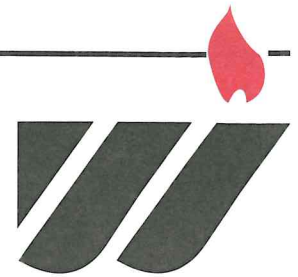


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News for our Wisconsin church family



October/November 1994

Volunteers clean up after Big Flats tornado

When the tornado hit the town of Big Flats the night of August 27, one couple dove under the table inside their mobile home. When they emerged, they found resting on the table top a picture of Jesus, which moments before had hung on a wall. Their home was in shambles, but they were safe.

Others weren't so lucky. The storm killed four people, and property damage was estimated at \$9 million.

Since then, several volunteer groups from Wisconsin Conference have assisted in the clean-up.

Wisconsin Community Services Federation Leader **Deirdre Johnson** reports that her phone was a contact number for volunteers throughout the state to call for directions. "It rang day and night for four days," she says.

Churches which gave comfort kits



Wisconsin Academy students Kelly Howard and Joe Boehm help a resident clear wreckage from his home.

and other forms of assistance included Adams, Antigo, Almond, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oxford and Wisconsin Rapids.

On August 29, Wisconsin Academy

students and staff spent the day clearing debris (see story below).

That same day, **Pastor Bob Stauffer**, Bethel district, made arrangements for a group from Bethel Junior Academy to work at the site. "If they're anything like these kids [from WA]," the sheriff told the pastor, "we'd love to have them. I've never seen anyone work so hard in all my life." (Later, the sheriff asked Stauffer more about WA, as a possible place to send his own children.)

A group from the Pine View School in Wisconsin Dells also helped, reports **Pastor Wendell Springer**. Even before they knew Pine View was SDA, Springer said, officials gave "splendid reports" about the previous SDA groups who had been there. ■

Twister kills SDA child

At least one Adventist family suffered tragedy on August 27. Three-year-old **Allison Sturz** died when a tornado struck the family's home in Foster. Her mother, Kim Sturz, is a member of the Eau Claire Church.

Kim and Allison's sister, Ashley, were also badly injured in the storm.

The family was in their mobile home when the twister hit. The father, Pat Sturz, was away helping a neighbor whose barn had caught fire during the storm. "Everything was flattened," Pastor John Johansen says sadly. "They found Allison's birth certificate in Augusta, some 10-15 miles away."

Kim Sturz is home now from the hospital. Ashley is still in traction, but both are recovering. ■

WA spends day at tornado site

Two days after the tornado hit the town of Big Flats, Wisconsin Academy was there to lend a helping hand. Students and staff spent their school day, August 29, helping residents with the clean up.

Senior **Sushann Crozier** stated, "The destruction was horrible, and my heart really went out to these people whose homes were just taken away."

All morning students gathered trash and debris from the fields so the potatoes could be harvested. After a brief lunch, they left to find other people in need of assistance. Although police officers were not exactly sure where to send the group, the faculty did not give up, and soon found a group of houses and trailers that had

been twisted, gnarled, and thrown on top of each other. The trees surrounding the dwellings were also broken and had to be cleared away along with cleaning and dividing up the remnants of people's homes.

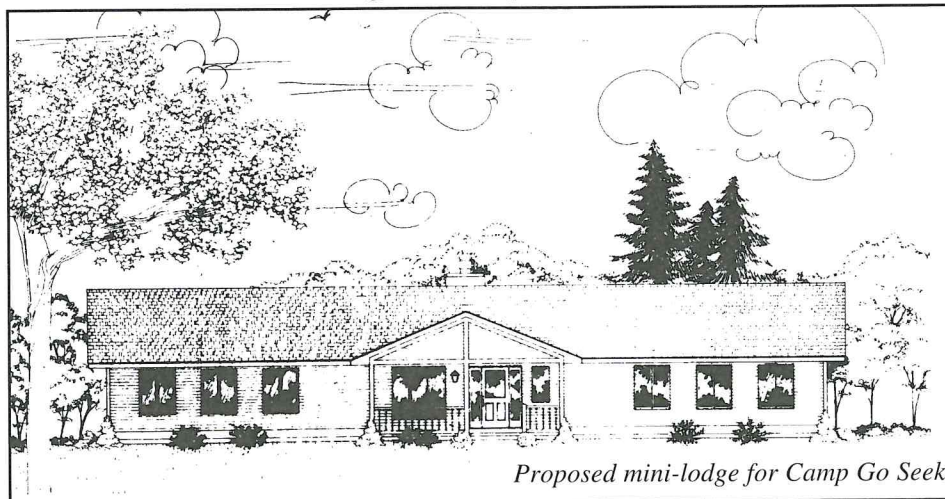
"The thing that stands out most in my mind is how that many people worked together with all the cooperation and good spirit. You could actually stand back and see the progress that was being made," said principal **Steve Brown**.

