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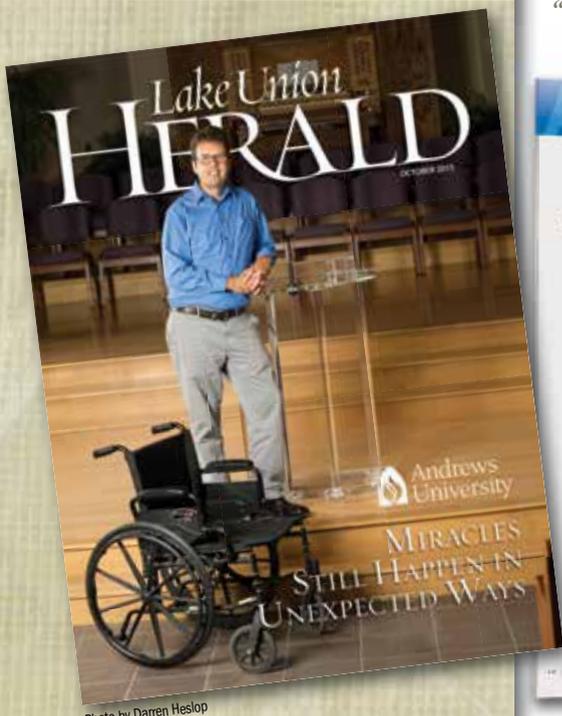


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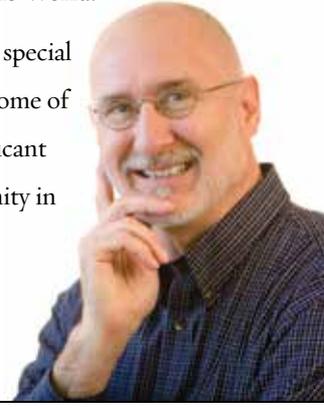
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For 140 years, Andrews University has educated thousands of students, from all walks of life, for a variety of meaningful careers. Countless numbers are now engaged in ministry throughout the world, demonstrating the effectiveness of the University's motto: "Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World."

A special thanks to the team at Andrews University for this special edition of the *Herald* that provides snapshots into the lives of some of those individuals. We pray their stories help you see the significant value of Adventist education at this unique academic community in our territory.


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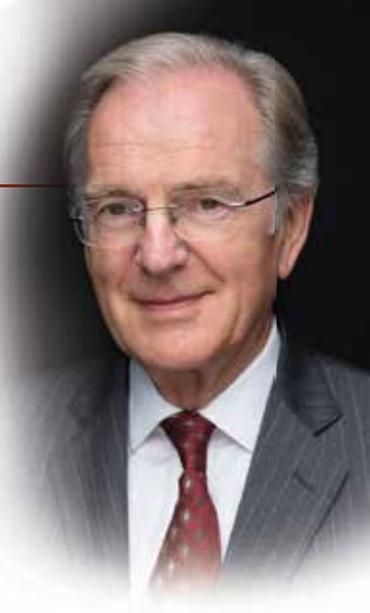
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GUEST EDITORIAL

BY NIELS-ERIK ANDREASEN

God Leads in Mysterious Ways



Our guest editorial is brought by a valued friend and colleague, Niels-Erik Andreassen, president of Andrews University. The Lake Union is privileged to have this fine institution within our territory. I pray you will be blessed by this edition that focuses on the ministry of Andrews University. —Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union Conference

When Jesus asked his disciples to help him locate a room for the Passover celebration, he instructed them to follow a man carrying a water jar (see Luke 22:10). They did, and he led them to the upper room, though he himself was not going there.

My wife, Demetra, tells about such an experience when she was a young legal secretary working in Athens. Once, during her lunch break, she entered the national park to prepare for an English class that evening, and there met a stranger who offered to get her in contact with a tutor. She followed up and met another stranger who led her to the Adventist church in Athens, and eventually to Newbold College. There she became acquainted with our Church and was baptized. Then we met and formed a brand new family with a lifelong commitment to Christian education on three continents.

It all began with a chance meeting during lunch, involving a stranger in the park — like the disciples following an unknown person carrying water for use at home, or in his shop. Evidently, God can use the most innocuous and seemingly chance encounters to lead people and execute his will *on earth as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10 NIV). Our responsibility is to look for these kinds of experiences in life — the chance encounters, the seemingly meaningless incidents — that can start a life-changing trajectory.

God's leading in the small, seemingly insignificant experiences of life is very evident during any Andrews graduation, like the one we just celebrated. One of the best times to hear of it is during the reception which my wife and I hold for the graduates and their parents. Here are some samples: "Meet our daughter. While at Andrews she signed up to learn French, on a whim. Guess what? She will work for ADRA in Madagascar." (They speak French there.)

"This is my wife and our three children. A few years ago, she signed up for a class, just for fun. She kept adding classes, and now she graduates to be a full-time teacher. Never thought that could happen."

"I am the first one in my family to attend college. A friend brought me here; he left, but I stayed on to graduate. Who would have thought that would ever happen to someone like me?"

So, in our search for God's leading in our life and doing his will, let us also look around for persons who carry water and strangers in the park, especially those people and encounters that set in motion life-changing experiences, new discoveries and opportunities to serve. Think for a moment of the many stories in the Bible that report on God's leading in the life of people, and note how many of them began with seemingly insignificant events, puzzling experiences and chance encounters — stories about Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Naomi, David, Jeremiah, Mary, Peter, Paul and, well, all of them!

It does seem that God looks for big outcomes with small beginnings, and has a way of turning our failures into his successes. Remember the haunting line of the hymn writer William Cowper: "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace. Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face" (*Adventist Hymnal*, No. 107).

And, now, please take a moment to look up the hymn, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," and read (or sing) all five stanzas. It's got it just about right!

Teacher as Student

WHAT LEARNING KOREAN TAUGHT ME ABOUT GOD

BY BRUCE CLOSSER

Inspired by the movie “The Bucket List,” I started my own list of 100 things I hoped to accomplish before I “kick the bucket.” Watch every John Wayne film; write the young adult book I’ve been carrying around in my head for years; visit a new country; study a new language... So far, I’ve seen nearly half of John Wayne’s movies, collected lots of notes for the book, and actually visited several new countries. The second language I set out to learn turned out, unexpectedly, to be Korean.

For several years, the Department of English at Andrews University offered masters level courses in teaching English as a second language at the Seventh-day Adventist Language Institute in Seoul, Korea. In the summer of 2009, I went to Seoul to teach in the program. I’ve never wanted to be an “ugly American,” one of those people who, intentionally or otherwise, create the impression that the rest of the world owes them absolute privilege. The first place to begin breaking down these attitudes is with language so, before I left for Korea, I found a set of language lessons to listen to on the plane. By the time I landed in Seoul, I could offer a few greetings and courtesies. I knew how to say, for example, “*Ahn yeong hah se yoh*” (Hello), “*Kam sa ham ni dah*” (Thank you) and “*Ahn yeong hee kah se yoh*” (Good-bye).

The following summer I returned to Seoul a second time, to teach a different course. During that second summer, I met former students Brian and Ashley who were teaching English in one of the smaller cities in South Korea. Brian directed me to TalkToMeInKorean.com, and I spent a bit of time working through a few of the lessons. The website was useful, but I was busy and little came of



Bruce Closser stands with Sonia Kim, one of his English language students in Seoul, Korea. His efforts to learn Korean has taught Bruce many things about culture, language, learning and God.

my efforts. When I was able to go back to Seoul for three additional summers, learning the language seemed to be more of a necessity not to mention a wonderful opportunity, so I began to work my way through the lessons in earnest, learning grammar rules, picking up vocabulary words, and mastering a few common phrases.

My progress, painfully slow as it has been, has turned out

to be quite useful in my teaching. Among the nearly 30 percent of Andrews University’s student population who are not Americans are a large number of Korean students. Many of these come through my Writing Center, and I’ve found, to my happy surprise, that my growing knowledge of the Korean language has helped me explain English to Korean students more effectively. In Korean, for instance, there is a type of verb which might be labeled a “*hada*” verb because you can add the sound “*hada*” to a noun and convert it into a verb. In Korean, “*hada*” means “do the action of,” so if I attach “*hada*” to the noun for “song,” I get the meaning, “do the action of making a song.”

That knowledge helped me work with a Korean student whose paper included this odd sentence: “Every day I try to think do the best thoughts I can.” I knew what he meant



Photos by Bruce Closer

to say, that he tries to think only good thoughts throughout the day, but I couldn't decipher the odd phrasing. Clearly, something from his first language was interfering with his production of the second language. I was stymied until something occurred to me.

"In Korean, is the verb for 'think' a 'hada' verb?" I asked. His eyes lighted in surprise as he said, "Yes."

I knew what his problem was. I suspected, correctly, that he had typed his sentence into an online translator, which gave him a literal translation "thought do." With a little adjustment, he had typed "think do" into his essay. My knowledge of Korean, brief as it is, helped me understand what this student had done, and we spent some productive time talking about the dangers of relying on translators.

My efforts to learn Korean have taught me another valuable lesson. When one learns another language, one is, in many ways, learning the culture of the people who speak that language. I've been puzzled, for instance, by the way Koreans often answer "yes" or "no" questions. Here's an example: I ask a Korean student, "You don't have your homework finished?" knowing full well that he hasn't completed the assignment. But he replies "Yes," and I'm confused. *Wait, I know you don't, so why are you telling me that you do?* I think to myself. I've learned that in Korean "yes" and "no" sometimes have different meanings. "Yes" can mean agreement or disagreement. "Yes" can mean, "What you just said is true. I have not finished my homework." A puzzling sound Koreans often make, when we talk together, I now understand. A nasal, closed-mouth "uhm" means "Yes, I'm listening." Studying another language gives one insight into that country's culture and can prevent misunderstanding.

Whenever I ask Korean students to help me with whatever grammar rule I am working on, I'm reminded that learning a second language is emotionally and physically difficult. I understand firsthand the trials and difficulties students from other nations face as they struggle to master a difficult second language. I understand the frustration of knowing what I want to say, but being unable to find the words or think of the complex sentence structure required to express the thought. I know the embarrassment of getting it wrong in front of someone else, of how my pride suffers when I can't even understand a cheerfully-offered, well-intentioned correction. Learning a second language can and often does threaten the learner's own identity and sense of confidence. If that's true for me, how much more must it be true for my ESL students.

When Jesus came to Earth the first time, he was metaphorically, if not literally, coming to live among us as a foreigner. As a foreigner, he learned to speak the language of this world. He did this for some of the same reasons we learn second languages — so he could understand the human experience, be tested in all ways as we are, so he would be familiar with the culture of this world, that he might share with us in words and concepts we might understand — in stories about farmers and fishermen and flowers in the fields — the message of our salvation. Ultimately, Jesus learned to speak the language of Earth for an even more vital reason — so he could teach us to speak the language of Heaven.

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Lest We Forget

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. —Psalm 103:2

Fortunate me! I spent most of my childhood years with my great-grandmother in my life! She was warm and cheerful. She taught me many things, and I knew she loved me. When I was in the eighth grade, we moved. I didn't see my great grandmother for nearly a year. The event that brought us together was my grandfather's funeral.

I was excited to see her, but she didn't seem the same to me. I later heard someone say she had asked, upon seeing me in the room, "Who is that dark-haired girl?"

We hadn't even heard of Alzheimer's back in the late '50s, but I came to understand she had developed a mild form of dementia. In a way, I lost her, but I have never forgotten her! I continue to remember the joy she brought into my childhood. I must admit that when I think about it, I'm still a bit sad she didn't know who that "dark-haired girl" was many years ago.

Our fears surrounding Alzheimer's and dementia are that we will forget those we love, or suffer from their loss of remembering us. But sometimes we just forget that, although perplexing, it doesn't mean life as we've known it is over.

Recently, I read about Dorothy who made news in a British newspaper. The article began, "Heartfelt commiseration to Dorothy Naylor of Plymouth, whose recent daytrip to Bridgewater was spoiled when her husband, Oliver, left her on the forecourt of a garage ... and drove seventeen miles before noticing his wife was not in the car."

"I couldn't believe he had gone without me!" she reported.

In their seventies, the couple had pulled into a filling station to change a flat tire. After replacing the tire, Mr. Naylor drove off, and didn't notice Dorothy's absence until he arrived in another town. After stopping, he asked Dorothy a question.



