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In this issue...

Kids and summer have a very special relationship. Long warm days and plenty of outdoor activities probably have a lot to do with it. This issue includes some of the best times that summer has to offer. Explore the options this summer holds for your family at our six summer camps and 11 camp meetings. Don't miss out.


Gary Burns, Editor



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Solid Faith

One of my very favorite places to visit is Yellowstone National Park. The scenery is incredible, the wildlife prolific and the geo-thermal features dramatic. In fact, Yellowstone is actually an active volcano. Its center, a caldera, stretches 34 by 44 miles across. The 500 geysers are part of nearly 10,000 thermal features found in the park. Yellowstone is an extremely active geological area with between 1,000 to 3,000 earthquakes occurring in and/or near the park annually.

Another dramatic place to visit is the Johnston Ridge Observatory, which looks right into the Mount St. Helens crater in the state of Washington. In 1980, volcanic pressure created a large bulge in the north side of the mountain. It increased in size until a huge part of the mountain slid away, releasing the internal pressure which produced a blast so powerful it flattened large trees for several miles.

Then enter the latest disaster in Japan. A huge earthquake and ensuing tsunami takes thousands of lives and devastates cities, villages and the countryside. Even the west coast of North America was effected. All this, a relative hiccup on the Earth's surface, caused human suffering impossible to fully measure.

So is anything really solid these days? Sometimes we call the white hard surface on our driveways or building slabs, "cement." Actually, it is concrete. Cement is the stuff used to hold rock, gravel and sand together, which then hardens into concrete. Cement alone is not very strong. It is only when cement is mixed with water and combined with rock, gravel and sand that it forms a strong bond that can withstand the storms of life. Without the bond, it's just a pile of loose rock, gravel, sand and dust.

My responsibilities provide me with a broad view of the world Church. I have the joy of seeing many powerful things happening that are wonderful for the success of our message and mission. But I also see some very strong challenges to the Church from both external and internal sources—challenges that test the material with which we build our faith; challenges that threaten the very existence of God's cause. It is clear that a spiritual "shaking" is taking place.

It must have felt like a shaking time to the followers of Jesus right after His death. But look what happened when the resurrected and ascended Christ became their focus. We read in Acts 1 and 2 that the Early Church came together in prayer and unity. They quit focusing on self interests and came together in a spirit of unity. The church was built on the enthroned Christ, the Solid Rock. With that foundation, the Holy Spirit was able to establish the church with a community of solid faith—bonded together by Christ's Spirit of unity through the teachings of Scripture, the breaking of bread, fellowship and prayer (see Acts 2:42). That kind of rock-solid united faith is evident in many parts of our world Church and can be your and my experience today.



Prison Miracle

BY JOYCE SMITH

One Sabbath afternoon my friends Connie and Mary told me they were going to visit their brother, Ronald, in prison. I had never met him; but as I sat in the youth meeting, I had a deep burden on my heart to share the love of God with Ronald. I knew his mother had passed away many years ago and his father had recently passed. Now incarcerated, he was shut out from friends and family. As far as I was concerned, this man needed a friend—Jesus. I wanted him to know there is Someone else besides his family who loved him—and that someone gave His Son to prove it. John 3:16 says, “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.” It doesn’t matter who you are, what you have done or where you are, if you confess your sins, our Father in Heaven is faithful and just to forgive your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (see 1 John 1:9).

So, I asked Connie if she would give me her brother’s address so I could write him. She told me his name was Ronald and he was at the Winnebago Correctional Center in Winnebago, Wisconsin. I wrote Ronald a short letter, and I told him God loved him and He wanted me to tell him. I shared how the power of God is life-changing and that He made that power available to all of us—and that includes him. I signed the letter “Marie” using my middle name. Then I sealed the letter without a return address. You see, my plan was to continue sharing Jesus with Ronald through correspondence, and I did not want him to see me; I wanted Jesus to be the only light shining in his eyes.

To my surprise, a couple of months later, Ronald’s sister told me she could see a wonderful change in her brother. I even noticed she demonstrated a joyful heart because of it. She told me, “If you keep doing what you are doing, I will not tell my brother who you are.” Of course, I was happy to



In 2003, Joyce Smith recorded a CD with Chapel Music titled, “Rejoyce in the Lord.”

commit. So I continued to send him literature, cards and notes.

Suddenly, my plan was about to come to a halt. Ronald’s brother visited him and noticed the literature he was receiving was from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was determined to find out who this Marie was. I watched him each Sabbath ask the different members in the church if they knew Marie. But he was not successful, because I kept my distance. I knew that if he asked me, I could not lie and was concerned he might remember that my middle name is

Marie.

Finally, one Sabbath after church, he caught me off-guard and asked me the question. He could tell by the look on my face and the hesitation in my response that he had found Marie. I told him it was me. I want you to know that his brother was not happy with me at all. He wanted to know why I never left a return address. He asked questions



The Smith family from left: (back row) Cory Smith, Mark Smith, Joyce Smith, Ronald Smith; (front row) Joshua Smith and Ronald Smith II



Joyce and Ronald Smith now worship together at the Sharon Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

like, “Was I afraid of his brother?” and “Did I think something would happen if he knew who and where I was?” I quickly explained that I just wanted Ronald to spend time with what I had to share about the love of God. I wanted to make sure I was not a distraction. He understood and asked permission to give Ronald my address.

Ronald wrote me, and he wanted to thank me for sharing Jesus with him. He told me he made prayer a part of his life and he wanted to live right. He also said when he got out he would be coming to church. There was something special Ronald revealed to me that once again demonstrated the love of God. Ronald told me that the night before he received the first letter, he fell on his knees and cried out to God that he was tired of living this way and wanted Him to please let him know He was there. And the next morning is when he received a letter with no return address that said, “God loves you.”

I want you to know that God answers prayer. The Bible says in Matthew 21:22: “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” If you lack faith, ask God to give you faith; He is even the source of all faith.

We continued to correspond with each other until I got some surprising news. Ronald was serving a five-year sentence; and because of good behavior, he was being released in two years. What a difference God can make if we only come to Him in faith; He will open doors.

Ronald was released from the correctional center. He called to schedule a time to meet me at my home. For the first time we were talking face to face. Ronald was as happy to finally meet me as I was to meet him. The visit was pleasant and very short. I introduced him to a member of the church who had given me Bible studies four years earlier. Ronald consented to taking Bible studies and was baptized.

He began working with the deacons of the Sharon Church.

A little more than a year after Ronald was released, we were married. Words cannot express the joy that filled my heart on our wedding day. It was truly a wonderful blessing from God. We have been married for 29 years. Ronald is still a deacon and has served as head deacon for a number of years. We have four wonderful sons: Cory, Ronald II, Joshua and Mark. I am the prison ministry leader for my church and have been for more than ten years. Ronald works along with me and shares his testimony to inmates around the state.

What a wonderful miracle was wrought at the prison that year, and God is still performing miracles today. Take the time to tell someone that God loves them, share Jesus with them and watch the miracle of love unfold.

Joyce Marie Smith is the prison ministry leader at the Sharon Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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Soul Food

BY DIANE THURBER

Elvis Rodríguez recently launched a new online magazine, *Vegetarian Spotlight*. A new issue is released on the 15th of each month; new recipes are posted weekly. He noticed that vegetarianism is often tied to yoga and Eastern religions that promote the inner self. “I wanted to create a high-quality Web site that promoted a correct (biblical) view of how vegetarianism is connected with the spiritual life. I reasoned that if I filled the site with great recipes and articles about vegetarianism and health, it would probably interest folks enough to browse the site and read the articles on the spiritual life,” commented Elvis.

Vegetarian Spotlight is primarily for non-Adventists. Elvis says, “I want people to come to know God through the health message, but I want to share that message in a non-intrusive way. I’m hoping this Web site will be good enough and have enough content for other Seventh-day Adventists to use it as a ministry tool with their non-Adventist friends.”

Elvis became a vegetarian 14 years ago. His change to a non-meat diet had a “tremendous, positive impact” on his prayer life and relationship with God, and he wants to share that experience with others.

It took a lot of determination to pull the first issue together. A small team helps Elvis, including his youngest daughter, Kayla. She is the primary photographer for the recipe section. Kayla posts the photos and uploads text Elvis provides, keeps track of his expense receipts and assists in recipe selection. His oldest daughter, Iris, proofreads articles and takes photos not related to recipes. His friend Alfredo Bizzocchi works tirelessly to “bring my vision to life on the Web,” says Elvis. Alfredo helped design the Web site and maintains the site. “I love working with him because he is honest, and God has gifted him with a lot of talent.”



Elvis Rodríguez recently launched a new online vegetarian magazine, Vegetarian Spotlight. He shares on the site how vegetarianism is connected with the spiritual life.

Already, Elvis has received great feedback. He says, “Perhaps my favorite story so far is of a man in Maryland who received the link to the Web site from someone who knows me. He was a big meat eater and has decided to become a vegetarian, in large part due to the information he read on the *Vegetarian Spotlight* Web site.”

Elvis gets up early and goes to bed late to find time for this project, he says.

His regular job is project manager for a technology company. He had to learn new skills to produce the magazine—such as cooking. He says, “My wife has graciously allowed me to share her kitchen on many evenings to prepare the recipes you see on the site.” Elvis purchases health articles from other writers and recipes from various sources. His spiritual articles come from the Bible. “No other source is acceptable,” he says.

Elvis says, “Every time I hear someone is using a recipe at home with their family or that they grew as a result of a spiritual article—there are no words to describe the satisfaction I feel.”

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EXTREME GRACE

Breathing with God

BY DICK DUERKSEN

They came for us just after lunch—a horde of Babylonian horse soldiers crashing through the temple doors with a power no prayer could stop.

The next weeks were “hell,” though only a sampling of what was planned for us in the desert prisons. Their every act was calculated to bleed family, country and God out of our veins. The replacements they supplied were far too hideous to describe.

Several of us, mostly friends from Jerusalem’s palace schools, withstood the beatings and brain games longer than the others. Most disappeared, bound together like kindling prepared for far-off fires, their absence giving the torturers more time for us.

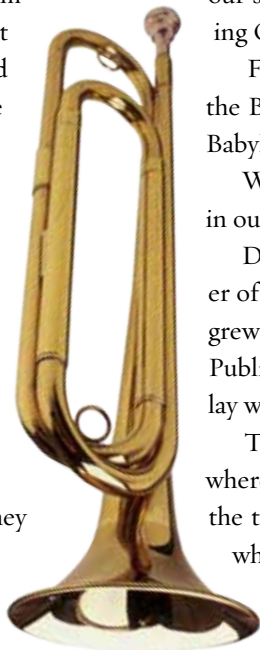
I screamed deliverance prayers into their faces and scratched Davidic psalms into the walls. I breathed His Holy Name when they opened the grates and screamed silent beggings as they tried to tear Him from me. Though He was silent, I knew He heard.

I waited for His deliverance and slowly realized He had chosen to stay here with me rather than release me from their grasp. That understanding gave me peace, cleared my mind and brought the light back into my eyes.

I saw it in some of the others—a strengthening, a focusing, a growing courage and returning humor that somehow pleased our jailers.

One day, they assigned four of us to a master—a cunning eunuch who delivered us to the palace scholars whose skills would have terrified the jailers. Using words, numbers, legends, battles and diet they tirelessly sculpted us into Babylonian nobles. Whenever they sensed our past, they chopped it off or screamed it silent.

We complied, a small brotherhood breathing prayers to



our silent God, conquering the eunuchs’ tests but living God’s wisdom.

Following His lead became the force that drove us, the Breath that kept us alive. We determined to make Babylon great, but never to become Babylonians.

We excelled, the presence of our silent God visible in our spirit and achievements.

Daniel became prime minister and chief interpreter of the king’s dreams. Mishael, Hananiah and I each grew into positions governing the province of Babylon. Public works, water, housing, security and finance all lay within our realms.