At the end of the hot, sticky afternoon, students and volunteers looked back and saw what a difference a small school with a desire to help could make. ■

—Nick Sigler, WA junior

Camp lodges await state approval

November framing bees planned



Detailed plans for the new mini-lodges at Camp Go Seek/Wakonda were approved by the Executive Committee August 24, says camp building committee member Dale Ziegele. The next step is to get state and local permits.

Once these are obtained, Fred Miller, Madison builder and head of the building committee, will take his crew to assist volunteers in a framing bee, scheduled for November.

The project received a big boost when an out-of-state donor offered to supply all the steel—roughly \$2,700 worth of materials.

The two four-bedroom lodges will be completely winterized and available for use by church, school, Pathfinder and conference groups. Large lower level facilities will accommodate camp meeting and training sessions.

“Phone requests for reservations are already coming in weekly!” says Ziegele.

Note: About 40 volunteers are needed to join professional builders in the two framing bees, **Nov. 7-11** and **13-18**. Our goal is to completely frame and roof the two lodges. If interested call Ken Wright or Dale Ziegele at the conference office (608/241-5235).■

Schools report high enrollment

Doors to Wisconsin SDA schools opened August 22, with high enrollment in both elementary and academy levels. Conference administration and local teachers report the following:

- Elementary schools report a total enrollment of 422—a gain of nearly 30 students over last year, says Education Superintendent Herb Wrate. Enrollment at Milwaukee Junior Academy alone has jumped from 58 students last year to 76 this fall.

- A new school has been opened at the Lakeland Church in Minocqua, with five students attending. Sharon Van Tuyl is principal and teacher. This makes a total of 21 Wisconsin grade schools.

- Wisconsin Academy enrollment has reached 115—up by 15 students over last year.

- A new packing industry to employ WA students has been started. See story below.



New industry comes to WA

Test Rite Corporation has agreed to give Wisconsin Academy a contract for packaging wood bathroom accessories such as towel bars and towel rings. The first contract is for 600,000 units to be completed by January 1, 1995.

Twenty-five to thirty students are now employed, and, depending on how successfully the school meets its first deadline, more students could be hired.

The bathroom accessories are being shipped to Walmart beginning Oct. 1.

Providing all goes well with the current contract, the 1995 contract will

be increased to 1.2 million units. The packaging industry employs both students who are under 16 and those who are older. Base pay is \$4.25/hour with incentives to earn up to \$6 an hour. The industry is set up in the old Harris Pine building, within walking distance of the campus.

“The industry is a real blessing,” says principal Steve Brown. “It enables students to earn more and therefore, makes it easier for parents. The work requires a team effort on the part of everyone!”■

—Sue Rappette,

WA administrative secretary

WA students Sherry Behn, left, and Lydia Barske work at the new packing plant.

Eau Claire crusade: "Absolutely excellent"

Over 170 people attended opening night of the Eau Claire evangelistic crusade, August 26. Host pastor **John Johansen** says the meetings, led by evangelist team Dan and Gloria Bentzinger of the Adventist Media Center, have been "absolutely excellent."

Early in the crusade, the meetings were moved from their original location at the South Middle School to the Eau Claire Church. In preparation for these meetings, a new sanctuary was added to the existing school.

The programs continued five nights a week through October 1, with 60-75 people attending regularly. Of these, Johansen estimates 40-45 individuals were non-SDA.

Following the crusade will be important follow-up meetings and visits. "We will work to establish the new members into the SDA church," says the pastor.