When she didn't answer, he turned around and discovered he had left her behind. You may be thinking, *How could he do that?* Well, one reason may be that she had been sitting in the back seat where it was more comfortable; and, since they just hadn't chatted for those 17 miles, he didn't realize he had left her.

Along with aging comes some memory loss, and some memory loss is normal. However, if you find yourself (or someone you love) having trouble thinking things through, retracing your steps, being at a loss for words, or losing a sense of place and time (going for a walk and being confused as to how to get home), it's never a bad idea to discuss this with a physician. The following can be factors in memory loss as well: stress, depression, metabolic diseases (thyroid, kidney failure, diabetes), vitamin B-12 deficiency, and effects of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

May we, like David, be quick to remember the good things the Lord does for us, and thank him. May we be quick to remember the good things others do for us, and remember to thank them as well.

And, remember, check to see if your spouse and kids are all in the car — no matter your age!

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**Animal therapy
helps resolve
psychological problems.**



**Pet owners
have better health.**

Animal Therapy

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

It was observed in the 18th century that psychiatric patients in a British hospital had less anxiety and an improved mood after they interacted positively with rabbits and chickens that roamed the hospital grounds. While psychoanalyzing his patients, Sigmund Freud used a Chow dog to put his patients at ease.

The modern era of animal-assisted therapy began in the 1960s with the emergence of new data on the healing effects of owning a pet. Pet owners tend to have fewer visits to the doctor for medical care and enjoy a quicker recovery after illness or surgery. People who took care of a canary reported greater psychological well-being after three months than people taking care of a potted plant.



The use of pet therapy also appears to reduce the level of pain medication required by some patients. Spending time with a cat or dog is reported to lower one's blood pressure and reduce cortisol (the stress hormone) levels. Just watching fish swimming in a tank in a medical or dental office can lower a person's anxiety.

Research has shown that cardiac patients are more likely to be living still a year after discharge from the hospital if they were pet owners. Only six percent of pet owners died during that first year while 28 percent of those without a pet died. People with depression who swam with dolphins an hour every day reported feeling less depressed after two weeks than those who simply played in the water.

Regular visits from dogs and cats can reduce loneliness and depression among residents of a senior care facility. Animal visits appear to act like anti-anxiety medication without the side effects. Animals have a calming effect on both children and adults facing scary or painful hospital procedures. Pets also help alleviate depression in cancer patients.

Mayo Clinic is one of many medical centers that have an animal therapy program. Mayo's Caring Canines program provides warmth, compassion and support for their patients. The trained dogs provide children with a diversion from their pain. Dogs have been used to help soldiers recover

from the emotional traumas of war.

Horses for Heroes is a government program designed to help soldiers cope with the psychological fallout from their post-traumatic stress disorder when they return from Afghanistan and Iraq. Furthermore, victims of abuse who experience feelings of helplessness can rebuild confidence as they build a relationship with a horse. Learning to ride and control a horse also can build self-esteem in at-risk youth.

Horseback riding can boost the health of persons with debilitating conditions such as multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy. The rhythm of a horse's gait mimics the movement of the human pelvis during walking. This movement promotes a marked improvement in motor function and balance.

Being responsible for and nurturing a pet gives one a feeling of purpose. Pets enable people to look beyond themselves and take the focus off their own problems. Since dog owners regularly walk their pets, they also are more likely to meet the recommended physical activity guidelines.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

A Work for Youth

BY THE EDITORS

Our institutions of higher learning are led and supported by many God-fearing individuals, and many students embrace the school's goals. Other students seem to drift through their college experience without engagement. Is there more we can do to help them catch God's vision for their life of service? —The Editors

“U pon Christian youth depend in a great measure the preservation and perpetuity of the institutions which God has devised as means by which to advance His work. This grave responsibility rests upon the youth of today who are coming upon the stage of action. Never was there a period when results so important depended upon a generation of men [and women]; then how important that the young should be qualified for the great work, that God may use them as His instruments. Their Maker has claims upon them which are paramount to all others.

“It is God that has given life and every physical and mental endowment they possess. He has bestowed upon them capabilities for wise improvement, that they may be entrusted with a work which will be as enduring as eternity. In return for His great gifts He claims a due cultivation and exercise of their intellectual and moral faculties. He did not give them these faculties merely for their amusement, or to be abused in working against His will and His providence, but that they might use them to advance the knowledge of truth and holiness in the world. He claims their gratitude, their veneration and love, for His continued kindness and infinite mercies. He justly requires obedience to His laws and to all wise regulations which will restrain and guard the youth from Satan's devices and lead them in paths of peace.

“If youth could see that in complying with the laws and regulations of our institutions they are only doing that which will improve their standing in society, elevate the character, ennoble the mind, and increase their happiness, they would not rebel against just rules and wholesome requirements, nor engage in creating suspicion and prejudice against these institutions. Our youth should have a spirit of energy and fidelity to meet the demands upon them, and this will be a guaranty of success. The wild, reckless character of many of the youth in this age of the world is

heartsickening. ... Without the fear of God no one can be truly happy” (*Counsels to the Church*, p. 212).

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:

- Is there more we can do to help parents understand the significance and value of attending an Adventist institution of higher learning?
- If they partner with him, God will enable Christian youth to capably serve him. How can parents and teachers help students see their part in cultivating his gifts to them?
- If Christian youth are to help preserve our colleges as an avenue to advance God's work, in what ways should we engage them now for this purpose?
- Our institutions have laws and regulations. How can we help our youth see the protective and character-building blessings of these rules?
- Many youth recoil or rebel from an institution's rules. Can this be avoided? What approach should we take when youth make missteps?

The Lake Union Herald editors

Prayer and Divine Healing

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

God is a healer. Healing is one of his specialties. Not only did he create our world, bodies, minds and spirits, but he also cares for them. Though God made the world perfect and free from all disease, he is in the business of healing what has been ruptured by sin. We see his healing hand already in Old Testament times. He is known as the God who heals. He promised the nomadic Hebrews, on their way to the promised land, *If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you*" (Exodus 15:26 NIV). David praises the Lord as one *who forgives all [my] sins and heals all [my] diseases* (Psalm 103:3 NIV).

Jesus' ministry was full of healings. Matthew tells us that *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching..., proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people* (Matthew 4:23 NIV). Luke summarizes Jesus' ministry by telling us that *he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him* (Acts 10:38 NIV).

During the days of his ministry, Jesus broadened the base of his healing powers by delegating healing powers to his disciples: *Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority... to heal every disease and sickness* (Matthew 10:1 NIV). Shortly before his departure Jesus said, *Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing...*" (John 14:12 NIV). That included healing, as his disciples were soon to discover.

James acknowledged the church's healing ministry when he urged sick persons to *call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord* (James 5:14 NIV). The church has always cared and prayed for the sick. Elders are encouraged both to pray and anoint with oil in the name of the Lord. Oil is a symbol in Scripture of the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil reminds us that it is the Spirit's role to heal. Anointing and prayer go together.

The anointing underscores God's role; prayer underscores the human role.

James comments further that *the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up* (James 5:15 NIV). This is not a guarantee that every prayer will be answered exactly as we hope. It is, however, a confirmation that God's power for healing is released through prayer. In other words, we must ask with absolute confidence that God is able to heal and that prayer is his chosen way to do it. To heal is God's work; to ask is our work.

James concludes his remarks on healing prayer by adding, *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective* (James 5:16 NIV). With these words, he confirms, in yet another way, that God's intent is to work through the prayers of his people. Something always happens when believers pray that wouldn't have happened if they hadn't prayed. That's promise enough to send me to my knees. How about you?

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On the Cutting Edge of Ministry

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

Dave Oakley is a pastor who cuts hair for a living. And he loves it. After earning his Master of Divinity from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Dave moved to Puyallup, Washington — a town whose name only locals can correctly pronounce — and began to pastor a church. After three years, he decided that role wasn't for him.

He and his wife moved back to Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Dave decided to do something he'd always thought would be fun: being a barber.

Though he'd looked into it previously, all of the required haircuts for certification happened on Saturdays. Oakley decided to call again, and was pleasantly surprised to find they'd changed haircutting days to Monday through Friday.

"The time was right," says Dave. "The required haircuts were no longer on Sabbath, and the owner of this little barbershop on the Andrews campus was looking to sell out for retirement after 50 years."

After 1,000 haircuts, 2,000 hours of practice (500 of which were solely shaving), a written exam and a practical exam to demonstrate competency, Dave had his certification. Now he serves up to 250 clients each month in his two-station campus barbershop, and has cultivated relationships while trimming beards for the last eight years.

But he doesn't just cut hair.

"I consider this shop my pulpit," says Dave. "You build a rapport with your clients over time. You talk about their family, their lives, interests they have. Then you bring in some elements of Christianity — the reality of who God is and what he means to us."

Some clients share grief over the loss of a lifelong spouse, others talk about trauma from childhood abuse, a family member with Alzheimer's, or their own diagnosis of cancer.



Dave Oakley has his Master of Divinity and considers his barbershop his pulpit.

Christa McConnell

One man confided to Dave, during a haircut, that he was contemplating suicide.

"We all have our hurt and pain," says Dave. "I listen and share God's love and comfort with them in whatever way I can. I want to be a blessing to the people I serve."

Though many are faculty, staff and students, a good 20 percent of Dave's clientele are community members. After getting to know his regulars, Dave looks for ways to introduce the Revelation Seminar DVDs and Bible study packets he keeps on hand.

"The Lord has opened a lot of doors for me," he says. "I use my running time to connect with God each morning. I ask him every day to help me speak to my clients in such a way to make them want to put their hands in his."

Recently, a young man took a Revelation Seminar DVD from Oakley. After watching it, the man gave it to his minister to watch. Then the man accepted a Bible study packet from Dave, which he also proceeded to share with his minister. The minister said, "You're going to be an Adventist, aren't you?" and the young man replied, "No, I just want to be able to contend with the barber."

"The Bible talks about how Paul watered seeds and Jesus brought them to fruition," says Dave. "You have to be open and willing to share your faith. Then let it be and see what God does."

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El valor de la educación cristiana adventista

POR CARMELO MERCADO

El siguiente artículo fue escrito por el joven Jaime Vargas, alumno de teología en la Universidad Andrews. Jaime desea ser pastor de jóvenes algún día, y a continuación comparte un testimonio de su experiencia como alumno de dicha universidad. —Carmelo Mercado

Recuerdo cuando expresé por primera vez mi interés de estudiar en Andrews University. Había estudiado en las escuelas secundarias adventistas en los estados de Illinois e Indiana, y Andrews University siempre fue la universidad con la mayor presencia durante nuestros años en la secundaria. Además de la comida gratis que nos traían cuando venían a promover la universidad, Andrews nos ofreció oportunidades de ir a explorar el campus y asistir a algunas clases como visitas. Fue en esos viajes a Andrews donde creció mi deseo de estudiar aquí. Para los ojos de un estudiante en una escuela adventista pequeña, Andrews parecía un lugar donde siempre habría algo divertido para hacer. Parecía un lugar donde se podría disfrutar de amistades y de actividades extracurriculares, como los deportes, con más libertad. Además, geográficamente, era razonable estudiar en una universidad que solamente quedaba a dos horas de mi casa en Chicago.

Después de haber pasado cuatro años aquí donde he rendido un buen número de exámenes, escrito una buena cantidad de monografías y perdido muchas horas de sueño, no creo que mis razones iniciales para estudiar en Andrews University se aplican aún. A la misma vez, en los últimos cuatro años he encontrado nuevas razones por las cuales me siento feliz de ser estudiante en Andrews University.



Jaime Vargas, el autor de este artículo

No puedo opinar acerca de los otros departamentos de Andrews University. Pero al ser alumno de teología en el Departamento de Religión y Lenguas Bíblicas puedo afirmar que los profesores de este departamento son mucho más que profesores. Son también mentores y consejeros; son personas que se interesan en la vida que uno vive fuera del aula. Además de pedirles ayuda académica, sé que puedo orar con ellos acerca de mi vida personal. Están siempre dispuestos a dar un consejo y escuchar atentamente cuando están disponibles, y hacen sentir al estudiante que ser parte del departamento es también ser parte de una familia.

