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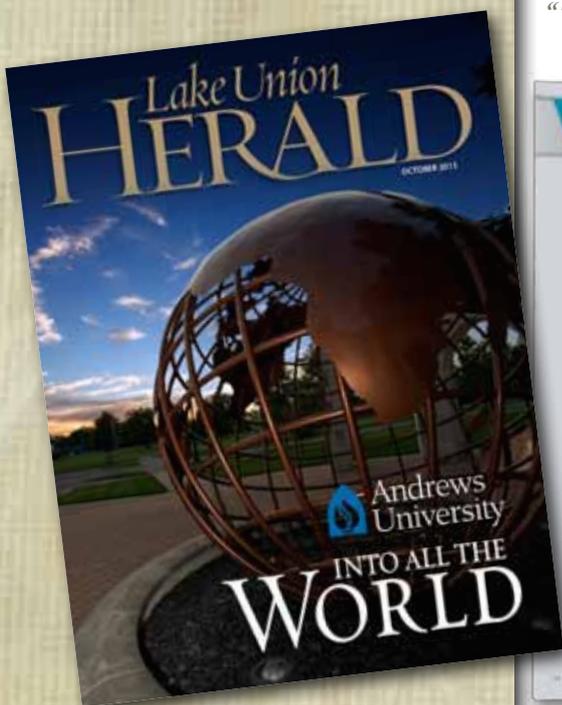
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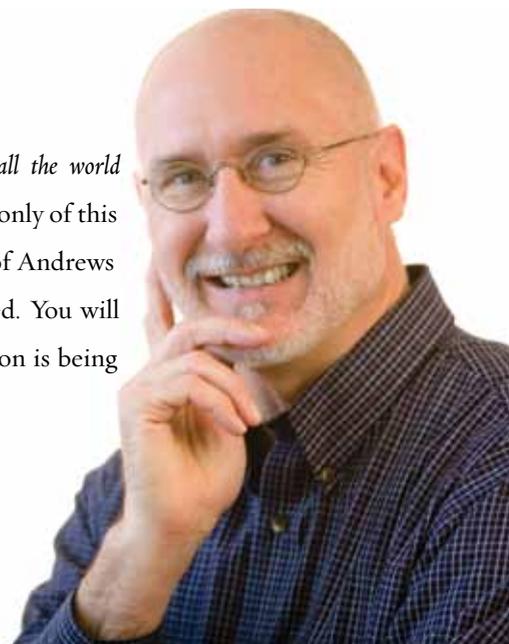
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Mark records Jesus' words, *Go into all the world* (Mark 16:15 NIV). That is the theme not only of this edition of the *Herald* but, also, the theme of Andrews University, to which this issue is dedicated. You will be blessed as you read how this commission is being carried out there.

Gary Burns, Editor



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Written All Over Your Face

My wife, Barbara, and I recently were walking in a large city. It is fascinating to observe people. I noticed someone walking toward us, talking on her cell phone. She was not speaking English, so we were unable to understand what she was saying — but her face spoke volumes. With her chin protruded, mouth turned down in a most unattractive way, her words were sharp and staccato. This was clearly an unhappy conversation, full of anger and conflict. It did not take profound insight to understand what was going on; it was written all over her face.

As you might guess, I participate in a lot of meetings; for some, I serve as chair and even speak. From that front-of-the-room vantage point, it's fascinating to watch the faces of people. Invariably, I am drawn to those who have happy faces — those who smile, give positive feedback and are engaged in what is going on. They express the condition of their hearts with their mouth and eyes.

One of those people was Pat at the Ypsilanti Church in Michigan. Her smile was only part of it; her eyes were smiling, too. As I noted her interaction with members, Pat's smile spread. If I kept a careful record, I could build a list of scores of other individuals who exude a joyful friendliness in our churches throughout the Lake Union. They are climate-changers.

When joy and happiness is written all over your face, it communicates several internal values and conditions. It puts people at ease, instills our value of others, suggests safety, and says to those nearby, "We are going to have a positive time together."

A recent *Psychology Today* article, titled "What Happy People Do Differently," chronicled research of common approaches and behaviors of people who are generally happy. While some of the flavor was humanistic and self-centered, there were some interesting observations. People who are happy have some of the following characteristics: They find rewards in risk, are often curious, and are willing to get out of their comfort zone. They don't obsess on problems, and are less skeptical and more positive about life. They are flexible and able to move through hard times as well as the fun and happy times. They often are very generous in sharing the joy of others. And they allow time for every feeling.

Jesus and the apostles taught: Don't judge; forgive a lot; do good to others; have an eternal purpose; risk yourself for the sake of others (the Good Samaritan); don't shy away from the hard things; live with godly values; have faith, hope and love; die to self — put others first.

You can have fun and not be happy. You can laugh, a lot, and have no joy. You can even smile and be evil and malicious. Many acquire all the things money can buy and are never satisfied. Maybe you've noticed an elderly person whose face has seemed to form into a permanent expression, either of joy or discontent — a result of their general direction in life.

Jesus gives the invitation to come to Him and receive rest, joy and peace. And when you do, it will be written all over your face.



A Journey to Embrace

G O D D O E S N ' T W A N T T O L E T G O O F U S

BY PIETER DAMSTEEGT

I feel like I have always had an active lifestyle. Though my mobility was limited by my Ankylosing Spondylitis (a type of rheumatoid arthritis), I still walked, biked some and even, occasionally, attempted jogging. I took it all for granted. I felt invincible like a lot of other people my age. I suppose I even got lazy at times.

When my health started to decline, I just figured this was another normal flare-up that was weather-related and my body would soon return to normal. Instead of clearing up completely, I seemed slowly to be getting worse.

It was one of the hardest transitions of my life — like a transition that I didn't like but had to go through. You see, it's not cool hobbling around on crutches, especially if you didn't have a crazy story like, "Oh, I was snowboarding..." or "Well, I was in a car accident." When my comeback was, "It's a type of arthritis," people's response usually was, "Is it going to get better?"

And I just had to say, "Uh, good question; I don't know."

Days turned into weeks and then into months, and I wasn't improving. I tried everything, but got tired of suggestions and recommendations by well-meaning people. Everyone really can be nice, but in some circumstances they can be too nice; you don't notice it until you have something go wrong with your health.

When I was ten years old and first diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis, I had been through the ropes. Then again with Crohn's, and then I was trying stuff all over again. This round, nothing was working. No matter what I did, I continued to get worse.

I dreamed of being able to jump out of bed in the morning, of walking down back roads, going to the beach, and



Pieter Damsteegt

even biking again, but alas, they would have to remain happy memories. For the time being, I was handicapped, and I slowly began to accept it. At first, I blamed it on school and stress. But when Christmas break came around and I only continued the downward spiral, I knew something wasn't quite right. I had one semester left to accomplish before graduation, and I refused to stop. I was so close.

I think everyone has a refining process. Sometimes, I don't think we see it as such or learn to embrace it. Whether it has to do with health, jobs or relationships, hardship is bound to come. We were never promised

smooth sailing in this life. We were, however, promised strength to get through whatever we are faced with.

The Christian walk is not something easy. If things are going well, you may need to re-evaluate where you are. Just think of Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:24–28. In spite of pain, sleepless nights and the added challenge physically, I had nowhere near the obstacles and challenges Paul faced. How many times had I been beaten up for the Gospel? How many times did I survive a plane crash to share Jesus?

It was just a new phase of life I had to deal with. Yes, I wanted to be back to "normal." But instead, God provided the way, *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness* (2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV). I came to a new "normal" in life; life was just going to be different.



Back in high school, I remember one of the seniors explained something she did to keep positive in life. She kept a journal that had 5–10 new things she was thankful for each day, and they couldn't repeat or overlap. In my observations, I thought it was just a good way to stay extra positive all the time. I've thought about keeping a journal like that but never really gotten to that point myself, but it was a good thing to remember when aiming to stay upbeat.

After some visits to specialists, I discovered the problem was that my condition had progressed, and I had some bad joints. Once that discovery was made, I had some bigger choices and decisions. Thankfully, God had everything worked out before I even thought of it. After some research by my mom and some good recommendations from friends, we found a solid doctor to do the surgeries needed.

I don't like to call the whole situation I went through a trial. I guess it really was, but I'd rather refer to it as just another step in my life adventure. If I looked at things from a negative perspective, I don't think I would have as much fun in life. There are countless blessings and miracles that happened during the whole adventure that I went through. Here are just a few:

There are people out there to whom I could witness that I never would have been able to reach had I not had some big health issues.

It was the perfect timing for this situation to happen. By the time I was in a wheelchair, it was around the time of graduation. The surgeries I had were during the summer. Therefore, everything was happening between college and work.

I was taking photography and documentary film at Andrews University. Before I ever went to crutches, I planned on doing my senior thesis film about my condition. The original outline I had was okay, but my film was shaped in a completely different direction through the challenges and

hardships of my adventure. From a filmmaker's perspective, what I went through was excellent documentary material; I'm thankful that worked out really well.

My last semester was a pretty easy one academically. It was a real blessing!

One of the biggest blessings is I learned to appreciate other things, like sight, sound, touch and smell. Once walking was not a possible for me, I was able to admire other things and learn to be thankful with what I still had.

I guess I never really understood the whole concept of Malachi 3:3: *He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD (NIV).* I think a lot of people have heard songs like "Refiner's Fire," but they never really consider what that means. By going through this challenge in life, it has made me catch a glimpse of what the refining process is all about.

God wants us to shine. He doesn't want to let go of us. When I asked God for something to help me draw closer to Him, I never considered that I would end up in a wheelchair. Yet, God had a journey for me to embrace.

Though I don't always know my next step in life, I trust He has everything in line for me. Every day that is given me is a gift, and the fact that I am still alive shows me that God still has something for me to do.

Sometimes, I don't understand why or where God is leading, and maybe I won't know while I am here on this planet, but someday I will know. It's that trust that lets me go to sleep at night with peace, knowing that as long as God has something for me to do, there will be another day of new adventures.

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Ouch! That Hurts!

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Recently, I was sitting in a restaurant when a young boy, four or maybe five years old, walked by, softly crying. Behind him came an older brother, his mother and grandmother (I presume). When he sat down, I had direct access to watch his tearful face. He continued to whimper quietly until his mother got right up in his face and threatened not to let him eat, and pulled a sandwich away from him. When he became more alarmed, she slapped him. *Ouch!*

The next day I was eating in a local restaurant when two little girls sat down with their mom and dad. The older child, maybe seven, was quietly upset by something, and her dad threatened that if she didn't straighten up they would leave the restaurant and none would have supper. Yes, she straightened up, but there was no joy on her little face throughout the meal. She was, I suspect, hurt and embarrassed.

Why do parents do that? I was infuriated both times (and I fully realize I don't know the whole story). But why do parents and other adults often think they need to make a child feel worse before he will do better?

My faith was somewhat restored when we sat next to two couples last night, with five little girls between them (the oldest maybe seven and the youngest 20 months). Waiting for their orders, which didn't come for a long time, the parents were involved with all the girls. They had fun playing little games with them, let them explore the small canisters of cheese and chili peppers on the tables, and kept them engaged. When the littlest one became restless, the mother got up from the table and let her active, little self explore a bit. Everyone in the group left the restaurant unscathed, happy and well-fed.

