case, pastor, Northwest Milwaukee Church



Veronica Edwards (right) joined the fellowship of the Northwest Milwaukee Church after studying the Bible with her husband, Carlos Edwards (right) and Adam Case, pastor. Carlos was re-baptized the same day. The couple are now blessing the church through their ministry to the young people.

Fasting for Invisible Children

BY ALEXANDRIA MARTIN

We eat when we're hungry. We eat when we're not hungry. We eat when we're sad, happy, nervous, depressed, lonely or excited. We even eat when we're just plain bored. We generously feed our families and ourselves week to week without worrying. Food is a luxury that we take for granted every single day. Think about it. We can barely go without food for the few hours between mealtimes. And when it is time to eat, we fork it down like there's no tomorrow. Could you go without food for just one day? There are hundreds of people around the world who do just that each and every day.

To relate in a small way to people who are food deprived daily, some students at Village Adventist Elementary School took part in their school's 15th annual Hunger Fast. In order to participate in the fast, the seventh and eighth graders from Berrien Springs, Michigan, collected a minimum of \$40 per student. The collected money would be donated to the Invisible Children, an organization that supports needy children affected by a war in Uganda.

During the fast, the students could not eat anything for 24 hours. They began at 3 o'clock on Sabbath afternoon, March 7. Seven hours into the fast, the students were dropped off at their school to continue the rest of the fast with fellow classmates. Along with a few teachers, the junior high students stayed up until the early morning hours playing basketball, volleyball, card games, watching movies, playing video games and trying hard not to focus on their growling stomachs. The next morning everyone went home but continued their fast until 3 o'clock that afternoon.

The purpose of the Hunger Fast was to enable the students to relate, in a small way, to how starving children and families feel from day to day. Helping raise awareness of how others feel and to not just constantly think about



Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Village Adventist Elementary School raised \$3,500 to benefit needy children affected by a war in Uganda. The funds were donated to the Invisible Children organization and will provide food, clothing, education, school supplies, medical needs and much more.

themselves was also a main goal of the Hunger Fast. The money the classes raised when combined came to a grand total of \$3,500, which they proudly presented to the Invisible Children organization. The money will help provide Ugandan children with money for food, clothing, education, school supplies, shelter, medical needs and much more.

As one of the seventh graders at Village School who participated in the 24-hour fast, I want to encourage everyone to think about what you have and to be thankful for it. With the economy going down the drain and money being tight, I know it's easy for us to wish we had more, or feel sorry for ourselves because we can't get everything we want. But there are so many people around the world who would give anything just to live in America. Can't we at least be grateful for what we do have? After experiencing the Hunger Fast, I've learned to have more appreciation not only for food but for everything that I've been given, and I've realized how blessed I really am.

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To learn more about the Invisible Children organization, visit www.invisiblechildren.com.



Realizing God's Presence

BY TYLER YASA

For many the mission trip to El Higo, Mexico, was another notch in their mission-trip belt. For some, like me, it was a new and exciting experience.

When the idea was first suggested that my senior class go on a mission trip instead of a regular class trip, I was hesitant. I wasn't sure I wanted to spend my class trip working. It sounded like a very non-fun class trip. I thought a trip to Florida sounded like a much better idea. But after listening to some of my classmates describe their experiences from previous mission trips, and the class officers lay out their plan for our trip, I finally came to the conclusion that a mission trip could be all right. As long as our class was together, it could be a great way to spend ten days.*



Most of the Indiana Academy class of 2009 traveled to Mexico for a mission experience during spring break. While there, they built churches and assisted with health clinics and evangelism.

The portion of the trip from Texas to El Higo turned out to be very long and tiresome. Once we arrived in El Higo, I found my schedule there was much the same as when I worked on summer construction jobs at home—wake up early, work all day, take a shower and eat dinner. It was a routine I was used to, but our work in Mexico put a new twist on construction. Unlike what I was used to, our concrete and mortar had to be mixed by hand. It was a very labor-intensive job, and the afternoons were scorching.

A few of the local church members helped with the work. Though there was a language barrier, I was able to see how grateful and enthusiastic they were. You could see they were excited to do God's work.

Two of the local members were brothers. They made an enormous sacrifice for the construction of their church. Before our group arrived, the brothers sold their van to help pay for the construction material. The van was how they got to and from work to make a living, traveling into town to pick up supplies. With the van, the brothers also picked up many people to bring them to church. Our mission group felt it was a burden the brothers did not need to bear. To help them, an offering was collected. By God's grace, we raised more than enough money to buy a new van for the brothers.

Building the church from the ground up was a much bigger blessing than I anticipated. I felt like I was a part of something with real meaning. It is a very hard emotion to describe. Packing up our things to go home was a bitter-sweet experience. On one hand, I was leaving the bug bites and the mud; but on the other hand, I was leaving a place where, in reality, I felt closer to God than I ever had before.

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*Some Indiana Academy seniors opted for a hurricane clean-up mission experience in Texas, but the class reunited in San Antonio, Texas, after their mission trips where they enjoyed a few days of sightseeing and recreation. To learn more about Indiana Academy, visit <http://indianasdaacademy.org>.



A Mother's Redemptive Gift

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

It was during the depression years that little Karen's innovative mother used some organdy curtains to fashion three new Easter dresses for her daughters. After making patterns from newspapers, she sewed the dresses by hand using French seams. They had beautiful ruffles, puffed sleeves and detailed collars.

After dressing her girls in their new dresses and being sure they were ready for church, she left the room to get ready herself. Karen got restless, waiting in a big scratchy chair, and she began to chew on her collar. Returning to gather her girls up to leave for church, Karen's mother saw what had happened. Karen broke down in tears, as she had surely ruined her beautiful new dress.

Her mother left the room briefly and returned with a new collar, ready to be snapped into place. She gently removed the chewed up collar and replaced it with the new one, telling Karen that she had anticipated this might happen and that everything was okay. Karen recalls being so grateful for her mother's attitude and actions that she never chewed on a collar again! Karen also learned about God's redemptive love, a love that anticipates our needs and provides for us even before we ask.

This story reminds me of the wise words of Ellen White. She wrote much about the importance of home and family and how important it is to show love on a daily basis. Writing in the latter part of what we know as the Victorian Age, she encouraged parents to work together for the highest



good of their children. The Victorian Age was a time of advocating for self-restraint at all costs. Emotional closeness between couples and between parents and children was not favored nor encouraged.

However, Ellen wrote, "No barrier of coldness and reserve should be allowed to arise between parents and children. Let parents become acquainted with their children, seeking to understand their tastes and dispositions, entering into their feelings, and drawing out what is in their hearts ... let your children see that you love them and will do all in your power to make them happy. If you do so, your necessary restrictions will have far greater weight in their young minds. Rule your children with

tenderness and compassion, remembering that their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 393, 394).

"If you desire the angels to do for your children the work given them of God, co-operate with them by doing your part" (Matthew 18:10).

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Sleep deprived people eat more.



Lack of sleep impairs judgment.

Pillow Talk

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Today's society is chronically sleep deprived. In fact, sleep deprivation is considered a way of life for many Americans. Going without sleep is considered by many as a sign of conscientiousness, while others are considered lazy who get appropriate sleep.

Unfortunately, people who are chronically sleep deficient often don't realize that they are, because they have become so accustomed to feeling so blah. Many Americans, especially college students, average less than six hours of sleep a night. Twenty percent of college students polled said they pull an all-nighter at least once a month.

Sleep deprivation can hurt one's academic performance. A tired brain is slower, less efficient, less productive, more forgetful and makes more mistakes. Nodding off during class as well as going through the day low on energy, feeling cloudy-headed and tired does not show the best use of tuition dollars. Fatigue caused by sleep deprivation decreases blood flow to the frontal cortex where discernment, initiative, creativity, judgment and other decision-making functions transpire. A person experiencing a period of 24 hours of wakefulness has the cognitive function and reaction time equivalent to someone with a blood alcohol level of 0.1 percent.

The cumulative long-term effects of sleep loss are associated with a wide range of deleterious health consequences. Lack of sleep decreases your ability to handle stress and lowers your immune defenses, thereby increasing your risk of colds and infections. Sleep deprivation can raise your risk of heart disease, stroke, chronic anxiety and depression, cancer, obesity, diabetes and impaired blood sugar levels, and other health problems.



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Women who slept less than five hours a night were 45 percent more likely to have heart problems than women who slept eight hours. In a ten-year study, persons who got five hours of sleep or less were more than twice as likely to develop hypertension as those who got seven to eight hours a night. In another study, risk of hypertension increased 37 percent for every hour sleep was reduced.

A chronic loss of sleep can almost double the risk of obesity. A loss of sleep can cause the hormones that control appetite to get out of balance. Sleep deprived people may increase their caloric consumption by as much as 15 percent, setting the stage for weight gain. The hormone ghrelin stimulates appetite, while leptin signals the brain when you are full. Sleep deprivation causes leptin levels to drop, so you don't feel as satisfied after eating, while ghrelin levels rise, so you want to eat more.

Chronic loss of sleep may impair insulin secretion by 20 to 30 percent. Adults who reported five hours of sleep or less were 2.5 times more likely to have diabetes compared with those getting seven to eight hours per night. After only one week, healthy young men who slept only four hours a night developed insulin and blood sugar levels characteristic of pre-diabetes.

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EXTREME GRACE

Redeemed

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Brett Favre redeemed himself on Sunday Night Football. Though a growing number of fans began muttering that Brett “looked like he ought to be quarterbacking a tractor on his farm,” that all changed as Greg Lewis caught Brett’s pass and landed both feet in the end zone, giving Greg his first touchdown ever—and Minnesota a walk-off win.

Redemption is like that. When your personal value erodes, it dunks you in grace and declares you “valuable.”

Michael Vick, an NFL quarterback who found after-prison work in Philadelphia, also found redemption in simply being on the field for the national anthem. “My mother would have been proud,” he proclaimed. Michael’s mother died while he was in prison, and Michael, who has been vilified by dog-lovers around the world, has begun to experience personal redemption on the gridiron.

