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2009 - The Year of Everyone Evangelism

2009 has been designated as the Year of *Pastoral* Evangelism by the North American Division. Everyone with pastoral credentials is encouraged to hold at least one and preferably two public evangelistic series in this 12 month period.

Wisconsin is going one step better – we have expanded the work of evangelism in directions you may be surprised at:

1. We have a gifted evangelist in the person of Elder Ric Swaningson. Together with the Adventures in Prophecy Team, he is effective in winning souls for Christ and His Church. AIP holds five full meetings per year.
2. Our office staff is active in winning souls - Elder Corkum and Elder Habenicht are doing an evangelistic meeting in Monroe this fall. Elder Fox is doing two meetings in 2009, one in the Rhinelander District and the other in the Racine District. Elder Mike Edge holds the largest evangelistic effort for young people in Wisconsin – it is called summer camp. This year, over fifty young people made decisions for Christ, baptism and eternal salvation.
3. We have gifted pastors who regularly do the work of evangelists in large and small meetings within their district and in neigh-

boring areas.

4. The Conference has a Lay Pastor training program with over 40 graduates and trainees. Each of these workers are planning to do evangelism in 2009.
5. The ShareHim program trains, equips, and sends forth evangelistic workers for homeland and overseas evangelism. Over 130 ShareHim evangelists were trained and commissioned for the work of winning souls in the first Wisconsin “Boot Camp” for Evangelism on the first weekend of May in 2008. Many are holding meetings already with many more on tap for 2009.
6. In our schools, teachers, aides, and pastors are collaborating to encourage our young people to make decisions for Jesus and then training them for service to Jesus including evangelism.
7. Wisconsin Youth for Christ (65 people age 15-30 attended their first conference in early August of 2008) are seeking effective ways to reach college age kids with the advent message. Youth for Christ participants spent two hours giving out Bible study invitations in Westfield, WI. Over twenty people accepted the invitation and are beginning Bible studies.

8. Dedicated Sabbath School teachers and leaders are providing gospel presentations each week to the young people of Adventist churches all over Wisconsin. They are seeing many of their students make decisions for Christ and be baptized.

Evangelism is not only the work of dedicated professionals like Ric Swaningson – it is the privilege of every Christian to unite with Christ for the winning of souls.

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President's Message



Don Corkum

As I write this section my wife and I are in Toronto, Ontario visiting our oldest daughter who lives here. It is the second week of the summer Olympics in China. Canada is not among the leaders in medals but the country is celebrating their thirteen medals at this point.

More importantly than the medal count is the athletes who have triumphed.

Athletes such as Simon Whitfield, silver in the triathlon, Jason Burnett, silver in trampoline and Alexandre Despatie, silver in diving. All of these Olympians had to persevere in order to succeed. There are similar stories with U.S. athletes as well as those of other countries. It takes perseverance and discipline to be successful at the Olympics. They all need to overcome barriers, obstacles and disappointments.

My mind goes quickly to what it takes to be successful as a Christian and a member of the church. In order to be successful in our Christian journey and as a member of the body of Christ, we need perseverance, discipline and faithfulness. It is so easy to get sidetracked and allow some detractor to keep us from moving forward.

The apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4 writes, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." Vs. 17 NIV. Sometimes if a person offends us we can get

discouraged and stop going to church or stop having our devotional life with Christ. Perhaps the church makes a decision we don't like and so we respond by withdrawing ourselves from its ministry and mission. We may stop paying our tithe and offerings or perhaps stop studying our Sabbath School lessons.

In this same chapter Paul states, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." Vs. 5. Whenever we retreat from our Christian journey or withdraw from His church we are disappointing our Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who we are serving. Our response may affect others, but it mostly hurts Jesus and ourselves.

My encouragement is that we keep our focus on Jesus; and that we "do not lose heart." Vs. 16. I believe we are experiencing end time events in our world. We are on the home stretch of our Christian journey. Those who win medals at the Olympics often are only seconds or split seconds ahead of others because they put forward that extra effort to succeed. Let's bring joy to our heavenly family, who cheer us on, by keeping focused on our mission—the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.

As Paul also mentions in 2 Timothy 4:8, in the Christian journey every one can win the reward. We don't need to be competitive but rather cooperative as we help one another reach that great goal of meeting Jesus face to face and hearing Him say, "well done." May the anticipation of that great future moment help us overcome earthly discouragements and disappointments.

Evangelism in Superior

The Superior Church participated at the Fair in Superior the last week in July. The church gave many spiritual books to people. All of them were stamped with the church address. Pastor Naftanaila had numerous good contacts with people and collected a lot of addresses through a drawing for a 3ABN satellite system. The church will use the addresses to mail invitations to an evangelistic series this fall.