In his book, *Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World*, H. Stephen Glenn identifies five distinct behaviors that undermine self-confidence and block trust from forming in relationships with our children — directing, assuming, expecting, rescuing or explaining (instead of allowing them to experience the conse-

quences of their behavior), and putting forth demands such as “Why can't you ever...”; “How come you never...”; “Surely you realize...” and “You'll never learn.”

The first two incidents illustrate directing, assuming and expecting. Briefly, the antidotes for these are encouraging/inviting cooperation, substituting dialogue and patience for assuming, and recognizing and celebrating incremental successes. Sadly, these barriers all reduce the capacity of a relationship to support, affirm and encourage the less-mature person, and diminishes his or her self-confidence.

Young children often are overwhelmed by their emotions. They know what is expected of them, but they are powerless (at least for a few minutes) to get their feelings in check in order to act as their adults expect. What they need is encouraging responses, not punishment!

When his children were young, a friend told me, “I think the major job of a parent is to civilize their children.” There's a lot of truth to that! We want our children to observe and follow the rules of decorum of our culture. It is our responsibility to help them learn how to be successful in our society. We want them to act civilized, so we won't be criticized as well.

My plea to parents, and other important adults in children's lives, is to stop and ask yourself, “Is this the best I can do for this child?” Remember, he or she is God's child, too!

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**Dietary supplements
are not a substitute
for good food.**

Supplement Shortfall

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

**Great claims have
been made for
antioxidants.**

Up to 40 percent of Americans take vitamin pills and herbal supplements every day in an attempt to enjoy better health. They seek ways to cure their sore joints, headaches, constant fatigue, anxiety and depression. They also seek help with their weight problems. The marketplace provides hundreds of supplements for sale. Exuberant claims are made, inviting the consumer to enjoy greater well-being. Sales from supplements now exceed \$20 billion annually in the U.S.

A number of food products and supplements contain claims touting the value of their antioxidant content to protect us against a host of diseases. Our bodies use the antioxidant vitamins A, C and E, and a host of flavonoids, to fight damaging free radicals. Long-term studies conducted to see if increased doses of vitamins A, C and E would provide extra disease-fighting protection gave disappointing results.

This led the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society to advise people not to use these supplements to prevent or treat cancer or cardiovascular disease. The various antioxidants in our food successfully work in concert and provide a dynamic defense system that is complex and requires far more than merely swallowing a few isolated vitamins.

Lutein, a carotenoid pigment found in broccoli, corn, kiwi fruit and spinach, appears to protect our eyes from sunlight damage. While food sources of lutein lower the risk of eye diseases (cataracts and age-related macular degeneration), lutein supplements do not appear to provide the same protection.

Eating whole foods and foods fortified with vitamins and minerals certainly helps to ensure good nutrition. Having a shortfall in any nutrient can be rectified by taking a low-dose multivitamin and mineral supplement. However, as Jeffrey B. Blumberg, Ph.D., a professor at Tufts University, says, dietary supplements should not become dietary substitutes.



When elderly adults in Britain were asked to increase their intake of fruits, vegetables and nuts and to eat only whole-grain bread for three months, they showed an improved immune function. They reported significantly fewer doctor and hospital visits, and fewer weeks affected by illness than they did before making these dietary changes. A vitamin/mineral supplement provided similar changes, but the infections were of shorter duration for the elderly who made the improvement to their diet.

Taking some supplements may be necessary. As we get older, we are less able to absorb vitamin B12 and produce vitamin D from sunlight, so taking vitamin D and B12 supplements is appropriate for the elderly. Older adults who have vitamin D deficiency are recommended to take supplements of D to lower fracture risk, strengthen muscles and improve balance.

Not all supplements provide the benefits that are claimed for them. For example, ginkgo is added to many beverages as a memory-boosting supplement. However, research to support such claims is hard to find.

Snake oil salesmen have been around for centuries, boasting healing properties for a wide range of products. The extracts, creams and pills may be different today, but they are still pedaled with the promise of improved health.

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Building High Walls of Exclusion

BY THE EDITORS

“Christ was not exclusive, and He had given special offense to the Pharisees by departing in this respect from their rigid rules. He found the domain of religion fenced in by high walls of seclusion, as too sacred a matter for everyday life. These walls of partition He overthrew. In His contact with men He did not ask, What is your creed? To what church do you belong? He exercised His helping power in behalf of all who needed help. Instead of secluding Himself in a hermit’s cell in order to show His heavenly character, He labored earnestly for humanity. He inculcated the principle that Bible religion does not consist in the mortification of the body. He taught that pure and undefiled religion is not meant only for set times and special occasions. At all times and in all places He manifested a loving interest in men, and shed about Him the light of a cheerful piety. All this was a rebuke to the Pharisees. It showed that religion does not consist in selfishness, and that their morbid devotion to personal interest was far from being true godliness. This had roused their enmity against Jesus, so that they tried to enforce His conformity to their regulations.

“Jesus worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw. He had little money to give, but He often denied Himself of food in order to relieve those who appeared more needy than He. His brothers felt that His influence went far to counteract theirs. He possessed a tact which none of them had, or desired to have. When they spoke harshly to poor, degraded beings, Jesus sought out these very ones, and spoke to them words of encouragement. To those who were in need He would give a cup of cold water, and would quietly place His own meal in their hands. As He relieved their sufferings, the truths He taught were associated with His acts of mercy, and were thus riveted in the memory” (*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 86, 87).

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in a prayerful response to these thoughts and questions:

- Identify the different religious walls of exclusion and partition that may be evident today. Note if a wall is ancient and traditional, or relatively new and progressive.

Is the wall confined to a region or culture, or is it global and universal?

- What walls do you observe that appear to be coming down? Is this a good thing, or do you feel they need to be fortified?
- Jesus never asked a person what they believed or to what sect or “church” they belonged as a condition of His engagement with them. Is that a principle we should apply today?
- The entire life of Jesus seems to have been focused on acts of mercy, and was weighted much more than teaching and preaching. Can that be said of you? Of your church? Of your denomination?
- What barriers exist in your setting that would make it difficult for specific groups and types of people to see Jesus?

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The Strength to Stand

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. —Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

God has given us prayer so we may help each other stand. Four times in Ephesians 6:11–14, Paul uses the word “stand” to encourage us to hold out against the onslaughts of the *spiritual forces of evil*.

Standing our ground requires that we first *put on the full armor of God*. We are protected against the devil by knowing the truth, being righteous, having the gospel of peace, trusting God, possessing salvation, and using the Word of God in the right way. But it doesn't end there. Paul continues without a break to say, *Pray in the Spirit on all occasions*.

The prayer support required is all-embracing. It's “on *all occasions*,” of “*all kinds*,” “*always*,” and “for *all the saints*.” Imagine being in the midst of a fellowship of Christians who prayed for each other this way.

Several years ago, God led four other men and me to start a support group and to meet together every week for an hour-and-a-half. We covenanted to share our lives with each other as fully as possible, study the Word of God faithfully, pursue God-given spiritual goals, and support each other in our daily prayers. What happened in the following months surprised us all. The first surprise was that almost every week one of us needed special prayer support to face a troublesome situation. Second, we all experienced spiritual growth of a kind that had eluded us in years past. And, third, every member of the group was launched into a key ministry position in the church or denomination within the next two years. As we stood together and supported each other in our daily prayers, God gave us the strength to stand and win victories.

God intends that *all* believers be strengthened to stand, as *all* take seriously the responsibility to *always* keep on praying, on *all* occasions, with *all* kinds of prayer for each other.

That's a tall order. It goes far beyond the kind of casual praying to which most Christians are accustomed. But those who pray “in the Spirit” can do it.

Reflect

- Do you sense you are getting the kind of prayer support you need in order to stand?
- Are you giving the believers around you the kind of prayer support they need in order to stand?

Pray

- *Thank* God for His good and wise plan to supply prayer support for every member of His body. *Thank* Him for people who have given you prayer support in the past.
- If you have failed to provide prayer support for those who needed your prayers, *confess* that failure to God.
- *Ask* God to help the community of believers you are a part of to live up to the standard of Ephesians 6:18.
- *Commit* yourself to serious prayer support for the people around you.

Act

Make a mental list of those who need prayer support right now and provide them the prayer support they need.

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*Read Ephesians 6:10–20 as background.



Evangelists and Bicycles for Cuba

BY CRISTINE ORILLOSA-THURBER

For 25 Andrews University Master of Divinity students and two Seminary faculty sponsors, March 15–25 was a journey of spiritual renewal as they embarked on the first Seminary study tour to Cuba. Participants were divided into five teams to conduct evangelistic meetings in Havana’s largest churches; each site hosted a student evangelist with the supporting team leading out in door-to-door visitation, worships, drama and children’s ministries. M.Div. student Alex Ruiz states, “There were many miracles, starting with the way we were united among the group. We were like a real family working together.”

Fernando Ortiz, director of the M.Div. program and study tour leader, says the purpose of the tour was to “enhance the student’s evangelistic, witnessing and church growth experience by providing the opportunity for real hands-on experience. It also was an initiative to help prepare participants for mission and ministry around the world.”

In the communities surrounding each church, the teams prayed with residents, studied the Bible and invited them to the evening meetings. While visiting a sick resident, M.Div. student Pierre Desruisseaux prayed fervently, claiming God’s healing power. A neighbor, who was a *santera* or spiritist, overheard the prayer and was so touched by it that she was convicted to attend the evening meeting and change her ways.

The teams and local church members started each day with prayer. They claimed the promise of the Holy Spirit to bless their plans. “What happened was nothing short of a miracle,” Fernando exclaims. “Residents in the surrounding communities started attending the meetings, and night after night the churches were packed to capacity. Through the workings of God’s Spirit, 100 precious individuals were baptized, and 100 more are getting ready to be baptized soon.”

The team also launched “Bikes for Cuba,” a project that excited the Andrews community. “It is quite difficult for



More than 50 pastors, Bible workers and ministerial students in the metropolitan Havana area received bicycles to assist in their ministry.

pastors and Bible workers to move from place to place [on foot] to visit their members and Bible study interests,” says Fernando. “Owning a car or a motorcycle is out of the equation as their \$20 monthly salary is hardly enough to buy food, and public transportation is scarce and unreliable.”

Andrews Seminary faculty, students and Pioneer Memorial Church members raised funds to buy 56 bicycles for

pastors, Bible workers and ministerial students in the metropolitan Havana area. Fernando reports, “These bicycles are, perhaps, the best investment an individual can make. A one-time donation of \$150, the cost of one bicycle, can potentially translate into hundreds of individuals for God’s kingdom.”

Bicycle recipients are able to double or triple their visits in a day. Presently, 300 pastors and Bible workers in Cuba are without transportation. “We want to provide a bicycle to each one of them to further advance the kingdom,” Fernando asserts. To learn more about the Bikes for Cuba project, visit <http://www.andrews.edu/mdiv/bikes> or write to mdiv@andrews.edu.

The Cuba study tour changed lives. M.Div. student Jon Remitera states, “I went to Cuba thinking I would go and help change lives, but I left having my own changed. God is moving in a powerful way in Cuba!”