Sin embargo, más impactantes que las relaciones que he tenido con mis profesores han sido las relaciones que he

formado con otros estudiantes que tienen el deseo de compartir el amor y la amistad de Jesús. Recuerdo un día cuando estando muy desanimado, le pedí a Dios que me enviase algo o a alguien que me ayudara y diera ánimo. Estaba caminando cuando un amigo me saludó y me hizo la pregunta:

“¿Cómo estás?” Y aproveché la oportunidad de contarle de mi desánimo. Entonces él oró conmigo en medio del campus, sin importarle quién estuviera mirando o pasando a nuestro lado.

Un amigo me dijo una vez lo siguiente: “No vas a recordar el 90% de lo que estudiaste en la universidad, pero sí recordarás a las amistades que formaste durante tus años allí”. Aún no sé si la primera parte de esa declaración es verdad, pero la segunda ha sido una realidad para mí. Andrews University es un lugar donde las amistades que uno forma con los demás lo ayudan a tener una relación más auténtica con Jesús. Éstas son las relaciones que han hecho que mis últimos años de estudio en Andrews University hayan valido la pena.

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TELLING GOD'S STORIES

Feed My Sheep

FOOD SERVICE AS MINISTRY

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

Food affects almost every aspect of J. Mark Daniels' life. He met his wife when she was his waitress at a restaurant. Mark describes learning about God as "nourishing." Already a gregarious person, he becomes animated when he talks about local produce, homemade salad dressing, and trying new recipes.

When you are the general manager of Dining Services at Andrews University, being passionate about food just makes sense. Less predictable, however, is Mark's passion for God and his message of love, a passion he shares in a multitude of ways.

Mark has been going to church his entire life — he spent his childhood worshipping with three different faith groups.

But, for a long time, he says, "I was just kind of going through the motions." Everything changed, however, when he met his future wife, at the age of 28, and she introduced him to the Adventist church. Mark was going through a rough patch; he recently had gotten divorced and could feel himself drifting. "I was making poor decisions," he explains, "and these people still loved me."

Mark began to study the Bible, and was convicted to become an Adventist. Soon, his whole life was changing: He got married, adopted his wife's two children, and concluded God wanted him to leave behind a successful career in food service to become a pastor. The family moved from Georgia to Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 2009, and Mark enrolled in the Seminary at Andrews University. He loved



Meal prep and planning are only part of what Mark Daniels does as general manager of Dining Services. He is just as passionate about working alongside his staff and connecting with them on a personal level.

Dauren Heslop

his classes. "All day long, you're spiritually eating," he says, but he also needed to make ends meet, so found a part-time job in Dining Services, wiping down tables and taking out trash in the evening.

In 2010, Andrews decided to hire food service company Bon Appétit to manage campus dining options, and a visiting executive started chatting with Mark while he worked.

"What's your story?" he asked. Mark sketched out the details: a B.A. in landscape design, a temporary job at a fast-food restaurant, and a quick rise through the ranks to an administrative position, before leaving to become a pastor. The executive was impressed and, before Mark knew it, he had shot up from janitor to general manager of the new Dining Services.

Mark has been manager for five years now, and finds God using him in every aspect of his life. While working at Andrews, he volunteers at One Place, a local congregation, as a greeter and Sabbath school teacher. He contributes to campus wellness and the health message through healthy menu choices and sustainable food purchasing. Most importantly, however, his administrative position allows him

to mentor employees and share how God has worked in his life.

“I talk to them about the struggles they’re having,” Mark explains, “with substance abuse ... their sexuality, their spiritual walk, relationships with their parents.” He calls these conversations “Divine appointments,” chances to use his own trials and triumphs to encourage and teach others. “God doesn’t put trouble on us,” he says, “but he will use those troubles if we allow him to for the good of others.”

Being manager of Dining Services, Mark says, is his dream job. He gets to work with food and with people every day. He encourages creativity and health. Most rewarding, however, is watching his employees turn their lives around with God’s help. “Those are the triumphs,” he says. “That’s amazing to me.”

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More Than Okay

A LIFE LED BY MIRACLES

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

Carla Arellano’s life can be summed up in one word: Miraculous. Raised in another religious faith, she dropped out of the ninth grade when her sister committed suicide and, eventually, as a single mother with two young sons, she opened her own barbershop and served 650 clients. Then, one day, she was invited to a Bible study.

“I leaned over to look into the Bible the person next to me was holding, and was shocked to see there was more than one book in there,” she says. “I felt so naive, and I didn’t like feeling that way about spiritual things.”

So Carla began to read her Bible. She read six to eight hours a day. One night, after eight hours of reading, she fell to her knees and began to weep.

“Lord, I don’t care if I have nothing else for the rest of my life,” she cried. “All I want is to help you bring as many of your children home with you as you can.”

Shortly after that night, Carla was assaulted. The aftermath caused her to lose her career, her house and her ability to provide for her children. She was homeless, and someone broke into her car and stole the rest of her belongings.

Despite these hardships, Carla sought God’s plan for her life. She even went on a mission trip to an orphanage in South Africa.

“People asked why I would do a mission trip while homeless,” she says. “It’s simple: God asked us to help others, so I will.”

Carla had been homeless for 15 months when a miracle allowed her to qualify for assisted housing. While sitting on



Miracle after miracle has bought Carla Arellano through assault, homelessness, suicide of loved ones, and more, landing her firmly on the path to which she trusts God led her.

a couch someone had given her, she decided she wanted a chair for her living room, so asked God to work it out. The next day, while running errands, Carla felt impressed to stop at a furniture store. With only \$50 in her pocket, she explained to the salesman that she wanted a chair but it had to be within her budget.

“When I told him my budget for a chair, he was incredulous,” she recalls. “I told him I [had been] in South Africa, and I know what need is. I didn’t *need* a chair; I *wanted* a chair. Then he calmly asked what I needed.”

The salesman took Carla around the store, asking if she liked several items and taking notes. When they were done, he gave her \$7,000 worth of furniture for her house for only \$2,700, telling her to pay whatever she could each month, even if it was only a penny. Three weeks later, he called and said her bill was paid in full! Carla had paid only the \$50 with which she’d entered the store.

A string of miracles allowed her sons to enroll in Adventist schools; even Carla was able to enroll in Andrews University. When they packed to move to Berrien Springs, Michigan, Carla prayerfully chose not to bring any furniture. They simply took what would fit in the car and drove from Colorado to Michigan.

“I know now that if I’d brought all our stuff, we couldn’t have lived in half the places we’ve lived. My furniture would not have fit,” she says, “and then I wouldn’t have met the people I’ve met living where we have, and I wouldn’t have been able to talk to them about Christ. His priority is not my furniture — it’s soul-winning.”

When Carla’s car broke down, it was enough to make an average person give up. But Carla is not an average person. Though she lived four miles from campus, she walked to and from classes every single day — eight miles a day for a year. As a result, she developed chronic back pain. While having it diagnosed, the doctors found pre-cancerous cells.

“If I hadn’t walked all that time, they wouldn’t have found the cells,” she says incredulously. This discovery allowed them to treat her proactively for the cancer she was sure to have developed.

Despite her optimistic outlook and determination to rely on God for everything in life, Carla has struggled.

“The last four years have been incredibly difficult,” she admits. “I thought when you followed the Lord, it would be smoother. It’s not. He allows us to go through tough times so we can be a witness and testimony to others. It’s character-forming for us; and, as a result, we’re better equipped to help others share the hope we have.”

During a recent visit to Colorado, Carla was blessed to learn the other side of a miracle that occurred several years ago. She needed money to cover her cell phone bill and wasn’t sure how it would happen. “I know you can pay for it,” she told God. “You could drop \$200 on my doorstep, and I don’t even need to know where it came from.”

Two days later her son opened the screen door to come into the house, and an envelope fell to the ground. It read, “Carla, had a feeling you needed this. God bless.” Inside was \$200.

“Did you say this dropped to the doorstep?” she asked her son. He nodded and Carla began to cry.

Fast-forward to earlier this year. A mutual friend told Carla about a friend of his who heard the Lord very clearly tell him, “Carla needs \$200.” Though he didn’t know where Carla lived, he prayed, “Lord, whatever house it goes to, let it be the place that needs it, whether it’s hers or not.” That night, Carla’s son found the envelope.

“When we learn things about the Lord and how he does things, we can’t be quiet,” she says. “I praise God for all the ways he’s provided for me over the years. I have no idea where I’m going next, and I have no money. But I know God is going to pave the way for me to finish my degree at Andrews.”

After a particularly moving encounter with a stranger, through which Carla was able to witness for Christ, another stranger saw her crying and asked if she was okay. “I’m more than okay,” she replied with a smile. “I love God.”

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Nashipai

ONE WOMAN'S GOD-APPOINTMENT TO THE MAASAI

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

“How many African tribes can the average American name?” Jordan Arellano asks. I’m taken slightly aback by the question. I do a quick personal count: *Maasai, Bantu, Igbo, Tutsi and Hutu* — and those just because I’ve taken a world literature class. I can name more New York neighborhoods, shades of red or guest stars on “Friends” than I can the historical inhabitants of an entire continent.

My struggle is typical, Jordan says — as are my choices.

“For most people, the Maasai are one of the only tribes they can name, if not the only one,” she notes. “Out of the thousands of different tribes across Africa, the Maasai have managed to stand out; most importantly, because they are so committed to preserving their culture.”

Recently, however, the Maasai face a problem prevalent among traditional cultures worldwide: the struggle to maintain their identity in the rapidly-changing modern world.

That’s where Jordan comes in. Jordan graduated from Andrews in December 2014 and currently is pursuing a master’s in global community development from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. In order to earn her degree, she has to complete an eight-week practicum, practicing essential skills such as writing grants, performing assessments, writing and performing trainings, and developing research. When it was time to look for a project, her program director Sharon Pittman, a former Andrews student and professor, suggested Jordan go to Kenya to intern with World Vision. The practicum, she says, “was most certainly a God appointment.”



Taking advantage of an opportunity to explore the land around her, Jordan Arellano enjoys stunning vistas and animal sightings on a day off.

Jellicoe Stephenson

This wouldn’t be Jordan’s first time in Africa. In 2012, while she was a student at Andrews, Jordan spent a year as a student missionary in Chad at Bere Adventist Hospital. During the year, she lived in a mud brick hut, came to love her Chadian host family, and got sick with malaria — twice.

“That year was both incredibly difficult and inspiring,” Jordan reflects. “I often felt helpless, like I didn’t have a strong role to play. I wasn’t a teacher; I wasn’t a doctor; I didn’t know what work I could do to help anyone.”

That experience inspired Jordan’s passion for development, especially on behalf of women and children, a passion that led her from her undergraduate degree in English to com-

munity development and World Vision Kenya.

As I write this, Jordan is living with her colleague, Jellicoe, in a World Vision office in Narok, a town on the edge of the Maasai Kingdom region on the border of Kenya and Tanzania.

“My typical day is probably not as exciting as one might assume,” Jordan laughs. “Good development can only come from good planning, so there is a lot of office time.” She spends the majority of her time doing coursework for her

practicum and writing proposals, with occasional trips to the local villages to observe ceremonies or perform assessments.

There are still some surprises, however. Despite the fact that she's lived in Africa before, Jordan finds her Kenyan colleagues still have to be patient with our "strange American behaviors." Jordan recalls how the first few days she and Jellique arose bright and early for 8:15 morning worship, only to find themselves the only ones up. "We soon learned that 8:15 is actually 10:00 African time!"

Because Jordan only has eight weeks in Kenya right now, her goals have been simple: to form relationships with people in the community and finish her seemingly endless homework. Those relationships with locals are the core of the work she does; her ability to listen to and understand them is of utmost importance. Because of Jordan's friendliness and positivity, her new friends have given her the Maasai name "Nashipai," which means "happiness." "I really try to wear that name," Jordan says, "because it reminds me of why I'm here and how all of my actions and behaviors are meant to be an example for Jesus."

The Maasai are a unique and vibrant culture known for their colorful clothing, large decorative necklaces, and the herds of cattle they drive hundreds of miles across the plains. Their culture is tight-knit and prosperous. A Maasai friend of Jordan's explained that there are two things the Maasai never count — their cows and children, to do so is bad luck. Recently, though, the Maasai have seen both of these numbers undeniably decreasing, as pasture lands decrease due to environmental factors and industrialization, and many tribe members move to cities in search of more modern livelihoods.