Eau Claire is one of Wisconsin Conference's targeted areas for major evangelism in 1994. Other churches are holding smaller evangelistic series. ■

News notes

■ **Conference seeks ministerial director.** The Executive Committee voted unanimously August 24 to authorize the employment of a ministerial director. This employee slot will be part of the 1995 conference budget. The goal is to have a ministerial director on board for the new year. Currently Elder Swanson juggles both loads of conference president and ministerial director.

■ **Pastor honored.** Pastor **Orlando Vazquez** (Milwaukee) was one of those recognized at the 4th annual Inter-American Division Lay Convention, held August 24-27 in Vera Cruz, Mexico. GC President Robert Folkenberg recognized Pastor Vazquez and others for their number of baptisms; since 1990 Pastor Vazquez has baptized over 200 persons. Twelve members and pastors from Wisconsin attended the convention.

■ **ASI meets.** "A whole camp meeting filled with witnessing experiences," was how **Aileen Patton** (Columbus) described the ASI (Adventist Services Industries) Convention, which met August 10-14 in Houston, Texas. Five Wisconsin families attended.

■ **Swansons back from Dominican.** Conference President Arnold Swanson and his wife Millie returned September 11 from a week-long trip to the Dominican Republic. The Swansons were invited to take part in opening ceremonies for the new school in San Francisco de Macoris, which LUC members donated funds and muscle to help build.

■ **50th anniversary for Milwaukee Central.** Doorknobs were polished and woodwork shined for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Milwaukee Central Church, Sept. 16-17. Members worked hard to restore the beautiful old mansion in which they meet.

Pastors begin training for Net '95

"Technology is a servant of the local church," Evangelist Mark Finley stated in the Evangelism Planning Council, which Wisconsin pastors viewed live via satellite at the conference office, September 19. The program was preparing pastors for **Net '95**, a new approach to public evangelism using satellite technology.

The crusade begins February 17, 1995, when Finley conducts an evangelistic crusade in Chattanooga, Tenn, which will then be beamed to

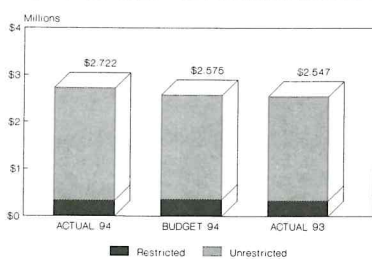
outer space, ready to be received by any satellite dish and receiver or downlink station in North America.

Over 400 churches in North America have now ordered the necessary equipment in preparation for this event.

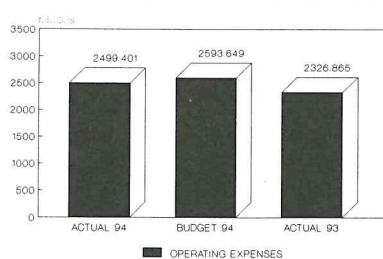
Wisconsin churches planning to participate are: **Clearwater Lake; Fox Valley; Marshfield; Milton; Milwaukee Northwest; Pound; Rhinelander; Sturgeon Bay; Waukesha; and Wisconsin Academy.** ■

Treasurer's report: *The charts below show the progress Wisconsin Conference has made from January through July. —Ken Wright, treasurer*

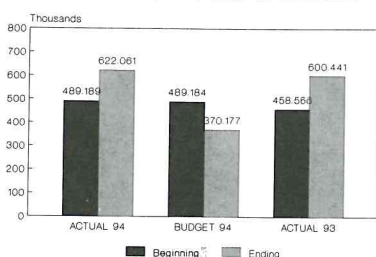
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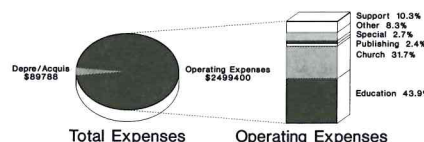
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Student literature evangelists earn money, touch lives

What program in Wisconsin reaches at least seventy-five thousand people; distributes tens of thousands truth-filled books and literature; instigates Bible studies; prepares cities for evangelistic campaigns; touches thousands of people



Student literature evangelists involved in Wisconsin's Youth Challenge '94.

personally in a positive, caring and Christian way; creates opportunities for church families to help and support with housing and food; provides income for our students to attend our schools; helps our youth begin or grow in their personal walk with Christ; encourages our youth to share their walk with Christ; teaches them the

power of a positive attitude and hard work; fills their summer with great fun and fellowship; but, most of all, changes lives one by one?