Redemption is like that. It finds you when you’re down and turns you right-side-up. Right out there in front of everyone.

The roster of the redeemed is long, filled with the names of the famous, the infamous, the respected and the unknown. It includes murderers like David the son of Jesse and Moses the son of Jochabed. Bill Clinton says his name is there; Tammy Faye’s name is listed in italics; and you’ll find the sinner Richard Duerksen near the end of the “Ds.”

Redemption is like that. It adds up all the minuses of our lives, soaks them in Christ’s blood and then hangs ‘em out like victory flags.

Fanny Crosby was so redeemed that she wrote a poem about it. “Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it,”¹ she scribbled one morning during her prayer time. She wrote stanza after stanza, each one a blimp-sized billboard proclaiming freedom beside the Devil’s toll-road. Meet her in the supermarket, and she’d tell you about the poem and the God who redeemed her. Meet her at church, and she’d be humming just loud enough for you to want to listen.



Redemption is like that. When you let it catch you, you want everyone to learn the tune and sing along.

Redemption has many faces. Like when a co-worker does something incredibly stupid, something that makes everyone have to work harder, something that makes everyone say nasty things behind the co-worker’s back. Redemption happens when you feel your friend’s pain and search for a way to raise him into a place of honor in the office. Caring for others—as God cares for you—makes you part of the redemption experience.

Redemption’s like when Mom put a cold cloth on your skinned knee—even though she told you not to ride your trike on the gravel.

Redemption’s like when you lose your temper at your spouse, and can hardly wait to say, “I’m sorry.”

Redemption’s like when I choose to do something I know is unhealthy (or maybe even less than good, or even significantly bad) and then I sense the Holy Spirit drawing me toward repentance so God can perform His all-time favorite act of forgiveness.

Redemption is like when the ship’s captain heard about Grace, left the sea and printed a Good News pamphlet, and spread it from New England to Timbuktu.

Redemption is like that. It challenges you to redeem others.

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1. Crosby, Fanny. “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It.” Lyrics. *Songs of Redeeming Love*. John J. Hood, 1882.



Dear God...

BY DON JACOBSEN

Dear God,

I want to thank you for letting me know Roger. He taught me more accidentally than many of my teachers did on purpose. I know You know this story, but I love to tell it...

A few months ago Roger needed to buy some kitchen cabinets and phoned the home improvement store. The lady at the store was so impressed with him over the phone (she later told me), she sat and looked at the wall after they hung up. She remembers thinking, *There is something unique about that man ... something different. Right from the beginning of our conversation I could tell he was not just interested in kitchen cabinets, he came across as so caring and so genuinely interested in me...*

A few days later he came to the store and they met. They decided on the cabinets he wanted and ordered them, but Karen couldn't shake the thought that this man was unlike most any customer she had ever had ... there was a thoughtfulness and respect that saturated everything he said. There was a genuineness, almost a radiance about him she couldn't quite define. She remembers thinking, *I don't know what he's got, but whatever it is I want some of it.*

Before he left, Roger invited her to visit his church. She was impressed with his caring manner and wanted to attend, but because of scheduling issues she couldn't. So Roger invited her to Wednesday night prayer meeting—and she's been coming ever since. In fact, she changed jobs and it freed up her weekends. Now she almost never misses.

Remember, this all started with the tone of Roger's voice, the look on his face, the words he spoke. He learned what I want to live, God, that my most important assignment is not to buy kitchen cabinets—or anything else—but rather that Jesus be so real in me that every person I touch, in whatever capacity, will want to know Him.

Help me to remember that I'm always on Kingdom business, and the linkages that form are of Your making so I can radiate on people. So I can see them not as cranky clerks, but as people You love and who need a little dose of encouragement from me. Not as irresponsible drivers in the car ahead of me, but as folks I need to pray for. Not as rebels with spiked hair and safety pins in their eyebrows, but as kids You want me to love on Your behalf.

Isn't a phone call to a clerk in a home improvement store, which I seldom frequent, a strange setting for me to remember that I'm on the King's business? No, there are no "strange settings." When I recall what You have done for me, what You saved me from ... when I recall the scope of Your plan for my life ... when I recall what You have in store, it reminds me that You have honored me with the opportunity to tell Your story. As one of the redeemed, I want to remember to say so.

Roger helped me understand a little better how that works. Thank You, Lord.
Your friend.

Don Jacobsen writes from Hiawassee, Georgia. He is the former president of Adventist World Radio.

A Camp Full of Hope

BY LORI CRAWFORD

My cousin attended the very first Indiana Conference Single Moms Retreat in 2001. She talked about the good experiences she had there. As a single mother then, I only had a knowledge of survival (street smarts) and abandonment issues from my past—no hope or money. I felt very alone. In 2003, my congregation and its much-loved elders made sure my two beautiful daughters and I went to the retreat. Vacation was never a part of our lives until that point.

What I remember from my mom's faith was isolation—no interaction with the world. The choice not to follow her faith meant losing my relationship with her in the public viewing. The other path I saw was my grandma's. She was living the best she could through a small community of believers of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. She gave freely to show her children and grandchildren the love of Jesus. I chose Grandma's faith to be a better path.

In 2003, I suffered from the disease of alcoholism. I was taught better than to be disrespectful. I never flaunted the alcohol at camp; I thought it was my secret and my medium to live. What I received at camp that year was love, the kind of love my grandma gave unconditionally—no matter what I smelled of or what shame and guilt I carried. God also blessed us with two ladies that year, Julie Loucks and Kaye Allen. God gave them compassion and ears—just the combination it took to water the seed inside me. Now, I just smile and remember the peace that was shared with us. A few years passed and I was given a program for my disease.

I was fortunate to pay our own way to camp this year. For a single mom, this was a joy. Julie and Kaye were always



This little camper enjoyed being held by Kali Jardine, a camp staff worker, during the Sabbath morning services.

Josh English

on the other end of the phone or letter as often as I needed them. They even took time out of their week to travel 200 miles for a special social dinner as my guests. I felt special.

As the years have gone by, with help from my God and all the help He sends me, I have successfully raised my two daughters. I will get married on January 1, 2010. I have completed a GED and I have gone to taxidermy school.

This year at camp I had both daughters with me. One is married and carrying my first granddaughter. The other daughter has her GED and is looking at a college for special needs. All of us have had daily struggles, but home is good, our relationship is good and our future is good.

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Every year at camp we have felt welcomed and loved. It has been a privilege for the camp director, Charlie Thompson, and his wife, Trish, to share their life with us and to have them as examples—to have the privilege of watching all of their children grow. If you support the Single Moms Retreat, we give our appreciation to you. Without your help, our family couldn't have had this journey. Bless you all!

Lori Crawford is a pseudonym.

To learn more about the next Single Moms Retreat, call Julie Loucks at 317-844-6201.



GRAN CELEBRACIÓN EN GRAND RAPIDS

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“El establecimiento de iglesias y sanatorios es tan sólo una manifestación adicional del amor de Dios, y en esta obra debiera participar todo el pueblo de Dios. Cristo formó su iglesia aquí abajo con el propósito expreso de manifestar la gracia de Dios por medio de sus miembros. Su pueblo debe levantar monumentos conmemorativos de su sábado en todo el mundo, que es la señal entre él y ellos, de que es él quien los santifica. De este modo deben demostrar que han vuelto a su lealtad y que permanecen firmes en favor de los principios de su ley” (Consejos sobre la salud, p. 220).

En el mes de julio de este año tuve el privilegio de participar, junto con los hermanos de la Iglesia Central de la ciudad de Grand Rapids en el estado de Michigan, en la celebración del 25 aniversario de la compra de su templo. Al pasar esos momentos con los hermanos me llenó de gozo ver la cantidad de hermanos de las varias iglesias hispanas que ahora existen en la ciudad como fruto de ese humilde comienzo

Manuel Vázquez, vicepresidente anterior de la División Norteamericana, relata la interesante historia del comienzo de la obra en la ciudad de Grand Rapids en su libro, *La historia aún no contada*. De acuerdo a este libro, la obra tuvo su comienzo en el año 1967 con la llegada de una dama cubana llamada Marta Moore-Walwyn, cuando junto con su esposo médico, se radicaron en Grand Rapids. Marta conoció a otra familia cubana allí y las dos familias empezaron a estudiar y orar juntas. Luego llegó un hermano de Marta, Miguel Moore, y con el tiempo consiguieron el apoyo financiero de la iglesia de habla inglesa para hacer obra misionera los sábados. En el año 1972 se llevó a cabo una campaña evangelística que resultó en los primeros tres bautismos en la ciudad. El grupo hispano siguió creciendo al punto que ya necesitó el apoyo de un pastor. La Asociación de Michigan estudió la situación y con el tiempo se consiguieron los servicios del pastor Orval Scully. El grupo continuó creciendo y el 17 de julio del año 1976 se organizó como iglesia y se convirtió en la tercera iglesia hispana de la Asociación de Michigan.



Iglesia Adventista Central, primera iglesia hispana en Grand Rapids, Michigan

Es maravilloso ver cómo el Señor ha bendecido esos pequeños comienzos con cientos de hermanos adventistas hispanos que adoran cada sábado en varias iglesias que existen ahora en la ciudad. Todo esto comenzó con el sueño de un grupo de hermanos que quería ganar almas para Cristo. Es impresionante ver cómo, a pesar de los obstáculos que existieron en ese tiempo, los hermanos Marta y Miguel Moore y otros fieles discípulos trabajaron y oraron, para presentar la luz de Dios en una ciudad donde se necesitaba dar las Buenas Nuevas a los muchos hispanos que vivían en esa ciudad.

No hay duda que aún se necesita establecer nuevas iglesias hispanas en muchas ciudades y vecindarios en nuestra Unión del Lago. Dios necesita discípulos dispuestos a trabajar, aún hasta el sacrificio para lograr esa meta. Mi oración es que como resultado de este artículo haya quienes decidan dedicarse a abrir obra nueva en lugares que se encuentren aún en la oscuridad.