In the face of these changing times, the Maasai seek to simultaneously move forward and preserve their heritage. Jordan, specifically, has worked with Maasai women, a group that face challenges unfathomable to those living in the United States. One of the most pressing of these challenges is Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), a deeply-rooted, coming-of-age ritual in which women of marriageable age have their outer genitalia cut and altered or removed, which drastically decreases or entirely eliminates sexual pleasure.

"It may seem strange," Jordan explains, "but women are actually the primary proponents of the practice because they see it as a mark of pride and honor." Recent legislation by the

Kenyan government forbidding the practice has only driven it underground, making anti-FGM campaigning far more difficult.

Understanding the complexity of a difficult topic like FGM, Jordan notes, is at the heart of effective development work.

"Before studying development, I had assumed that NGOs (non-government organizations) were begging for money from rich donor countries and then giving the poor countries the food, water or relief that they need. But this method is really more about asking a community, 'What do you do well? What works for you?' and then helping them figure out how they can use those strengths to aid and support the areas where they struggle. Of course, donations are important. But World Vision does a great job of using donor money to create self-motivated and *sustainable* improvements in suffering communities." These kinds of efforts empower nations and individuals, enabling them to thrive in their specific situations.

Jordan will take that commitment to empowering others with her after she leaves Kenya. In August, she began a 32-week internship, in Collegedale, with Global Humanitarian Outreach, a small Adventist-run organization, that seeks to connect Americans who are passionate about development and missions with projects and people in the developing world.

Beyond the day-to-day activities, experiences and paperwork, Jordan says her experience in Kenya — and studying development at large — has ultimately shown her the love of God demonstrated largely.

"I have heard and witnessed God's work here in Narok so clearly. This is first seen in the World Vision staff, who are simply bubbling with the love of Jesus. They sing, they dance, they pray, and it is so clear to me that they are driven by the desire to share the love of Christ with others. But it also can be seen in the village. Every community organization that I have heard about, every women's empowerment movement, every child that is able to continue school because of their sponsorships is such a light shining for Jesus. I see his mark everywhere, and it is so humbling for me to be a part of it."

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Creation-inspired Research

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

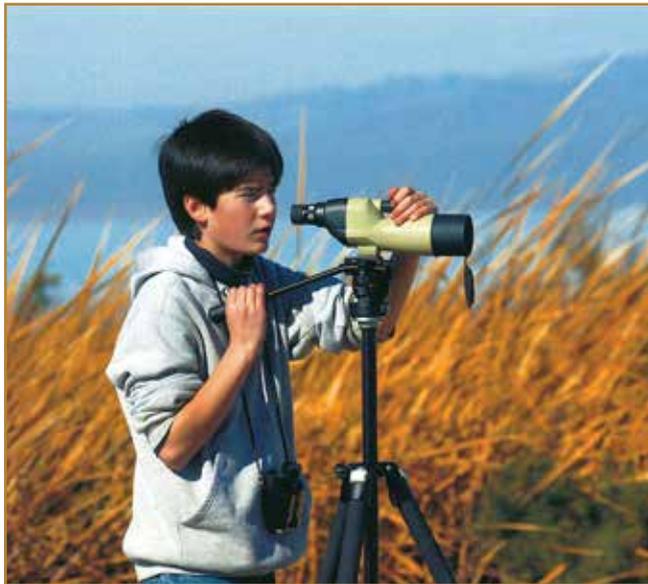
For Andre Moncrieff, birds are more than a hobby. In fact, they're something of a calling. Andre has been fascinated by birds since he was ten years old. His father, Scott Moncrieff, professor of English at Andrews University, recalls how he and his wife Lilia gave Andre Ken Kaufman's "Birds of North America" for Christmas.

"Andre quickly surpassed any mild birding knowledge I had," Scott says. "Andre was significantly aided by a vibrant Berrien County bird community, both hobbyists and professionals, and any family vacation became an opportunity for birding."

When Andre enrolled at Andrews University in 2009, studying biology and music, he realized that birds were something he wanted to devote his life to. He spent four summers working on Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge in Sequim, Washington, studying seabirds.

"There's no question," Andre says, "that working as a member of the Andrews University Seabird Ecology Team paved the way for my career in biology."

Jim Hayward and Shandelle Henson, co-leaders of the team and professors of biology and mathematics respectively, were instrumental to his development as a scholar as well. Jim recalls Andre's excellent, insightful fieldwork and his significant scholarly contributions; as a junior, Andre was senior author on a publication in a peer-reviewed journal.



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Scott Moncrieff

"Andre is not only an excellent young scientist," says Jim, "he also possesses an outstanding character and personality. He is among the most trustworthy, competent and pleasant students with whom I have worked in the past 36 years."

Andre graduated from Andrews in December 2014 with a bachelor's degree in music and another in biology, and days later decided to begin a Ph.D. at Louisiana State University that spring. "I had planned to

start somewhere in the fall," he reflects, "so this spontaneous decision made for an exciting Christmas break!"

Now Andre is pursuing research, specifically in Neotropical birds, "which is a logical choice," he explains, "due to the staggering diversity of birds in this biographic region." In the first semester of his program, he has taken classes and been a teacher's assistant for Introduction to Biology.

"The main thrust of my program is the interaction and collaboration I have with the seven other grad students in the Brumfield Lab," he says. "We're all obsessed with Neotropical birds, and I have learned a bunch from my lab mates."



Andre Moncrieff has turned a lifelong passion for birds into the opportunity for a career studying this unique part of God's creation.

Andre is a recipient of the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, a prestigious award of more than \$45,000, given to 2,000 students each year. The fellowship gives him three years of full funding, allowing him to focus his full attention on research. "It's a nice change to get paid rather than pay to go to school!" he laughs.

This past summer Andre took his research farther afield — to Peru. At the time of this interview, he is working to get research permits in the Peruvian capital of Lima, shortly before he and three other Louisiana State students and several local collaborators enter the wild to conduct in-depth field studies. The expedition will take them to the Department (similar to a state) of Ucayall for most of July and August. After meeting with tribal federations and gaining all legal grounds, they will plunge into the bush, "studying poorly-known birds in really remote areas." They are focusing on genetic diversity, attempting to discover whether birds in the grassland areas they are exploring are genetically different than the same species on the nearest grasslands hundreds of miles away.

"There will be lots of camping, hiking and bushwhacking," explains Andre. "The last couple of weeks we'll be focusing on studying birds that only live on small river islands."

Andre hopes that this summer project marks the beginning of a long and bright career studying some of God's most amazing creatures.

"Ultimately," he says, "I'd like to teach at a university or work as a bird curator at an active research museum."

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Serving the Worldwide Community

BRAIN-BASED RESEARCH CONNECTED TO MALNUTRITION

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

Klynda Bauer has been accepted by the University of British Columbia (UBC) to study for a doctorate in microbiology. A 2014 Andrews graduate with a double major in biology and music, Kylynda claims that the ultimate goal of her doctoral project will be to develop microbial therapies that halt or reverse cognitive impairments in malnourished communities.

As a J.N. Andrews Honors student, Kylynda was able to do her undergraduate thesis theory on the role of diet on the gut microbiota. This new project that Kylynda is preparing to commence takes elements from her past research and explores them on a deeper level. Kylynda is beginning a project that examines the complex relationship between the gut microbiota (the trillions of microbes that reside within the digestive tract) and the brain. These microbes produce neurotransmitters and cytokines (cell-signaling proteins) that modulate

brain development and behavior. Starvation alters the gut microbiota, contributing to the neurological consequences of malnutrition. This research has potential to lead to interventions for malnourished children by fostering healthy gut microbiota in addition to providing nutrition.

“Brain-based research will be a new experience and a challenge for me,” she admits.

In the time since her graduation, Kylynda has remained busy in her field. First, she took time after graduation to apply to and visit potential graduate schools and prepare mentally for her next step. In March 2015, she accepted a post-baccalaureate research position at the U.S. Army



Kylynda Bayer's undergraduate work at Andrews University allowed her the opportunity to do research in the FAS Center for Systems Biology at Harvard University, where she worked in Peter Turnbaugh's Lab doing brain research.

Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, where she is working in an immunology lab examining how the Ebola virus enters cells during infection.

Kylynda gained acceptances to four doctoral programs: UBC, University of California San Francisco, University of Chicago and Duke University. Although other schools offered more money, such as the James B. Duke Fellowship from Duke University, Kylynda chose the school that best fit her research and career interests.

After she finishes graduate school,

Kylynda plans to continue doing research, but also has interests in writing and teaching. “The strong educational foundation I received from Andrews University will help facilitate the transition from undergraduate to doctoral studies,” she says. “And graduate studies will help me choose my career path.”

Kylynda is motivated by her fascination with microbiology, immunology, neurobiology, nutrition and anthropology. But, more importantly, Kylynda is motivated by wanting her work to honor God and serve the worldwide community.

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The Peace that Passes

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

“In the midst of it, I said, ‘if nothing changes, it really doesn’t matter, because God’s still in charge.’” Kenley Hall leans back in his chair and nods. “To me, that was the greatest miracle that God gave me.” As he sits easily in his office chair talking to me, it’s hard to believe that Kenley, assistant professor of Christian ministry and director of theological field education at Andrews University, was in a wheelchair only a few months earlier. Today, he’s walking, but that’s a future he didn’t foresee.

In July 2013, Kenley was speaking at the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference Camp Meeting at Camp Whitesand in Saskatchewan, Canada. That week, he explains, the entire camp meeting was hit with a vicious strain of stomach flu. “We could feel the devil working,” he says.

Even after he finished presenting and went home at the end of the week, his symptoms lingered for the better part of a month. When Kenley finally recovered, it came at a terrible cost: His autoimmune disease was back. Over the next few months, Kenley slowly and painfully lost all feeling and function in his feet and legs.

This wasn’t the first time Kenley had experienced partial paralysis. He suffered two previous bouts with Guillain-Barré syndrome, the most recent of which had seen him in a wheelchair nine years earlier. Guillain-Barré is an autoimmune disease in which the myelin sheaths coating nerve cells wear away, leaving the nerves unable to transmit information. “The myelin is what conducts the impulse down the nerve, as opposed to a wire, where the pulse is on the inside,” explains Greg Almeter, associate professor of physical therapy and Kenley’s physiotherapist. “It starts in an area farther away from the brain and works its way up. It starts in the legs and in the hands, and can get to the point where you have to be on a respirator.”

By January 2014, Kenley was in a wheelchair without any use of his legs or feet.



It's hard to believe that Kenley Hall, assistant professor of Christian ministry and director of theological field education at Andrews University, was in a wheelchair only a few months earlier. Today, he's walking.

Photo: Peter Damsberg

“I spent probably the first three weeks of January in the rehabilitation unit at the hospital,” he recalls, “being re-taught how to do everything in a wheelchair.” When he left the hospital, Kenley started working with Greg in an arduous 15-month process, attempting to regain limited function in his legs. “I still joke with Greg that he reminds me of someone who could have been a good torturer

back in the medieval days,” Kenley laughs. However, after 15 months of work, they were able to regain a small amount of function in his upper legs, but that was it.

“We rate function on a 0–5 scale,” explains Greg, “five meaning you have full strength, and zero meaning you have nothing.”

By March 2015, Kenley was hovering around a 2 for his feet, and his upper legs had reached 3 — just enough for him to walk for short periods of time with a walker and leg braces that mechanically moved his feet using the movement of his knees.

“Everybody figured that this was as good as it was going to get,” says Kenley, “and that was okay.”

He pauses and looks at me intently, his tone becoming deadly serious. “This is the most crucial part of my story,” Kenley says. “There are people who have prayed more deeply than I’ve probably ever prayed in my life, who have a deeper faith than I have, who are still sitting in wheelchairs. And I don’t have any answer for that question. The only answer I



This photo was taken moments after the prayer was offered asking God to heal Kenley Hall. Shortly after the prayer, his toes began to tingle; and in just a few short hours, Kenley was up and walking.

have to anything is this: The greatest miracle that God performed for me was not my actual physical healing, but what he did in my soul.”

“You see, that’s the ironic thing. Nine years ago, I left the Mayo Clinic being told, ‘You’re never going to walk again,’ and then I did through instantaneous, miraculous healing. I traveled all across the world sharing this testimony, and saying, ‘Were I still in this wheelchair today, I’d still be testifying of Jesus Christ and the great miracles he’s performed. I’d still be saying the same thing.’ Now, eight years later, I’m back in this wheelchair. I’ve had a really good chance to test that — did I really mean what I said?”