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La preparación del pastor

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Un ministro no debe nunca pensar que aprendió lo suficiente y que puede cesar en sus esfuerzos. Su educación debe continuar toda la vida. Cada día debe aprender y poner en práctica el conocimiento adquirido. —Obreros evangélicos, p. 98

En el mes de agosto la mayoría de los pastores hispanos en la Unión del Lago se reunieron en la iglesia hispana “Logan Square” en Chicago para asistir a un seminario de liderazgo presentado por el presidente de la Unión, Don Livesay. Al principio se había hecho un arreglo para que el pastor Livesay diera su seminario para las asociaciones Regional y de Illinois. Pero luego se amplió el contexto para que se incluyera a las demás asociaciones. Hacía muchos años que no se había tenido una reunión de entrenamiento con todos los pastores de la Unión, de manera que fue muy bien recibida y apreciada.

La obra del pastor es una obra muy especial y delicada que requiere mucha preparación. Cuando comenzó nuestra iglesia en el siglo 19 existían relativamente pocos requisitos para preparar a una persona para el ministerio porque se pensaba que el fin estaba cerca y no había tiempo que perder. En la actualidad es necesario que el pastor tenga la mejor preparación posible antes de ser ordenado. Por ejemplo, es requisito que se complete un mínimo de cuatro años de estudio a nivel universitario, luego pasar varios años de obra práctica en la viña del Señor y además pasar más años en estudios de posgrado para obtener una maestría.

El pastor sabio reconoce que a pesar de haber cursado estudios universitarios y de posgrado, necesita continuar sus estudios durante toda la vida para ser más eficiente en la obra del Señor. Así como el médico y la enfermera deben seguir estudiando para poder ser más eficientes y útiles en su labor de salvar vidas, también el pastor necesita buscar más conocimiento para hacer con éxito su trabajo. En sus predicaciones el pastor debe estar consciente de la realidad



El pastor Don Livesay con los pastores hispanos de la Unión del Lago.

que la información está cada vez más accesible, por lo que los miembros de su iglesia demandan que el pastor esté bien informado. En sus visitas tiene que saber cómo enfrentar las complicaciones sociales que existen en el mundo contemporáneo. La sociedad es cada vez más secular y el pastor necesita seguir estudiando para saber mejor cómo ganar almas para el Señor.

A pesar de toda la preparación y los títulos académicos que haya logrado el pastor, hay que reconocer que es humano y su entendimiento es limitado. Por esta razón es necesario añadir algo más que el pastor necesita. Elena White lo describe muy bien: “Dejen que sus oraciones sigan a los siervos de Dios como hoces agudas en el campo de cosecha. Dios escuchará las súplicas fervientes de su pueblo” (*Ministerio pastoral*, p. 117).

En este “Mes del pastor” quiero animar a cada lector a que tome tiempo para orar por su pastor. No dudo que estas oraciones le serán de mucha ayuda en su ministerio.

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Reborn of the Spirit

BY MICHAEL SCZERBA

I have always been a Christian in one form or another. I started out in one Christian faith, and later migrated to another after my marriage. Somehow, I wasn't drawn into these denominations. They seemed to be primarily ceremony, and I came away with many unanswered questions and a sense of being on the periphery.

A few years ago, two close friends began to witness to me about the wonders of God and Jesus Christ through the eyes of the Seventh-day Adventists. At first, I was reluctant to accept what they were saying, but soon came to realize they seemed to be approaching man's relationship with God as the Bible intended. The three key issues for me were proper observance of the Sabbath, truly Bible-based teachings, and the exposure of the counterfeit Jesus who still remains as powerful and active as when the times and laws of God were changed.

Fast forward to spring 2012... I couldn't believe my eyes! I stumbled upon an opportunity to become engaged locally at the Champaign Church in Illinois. The "New Beginning Seminar Series" was advertised on the local church website, and I figured I'd see what it was all about. From the outset, I sensed Ray Plummer, the church pastor and speaker, was a genuinely-compassionate Christian who wasn't misusing Bible text. Among other things, he carefully explained that God is love. He helped me understand what happens at death and



Michael Sczerba

that I was not likely to go to hell. There was never any pressure to join the church, but it was at this point when I felt prompted by God to take action, although I wasn't deliberately seeking out a new church to join.

In the following year, until my baptism on June 15, Ray was at my home promptly at 7:00 almost every Thursday evening. He made certain I understood fundamentals, such as the infilling of the Holy Spirit, Bible prophecy, the necessity of regular prayer, good health, the role of the fall of Babylon, and many other issues too numerous to mention. Ray still checks in with me from time to time.

As I choose to make the job easier for Jesus to live out His life within me, Ray has been an invaluable resource. I now believe I must rely on Jesus to help me work out the details of my life as He would have it, and have noticed an increased sense of tolerance, understanding and forgiveness of others, which might be attributed to my being reborn of the Spirit as opposed to the flesh.

Michael Sczerba is a member of the Champaign Church in Illinois.

Saved from Sins

BY RODNEY HAHN

I have never been an alcoholic or drug addict, arrested or put in jail. I am just an average guy who grew up on a farm outside LaValle, Wisconsin. When asked to write my testimony, I thought, *What can I write about?* I have been an Adventist all my life. As a child, I remember getting ready every Sabbath morning and going to church with my parents in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Mom was the organist and Dad the head elder.

At times, I have been jealous of those who did bad things and could share how God saved them. But one day I read this quote by Ellen White that opened my eyes: “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (*Life Sketches*, p. 196). I realized God has saved me from many bad experiences. He has answered many prayers. The difference now is I look for God’s leading.

God protected me as a teenager, in answer to my parents’ prayers. He provided me with the perfect wife, in answer to my prayers. At times, in business ventures, I kept hitting a wall and later realized it was God saying “No” to a detrimental decision.

My wife and I always have had work. We’ve been able to send our two daughters on six mission trips. Both were able



Dawn and Rodney Hahn

Juanita Edge

to study abroad. We paid for their education at Andrews University without accumulating debt. All this was done on 90 percent of our income, after tithing to the Lord. God is answering our prayers for our daughters to have God-fearing spouses. Amy is currently married to a theology major, and Katie is dating a man with the same dream.

Sure, there are bad times; but I don’t focus on them. I see how God has led and blessed me, and I am astonished. I may not have been saved from drugs or alcohol, but I have been saved from my sins. With that, I can go boldly forward [toward] what He has in store for me and my family.

Rodney Hahn is the head elder of the Reedsburg Church in Wisconsin.

Home at Last: My Local Church

BY LAURA CARLANELL

On Sabbath, June 15, my search for a local church home ended at the Champaign Church in Illinois.

My name is Laura Carlanell, and my long journey began with my conversion to Christ, alone in my college dorm room talking with a Christian phone counselor at the age of 23. My baptism was the following summer in a private lake in Sycamore, Illinois, where I attended church. I was raised in another religious faith and also had exposure to other churches. I read and studied the Bible, but something crucial in doctrine was missing.

In June 2011, I discovered the Proclaim! channel on Three Angels Broadcasting Network. At that time, I knew nothing about Seventh-day Adventist history or teachings. For months, I watched, listened and studied along with the many excellent teachers on the channel. This was the church doctrine I’d been missing for 35 years! Now I knew the significance of the fourth commandment as God wrote it. I also was excited about the teachings regarding the state of the dead, the correlation of Daniel with Revelation, the sanctuary teachings, and interpretations of Bible prophecy.

It was July 2012 when I began my search for a Seventh-day Adventist church to attend. I found the Champaign Church website, used their “Contact Us” form, and received a cordial reply via email from communication secretary Omega Kapuno. Then an encouraging phone call came from Raymond



Champaign Church pastor Raymond Plummer welcomes Laura Carlanell to membership on June 15, 2013, when she joined the church family by profession of faith.

Omega Kapuno

Plummer, Champaign Church pastor, on Friday afternoon, July 20. The next morning I attended my first Sabbath service. After that very first Sabbath, I knew God had brought me to my church home.

I am very impressed with Seventh-day Adventist history and the writings of Ellen G. White, but the clincher for me was the belief that Scripture alone is supreme and above the doctrines of men, along with the use of the entire Bible — both Old and New Testaments. Maybe not all who have been raised Adventists can appreciate fully how blessed a Christian heritage they have, but my long journey to this place of belonging is precious to me. This fallen Earth is a dangerous place, so I am glad to be a lamb inside the fold of my local church under the watchful guidance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who died to save me and you.

Laura Carlanell is a member of the Champaign Church in Illinois.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY: INTO ALL THE WORLD

BY SAMANTHA SNIVELY

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. —Matthew 16:19–20 NIV

At Andrews University, students, faculty and staff from all around the world converge on the campus, bringing their stories with them. The diversity of experience gathered on campus has the potential to work incredible change in the world, with more than 3,500 students learning to be committed world citizens and more than 850 faculty and staff working to affect change in the classroom and their communities.

The handful of stories that follow represent just a few of the ways the Andrews community changes the world: the group of Honors students who travel the world in service; a professor interested in public policy and its actual effects; a Seminary graduate translating the Bible into his native language; and a young architecture student whose academic and service plans caught his home government's eye.

Each story is a reminder of the power of personal initiative, and that change can happen anywhere, anytime and through anyone.

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AND THE WORD OF GOD GREW AND MULTIPLIED

ANDREWS EMPLOYEE TRANSLATES BIBLE INTO HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE

BY SAMANTHA SNIVELY

Go into all the world, Jesus said (Mark 16:15 NIV). Often, spreading the Word to new corners of the world means having the Word to spread. For Wöl Bol Wöl, an employee at Andrews University's Dining Services, this meant translating the Bible into his own language of Dinka.

Wöl is from South Sudan, and lived as a refugee for nine years before arriving at Oakwood University in 2003. The translation project, he said, "arose from a need to understand the Word of God in my own language." One or two partial New Testament translations in Dinka exist, but they are neither complete nor very good. At Oakwood, Wöl contacted several Bible societies to arrange for a translation, but with no success — until professor Anthony Hall suggested he do the translation himself. All the resources he needed to start were available to him — a library full of biblical references, computers, and professors willing to help him.

"I remember, I started on a floppy disk," he grins. Wöl started translating in 2004, and continued translating through his undergraduate degree and acceptance into the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

In the Seminary, Wöl began to learn Greek and Hebrew, and these languages influenced his translation. Previously, he translated from only English versions of the Bible,



Wöl Bol Wöl has completed the first draft of the Dinka Bible, and currently is in the process of editing it and refining the translation.

Damen Hestop

although he compared many versions to find the best way to express a thought. Wöl is translating the Bible into Rek, the standard variety of Dinka and the language he speaks.

Translation has its problems, and Wöl, like many translators, had the most difficulty when trying to express English concepts in his native language. The common expression, "the ends of the Earth," literally translates in Dinka, "the world is coming to an end," which is not quite the same message. Compass directions are also different — where English speakers orient north and give all directions accordingly, speakers of Dinka orient to what we would call the west, and give their directions as left, right and behind.

Wöl also had some trouble when a word didn't exist in Dinka for very biblical words, such as "holy." Original Dinka has no word for "holy." Wöl relates that when missionaries came through Sudan, they taught the Dinka to say "santo," from the Latin root. Wöl used this adopted word until he found that another variety of Dinka actually has a word for "holy," and then chose to use the Dinka word.