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Eric B. Hare



Paul Harvey, Connie Vandeman Jeffery,
George Vandeman



HMS Richards Sr.



C.D. Brooks

Tell ‘The Story’

BY CONNIE VANDEMAN JEFFERY

*Tell me a fact and I’ll learn.
Tell me a truth and I’ll believe.
But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever.*

Scott Pelley, a “60 MINUTES” correspondent said, “We think of issues in terms of stories people can relate to. Steven Spielberg didn’t do a movie called ‘The Holocaust’—he did ‘Schindler’s List’; He didn’t do a project called ‘D-Day’—he did ‘Saving Private Ryan.’ We go out and find a story that makes issues come alive for the audience. So, when a producer rushes in and says, ‘Let’s do a story on climate change,’ I say, ‘That’s an issue; tell me the story.’ Don Hewitt the executive producer of ‘60 MINUTES’ used to say, ‘We aren’t looking for the news of the day, but rather the stories of our time.’”

TELL ME ‘THE STORY’

Did you know there is only one sign of the end? There are many signs that we are nearing the end, but only one sign of the end. It’s found in Matthew 24:14, and it’s all about “The Story.” “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” That is why “the Story,” His story, is so important, so vital.

I have known some terrific “storytellers” in my time. My parents were good friends with Josephine Cunnington Edwards, and I devoured every book she wrote. Eric B. Hare was a frequent guest in my Sabbath school class at Sligo Church in Maryland when I was a little girl. I still remember his exciting mission stories. And then there was Paul Har-

vey, who passed away earlier this year. He was a dear friend of our family; and while the world knew him as “the most listened-to newsman in America,” I knew him as a consummate communicator who always told us “the rest of the story.” But when it comes to great storytellers, I was blessed to be related to one of the best. My father, George Vandeman, was a wonderful storyteller. His conversion story, entitled “I Met a Miracle,” still gives me goosebumps when I read it. A collection of his best stories and sermon illustrations have been compiled into a book by Pacific Press called *Helpings for the Heart*. During the course of his remarkable ministry, my father used stories to draw people to Christ.

So many hymns in our church hymnal celebrate “The Story”—hymns like “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations,” “I



Charles Bradford



Braulio Perez Marcio



Stanley Hill and Betty Ahnberg



Josephine Cunnington Edwards

Love to Tell the Story,” and my personal favorite is “Tell Me the Story of Jesus.” We sing about “The Story” all the time. Why is it difficult sometimes to “tell” it?

I’m encouraged to report that I believe we now have the technology in place to take “The Story”—the saving, life-transforming story of Jesus—to the entire world through the Internet, through mobile phone technology, through traditional media of radio and television, through social networking and through traditional evangelism. We need every tool to tell “The Story.”

TELL ME A FACT AND I’LL LEARN

I love to learn facts—little known facts, famous facts and tidbits, dates. Sometimes I think I missed my calling and should have been a history teacher. I can tell you every fact and historical date relating to It Is Written, and most facts about Voice of Prophecy and other media ministries. For instance, It Is Written was the very first religious television program broadcast in color (this statistic is actually on a trivia Web site).

October 19 marked the exact date of the Voice of Prophecy’s 80th anniversary. On October 19, 1929—on the very eve of The Great Depression—H.M.S. Richards Sr. started his first radio broadcast on KNX in Los Angeles. Faith For Today was the first television show sponsored by the church. It began in 1950 in New York City, founded by William and Virginia Fagal. In 1974, Walter Arties founded the Breath of Life ministry, and C.D. Brooks was its first speaker. La Voz de la Esperanza was founded in 1942 by Braulio Perez Marcio. And in 2007, The Adventist Channel was launched—the first digital inspirational global broadband network. These are interesting facts. I like learning them, so tell me a fact and I’ll learn.

TELL ME A TRUTH AND I’LL BELIEVE

As Seventh-day Adventists, we are blessed to have the Bible as our only creed. Based on the teachings of the Bible, we hold certain fundamental beliefs or truths that include the Nature of Man, the Sanctuary, the Trinity—and then three separate ones for the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. We have Bap-

tism, Stewardship, the Gift of Prophecy, the New Earth—28 in all. I *believe* every one of them. My two personal favorites happen to be the Sabbath and Death and Resurrection. And the single most significant reason I believe all of these truths is that they are all wrapped around the story of Jesus.

TELL ME A STORY AND IT WILL LIVE IN MY HEART FOREVER

That, my friends, is what the story of Jesus is all about; it not only stays with us and lives in our hearts, it has the power to transform us and the ability to make us want to share it with others.

I watched the way my father skillfully unfolded the truths of Scripture by wrapping them around the story of Jesus. He would capture the attention of his audiences with a sermon called “The Heavens are Telling” and share slides of the stars; then in night two or three, he’d tell his own conversion story—about the Friday night he marched out of his own preacher-father’s service and shook his fist at the heavens and said, “Holy Spirit, leave me and never come back.” Then, night after night, he led the people through the various truths of Scripture. But, always, he began and ended with the story of Jesus. That’s what it was all about then. That’s what it’s all about today!

RON’S STORY

My brother Ron is 67, and he lives in a nursing home in Glendale, California. Ever since his complete mental breakdown when he was 21 years old, Ron has lived with the mysterious, often frightening, illness of schizophrenia. He’s been in and out of hospitals, institutions and various mental health facilities most of the past 40 years.

Sometimes, during my visits, he was lucid and able to carry on an almost “normal” conversation. Other times he was non-responsive, sometimes hostile, and sometimes he was just quiet. We almost never spoke of spiritual things.

At a recent visit, I found Ron to be quite talkative and animated. He was delighted that a visiting clergy had left copies of the Gideon New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs.



George Vandeman



William and Virginia Fagal



Walter L. Wright and E.E. Cleveland

Ron asked me if I had read the Gospels.

“Of course,” I answered, “it’s the best part!”

“But have you read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order—starting at Matthew and reading straight through to John?” he asked.

“Well, no,” I admitted. “I can’t remember the last time I just read through all four gospels, especially in one sitting.”

“You should do it,” he insisted. “The story is so simple.”

“And what’s the story?” I asked, almost hesitantly.

“The story is this: Jesus took our pain!” he declared.

“Jesus took our pain,” I repeated, not believing that my brother, who lived in such a state of mental turmoil and pain, could grasp “The Story” and then describe it in just four words—“Jesus took our pain.” I pointed out to Ron that even our father couldn’t have summed up “The Story” as simply and eloquently as he did.

Yes, friend, Jesus did take our pain. He took yours and He took mine. He took my brother’s pain and promised us a day when our pain, our tears, our heartaches would be no more. If Ron could tell “The Story” so beautifully, so simply, surely I can tell it, too.

DON’S STORY

It was 108 degrees in the shade, and my son was graduating from a well-known Christian university in Thousand Oaks, California. I was concerned that day because my husband, his father, had been diagnosed with cancer just five months before, and we still didn’t know the extent of his illness. Had it spread? Was he a candidate for surgery? What was his treatment plan to be? We didn’t know the answers that day, but he was determined to see his son graduate from college even though he was ill. So he went with me to the giant football field. There was no shade, no breeze—only the hot sun beating down on us all.

My heart sank as I glanced at the impressive printed program in my hand. It looked like it was going to be a long afternoon. And while I wouldn’t have missed that day for the world, because my son was graduating from college, I now believe we were all there to hear Don Conley’s story.

Don Conley was a 60-year-old man representing all those graduating from the Adult Education Program. Don had always wanted to go to college, but never got around to it. He married out of high school, had three children in quick succession, and worked hard to support his family. Don worked in the information technology field most of his life. Then, tragedy struck. He was diagnosed with end-stage heart failure in 2002. In 2003, he was lying in the hospital at UCLA just waiting for a heart transplant, without which he would surely die.

“I stand before you today because of a young man I never met,” he said humbly. He told us about Jason, a 17-year-old who died tragically in a car accident and whose parents, in the midst of their overwhelming grief, decided to donate all of his organs. When Don received Jason’s heart, he learned that Jason’s dream was to graduate from college.

“Today, Jason and I graduated from college,” he said proudly. “I wanted to fulfill the wish of my donor.”

There wasn’t a dry eye on the football field that day. There was silence, then thunderous applause. His story made our day. It made us forget the heat. And it made us forget everything but the powerful spiritual application of his story. His story will always live in my heart.

Here’s “The Story.” You know it by heart: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Let’s fulfill the wish of our Donor and tell “The Story,” the saving story of Jesus, so that He can take us home, what do you say?

“Tell me the story of Jesus. Write on my heart every word. Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.”¹

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Note: Connie’s husband is currently in remission from cancer after being diagnosed in December 2007.


1. Crosby, Fanny. “Tell Me the Story of Jesus.” Lyrics. *The Quiver of Sacred Song*. John J. Hood, 1880.



God's Remnant Tapestry

BY SHIRLEY S. HOLMES

The remnant concept has never been unfamiliar to me. I was the “remnant” of my mother’s childbearing years. She bore three boys and a girl with her first husband, who died in an iron mining accident. Later, after marrying my father—who was a widower with three boys and a girl—my parents again had three boys and a girl. That final child was me, arriving in this world during The Great Depression, when Mom was 45 years of age. She loved the Lord, and prayed for each of her children while they were still in her womb.



I grew up with the remnant idea being more or less impressed upon me in a solidly conservative Lutheran home—conservative because my parents’ pietistic faith grew out of the revival movements of Finland, the land of their birth. Rather often during my childhood, Mother quoted Jesus’ words: “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8) Another text she quoted often was the one that says, “Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:14).

Belonging to the majority, therefore, was not to be considered important. Mark Twain once said, “Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.” In fact, I was innately suspicious of majorities because of the language of Scripture. “Apostasy” would come; “separateness” from the world was necessary; “forsaking all” (sometimes even kindred) was imperative for discipleship. Accepting truth could well mean standing alone, like Daniel.

