

## Together We Can - Project Update

May 9 will be remembered as the Sabbath of Sacrifice for *Together We Can*. It was a day when many members made commitments of funds to help build the girls dorm at Wisconsin Academy.

On each of the four previous Sabbaths, a *Together We Can* emphasis was given in the churches to lead up to May 9. May 2 was a prayer commitment Sabbath when hundreds of members indicated their support of this project by prayer.

At present there is about \$1,100,000 raised toward the girls dorm. Approximately \$900,000 is still needed. On June 3 the Conference Executive Committee will discuss the project to determine how best to proceed.

Since last Camp Meeting (2008) about \$503,000 has been raised in cash and pledges. The faithfulness of God's people in a difficult economic time is greatly appreciated. The Lord who has brought us thus far will lead us the rest of the way.

The desire has been to begin the project soon after graduation in 2009 so the girls can be in their new dorm sometime during the next school year. The Executive Committee will decide whether this is

still possible. Any constituent who is able to support this project and has not made their commitment is encouraged to do so soon. It will make a difference in how quickly the new dorm can be realized. If commitment cards are needed please

call Kitty Crary at the conference office (920-484-6555, ext. 2 or [kcrary@wi.adventist.org](mailto:kcrary@wi.adventist.org)).

The girls' dorm plans call for a similar appearance to the new boys' dorm. It will also have the features of geo-thermal and solar heating. The desire is to have a dormitory that is comfortable and efficient.

While the dorm project is important to the school, the real success of Wisconsin Academy is built around a Christian atmosphere where staff and students seek to honor and glorify God in every aspect of their life and program.

Please pray for the students

and staff of Wisconsin Academy.

*Don Corkum, President*



## President's Message



*Don Corkum*

### **SEEDS 2009**

Each year, the Seeds Conference is held in Berrien Springs to train and inspire people in church planting and church growth. Over the past seven years, about 20 new plants have been established in Wisconsin. Leaders and members of these and prospective plants are invited to go to SEEDS 2009.

The Seeds Conference is from June 10 to 13 and is held in Berrien Springs, MI. It features instruction from Church Planting and Church Growth leaders from across North America. Already, several from Wisconsin are planning to attend. If you wish to attend, please register online with PlusLine at <http://plusline.org>.

There is a movement again in Wisconsin to expand the work of God's kingdom in new areas and people groups. It is not only important to grow existing churches but God wants us to expand to new areas as a witness to new people. Everyone is important to Him. His Spirit guides as we seek to follow Him into new areas to reach people for Christ.

Each church needs to be sending new people to establish new work. This new work may be new groups, new outreach ministries, new companies or new churches, in whatever way is most appropriate for the work in that area.

May the Lord be with every member as they consider how they can be missionaries to their area. Also, may the Lord be with every church as they study how to expand their ministry to reach new people for their Saviour.

*Don Corkum, President*

### **Picnic and "Concert in the Park"!**

Our senior class is preparing a picnic supper for you to enjoy while listening to wonderful music in the park at Camp Wakonda!

**Date: Sunday, June 21**

**Time: 5:15 p.m.**

**Cost: \$6.00 adults  
\$5.50 seniors  
\$5.00 ages 3-10**

**Location: Camp Wakonda Cafeteria  
Park**

**Menu\*\*:** Sub-sandwiches, chips, jell-o salad, watermelon, lemonade, and Culver's frozen custard!

**\*\*Proceeds benefit our senior mission trip to Peru, South America in March 2010!**

**Thank you for supporting our mission!**

**~Wisconsin Academy Class of 2010~**



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*Micheil Allen, Kiomara Avila, Stephen Bass, Sarah Boykin, Hunter Brock, Lorenzo Brown, Adam Buchholz, Sibia Bustamante, LeAnne Cunningham, Luis Deheza, Dalin Elmer, Susy Gomez, Seth Grow, Crystal Hiles, Young Tae Kim, James Kroneck, Victor Lewis, Jenine Maquera, Amy Miller, Gina Montes, Naomi Perez, Alex Ramirez, Kimmie Rekawik, Evan Ross, Carmen Schulz, Kyle Thompson, Melissa Torres, Nadia Vega, Michelle Willer, Chris Wilson, Alex Ziesmer*