A good student of biblical scholarship but also anxious to complete the project, Wöl struggled with “the idea of not putting my own thoughts into the Bible, but rather expressing the Bible in my own language,” he says. Wöl combated this by comparing numerous versions of the Bible against each other to find commonalities of expression — not just English versions, either. As his language skills grew, he began using Hebrew and Greek versions, slowly adding Spanish and Chinese translations as he learned those languages as well. The Chinese versions were particularly helpful as he translated, as they express entire thoughts more than single words. Comparing all these versions helps him focus his words rather than confuse them: “When I go back and translate [into Dinka], I find I’m more confident in what I’ve translated because I have checked with other languages to see how they express the thought or verse,” he says.

How many languages does Wöl know? Well, he speaks eight, “plus the biblical languages,” he adds with a smile. In addition to English, Swahili and Dinka, he’s also mastered Spanish, Chinese, French, Italian and a few others. “And I’m learning Korean,” he adds.

Wöl has finished a complete first draft of the Dinka Bible and currently is in the process of editing it and refining the translation. That process requires “lots of checking and double-checking” with biblical scholars and Dinka speakers, says Wöl. He has tested out a spoken version of the first chapter of Genesis with Dinka speakers, and so far it has been well received. “They keep saying, ‘It’s very good, but when is it going to be finished?’” says Wöl. He is looking

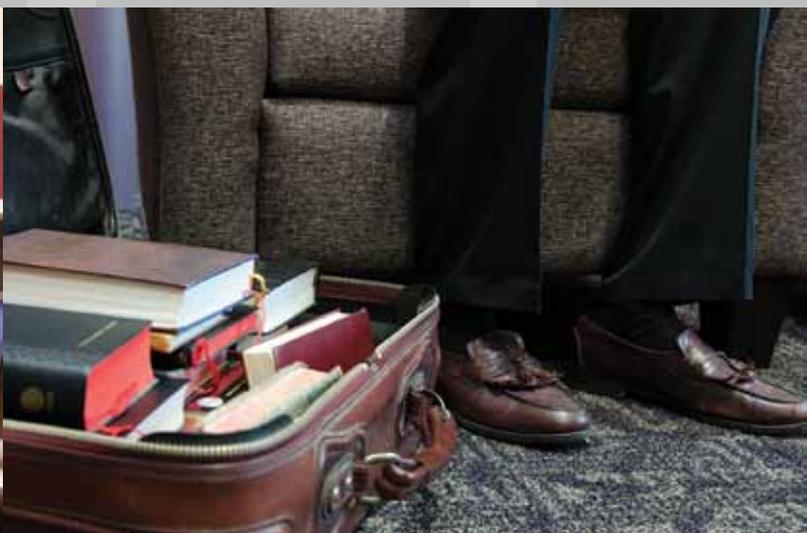
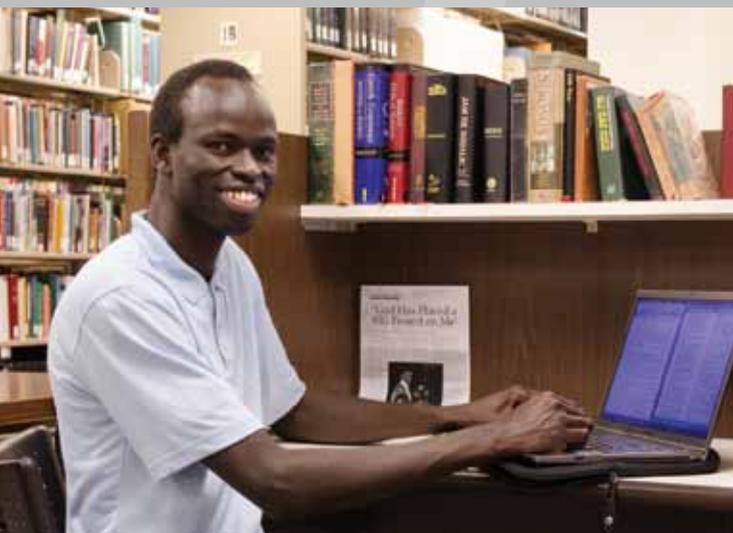
for a sponsor to help with publishing costs — so far, he has funded nearly the entire translation project himself, and hopes that it will be completed within two years.

The past nine years have shown Wöl the value of grass-roots efforts in spreading the Gospel. “The Bible will reach out in a way that I would never be able to,” he says. “I cannot reach every Dinka and tell them what God says, but the Word will reach them.”

Find out more about the project and how you can get involved at <http://www.dinkabible.org>.

THE TRANSLATION PROJECT, HE SAID, “AROSE FROM A NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN MY OWN LANGUAGE.”

Photos by Darren Heslop





SERVICE THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP

WHY PUBLIC POLICY IS SO IMPORTANT

BY SAMANTHA SNIVELY

For Marcella Myers, an assistant professor of political science at Andrews University, her scholarship, teaching and spirituality are all connected. “My reading and research interests absolutely inform what I do in my classroom,” she says.

The people of Germany remember their former king, Frederick the Great, by leaving potatoes on his grave at Schonbrunn Palace. That this was what Marcella Myers noticed when she visited Germany last summer shows not only a sense of humor, but her long-standing interests in public policy as well. Among other things, Frederick the Great was known for introducing the potato to Prussia and stabilizing grain prices, creating new farmland, and abolishing torture — all key aspects of what we now call “public policy.”

While Marcella was in Berlin for a ten-day German studies seminar, sponsored by the Fulbright Program, she and a group of interdisciplinary American scholars discussed questions of European identity and various aspects of public policy — monetary values, trade relations, and budget and governmental reform.



Potatoes are placed on the grave of King Frederick the Great of Prussia at Schonbrunn Palace. Germans remember Frederick the Great this way because he introduced the potato to Germany, giving the region a staple crop.

Marcella Myers

While in Brussels, the Fulbright scholars met with representatives from European Union countries, states and interest groups. “It was very eye-opening to sit there and talk with people who are trying to navigate identity, policy and crises, and to get their perspective,” says Marcella. “It makes you think about the complexities of the European Union, and changes how you view the EU a bit.”

For example, the group asked a representative from Ireland why Ireland hadn’t yet signed the Schengen Agreement, which allows for the free movement of people across borders within

member states.

He said, “We would love to, but that would cause us a problem with the United Kingdom [who has not yet signed], so we probably are never going to.”

Marcella's research explores similar questions — she's currently looking at the effects on individual and national social policy when it's made at a centralized level of the European Union rather than at traditional state and regional levels.

Her time in Germany also has influenced her other research projects, one of which is a paper examining the effects of privatization of the National Health Service in the United Kingdom. "In some ways, it's an extension of the discussion about austerity measures," she says. "When people start talking about austerity measures, they often start looking for private solutions to public problems, and there's high pressure to contract out government services." When a country runs long-term private contracts like those of the National Health Service, the money usually ends up in private hands, thus contributing to income inequality, Marcella says.

Public policy, the system of environmental, housing, educational, welfare and healthcare policies that provide for the public good, has been an interest of Marcella since her graduate studies at Western Michigan University. "I'm very interested in issues of inequality, particularly in terms of economics, wage inequality and income inequality. I think if we as scholars understand those things better then, hopefully, we can educate people to understand them," she says.

Photos by Marcella Myers

Marcella admits it's unlikely policymakers will read her or her colleagues' papers but, when it comes to public policy, an educated public matters just as much as proper decisions at the top. And that's where her research can make a difference: by educating students and the general public. She crafts her research so it will be understood both by specialists and the general public: "It's very easy as an academic to write to your field, but if you can write in a way that non-specialists understand what you're talking about and educate students to understand the real consequences of policy choices, then you can really make a change."

Additionally, research into public policy helps the public sort out truth from propaganda as well as depoliticize issues that can prevent appropriate decisions from being made. "Public policy is very complex, complicated, disorganized and noisy," says Marcella, "but in the U.S., I think we've politicized it in a very negative way, so that it makes it very difficult to get anything done. There really aren't people out there who are living generationally on welfare and are happy doing it, for example. The politicization makes it very difficult for people to see the actual picture and make appropriate decisions."

"If we're Seventh-day Adventist Christians, then we need to be thinking about the consequences of our choices and how they affect the people around us," Marcella says.



Brussels Town Hall is located on the famous Grand Place in Brussels. Marcella Myers and her colleagues visited Brussels to speak with representatives from the European Union.



The European Parliament building is located in Strasbourg, Germany. Strasbourg is the official seat of the European Parliament, and considered the legislative and democratic capital of the European Union.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

BY SAMANTHA SNIVELY

Growing up, Wandile Mthiyane says he had a new idea every day, often to the chagrin of his mother. “I’d say, ‘I want to enter the national science competition.’ She’d ask, ‘How are you going to do that?’ And I’d respond, ‘I don’t know how, but I’m going to do it.’” And he would — with his determination, hard work, and his family’s encouragement; Wandile became a top student in South Africa.

Wandile always knew he wanted to study architecture at an Adventist college. While in primary school, he researched Andrews’ architecture program, which he heard about through his local church.

After finishing grade seven (the last year of primary school), Wandile transferred to Solusi Adventist High School in Zimbabwe, where he continued to excel, but also pondered how to get to Andrews. A door opened, although he didn’t know it at the time, when he was offered a five-year full scholarship to study town and regional planning at Durban University of Technology in Durban, South Africa.

Still determined to study at Andrews, Wandile started studying at Durban while also starting his Andrews application. “I think that’s the reason God wanted me at Durban — to have good access to the Internet and to work on my application,” he says with a laugh.

Wandile also wanted the fresh perspective from studying in another country. “When we all go to the same schools, with the same lecturers teaching us, we are bound to think the same way — which just maintains what’s there but doesn’t create any new development,” he says. “If we go



Wandile Mthiyane receives a science competition award and his graduation certificate from Solusi Adventist High School in October 2011.

to other places, especially first-world countries which have developed infrastructure, we can learn from them, adapt them to our setting, and combine them with local ideas to improve our own infrastructure.”

But money was tight, and Wandile didn’t have the \$2,000 international application deposit until a cousin helped. After he was accepted, Wandile tackled the even bigger problem of how to get funding for the year. *If I could get to Andrews, God would take care of the rest*, he thought. “It was a huge risk, though,” he admits. “I had a full scholarship at Durban, and couldn’t even afford the deposit for Andrews.”

Wandile approached the mayor of Durban’s office with a proposal for the development of Durban’s infrastructure and city planning, hoping

the mayor would be able to provide some funds and see his determination. “It’s almost impossible to get in to see the mayor,” he says, “but I kept going back.” Until two weeks before he was scheduled to fly to the United States, Wandile still hadn’t seen the mayor or funded the school year.

In the meantime, he received an Andrews Partnership Scholarship to partially help with tuition. While arranging for a visa and other necessary documentation, Wandile met

Susan Knowles, an educational advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Durban. She encouraged him to apply for the Education USA Opportunity Program, which provides funds for good students to study in America. “I got the funding, which paid for my visa, flight and a settling-in allowance,” Wandile says, which he used to pay his registration fees. He booked his flight, and kept knocking on the mayor’s door.