In America, freedom of religion was guaranteed and quite often taken for granted. Living out my faith among trusted hometown friends and good neighbors as a youth

was relatively easy. Testing, “boot training,” came in high school. School dances of the late 1940s were no temptation, but when our class was to sponsor the annual junior prom, a teacher required me to attend the planning session. The class vote was a formality, since it was a foregone conclusion that no objections were anticipated. I needn’t draw attention to myself, I reasoned, and it wouldn’t make any real difference if I didn’t raise my hand when the chair would ask if any opposed. My hand felt like lead, but I somehow got it up. I was a teenage remnant of one, and probably no one even noticed.

Several years later I married the man God chose as my life partner, my dear husband of more than 53 years. He was studying to become a Lutheran minister in one of the smaller Lutheran bodies of Finnish immigrant background. While still dating, we attended a huge ecumenical rally with 30,000 other Christians of many denominations at Chicago’s Soldier Field, during the second Assembly of the World Council of Churches. It was a thrill to be in that vast audience packing the stadium. It wasn’t until later that I began to detect the compromises that were gradually eroding the standards and Bible truths handed



down to me by my parents, my Sunday school teachers and our pastors.

Our church eventually merged with a larger, more liberal body. After the merger came another disquieting moment while attending a church-related committee meeting. Lunching in the hotel's restaurant was one of our much-respected church leaders sipping beer with his meal—a first. Apparently, it was now all right to consume alcoholic beverages. My sad heart felt quite disillusioned.

While serving in our second parish assignment, the Vacation Bible School (VBS) materials on creation arrived in the mail. Studying them in preparation for teaching, I noticed the lessons were based largely on evolutionary theory. References to Christ were almost nonexistent. Consequently, our congregation canceled VBS that summer. Apparently, the familiar biblical six-day Creation story had gone by the board.

AN UNEXPECTED FUTURE UNFOLDED

The remnant consciousness became up-front and personal, and stared me in the face with inescapable persistence, as the future unfolded. The serious test came when I, as a pastor's wife still in our second Lutheran parish, accepted the Sabbath truth at a Wisconsin camp meeting I'd been invited to attend by a Seventh-day Adventist friend. (This friend, incidentally, became my spiritual mentor and friend for life.) With Bible in hand, seeing the fourth commandment and other Bible doctrines in their true light for the first time, I found no way to refute them. It all dawned on me with a power like the sun's rising. Instinctively, I knew that as things then stood I could no longer enjoy the security of the "majority," with which I'd heretofore been comfortable. I had been deeply rooted and fully committed as a Lutheran, so when I took that lonely walk down the auditorium aisle to take a stand on this new scriptural light, the "great controversy" sprang to life. The heat was on.

Though I've loved my Savior since childhood, much of what once held great meaning could never have been relinquished without my being convinced of the remnant

motif throughout Scripture, and especially inherent in the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14—God's last call to the world.

After more Bible studies and fervent (often agonizing) prayer, the following year (1969) I was baptized, absolutely sure that I was making the right decision.

But it was bittersweet because of my pastor-husband's strong opposition. God compensated with a discovery that seemed like a miracle. Immediately after my baptism, my Adventist friend dug out her own baptismal certificate from 22 years earlier. It turned out to be the very same day! What a wonderful added reassurance that I was in God's will. The Lord truly sustained me, along with the love, support and prayers of many dear people.

Also, wedding vows and God's promises stood the test! After intensive study at the Adventist seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, my husband was baptized at Pioneer Memorial Adventist Church in April 1971. Needless



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to say, it was absolutely thrilling for me—almost more so than our wedding day had been. Some months later, then General Conference president, Robert Pierson, conducted his ordination service at the same location.

Years passed, incredibly rich ones, as we labored for the Lord. Having fully accepted and loving the Three Angels' Messages, we served in Adventist parishes and in the mission field; then Ray was called to teach at the Seminary at Andrews University, which was like a dream job for him.



NOT A REASON FOR PRIDE

To some it may be presumptuous and arrogant for any particular group to be designated as “The Remnant.” As an Adventist I tended to avoid using the term for that reason, and I still use it discreetly. I have learned, however, that the remnant concept is clearly God’s, and not humans’. It is of biblical origin. When viewed correctly, it brings a great humility of heart as well as a weight of responsibility. When one becomes a member of the remnant (and God has many beautiful people of other persuasions who will yet be woven into His tapestry), it precludes any pride or exclusiveness. When stared in the face by truth, a choice has to be made and may well bring trauma and pain. But it involves one’s very destiny. The finished tapestry will ultimately reveal that the most exquisite weaving was done during the darkest days. Many have paid dearly, some even with their lives, for accepting the remnant message.

The positive side is that it is truly a thrill to belong to a growing end-time movement encircling the globe, people from “every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6); to experience belonging and community, even while simultaneously studying the same Sabbath school lessons week by week with members worldwide; to have worked and worshiped at academic institutions comprising students from many different countries and cultures sharing the same precious faith—it has all been a prefiguration of Heaven.

FAITHFUL TO THE END

In Adventist circles there is once again the privilege and blessing to bask and revel in a genuine family feeling. The fellowship is wonderful. We, along with the many dear and honest-hearted still in “Babylon,” constitute the corpus Christi (the body of Christ), the true ecumenical movement based strictly on Bible truth. “Let no one attempt to tear down the foundation of our faith, or to spoil the pattern by bringing into the web threads of human devising” (Ellen G. White, *This Day With God*, p. 324). The unity Christ prayed for in John 17 will never be based on

compromise. The true heirs of the kingdom must be “legal,” i.e., no impostors accepted. By God’s grace, there’s no turning back. God will have His remnant (the minority?) who will be faithful to the end, right to the time of His Second Coming.

“To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test” (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 136).

As darkness intensifies, the light will shine more brilliantly. The remnant will become increasingly more vis-



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ible, as winter makes the evergreens more visible, in contrast to the other trees that are leafless and bare. Remnant people may indeed be rejected by many, but are “chosen by God and precious” (1 Peter 2:4).

The Adventist movement, I believe, is the recovery and culmination of reformation and prophetic doctrines that God has been fully unfolding in this judgment hour.

God has been weaving His remnant tapestry ever since the Fall. Each tried-and-true individual throughout sacred history is a single colorful thread that will ultimately be part of the glorious finished product, His beautiful workmanship. Looking back, everything is seen as part of the divine pattern, the divine tapestry. The tests, the keen disappointments, the choices (even wrong ones) are mercifully made radiantly beautiful by God’s redemptive artistry.

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My Confidence in Our Creator God

A BIOLOGIST'S STORY

BY DAVID STEEN

Born into a medical missionary home, growing up in the scrublands of Ethiopia, getting my early education in one-room mission schools and enjoying much world travel before I became a teenager certainly were formative events in my life. Then higher education in biology, chemistry and philosophy at the feet of godly men and women led me to read widely and think carefully about where we came from, how we got here and where we are headed. After three-and-a-half decades of continued reading, exploration, searching for truth and mentoring my own students in their scientific careers, I am more certain than ever of my faith and confidence in my Creator God.

God claims to be the Creator, and He pronounced the creation as good—and even very good. I agree. My explorations into deep space, brought near by the wonderful invention of the Hubble space telescope, let me know how very small I am and how very big God is. And the thought that He made all those stars, planets and galaxies, knows how many there are, and calls them all by name simply takes my breath away (see Psalm 147:4).

My explorations into inner space and the intricacies of the cell using light microscopy, electron microscopy and molecular biology show me awe-inspiring evidence of God as a creator and designer of order and control. What is coming to light through the discoveries of modern biology is a picture of a cell that is astoundingly more complex and far more carefully regulated than anyone has ever imagined. And when you realize that we are just now beginning to figure out how cells really work, it is a truly humbling experience. And

with the flood of new discovery, the counterfeit notion that even the “simplest” cell could ever arise by chance is dimming rapidly. Truly, this is a wonderful time to be a biologist.

My challenge and awesome responsibility as a biology teacher is to rightly represent my Creator and help my students to build faith as together we explore modern biology. Teaching biology in a way that my students can honestly and fairly examine data from Inspiration and from nature is a sacred duty. Problems arise when the two revelations appear not to agree, as is sometimes the case. Holding what may appear to be two variant truths in tension while continuing to build faith in God is what we must do. What is clear from Paul's letter to the church in Rome is that faith is crucially important, and a study of creation should result in believing (see Romans 1).

I believe that the Word of God is true and holy, and is not to be taken lightly. Thus, I accept it at face value. When I

search the scriptures, it is an inescapable fact that the seventh day of the week, the Sabbath, is a holy day—a sacred day set apart by God as a memorial of His creation week. It honors and recognizes the One and only Creator God. He commands me not to work but rather to rest. It is an invitation to commune with my Maker. I thank God for this privilege. Each Sabbath I have the guilt-free opportunity to close the books, lay down the shovel, put the hammer and chisel away, close the cash register, hang out the “Closed” sign and quietly enter His sacred tabernacle of time. There, I find peace-filled rest and holy communion with the One who is altogether lovely, ineffably sublime, my unconditional Lover, my wonderful Counselor, my King of kings and my Lord of lords, Creator of all that is or ever will be.

I am thankful that God modeled the rhythm of life for me during the creation week, that it was affirmed during His life on earth and that this cycle will continue throughout eternity. Though I have carefully examined and understand the evidence that suggests that this Earth may be very old, and despite the ever-shifting propaganda perpetually preached by purveyors of origins by means of naturalistic evolution, I choose rather to believe the few simple words gouged in stone by the very finger of God: “Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. ... For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the

Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Talk about clarity.

Setting this day aside to honor my Creator simply because He asks me to, taking His request at face value, has proven to be a huge blessing for me and my family. Psychologically, financially, spiritually, professionally, physiologically, socially—any way I slice it, observing the Sabbath is an added value that I enjoy simply for doing what my Creator asks me to do.