That’s why we are here today at Dura—on the plain where black flames ooze from the sand—commending the teams who tend the fires and guiding the artisans who sculpt the gold into the false god who towers above the fearful worshippers.

Everyone who is anyone is here—summoned from palaces and tents—silently awaiting the music that demands the final abandonment of all belief.

Great King Nebuchadnezzar has made it clear. “There is but one God and I am He! Prepare to bow and worship Me on the plain of Dura. Choose to stand for another and your ashes will rise from the furnace and be blown into nothingness.”

No one is exempt.

I stand on the dais beside the king, visible to all—an arm’s length from two others whose prayers join mine. Our breathing becomes a symphony of hope.

The music has begun.

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FAMILY TIES

Giving Children Roots and Wings

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

“There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: one is roots, the other is wings.”—attr. W. Hodding Carter, Henry Ward Beecher

“**W**hat’s gray, has a big bushy tail, has four little feet, climbs trees, and eats nuts?” Mrs. Simpson asked her class. She was surprised when not one hand went up in response. After a brief silence, she added, “In fact, it eats acorns!”

But still silence. Then, Johnny timidly raised his hand. “Johnny, what’s the answer?”

He replied, “Well, Mrs. Simpson, it sure sounds like a squirrel, but I think I’m supposed to say, Jesus.”

When I taught Kindergarten Sabbath school, so often the children answered, “Jesus,” when that wasn’t the answer to the question. I wanted them to think for themselves, not just parrot an answer back to me!

When children are very young, we can control their environment. As they get older, obviously their world becomes a larger place. More and more people and experiences influence them. We cannot always be with our children, and that’s the way it should be as they mature. But, it is our responsibility to rear our children in such a way that they can become independent from us, ready to use their abilities to think, reason and make decisions—that’s what parenthood is all about.

I believe it’s imperative that we give children, even very young ones, opportunities in the home that foster thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills. One way to foster critical thinking is to ask questions that won’t have specific answers, but which will help the child to make decisions and respond accordingly. For example:

- Greeting children with statements and questions that refer to their person: “Jeremy, you have a big smile today, has something special happened today?”
- Asking children open-ended questions that enable them to answer with more than a yes or no: “What do you want to do when you go outside to play?”
- Offering kids choices of responses when they don’t answer a question spontaneously: “If you were him, would you



go over the mountain, around it or through the forest?”

- Questions such as “What if,” “How” and “Why” help children predict: “Tell us why you think that the kitten might be afraid of the dog.”
- Let your children help evaluate a process. “How do you think our new rule of

each person putting their dishes in the dishwasher is working?” Let the kids discuss and evaluate this process. Encourage them to understand another’s point of view and encourage them to talk about their feelings.

When you provide an environment where open discussion is encouraged, be prepared to listen! I like the explanation that hearing takes place between the ears, and listening takes place through the heart. We must stop and listen long enough to really hear what our children are saying, to let them get to the heart of things.

Children deserve many opportunities to develop their roots and try their wings. They need reassurance and opportunities to question us so that they can build their own belief system and learn to resist peer pressure in healthy ways. This develops faith maturity.

What an exciting but sobering thought, *to know that as parents we are potentially the most important educators of our children*. As parents, we are the first ones to provide an environment for our children that will enhance their abilities of thought and reason, so that when all is said and done they will have made the best possible decision in life—to wholeheartedly follow Jesus!

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**Pistachios are good
for your heart and
your eyes.**



**Thirty kernels
provide only
100 calories.**

Pistachios on My Plate

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

In Iran, pistachios are known as the “smiling nut.” Since there are only three calories per kernel, pistachios are now being called the “skinny nut.” Originally from Western Asia, pistachio trees are now found throughout the Mediterranean region. Today, California also produces about 300 million pounds of pistachios annually. The nuts are eaten whole, either fresh or roasted, and are used in ice cream and confectionery such as baklava.

Pistachios were a treasured delicacy among royalty. They were among the delicacies Jacob sent to the prime minister in Egypt. According to legend, pistachios were featured in the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built by Nebuchadnezzar. Due to the pistachio’s high nutritional value and long storage life, they became an important travel item among early explorers and traders.

The regular use of pistachios can lower your risk of cardiovascular disease. The substitution of pistachio nuts for 20 percent of the daily caloric intake of healthy volunteers resulted in decreased blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels and increased HDL levels. In another four-week study, the substitution of pistachios for 20 percent of the daily fat calories in a Mediterranean diet decreased blood glucose nine percent, LDL cholesterol 23 percent, total cholesterol 21 percent and triglycerides 14 percent. The pistachio diet also improved endothelial function, oxidative status and some indices of inflammation.

Pistachios are a good source of protein, fiber and a number of vitamins and minerals. Pistachios are an excellent source of copper, manganese, vitamin B6 and thiamine, and a good source of other B vitamins and phosphorus. Pistachios are high in lutein, a carotenoid and antioxidant that gives pistachios a light green color and helps support eye health. Pistachios contain substances that elicit cardio-protective effects,



including phytosterols, tocopherols and squalene.

Pistachio nuts are a very rich source of flavonoids, especially in the mauve-colored skin. These antioxidant compounds are known to protect us against cardiovascular disease, cancer and inflammatory diseases. Pistachios are a good source of fiber, providing three grams per serving or about 12 percent of the Daily Value. While pistachios provide 14 grams of fat per ounce, the majority of the fat is healthy monounsaturated fat. And it takes as many as 30 kernels to provide 100 calories. In nut feeding trials, in which individuals substituted nuts for 20 percent of their total caloric intake, researchers found that their consumption did not cause an increase in body weight.

Behavioral eating expert James Painter of Eastern Illinois University developed “The Pistachio Principle.” He found that having to de-shell pistachios before eating them helped individuals eat slower and thereby consume fewer calories and feel full faster while eating less. Compared to shelled nuts, those who enjoyed in-shell pistachios ate 50 percent fewer calories and reported feeling equally satisfied. In another study James found that when empty shells were left on the table, serving as an important visual cue, individuals ate 35 percent fewer calories than when the shells were immediately discarded.

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The Life that Can Pray

BY ALVIN VANDERGRIEND

“We have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.”—1 John 3:21, 22 NIV

Obedience is fundamental to effective prayer. Only people who obey God have the right to go into His presence with requests.

God delights in the prayers of His obedient children. When we want what God wants and live the way He likes, then we will tend to pray prayers that God will answer in the way we expect. And God, in answering our prayers, is supporting what He approves. Were God to answer the prayers of the disobedient, He would be aiding and abetting what He does not approve. That would be out of character for God.

To put it in other words—if we expect God to do for us what we ask, we should be prepared to do for God what He asks. If we listen to His words of command, God will listen to our words of request.

This principle also explains much of the weakness of prayer. Lack of power, lack of perseverance and lack of confidence in prayer all stem from some lack in the Christian life. Often, when prayer fails and we receive no answers, we assume the problem is in God while in reality the problem really is in us.

The obedience God expects of us is not beyond our reach. God, who is committed to hearing the prayers of His obedient children, also gives enabling grace so we are able to live obediently. Touched by His grace and with His Spirit living in us, we have both the desire and the strength to do God’s will.

If you want to become powerful in prayer, spend time with the Lord and spend time in the Word. That’s where you will find the will of God clearly stated. Let “the word of Christ dwell in you richly” and control what you do and say (Colossians 3:16 NIV). Jesus reminds us that if we remain in Him, and His words remain in us, we may ask whatever we wish and it will be given us (see John 15:7).

Or, to put it more simply, let me ask, Do you want to have confidence when you pray and receive from God what you ask for? Then begin by living a life of obedience. That’s the bottom line.

Reflect

What difference do you think confidence will make in your prayer life?

What kinds of things will confident pray-ers ask for?

What kinds of things do you think God is eager to give to those who obey His commands?

Pray

Praise God for His generous, giving nature.

Confess any failure to keep God’s commands or to do what pleases Him—sins that may be keeping you from effective prayer.

Ask God for the desires of your obedient heart. Expect Him to give what you ask.

Thank God for this amazing promise to answer your prayers.

Act

Pray for yourself Paul’s prayer from Colossians 1:9–12—a prayer that He prayed for the Colossian Christians. As God answers, you will be growing spiritually in a way that will provide underpinnings of obedience for your prayer life.

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POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Los jóvenes pueden trabajar en una manera tranquila y no pretenciosa por sus compañeros. Esta rama de la obra del Señor no debe ser descuidada... Esta obra requerirá el tacto más delicado, una atenta consideración y ferviente oración para que pueda ser impartida la sabiduría divina.”—Pastoral Ministry, p. 275

Hace poco encontré un álbum que mi madre había preparado con fotografías y certificados de mi juventud. Entre los certificados estaba uno que yo había recibido a los dieciocho años de edad al completar en mi iglesia del Bronx, un curso de liderazgo juvenil auspiciado por el Departamento de Ministerios Juveniles de la Asociación de Greater New York. Esa era una época en la que yo sentía un gran deseo de servir y apoyar a los jóvenes de mi generación. En realidad, no recuerdo mucho de lo que aprendí en ese curso, pero sí me acuerdo del entusiasmo que sentía al completarlo y que como resultado me propuse apoyar el ministerio de jóvenes en mi iglesia.

Posteriormente el Señor me guió para llevar a cabo un ministerio de evangelismo para jóvenes y ser líder de estudiantes misioneros en la Universidad Andrews. Más adelante, cuando comencé mi trabajo como pastor de iglesia, mantuve siempre un deseo especial de apoyar a los jóvenes de mis iglesias como también de ganar a los jóvenes de la comunidad para Cristo. Al pensarlo ahora, no tengo duda alguna que aquel curso de liderazgo juvenil al que asistí a los dieciocho años fue lo que me llevó a tener un afecto especial para este ministerio tan importante.



José Vicente Rojas, orador principal de la convención de líderes juveniles

Con el propósito de motivar y adiestrar a los jóvenes a ser líderes capaces en sus Sociedades de Jóvenes y en los programas de las FEJAS de las asociaciones, la Unión del Lago y la División Norteamericana están auspiciando un entrenamiento de líderes juveniles que se llevará a cabo del 3 al 5 de Junio en la Universidad Andrews. El fin de semana promete ser una convención extraordinaria en la que se ofrecerá una selección de más de cuarenta seminarios. El costo de la convención es de \$60.00 por persona y cubre una variedad de materiales, cuatro comidas y la asistencia a

todas las reuniones. El hospedaje es separado y el costo es de \$1750 por persona por noche, con dos personas en cada habitación.

Entre los muchos invitados a la convención tendremos como orador principal al pastor José Vicente Rojas. Al aceptar la invitación a nuestro evento especial, el pastor Rojas me dijo lo siguiente: “Cada seminario y cada actividad planeada tiene un propósito definido: fortalecer el alma del líder, capacitarlo con las mejores herramientas para ejercer un ministerio que movilice a los jóvenes en el servicio y el evangelismo. Yo estaré contigo y quiero invitarte

para que me acompañes y traigas la mayor cantidad de tus líderes y jóvenes”.

Éste es un evento único en la historia de la Unión y quiero animar a los jóvenes a que vayan a la página web de jóvenes de la Unión (www.jovenul.org) para obtener más información y descargar la solicitud. También la pueden conseguir con el director de jóvenes de la iglesia o me pueden enviar un correo electrónico a vicepresident@lucsd.org.

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

Prayer Power

“I can’t believe this is happening!” It’s that feeling when your blood runs cold, your skin tingles, your heart beats twice as fast, and time is moving at half-pace. That is how I, Ashley Partlo, felt the morning I woke to the devastating realization that my five-pound chihuahua was left outside all night in the middle of Chicago. As a young adult living alone, losing my companion, Piper, was a devastating feeling.