“Even in the midst of this, while I was still in the wheelchair, when I had no function from the waist down, God sowed this peace in the depths of my soul — the peace that Paul describes as this peace that passes understanding (see Philippians 4:17). This peace helped me say, ‘Even if I live the rest of my life in a wheelchair, with this kind of nerve pain, with no function in part of my body, it’s okay. God still loves me, he still has a plan for my life: I’m still teaching over at One Place, I’m still teaching in the Seminary. So I’m wheelchair bound — that’s okay!’”

While Kenley was spiritually and mentally at peace, day-to-day life still wasn’t easy. On an historic campus like Andrews University, many older buildings aren’t fully equipped for wheelchair accessibility. He also didn’t have the funds to

equip his house or car with full disability accommodations. Kenley’s son, Josh, a sophomore at Andrews, had to carry his father into the house piggyback style — no simple task when Josh was 65 lbs. lighter than his father. Josh also came along on a Seminary-sponsored history trip, and carefully carried his father in and out of the tour bus along with his wheelchair.

“It was incredible,” Kenley recalls. “I felt so guilty about it — my 20-year-old having to carry around his father on his back. I was so touched and grateful for his willingness to do that.”

Kenley’s Seminary colleagues went out of their way to help him as well. After taking medical leave in fall 2013, he returned to teaching part-time in spring 2014, and full-time the semester after that.

“The wheelchair-accessibility button on the Seminary door often malfunctioned,” explains Kenley. “My administrative assistant took it as a personal assignment to make sure I had access to the building.”

Kenley’s colleagues also worked together to raise money to buy him a handicap-accessible van, which they were planning to purchase in March 2015. Overall, he says, people simultaneously treated him with compassion and all of the dignity and normalcy they had [shown] when he could walk.

“I was still the teacher, father, husband that I always was,” Kenley says. “Some probably doted over me more than they

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Maintaining our Legacy

BY MELODIE ROSCHMAN

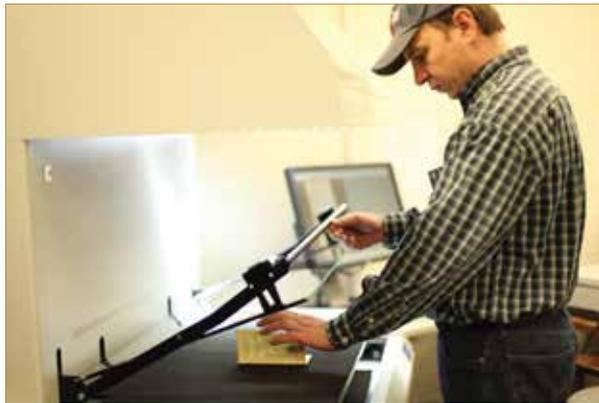
The collection of rooms in the basement of the James White Library on the campus of Andrews University may seem unassuming to most, but for Juliette Johnson, digitization manager at the Center for Adventist Research, they're a treasure trove.

"There are some really interesting things here that no one knows we have," she says, "and there are so many things that we don't even know we have. We find things every day that were given to us in the '50s, '40s, '30s, and were never processed, so we're discovering new stuff all the time."

The Center, which receives support from Andrews University, the White Estate and the General Conference, is a concentrated effort to collect any and all materials pertaining to the history and legacy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These can range from the expected — such as editions of Ellen White's books and early issues of *Signs of the Times* — to the strange or extraordinary.

"We have the cane that Uriah Smith used," Juliette says with a laugh, "and we have his prosthetic. It's funny, in the collection it says that we have Uriah Smith's leg in our vault!"

The thousands of items in the archives range from a complete catalog of *Student Movement* (Andrews University's student newspaper) to letters home to General Conference president William Spicer from his daughter, who was a missionary in China; from William Miller's pen and



The digitizer in the Center for Adventist Research will allow anyone access to electronic versions of everything in the Center, including 3-dimensional images of objects and artifacts.

Joseph Bates' pocket watch to the complete DVD series of "Gilmore Girls" which featured an unflattering portrayal of Adventism in the character of Mrs. Kim.

"If it mentions Adventism, it's there," Juliette explains. "We're not just trying to promote our church; it's basically to give someone a view into our history, 'warts' and all."

Juliette has been working on digitizing and scanning

the Center's contents since 2005, but now she has a new project: the Adventist Digital Library, which will launch January 2016. The library seeks to make a vast number of full-text books, articles, letters and images available online for free to anyone interested in Adventist history.

"It's not just the digitized materials," she says, "we're also planning to have articles, and that kind of thing, to get people interested in going deeper into searching." She hopes the digital library will be a special resource for Adventist educators who seek to get their students passionate about the heritage of their church.

With this in mind, Juliette's personal passion and project is to raise \$10,000 for the equipment and labor necessary to use a 3D digital scanner to recreate some of the Center's

more unique holdings — like evangelist William Simpson’s paper-mâché beasts from Revelation — as fully explorable models on the web.

“Being able to see these tangible representations of Adventist history can make it real for many members,” says Juliette. “I’m connected. I know who I am now.”

Ultimately, she hopes the upcoming digital project — and the Center as a whole — can help Adventist children and

adults remember where they come from, and what their purpose is.

“I want to highlight artifacts and say, ‘Look, these are our people who spread the gospel and sacrificed so much, but they were just like you and me. Maybe we can do something like that. Maybe we can change the world, too.’”

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needed to,” he smiles, “but I understand where that came from.”

In March 2015, Kenley traveled to Columbia, Maryland, to teach a one-week intensive class for a master’s in pastoral ministry. The class met every day from Sunday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Kenley prayed a blessing over his 22 students. When he had finished, they gathered around him and explained that they liked to give gifts to their professors as thanks. “The best gift we can give you is the gift of prayer,” they said.

“So they gathered around me,” Kenley remembers, “laid their hands on me, and this woman, a lay pastor, begins to pray. Unbeknownst to me, when she’d seen me on Sunday night, she said, ‘God, I know what you want me to do this week,’ and she literally went on a complete fast through this entire intensive class, fasting and praying for a stranger. That was mind-boggling for me.”

As his students prayed, Kenley began to pray too — a very different prayer.

“I was saying ‘God, I’m at peace. When they’re done praying ... I don’t want it to be devastating to their faith when I don’t jump up, throw off my leg braces and start running around the room.’”

The moment the prayer ended, though, Kenley’s eyes widened. For the first time in months, he felt a prickling sensation in his toes. Within seconds, he was wiggling his toes. “You know, this may not be significant to you,” he exclaimed, “but this is huge for me!” He smiles. “In that moment, we praised God that I could wiggle my toes.”

When Kenley returned to his hotel room that night, he wondered if anything else might happen. He slowly removed his leg braces and stood up. “The next thing I knew, I was walking back and forth across my hotel room,” he says

excitedly. “I had complete nerve regeneration in my upper and lower legs.”

Kenley flew home on Friday, and Monday morning he went in to see his physiotherapist. Greg ran a few tests, but it quickly became clear: Kenley’s legs and feet were restored to almost perfect strength. “You’re done; you’re healed,” his therapist said.

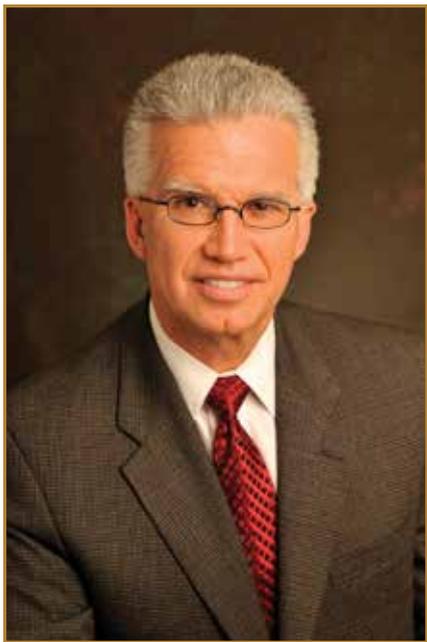
“There was nothing left for me to do,” Greg shakes his head. “I’ve been doing this 18 years, and I’ve never seen anything like it. God still does really amazing things sometimes. There’s just no denying what he did.”

Today, Kenley can move and walk without difficulty. While the future is unsure — he could suffer another relapse, Kenley remains confident and at peace.

“I have no idea what eight years from now is going to look like,” he says, “but I really don’t care because I’m just going to live with God right now in this moment. Whatever happens, it simply doesn’t matter, because God’s got my back.”

Melodie Roschman is a graduate student writer for the Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication at Andrews University.

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Rick Mace

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital CEO Rick Mace adopts Crest Hill Christian School

When Lisa Hauck became principal at the Crest Hill Christian School, a Seventh-day Adventist school in Lockport, Ill., she had great plans and enthusiastic students. The school's mission — to show children Jesus, nurture their love for him and others, teach them to think, and empower them to serve — inspired Hauck to reach out to leaders in her community who could mentor her students and inspire them to achieve their potential in God's grace.

Rick Mace, CEO of Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, is highly respected in the local Seventh-day Adventist community and was introduced to Hauck through family and friends. She was thrilled to be able to meet Mace personally, and invited him to her school's chapel programs. Hauck spoke with Mace about helping the

school — hoping he would be willing to share his business wisdom in support of the facility, and could help encourage the spiritual growth of the children in attendance there.

Mace was honored by Hauck's request and inspired by the little school, telling her how it reminded him of his childhood and another small Seventh-day Adventist school that had a tremendous impact on his own life and formed his commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mace was happy to lend his support and believes strongly that God's teachings are as essential to student curriculum as the more common subjects of reading and math. In responding to Hauck's request for guidance, he stated, "I'll do better. I'm going to adopt Crest Hill Christian School."

Over the past year, Mace has visited the children at the elementary school a number of times, sharing his wisdom and joy in Christ's teachings, and joining the children in song and prayer. On May 27, Hauck and the students of Crest Hill Christian School surprised Mace by dedicating their first official yearbook to him in a ceremony held during the school's Awards Chapel. The dedication was made with love from the children who have come to view Mace as a guardian angel as well as a role model. Hauck states, "The students here love Rick and get so excited whenever he visits. They find him so inspiring, and he was a big part of our theme this year of 'Fully Rely on God' (FROG)."

The struggling school also has gained some much-needed items that would have been impossible without Hauck's support, including new carpeting, cabinetry and the Rosetta Stone interactive Spanish system. The software already has had a tremendous impact on the students, who now look forward to Spanish class and are quickly learning new language skills.

Mace is happy to have been of service noting, "In my role at the hospital,



Rick Mace (center), Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital CEO, adopted Crest Hill Christian School. He endeared himself to the students and staff, and they dedicated their first official yearbook to him, during the school's Awards Chapel, on May 27. Also pictured are Lisa Hauck (left), principal, and Ryan Hauck, grades 5-8 teacher.



Lisa Hauck, principal, said of Rick Mace, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital CEO, "We thank God every day for his support and encouragement."

my mission is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. I believe that mission extends far beyond the hospital walls to ensure that our children learn the teachings of Christ and to accept God as an integral part of their lives."

Hauck agrees, and notes that Mace brings fun as well as inspiration. "Rick's visits are always joyful, happy times. He even brought cards for free ice cream, for the students, to the yearbook dedication. Rick has done so much for our school, and we thank God every day for his support and encouragement."

Julie Busch, assistant vice president for communications, AMITA Health Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital

GO Projects offer opportunity to bless community

When Rodlie Ortiz began his role as associate pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University, a student in the Seminary asked him what his vision was. “I don’t know,” Ortiz responded. “I haven’t met the people yet. I don’t know what the needs of the community are yet.”

“I think he was disappointed by that answer, but my perspective is that we’re called to be missionaries where we are,” says Ortiz. “A true missionary doesn’t come in with some pre-built program. A true missionary gets to know the language of the people, hangs out with them, and fellowships with them. Then, as needs come up, he tries to serve as best he can.”

Shortly after his arrival at Andrews University, Ortiz put a team of students and staff together to explore what the needs might be in the community. Almost immediately, a theme emerged.

“The principal of the local public elementary school told me that 75 percent of their students come from families below the national poverty level,” he says. “And we’re not talking about the children of our Seminary students who come from around the world and live on pennies. These are local kids living in an environment of systemic generational poverty.”

Ortiz invited Andrew von Maur, an architecture professor, to walk around Berrien Springs with him. von Maur has studied how the layout of a community reveals truths about the values of the town, and Ortiz wanted to learn more about his own.