Finally, he got an appointment with the mayor’s right-hand man. As Wandile sat in the waiting room, he overheard two men behind him. One man asked who he was and what he wanted, and the other replied, “He’s a student at Durban University of Technology who wants to do architecture in America and has a plan to develop Durban. He has a partial scholarship and needs our help.” As Wandile told the minister about the Opportunity Program funds and his plans to study at Andrews, the mayor himself walked in.

At the time, the area surrounding Durban was flooding, and the mayoral parlor was full of meetings to deal with the floods. “The mayor asked his right-hand man what was going on with the floods,” Wandile says. “Instead of explaining, the minister pointed to me and said, ‘Here’s another person we need to help.’”

Wandile explained his situation to the mayor and showed him his documentation and flight information. The mayor asked how much he needed; Wandile told him “at least 150,000 Rand.”

The mayor laughed.

But then he reconsidered. He told Wandile, “We need good architects in this city,” and then he told the minister

to get funds from various mayoral funds and awards, and to give Wandile the full amount.

“I couldn’t believe it!” Wandile says. “Usually, the highest amount they give to a student is 10,000 Rand, but they gave me the full amount!”

Now fully funded, Wandile arrived at Andrews in January 2013 to begin his first year of architecture. Still exhibiting the same determination that got him here, he won the Freshman Architecture Award and then was awarded the Dare to Dream Scholarship, which will fund him for the rest of his degree.

After finishing, Wandile plans to keep his promise “to try to bring about change in Durban,” although he’s got more new ideas. “Having studied in three countries [South Africa, Zimbabwe and the U.S.] now, I have an international perspective, and I’d like to keep it that way, maybe have an architecture firm that operates in countries around the world and finds ways to spread the gospel.”

Wandile sees his talents for architecture as his calling to ministry. “If you look at the life of Jesus Christ, He didn’t just preach to people, He healed the sick, gave bread to people, and that was an even greater revelation than just preaching,” he says. There’s also a great need for churches, which can often cost congregations a lot. “Architects can easily provide the design services,” Wandile says. “If we give money to the poor, clothes to those who don’t have clothes, shelter to the homeless, and preach, then our message will have a greater impact.”



Wandile Mthiyane is pictured with his family in Durban, South Africa, in December 2012.



Wandile receives feedback on an assignment from Mark Moreno, associate professor of architecture. (Photo by Darren Heslop)



FROM THE TABLE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

FIVE STORIES OF SCHOLARSHIP,
SERVICE AND A STUDY SPOT

BY SAMANTHA SNIVELY

You wouldn't notice the table when you first walk into the Honors office. It's tucked away in the back room, down a hallway past the cheery administrative assistant, Maria Sanchez-Martinez, and Honors director Monique Pittman's office. It is small, round, unassuming and, on a good day, can accommodate four people, but usually two when it's being used as a study spot, which it often is.

Chances are you'll find someone at the table at any given time throughout the day. Whether it's a group of freshmen studying for Western Heritage, seniors discussing Miroslav Volf, or professors chatting between classes, there's bound to be something interesting going on, and someone interesting to talk to.

The table also has its regular occupants. Once the semester settles into a rhythm, a consistent group of students will gather to study at the table, chat over a cup of tea, or just say "Hi." They change with the passing years; as some graduate, others take their places. For the past few years, the scholars who convene around the table also have spent time away from it working as student missionaries, interns, researchers or teachers in other countries.

More than just a social and academic meeting place, the Honors table connects a series of stories that extend around the world. Some missions were first hatched at the table; others were the subject of many conversations around it. All of them embody what the table stands for: a commitment to service,



Stephen Erich poses with Briana Tumangkeng and some of the Benton Harbor children who gather every week for Kids' Zone. During the school year, Harbor of Hope reaches 100–150 children of all ages each week.

to learning, and to creating a community of the followers of God.

STEVE ERICH

Steve Erich pops into the office regularly with a cheery smile, usually with a report on the latest book he's read or service project he's promoting. For the past five years — except one he spent as a student missionary in Thailand, Steve's been working at Harbor of Hope, a church in Benton Harbor, Michigan (see <http://www.harborofhopesda.org>). He first heard about the church, during his freshman year, from a poster advertising "urban ministry." "It sounded edgy and cool," Steve says, "and I was looking for something that would push me out a little." Since then, he's grown ever more involved. For the last year and a

half, Steve's worked as the administrative assistant to the lead pastor, first Walter Rogers and now Taurus Montgomery. He also teaches Kindergarten Sabbath school and helps out with Kids' Zone, an outreach project in the Benton Harbor neighborhoods. With Sabbath school and the afternoon programs, Harbor of Hope reaches 100–150 kids each week. Last spring,

the Harbor of Hope teens organized and performed a youth concert. “That concert showed me a side of the teens I hadn’t seen before,” Steve says. “It’s simply one more example of the many ways they keep proving to me their passion for Christ.”

Steve traces his desire to serve, wherever he is, to his time in Western Heritage, the freshman Honors history and philosophy course. “The class and the discussions with classmates that accompanied it stirred up an urge to live unimpeded by convention and to build something of value with my life,” he says. “Those friends have stayed with me through my entire college experience, and have been a source of strength and growth beyond compare. They are always ready to inspire me with a fresh perspective and, equally as important, I always feel welcome to share what I’m learning as well.” Steve continues to look for ways to serve; his time in Thailand introduced him to the terrible consequences of human trafficking, and he and several friends started The Stoplight Project as a result (see <http://www.thestoplightproject.org>). During the next several years, they will build a safe house for trafficked women in Cambodia.

credibility to these worthy causes,” she says. “A well-designed, well-crafted message can move the masses — directing attention and resources toward places in the world that need it most.”

CAMDEN BOWMAN

Everyone knows Camden Bowman for his love of knowledge for knowledge’s sake and his determination to live in as many countries as possible. He was a constant fixture in the Honors office his last two years, and took an interest in everyone’s story, usually finding ways to help. Camden’s passion for people and travel took him to São Tomé three years ago, although he had planned to go to Peru. During his first year at Andrews, Camden decided to act on his longtime wish to be a student missionary as well as a place to practice his Spanish, and started looking for posts in Latin America. He’d already signed up for a post in Peru when Campus Ministries chaplain Japhet De Oliveira told him about an opening with ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) in São Tomé, a small island off the coast of West Africa. “I’d never heard of the place,” he says, “but the position was with ADRA and related to my major (international development), so I went for it.”

After brushing up on his Portuguese, Camden started working as an administrative assistant in the main ADRA office in São Tomé, the capital city. “I started out doing small tasks, such as writing project concept papers and grant proposals, and translating internal memos and manuals,” he says. Later on, Camden was appointed project director for several small projects, including a benefit marathon and several building projects. “I didn’t have a lot of expectations about the internship, but I certainly hadn’t expected to be a project director,” he says. “I felt like I was in over my head — which is a good place to be as far as learning is concerned.” One memorable mentor was the finance director, Ugo, an Igbo entrepreneur. “I’m not sure we saw eye-to-eye on anything, or at least not very much,” says Camden, “but despite our differences we got along quite well. His pride in his people, his faith, and his work ethic inspired me and held me up to a higher standard.”

Camden will begin a master’s in international development at the University of Denver this fall, and he credits the Honors program with fostering the skills necessary to his career. “Honors helped prepare me to look at life through other people’s perspectives, and living in São Tomé really tested that knowledge,” he says. “Working as a project director made me work independently and attempt things I had never done before and had little knowledge about, a skill that came in handy for my Honors research.”



Lindsey Weigley stands by a poster displaying her Honors thesis, “A Visual Exploration of Christological Pacifism.” Lindsey’s thesis combined a multimedia installation meditating on the Beatitudes with an examination of modern Christian pacifist thinkers such as Miroslav Volf.

LINDSEY WEIGLEY

Lindsey Weigley, recent BFA graduate and freelance graphic and web designer, is a deep thinker and avid tea drinker. She interned at Thesis Inc., a design studio in Three Oaks, Michigan, assisting on projects for clients like Herman Miller, Johnson & Johnson, and many others. Lindsey also puts her talents to good use designing for various churches, charities and non-profit organizations, including One Place, The Stoplight Project, and her friends’ volunteer and/or fundraising efforts. In August, she’ll be accompanying Steve Erich and Tyler Cantrell, founders of The Stoplight Project, to Cambodia as a photographer. As the coordinators raise funds, gather support, and scope out locations, Lindsey will document their travels and design their website. “Strong design gives presence, voice and



Kylynda Bauer is hard at work in the Turnbaugh Lab at the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Center for Systems Biology at Harvard University. Kylynda worked as an intern at Turnbaugh in the summer of 2013, researching the effects of diet and antibiotics on digestive bacteria.

KYLYNDA BAUER

Kylynda Bauer spends her time in the office leading a Western Heritage study group, developing in her mentees the same love of research she exhibits. For the past two summers, she has pursued her own research interests in a virology lab at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Fort Detrick, Maryland. A portion of the USAMRIID project became her Honors project; this summer, she wanted to “try out research in different fields of biology.” Kylynda applied and was accepted to the Systems Biology Internship at Harvard University. She spent her summer at the Turnbaugh Lab at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Center for Systems Biology at Harvard, Turnbaugh, as it’s commonly called, studying the digestive microbiome — the world of 10–100 trillion bacteria living in your gut. Her particular research focuses on the effects of antibiotics and diet in bacteria in the digestive tract, and could provide much-needed information for nutritional guidelines and the development of drugs with fewer negative side effects.

As a dedicated Adventist researcher in a largely non-Adventist scientific community, Kylynda sees her role as a unique opportunity: “My goal is to represent Christ through my interactions with others and in my research endeavors. I want to break the stereotype of a Christian afraid to engage in science,” she says. “Ellen White wrote that, ‘Everyone who names the name of Christ should work so that others, by seeing his good works, may be led to glorify their Creator and Redeemer,’ and I guess that is what I am trying to accomplish — daily good works in the name of Christ” (*Steps to Christ*, p. 82).



Matthew Chacko poses with a group of Zambian children he befriended while working at Mwami Adventist Hospital and School of Nursing in Chipata, Zambia.

MATTHEW CHACKO

Matthew Chacko is Monique’s reader and research assistant, and can always be counted on for a cheery greeting and an interest in everyone who stops in. He combined his love of travel with a humanitarian drive and spent a year at Mwami Adventist Hospital and School of Nursing in Chipata, Zambia. “The prospect of living abroad in a developing country was exciting and offered a chance for me to explore new cultures, create friendships, help in whatever capacity I could, and consider my future career,” he says. Matthew did a little bit of everything: taught Anatomy and Physiology, worked as an office assistant for the medical director, created the hospital website, taught piano lessons and Sabbath school, and taught Psychology to the nursing students. The Honors program was a large influence on Matthew’s decision to spend a year abroad, he says. “Being a part of a faith community that serves through scholarship helped motivate me to do student missions, and the things I learned as part of the program were invaluable in my year abroad.”

For each of the travelers whose stories trace back to the table, the Honors experience and a desire to serve are inextricably linked. “An important part of the Honors experience is service and fostering a love for others. While it may seem indirect, the role of a scholar is to supply society with new insights into the world, which have profound potential to shape and aid culture,” says Matthew.