I had searched for Piper for a few hours when I got a call from Mary Martin, my former teacher from North Shore Adventist Academy. She called just to see how I was doing. I explained to her what had happened; and, within minutes, she dropped everything and was on her way to help me

without getting hit will always be a mystery. I called Mary to let her know the good news. “Boys and girls, our prayers were answered! Ashley found her puppy!” I could hear a faint cheer through the phone. I brought Piper to school the next day so they could see the little miracle. That day I came to meet a group of kids who call themselves “prayer warriors.”

In Adventist education, beginning the day with prayer is a given. For many, it may become repetitive and robotic, but not for North Shore Adventist Academy’s third- and fourth-grade class. The morning is routinely chaotic, full of scrambling, early giggles and goofiness. As the class begins their day with worship, a blanket of confidence and comfort covers the room. Prayer request call is announced. Little arms from all corners of the room shoot up. Many requests include sick siblings, tests and traveling loved ones, but something deeper happens in this class. “Our six little people,” an assured little voice declares.

In the middle of Chicago, a small group of kids are fulfilling huge miracles with their faith. Their “six little people” include Elia, who suffered bone cancer and is now cancer free; Juliana, who was a triplet born very prematurely; Immanuel, also a premie; Mikenzie, who suffers with a blood disease; Isabella, who is fighting brain cancer; and little Mia, who has recovered from a small bowel transplant. All of these children are under the age of ten and receive miracle prayers from this class every day.

North Shore’s third- and fourth-grade class don’t just say their prayers and walk away. They live up to them. Every morning they look forward to updates of the children they pray for. If the news is good, hands go up for big thank you’s. If the news is scary, the class often breaks up into



In the middle of Chicago, a small group of students are praying for huge miracles each day.

search—but to no avail. Unbeknown to me, the next morning she and her third- and fourth-grade class had special prayer for Piper’s safety and return. That very afternoon I received a call from someone who found a dog matching Piper’s description. She had wandered more than two miles away. How she crossed so many busy city intersections

smaller groups for “special” prayers. Just recently, Mia (age four) was hospitalized due to an infection. The class decided to make her cards to cheer her and help her feel better. She received 22 get well cards in her hospital room and posted every single one of them on her window.

Is Adventist education important? Probably more than we know. This class alone has made my faith stronger. Children possess a power unknown to us. It is a pure and innocent faith. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14 NIV).

Ashley Partlo is a former student and Mary Martin teaches grades three and four at North Shore Adventist Academy in Chicago.



Piper, the beloved chihuahua, was found and returned to Ashley Partlo.

Divine Timing

A couple of week ago I woke up to get ready to go to church, and I received a text message from one of our young people by the name of Daniel Martinez. He was wondering if I would be interested in having an ex-Amish, now a Seventh-day Adventist member from Fort Wayne, Indiana, share her testimony during church service. I extended the invitation for her to come, and the church was truly blessed to listen to Elinor Mast’s testimony.

After church service, Elinor and her husband, Eli, were kind enough to stay for the pitch-in fellowship meal and talk to some of our members. During that period of time, I received a “random” phone call from a young girl asking what the difference was between the Amish and Seventh-day Adventists.

After about 20 minutes of conversation with the young girl, I was sure of one thing: She was not willing to share information with me. So, I asked her to stay on hold, and I ran to Elinor and asked her to talk to the young girl. After all, she was an ex-Amish herself and had *just* shared her testimony.

At first this young girl, whom I will call “Sarah,” would not share information with Elinor either—until Elinor told her in their old German, “Talk to me, I was an Amish myself.” For about 40 minutes, Elinor and Sarah talked about Christ and our beliefs.

What was amazing was how the Lord worked to make this come about. Sarah had randomly picked up a small book from a secondhand store in Indianapolis, Indiana. The small book had our church phone number on it. Sarah had left her family where she was staying, without telling them, and gone to a location and called us on the same Sab-



bath we “randomly” had an ex-Amish share her testimony and stay with us for a pitch-in meal.

This could not have been coincidental. It was a powerful testimony of God at work for Brownsburg Church members. Elinor gave Sarah her contact information, and she and a brother have contacted Elinor.

Steven Manoukian is the pastor of the Brownsburg and Chapel West Churches in Indiana.



Family members were present for Kris Akenberger's baptism in Lake Erie. From left: Anthony Largent, brother-in-law; Karla Largent, sister; Steve Akenberger, father; Kris Akenberger; Josiah Largent, nephew; Patricia Akenberger, mother; Jeff Akenberger, brother; Stephanie Akenberger, sister-in-law

Answered Prayers

BY STEPHANIE AKENBERGER

Kris Akenberger was raised around Adventists, but all he knew about them was that they kept the Sabbath. He didn't even know what the other nine commandments were, and he didn't believe in God at all.

One day, Kris was alone in his apartment reading the news on the Internet when he read about a horrible crime that had been committed. He wondered, *If there is a God, how can He be so loving when this world is so bad?* He remembered a book his brother, Jeff Akenberger, "accidentally" left in his car called *The Desire of Ages*. He immediately went out to get the book so he could prove it was false.

"I thought it was foolishness," he said. "Deep down I was hoping I would find a God that would care about me and love me, but I also thought it would be garbage."

Kris read the book and decided to go back to the church he grew up attending. He was seeking to know how to follow Jesus. Many were happy to see him in church but were less enthusiastic about showing him the way. One well-intentioned man gave him a stack of Bible studies all at once. Kris excitedly took them home but soon became disillusioned. "I found that I couldn't live up to it," said Kris. "I couldn't change. So I started making excuses for myself and blaming others."

Kris stopped reading the studies and went to the library looking for books to prove that the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation were a scam. "It was difficult," Kris said. "It didn't work. I could really feel God's judgment on my life, and I didn't like it. I wanted it to go away."

Kris spent many weekends visiting his brother, Jeff, and the three churches he pastors in Michigan. Many times he heard the same sermon two or three times in a row as he went with his brother from church to church and struggled each time through the conviction that God was placing on his heart.

As the summer of 2010 approached, Jeff invited Kris to attend his ordination at Michigan Camp Meeting. "He made it out like it was a graduation ceremony," said Kris, "and it would be a big deal if I missed it."

On his way to camp meeting, Kris' mind was burdened with the thought of Josiah, his nephew, who had been born just one month before. He questioned the influence he

would have on this young life so fresh and new. He felt the weight of an uncle's responsibility and determined that he would not be the one to show him the wrong way to live.

At camp meeting, Kris enjoyed the fellowship, listening to the singing, the testimony of others and the sermons and he felt a deep conviction of God's high calling on his life. His heart was stirred as never before. He didn't realize that God was working on his heart in answer to many prayers.

All of the Michigan pastors had joined Jeff in praying that Kris would make a decision to give his life to Jesus.

Sitting in the shade later that Sabbath afternoon, Ernie Buck, a family friend, posed the question, "Kris, what's keeping you from giving your life to Jesus? How long are you go-



Kris Akenberger holds his nephew, Josiah Largent, who attended his uncle's baptism.

ing to put off making a decision for Him?" Kris paused, and then with tears in his eyes replied, "I just did this morning."

Sometime later, Kris got a call from his sister Karla. "Jeff's getting married on August 29. My baby will be dedicated on August 28. When are you getting baptized?" Just hours after Josiah's dedication, Kris buried his past in the waters of Lake Erie and came out as fresh and new as his little nephew. He now participates in a shared

ministry to others with the rest of the congregation in Monroe, Michigan.

Stephanie Akenberger is the secretary for the Youth and Men's Ministries Department of the Michigan Conference.

Camp Meeting Storm

BY PEARO ACKLES

It was around midnight when I was jolted awake by a series of jarring blasts from the camp siren at Camp Wakonda. The walls of my spacious tent came alive with fast-moving, strobe-like flashes. A sober and serious voice warned that a dangerous thunderstorm with possible tornadoes was bearing down upon Wisconsin Camp Meeting 2010. We were advised to quickly find shelter in the more substantial buildings.

Since my vulnerable nylon home sat right next to a tree-tall pole, and since atop that pole was fixed a pointed metal spike (an old-style lightning rod), and since its connecting electrical wire was grounded within a few short feet of my sleepy head, I dressed quickly and joined a pajama-clad crowd moving purposefully towards the main pavilion.

In three decades of being an Adventist Christian, this was the first time I had ever fully attended an entire camp meeting with complete freedom to attend any meeting and bask in the blessings offered. And what a rich and rewarding experience! The preaching services and seminars were powerful and nourishing. The excellent music was uplifting and moving. The friendly spiritual fellowship was a blessing and a source of positive encouragement. And the new books purchased at the Sunday sale were already being consumed with interest. I determined I would not miss a thing. I even filled



a journal with 58 pages of handwritten notes so I would not forget it afterward!

Before it was over, I purposed that I would make Wisconsin Camp Meeting an annual pilgrimage. I knew from studying denominational history how crucial these meetings had been for us as a people. Anciently, God's people were commanded to attend three camp meetings each year (see Exodus 23:14). God still has camp meeting blessings reserved

for His people today, and I don't want to miss any of them.

Oh, and about that storm? It providentially headed in another direction, and we all safely returned to our sleeping quarters. There is another storm coming, however, the worst the world will ever experience (see Matthew 24), but camp meeting just might be one of the best places to prepare for it.

Pearo Ackles is a member of the Beaver Dam Church in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

BY GLENN PAUL HILL

Following the Chicagoland area evangelistic meetings of 2010, many new members joined local churches and there is a refreshing desire to reach out to people in our territory. Our theme this year, “Renew Us Again,” emphasizes our desire for the Holy Spirit to reach others through us. The Chicagoland Convocation (our first “camp meeting”) brings these brand new members together with those who are more experienced in the faith. It is an opportunity to experience faith, fun and fellowship.

In addition, we are having the more traditional family camp meetings—in English (at Camp Akita) and in Spanish (at Camp Wagner in May and Camp Akita in September).

Don't miss the chance to be a part of these faith-building opportunities.

Glenn Paul Hill is the communication director of the Illinois Conference.

CHICAGOLAND CONVOCATION Northern Illinois Camp Meeting (May 14)

Location

Wheaton College*
501 College Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois

**Chicagoland Convocation is not a
program of Wheaton College.*

Registration Information

Phone: 630-856-2874 for meals
Web site: [www.illinoisadventist.org/
convocation](http://www.illinoisadventist.org/convocation)

FAMILY CAMP MEETING (July 27–30)

Location

Camp Akita
1684 Knox Rd.
Gilson, Illinois

Registration Information

Phone: 630-856-2874 for
reservations
E-mail: reservations@illinoisadventist.org
Web site: www.illinoisadventist.org

CAMPESTRE HISPANO (Mayo 27–29)

Lugar

Camp Wagner
19088 Brownsville Rd.
Cassopolis, Michigan

CAMPAMENTO FAMILIAR HISPANO (Septiembre 2–4)

Lugar

Camp Akita
1684 Knox Rd.
Gilson, Illinois



Carlos Camacho



Bill Knott



Derek Morris

Información para inscribirse

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INDIANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS & HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DAY

BY GEORGE CRUMLEY

There are all kinds of things people can be committed to in life. There can be relational commitments, material commitments, intellectual commitments and spiritual commitments.

Making a commitment means narrowing one's focus and setting a direction. Often it requires making a sacrifice. The theme for Indiana Camp Meeting 2011 is "Fully Committed for a Finished Mission." We are indeed moving toward a finished mission as we prepare for Christ's soon return. Camp Meeting 2011 is a time when we can be encouraged to move forward with a committed spirit of unity toward a finished work.

We extend a special invitation for you to come and be encouraged, motivated and revived spiritually as we look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

George Crumley is the executive secretary/treasurer of the Indiana Conference.