All these things describe what the Youth Challenge '94 student literature evangelism program is doing. Fifteen youth, ages 14-23, worked in three Wisconsin districts. Twelve were graduates or current students of Wisconsin Academy.

Over the summer the students earned over \$12,500 including scholarships to attend our schools.

Chris Howard, 1994 WA graduate, chose to try out the work instead of washing dishes. At first, he admits, he did it for the money, but now he sees the great spiritual side for his life and the ones he touched. He was able to leave hundreds of books, earn a great scholarship, have a whole lot of fun while doing it, and learn to know God better personally.

Chris says, "One day I was getting a little depressed, so I prayed to God and asked that He would work with me and help he have a good day. After that, I met an older lady who showed an interest in the healthy cookbook

because she had heart problems and wanted to cut down on meat. She did not have the full donation we normally get, but I wanted to give it to her for whatever she could do. It felt good to be a blessing to her, but then I got to see the blessing of the Lord during the rest of my day. I saw my prayers answered and learned to persist in the face of discouragement."

Lisa Bauer, who worked with student leader **Julie Boehm**, says: "The very first day I went out to work with Julie, we met a Lutheran man who expressed interest in end time events and the nearness of the Lord's return. We shared the *Great Controversy* and how it deals with the prophecies showing how each of us can be ready for Jesus to come. He excitedly added it to his library. It was so neat to see God work like that."

Many area residents said how happy they were to see positive, motivated students doing something good for the community instead of the many other things too often associated with youth.

If you'd like to know more about the student LE program, contact Wisconsin Academy. ■

—Bryan Gallant, director, student LE program



Festivals of Faith

A series of special, faith-building Sabbaths, sponsored by the North American Division, union and local conferences, as part of this year's 1844 sesquicentennial anniversary.

Wisconsin's first Festival was held September 30-October 1 at the Wisconsin Academy Church. Guest speakers were Lewis Walton, SDA attorney and author; and Herbert Douglass, former pastor, educator, editor and college president, now retired. Here's the schedule for the Festival at Rice Lake:

October 14-15 Rice Lake Church

Friday, 7:30 PM: "Our Faith in the Sabbath" —Sigfried Roeske, speaker

Sabbath, 9:30 AM: "Our Faith in Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary"—Richard Habenicht, speaker

Sabbath, 11:00 AM: "Our Faith in the Second Coming of Christ"—Sigfried Roeske, speaker

Sabbath, 2:30 PM: "Our Faith in the Gift of Prophecy"—Sigfried Roeske, speaker

Sabbath, 4:30-6:00 PM: New General Conference video presentation on William Miller

About the speakers: **Sigfried Roeske** is the Religion Department chair at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. **Richard Habenicht** is Stewardship and Trust Director for Wisconsin Conference, and pastor of the Oakland Church.

Three "firsts" for ABC

Two bookmobile visits in one year to the Ashland/Superior district. The first sale at the Hispanic camp meeting. A new trailer. All of these are some of the "firsts" the ABC has experienced recently, said manager **Roy Hunt**.

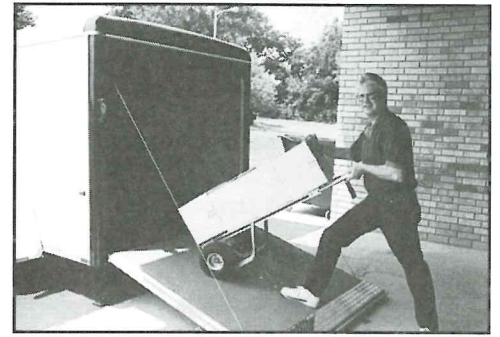
"Enthusiasm was excellent," Hunt said of the bookmobile's visit to northern Wisconsin the weekend of September 16. Many people were surprised to see the store-on-wheels arrive in the area twice in the same year. "As far as we know, that's never been done before," Hunt noted.

Folks also noticed the new paint job the bookmobile had just received: a

fresh cream-colored body with burgundy, rose and blue stripes. (This added to a personal "first" for the ABC manager, who had never done auto paint and trim before.)