## ShareHim Boot Camp



James Fox

ShareHim Boot Camp will begin on Friday night, May 29 at Camp Wakonda and continue through Sunday noon. ShareHim is a system of training and empowerment for evangelistic work. Boot Camp is a weekend intensive of training and active learning to equip interested persons to

hold evangelistic meetings.

In previous Boot Camps, we have used our pastors as presenters and they have done a fantastic job. The focus has been upon conducting general evangelistic meetings. This year's focus and presenters will be different:

1. The English group will be distinctly youth oriented! Pastor Nestor Soriano from Madison will be leading a trained team of young presenters (most under 25, some under 20 years of age). The focus will be, "Making ShareHim Work with People under 30!"
2. The Spanish group will be distinctly JAWHI oriented! The JAWHI youth group will be the primary trainers for youth oriented ShareHim presentations. There will be particular emphasis on working with 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Hispanic people, people who are culturally Hispanic but linguistically English.

ShareHim is a very extensible program for winning people to Christ. ShareHim meetings may bring to mind a large hall or church, a big crowd and a huge production. People are surprised to learn that most ShareHim meetings in North America are small group meetings of 5-10 people who meet in a private home or the Sabbath School room of the Church. While ShareHim meetings can be adapted to a huge production and the materials are of a quality to support that, they can be accomplished with as little as a DVD player and a television. The dynamic employed in ShareHim can be a straight preaching service or it can be an interactive, small group oriented time of sharing.

While the training this Spring will be distinctly youth-oriented, all age groups will be welcomed, benefitted and accepted. If you would like to partner in leading people to Jesus through ShareHim, contact James Fox at: [jfox@wi.adventist.org](mailto:jfox@wi.adventist.org) or call 920-484-6555, ext. 309.

Fees for the weekend are minimal - \$30 per person (includes 4 meals and 2 nights of dormitory style lodging at Wakonda) or \$50 per married couple.

Jesus is coming - make your reservations quickly so that we can share the good news of salvation with as many as possible!

James Fox

### ALUMNI WEEKEND AT WISCONSIN ACADEMY

APRIL 24-26, 2009

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE....

"Remember when we stood in line to use the bathrooms because there was no indoor plumbing in the new dorm?" "Remember when we worked on the farm and got up really early to go milk the cows?" "Remember when we got in trouble for...." "Remember the cinnamon rolls we had every Sabbath morning in the cafeteria?"

Alumni weekend is a time to reflect on the past. It is a time to recall the good times, the hard work, the sacrifices of parents, the academics learned, the opportunities offered and seized. It is a time to be reminded of the 'good old days.'

"You haven't changed a bit since graduation!" "I see a little less hair on that shiny head of yours!" "How many children do you have?" "How many grandchildren do you have?" "So, what are you doing with your days of retirement?" "How was the hip replacement?" "Do you have any money left with the economy dipping like it has?"

These are samples of the conversations heard through the halls as former friendships are renewed and bonds are deepened. Alumni weekend provides an opportunity to bond once again. We all enjoyed Elder Don Schneider's talk Friday evening at vespers as he shared his experience while he was a student here. Sabbath morning created an atmosphere of anticipation as we looked forward to Jesus soon return as presented to us by Elder Steve Bohr. What a great reunion **that** will be.

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## Camp Meeting 2009 -- Share The Hope

The theme for Camp Meeting 2009 in Wisconsin is, *Share the Hope*. This reflects the Wisconsin Conference's spiritual emphasis on soul-winning in this Year of Evangelism. The speakers are spiritual and effective communicators.

Camp Meeting at Wakonda begins on Friday, June 19.