Maurice Bascom



Carlos Camacho
(Hispanic Camp Meeting)



Paul Goia



Miroslav Kiš



Ron Halvorsen Jr.



Susie and Roland Hill



Don Livesay



Marvin Moore



Neil Nedley



INDIANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING (June 12-18)

Location

Indiana Academy
24815 State Road 19
Cicero, Indiana

Registration Information

Contact: Julie Loucks
Phone: 317-844-6201
E-mail: treasury@indysda.org
Web site: www.indysda.org
(Registration form available online)

INDIANA CONFERENCE HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DAY

Hermandad Hispana 2011 (Junio 18)

Lugar

Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church
24445 State Road 19
Cicero, Indiana

CAMPESTRE HISPANO (Septiembre 2-5)

Lugar

Timber Ridge Camp
1674 Timber Ridge Road
Spencer, Indiana

Información para inscribirse

Contacto: Antonio Rosario
Teléfono: 317-856-5770
E-mail: prarosario@aol.com
Web site: www.indysda.org

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

BY JEROME L. DAVIS

For members of the Lake Region Conference, camp meeting is a very, very special occasion. Here are just a few reasons why:

1. It is a time for them to relax from the stresses of daily living and enjoy good preaching, good music and outstanding seminars.
2. It is a time for them to fellowship with brothers and sisters from the various parts of the conference.
3. Children have plenty of time to play and learn about the things of God from their teachers in the kindergarten, primary, junior and earliteen classes.

Last year, due to the General Conference Session, our members did not experience camp meeting. This year there is much excitement in the air as the saints of God look forward to a spirit-filled time in the Lord.

Our theme for this encampment is "Toward A Clearer Vision." Our objective is for those in attendance to see clearly God's commission to seek and save those outside the ark of safety. Accordingly, all seminars and workshops will center on this goal. Additional highlights about camp meeting are available in the online version of this article at www.lakeunionherald.org.

If you have not registered for Camp Meeting 2011, you may do so by contacting the Treasury Department of the Lake Region Conference at 773-846-2661.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may He inspire each of us "Toward A Clearer Vision."

Jerome L. Davis is the president of the Lake Region Conference.



Kenneth Anderson



Lael Caesar



Jerome L. Davis



Roger Dudley



Denis Fortin



Emil Peeler

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING (June 17-25)

Location

Camp Wagner
19088 Brownsville Street
Cassopolis, Michigan

Registration Information

Contact: Josie Essex
Phone: 773-846-2661, ext. 206
E-mail: jessex@lakeregionsda.org



Randolph Stafford



MICHIGAN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

BY CINDY STEPHAN

One of the great Adventist gatherings is summer camp meeting, and many appreciate the spiritual refreshment it offers. The Michigan Conference presents three camp meetings. Cedar Lake Camp Meeting is a nine-day camp meeting on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy planned with many wonderful speakers, seminars and music, along with fantastic children's programs. The theme this year is "His Vision ... Our Mission." There also is a three-day camp meeting in the Upper Peninsula at Camp Sagola, along with a weekend Hispanic Camp Meeting held at Camp Au Sable. We invite everyone to please pray for our 2011 camp meetings and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Cindy Stephan is the former administrative assistant for the Communication Department of the Michigan Conference.

CAMPESTRE HISPANO (Mayo 27-29)

Lugar

Camp Au Sable
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, Michigan

Informacion para inscribirse

Teléfono: 517-316-1562
E-mail: dscarone@misda.org

CEDAR LAKE CAMP MEETING (June 17-25)

Location

Great Lakes Adventist Academy
7477 Academy Road
Cedar Lake, Michigan

Registration Information

Phone: 517-316-1512
E-mail: jmurphy@misda.org
Web site: www.misda.org

UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING (July 28-30)

Location

Camp Sagola
2885 SR-M69
Sagola, Michigan

Registration Information

E-mail: campsagola@gmail.com



Jim Ayers



Doug Batchelor



Jay Gallimore



Ron du Preez



Lewis Walton



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

BY MICHAEL G. EDGE

You are invited to attend Wisconsin Camp Meeting, June 17–25, at Camp Wakonda. Our theme during this nine-day gathering is “Revival and Reformation.” For nearly 150 years, these meetings have offered spiritual encouragement through seminars, speakers, music and fellowship. Daily programs and activities are provided for children and youth as well.

The annual Hispanic Camp Meeting will also be held at Camp Wakonda, August 19–21.

You are welcome to attend all or a part of these gatherings. Join us as we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Michael G. Edge is the president of the Wisconsin Conference.



Alejandro Bullón
(Hispanic Camp Meeting)



Ron Clouzet



Don Livesay



James Nix



Robyn Sandin



Don Schneider



Ranko Stefanovic



Calvin Thomsen

WISCONSIN ENGLISH CAMP MEETING (June 17–25)

Location

Camp Wakonda
W8368 County Road E
Oxford, Wisconsin
Phone: 608-296-2126

Registration Information

Registration: Aileen King
Phone: 920-484-6550, ext. 304
E-mail: akking@wi.adventist.org
Web site: <http://wi.adventist.org>

CAMPESTRE HISPANO (August 19–21)

Lugar

Camp Wakonda
W8368 County Road E
Oxford, Wisconsin
Teléfono: 608-296-2126

Información para inscribirse

Contacto: Evelio Miranda
Teléfono: 414-446-5964
E-mail: eveliomiranda@msn.com

HMONG CAMP MEETING (June 9–12)

Location

Location to be announced

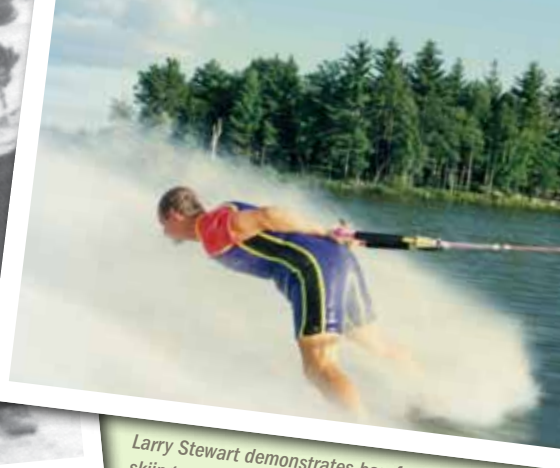
Registration Information

Contact: Ko Saelee
Phone: 608-772-1248
E-mail: pksaelee@gmail.com,





Larry Stewart is pictured on the far left wearing sun glasses. This photograph was taken in 1978 at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan.



Larry Stewart demonstrates barefoot skiing on Shellenbarger Lake at Camp Au Sable.

Finding Jesus at Camp

BY DIANE THURBER

Seven-year-old Larry Stewart was very mischievous, always dreaming up new forms of entertainment—like the time he rounded up the neighborhood cats and placed them in one trailer home! He says, “I was one of those super-ballistic, hyper kids. On a scale of one to ten, I was a 97. I was so hyper as a child my mom would say I was like a nuclear reactor on the verge of exploding at any moment. They tried to slow me down on Ritalin, but I ate that stuff like it was candy.”

One summer Larry’s mom put him on a plane to visit his Aunt Sally in South Paris, Maine. Apparently, he says, his Aunt Sally thought she could deal with him—but she couldn’t. After his second day there Larry says he had one of those outbursts of uncontrolled energy, and that’s when he shattered one of her prize antique lamps. Fortunately, Aunt Sally heard about Camp Lawroweld, and she thought it would be a good thing for him to try. He says, “It was the perfect place for me—and, of course, I loved it!”

Larry remembers learning how to water-ski and ride a horse for the first time. He says, “I remember eating meat—that wasn’t really meat—and it bounced as you chewed it.” He also remembers getting first place in the “See Who Can Go the Longest Without a Show-er Contest.” “I won that hands down,” Larry recalls. He also remembers canoe trips, the hikes up Mount Tumbledown, eating in the lodge, building campfires, learning how to swim and even getting into a fight or two.



Larry Stewart performs a gymnastic stunt while enjoying the challenge course at Camp Au Sable.

Larry says many of the staff members made a huge impact on him while at Camp Lawroweld. He fondly recalls the bakery lady who shared cookies and bread with him when he showed up at the back door to the kitchen. This helped to make him popular with his friends back at the cabin.

These experiences were all thrilling and meaningful, but Larry credits his camp experience for giving his life a new direction. He shares, “The thing I remember most was meeting Jesus for the first time. Herb Wrate was the camp director. Gilbert Goodall was my counselor. Charlie Simms was the water-

front director.” He saw something in those people he never saw back home, and he “wanted to be like them more than anything.”

One Friday evening at worship, campers were invited to surrender their lives to Jesus. Larry recalls running “down to the shoreline with a couple of cabin buddies, and we were baptized right there.”



Larry Stewart (second from left) portrays a soldier in a campfire program at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan.

Former staff member Craig Morgan shared his memories of Larry in *I Remember Lawroweld*.¹ Craig wrote, “When we worked at Lawroweld as boys’ and girls’ directors, Larry Stewart would come, not just for one week, but for weeks at a time, and if anyone was a terror, it was Larry. If there was a fight, or someone got into trouble, you would know that Larry was going to be around.

“One year after camp was all over, I had to go down and clean out a cabin. I found a little note underneath a bed and it was a note that Larry had written to his grandfather. ... He wrote ... telling him all about camp, how good it was, how good-looking the lifeguards were, and near the end of the letter he wrote, ‘And you know Grandpa, they keep the Sabbath here. We should keep the Sabbath, too.’”

Larry returned home and told his mother about the commitment he made to Jesus while at camp and his desire to attend church. He reflects, “Praise God! She had no problem with that. She even gave me offering money.” From that point on, whenever Larry visited Maine in the summer he attended Camp Lawroweld.

When at home in Michigan, Larry connected with the Benton Harbor Church and Edith B. Garrett Elementary School. It was from friendships established there that he learned of Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. Larry made his trek to Camp Au Sable one summer and once again experienced acceptance and friendship by the staff.

When it came time to attend high school, Larry’s church family in Michigan kick-started his education opportunity at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA). With the help of his mother and the work opportunities provided by the Cedar Lake furniture mill, Larry could return to GLAA each year. While at GLAA, at the age of 18, Larry studied

the Bible to fully understand the significance of his previous decision to walk with Jesus. He was re-baptized and has never looked back.

Each summer Larry’s heart for young people drew him back to Camp Au Sable, and soon he graduated from camper to staff. He became an icon—loved by camper and staff alike. Affectionately dubbed “Larry-Boy,” he was known for his great sense of humor, unique voice impersonations and noises, terrific videography, daring water sports, rodeo clowning, never-to-be-forgotten snow mobile driving, practical jokes, and his love for Jesus.

Larry loves camping ministry. He shares, “It was a privilege to be a part of Au Sable’s ministry for 16 summers. I grew up as an only child, but camp provided all the brothers and sisters I could have ever wanted. The idea that a camper just might see Jesus in me and decide to give their life to Him is what kept me going back. Yes, it is fun, but I see it as an evangelistic crusade, a place where Satan loses and Jesus wins—a little Heaven on Earth!”

While working at Camp Au Sable in the summer of 2000, Larry was cast as pastor for the Friday evening program, “The Wedding.” At the end of the presentation, Larry had the opportunity to invite campers to come forward if they wanted to make Jesus first in their lives. He says this experience helping kids give their hearts to the Lord provided the pinnacle in his camping experiences.

Larry obtained a bachelor of science degree in broadcasting from Southwestern Adventist University and an applied ministries certification from the Black Hills School of Evangelism in South Dakota. He has since had a variety of ministry opportunities, including directing video projects in places like Papua New Guinea, Russia, Cambodia and Africa. He has been a Bible worker, academy teacher, an assistant boys dean, producer of Christian television shows and commercials, and participated three summers in camp ministry at Sunset Lake Camp in Washington. He now resides in Fletcher, North Carolina, and plans to be married in October.