On August 18-21, the ABC visited the Hispanic camp meeting for the first time. With the help of Pastor Orlando Vazquez as translator, the ABC was able to supply camp goers with a large selection of books written in Spanish, and health foods. "Some people were surprised at the number of books we had in Spanish," said Hunt. "Next year we hope to do even better."

Facilitating the Hispanic sale was the use of a new trailer, purchased for



Roy Hunt loads the new ABC trailer with supplies for the Hispanic campmeeting.

\$2,500. The trailer will be used for displays outside the bookmobile, which, as Hunt points out, "simply can't handle crowds." ■

Wisconsin Adventist Book Center Fall 1994 Bookmobile Schedule

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	TIME
September 30	Friday	Almond	2:00 PM - 2:45
October 1	Saturday	Clearwater Lake	After vespers
October 2	Sunday	Lakeland	10:00 AM-10:45 AM
October 2	Sunday	Tomahawk	12:00 PM-12:30 PM
October 2	Sunday	Wausau	2:30 PM-3:15 PM
October 2	Sunday	Stevens Point	4:30 PM-5:00 PM
October 8	Saturday	Green Bay	6:45 PM-8:45 PM
October 9	Sunday	Sturgeon Bay	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
October 9	Sunday	Fox Valley	2:00 PM-3:00 PM
October 9	Sunday	Sheboygan	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
October 15	Saturday	Rice Lake (District Mtg.)	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
October 22	Saturday	Women's Retreat	6:30 PM
November 6	Sunday	Constituency Mtg (WA)	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
November 11	Friday	Sparta	2:00 PM-3:00 PM
November 12	Saturday	La Crosse	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
November 13	Sunday	Richland Center	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
November 13	Sunday	Lancaster	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
November 13	Sunday	Delevan	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
November 19	Saturday	Milwaukee NW	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
November 20	Sunday	Milw. Span. Central	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
November 20	Sunday	Raymond School	1:00 PM -1:45 PM
November 20	Sunday	Kenosha	2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
November 20	Sunday	Waukesha	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

What's happening in your conference. . .

Announcements

■ **Community Services Federation Meetings:** Ken Larson from ADRA will share a special report on Rwanda, and more. All meetings: 10-4. Potluck lunch.

- October 10 Rice Lake Church
- October 11 Bethel Church
- October 12 Fox Valley Church
- October 13 Wisconsin Academy

■ **Women's Retreat:** October 21-23 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Guest Speaker: Karen Flowers, co-director of Family Ministries at the General Conference. To register call Kitty Crary at the conference office, 608/241-5235.

■ **Constituency Meeting:** Sunday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. at WA. Agenda items: reports from WA and conference administration; recommendations for special subsidy for WA; recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Calendar

- Sept 30-Oct 1 Festival of Faith Wisconsin Academy
- Oct 7-9 Pathfinder Leadershop Camp Go Seek
- Oct 10-13 CS Federation Meetings
- Oct 14-15 Festival of Faith Rice Lake Church
- Oct 21-23 Women's Retreat Chula Vista Resort
- Nov 6 Constituency Meeting Wisconsin Academy
- Nov. 7-11, 13-18 Framing Bee Camp Go Seek
- Nov 20-30 Project Santiago Trip
- Nov 24-25 Office/ABC closed



Pathfinders a long way from home

Conference office staff were pleasantly surprised when this group of Pathfinders, *above*, stopped by for a visit before heading back home to Brazil. The group had just returned from the NAD Pathfinder Camporee held near Denver, Col. in August. Pictured second from right is **Odair Araujo** (Madison Community), with whom the Pathfinders stayed while in Madison. About 104 Wisconsin Pathfinders attended the Camporee.

Project Santiago

- **What:** Church-building mission trip
- **Where:** Santiago, Dominican Rep.
- **When:** November 20-30
- **Who's needed:** Skilled and unskilled laborers, VBS leaders and assistants.
- **Approximate cost:** \$775
- **For more info call:** Clint Meharry (715) 285-5483; or Ken Wright (608) 241-5235.

Call today!

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A bimonthly report to the members of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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Faithful parents:

The K-12 Board wishes to express appreciation to the parents and students who have worked so hard to pay their school bills in full and on time. Thanks to you, accounts receivable at WA are now drastically reduced.

—Herb Wrate, Secretary, K-12 Board

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