Pastor Naftanaila and Dennis McCarville at the fair booth

This Fourth of July, the church participated in the city's parade. It was Pastor Naftanaila's first time to be part of the more than 100 crews that were involved in the Superior parade.

Together We Can!



Roger Driver

Several years ago many constituents had a HUGE dream. That dream was to provide new dormitories for our young people attending our academy - a dream that shortly could be turned into a HUGE reality.

TOGETHER WE CAN do almost anything we set our minds to. TOGETHER WE CAN accomplish what is impossible for a few. TO-

GETHER WE CAN raise the funds necessary to assure our dormitories are completed in a timely fashion and provide a safe and homelike environment for our children.

The Plan, as outlined at our constituency session held in October of 2007, called for two new residence halls to be added to our Wisconsin Academy campus. The first residence hall to be replaced would be the Men's Residence Hall. This portion of the project was begun before the end of camp meeting this summer. In just 5 to 6 hours, the old residence hall was reduced to a pile of rubble. Excavation for the new residence hall began right away.

By the time you read this, the lower floor walls for the new residence hall will already have been poured (concrete) into place. The pre-cast concrete plank floor will be the next phase of the project. This will keep the dorm much quieter than a wood floor truss system would provide. Insulation in the walls between

the rooms will ensure additional privacy as well. Two rooms will share a shower and a toilet while a sink will be placed in each room.

We have had a few challenges meeting the state permit approval requirements. However, they have not been too severe and each revision to the recommended design has been implemented.

I know what some of you may be asking or thinking. And that is, "How much are two new residence halls going to cost"? I'm glad you asked! We already have over two thirds of the funding needed to complete both residence halls. Please review the following figures:

Funding needed for two residence halls (including price increases for materials)	\$3,900,000
Funds applied from the sale of the old Conference Office property	\$ 2,500,000
Funds received since TOGETHER WE CAN kickoff	<u>\$ 120,000</u>
Funding still needed	\$1,280,000

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing more about our fund raising campaign. How are we going to accomplish this? Equal sacrifice on a monthly basis! Some people can contribute \$5,000 a month. Some can contribute \$10 a month. What is important is that everyone participates - monthly!

I have no doubt that this goal is attainable for the members and friends of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. With God's help and TOGETHER, WE CAN!

*January 16-18
Men's Conference at
Camp Wakonda*

"As Good as it Gets"

*Speaker Dr. David Smith
President of Union College*

Opening Day Enrollment for Wisconsin Adventist Schools

Bethel	11	Frederic	8
Green Bay	27	Hillside	11
Maranatha	9	Meadow Creek	6
Milwaukee	80	Otter Creek	16
Petersen	23	Rhindelander	4
Three Angels	30	Woodland	11
Wisconsin Academy	91		



James Fox

Did you ever have a dream of becoming a missionary for Jesus, of winning souls for your Lord in a far away land? Your dream may be closer to reality than you think!

ShareHim, the global evangelism outreach operated by the Folkenbergs, has given thousands of people the opportunity of participating in Overseas Missionary jour-

neys winning over 6,000 souls in 2007 alone. The ShareHim methodology is simple:

1. Adventist Christians gather in focused small groups (OLT) to pray for souls for Jesus and to plan for bringing them into the Church.
2. Members of these focused small groups attend a “boot camp” to train and certify them for holding harvest meetings. ShareHim will send each presenter a state of the art DVD with computer graphics and scripts for harvest meetings at no charge to the presenter.
3. *Twice each year, each small group will hold two harvest events at little or no cost in small homeland campaigns.*
4. Homeland campaigns last about two weeks and are training grounds for International Campaigns. In 2009, the Wisconsin Conference is sponsoring a ShareHim Mission trip to Peru.

It is not too late to partner with Jesus in preaching His Word and winning people for Him! Our next boot camp will be held at Camp Wakonda from Friday night, October 31 through Sunday noon, November 2. The Boot Camp Program will be presented in English and Spanish language modules. The charge for all materials, 4 meals and two nights lodging is \$30/person (just enough to defray *some* of the expense).

If you would like to be a missionary for Jesus, you may register by:

1. Call 920-484-6555, ext. 2 for Kitty Crary for registration or information
2. Email Kitty at kcrary@wi.adventist.org
3. Send your check to:

Wisconsin Conference
Box 100
Fall River, WI 53932
Attn: Kitty Crary

Becky Oliver held her first ShareHim Harvest meeting in July. She writes:

“I have decided to do both of the campaigns that we put into the schedule. The one for the 2nd week of July I am doing in my home. My son and daughter-in-law have been coming and my daughter-in-law has said she wants to be baptized and my son wants rebaptism. I am so thrilled.