Larry continues to be used by the Lord wherever He leads because he has fully consecrated his life to helping people of all ages know the God he first learned about as a young boy of seven at Camp Lawroweld. That experience changed his life, and now he wants to share with others what was given to him by so many dedicated Christians.

Diane Thurber is the assistant communication director of the Lake Union Conference. This story was originally published in the June 2002 issue of *The Atlantic Union Gleaner*. Reprinted with permission (adapted).

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ILLINOIS CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP AKITA

BY MANNY OJEDA

At Camp Akita, our goal is to bring our children to the presence of Jesus in an environment of wholesome fun, fellowship and worship of our Creator God. If you have ever been blobbed, pulled behind a boat on a tube, climbed a 45-foot climbing wall or just simply hung out with other Christian friends on the back of a horse, then you will know these are the tools for a lifelong memory of what the world could never offer! We can't wait to have you at Akita this summer.

Manny Ojeda is the youth director of the Illinois Conference.



CAMP AKITA DATES

Cub Camp: June 19–26, Ages 7–9
Junior Camp 1: June 26–July 3, Ages 10–12
Junior Camp 2: July 3–10, Ages 10–12
Teen Camp 1: July 10–17, Ages 13–17
Teen Camp 2: July 17–24, Ages 13–17
Family Camp: July 24–31, All Ages

Location

1684 Knox Rd. 1200 N
Gilson, Illinois
Phone: 309-876-2060
Fax: 309-876-2061
Web site: www.campakita.com

Registration Information

Phone: 630-856-2857
E-mail: youth@illinoisadventist.org



INDIANA CONFERENCE
SUMMER CAMP

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP

BY CHARLIE THOMPSON

Be sure to visit us at Timber Ridge Camp this summer! If you like to have fun, come to TRC for swimming, horses, crafts, banana boat, mountain biking, guitar lessons, nature classes, canoeing, giant water slide, archery, sailing, jet skiing and much more! If you are looking for something new to do this summer, come to TRC for the new climbing wall, tree house building class, two-person kayaking (earned with tag day money!).

If you want to know Jesus better, come to TRC for our spiritual campfires that lead us closer to Christ. Our camp staff are committed, growing, Christian young adult role models. Our mission to make a lasting and godly impression on every camper that prepares them for faithful service

here on Earth and eternal life with Jesus.

To get more information and to register for camp online, go to www.trcamp.org.

Charlie Thompson is the youth director of the Indiana Conference.

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP DATES

Single Moms and Kids Camp: June 23–26, All Ages
Single moms are invited to spend four fun-filled days enjoying everything Timber Ridge Camp has to offer! All the activities are available for the kids, plus the staff works hard to pamper the moms as much as possible. To register, Indiana Conference Women's Ministries Department at 317-844-6401.

Cub Camp: June 26–July 3, Ages 7–10

Junior Camp I: July 3–10, Ages 10–13

Junior Camp II: July 10–17, Ages 10–13

Teen Camp: July 17–24, Ages 13–16

Family Camp: July 24–31, *Bring the whole family!*

Blind Camp: July 31–August 7

Blind Camp is a week of new adventures for visually impaired youth of all ages. This week is sponsored by National Camps for Blind Children.

Contact Christian Record Services for the Blind at 402-488-0981 or visit www.christianrecord.org if you know someone who would like to attend.

Location

1674 Timber Ridge Road
Spencer, Indiana

Registration Information

Contact: Trish Thompson

E-mail: youth@indsda.org

Phone: 317-844-6201

Phone: 812-829-2507 (after June 17)

Address: Youth Department, P.O. Box 1950, Carmel, IN 46082-1950

Web site: www.trcamp.org



LAKE REGION CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP WAGNER

BY KATHY J. HOWARD

Summer just doesn't seem to be summer until you spend a few weeks in Cassopolis, Michigan, at Camp Wagner, the jewel of the Lake Region Conference.

Youth, ages eight to 15, converge on the campgrounds to enjoy fun-filled days of team games, swimming, horseback riding, go-carts, field trips, arts and crafts, and much more! Jesus is always there waiting to touch hearts and awaken spiritual awareness. What better place to learn about our Savior than with peers and leaders trained to share the Word and lead hearts toward our Lord.

Camp Wagner is the best place to be! Our campers have so much fun with so many scheduled events that they do not even think about PS3 or Wii systems. So start planning for a Hawaiian pool party! Pack your cowboy hat for our rodeo! Don't forget to bring your sombrero to wear during our Mexican fiesta! Slip your Bible in your suitcase, you'll need it! Come prepared to meet new friends, visit the camp store and become close friends with Jesus.

Keep an eye open for our camp application form. Check with your AY leader, church secretary, Pathfinder leader or pastor.

One more thing, if you have any suggestions for activities, field trips or team games, contact the Youth Department at 773-846-2661, ext. 206, and leave your ideas there. So come to Camp Wagner, where the fun begins! See you soon!

Kathy J. Howard is the co-director of Camp Wagner.



CAMP WAGNER DATES

Junior Camp 1: July 10–16, Ages 8–15

Junior Camp 2: July 17–23, Ages 8–15

[Mission Possible: Evangelism

Emphasis]

Junior Camp: July 24–30, Ages 8–15

Note: A discount is offered if camp

fees are paid in full by May 23. Scholarships are available, but the camper or sponsor must call the office for approval.

Location

19088 Brownsville Street

Cassopolis, Michigan

Phone: 269-476-2550

Registration Information

Contact: Josie Essex

Phone: 773-846-2661, ext. 206

E-mail: jessex@lakeregionsda.org

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP AU SABLE & CAMP SAGOLA

BY KEN MICHEFF

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elcome to Camp Au Sable! It doesn't matter what your age is, you are in for a fantastic experience.

In the early 20th century, Charles Eliot, then president of Harvard University, called summer camp "America's most important contribution to the field of education." In the same treatise he wrote, "I have a conviction that a few weeks spent in a well-organized summer camp may be of more value educationally than a whole year of formal school work."

He saw the many benefits of camping such as heightened self-esteem, increased self-confidence, skill development, opportunity for socialization and enhanced physical fitness. Charles must have been right as these are just a few of the many

features that attract youth and families to Camp Au Sable.

The staff and I welcome you to join us this summer, and we're looking forward to getting to know you better!

Ken Micheff is the youth director of the Michigan Conference.

CAMP AU SABLE DATES

- Adventure Camp: June 12–19, Ages 7–9
- Junior Camp: June 12–19, Ages 10–11
- Wilderness Survival Canoe Camp: June 12–17, Ages 16–19
- Junior Camp: June 19–26, Ages 10–12
- Tween Camp: June 26–July 3, Ages 12–14
- Teen Camp: July 3–10, Ages 14–17
- Specialty Camp: July 10–15, Ages 10–17
- Father-Son Wilderness Canoe Trip: July 10–15, All Ages
- Family Camp I: July 17–24, All Ages
- Family Camp II: July 24–31, All Ages
- Family Camp III: July 31–August 7, All Ages

Location

2590 Camp Au Sable Dr.
Grayling, Michigan

Registration Information

Register at www.campausable.org
Contact: Stephanie Akenberger
Phone: 517-316-1570
E-mail: sakenberger@misda.org

CAMP SAGOLA DATES

Junior Camp: July 10–17, Ages 8–12
Teen Camp: July 17–24, Ages 13–17

Location

2885 SR-M69
Crystal Falls, Michigan

Registration Information

E-mail: campsagola@gmail.com
Web site: www.campsagola.org



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE SUMMER CAMP

CAMP WAKONDA

BY GREG TAYLOR

Bring a friend and experience an unforgettable week at Camp Wakonda. Horse riding, swimming, crafts, basketball camp, climbing and nature discovery will fill your days with excitement and new skills. Evening campfire programs will be a highlight to cap off a great day. Dedicated staff are ready and waiting for you, and will lead you in the fun activities and to know Jesus better.

This summer come meet me, your new youth director, my wife, Kimberly, and our two boys, Matthew and Joshua.

Camp brochures/applications may be picked up at your local church.

Greg Taylor is the youth director of the Wisconsin Conference.

CAMP WAKONDA DATES

Junior Camp: July 3–10, Ages 8–10

Tween Camp: July 10–17, Ages 10–12

Teen Camp: July 17–24, Ages 13–16

Family Camp 1: July 24–31, All Ages

Family Camp 2: July 31–August 7, All Ages

Location

W8368 County Road E

Oxford, Wisconsin

Phone: 608-296-2126

Fax: 608-296-4329

Web site: www.wakonda.org

Registration Information

Contact: Aileen King

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Anne Herman, regional director of compliance for Adventist Midwest Health, receives the Community Service Award. Presenting the award are, from left, David L. Crane, president and chief executive officer, Adventist Midwest Health; Donald L. Jernigan, president and chief executive officer, Adventist Health System; and Max Trevino, vice chairman of the Adventist Health System board of directors.

Adventist Midwest Health leader honored for community service

Anne Herman clearly recalls the first time she participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She had signed up to walk the 2 a.m. shift and roused her three small children from bed to participate with her.

"I put them in the stroller and we went around the track in the dark," said Herman, regional director of compliance for Adventist Midwest Health. "When I look back sometimes, I wonder why I did that. Something internal must have driven me to make them a part of it."

Herman and her family participated in the fundraiser in memory of her mother, who died from cancer. For Herman, community service is synonymous with Christian love. She gives it freely and often in a variety of arenas while encouraging others—especially her children—to do the same.

For her commitment to serving the community, Herman was honored

by Adventist Midwest Health's parent organization. Herman received Adventist Health System's Community Service Award Feb. 24 at the system's annual Conference on Mission in Florida. Herman has worked at Adventist Midwest Health since 1985 and has been regional director of compliance since 2001.

Herman feels blessed to work for Adventist Midwest Health because its mission—extending the healing ministry of Christ—complements perfectly the other areas of her life where Herman lives out her deep faith.

"We're all people of God," Herman said. "No matter your race, your religion, where you live and how much money you have, we're all people of God and it is our duty to serve."

As a family, with her husband Bob and their five children—Becky, 23; Nicolaus, 21; Noah, 19; Tessa, 16; and Ellie, 14—Herman has spent many hours at the Chicago Food Depository, which provides 135,000 meals daily, repackaging goods for distribution to needy families.

"It's a wonderful family service project because it doesn't require a long-term commitment," Herman said. "I

can call on Thursday or Friday and ask if they need help on Saturday."

This ministry is especially fulfilling for the family. They attend First United Methodist Church Chicago Temple in downtown Chicago and frequently witness the plight of those who have less than they do. "We can't go to church without walking past two or three homeless people," Herman said.

Herman and her family also are involved with Project Renewal, a unique ministry that provides transportation for homebound residents and others with physical disabilities so that they are able to attend church services.

"It's true people can get church in their homes and they can 'attend' services on radio or TV," Herman said. "But one of the huge benefits of going to church is community and connecting with people who share similar beliefs."

In addition, Herman was a member of the board strategic planning committee for La Grange School District 102 and, with her husband, spent 12 years teaching Christian education to students in grades five to eight. The family is even adopting their second rescue dog.

At work, Herman is always quick to volunteer for additional assignments. She's volunteered at health and wellness fairs and Secret Santa events, as well as served meals to staff at the holidays.

"The words humility, commitment and integrity come to mind when I think of Anne Herman," said David L. Crane, president and CEO of Adventist Midwest Health. "Anne is passionate about her work, passionate about her family and passionate about service to others. She is a true example of our mission in action and is a stellar ambassador for Adventist Midwest Health."

Lisa Parro, senior public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



Niels-Erik Andreassen (right) was one of four award recipients at the meeting alongside a U.S. Army General/psychiatrist, a biblical languages scholar and a psychiatrist/educator.