The Sabbath helps me to re-prioritize. It’s all about relationship. The depth and quality of relationships are far more important than any of the things that we tend to collect and spend so much time worrying about. Our stuff comes and goes in what I sometimes call the “stuff cycle.” First, we just gotta have the stuff. Then, before long, we gotta fix the stuff. Soon after that we spend time trying to figure out how to get rid of the stuff. In contrast, relationships give my life lasting meaning. My closest friendships provide insights into the depth and quality of the relationship that God wants to have with me. I am thinking just now of all the best godly friends that I have. Now, I try to imagine all of the best qualities of all of those friends rolled up into one. What I am imagining is wonderful. But I am certain that it can’t begin to describe the friendship God wants to have with you and me. God is a far better Friend. We can’t begin to describe the beauty and loveliness of God. Still, it doesn’t hurt to imagine.

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MY CREATOR, MY GOD

My God. My God. How excellent is Your name in all of Your creation. You have given me senses to perceive, a mind to think, Your Word to instruct, an amazing creation to discover and the mysteries of a still small voice for guidance. All of these God-given gifts open channels for communion with You. How thrilling and awesome is that thought to me! I am astonished that the God of all creation longs for communion with me and has given me multiple ways to do that.

You give me the loving warmth of human touch. Can that touch even begin to model Your yearnings for me? You speak tender love, clear instruction and unwavering accountability through Your written Word. Do I truly listen, understand and obey? You have given clear and abundant evidence of Your creative genius that made all that is. I am stunned by how good it is. Yet, how often do I listen to the lies, innuendos and insinuations of the great deceiver that deny Your creative power and Your love for me? You came in flesh among us, showing me how to live. Then You suffered, bled and died to pay the penalty for my sins. Can I begin to understand the magnitude of Your sacrifice and gift? Then You conquered death, rising again to prepare a place for me. Have I even begun preparing for the intergalactic trip? And I read about Your longings to bring me home. My God. My God!!! How I long to go home.

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Reuben Thorson is known around the hospital for his commitment to God and for telling squeaky-clean jokes.

Longtime hospital employee celebrates 80th birthday

When he started working as a janitor at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital in 1967, Reuben Thorson never imagined he'd someday work up the ranks to become a licensed practical nurse and surgical assistant. But his hard work and persistence have paid off in a job that he loves—so much that he can't think of retiring even though he's now 80 years old.

"I'm going to live to be 100—that's for sure," the Plainfield, Ill., resident said, adding a quick punchline: "Unless I die first!"

Thorson's colleagues threw him a surprise birthday party on Monday, Aug. 31, at the hospital; his actual birthday was Aug. 30. The celebration in the surgical services department staff lounge included a potluck dinner replete with ethnic specialties and vegetarian dishes. Thorson is a longtime vegetarian for health and religious reasons.

A deacon at the Bolingbrook Seventh-day Adventist Church, Thorson also is known for his strong faith in God and commitment to serving others. He and his wife, Rita, are area coordinators over a local contingent of Pathfinders, a worldwide organization of young people sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church that is similar to the Boy Scouts but includes both boys and girls. Being at a faith-based hospital brings a sense of eternal purpose to his work, he said.

"God does the healing and we do the work that makes it possible," Thorson said. "We're doing God's work here."

Over the years, Thorson has made countless friends throughout the hospital, where he's best known for telling squeaky clean jokes that usually involve puns. His wife also was a licensed practical nurse at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital for more than 20 years. The couple has been married 44 years.

Rueben Thorson has three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His two sons, Mark and Peter, also worked at the

hospital and a granddaughter, Patti Thorson, currently works in the hospital's warehouse.

As a surgical assistant, Thorson scrubs in for operative procedures, helps position patients and anticipates the surgeon's needs. He switched from a full-time to a part-time schedule a few years ago. In 2001, he was named employee of the month. His colleagues call him a dedicated, conscientious worker who lives out his Christian faith every day.

"Rueben is an inspiration," said his supervisor, Judy Gregorowicz, nurse manager of the operating room. "His determination and spirit motivate our staff. Rueben truly exemplifies our hospital's mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ."

Lisa Parro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



Reuben Thorson's supervisor, Judy Gregorowicz (right) calls him "an inspiration."



Reuben Thorson's colleagues at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital surprised him with a party for his 80th birthday.



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The Ministry Fair was held on the green in front of the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Ministry Fair fuels the fire

Visitation Ministry, AUSA Outreach Initiative and AU Improv are just some of the newer ministry opportunities on the campus of Andrews University for the 2009–2010 school year. At the 2009 Ministry Fair: Fuel the Fire, held Friday, Sept. 4, these ministries plus nearly 40 others were exhibited, allowing students to get up close and personal with the many opportunities available for affirming their faith. This annual fair, now in its fifth year, was held on the green in front of the Howard Performing Arts Center prior to Fusion, a unique worship experience for students.

Keren Toms, chaplain for outreach and head organizer of the fair, says, “Ministry Fair is designed to bring as many opportunities together as possible to encourage the student body to find and connect with a ministry that can utilize their God-given talents.” She continues, “As we work to fuel the fire for His kingdom, we recognize that God has called each of us to serve Him in some capacity. Ministry Fair allows students, faculty, staff and community members to find a way to put their faith in action.”

Toms estimated more than 900 students, faculty, staff and community members attended the fair, perusing the aisles of booths while getting a taste of the opportunities available.

Representatives from each ministry talked with potential volunteers about the time commitment and skills involved in their specific ministry. Many of the ministry volunteers also shared their firsthand experiences working with their projects, highlighting the spiritual, emotional and social blessings that came with it.

“I’m blessed by this,” said Paul Torchia, a second-year MDiv student, of his involvement with Visitation Ministry. He joined the ministry in its infancy during the 2008–2009 school year. Every Friday afternoon, Visitation Ministry buses students to Benton Harbor where they connect one on one with youth, young adults and children in their homes. Through this intentional visitation with children, parents often become interested in church as well. Volunteers pray with families each week and invite them to the Sabbath programs held by other Andrews University outreach ministries.

Torchia says while bringing the youth in and having a program for them every Sabbath (the work of other AU Outreach ministries) is great, he believes the Friday visitation sends a personal message—“We care about you and Jesus cares about you”—to each individual. He was at the Ministry Fair recruiting students to join him in spreading that message.

Nick Snell, AUSA religious vice president, says, “We’re beefing up our evangelism on-campus, and striving to

reach those off-campus as well through AUSA Outreach Initiative. To live a balanced Christian life, we are not only taking in Christ, but also giving out Christ. If everybody at Andrews were to reach out to three people, then everyone in this community would know the love of Christ.”

Bryan Cafferky, AU Improv director, says this about Improv: “We aim for art and settle for funny.” In their stories, the ultimate aim is not to make people laugh, but to explore spiritual truths, principles and themes of the gospel that resonate with their audience; truths that both Christians and non-Christians can relate to. He continues, “We try to bring together the story of Divine with the story of common humanity.”

Improv uses play, spontaneity and humor as tools to build bridges between the church-attending community and the non-church-attending community. This ministry also strives to present Christian perspectives on life in a joyful and non-threatening environment, in the hope that non-Christians may become receptive to the life and teaching of Christ.

Toms says, “Not only has Ministry Fair attendance increased, the quality and dedication of our student volunteers seems to have increased as well.”

Kristina Penny, student writer, with Keri Suarez, media relations, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication



Daren Heslop/INC

Patience Panneflek, student leader for the Puppet Ministry, recruits a new puppeteer.

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Peterson-Warren Academy student named semifinalist in national science competition

Lake Region—Discovery Education and 3M have announced the top 50 middle school students from around the nation who placed as semifinalists in the 11th annual Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Alicia Dent from Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, Mich., was selected to represent the state of Michigan, putting her in the running to be named “America’s Top Young Scientist.” Alicia, who aspires to be a biomedical engineer, graduated from the sixth grade this year with highest honors. “I really like technology because it provides so many solutions to society,” said Alicia. “I’m also happy that Discovery Education and 3M are working together to keep

kids interested in math and science.”

The semifinalists were selected based on their science communication skills exhibited in a one- to two-minute video about a specific scientific concept that relates to innovative solutions for everyday life, such as how to reduce TV glare or how to lower heating/cooling bills. All video entries were evaluated by a panel of judges, and assessed on creativity, persuasiveness, classroom suitability and overall presentation, not on video production skills.

Each semifinalist received \$250 and a prize package, including a plaque honoring their science teacher or mentor. The judges announced the top ten finalists in August, each of whom were awarded an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to compete in the Young Scientist Challenge finals in October. The final winner received \$50,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds (\$25,000 cash value) and the title of “America’s Top Young Scientist.”

Though Alicia did not proceed further in the contest, Peterson-Warren Academy is extremely happy and proud



Alicia Dent, a student at Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, Mich., was selected to represent the state of Michigan in the 11th annual Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. She received a prize package and plaque honoring her science teacher or mentor.

of her accomplishments. May she continue to reach new heights while putting God first.

Juanita Martin, principal,
Peterson-Warren Academy



Mable Harvey, age 104, attended the Grandparents Day Luncheon with her grandson, MaKenJon Ellis.

Students honor grandparents at special luncheon

Lake Region—Tucked away in their rooms or maybe forgotten in a facility are many grandparents who are discon-

nected from family due to age and health. Yet students at Calvin Center School in Cassopolis, Mich., are discovering that these grandparents have life stories that could serve as a map for their own futures.

On Sept. 15, the Calvin Center School held a Grandparents Day Luncheon sponsored by the Home and School organization. The event was held to celebrate and honor grandparents, and the contributions and sacrifices they have made in the lives of future generations.

The 34 guests of honor were escorted to their tables where they enjoyed a delicious three-course Italian dinner while listening to their own grandchildren recite poetry and sing songs. The grandparents also appreciated seeing their grandsons perform the duties of gentleman, escorting the granddaughters like princesses.

Beginning with the youngest, each grandparent was recognized and honored with a special gift. Words cannot describe the joy expressed on each face when they received the honor given them. The monarch of all the grandparents that day was Mable Harvey who holds the record at 104 years of age.