I am going to be doing it at the Neillsville church starting in August. Amanda (my DIL) has already told her sister who lives in Neillsville and she will be coming as well. She wants to bring her boss (who is an Adventist that has moved into the area several years ago and we have been trying to get her to come to church). It looks like we will be having several baptisms from these two campaigns.”

God can use you too! For heaven's sake, call 920-484-6555, ext. 2 for Kitty Crary for registration or information or email her at kcrary@wi.adventist.org.



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Our faith goal for 2009 is 1,000 people baptized into the Adventist family. Jesus promises us that our partnership with Him will not be in vain: (Isa 55:11 NKJV) “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.”

What is Jesus urging you to do to win souls in 2009? There is another ShareHim “Boot Camp” from October 31 – November 2nd. There is also a Lay Pastor Training event for Growth Groups from September 26-28. Is He calling you to be part of the harvest?

For more information contact James Fox at 920-484-6555 or jfox@wi.adventist.org.

Wisconsin Academy

Summer vacation has come and gone quickly! At least for Wisconsin Academy students and staff! School registration took place on August 17 and we enrolled 91



WA students playing a game at the Handshake

students. Our campus is once again buzzing with students and activities! After registering and moving into rooms, everyone took part in the traditional “Hand Shake” along with playing games. This gave an opportunity to meet and reconnect.

The boys’ dormitory is officially gone! Great progress has been made on the new dorm! In the meantime, the boys’ are occupying three floors in one wing of the girls’ dorm. The boys’ are also using the “old cafeteria” for worship, lounge, and dean’s office use.

Lois Bowers, former registrar, was hired as the new Development Director. WA also welcomed a few other new faces to our staff this year.

The summer months may have passed quickly for our students; but



The foundation for the “new” boy’s dorm

they seem eager and excited to start a new school year! We pray for a spiritual, rewarding academic year for our students! Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

*Teresa Harrison,
WA Correspondent*



This aerial view of Wisconsin Academy on June 1, 2008, captured for history the symmetrical beauty of the original dorms just before the demolition and the construction project began. Richard Habenicht, pilot and Greg Anderson, photographer collaborated for this beautiful picture.

Wisconsin Academy welcomes the following new staff...



*Darin Gottfried
Vice Principal
of Finance*



*Marcy Woodruff
Assist. Girls’ Dean*



*Andrew Brummett
Assist. Boys’
Dean*



*Sean Fiscus
Assist. Boys’
Dean
Taskforce*



*Dr. Amar Miller
Spanish Teacher*



*Eric Garrett
Assist. Maintenance*

*Not pictured,
Stephanie Gottfried
Registrar/Secretary*

Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

Financial Highlights

July 31, 2008

	2008	2007	Difference	% Change
1. Tithe - Month-to-Date	553,515.31	506,069.63	47,445.68	9.38%
Tithe - Year-to-Date	3,420,954.94	3,434,326.74	-13,371.80	-0.39%
2. Wisconsin Budget - MTD	19,522.93	15,972.74	3,550.19	18.18%
Wisconsin Budget - YTD	113,848.99	117,890.32	-4,041.33	-3.55%
3. Cash				
Checking	144,744.97	115,485.79	29,259.18	20.21%
Money Market Certificates	560,765.21	398,553.97	162,211.24	28.93%
Securities & Investments	1,833,639.92	2,009,301.57	-175,661.65	-9.58%
Total Cash and Investments	2,539,150.10	2,523,341.33	15,808.77	0.62%
4. Accounts Receivable				
Churches	97,350.98	-490.07	97,841.05	100.50%
Schools (Including WA)	697,733.22	354,674.41	343,058.81	49.17%
WA (Separately)	553,984.61	275,281.44	278,703.17	50.31%
5. Current Ratio (Note 1)	3.87:1	9.00:1	N/A	N/A
6. Evangelism -Unrestricted Fund Bal	32,883.12	44,538.74	-11,655.62	-35.45%
Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal	75,355.49	71,531.44	3,824.05	5.07%
	<u>Actual - 2008</u>	<u>Budget - 2008</u>	Difference	<u>Actual - 2007</u>
			Fav/(Unfav)	
7. Income	4,161,058.00	4,024,841.00	136,217.00	4,090,203.00
Expenses	4,389,282.00	4,571,131.00	181,849.00	4,347,135.00
Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers	-228,224.00	-546,290.00	318,066.00	-256,932.00
Fund/Funct Transfers	-29,714.00	-20,816.00	-8,898.00	-32,015.00
Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers	-257,938.00	-567,106.00	309,168.00	-288,947.00
Net Assets - Beginning	2,948,213.00	2,948,201.00	12.00	3,041,353.00
Net Assets - Ending	2,690,275.00	2,381,095.00	309,180.00	2,752,406.00
8. Expense (Selected Functions)				
Pastors	1,213,307.26	1,277,742.00	64,434.74	1,166,508.92
Evangelism	84,009.81	147,182.00	63,172.19	119,054.83
Church School Oper	929,115.16	904,937.00	-24,178.16	959,500.56
Academy Operation	324,712.97	267,631.00	-57,081.97	337,963.00
Group Medical Plan	-56,593.89	20,511.00	77,104.89	1,624.12
General & Admin	235,529.95	204,215.00	-31,314.95	262,147.13