Andreassen receives distinguished award of excellence

President Niels-Erik Andreassen received the Charles Elliot Weniger Award for Excellence on Jan. 29, in recognition of his long career in theol-

ogy and leadership for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The award was presented during the annual meeting of the Charles E. Weniger Society held at the Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, Calif.

Lawrence Geraty, chair of the Weniger Executive Committee, said of Andreassen, "Niels-Erik Andreassen has distinguished himself as an innovative leader in Adventist higher education, as a trusted theologian in circles where the Bible is respected, and as a sought-after diplomat in a worldwide denomination often beset by challenges."

"Leadership in a Christian organization and institution, especially, must seek to implement such a concept of leadership that comes from within, that does not blush when the camera is on, that does not need to turn off the microphone before speaking," said Andreassen. "The Adventist church

would do well to develop and exhibit that kind of leadership style and offer it as a model to the general public."

Andreassen concluded his speech by sharing his leadership prayer—one he says each morning before his first appointment. (See leadership prayer at www.lakeunionherald.org)

The Weniger Society was established to preserve and protect the qualities, inspiration, motivation and excellence that were paramount in the life and service of Charles Elliott Weniger, a noted scholar, public speaker and professor. Nominees are recognized as individuals having made significant contributions to their communities, the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the world. Since the society was founded in 1974, 150 Weniger Awards have been given.

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



A new grant from Berrien County School Recycling Program helps provide recycling bins in Bell Hall and the Center for Adventist Research.

Village Green Preservation Society encourages campus to be good stewards

The Village Green Preservation Society (VGPS), the environmental club at Andrews University, received a grant to support recycling efforts on campus. The \$474 grant was provided by Berrien County through the School Recycling Grant Program, a program that provides monetary support for school

waste reduction, recycling projects and activities that support environmentalism. This is the third consecutive year VGPS has received the grant. Funds will be used to provide recycling bins in Bell Hall and the Center for Adventist Research (CAR).

"VGPS hopes the new recycling bins will help people realize that no matter what you think about global warming or the politics of oil drilling, our world is finite and we should do what we can to care for it," says Larnell Smith, VGPS president. "We are only the temporary stewards of this planet, and it is our hope that through this new recycling system it will be easier to be a good steward at Andrews University."

VGPS officers originally planned to write a grant for Bell Hall only because of the high number of students and faculty in the building each day. They also hoped to familiarize students in the School of Education with proper recycling techniques. "We thought it would be a great influence on future educators to have recycling bins available in

their place of study," says Smith. "That way, when they go to their new place of employment, they will be in the habit of recycling and perhaps implement recycling programs."

The group also received a request from the staff at the CAR to implement recycling in their area, "Which we happily did!" says Smith. Additional funding from the Office of the Provost will help promote the new bins on campus and educate students and faculty about recycling methods.

VGPS's mission is to continue to apply for recycling grants so students, faculty and staff will eventually have access to recycling in every building on campus. Plans for next year's grants are currently underway.

"As recycling becomes more visible on campus, I hope it will continue to raise our awareness of our God-given responsibility to care for creation," says Tom Goodwin, VGPS sponsor.

Ashleigh Jardine, student news writer, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Breakfast skippers receive free breakfasts at HAA

Illinois—More than 300 breakfasts were enthusiastically delivered to Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) students recently, in a bid to raise awareness of the importance of breakfast for a healthy body and healthy mind. Students were surveyed to determine their breakfast eating habits, revealing that more than half skip breakfast on a regular basis. Associate principal Robert Jackson was first to sign a pledge to be active every day and choose healthy food for the next four weeks. “This program is completely in line with our Adventist philosophy that promotes taking care of our bodies. I am excited about getting our kids inspired to be their best!”

HAA partnered with the “Fuel Up To Play 60” program, an initiative of the National Dairy Council and NFL who work together to address the problem of childhood obesity. More than 60,000 schools participate in Fuel Up To Play 60 nationally. Spokesperson for the program Mark Inkrott, a former NFL player for the New York Giants, motivated the students to fuel up their bodies with the best nutrition available to them in order to succeed. “Eating properly is essential for any athlete to perform at their peak. It is so important that the first person I met with when I became an NFL player was a dietitian,” Inkrott told students.

Well-know dietitian Sylvia Klinger also emphasized the importance of eating breakfast, urging students that eating *something* in the morning was better than eating nothing! “Even if you only have time for a glass of milk, that is going to benefit your body. A glass of milk is packed with vitamins and minerals.” Klinger also stated that people who eat breakfast weigh less and concentrate far more effectively, meaning that students will get better grades.



More than 300 breakfasts were delivered to Hinsdale Adventist Academy students to raise awareness of the importance of starting the day with a healthy meal.

Mother of four Mary-Anne Lespinasse said, “I notice such a difference in my teenage daughters’ grades and attitudes when they eat breakfast. I have been letting them make the choice whether to eat in the mornings or not, but I think I am going to change my mind and insist that they do!”

After fueling up on breakfast, the entire school participated in 60 minutes of HOPsports, an interactive youth physical education program. HAA student Daniel Antwi, a junior, was full of enthusiasm for the breakfasts that were slated to be served three times a week for a month. “This is fun! I love how we are getting this!”

HAA’s breakfast program was possible by generous donations from



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Midwest Dairy, General Mills, Crea and parents of the students.

For further information on HAA, go to www.haa.org. More information on Fuel Up To Play 60 can be found at www.fueluptoplay60.com.

Cherie Jackson, director, Little Lambs Early Learning Center

Correction

We regret the wrong photo accompanied the article about Cereatha Vaughn’s evangelistic series in the April 2011 issue.

Lake Union Herald editors



Cereatha Vaughn baptizes Eliazer Mpaka.

Joann Fuller



GRAA students planted a garden last spring as a fundraiser. Its yield included potatoes, pumpkins and other produce. God blessed their tithing decision.

Tithing class realizes God's blessings

Michigan—Beginning with the election of a class president, things for the Grand Rapids Adventist Academy eighth grade class were a bit crazy; it made the class think about the deci-

sions they would make during the school year. One of the candidates for president gave a speech that affected the class for the better. She talked about the importance of tithing and how the class should give ten percent of the money they raised back to God.

As soon as they all agreed they should tithe, the class started to make money extremely fast. Selling twice as many snow cones as they had planned to sell was only the first of many evidences to the class that God blessed their decision. In Malachi 3:10, God says that when we tithe He will bless us. That's exactly what He did.

On a cold afternoon, the class had a free car wash. On a good day, with a lot of work, they hoped to make \$200. Instead, with corporate sponsors and donations, they earned \$800 and only washed about ten cars. People started offering the class jobs to raise mon-

ey—things like stacking wood, raking leaves, harvesting and selling garden produce.

In addition to fundraising, God also blessed the class when it came time for the Christmas gift-giving to the homeless. Instead of collecting items for the 100 bags planned, the class was able to give gift bags to 254 homeless in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In addition to being blessed financially by tithing, the class grew together as a family. All recognize how God has blessed them in their decision, and they are so happy they made the right one. It shows that if you think about God before yourself, He will fulfill your needs. It made the eighth grade class more aware of God's presence and the importance of tithing.

Eighth graders, Grand Rapids Adventist Academy



Kindergarten student Alex Yelonsky makes her deposit.

Fundraising encourages donations for mission trip

Illinois—Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) recently challenged its students to a fundraising initiative that involves the entire school. This is the third year the entire school participated in raising money for the senior class mission trip. The goal was to be the class that raises the most money. The classes competed to win in one of the three categories: most points, most

money and/or the highest percentage of the goal. Each class had a goal of \$10 per person.

The kindergarten, third and sixth grade classes achieved more than the set goal of \$10 per person. Rising above all the other classes, the sixth grade class brought in a whopping \$1,812.84 of the total \$3,000 raised. The sixth grade class teacher Tabby di Caro, when asked to comment said: "The kids really did more than was expected of them in spite of my expectations being high. They all chipped in, sacrificing their own money. I felt encouraged by the kids, because they were willing to give to a greater cause. Through their actions I saw the Christian spirit being displayed at school." This is one of the many things that separate HAA from other schools. The sense of global awareness of people less fortunate than themselves begins as early as kindergarten.

This year's senior class chose to go to Roatan, an island off the coast of Honduras. The seniors traveled to Roatan, Mar. 21–31, in conjunction with Maranatha Volunteers International to refurbish an Adventist school's bakery,

which is a business that allows students to learn a skill and earn tuition money. The money raised was used to purchase much-needed equipment.

This is part of the mission at HAA—to draw the kids closer to God; and at the same time, teach them to reach out and help their neighbors in need—whether down the block or across the sea. The kids know what to do for a child in need.

Eliasz Bojko and Josh Williams, journalism students, Hinsdale Adventist Academy



Each class filled their bottle with coins and currency.

[YOUTH NEWS]



Luz Quiles

"On the last Sabbath of Truth4Youth, perfect-attendance certificates were awarded," says Luz Quiles, co-leader of the series. "Also, a special gift was given to each young person who said all the memory verses from memory."

Fort Wayne Hispanic Church tries new form of evangelism

Indiana—Nearly 30 young people attended Truth4Youth, a youth evangelism series at the Fort Wayne Hispanic Church, July 12–24, 2010. The event involved youth from the church as well as 12 guests who claimed no church affiliation. "Some of our members made a puppet theater, and it was used to practice the memory verse each evening," says Luz Quiles, leader of the music and crafts for the two-week program.

One family who had previously attended a cooking class at the Marion Church attended Truth4Youth at the Fort Wayne Hispanic Church and liked it so much they began Bible studies. "Another one of the kids who attended Truth4Youth has started attending church," added Quiles.

The speaker and main leader of the series was Javier Quiles, pastor of the church. He says, "Kids who wouldn't ordinarily be involved were taking ownership and did a really fantastic job. They got to work side-by-side with adults and get involved in hands-on ministry."

Judith Yeoman, correspondent, Indiana Conference

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Bedford Church member Donna Hanson (right) prepared food for a booth at the International Food Fair. Also pictured (from left): Fernando Ortiz, pastor; Daniel Ortiz and Daniela Ortiz

Bloomington members hold second annual International Food Fair

Indiana—Members of the Bloomington Church have adapted Matthew 4:4 to read: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but also by sushi, falafel and crêpes aux fraises!" Being doers of the Word and not hearers only, they opened their church gymnasium on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, for an afternoon of adventurous eating. The second annual International Food Fair, hosted by the church's collegiate fellowship group, Adventist Students for Christ, featured vegetarian dishes from China, Indonesia, Japan, Brazil, the Philippines, Africa, the Caribbean, France and the Mediterranean.

For the more health-conscious epicures, a vegan booth offered plant-based stir-fry, stuffed shells, brownies and more. Approximately one-third of the 80 attendees were guests from the community. Besides offering a chance to try Chinese dumplings and Indonesian rice, the food fair raised funds for a mission trip to Brazil, planned for July 2011, during which church members will construct a new church building and hold a Vacation Bible School for local children.

According to Fernando Ortiz, pastor, the collegiate fellowship group at the Bloomington Church desires "to reach and meet the spiritual and social needs of

Adventist Christian students and assist in acclimating them to the Bloomington Church and community." This event offers an opportunity for church members and students to strengthen and develop friendships.

Mary Christian, campus ministries secretary, Bloomington Church



Vicki Frisk

"This unusual series opened up dialogue with families in the community on the dangers of the devil's schemes," says Terry Nennich, pastor, Anderson Church.

Anderson members reach out with creative evangelism

Indiana—Can vampires and evangelism go together? Well, ask the members of the Anderson Church. In November 2010, they hosted Steve Wohlberg from White Horse Media for a weekend seminar entitled, "How Today's Vampire Craze Is Hazardous to Your Health." The six-part seminar allowed the recent hype of the popular "Twilight" movie trilogy to form a basis for discussion.