“He pointed out things that demonstrate White poverty,” says Ortiz. “Most of us don’t notice it because we know what Black poverty looks like. White poverty is different, but it’s still poverty.”



Andrews students participate in a GO Project through Pioneer Memorial Church, raking leaves in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

Rodlie Ortiz

Problem points in the community include poverty, latent racism and a perceived divide between Adventists and the community. Ortiz discovered that many “townies” feel that Adventists only care about themselves and have no interest in investing in the community.

Ortiz and his team began to brainstorm to find a way to bridge the gap between the University and the community. The result: GO Projects.

GO Projects provide opportunities through local partnerships and public outreach events to bring Christ to the world, starting right here at home. The monthly projects include raking leaves, taking treats to nursing home residents on Valentine’s Day and more.

“We learned a lot our first year,” says Ortiz. “Some plans fell through, but we’re really trying — stepping out in faith and letting God lead, and working hard to serve our community.”

This year, Pioneer Memorial Church is partnering with the Office of Student Activities to provide community service GO Projects for freshmen. They plan to focus on local schools — sanding and painting aged playground

equipment, cleaning classrooms and hallways, and working with teachers to make desired improvements and changes.

Other potential projects include helping a local church plant prepare their new building by doing landscaping, remodeling, grounds cleanup and more; helping set up a medical clinic for local residents; giving free haircuts to local kids right before school picture day; working with local professionals to provide a kitchen or home remodel for a local needy family; and more.

“I always come back to the challenge I once heard for pastors,” says Ortiz. “It asks, ‘If your church disappeared from your community, would they notice? Would it make a difference to anyone?’ That’s the thought that haunts me — if Andrews and the local churches disappeared from this area, would it matter? Would they feel our absence? That’s the thought that keeps pushing me to bring others out into the community to make a difference. We can, we should, and we will.”

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

2015 Peterson-Warren Academy seniors raise a new standard in Christian education

Lake Region—When examining Peterson-Warren Academy’s 2015 graduating class, a few important numbers come to mind: 1,000,000, 51, 70 and seven. First, Peterson-Warren has been blessed as one of God’s schools for 51 years now, initially opening its doors in Inkster, Mich., in 1964 (currently, it is the only remaining school in the entire city of Inkster). Next, Peterson-Warren belongs to the Lake Region Conference, which recently celebrated 70 years of prayerful operation under God’s guidance. The largest of these numbers, 1,000,000, is the estimated collective amount of scholarships received by PWA’s 2015 graduating class. However, perhaps the most significant number is seven, which is the size of this unique senior class.

Seventh-day Adventists recognize the spiritual significance of the number seven; after all, it is God’s holy number, his number of completion. By the world’s estimation, seven may seem small and unimportant, yet the seven graduates from PWA have proven this to be false, already making their mark on their school and community.

Early on, seniors Donovan Baxter, Alicia Dent, Ronnie Holloway, Henry Lowery, Korey Brown-Murray, Shontae Stokes and Eric Walker II all resolved, with their class aim, to “become the new standard in Christian education” and adopted the motto “God first in all things.” As part of this aim and motto, this class strove for excellence as demonstrated by their academic achievements. All seven students graduated with honors, five as members of the National Honor Society, and all seven entered college this fall — two with full-ride scholarships to their chosen university,



Though small in number, the Peterson-Warren Academy 2015 senior class raised the standard of Christian education, and will continue to do so as they pursue higher education. Present at their graduation was David Knezek (left), Michigan State senator (who represents the 5th district, of which Inkster is included). This was his first time to speak at a high school graduation. From left (back): Donovan Baxter, Student Association vice president; Henry Lowery; Ronnie Holloway, class salutatorian; (front) David Knezek, Michigan State senator; Eric Walker II, class president; Shontae Stokes, Student Association secretary; Alicia Dent, class valedictorian and Student Association president; Korey-Brown Murray, Student Association chaplain; and Bufford Griffith, then principal.

and five choosing to further their experiences in Christian education.

In addition to their academic achievements, Peterson-Warren’s 2015 graduating class made a lasting impression in other areas. Determined to use their gifts for the glory of God, these seven also excelled in athletics and the arts. As part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, four of the seniors helped lead Peterson-Warren’s boys basketball team throughout the season. They ended the season by receiving runner-up designation in the district tournament where the entire team was recognized and commended, by the coaches and players from the opposing team, for the positive witness they gave on and off the court.

Likewise, a highly creative class, these seniors showed a great desire to share their artistic talents in areas such as preaching, writing and composing. For example, Brown-Murray, Student Association chaplain for two years, was always willing to share his gift of preaching and prayer with others, whether praying and sharing devotions for multiple chapels in front of his peers, giving his testimony

during Lake Region Conference’s annual education Sabbath, or as the guest speaker for PWA’s elementary promotion ceremony. Baxter also was willing to share his gift for writing and directing Peterson-Warren’s annual spring play, “Into the Darkness,” which focused on war in Heaven and Christ’s plan of redemption.

In the area of music, Dent, class valedictorian, was always willing to share her multiple musical gifts as demonstrated during the Sabbath baccalaureate service when she humbly played an original arrangement of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

These are just a few examples of the positive standard the senior class of 2015 left behind at Peterson-Warren. As these magnificent seven prepare to enter the halls of Oakwood University, Andrews University, Southern Adventist University and Eastern Michigan University, they will continue to pursue their aim of becoming “the new standard in Christian education” while keeping “God first in all things.”

Elizabeth Harsany, English teacher, Peterson-Warren Academy

Peterson-Warren Academy hosts community ice cream social

Lake Region—As summer was winding down, and parents, students and teachers began to think of going back to school, Peterson-Warren Academy, in Inkster, Mich., decided to kick off a new school year on a sweet note. On Sunday, Aug. 2, Peterson-Warren hosted its first community ice cream social and pre-registration event. Returning parents and students were invited as well as members from the local community.

With the help of the local Home and School organization and other volunteers, guests were greeted with early registration deals, drawings for gift cards and two new laptops, free school



On Sunday, Aug. 2, Peterson-Warren Academy, in Inkster, Mich., hosted its first community-wide ice cream social and pre-registration event. The Home and School organization and other volunteers greeted guests and provided registration information.

supplies, face painting, crafts, a bouncy house and, of course, ice cream with a plethora of toppings.

The new academy principal, Elizabeth Vaughan, welcomed parents and guests as she outlined her goals for the upcoming school year and beyond. With the help of fervent prayer and teamwork, she knows the

academy can continue its history of quality education as well as reaching new heights. Vaughan was a teacher at Peterson-Warren for 11 years prior to becoming the new principal. One of her goals is to continue to reach out to the local Inkster community. As the only remaining school in the entire city of Inkster, Vaughan strongly believes in the importance of being a positive Christian presence and continuing to serve as a witness to the city and surrounding areas.

With a brand new year ahead, Peterson-Warren looks forward to new changes as well as continuing time-tested traditions. After 51 years of teaching “now and for eternity,” Christian education at Peterson-Warren couldn’t be sweeter.

Elizabeth Harsany, English teacher,
Peterson-Warren Academy

[YOUTH NEWS]

Cruisers bring smiles to Alaska communities

Michigan—“When people hear about Cruise With a Mission, the question is always asked: ‘You do what on a cruise ship, and for how long?’ Then CWM leaders start to explain what the trip is all about and why we do what we do on the cruise ship for one week,” said Vernon Byrd, CWM off-ship and operations director.

This year’s trip, July 26–Aug. 2, took leaders and participants on adventures in Alaska, with stops at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway for the mission projects, and Victoria for rest and adventure. At these ports, participants left the ship “faithfully to do the Lord’s work, whether is be through rain, shine, wind, or all three,” said Brad Hotelling, CWM director.

“The majority of the participants this year met for the very first time on the ship. We held a meet-and-greet to begin the process of getting to know the people with whom we would spend an entire week,” said Hotelling.



During their July 26–Aug. 2 trip, Cruise With a Mission participants spread gravel in the parking lots of the Seventh-day Adventist church and school in Juneau, Alaska, and also painted the interior of both facilities.

One exciting aspect of the trip is the time cruisers spend on the boat in morning and evening worship experiences. “These worships provide time to learn about what God has done for us in missions and what we can do to give back,” Byrd added. This year’s general session speaker was Tony Wuerfel, associate

pastor of Garden Grove OC Grace Church in Orange County, Calif. His messages focused on the character of God.

“I am always excited about what goes on off-ship when it comes to the mission ports, too. The cruisers, 50 in number, were always excited about the

projects and how much can be done, in one day, at each of the ports," said Byrd.

The first mission port stop took cruisers to Ketchikan. It was early morning and rain drizzled, but once the projects were underway, the rain stopped. The projects in Ketchikan took place at two senior centers, a Youth Center being built for the Ketchikan's youth, and at a skate park. The group cleared shrubs, insulated the Youth Center and taught kids how to treat each other with kindness and compassion.

"What an incredible day! All the projects were successfully finished. When Bobbi McCreary, director of the Youth Center and skate park saw what was accomplished, she said, 'You guys accomplished miracles!' I agree with her. When the cruisers set out to work on a project, they always finished what they started," Byrd commented.

McCreary also said, "You do not realize what you have accomplished for us. You have saved us hundreds of dollars in labor that we can move to other areas of the Youth Center. We all have a smile on our face."

The second mission port was in the breathtaking capital city of Juneau. The cruisers were greeted by the local Adventist community in desperate need of help. The mission team was divided into two groups. "Here, we were able to work at the only SDA church and school in Juneau. Both projects also were finished. The cruisers spread gravel in parking lots, at both locations, and painted the interior of both facilities," Byrd said.

In addition, the group tried to put up a chainlink fence at the SDA school but, after the first hole was drilled, they hit water 12–15 inches down. "Let's just say,



Vern Byrd

Many participants met for the first time when they boarded the ship for Cruise With a Mission, July 26–Aug. 2. "By the end of the week, they really become more like family," said Sydney Wallace, participant.

the water was filling the hole faster than we could drill down," Byrd remarked.

The cruisers had a great time working at these project sites. Nickie Romine, teacher and principal of the school, and her husband, Bruce Romine, head elder of the church, hosted the group in Juneau.

The last port of call for missions was in the small city of Skagway. "Our port director, Stacy Whitehead, was able to make contact with a Christian pastor in the area, since there is no SDA church in Skagway," said Byrd. The projects accomplished in Skagway included painting the exterior trim of two seniors' homes, helping a senior get firewood ready for winter, since she had a broken foot, and clearing brush from other homes in the area. The group also assisted at the church.

Byrd said, "Because of the positive impact in the community, cruisers sometimes are asked what we are all about, and when the general public asks questions this provides an opportunity for future contact and follow up. Also, some ask if they can join evening programs and, even better, join us on our mission projects. We are always eager to say 'Yes!'

This trip is more than just working. It's all about ministry on-ship and off-ship."

"Cruise With a Mission is an amazing way to meet other Adventists who share our passion to help others and, by the end of the week, they really become more like family," said Sydney Wallace, participant.

"Cruise With a Mission was again the spiritual oasis I needed to get me through another year. It's always great to be reunited with my Cruise With a Mission family every year. It keeps reminding me that in Heaven we will be able to hang out with our loved ones, uninterrupted throughout eternity," commented Aristede Dukes, participant.

"After a week of making a second family, the time came for us to go our separate ways and continue with our lives down in the lower 48. With heavy hearts we said good-bye but knew that, in December 2016, we would gather again" for another CWM trip, "and make more memories that would last a lifetime," Hotelling stated. Stay updated at <http://CYE.org>.

Brad Hotelling, director, Garrison Hayes, co-director, and Vern Byrd, off-ship director and operations director, Cruise With a Mission

Robertson brothers present research at ACS professional conference

Michigan—Timothy and Tobias Robertson attended and presented

research findings at the 249th American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting and Exposition. This professional conference took place in Denver, Colo., March 22–26.

As members of Southwestern Michigan College's Environmental Research Group (ERG), both brothers

have been involved in the environmental chemistry research that has been taking place at the Dowagiac campus. Led by chemistry professor Douglas Schauer, the ERG is comprised of undergraduate students investigating the process of using biosorption to remove heavy metals from drinking



Tobias Robertson (center) and his brother, Timothy Robertson (right), stand with another team member at the 249th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition in Denver, Colo., March 22–26, where they presented their research findings about the process of using biosorption to remove heavy metals from drinking water.

water. The pursued goal is to achieve a low-cost biosorptive water purification technique that could be easily used in underdeveloped regions of the world.