The English poet William Blake once penned the lines, “And we are put on earth a little space, That we may learn to bear the beams of love.” The Honors table provides such a little space for many students as they begin their journeys of service, bearing the beams of love to whatever corner of the world they happen to visit.



Woman crochets way to patients' hearts

An angel is blessing all four Adventist Midwest hospitals, and her name is Shelly Nelson.

For a year-and-a-half, Nelson has donated a dozen prayer shawls, 90 crocheted hats and 400 surgery pillows to patients at Adventist Bolingbrook, Adventist Glen Oaks, Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospitals.

Nelson offered these items because she understands how much love and comfort patients need. When her mother had a stroke, an 8-year-old nephew fought a brain tumor, and her best friend died from cancer, Nelson watched as doctors, nurses, family and friends freely offered their support.

Making and giving away these items is how Nelson returns blessing for blessing. "I was just overwhelmed with gratitude at people's generosity," Nelson said. "This is my way of giving back."

Her offering of comfort recalls 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, in which God, who comforts us in our afflictions, does so that we may comfort those who are afflicted. In doing so, we share the comfort God gives us with those in need. *For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort* (2 Corinthians 1:5-7 ESV).

Nelson's ministry began when she met a woman who crocheted prayer shawls. As the woman stitched, she prayed for the recipient of each shawl. The woman then asked a pastor to bless the shawls before she distributed them.

"The person literally would be wrapped in prayers of healing, and that touched me," Nelson said.

When Nelson was a little girl, her grandmother taught her to crochet,



Carol Bernhard, left, received a crocheted hat last Christmas from Shelly Nelson, right. Nelson has donated hats, prayer shawls and surgery pillows to patients at all four Adventist Midwest Health hospitals.

so Nelson knew she could tackle this project.

For more than a year, Nelson crocheted shawls and sewed fleece blankets for this woman's ministry. Then one day, Nelson decided she also wanted to help a hospital close to home: Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital.

She contacted Jeanine Arias, the hospital's clinical coordinator of oncology at the time. Nelson's workmanship and generosity astounded Arias, especially since Nelson refused reimbursement for materials.

"I wish you could see the look on the patients' faces," said Arias, now the director of oncology services at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. "They feel loved and reassured when they receive something handmade from the heart."

The hats Nelson makes provide warmth to balding chemotherapy patients. For breast cancer patients, her pillows cushion the spaces between their arms and, for some, where their lymph nodes used to be.

Carol Bernhard received one of Nelson's hats last Christmas, shortly after her ovarian cancer diagnosis. Bernhard said she keeps the hat with her while undergoing treatment, wearing it when the mood strikes. She plans to keep it even after her treatment ends.

"It's a reminder of me fighting this cancer and going on living my life with the support of my family and friends, and their prayers," she said. "I'm not letting it beat me."

Chris LaFortune, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



Andrews University welcomes new biology professors. From left: Daniel Gonzalez-Sokoloski, Kanya Long and Benjamin Navia.

Andrews welcomes new Biology faculty

Last year, the Department of Biology said goodbye to four valuable assets: Four professors retired at the

end of the year. Although they welcomed three new faculty members into their department last fall, they found themselves still in need of additional teaching support, so this fall three additional faculty joined the ranks.

Daniel Gonzalez-Sokoloski came to Andrews after finishing his Ph.D. at Duke University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Andrews and a master's degree in biology from Loma Linda University.

Kanya Long obtained bachelor's degrees in both English and biology from Atlantic Union College, and then earned her Master of Health Science in international health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Md. In 2011, she completed her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Benjamin Navia taught at Kettering College of Medical Arts for seven years prior to joining the Andrews faculty this year. He holds a bachelor's degree in general science from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, a Master of Science from Andrews, and a Ph.D. in biology from Loma Linda University.

"The opportunity to work closely with a diversity of students in just the right atmosphere — Andrews University — makes this job unique and exciting," says Navia. "I hope to get students excited about research. As they experience it, they learn about how it is done and why it is important. And, in the process," he says with a smile, "they'll learn more than they ever thought they wanted to know about cricket neurobiology."

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing &

Ferreira named chair of Physical Therapy

Kimberly Ferreira is the new chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. Ferreira holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Andrews University, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Nova Southeastern University. Her doctoral research is focused on clinical education.

Ferreira joined the faculty at the Department of Physical Therapy in 2006. Prior to her recent appointment as chair, she served as the program assistant director and director of clinical education.

"I never dreamed I would return to become a faculty member," says Ferreira. "During my seven years as director of clinical education, there was consistent feedback that our students are different from others in that they are truly living out our mission to unite Christian values and healthcare

education. Our exceptional faculty and staff's commitment to our mission is what makes this program top-notch."

Ferreira has presented nationally on cultural diversity in a physical



Kimberly Ferreira began this summer in her new role as chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Andrews University.

therapy program, clinical education and women's health. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association in both the education and women's health sections. She also is involved in the state and local clinical education consortia.

"I have been blessed and my faith has grown by seeing God's divine guidance over His program," she says. "With our hard work and willingness to allow Him to lead, I am certain our program will continue with excellence. Our graduates are going out into the world and making a lasting, positive impact in the lives they touch, and that is why our program exists — for His glory."

Ferreira and her husband, Kevin, have two children, Seth and Madalyn.

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Metropolitan Church hits the mall

Michigan—Thinking outside the box, the Metropolitan Church personal ministries team had a eureka moment when they settled on an extremely workable technique to draw folks to register for excellent health-related seminars. You have to go where the people go, and where is that? It's the mall. Knowing that every day hundreds of people walk past and consult with agents at the Customer Service booth at the 12 Oaks Mall in Novi, Mich., the team decided to lease space directly attached to that booth.

The well-appointed Wellness Seminar booth was designed by Joe Reeves, Metropolitan Church associate pastor, and Cynthia Salinas, Bible worker, along with Metropolitan members Kerry and Christopher Fannon. Besides the eye-catching posters and backdrop, the booth had a large-screen TV showing the documentary "Forks Over Knives" for viewing when visitors took breaks from their shopping expeditions. Beginning Monday, July 15, and continuing through Wednesday, Aug. 14, Metropolitan members as well as members from the Plymouth and South Lyon churches manned the booth from 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. They endeavored to engage busy shoppers to pre-register for the upcoming "Kidlicious" and "Fit and Free" wellness seminars.

The booth laborers extolled the virtues of the "Kidlicious" seminar presenter, registered dietician and



Metropolitan Church members Dick and Lorraine Lane staff the Wellness Seminar booth at the 12 Oaks Mall in Novi, Mich. They and other volunteers invited passersby to "Kidlicious" and "Fit and Free" wellness seminars.

cookbook author Stephanie Howard. They explained that Howard along with her ten-year-old daughter, Anneliese, would demonstrate how to prepare nutritious, easy-to-fix meals, snacks and desserts for kids that would aid their children's growth and mental development. Workers at the booth displayed Howard's and Anneliese's tantalizing cookbook, *Kidlicious*, which really touched children. Some of the kids exclaimed, "Do it, Mom!" or "That looks really good!" Many encouraged their parents to sign the pre-registration form for the seminar.

Also publicized at the booth was the upcoming "Fit and Free" seminar, which Vicki Griffin, Michigan Conference Health and Temperance leader and author, would spearhead. Church members explained to shoppers that Griffin, a dynamic speaker, would share how to break mindsets so they could successfully lose weight without falling into old habits. Like "Kidlicious," "Fit and Free" extols how food affects the mind and therefore behavior. On display were some of Griffin's books, like *Food for Thought*, which booth workers directed shoppers to peruse. Before

the shoppers left the Wellness Seminar booth, they knew that because they pre-registered for the upcoming events they would be able to purchase the seminar-related books at half price.

As a result of the many hours meeting and greeting folks at the booth in the mall, 77 individuals signed up for either one or both of the seminars. The experience of these fortunate registrants hopefully will not end with a wellness seminar. These seminars were precursors to the upcoming "Unlocking Revelation" series that began Sept. 30 throughout the Michigan Conference District 12 churches. At 13 locations on this date, evangelists and pastors began a series of biblical presentations extolling the virtues of a great, mighty and merciful Savior. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the attendees of these wellness seminars will become future members of a new church plant in the Wixom/Commerce Township/West Bloomfield, Mich., area, a church spawned by the Metropolitan Church in Plymouth.

Joy Hyde, communications secretary,
Metropolitan Church, Plymouth

[UNION NEWS]

CYE offers Pathfinder leadership training

Michigan—The Center for Youth Evangelism, located on the campus of Andrews University, offers Pathfinder

leadership seminars to help youth leaders prepare to be invested in various levels at the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee. During the 2012–2013 school year, many Pathfinder leaders, including a large portion of Seminary students, attended these

classes. More than 25 completed Master Guide requirements, and more than a dozen earned the Pathfinder Leadership Award.

This CYE program is impacting young people in many ways. High school-age TLTs (Teen Leadership



Mark Kent

The Center for Youth Evangelism offers Pathfinder leadership seminars. One of the most exciting aspects of this training is the networking which occurs between candidates.

Training participants) are recruiting classmates to rejoin Pathfinders and become Master Guides in 2014. College students, recently invested as Master Guides, are serving in children's ministry through vacation Bible schools, Sabbath school teaching and colporteur, among other responsibilities. A college student who never had the privilege of being a Pathfinder is completing Master Guide requirements, and used his skills while working at summer camp.

Other new Master Guides are serving in all levels of Pathfinders, from teaching honors and classes to serving as a Pathfinder counselor or club secretary. One is a club director; another is an assistant director starting a new club. An experienced Pathfinder staff member and college student is preparing to be pinned with a PLA (Pathfinder Leadership Award) with her parents this fall.

Seminary students also are attending Pathfinder leadership seminars. Just a week before leaving for his pastoral job in the Far East, a Master of Divinity graduate was invested as a Master Guide. Other M.Div. students, representing Africa, the Caribbean, South America and the United States, also are completing Master Guide, PLA or Pathfinder Instructor Award (PIA) requirements while they are at Andrews University.

A Seminary Ph.D. candidate, working on the PIA, plans to return

to his African country and begin a TLT program. In addition, he plans to implement PLA and PIA programs. There is another Ph.D. student and PIA candidate who is serving as a club director. The School of Education graduate program also has candidates completing PLA and PIA.

Parents are working on Pathfinder leadership training to support their children's spiritual growth. Several parents are training to be Adventurer/Pathfinder staff. A single mother working on Master Guide requirements found the curriculum helped her to be more intentional in her devotional life.

A father said, "The reason I am an active Pathfinder staff member is because of the impact Pathfinders had on me when I was young. I am a Christian today because of my first Pathfinder counselor. Uncle Leo showed me unconditional love, even when I did not deserve it." Today, this father is working on PIA and teaching leadership classes and camping skills.

One of the most exciting aspects of this training is the networking which occurs between candidates. Pathfinder instructors exchange notes, and club directors recruit new candidates as staff members. Experienced Pathfinder leaders mentor new Pathfinder leaders.

"So through the creation we are to become acquainted with the Creator. The book of nature is a great lesson book, which in connection with the Scriptures we are to use in teaching

others of His character, and guiding lost sleep back to the fold of God. ... In these lessons direct from nature, there is a simplicity and purity that makes them of the highest value" (Ellen White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 24).