A large full-color ad in the local newspaper helped attract extra attention resulting in a number attending from the community. "Some very good contacts were made," reports Terry Nennich, pastor, Anderson Church. "Pastor Wohlberg's excellent presentations challenged the audience to focus on the true love story (the story of Jesus' love for us) and not a fictional story that only leads to deception and emptiness in the end. The unique presentations provided an opportunity to share the gospel message and the Bible truth on the state of the dead with the community."

Judith Yeoman, correspondent, Indiana Conference



Joy Hyde

After the Maranatha team completed the One-Day Church, word quickly spread to the community.

Detroit Maranatha team builds a colony of believers

Michigan—Into southern Mexico one hour west of the Guatemala border, nestled near the shore of the Pacific Ocean and rimmed by mountains on the north, lies the community of Mapastepec. A small Adventist congregation has been meeting there on the property of the head elder in what was not much more than what Americans know as a carport. On three sides, the church had no walls. Congregants sat on crude benches that were basically boards stretched over cement block. This small group of believers dearly desired a better home for their worship on Sabbath mornings. Thankfully, the son of the head elder, who is a pastor in New Jersey, donated some property to the church. With property for a new church, Maranatha Volunteers International (Maranatha) stepped into the picture.

Following plans designed in September 2010 by Maranatha and Detroit Maranatha team leaders, Arthur Weaver and Dick Lane, 38 individuals prepared to embarked on their mission

to Mapastepec. Team members from Michigan represented the Ann Arbor, Metropolitan, Plymouth and Wright Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Thirty-three of the mission team were to depart from Detroit on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Four days before they were to leave there were predictions of up to 24 inches of snow for Wednesday. Fears were that the weather would close the Detroit Metro Airport. Lane relayed an e-mail message to the whole team to pray for much more favorable weather. On the morning of departure, there was about half the snow earlier predicted. All team members, including five from Ontario, Canada, and six from out of state, arrived in ample time. The flight to Houston, Texas, was one of the first flights out of Metro that afternoon, delayed only by de-icing of the plane. They were met in Houston by the remaining team members from Nev., Wash. and Tenn., for the final leg of air travel to Tuxtla, Mexico. The airline held their connecting flight to Tuxtla until all the team members arrived.

Once in Mapastepec, the team constructed a 20 x 38-foot One-Day Church, complete with blocked in walls, roof, windows and doors. Additionally the Sarnia (Ontario) Adventist Church contributed funds matched by Maranatha volunteer, Don Horricks, D.D.S., that provided for ceiling fans, 75 chairs, a sound system, 24 hymnals and 24 Bibles for the church. In addition, 900 pounds each of beans and rice, 200 containers of oil, 200 pounds of sugar and 200 cans of tuna were distributed in individual bundles to extremely needy families in and around Mapastepec.

Horricks, accompanied by various

team members and a Mexican Adventist doctor, conducted daily dental/medical clinics serving hundreds of patients. The team also distributed Maranatha team member-donated eye glasses and prescription drugs purchased with the Sarnia money. This dental/medical outreach received special attention from the mayor of Mapastepec, Mario Castillejos Vazquez, and even received a front page write-up in the Feb. 8 edition of the *Mapastepec El Ocoté*. Besides all the above activities, members of the team conducted a six-day Vacation Bible School with attendance of up to 173, not including parents. As the word spread attendance increased, with the greatest turnout occurring on Sabbath morning.

The local congregation named the new church “El Llanito,” which means “The Colony.” The Detroit Maranatha team, which represents the gospel in working clothes, left snow and cold; but in the heat and tropics, left behind a small church that through the leading and power of the Holy Spirit and the willing efforts of the members in Mapastepec will grow into a large colony of believers who will be ready when Jesus comes. Come, Lord Jesus.

Joy Hyde, communications secretary, Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Michigan



Joy Hyde

Detroit Maranatha Mexico building team blocked in walls, added the roof, windows and doors for the new church in Mapastepec.



Josie Jeans (front row, far right), evangelist, gathers her ministry team and some of the newly baptized members.

Emmanuel Church reaches out to Chicago Heights

Lake Region—Christmas Day is the day that all Christians recognize the gift God gave us through the birth of our Savior, Jesus. This past Christmas mem-

bers of Emmanuel Church in Chicago Heights, Ill., may have gained better perspective as they experienced firsthand the hope Jesus’ marvelous birth brings. As they celebrated the birth of Jesus, 12 individuals dedicated their lives and were born again through baptism.

The baptism was a culmination of months of prayerful study. Most of the

participants' journey to baptism began this past October as the church hosted a Revelation Seminar at the South Suburban Seventh-day Adventist Christian School. The focus of the seminar was the Three Angels' Messages and last-day events.

In preparation for the seminar, leader Josie Jeans and her team prayed continually for direction and God's leading in

the message. Volunteers then went door to door supplying information about the seminar to the neighborhood. In the end, God's working and the actions of many resulted in a "standing-room only" first night. Jeans had this to say about the seminar, "We know that He [God] was working with us. ... It was an experience that the Lord was telling us that if you just ask, He will take care of everything."

Jeans and her team are already praying and making preparations for another Revelation Seminar this spring. It is their hope to continue the seminars throughout the years so more will be drawn to Christ and the end-time message.

Aisha Ricketts, communications secretary,
Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church



A new Hispanic group in Indianapolis rejoiced Oct. 23, 2010, as they received the official status of "Company" under the name "Indianapolis North."

Hispanic members are on the move in Indiana

Indiana—On June 16, 2010, the Indiana Conference Executive Committee took an unprecedented vote in its history: the organization of two new companies and two new churches in the Indiana Hispanic work. The authorization of this vote allowed for the Hispanic Company of Anderson with its 47 members and the Hispanic Company of Logansport with 71 members to receive official church status on Sept. 18 and Oct. 2, 2010, respectively.

On Oct. 16, 2010, the Hispanic Group of Frankfort received official "company" status with 22 members. There was much joy on that day to see ten potential candidates for baptism come to the platform.

Finally, on Oct. 23, 2010, a new Hispanic group of 51 members received the official status of company under the name, "Indianapolis North." Since its organization, eight new members have been baptized!

These ceremonies of organization were marked with a high spirit of joy, celebration and re-dedication. The church buildings were packed, the parking lots full—spilling over onto the grass. The programs were uplifting: inspiring music, powerful sermons and testimonies of praises to God for His leading and loving care. Nivia Ross, a pioneer of the Hispanic work here in Indiana for more than 40 years, with excitement said, "What a beauty, praise be to God!" Luis Beltre, a pastor, exclaimed, "Marvelous!" Touched by the Holy Spirit, one former member asked Beltre, "What should I do?" then made the decision to be re-baptized. The Indianapolis North services concluded with a beautiful baptismal ceremony for three people, and another ten came forward in response to a call.

"Our Hispanic brothers and sisters have a wonderful network of support. Even though many were not members of the church or company being formed, they came to rejoice and celebrate the birth of a new congregation! The Spirit of God seemed to energize the attendees as together the 'network leadership style' seemed to raise the new congregation with prayers and support," says Van G. Hurst, president, Indiana Conference. "I saw pastoral or lay leadership in each of the new congregations keeping the new groups focused and inspired. This may be a key factor that is needed in the [English-speaking] congregations. I was inspired and wished I could talk with the people directly in Spanish."

George Crumley, secretary/treasurer, Indiana Conference, shared: "I was greatly encouraged as I attended each

of the church and company organizations. I observed the energy, warmth, commitment and hospitality of our Hispanic membership in each location. The various congregations that were organized were well established, stable in leadership, membership and finances. They each have a passion to expand the kingdom of God in their circle of influence and let those around them know about the soon return of Christ. The health and happiness of these congregations are the result of God working through able Hispanic leadership at the local level and conference level. We have a lot to be thankful for regarding the Hispanic work in Indiana."

"This experience lifted my spirits that evangelism and discipleship is alive and well. It was thrilling to see the Hispanic believers and potential members together. There's a powerful page in the Hispanic evangelism notebook which we can benefit from in small group evangelism!" reflected Steven Poenitz, ministerial director, Indiana Conference.

"The Hispanic dedication services were inspiring—such a demonstration from people who love Jesus and His church," added Gary Case, stewardship/trust services director, Indiana Conference. "They came from near and far to support each group, and the churches were filled to overflowing. The spirit of sacrifice was evident and commitment to proclaiming the Three Angel's Messages was seen."

Antonio Rosario, Hispanic coordinator,
Indiana Conference

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Obituaries

DONOHUE, Pearl Y. (Wilkinson), age 90; born July 11, 1920, in South Bordon, Mich.; died Nov. 12, 2010, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Adrian (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Michael and Robert; daughters, Peggy Wolfson and Kathleen Martinez; sisters, Irene Karamigos, Rosetta Cochran, Audrey Ben and Marlene Hoskins; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jason Priest, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Clinton, Mich.

DRAVES, Keith, age 79; born Sept. 22, 1931, in Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; died Dec. 6, 2010, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Madison Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris (Zeismer).

Memorial services were conducted by James Zeismer and Abraham Swamidass, with private inurnment.

GEIER, Dennis R., age 72; born Dec. 29, 1938, in Heaton, N.D.; died Jan. 5, 2011, in Granite City, Ill. He was a member of the Oakhill Church, Caseyville, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte (Sevier); son, Chris; daughter, Denise Abbott; brother, Roger; sisters, Sheila Meyers and Eunice Walker; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dale Barnhurst, and private inurnment was in Granite City.

JACKSON, Paul T., age 95; born Apr. 11, 1915, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; died Dec. 28, 2010, in Hendersonville, Tenn. He was a member of the Thompsonville (Ill.) Church. Paul was a pastor in Indiana and also founded the Trust Department for Andrews University.

Survivors include his son, Elbert; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor John Lomacang, and interment was in Converse (Ind.) Cemetery.

KENNEDY, Hawthorne, age 84; born Aug. 26, 1926, in Tenn.; died Jan. 18, 2011, in Gary, Ind. He was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include his wife, Christine (Nelson); son, William; daughters, Marla Gibson, Carolyn Hampton and Gwendolyn Kennedy; foster children, Rick Gibson and Irving Tipton; sister, L.C. Shipp; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwayne Duncombe, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gary.

KIMMONS, Dee, age 72; born Dec. 3, 1938, in Merrill, Wis.; died Dec. 12, 2010, in Merrill. She was a member of the Tomahawk (Wis.) Community Church.

Survivors include her brothers, James, Robert and Leonard Kimmons; and sisters, Dolly Peterson and Shirley Martin.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chuck Kohley, and interment was in Bethany Cemetery, Irma, Wis.

KRALL, Jack, age 74; born Aug. 27, 1936, in East Bernstadt, Ky.; died Dec. 8, 2010, in Colton, Calif. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Elliot); sons, Michael J. and Barry K.; daughter, Susan D. Curtis; sister, Helen J. Clem; four grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and one step-great-grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Eugene Amey, and inurnment was in Riverside (Calif.) National Cemetery.

LUCAS, Susan C. (Parfitt), age 58; born July 29, 1952, in Wausau, Wis.; died Dec. 14, 2010, in Fenton, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, William J.; son, William K.; daughter, Rebecca A.

Farr; mother, Adeline H. (Schmuhl) Parfitt; brother, Ken A. Parfitt; sister, Cynthia A. Raney; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Earl Zager, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

MCSORLEY, Dallene E. (Hull), age 87; born June 26, 1923, in Laramie, Wyo.; died Jan. 14, 2011, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her sons, Jeff and Ron; daughter, Sandi Stewart; sisters, Helen Hanson, Hazel Lintz and Bonnie Cratsenberg; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ferndale, Wash.