The ERG had two subgroups during the 2014–2015 academic year. Each subgroup submitted a poster abstract for the ACS conference during the Fall 2014 semester. Both abstracts were accepted, requiring the ERG

members to present their research findings in person during the Division of Agricultural & Food Chemistry General Posters session on March 24.

Timothy worked with the database for experimental results, advised on the optimization of experimental technique, and participated in the conduction of laboratory experiments. Tobias' activities included apparatus set-up and operation, methodology development, and numerous individual laboratory experiments. Tobias is a co-author of the poster "Efforts Toward the Development of a Titrimetric Method for Measuring Biosorption Capacity," along with Susan Ardon, Heather Duke, Brendan Stewart and Schauer. Timothy and Tobias both participated in the presentation of the poster.

Although Timothy graduated from SMC (A.A. and A.S. degrees) in April 2015, he continued his involvement with the ERG during the summer 2015 semester. He also began a summer mathematics research project at Andrews University with Joon Kang,

regarding partial differential equations. Timothy began full-time study at Andrews University in fall 2015 as a Mathematics major and Physics minor.

Tobias also is working with the ERG this summer, and will continue on in the 2015–2016 academic year as a full-time student at Southwestern Michigan College.

Timothy and Tobias are very thankful for the many ways in which God blessed through these experiences. Few undergraduate students, and even fewer at community colleges, have the opportunity to be involved in research projects, and this has greatly enhanced their education. They both are convinced that the speed in which research progress was made this past year, and the unexpected increases in funding of the research, are each providential. Participation in the ERG has allowed them to be shining lights for him.

John Robertson Sr., member, with Collene Kelly, correspondent, Village Church

Disciplined teens embrace the commission

Michigan—The energy was palpable. Students of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien Springs had prepared for this moment for months. It was the first night of "The Tent."

The Tent was the result of a school-based discipleship program at Ruth Murdoch. Two years ago, Ruth Murdoch faculty began a process that is more discipleship-based. They begin in the fifth grade where they spend the entire year teaching the beliefs with Christ-centered, action-oriented lessons. Each lesson places a truth about the character of God right at the forefront. Each lesson also does not merely call for a thought decision, but some type of action response that helps the student understand that their behavior is connected to their beliefs. The lessons also have questions that hope



Ruth Murdoch Elementary students prepared for months for "The Tent," a Christ-centered outreach to the community.

to create dialogue at home, helping the parents enter in to the discipleship process.

The sixth-grade age is a key decision-making point, so the lessons need to be as dynamic as possible. The class is divided into four small groups with different teachers who each spend a quarter with the students. This not only allows students to approach the

beliefs from different viewpoints but, hopefully, will create an environment in which they can explore their own questions and thoughts.

By the time a student has entered the seventh grade, he or she should have already been through the Church's beliefs in a holistic Christ-centered study twice. However, this does not mean he or she is done studying. The seventh- and eighth-graders at Ruth Murdoch have what are called 'mini-courses' — electives that meet twice a week. For the discipleship mini-course, teachers spend the first class period each week going over the lesson; during the second class period, the students travel to the fourth-grade classroom where they teach the lesson. This means that the first time through the lessons is actually in the fourth-grade and students have been through to grades seven and eight, to the point where they are now the teachers.



Ben Martin

The Tent evangelistic series engaged every seventh- and eighth-grade student at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, and allowed them to use their talents to share the gospel message.

As Ruth Murdoch faculty looked at this discipleship program, they asked themselves what should be the next step in this journey. The Berrien Springs community has about 60 percent of the children from Seventh-day Adventist families who attend public schools. The next logical step would be for the students who have been disciplined to then reach out to their peers in the community and share their beliefs beyond the school building.

It was out of this that The Tent was born. The Tent is an evangelistic series that engages every seventh- and eighth-grade student at Ruth Murdoch to use his or her talents to share the gospel message. This was the second time to put on The Tent, and the students were excited about it even before the school year began. There were so many students interested in being speakers that the faculty had to get creative in how they planned the meetings. Instead of having more nights of meetings, this year The Tent began in local area churches on Sabbath morning.

Six students spoke in churches in the community on Sabbath, May 9.

Five were eighth-graders, and one a seventh-grade student. There were seven other students from seventh- and eighth-grade who spoke during the week, sharing the gospel with the community.

To prepare, these students worked on their messages for an entire semester. Each student chose his or her topic, and then the group worked together to craft an order from the different subjects. Each student wrote his or her sermon on his or her own with guidance from Chris Davisson, a junior high teacher at RMES, or Ben Martin, Pioneer Memorial Church youth pastor.

The program was, by no means, only speaking, however. Each of the 63 seventh- and eighth-grade students from Ruth Murdoch participated in the series in one way or another. The students greeted meeting attendees and then registered each person. Other students operated the video camera and took photographs each night. Students operated the sound equipment. The students also led out in the singing and music, as well as the announcements and prayer. Other students came an hour early each night to set everything up and make sure The Tent was ready.

Each student participated in an event that was a clear picture of the Body of Christ. This demonstrated to each and every student that he or she has a role to play in sharing the gospel message.

Ashley Jankiewicz, an eighth-grade student who preached both years, shared that the young students are able to do amazing things for God, just like adults. As she recounted her experiences of The Tent, she tells about many times that it was supposed to rain and the clouds passed over; and even when it did rain, it was brief and nothing was damaged. She also said, "From now on, I know that kids can do big things for God, and I'll never forget that."

Julia Randall remembered The Tent this way: "The Tent was meaningful for me because it was really special

for me to experience being able to work together with my class for God." Julia participated in a variety of different ways, including speaking.

Wambui Karanja, a seventh-grader, said, "What really was inspiring to me was seeing all of my peers and friends preaching in The Tent. As for myself, I am a very shy person, but seeing all of them go up there and preach about God's amazing love was very powerful and touching."

The Tent not only reaches out to the community to share the gospel, but it also transforms the lives of each of these students to understand that they have an active role in the Body of Christ. These students, at this age, have seen that they play a vital role in the Church today! Although commonly referred to as "the church of tomorrow," they now know that serving God is not something that should ever wait until tomorrow.

Imagine a local church where every member plays an indispensable role. Is this not what the Body of Christ is meant to look like? Imagine a church where each and every member is actively engaged in spreading the gospel message, this would change the world! At Ruth Murdoch, there are students who believe that every member has a role to play and that, at this age, they already have a role in connecting others with Jesus. A sixth-grade student has already approached us to let us know he is looking forward to sharing Jesus next year at The Tent.

Each are all called to serve God. Each is a member in the Body of Christ. All must find ways to serve God that are bigger than themselves and ways that incorporate the gifts and talents of every individual in the Body. What would your church look like if you took up the call of the Great Commission? Is God calling you to go out and make more disciples as well?

Ben Martin, youth pastor, Pioneer Memorial Church

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 events:

For more information on the following events and to purchase tickets, contact HPAC Box Office by phone at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560, or email at hpac@andrews.edu.

Oct. 3, 8:00 p.m., Wedgwood Trio: The Wedgwood Trio's folksy style has made them a Gospel favorite for over 50 years. The group is known for its close harmonies, great blend, creative arrangements and trademark humor. Joining them are fiddler Christina Thompson and Mark Bond on keyboard, banjo and guitar. Their simplicity and original sound endears them to new audiences and brings musical nostalgia to longtime fans.

Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m., Second Sunday – SMSO: Acclaimed pianist Christopher O'Riley is known for his NPR radio show "From the Top" and his performances with virtually all of the major American orchestras. In this Second Sunday concert, O'Riley performs the elegant "Piano Concerto No. 22" by Mozart, "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, and Dvořák's "Symphony No. 8 in G Major."

Oct. 17, 8:00 p.m., Symphony Orchestra Concert: The Department of Music presents the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra conducted by Claudio Gonzalez.

Oct. 18, 4:00 p.m., Euclid Quartet: The Euclid Quartet is a chamber string ensemble known for passion, virtuosity and sensitivity. The members are a multinational mix representing four continents of the world. The quartet was the first American string quartet to be awarded a top prize at the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition. Andrews University faculty pianist, Chi Yong Yun, will collaborate with them for the second half of the program.

Indiana

Indiana Academy Alumni Weekend is Oct.

9-10. Honor classes are 1955, '65, '75, '85, '90, '95, 2005 and '15. The 25th Annual Golf Outing is Oct. 9. Please contact Brent Schalk to register at schalk@bluegrassfarms.net. For more details about the weekend, contact Kathy Griffin at 317-984-3575 or kathyagriffin@gmail.com.

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Oct. 17 Local Church Budget

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Oct. 17 Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath

Oct. 24 Pathfinder Sabbath

Heritage Hall in New Lake Union Office

Building: We are looking for photos and slides of the work in and around the Lake Union territory that could be included on a heritage wall in the downstairs hallway of the new Lake Union office building. If you have any images of good quality that you would like to loan us, please send them to Lake Union Herald, P.O. Box 287, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-0287. Include your address for photos or slides you want returned. Hi-resolution scanned photos can be emailed to circulation@lakeunion.org.

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Congress: In 2013, 450+ senior youth and young adults, ages 16-35, in the Lake Union Conference gathered together to be empowered and resourced for evangelism back in their local churches and communities. As a result, young adult leaders used up to \$32,000 dollars from a joint evangelism fund from the Union and local churches to launch new ministries. Coming in 2016, senior youth and young adults will meet again in Chicago for a congress. On **Feb. 12-14, 2016**, the Lake Union Conference will offer another Youth Evangelism Congress for those who believe they have been "Called to Serve." For more information, contact Janelle Aguilera at aguilera.janelle@gmail.com or 707-328-7285.

Michigan

"Family First" Family Retreat, Oct. 23-25:

This weekend is all about putting our families first. Learn new ways to make the Sabbath more special, put fun into your family worship, improve communication skills, and build strong connection through family meals, fun nights and outreach. Our presenters will be Tom and Alane Waters from Restoration International. They have been helping families reconnect for many years. Open to all families (single parents, grandparents, new members, etc.). Housing is based on family size; guest rooms will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call Alyce at 517-316-1543. You may download an application at <http://www.misda.org> (Family Life).

Crystal Mountain Marriage Retreat will be held at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Mich., **Nov. 13-15**. This weekend is one where we encourage you as a couple to spend time renewing and refreshing your relationship. The meetings (we have several presenters this year) are all designed to help encourage and strengthen your marriage. For more information and to register, call Alyce at 517-316-1543. You may download an application at <http://www.misda.org> (Family Life).

Wisconsin

A Public Campus Ministry Weekend

Retreat will be held **Nov. 13-15**, at Camp Wakonda, W8368 County Road E, Oxford, Wis. This event, sponsored by ACF/NAD, LUC and Wisconsin Conference, features training, by Ron Pickell and his team from NAD, for students attending public colleges or universities to share Jesus on the public campus. This weekend also will provide opportunities for local church pastors and leaders to learn how they can best support our students on these public campuses. For more information and to register, visit our website at <http://wi.adventist.org/PCM> or email Kimberlyjoytaylor@gmail.com. A Campus Kit is free to the first 50 registrants.

Correction

On page 32 of the August issue, it was inadvertently reported that the Gratiot County Adventist Community Services Center in Michigan sold 80 pairs of shoes when, in fact, they were purchased.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Nov 6
Berrien Springs, Mich.	7:27	7:15	7:04	6:53	6:44	5:35
Chicago, Ill.	6:33	6:21	6:09	5:59	5:49	4:40
Detroit, Mich.	7:14	7:02	6:51	6:40	6:30	5:21
Indianapolis, Ind.	7:27	7:16	7:06	6:56	6:46	5:38
La Crosse, Wis.	6:46	6:34	6:22	6:10	6:00	4:50
Lansing, Mich.	7:20	7:08	6:56	6:45	6:35	5:26
Madison, Wis.	6:39	6:27	6:15	6:04	5:54	4:45
Springfield, Ill.	6:41	6:30	6:20	6:10	6:00	4:52

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Obituaries

BALL, Kim M. (Lanaville), age 60; born June 9, 1955, in Escanaba, Mich.; died July 28, 2015, in Wilson, Mich. She was a member of the Wilson Church.