While this may seem to be a simple lunch, with simple music and simple poetry, moments like these provide memories that will linger in the minds of the grandparents and the grandchildren alike. Let us follow the example of the students of the Calvin Center School and celebrate those who have journeyed long by taking time to do the simple things that bring them joy.

Jadon and Annamaria Miller,
communications department,
Calvin Center School

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

MIDWEST Bible workers program launched in Wisconsin

Wisconsin—Kyle Khulka and Amy Oldskawski were recognized on Sabbath, Aug. 15, as the first graduates from the new MIDWEST Bible workers program. MIDWEST was organized by David Guerrero, pastor of the Stevens Point Church, with assistance from the district Bible workers, Joshua Jeresek and Jasper St. Bernard.

The three-and-a-half-month curriculum prepares those who take the course to become effective Bible workers. Each student receives all the necessary information and training to make them feel confident and competent in leading a person to Christ and their baptism into the church family of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The curriculum also insures Bible workers will be able to use their spiritual gifts in

a ministry which will result in growth for God's kingdom.

Khulka and Oldskawski used their summer vacation to complete their MIDWEST Bible workers training course. Oldskawski shared her heartfelt response by stating, "I really enjoyed the classes and field work. I feel I was stretched, and after I graduate from the University of Wisconsin elementary education course, I am thinking of using my training as a part-time Bible worker."

The MIDWEST Bible workers course teaches how to find and give Bible Studies, preach, defend your faith, as well as apply basic Bible health principles, stewardship and relationship principles for an effective ministry. It has both classroom and hands-on field work programs where the instructors accompany the students as they give Bible studies under their guidance, said Jeresek and St. Bernard.

The district churches have already embraced this new concept, and are seeing results with an increase of visitors at church and a baptism scheduled for

September. The MIDWEST Bible workers course is open to anyone interested in becoming an effective Bible worker, or if they desire to enhance their outreach skills. Please contact Jeresek, St. Bernard or Guerrero at 715-344-4337 or 715-310-2196. You may also write Guerrero at 2120 River Bend Road, Plover, WI 54467.

David Guerrero, pastor, Stevens Point Church, with Bruce Babienko, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*



Recent graduates of the MIDWEST Bible workers program used their summer vacation to complete the training. At the graduation ceremony, Amy Oldskawski stated, "I really enjoyed the classes and field work. I feel I was stretched." From left: Jasper St. Bernard, Joshua Jeresek, Kyle Khulka, Amy Oldskawski and David Guerrero, Stevens Point Church pastor



Jaye Beeler (left), food editor, and Dianne Carroll Burdick (right), both from the Grand Rapids Press and mlive.com, pose with JoAnn Rachor (center) after enjoying a heart healthy meal prepared by JoAnn in her home.

Dinner with newspaper staff leads to Heart Healthy Cooking seminar

Michigan—On Sunday, Feb. 8, JoAnn Rachor had a problem. There were more people registered for her Heart Healthy Cooking seminar at the Wyoming Church than there was room. One

hundred fifteen chairs were squeezed into the fellowship hall. Some church members volunteered not to come so there would be more room for guests. As it turned out, there was standing room only as about 130 people attended. Even though the large attendance created a seating problem, it was a wonderful problem to have!

A couple of weeks prior to the class, JoAnn hosted a special meal in her home for Jaye Beeler, food editor, and Dianne Carroll Burdick, photographer, both from the *Grand Rapids Press*. "It was a lot of fun and they loved JoAnn's food," said Dan Rachor, pastor, Wyoming Church.

The result was a feature article on the front page of the "Your Life" section of the paper as well as on the mlive.com Web site. The article stated that "As a Seventh-day Adventist, Rachor belongs to America's longevity all-stars."

As soon as the paper came out the phone began ringing off the hook. The

result was that about 80 community guests registered for the seminar. The "Seven Weeks to Wellness" follow-up seminar was attended by about 55-60 people, and about half were visitors from the community. Another cooking class is scheduled for the first Thursday of the month in October, November and December.

JoAnn is available for cooking classes. She is also a cookbook author and healthy living educator. Two of JoAnn's cookbooks are, *Of These Ye May Freely Eat* and *Fast Cooking in a Slow Cooker Every Day of the Year*. For more information about JoAnn's ministry, to sign up for a newsletter with free recipes and tips, or to find links to some of her cooking demonstrations on YouTube, visit familyhealthpub.com. Readers may also call 616-896-6425 to learn more.

Jody Murphy, correspondent, Michigan Conference, as shared by Dan Rachor, pastor, Wyoming Church



Ray Donham attends the Bloomfield Church's booth at the Greene County 4-H Fair in July.

Bloomfield Church members make many contacts at 4-H Fair

Indiana—Two years ago Jackie Donham and her husband, Ray, took their disaster services ministry to the Knox County Fair and gave away 987 pieces of literature and made contact with more than 2,000 people. It was a tremendous outreach that cost very little. As members of the Adventist Disaster Response team, the Donhams are always looking for ways to reach out and serve the community and make the church's presence known. In July they were back at the fair; this time they sponsored a booth at the Greene County 4-H Fair.

The Donhams rented a spot where they could set up two six-foot tables displaying the items needed to make an evacuation kit. They explained to the people why they needed to prepare their kits beforehand—so they could grab them and leave their home immediately in case a disaster struck. The Donhams also displayed a children's disaster kit that included some toys that might come in handy if families had to spend long hours filling out claim forms later on. Jackie says, "We kept our spiel down to about 60 seconds or less because fair patrons always seem to be in a hurry!"

On the second table the Donhams had a small television showing a 3ABN DVD. Plus, they had registration forms for a drawing of a satellite dish which they planned to give away. "Many of the fair-goers were excited about the prospect of winning a Christian broadcasting dish," remarked Jackie.

The Donhams also displayed several pieces of literature, offering them for free. Jackie recalls, "The most popular give-away was *The Ten Commandments Twice Removed*. We gave Christian-themed stickers to the children which were a great conversation opener."

The Donhams were well received:

"One lady offered to put our information sheet on the Greene County Soil Conservation website along with our church's name and telephone number. Another lady asked if we could tell her Brownie troop how to make an evacuation kit. A school teacher asked if we would make a presentation to the students in her school system on preparing for a disaster. Before the fair ended, an official of a local radio station asked for information on the Sabbath. We happily gave it to him!"

All in all, the Donhams made many contacts and gave away a lot of literature. Jackie said, "We did this with minimal time and money. A friendly smile and a genuine interest in the welfare of others went a long way. A lot of our church members helped, and we all felt the project turned out to be quite an achievement for our small church!"

The Donhams are available to come to your church to teach how to do a successful fair presentation. You may contact them at 812-757-4576.

Judith Yeoman, correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*, as shared by Jackie Donham, communication secretary, Bloomfield Church

Winner of Bible story books announced

Illinois—On Sept. 18, Teresa and Charlie Plummer received an unanticipated surprise. Steve Nelson, pastor of the Mattoon Church, called to tell them they had won the drawing for the popular ten-volume book series, *The Bible Story*, by Arthur S. Maxwell. Teresa entered the drawing at the church's booth at the recent Coles County Fair, where church members were offering free giveaways. They gave away a variety of books, including books on health, brochures and information introducing the community guests to Seventh-day Adventists. Church members also held daily drawings for free music CDs. They gave away many

music CDs, but only offered one set of *The Bible Story*.

"I've never won anything!" exclaimed Teresa as Steve shared the good news. "I know what I'll be doing tomorrow. I'll be reading these to my granddaughter!" Teresa and Charlie received the books Friday evening at the Mattoon Church.

Samantha Nelson says they attempted to give away the book series to two other individuals, but could never connect with them, so another name was drawn and it was Teresa's. "God saved the books for her to share with her granddaughter, it seems," remarked Samantha.

Glenn Hill, communication director, Illinois Conference, with Steve Nelson, pastor, Mattoon Church, and *Lake Union Herald* staff



Charlie and Teresa Plummer visited the Mattoon Church's fair booth and entered the drawing for *The Bible Story* book series. Teresa was surprised to receive a call from Steve Nelson, pastor, who shared the good news that she won.

Community appreciates Health Expo

Michigan—The Edenville Church conducted a Health Expo in their community. “The event was blessed by a good number of participants,” said Christien M. Hodet, pastor, Edenville Church. The Health Expo was held Aug. 9 at the Swanton Memorial Hall on Water Rd. in Sanford, Mich., and drew many people from the community. Renee Skutt and Chris Kingrey, both RNs, worked in the conference health van. They offered health screenings,



Renee Skutt and Chris Kingrey, RNs, offered health screenings, blood tests and measured BMI (body mass index) in the conference van parked outside the Health Expo.

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Inside the hall, church volunteers distributed free informational health and spiritual brochures, vegetarian food

samples, massages, stop smoking material and offered other demonstrations.

Neil Goodman, a physician and medical director of the START NEW program, offered more than 20 free 15-minute consultations.

More than 55 community guests attended the Health Expo. In all, more than 100 attended. The church members plan to follow up with a vegan meal, hydrotherapy demonstration and a talk presented by Goodman. Guests have already asked when we will conduct the next health expo. It was such a blessing!

Rose Drummond, organizer and Health & Temperance leader, Edenville Church

[NAD NEWS]

ASI mission heats up in Arizona

The intensity of the Arizona heat matched the fervor of the committed individuals attending the 62nd annual ASI Convention, Aug. 5–8, in Phoenix. Keynote speaker Justin McNeilus, current president of Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC), challenged evangelism-minded individuals to leave no stone unturned in fulfilling ASI’s mission: Sharing Christ in the Marketplace.