MITCHELL, Winona L. (Dunkerson), age 77; born Mar. 19, 1933, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Aug. 14, 2010, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Greenfield (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ronnie, Danny and Cleve; daughters, Carmen Rule, Caretha Ford and Angela Owens; brothers, Russell Courtney and Marty, David and Greg Dunkerson; sisters, Uldine Silcox, Judy Warner, Nancy Courtney, Cathy Parido and Cyndi Jones; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles Willis II, and interment was in Washington East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

PAULS, Archie L., age 95; born Jan. 8, 1916, in Twin Bluffs, Wis.; died Jan. 8, 2011, in Richland Center, Wis. He was a member of the Richland Center Church.

Survivors include his wife, Verla (Cowling); sons, Ron, Gary and Mark; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Scofield, and interment was in Richland Center Cemetery.

PLAPP, Vance J., age 99; born Mar. 31, 1911, in Naperville, Ill.; died July 3, 2010, in Princeton, Ill. He was a member of the Princeton Church.

Survivors include his son, Nile; daugh-

ters, Kay and Glenda Shurson; brother, Gayle; sister, Marjorie Bass; 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Katie Voigt, and interment was in Walnut (Ill.) Cemetery.

POPP, Elizabeth "Betty" (Nussdorfer), age 81; born Sept. 25, 1929, in Washington D.C.; died Jan. 4, 2011, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include her husband, Warren G.; son, Douglas A.; daughter, Lynda S. Swanson; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bruce Hayward and Larry Lichtenwalter, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

SWARTZ, Donald, age 90; born Jan. 10, 1920, in Washington State; died Dec. 10, 2010, in Richland Center, Wis. He was a member of the Richland Center Church.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Scofield, with private inurnment.

WELSH, Emiline (Seiz), age 79; born Mar. 5, 1931, in Quincy, Ill.; died Dec. 29, 2010, in Princeton, Ill. She was a member of the Princeton Church.

Survivors include her sons, John and Melvin; daughters, Alice Rohrig, Barbara Williams, Teresa Musick, Laura Bence and Geri Musick; brother, Larry Seiz; sisters, Leah Loeson and Caroline Sutter; 13 grandchildren; and 10 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Clarence Small, and interment was in Oakland Cemetery, Princeton.

WITHROW, Jana L. (Allen), age 57; born July 15, 1953, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Dec. 23, 2010, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Indianapolis Glendale Church.

Survivors include her husband, Daryl.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman and Kurt McKinley, with private inurnment.

Announcements

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* Web site at www.LakeUnionHerald.org and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at www.LakeUnionHerald.org.

Andrews University

The 2011 Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, is scheduled for **July 31–Aug. 5**. A number of health and wellness professionals will be presenting this six-day workshop, which involves 30 hours of lectures and demonstrations along with hands-on labs. All participants who successfully complete the workshop will receive a certificate of achievement. Graduate credit (2–3 credit hours) is available for M.A. in Religion, M.Div., MAPMin and Ph.D. students. Pastors and their spouses, health professionals and anyone who is interested in natural remedies or hydrotherapy are invited to attend this popular workshop. The workshop is limited to 60 participants so early registration is encouraged. There is a workshop fee; repeat attendees and spouses are entitled to a 50 percent workshop fee discount. For more information, visit www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw/ or e-mail fran@andrews.edu.

The School of Education will host an accreditation visit by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in **Fall 2011**. We invite interested parties to submit third-party comments for review by the visiting team. Please note comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to the University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered. Send by mail to Board of Examiners NCATE, 2010 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036-1023; or by e-mail to callforcomments@ncate.org. Letters of comment should be received no later than Sept. 1, 2011.

Indiana

Adventist Singles Ministries—Hoosier Chapter Reunion will take place the weekend of **May 21** at Timber Ridge Camp. For more information, contact Cindy Hamilton at 812-620-8126 or write to her at 925 S. Trinkle Rd., Campbellsburg, IN 47108.

B.I.K.E. (Bike Indiana Kilometer Excursion) is **June 2–5**. This year the venue will be northwest Indiana. Sabbath relaxation will include canoeing and sailing on Lake Michigan. For additional information or to reserve your spot in this invigorating annual event, contact Trisha Thompson at youth@indysda.org or 317-844-6201.

Lake Region

Seventh Annual Pathfinder Honors Retreat: Come one, come all—Pathfinders, directors, staff, master guides, PLA, PIA—to the Seventh Annual Pathfinder Honors Retreat, **May 13–15**, at the same venue as 2010: Camp Michawana in Hastings, Mich. The theme for this year is "I Will Sing!" and featured AYS presenter will be Brandon Dent Jr. who will present the dynamic presentation, "Music & Entertainment: What U Don't Know!" The cost to attend remains the same and covers lodging, meals, honors and activities! For more information, please call Robert Jackson Jr. at 248-877-8300, Angie Gardner at 313-915-8758 or Teresa Rodgers at 313-283-7775.

Lake Union

Offerings

- May 7** Local Church Budget
- May 14** Disaster & Famine Relief
- May 21** Local Church Budget
- May 28** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

- May 7** Community Services Sabbath
- May 14** Youth Sabbath
- May 21** Single Adults Sabbath

Michigan

Holly Chapter of Adelpian Academy Alumni Reunion: Fri. night, **June 10**, at the Holly Church. Sabbath, **June 11**, Sabbath school and church at the Adelpian Junior Academy gym. Potluck dinner at the gym following church. Afternoon program at the Holly Church. Honor classes 1951, '61, '71. For more information, contact Arlene at 517-536-4312.

Grand Ledge Academy First Years Reunion: We are looking for all charter students, alumni and faculty of 1959–1964 of Grand Ledge Academy. Plans are underway for a reunion which will be held **Aug. 5–7** at Elysian Fields Hunting Preserve near Bellevue, Mich. To be kept informed of plans as they develop, send an e-mail to claudiabahnmler@gmail.com with contact information or call Claudia at 360-793-1883. Join the Facebook group "Grand Ledge Academy—First Years." Thanks for passing the word along.

North American Division

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians 2011 Conference will be held **June 19–23** at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif. The theme of this conference is "Adaptation: Core Values in a Changing World." Librarians and information professionals are invited to visit <http://spinegy.southern.edu/asdallhere/> for conference information, or contact

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The Madison (Tennessee) College Alumni Association Homecoming will be **June 24–26**, honoring classes 1941, '46, '51, '56, '61, and those who attended Madison College or Madison College Academy. We will have activities and meals Fri. evening, Sabbath and Sun. mornings at the Madison Academy campus. For more information, call Jim Culpepper, Secretary/Treasurer, at 615-415-1925.

The Benedict/Turtle Lake (North Dakota) Seventh-day Adventist Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on **July 23**. We invite all past and present constituents, pastors, church school teachers, members and their families to join us for this celebration. For more information, please contact Roger Boyko at 701-448-2884 or e-mail rkboyko@westriv.com.

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Family Ministries Convention, Oct. 27–30: Certification Program for Family Ministry leaders and coordinators. To be held at The Shepherd's House Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6300 Bittersweet Rd., Wausau. For more information, call 608-843-7475 or e-mail akking@wi.adventist.org or aswamidass@charter.net.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	Jun 3	Jun 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:49	8:56	9:03	9:09	9:14	9:19
Chicago, Ill.	7:55	8:02	8:09	8:15	8:20	8:25
Detroit, Mich.	8:37	8:45	8:52	8:58	9:04	9:08
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:44	8:50	8:57	9:03	9:08	9:12
La Crosse, Wis.	8:14	8:22	8:29	8:36	8:41	8:46
Lansing, Mich.	8:44	8:52	8:59	9:05	9:11	9:16
Madison, Wis.	8:04	8:12	8:19	8:26	8:31	8:36
Springfield, Ill.	7:58	8:05	8:11	8:17	8:22	8:26

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BY DON LIVESAY



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As I think about the concept, all of us are responsible for all our children. That reminds me of the lines from a story by an anonymous author: "An important job had to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did."

There are more than 83,000 Seventh-day Adventists from more than 34,000 households who are members of a church within the Lake Union. We currently operate 93 schools with more than 3,500 students in grades K-12. If everybody took on the challenge of educating somebody, then anybody could go to school and nobody would be left out. All of us in partnership together could educate all of our children.

Don Livesay is the president of the Lake Union Conference.

In Remembrance of Me

BY ROB ERICH

“Do this in remembrance of me.”—Luke 22:19 NIV

Growing up in the Adventist Church, I have always valued Communion. I was told as a young kid that I could not participate in the service until I was baptized, and I was very disappointed. I didn't really care about the foot washing, because my mom gave me regular baths. But the snack—I was very saddened to miss out on that.

As I got older, I saw that Communion was not about eating and bathing—it was about something much more. It was about remembering the Man who is “the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6 NIV). This sacred service is a reminder of the love Christ showed us through His death for our sins.

After washing His disciples feet, Jesus said, “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” (John 13:17 NIV). And after giving out the bread, He said, “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19 NIV). For centuries Christians have participated in Communion to be blessed and to remember Calvary.

Perhaps, when Christ washed the disciples' feet, broke the bread that represented His body and gave it out to them, He was suggesting more than for us to do the exact same thing. Perhaps He was suggesting that we emulate His behavior—His life.

Christ gave the bread and wine to portray the giving of His physical body. Christ washed His disciples' feet to demonstrate how we must serve others through the lowest of tasks. Foot washing was detestable at that time. Today, it is easy for me to tell someone that Christ gave His body for her. It is noble and expected to wash another church



Karl Lindsay

member's feet—there is no shame in that.

The difficulty lies in me seeing the bread as my body, to be broken for my fellow man. The challenge takes place when I replace foot washing with picking up the garbage overflowing from the trash bin or ponder joining the potluck table with someone who is socially awkward. Does remembering Jesus mean portraying love when it makes me uncomfortable?

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me,” (Matthew 25:40

NIV).

We should start using Communion as a time to think about how we can emulate Christ's behavior in a way that remembers His sacrifice for us and brings glory to Him. Maybe I should give the homeless man a bath. Maybe I should feed the woman on the side of the street. The next time you partake of Communion, ponder the gifts of life, redemption and eternal life that Christ has given you—and then take some time to think about what you are doing in remembrance of Him.

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The Least of These

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."—Matthew 25:40, NKJV

Ryan McCabe is painting with a purpose this semester. Ryan, a graphic design major at Andrews University, presented his Senior Thesis Exhibition in March. Entitled, "The Least of These," the exhibit purposed to find sponsors for 20 children in need around the globe. Sponsorships were made through Compassion International, a Christian child advocacy ministry.



Ryan McCabe

Ryan painted portraits of the children for the event. At the exhibit, attendees could sign up to sponsor a child whose painting was on the wall. As an incentive, sponsors could keep the child's painting.

Like all Bachelor of Fine Arts students, Ryan was required to host a senior exhibition before graduation. He toyed with several themes, but no idea seemed to fit. That is, until January when Ryan heard a worship talk by professor Duffy Robbins of Eastern University. "He talked about his experience with sponsorship through Compassion, and I realized I'm actually in a position to sponsor a kid," says Ryan. "The reason I had become inspired to do that was because the idea had been presented in the right way. I wanted to present that same information in a way that would make people catch on to it, so even a group of college students would want to sponsor."

Ryan sponsored a child in January. After much prayer and planning, he decided he could make a difference in more children's lives through his artwork. He contacted Compassion and asked for 20 more information packets, then he spent nearly four hours on each painting. Ryan spent his spring break painting and building wooden frames. He also created a Facebook page and put up posters around campus, hoping even ten children would receive sponsors.

His hard work and prayers paid off. An impressive crowd showed up for the exhibit. To Ryan's amazement, each child received a sponsor—giving each a chance for education, health and an environment to learn about God.

"It blew me away," says Ryan. "I was not expecting this kind of a reaction. ... It ended up being ten times better than what I was expecting. God really took this idea to the next level."

Be sure to check out Ryan's Web site at www.ryanmccabedesign.com.

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