Attending seminars, students and presenters alike learn from the Creator. In our Pathfinder leadership session, Outdoor Education, a group of nine Pathfinder leaders and one TLT discovered and experienced this very thing. One of the activities was to walk around the beautiful Andrews University campus and find something that would catch their eye. They were to sit beside it and see what God would reveal to them as they studied, watched and sketched the creation in nature.

Wow! It was amazing to hear the stories each person shared when we came back together to reflect on the goodness of God. One reflection shared was about a flower observed, beautiful in colors of red and white, flying in the air free from any possible worries because God was providing all that was needed. We discovered that the TLT who shared this story and her father had shirts on that were also red and white as well — no coincidence.

We all agreed it was God's way to remind us of His blood (red) that was shed for us, and resultant of this blood makes us clean and purified (white), free, with all sins washed away in Him through faith. What a connection with God in nature that day! We encourage more leaders to come and be a part of these trainings as we gain great insights from our heavenly Father.

During the 2013–2014 school year, the CYE will offer all of the Master Guide and PLA seminars, as well as Adventurer leadership training. The PIA seminars will be offered in October. For more information about upcoming seminars, visit <http://www.cye.org>.

Cheryl Logan, Pathfinder Leadership trainer, Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., and Paulet Howard Jr., Master Guide lay trainer, Straford Memorial Church, Bolingbrook, Ill.

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* website at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.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 <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>.

Andrews University

Howard Performing Arts Center celebrates its ten-year anniversary with a stellar line-up for its 2013-2014 season of concert series, "Howard Center Presents..." More information is available on the website, <http://howard.andrews.edu>, or by calling the Box Office at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560.

Sat., Nov. 16, 2013, 8:00 p.m.: A Night of Music, Art and Folklore in Mexico. Join us for an event featuring art songs from Mexico, including works by Manuel Ponce, Silvestre Revueltas and Rodolfo Halftner, as well as some of the best-known songs from the traditional Mariachi repertoire. Special guests include an Andrews University Mariachi band.

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m.: National-famous lyric soprano Faith Esham will perform selections that include pieces by Hugo Wolf and Henri Duparc. Known for both her musicality and ability to express poignant emotion, GRAMMY Award winner Faith Esham brings theatricality to the classical stage. Esham currently is an adjunct professor of voice at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Sun., Jan. 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m.: Israel Houghton and New Breed will take the stage at HPAC. The highly-popular group of world-class musicians unites to create a revolutionary fresh sound, which fuses gospel praise with contemporary worship music.

Sat., March 8, 2014, 8:00 p.m.: A trio performance featuring Andrews University piano professors Claudio Gonzales and Chi Yong Yun as well as renowned cellist German Marcano, will wrap up the season.

Andrews University Department of Music invites you to attend any and all of their 2013 holiday concerts: Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert: **Nov. 23**, 8:00 p.m.; Choral Holiday Concert, "Welcome Christmas": **Dec. 6**, 7:00 p.m.; and Symphony Holiday Concert: **Dec. 7**, 8:00 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Howard Performing Arts Center Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442.

Indiana

Indiana Academy Homecoming Weekend will be **Oct. 11-12**. The Golf Classic will be Fri., Oct. 11, at Pebblebrook Golf Course in Noblesville. To register online, please visit the IA alumni website: <http://www.iaalumni.org>. Honor classes this year are 1963, '73, '83, '88, '93 and 2003. For any additional questions, call Kathy Brewer Griffin, '86, at 317-984-3575 or email kathyagriffin@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bible Summit 2013 will be held **Oct. 25-26** at Indiana Academy. Senior youth and young adults ages 16 years and up are invited. The theme of the Summit is "Know What You Believe." Lodging is available at IA, but you must bring your own bedding. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Fri., and vespers is at 7:30 p.m. Sabbath seminars begin at 9:30 a.m. Challenge/

Agape feast ends the Sabbath. To find out more information about the Summit, visit <http://www.cye.org/bible/> summit, or contact Charlie Thompson, Youth/Pathfinder director of Indiana Conference, at cpbhk@yahoo.com or 317-385-9484.

Lake Union

Offerings

- Oct 5** Local Church Budget
- Oct 12** Voice of Prophecy
- Oct 19** Local Church Budget
- Oct 26** Local Conference Advance

Special Days

- Oct 5** Children's Sabbath
- Oct 6-12** Health Education Week
(Vibrant Life)
- Oct 19** Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath
- Oct 26** Pathfinder Sabbath

Michigan

The Allegan Church will celebrate 150 years since the church, constructed by SDA pioneer Joseph Bates, was first placed in service. There will be several services throughout the day, **Oct. 5**, including a worship service, a historical presentation and an evening musical vespers program. Lunch and a light supper will be provided. For more details, call 616-673-3284.

North American Division

Oregon: Milo Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend, Oct. 11-12. Honored classes: 1958, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, 2003, '08 and '13. All alumni are encouraged to come back for a warm Milo Adventist Academy alumni welcome. For more information,

contact MaryKay Fletcher at mkfletcher@charter.net.

Society of Adventist Communicator's Convention: Plan now to join Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals from around the world **Oct. 24-26** for training, networking and spiritual renewal. Attendees include professional communicators employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church; media professionals who work outside of the church structure either within a corporate setting or as freelancers; and university students who hope to become communication professionals. See the convention as an avenue to gain professional mentoring and future contacts. For more information, visit <http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.reg>.

Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council has become the largest continuous gathering of Seventh-day Adventist pastors and leaders in the world. Our theme this year is "Greater," and the event will be held **Dec. 8-11** at Oakwood University Church, 5500 Adventist Ave., Huntsville, Ala. This year's team of worship, plenary and seminar speakers have passionate hearts for ministers since most are themselves "frontline" pastors. Every sermon, plenary and seminar has been prepared, planned and prayed over to have maximum positive impact on the life and leadership of every attendee. For more information, visit <http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=116&umschk=1>.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8
Berrien Springs, Mich.	7:23	7:11	7:01	6:50	6:41	5:33
Chicago, Ill.	6:29	6:17	6:06	5:56	5:47	4:38
Detroit, Mich.	7:10	6:58	6:47	6:37	6:28	5:19
Indianapolis, Ind.	7:24	7:13	7:02	6:53	6:44	5:37
La Crosse, Wis.	6:42	6:30	6:18	6:07	5:58	4:49
Lansing, Mich.	7:16	7:04	6:53	6:42	6:33	5:24
Madison, Wis.	6:35	6:23	6:11	6:01	5:52	4:43
Springfield, Ill.	6:38	6:27	6:16	6:07	5:58	4:50

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Weddings

Stefanie R. Potter and Andrew R. Laughlin were married July 21, 2013, in White Lake Twp., Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Russ Laughlin.

Stefanie is the daughter of Robert and Tiffany Potter of Grand Blanc, Mich., and the late Jill (Petrait) Potter, and Andrew is the son of Russ and Jeanne Laughlin of Cleburne, Texas.

The Laughlins are making their home in Cleburne.

Obituaries

ALKIRE, Hazel V.L. (Colburn), age 94; born Nov. 11, 1918, in Winside, NB, Canada; died Aug. 5, 2013, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, Stanley S. Smith; daughter, Carol Squier; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by John Aitken, and her body was donated to science.

ARMSTRONG, Harold E., age 82; born Sept. 22, 1930, in Albany, N.Y.; died April 15, 2013, in Joliet, Ill. He was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marolyn (Case); son, Kevin; sisters, Esther Baker and Kathryn Labrenz; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Ron Schultz, and interment was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

BUCK, Edwin F., age 92; born Dec. 22, 1920, in Detroit, Mich.; died Aug. 5, 2013, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his son, Edwin; daughters, Patricia Dominguez and Elizabeth Zumbunnen; brother, Donald; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Arnold Swanson and John Baldwin, and

interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

CRAWFORD, Matie B. (FitzGerald), age 94; born March 2, 1919, in De Pere, Wis.; died July 5, 2013, in Oconto Falls, Wis. She was a member of the Christ's Community Church of Seventh-day Adventists, Lena, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Sr.; son, Ken Jr.; daughter, Vickie Guyette; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rick Binford, with private inurnment.

CRUZEN, Norma J. (Gant), age 68; born July 12, 1945, in Stoneham, Mass.; died July 22, 2013, in Bolingbrook, Ill. She was a member of the Bolingbrook Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald M.; and sister, Lois G. Moreno.

Memorial services were conducted by Jose St. Phard, and inurnment was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Ill.

DEAN, Billy J., age 75; born Aug. 9, 1937, in Granite City, Ill.; died April 2, 2013, in Belleville, Ill. He was a member of the Oakhill Church, Caseyville, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Cleata (Johnson); daughters, Cathy Lofink, Sharon Morelan and Linda Dean; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dale Barnhurst, and interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

DIERKING, Patrick, age 60; born Sept. 28, 1952, in Carrollton, Ill.; died July 13, 2013, in Alton, Ill. He was a member of the Greater Alton Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lynne (Striplin); son, Michael P.; stepson, Nicholas Striplin; and daughter, Faith G. Dierking.

Memorial services were conducted by Dale Barnhurst, with private inurnment, Alton.

KLINGAMAN, Lucille R. (Carlson), age 69; born Feb. 2, 1944, in Cadillac, Mich.; died July 31, 2013, in Johnson Creek, Wis. She was a member of the Oakland Church, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; son Edward Jr.; daughters, Linda Larson and Darcie Wilson; brothers, Leo Mathewson and Jim Carlson; sisters, Jeanette South, Ethel Hammond and Geri Jensen; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by James Fox, and interment was in Oakland Church Cemetery.

KNOPP, Rosann J. (Grahm), age 68; born Jan. 3, 1945, in Richland Center, Wis.; died, June 20, 2013, in DeForest, Wis. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) East Church.

Survivors include her sons, James C. and Thomas A.; stepson, Mark Knopp; stepdaughters, Pamela (Knopp) Hilbert and Nancy A. (Knopp) Parsons; brother Larry Grahm; sisters, Loyala Grahm, Cherie Hall and Janie Pauls; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Titus Naftanalia and Larry Grahm, and inurnment was in Sand Prairie Cemetery, Blue River, Wis.

MILLER, Dwight J., age 67; born April 12, 1945, in Harvey, N.D.; died March 29, 2013, in Woodridge, Ill. He was a member of the Bolingbrook (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl L. (Sugar); son, Steven J.; daughter, Yvonne E. Armstrong; and brother, Duane G.

Memorial services were conducted by David Sittler and Jose St. Phard, with private inurnment.

RADCLIFF, Evelyn D. (Lawrence), age 80; born June 22, 1933, in Winfall, N.C.; died July 3, 2013, in Bolingbrook, Ill. She was a member of the Bolingbrook Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Rochelle and Valerie Radcliff; and sisters, Theresa Lawrence and Naomi Lawrence-Hill.

Memorial services were conducted by Jose St. Phard and Lee Coleman, with private inurnment, Bolingbrook.

SEARS, John L., age 64; born May 13, 1948, in Ionia, Mich.; died March 1, 2013, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Rowbotham); son, Greg; brother, Loren; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Tenold, and interment was in Bedford (Mich.) Cemetery.