In addition to main session speakers, ASI members and ministries shared numerous evangelism progress reports. Convention seminars, grouped into five tracks, addressed evangelism, apologetics and financial challenges in ministry. A special Friday evening program featured presentations by ASI children and youth, as well as a devotional talk by Justin Kim, pastor of the Oakwood Church (Detroit, Mich.) and director of the CAMPUS missionary training program. Kim addressed the significance of Joseph and Mary “losing” Jesus during the Passover in Jerusalem. Participants in ASI’s “Youth for Jesus” summer evangelism program also shared personal testimonies about their work in Phoenix during the five weeks leading up to the convention. Their efforts culminated in a special baptism

service the day before the convention began.

Throughout the convention, it was not uncommon to see parents and other adults wandering downstairs to the young people’s divisions where they found the likes of Mark Finley, David Asscherick, Doug Batchelor and Christian Berdahl speaking to spellbound groups of young people who appeared as attentive to hard issues as their parents. The exhibit hall, filled with colorful, interactive booths in some ways resembled a large family reunion, providing opportunities for long-separated friends and family to congregare and catch up on a year’s worth of experiences while encouraging one another in their faith.

Despite tough economic times, the more than 2,000 convention attendees, including several hundred children and youth, dug deep and gave more than \$2 million to support 37 ASI-sponsored ministry projects around the world. Of the 15 projects in the North American Division, two are dedicated to creation research and education, a topic given special attention during the convention.

Norman Reitz, an attorney from Hayward, Calif., was elected to a two-year term as ASI’s new president. Reitz says he originally resisted joining ASI ten years ago, fearing to add more commitments to his already busy schedule. His perspective changed when he saw the power of

association to accomplish greater goals in outreach and evangelism. He has been an active, committed member ever since. His goals are to double ASI membership during his term and to “share the big blessing of ASI with the greater group of church members in North America, and throughout the world.”

ASI is an organization of Adventist lay persons involved in professions, industry, education and other services. It exists to nurture its members in “Sharing Christ in the Marketplace” in their everyday endeavors. Next year’s ASI Convention will be held Aug. 4–7, 2010, in Orlando, Fla. All are welcome to attend. Visit www.asiministries.org for more information and to sign up for ASI’s bi-monthly e-news update.

Conna Bond, communication director, Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries



Ceri Christiansen (front), from Hager City, Wis., helps renovate the Maricopa Village Christian School, in Laveen, Ariz. Youth at the 2009 International ASI Convention made the one-room school their special project. The Adventist mission school has ten students from the Maricopa Tribe.



Nearly 300 single adults attended the second North American Division Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention in Newport Beach, Calif.

Single Adventists attend second annual ASAM convention

The second North American Division Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention (ASAM) held answers, fellowship and fun for the nearly 300 single adults who attended. Singles, ranging in age from 25 to 86, gathered for the July 4 weekend event in Newport Beach, Calif. Attendees came from throughout the North American Division (NAD) and from Australia and the British Virgin Islands.

All were pushed to “Go Deeper,” in keeping with the convention’s theme and challenge. NAD ASAM coordinator Andrea D. Hicks, explained, “In the first convention, we asked people to pursue their passions. Now it is time for them to go even deeper. They need to assess how their passions are helping with their relationships with the Lord and with other people.”

Four powerful keynote speakers—Jose Rojas, Jesse Bevel Jr., Hyveth Williams and John McVay—challenged singles to focus on their relationship with God. The music also enhanced

the spiritual aspect. At each service, the praise team, consisting of Marc Judd, Laurie Preston and the band, set the tone for worship. Musical guests included Jaime Jorge, Adrian Pressley, Hugo Yin, Alva Wawaroding and Emerald Wawaroding.

Even so, it wasn’t just the speakers and musicians who promoted the spiritual aspect. The whole experience was bathed in prayer. “I prayed with so many people,” said Fredericka Duggan of Miami, Fla., “and with each one, I got more strength, more power.”

The spiritual lessons that people received were varied. According to Marce Williams of Salem, Oregon, “the convention was Christ-centered and applicable to life.” She explained that she learned “how important it is to take a spiritual journey and go deeper with God—to spend more time and be able to draw upon His wisdom through His Word.”

There were 17 different seminars, all of which NAD ASAM committee member, Delores Richardson, said were “highly relevant and acceptable to the conference attendees.” For example, Cheryl Simpson, professor of Counseling and Family Sciences at

Loma Linda University, spoke about wholeness, realities and challenges, and relational health for singles. Linda Hyder Ferry, Mihran Ask and Ricardo J. Whyte, physicians, gave singles a glimpse into hidden addictions in the Adventist communities. Willie Oliver, NAD director of Family Ministries, informed the group with his presentations, “Why Men Won’t Commit” and “10 Things U Need to Know B4 U Get Married.”

Richardson, who is from the Atlantic Union Conference, has been involved with NAD ASAM for many years. This year she received the NAD Distinguished Service Award for her dedication and hard work.

Anyone who missed this convention, according to those who were there, also missed a great opportunity for spiritual and social blessings. Perhaps some who did not attend have not yet learned what Chris Burrows of Flint, Mich., did: “how vast singleness was.” For Burrows, it was a process of “realizing that you’re a part of a much bigger thing, and people are still being supportive of the church and doing a lot of things in their communities,” a fact church leadership is well aware of.

According to Oliver, “The body of Christ needs every organ utilized in synergy to help disciple people for the kingdom of God.” Oliver explained that by holding conventions such as the one in Newport Beach, church leadership is sending a clear message “that every member is valued in the family and encouraged to take their rightful place at the table.”

Throughout the year, local conferences and churches plan singles events, and the next NAD gathering is already being planned for 2011. Don’t miss the next ASAM convention. For details on Adventist Single Adult Ministries, visit www.adventistsingleadultministries.org.

R. Rennae Elliot, committee member,
NAD ASAM

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Obituaries

ALLEN, Oliver F. "Sonny," age 77; born May 31, 1932, in Memphis, Tenn.; died Aug. 16, 2009, in Westmont, Ill. He was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty F. (Hiett); daughters, Cheryl Ledbetter, Jean Price and Pamela Kain; sister, Sylvia Powers; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Schultz, and interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Stickney, Ill.

ARAGONES, Aroldo, age 54; born Nov. 9, 1954, in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; died Aug. 7, 2009, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was a member of the Detroit Metropolitan Church, Livonia, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Ibis (Sanchez); son, Omar; stepdaughter, Diana Camille; brothers, Agustin, Carlos, Dario, Trino, Goa and Tono; and sister, Zenaida Aragones.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ron Costa and Bob Stewart, and interment was in United Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Plymouth Twp., Mich.

BUNDY, Mildred N. (Orsick), age 96; born May 6, 1913, in Detroit, Mich.; died May 17, 2009, in Brighton, Mich. She was a member of the Livingston Church, Howell, Mich.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Tony Ludwig, with private inurnment.

BURD, Charline L. (Leamon), age 81; born May 5, 1928, in Danville, Ill.; died Aug. 29, 2009, in Danville. She was a member of the Danville Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ervin L.; brother, Darrell Leamon; and stepsister, Elva Belle Garber.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond Plummer, and interment was in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Danville.

DAISHER, Frank N., age 74; born Aug. 24, 1934, in Dundee, Mich.; died Aug. 4,

2009, in Pullman, Mich. He was a member of the Pullman Church.

Survivors include his sisters, Diane Hickman, Evelyn Knight and Nancy Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Richardson, and interment was in Lee Cemetery, Pullman.

ELLISON, Dixie Lee (Parr), age 68; born Dec. 8, 1940, in Detroit, Mich.; died July 25, 2009, in Orchard Lake, Mich. She was a member of the Detroit Metro Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include her brothers, Jim and Richard Parr.

Funeral services were conducted by Stanley W. Cottrell, and interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich.

GLENN, Adam W., age 34; born Apr. 19, 1974, in Hammond, Ind.; died Apr. 4, 2009, in Gary, Ind. He was a member of the Hammond Church.

Survivors include his mother, Susan Thompson; and sisters, Lilly Wagonblast, Harriet Elea, Sondra Welch, Donna Hasten, Joyce Doughty, Janice Hansen and Patty Dorsey.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Allen Shepherd, and interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Schererville, Ind.

INDALECIO, Margarita (Krause), age 64; born Apr. 26, 1945, in Watertown, Wis.; died July 26, 2009, in Fitchburg, Wis. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) Community Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph P.; son, Andre; daughters, Maria Pfremmer, Lisa Evans and Angela Indalecio; brothers, Horst and Vernon Krause; sisters, Sabiena Eysel and Esther Hartung; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steve Aust and Leslie-Anne Endres, and interment was in Glenview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ixonia, Wis.

KIRK, Margaret E., age 94; born Jan. 28, 1915, in Dayton, Ohio; died June 9, 2009,

in Crown Point, Ind. She was a member of the Hammond (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Howard; daughters, Joanne Stockham and Linda Orlich; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carmelo Mercado, and interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Schererville, Ind.

MICHAELS, Catherine P. (Plunz), age 79; born July 15, 1930, in Pontiac, Mich.; died Aug. 2, 2009, in Elko, Nev. She was a member of the Lake Orion (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Peggy J. Schadler, Terri L. Edwards, Judy K. Anderson and Debbi L. Rajala; sisters, Gladys T. Old and Margaret Hilton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

No services were conducted, with private inurnment in Panama City, Fla.

MUAYA, Hanne (Ranti), age 76; born June 13, 1932, in Chattanooga, Tenn.; died Dec. 4, 2008, in Chattanooga. She was a member of the Bloomington (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Carlo D. and John I.; daughter, Mady E. Muaya; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don Gettys, with private inurnment, Chattanooga.

REED, Rex, age 59; born Jan. 13, 1950, in Three Rivers, Mich.; died May 27, 2009, in Walker, Mich. He was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lori J. (Rousch); sons, Sam, Dan and Nate; daughter, Brie Tuttle; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Washington Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

ROY, Barbara J. (Lamy), age 83; born Mar. 13, 1926, in Kenmore, N.Y.; died July 24, 2009, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Edmond E.; son, Gary; daughters, Brenda DeGrave and Debbie Anderson; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Arne Swanson and Esther Knott, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

STAIR, Patricia N., age 57; born July 17, 1952, in Logansport, Ind.; died Aug. 19, 2009, in Logansport. She was a member of the Rochester (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her brothers, David M. and Donald E. Stair; and sisters, Beverly E. Barnett, Vivian H. Bauman and Melissa M. Stair.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Bryce Bowman and Ron Kelly, and her body was donated to Indiana University Anatomical Educational Program.