Survivors include her husband, Greg; son, Derek; daughter, Julie Sanfilippo; father, Leonard Lanaville; mother, Gloria (Chartier) Lanaville; brothers, Alan and Don Lanaville; sisters, Beverly Berger, Debbie Groleau and Sherry Vanderverter; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Tony Ludwig, and inurnment was in Wilson Church Cemetery.

DREWIECK, Barbara Ann (Drews), age 78; born Nov. 4, 1936, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died May 13, 2015, in Wausau, Wis. She was a member of the Tomahawk (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; son, Michael; daughter, Pamela Dankes; twin sister, Patricia Ann Hilt; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Kevin Moreno, and interment will be in Kings Veterans Cemetery, Waupaca, Wis.

ECKLUND, Kenneth, age 81; born Sept. 27, 1933, in Chicago, Ill.; died May 17, 2015, in Hinsdale, Ill. He was a member of the Elmhurst (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene (McCabe); sons, Timothy and Michael; daughter, Sheryl Kapala; brother, Ronald; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Glenn Hill, and inurnment was in Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Mausoleum, Elwood, Ill.

FISHELL, Martin M., age 89; born Jan. 18, 1926, in Portland, Mich.; died July 27, 2015, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Irene (Bolenaugh); sons, David and Randy; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dwight Herod, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

GARY, Eunice V. (Maxie), 97; born Feb. 2, 1918, in Hopkinsville, Ky.; died Aug. 12, 2015, in Merrillville, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary.

Survivors include her son, David; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Philip C. Willis Jr. and DeWayne Duncombe, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Gary.

HANSON, Alma J. (Morris), age 78; born Sept. 23, 1936, in Campbellsville, Ky.; died July 21, 2015, in Stevensville, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, James; sons, Craig and Jon; daughters, Janel McKee and Julia Dobias; sister, Crystal Morgan; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Volker Henning and Don Dronen, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

MATTSON, Michael, age 68; born May 26, 1947, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died July 8, 2015, in Menomonie, Wis. He was a member of the Durand (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie (Beisker); son, Jeff; daughter, Francine Mattson; brother, Kenneth; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Arthur Miller, with private inurnment, Menomonie.

NAIL, Jack E., age 86; born Oct. 31, 1928, in Terre Haute, Ind.; died April 3, 2015, in Tullahoma, Tenn. He was a member of the Terre Haute Church. Jack served as Indiana Academy boys dean in the late 1950s.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Mae (Morris); sons, Ted and Jon; daughters, Jacqueline Elliott and Lynda Feldmann; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Nelson Mercado, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Memorial Garden Cemetery Mausoleum, Tullahoma.

PETERSON, Lorraine F. (Darst), age 84; born Dec. 13, 1930, in Seattle, Wash.; died June 22, 2015, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Conny.

Memorial services were conducted by Don Dronen, Esther Knott and Sean Brizen-dine, with private inurnment.

RUSH, Ruth E. (Elfring), age 90; born June 14, 1924, in Ann Arbor, Mich.; died June 10, 2015, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

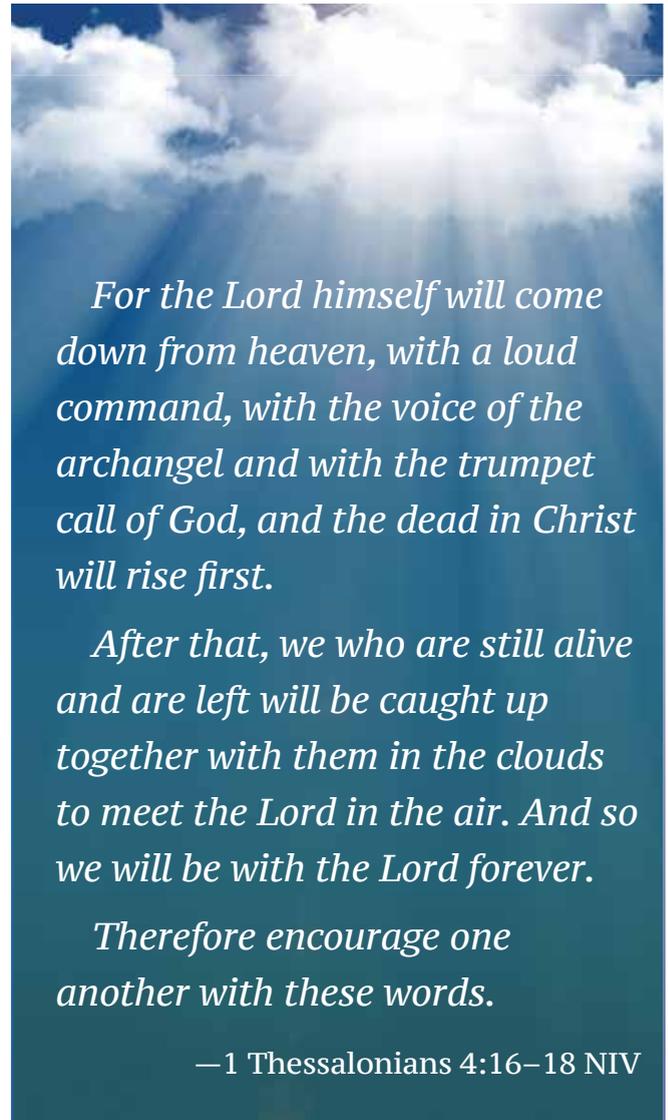
Survivors include her son, David; and one grandchild.

Private graveside services were conducted by family members, and interment was in Ann Arbor Cemetery.

SMITH, Myrna L. (Wigger), age 93; born Sept. 6, 1921, in Huzzah, Mo.; died May 26, 2015, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma.

Survivors include her sons, Robert D. Jr. and Richard; brothers, Philip, Charlie and Tommy Wigger; sister, Margaret Midgett; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Karen Kinney, and interment was in Chapel Gardens Cemetery, Alma.



For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

— 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 NIV

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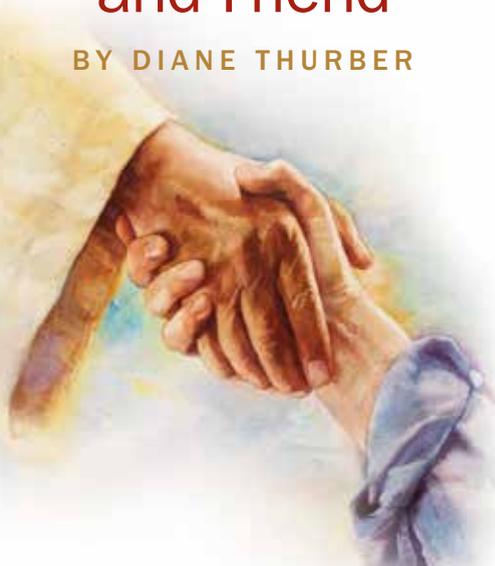
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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

A Teacher and Friend

BY DIANE THURBER



Our son, Justin, chose to transfer to Andrews University a few years ago, about the time our Church and its members were heavily embroiled in discussions about the curriculum being taught in biology departments throughout our Adventist educational system. His chosen major, biology.

My husband and I were a bit concerned with his choice of major when he transferred because we were not familiar with the faculty in the Department of Biology at Andrews, and wondered what he might learn. His first class was Foundations of Biology, and his first professor was David Steen.

Our fears were soon allayed as Justin began to share with us the intricacies of created organisms he was learning about in class discussions and coursework. And, just as thrilling to us, Justin also was

learning about our Creator God in the devotions David shared before each class lecture.

One day, Justin related how David had taken an interest in his yo-yo skills, and asked to give it a whirl. This shared interest in his hobby continued throughout the year.

Adventist education is more than a partnership in which Christian educators collaborate with homes, schools and churches to help learners become good, productive citizens in this world and for eternity. It also includes teachers like David who choose to partner with God and befriend students, so they can see tangible expressions of God's interest in them and their life pursuits.

Diane Thurber is the associate director of communication and women's ministries director of the Lake Union Conference.

The Day I Woke Up

BY PARIS ROLLINS

Something was wrong. I knew it before I even opened my eyes. *Where in the world am I?* Early-morning sunlight streamed through the huge window to my left. My feet rested on a guitar case, and I leaned against my backpack, propped up in the seat next to me. Disoriented, I glanced around. No one. A sea of empty, uncomfortable-looking chairs surrounded me. My heart in my throat, I glanced at my watch: 7:07 a.m. I was not at home in Hawaii. I was in the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport en route to Geneva, Switzerland. And I had just missed my flight.

I grabbed my belongings and ran to the boarding gate. Breathless and bleary-eyed, I explained to the airport employee that I was supposed to be on the 7:00 a.m. flight to New York.

"Paris Rollins?" she immediately asked. I was suddenly optimistic. She knew my name! Maybe this nightmare would be over before it started. No such luck. "I'm sorry, Ms. Rollins, but the plane already took off. Where were you? We paged you again and again."

I didn't know what to say. "I guess I fell asleep."

The woman said, "Well, there's another flight leaving for JFK at 11:30. We can put you on that one."

Things were not so simple. My poorly-timed nap initiated a domino effect that ultimately resulted in me having to spend the night in New York City, pay a couple hundred dollars in flight change fees, and miss the first day of my yearlong study abroad program — a nightmare for a type-A person like myself.

I am an experienced traveler. I was so close to my boarding gate. How could I fall asleep? My only answer is that even though I was exactly where I needed to be, I let myself get too comfortable. When the boarding call came, I was so far gone I didn't even hear my own name.



Paris Rollins

The reason the Bible reminds us, in 1 Peter 5:8, *to be sober and vigilant* is that we are incredibly prone to be the opposite. It is easy to get too comfortable, especially as an "experienced" Christian. After baptism, the church can become a waiting room for the Second Coming, the passage of time marked only by weekly Sabbath service attendance and good deeds. In the interim,

we focus our attention on everything from pop culture to church politics. The sad result is that we often do not hear Jesus' calls, even when they are directed at us personally.

That awful experience changed the way I act in airports. I check the time regularly. If I listen to music, I do so quietly enough to be able to hear any announcements. I certainly do not sleep. In short, I remember why I am there: I have a destination to reach.

Have you ever asked yourself "Why am I here?" or "What am I doing with my life?" If so, maybe you've gotten too comfortable in your relationship with Christ. Remember my story, laugh if you must, and reassess your spiritual walk. Jesus is calling. It is time to wake up!

Paris is a senior French studies and behavioral neuroscience student at Andrews University. In her spare time, she loves traveling, learning and spending time with friends. Paris is a member of the Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. She hopes to enter medical school in the fall of 2017.

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A Passion for Atheists

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One day this summer, before beginning to canvass neighborhoods, Chris DaCosta earnestly prayed, "Lord, can you please send me to atheists?"



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Chris DaCosta

Chris wanted to meet "atheists, staunch agnostics, and philosophically-minded individuals who believe in evolution," he said. He has a passion to reach them, since he was a former atheist but now is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. "I used to be a strong believer in evolution, so I have this desire to meet atheists and talk with them. I prayed for a long time that God would use me to reach them," Chris said.

His prayer was answered in Ypsilanti, Michigan, when he and a student he worked with knocked on a door. He heard a man say, "I'm an atheist, and here's the reasons why..."

Chris leaned in and told him, "I was also an atheist," and then listened to the man explain why he's an atheist. "Realizing there are usually two types of atheists, emotional or intellectual," Chris said, he prayerfully sought to understand the man's position.

As they talked, the man said, "I'm in the military..."

Chris responded, "I was also in the Air Force, and served as an aviation resource management specialist for four years."

The man remarked, "Oh, that's what I do."

As the two shared information about their military history and work experiences, they easily conversed. Both had served in the Air Force for four years, with the same responsibilities, working on the exact type of plane, receiving the exact training on the same training grounds at the same base, and in the same year with the same training squadron. And Chris learned this man's name is also Chris.

He told him, "Brother, you need *The Great Controversy* book. It will change your life."

His new friend took the book, and said, "I will read this."

A few weeks later, canvassing in a totally different city, Chris met the man's brother. He explained, "My brother has this book called *The Great Controversy*. He called me about an hour after he met this guy, whom he thought he had met seven years ago in the Air Force."

"I was blown away," Chris said. "I thought, *Wow, God is perfect in timing and orchestration*. I believe, by God's grace, that guy will become a believer in due time."

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