THOMAS, Elmer H., age 92; born Sept. 16, 1920, in Hope, Mich.; died June 24, 2013, in Lowell, Mich. He was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Darrell, Tim and Larry; daughter, Cheryl Smith; stepdaughters, JoEllen (Roedensen) Mortenson, Kathy (Roedensen) Nelson and Bobbi (Roedensen) Bishop; brother, Wilford; sisters, Erma Miller, Thelma Herzberg, Millie Jupe and Esther O'Dell; 21 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dan Rachor, and interment was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

WALTZ, Lily Marie (Cook), age 78; born April 7, 1935, in Woodburn, Ill.; died June 26, 2013, in Alton, Ill. She was a member of the Greater Alton Church.

Survivors include her husband, Billie; son, Roger; adopted son, John Dudley; daughters, Deborah Conrad and Glenda McGee; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Dan McGee, and interment was in Woodburn Cemetery.

WEAKLEY, John E., age 86; born Feb. 26, 1927, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died Aug. 8, 2013, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was an attending member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Collard); sons, Mike and Todd; daughter, Tami Jardine; brother, George; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Don Dronen, with private inurnment.

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All classified ads must be sent to your local conference for approval. No phoned ads will be accepted. Allow at least eight weeks for publication. Fifty words maximum. No limit of insertions. Rates: \$35 per insertion for Lake Union church members; \$45 per insertion for all others. A form is available at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org> for printing out and filling in your ad. Ads must be prepaid. Make money order or check payable to the Lake Union Conference. There will be no refunds for cancellations. The *Lake Union Herald* cannot be responsible for advertisements appearing in its columns, and reserves the right to edit ads in accordance with editorial policies. The *Lake Union Herald* does not accept responsibility for typographical errors. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>.

Real Estate/Housing

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For Sale

PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER CLUB NAME CREST: Order your Pathfinder and Adventurer club name crest at <http://www.pathfinderclubnames.com>. For

more information, call 269-208-5853 or email us at pathfinderclubnames@gmail.com.

WANTED TO BUY AND FOR SALE USED SDA BOOKS. Historic Adventist Village also is looking for donation of used SDA books. We are located at 480 W. Van Buren St., Battle Creek. Hours: Sun.-Fri. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Betty at 616-477-2186 or John at 269-781-6379, or visit <http://www.adventistheritage.org>.

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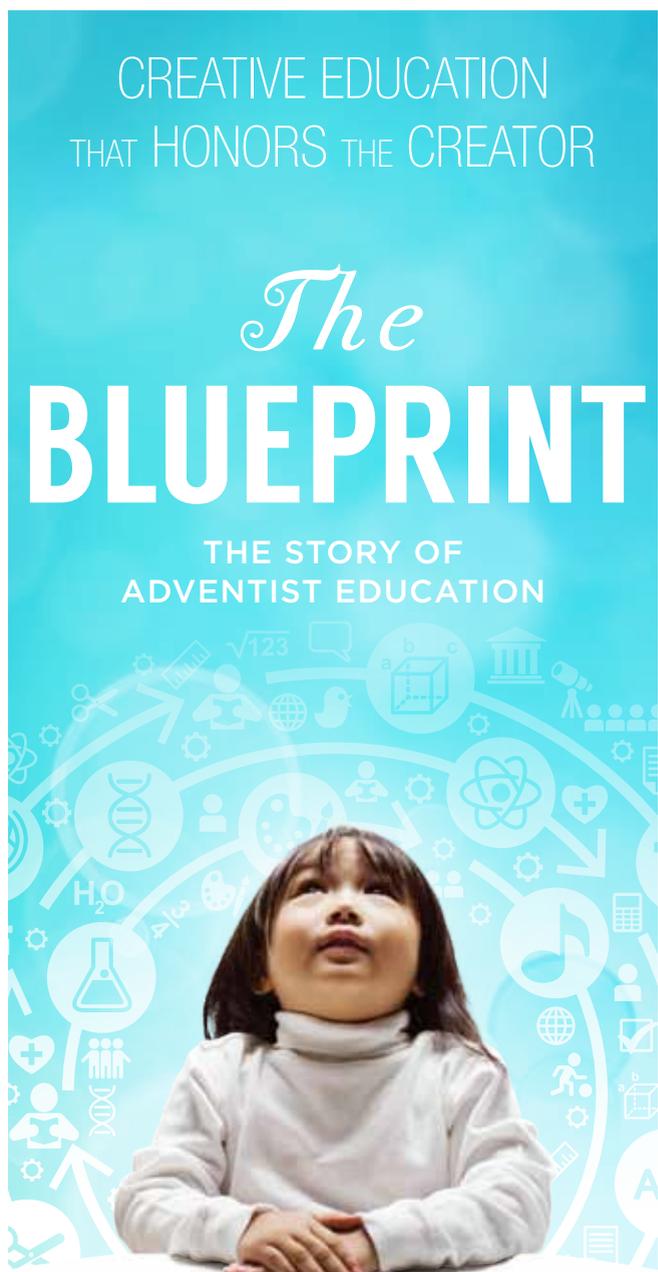
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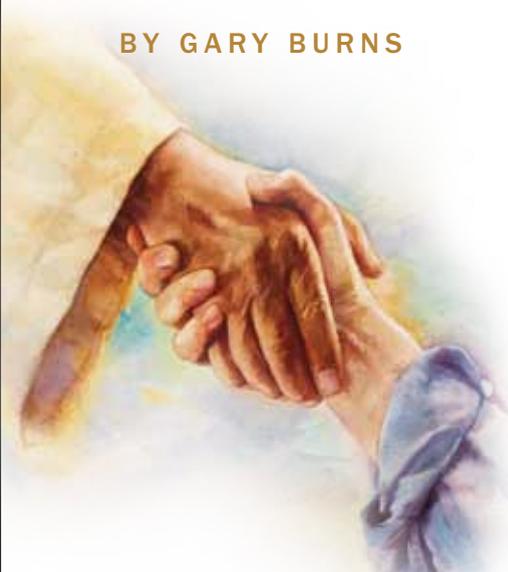
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Partners in Love

BY GARY BURNS



A friend of mine, whom I've known since she was a baby, recently shared an experience she, her husband and their four children (age six and under) had on a rare night out. They had hoped to find a table tucked away in a corner, to minimize the disturbances their little brood has the potential to create. But this night, they were seated right out in the open where everyone could take in the dinner event, complete with dropped silverware, spilled drinks and multiple parental interventions.

Near the conclusion of their meal, a man they had not noticed, sitting alone in the booth beside them, paused at their table on his way out to say with a smile, "You have a neat family. My wife would have liked your family — two boys and two girls. She always wanted a girl."

Then, he did something totally unexpected. He took their check and, against their protests, said, "I want to pay it."

After thanking the kind gentleman, my friend and her husband looked at each other in amazement through their tears. Moved with gratitude, she ran up to the man, thanked him again, and asked if he needed any prayers.

What touched me about her story is that she and the gentleman exemplified what it means to live in partnership with God — she, a hard-working, full-time mother and teacher of four, having the presence of mind to pray for others, and he, a kind and all-alone widower who blesses complete strangers along his path.

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My Amazing God

BY MANNY LAPOTIERE

On June 2, the Sunday that marked the beginning of the biggest spiritual revival in my life, I sat in the Philadelphia airport, pouting about the flight I'd missed because I was too busy fighting with my mother. God had bigger plans in mind for me, however, and I was soon on the next flight to Indianapolis.

God took the driver's seat in my life, and I couldn't be happier with the results. He was changing me every day, showing me His goodness and mercy, and bringing me to the doors of people who needed to learn the same truths with which He had blessed me. Throughout the summer, God granted me so many Divine experiences, but one stands out in particular.

Matt Hasty, director of literature ministries for the Indiana Conference, directed our group's efforts that day, and God impressed him to move me away from the others. He dropped me off on a street that led deeper into the neighborhood. Right before I left the car, I noticed a home with several teenage boys in the driveway. I groaned inwardly, knowing teenagers usually aren't inclined to care about the canvassing work we do. I trudged forward regardless, knowing that if I didn't, I could hinder someone from meeting Christ.

By the time I reached the house, a woman pulled into the driveway. I silently prayed God would open up the way for her to receive Him. She told me she attends a local church and manages two nearby daycare centers. I showed her four storybooks and one children's cookbook. She loved the books, and wanted two of each! She also purchased five books for personal use, adding up to almost \$200 of literature. After she wrote the check, I helped her carry the books inside her home.



Manny Lapotiere

Alan Smith

As if God hadn't done enough already to show His divine timing, He chose to do something more. As I walked out of her house, a policeman pulled up and asked what I was doing. I answered his questions, trying to relieve doubt that I wasn't supposed to be there. I called Matt on the radio, and asked him to assist. After he and the policeman talked, we were asked to stop soliciting and leave the town.

After we drove away, the magnitude of the situation hit me. God had impressed Matt to start me on the opposite side of the street so the woman had time to get home. Then God impressed her heart to purchase the largest book set of the summer program. As if that wasn't enough for God, He impressed me to help her bring her books in at the exact right time so she wouldn't see the police and be scared away from receiving the life-changing literature God knew she needed.

God truly is amazing, isn't He? If you ever doubt God has your best interest at heart, take time to remember the promise in Jeremiah 29:11: *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope* (NKJV). God wants us to have life, and more abundantly. All He asks is that we trust Him to complete the work He has started in us.

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Runner for Christ

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

My Father will honor the one who serves me. —John 12:26 NIV

At a young age, Rudy Maltez learned the importance of serving others. The Andrews University student played piano for his church and was involved in the Pathfinder youth program growing up. He even went on two short-term mission trips as a grade-schooler. A year after the 9/11 attacks, Rudy went to New York City to do street ministries and pray with the people his youth group met. He also went to the Bahamas with his eighth-grade classmates to aid the American Red Cross and fix houses.



Rudy Maltez

As he grew older, Rudy claims that helping others “became something I really wanted to do.” When he came to Andrews in 2012, it was only a matter of time until he found ministries of which to be a part; one of his favorites was the Salvation Army Clinic, a free clinic. “I heard really good things about free clinic, and went for my first time not knowing what to expect. I liked it from the beginning, and went for two years,” he says.

The free clinic (aka Herbie Health Clinic) is a monthly health clinic offered to the uninsured in Benton Harbor, Michigan. It provides medical treatment and medicine to those who need it most. Volunteers can do one of several jobs at the site, and Rudy enjoyed being a “runner” most weekends.

Runners have the privilege of being with a patient during their entire stay, starting from the moment they check in. Rudy had fun getting to know the patients and being someone they could talk to and trust. Sometimes, he prayed with his patients if they were upset or hurting.

“I saw it as a chance to offer them hope,” says Rudy. “It was so rewarding because I realized you don’t have to be a doctor or have a lot of skills in medicine to make a difference in someone’s life when they’re sick.”

Besides the free clinic, Rudy also spends his time at Andrews doing a bilingual kids ministry in the summers. He also serves as a class pastor, and often prepares worship for his classmates.

Rudy plans to be involved in church activities wherever he ends up, and to influence others to use their spiritual gifts.

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