Note 1 - The Current Ratio is the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities.

Relive Camp Meeting 2008!

Would you like to relive 2008 camp meeting or experience it for the first time or share camp meeting with a friend or relative? You can! You can view the messages or listen to them on DVDs, CDs or an MP3. The order form is on our website at <http://wi.adventist.org> then click on the Camp Meeting Order Form Link. For more information contact Jane Gerndt at 920-484-6555 ext. 1 or jgerndt@wi.adventist.org.

The response to ordering camp meeting recordings this year was overwhelming and we apologize to those of you who waited weeks to receive your order. Thank you for your patience. We now have copies on hand for you to purchase. DVDs are \$7 each, CDs are \$6 and the MP3 is \$75, plus shipping.

Jane Gerndt

Taxes, Second Home, Capital Gains?

Tired of paying taxes and upkeep on that second home which, if you sell, you might have to pay capital gains on? You could turn this expense into an income stream and avoid paying capital gains by putting that second home into a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Contact the Trust Department for details.

*Richard Habenicht
Director Trust Services*



Over 100 Hmong Adventists gathered for their annual camp meeting. In 2008, the campers gathered near St. Paul Minnesota over the July 4th weekend.

Healthful Living Adventure Classes

A Healthful Living Adventure consisting of four classes teaching how to prepare delicious, nutritious plant-based meals. A session will be presented Thursday, September 4 and will be offered again on September 11, September 18 and September 25 at the Meadow Creek School gym.

Emma Loberg, a Lifestyle coach educated at Misty Mountain Retreat Lifestyle Center in Australia is the demonstrator. Each night Emma will demonstrate on how to prepare breakfast, two main dishes, salad and dessert. Her lecture topics include Diet & Nutrition, The True Cause of Disease, Dance of the Hormones and Laws of the Mind. Each night she will also share how to prepare gluten free gourmet recipes.

The cost which includes food samples, recipes and a recipe book is \$15 per night (\$20 for a couple) or \$40 for all four nights (\$60 for a couple). Free childcare is provided. To register for the remaining three nights, please call 920-924-3409. The Meadow Creek School is located at 1779 10-1/2 Street, Rice Lake.

Bob Simenson

A Time of Refreshing

Wisconsin

Seventh-day Adventist

Women's Ministries

Twentieth Anniversary

Everlasting Praise

November 7-9, 2008

Chula Vista Resort

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

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Mark Your Calendar

September

26-28 Small Groups Training Seminar at Madison East SDA Church for more information contact Carol Allport at 608-221-3386 or e-mail secretary@madisonadventistchurch.com

Lay Pastor Training at Madison East SDA Church for more information contact Kitty Crary at 920-484-6555 ext. 302 or e-mail: kcrary@wi.adventist.org

Northern District Rally at the Rice Lake SDA Church in Rice Lake, WI, for more information contact Kitty Crary at 920-484-6555 ext. 302 or e-mail: kcrary@wi.adventist.org

October

10-12 Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadershop at Camp Wakonda for more information contact Aileen King at 920-484-6555 ext. 304 or e-mail: akking@wi.adventist.org

17-19 Spanish Youth Retreat at Camp Wakonda for more information contact Ruben Rivera at 414-403-9974 or e-mail: rdriveras@yahoo.com

October - November

31-2 Share Him Boot Camp at Camp Wakonda for more information contact Kitty Crary at 920-484-6555 ext 302 or e-mail: kcrary@wi.adventist.org

November

7-8 Women's Retreat at Chula Vista Resort for more information contact Susan Boon 262-878-5931 or e-mail boon@toast.net

14-16 Elders's Conference at Camp Wakonda -- Speaker Elder Charles Brown -- Adventist Reconciliation Services. For more information contact Kitty Crary at 920-484-6555 ext 302 or e-mail: kcrary@wi.adventist.org

Camp Meeting 2009

June 19-27

Speakers: Dr. Philip Saaman,
David Klinedinst,
Dr. Neil Nedley, Elder Ron Clouzet
Held at Camp Wakonda

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