STEVENSON, Edith E. (Birman), age 92; born Oct. 9, 1916, in Campbell Twp., Mich.; died July 12, 2009, in St. Johns, Mich. She was a member of the St. Johns Church.

Survivors include her son, Gaylon J.; daughter, Norma Jean Kilpatrick; sister, Doris Haller; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Willie Iwankiw, and interment was in Collier Cemetery, Gratiot Cty., Mich.

YOST, Dorothy L. (Heller), age 93; born June 2, 1916, in Madison, Wis.; died July 2, 2009, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, John and Jeffery; daughter, Cheryl Gillies; six step-great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Esther Knott, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

Obituary Correction

FARNHAM, Virginia, age 93; born July 20, 1915, in Philadelphia, Pa.; died June 20, 2009, in Bay City, Mich. She was a member of the Midland (Mich.) Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Darryl Bentley, and interment was in Midland Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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School Notes

BY SHAWN
SORTER

The first week of dorm life at a boarding school can be a time of adjustment and learning for both the dean and the students. During study hall the first week of school, Seth Grow, senior resident assistant, checked rooms to make sure the boys were studying. As he opened the door to Osmar Bautista and Neptali Flores' room, he was taken aback. The room was quiet, and there was a small group of boys kneeling together in prayer. Seth rushed to my office, with a surprised look on his face, and relayed that the boys were praying and lifting up their burdens to God.

Osmar led out in a discussion about music choices; they felt the music they were choosing wasn't what God would want for them. Osmar

suggested they pray, so he, Ken'yum Neal, Terrence Brown and Neptali formed a circle and prayed for the music's evil influence to leave. When they finished, one of the boys said he wanted to give his life to God and change the way he was living. The boys meet regularly to talk about issues and making the right choices for their lives.

It is such a blessing to see prayer happen when it's totally intrinsic motivation. This spirit is catching on throughout the rest of the guys' dorm and the entire Wisconsin Academy campus.

Shawn Sorter is the Dean of Boys at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wisconsin. For information about the school, visit the school's website: www.wisacad.org; or call 920-623-3300.

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Indianapolis, Ind.	5:39	5:32	5:26	5:23	5:20	5:20
La Crosse, Wis.	4:51	4:43	4:37	4:31	4:28	4:28
Lansing, Mich.	5:26	5:19	5:13	5:08	5:05	5:04
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Tell Me the Story

BY GARY BURNS



Story telling is an important tradition for American Indians. Stories and legends taught morals, and through them, children learned important lessons for life. Dependence upon the Creator God was woven throughout. Our children are proud of their American Indian heritage and it may be in part because we kept the tradition.

Our daughter Josie learned from stories of White Cloud and her family. The stories and lessons were taken from Josie's world of experiences and contextualized to the world of the Plains Indians. It didn't take long for Josie to notice with excitement, "White Cloud is me, isn't she Daddy?" Later, when the boys arrived, we added Running Deer and Little Bear.

Our children looked forward to each new adventure and the lessons of life that would be taught through the Indian family's relationship with the Great Creator. The stories were fun, interesting and relevant,

and you'd think that they would be Josie's favorite. But when it came time to tuck her into bed, Josie would always plea, "Daddy, tell me a story."

I went through the formality of asking, "What story would you like to hear?" knowing full well what her answer would be.

"Tell me about Jesus and the cross," she would say with a sense of awe and reverence. So, I'd tell her the story of Jesus all over again and answer her questions as to how anyone could be so mean to such a kind and wonderful man, and why Jesus didn't kill them or just run away. "It's because Jesus loved them, too," I'd explain. "You can never do something so bad that Jesus won't love you. And I'll always love you, too."

And this story will be told to all the children in the world.

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

The Little Colporteur Who Couldn't!

BY ANDREW BLOSSER

The fervent recruiter stared at me with inviting passion in his eyes after enthusiastically saying, "You must join us in selling Christian books door to door this summer!" Having just finished speaking at my church, I apparently made a good impression on him. "I can tell you have the Spirit of God in you," he said. "God's power will work mightily in you through Christian literature ministry."

That was enough to lure me on board. The Spirit was in me. I could experience God's power. Warmed by the recruiter's encouraging words, I signed up.

Things went downhill from there.

A more difficult summer never happened to a teenager. While my colleagues cranked out 15 to 30 sales daily, I could barely close a deal on a vegetarian cookbook. I knew something was amiss.

My supervisors did, too. At the end of the third week, with still no progress, I was called to a special meeting. The supervisors hastened to the point.

"What is wrong with you?"

I nervously shrugged my shoulders. Didn't I have the Spirit of God in me? With a faithful heart and a diligent hand, I must succeed with the Spirit's help. Right?

Wishing I could say otherwise, I must confess that I did fail—with a faithful heart and a diligent hand. The summer ended, and I was still the worst salesman on the team.

True, there were probably good reasons for this, such as my ridiculous penchant for starting theological disputes at the door. Numerous times my supervisors caught me immersed in a vigorous discussion on the formation of the canon, the problem of evil or the merits of ecumenism. But aside from that, I was flawless.

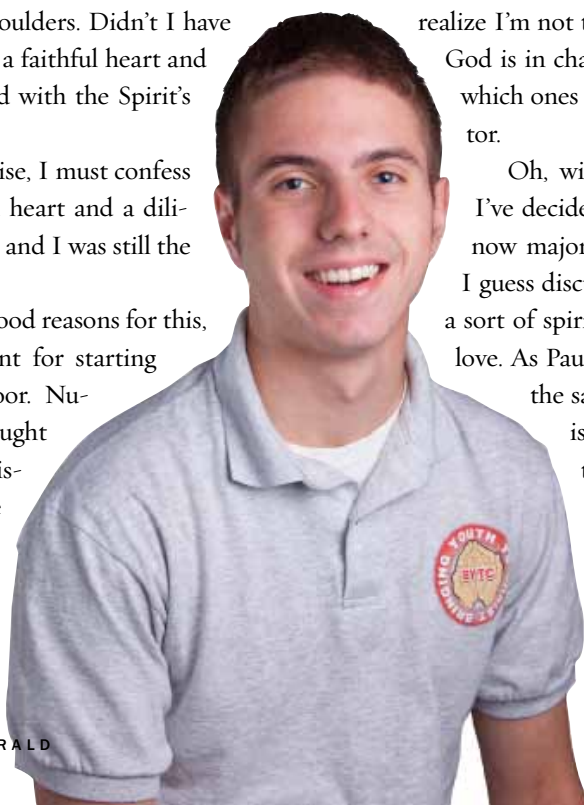
I tried every trick of the sales trade. I ran between doors to save time. I prayed more, read Scripture more and claimed the promises of God. Nothing worked.

What did I gain from this summer fiasco? Of course, I learned I'm not good at sales—a truth not altogether irrelevant to the rest of my life. But on a deeper level, I learned that I cannot force the Holy Spirit to bless any endeavor I wish Him to. There are certain spiritual gifts I simply do not have, such as selling Christian books. I must not assume that just because I work hard, I will succeed at a job that God hasn't called me to do.

And that means I shouldn't be discouraged when I realize I'm not talented in a particular area, because God is in charge of which gifts I've received and which ones I have not. And He's a fair distributor.

Oh, with regard to theological disputes—I've decided to make a career out of that, as I now major in religion at Andrews University. I guess discussing the formation of the canon is a sort of spiritual gift, if done with kindness and love. As Paul said, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:4, 5).

Andrew Blosser, 19, is a junior at Andrews University where he is a religion major. Although he usually worships elsewhere the majority of the year, he calls the Lansing Church in Michigan his home church.



Martin Lee/INC

James Kroneck, 17, is a senior at Wisconsin Academy. He is a member of the North Aurora Church in Illinois and the son of D.J. Kroneck and Sharri Hemphill.

James transferred from public education to Wisconsin Academy in the middle of his sophomore year. He especially enjoys the friendships formed at the academy and the planned activities. James loves gymnastics and the recreational events.

The Bible says God loves a cheerful giver. This is James. He is always willing to give of himself, no matter what the need. James is the first to volunteer, whether it is a rewarding task or a menial job that simply needs to be done. Since math is a strong interest, James willingly gives time to help tutor students in Algebra. He also tutors freshmen in English grammar.

Philippians 4:13 is one of James' favorite texts, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (NIV). James takes this text to heart and says it applies to every part of his life. He feels that no matter how big the mountain is ahead of him, God will give him strength to conquer.

James plans to attend Southern Adventist University after graduation. He will major in accounting or math. James loves numbers and plans for a career utilizing that interest.



James Kroneck



Amy Miller

Amy Miller, 17, is a senior at Wisconsin Academy. She is a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church in Columbus, Wisconsin. Amy is the daughter of Jerry and Amar Miller. Her brother Jerry is a student at Southern Adventist University.

Amy's cheerful, positive personality shines through in all areas of her life. She is kind and supportive of her fellow students and is always willing to help in any way possible. Amy particularly enjoys Bible stories and sharing the meaning and her understanding of these stories. The story of Queen Esther is one of her favorites.

At school, Amy has many areas of interest. Carl Sigler is her favorite teacher and her work supervisor. She loves gymnastics because she works hard; and after a lot of effort, she finally feels the satisfaction of doing it right. Amy also enjoys music, especially playing piano and participating in the choral groups.

Next year Amy plans to attend Southern Adventist University. At this time Amy is considering education as a major.

These students were selected and profiled by faculty members at their school. To recommend outstanding students for recognition, speak with your pastor or a faculty member. Visit www.lakeunionherald.org for selection criteria.

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