*Alex Bryant*

Alex Bryant, the new Executive Secretary of the North American Division will be the featured speaker for Friday night and all day Sabbath. Elder Bryant has served the Church as Pastor, Youth Director, Central States Conference President, and is now serving as Executive Secretary of the North American Division.

Dr. Neil Nedley will lead the opening weekend Sabbath School and begin a Health Series on Sunday afternoon. All week long, he will be our featured health speaker at 11 a.m. in the main pavilion and again at 2:15 pm.



*Dr. Neil Nedley*



*Marvin Moore*

Marvin Moore, Editor for Signs Magazine, will bring a Prophetic emphasis to Camp Meeting. Moore will lead in a seminar daily in the Fireside Lodge at 2:15 p.m. in addition to a morning sermon.

Each morning, David Klinedinst from Christian Record Braille will bring us fresh thoughts from the Word for the early morning meeting.



*David Klinedinst*



*Michael Harris*

Musical blessings will come through the ministry of Michael Harris. He will bless with a sacred gospel concert opening weekend as well as special music during select evening meetings.

A deep theological emphasis will come to Camp Meeting 2009 through the ministry of Dr. Philip Saaman. Dr. Saaman is part of the Theology Department of Southern Adventist University. His deep spirituality and strong exegetical presentations will inspire you.



*Dr. Philip Saaman*



*Ron Clouzet*

Camp Meeting 2009 will close on the evening of June 27. Dr. Ron Clouzet, Ministerial Director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, will minister throughout the closing weekend. Dr. Clouzet was the Chair of the Theology Department at Southern Adventist University and has had a profound impact on pastors and ministerial students all across North America. He is currently giving

leadership to the Evangelism Institute at the Theological Seminary at Andrews as well as the Ministerial Department for the Division.

There will also be testimonies, prayer seasons, singing and a large outdoor baptism scheduled for the closing Sabbath.

If you would like to experience Camp Meeting at Wakonda, contact Aileen at: [akking@wi.adventist.org](mailto:akking@wi.adventist.org) or call 920-484-6555, ext. 304. It could be the high point of your year, too!

*James Fox*

## Camp Meeting 2009

### ***Camp Meeting Kitchen Helpers***

Camp Meeting is swiftly approaching! I'm sure you have heard the saying, "Many hands make light work". Well, we have a lot of work that needs to take place during Camp Meeting this summer. What we specifically need are folks interested in helping in the cafeteria during Camp Pitch, June 15-June 18 and Camp Meeting, June 19-June 28, 2009. If you would be willing to help out in the area of food service, please call the conference office at 920-484-6555 and speak with Jane Gerndt. She will place your name on our list. More information will then be sent to you at a later date. Thank you for your willingness to assist us in making Camp Meeting 2009 a memorable experience for everyone!

*Roger Driver*

### ***ABC Food Demonstration Workers Needed***

The ABC has an opening for a Food Demo person during Camp Meeting. A Food Demo person would need to do food demonstrations twice a day. For more information contact Lynette Miller at 920-484-3120.

### ***Teachers and Helpers Needed***

Camp Meeting is just around the corner and we need a leader for Beginners, Monday thru Friday only. Teachers and helpers are also needed for Beginners and Kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact Kitty Crary at 920-484-6555 or [kcrary@wi.adventist.org](mailto:kcrary@wi.adventist.org).

### ***Red Cross Blood Drive Cancelled***

This week we received word from the American Red Cross, that because of financial cutbacks, they will not be able to have our blood drive this year at camp meeting. It is our hope that next year we will be able to have our blood drive again.



### ***Camp Meeting Choir—A Great Tradition!***

Plan now to be part of the choir that will provide worship music for the June 27 Church Service in the Pavilion. This year, the choir will be singing a beautiful arrangement of "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (accompanied by orchestra and keyboard). Practices will be held the first weekend on Saturday and Sunday evenings following the service in the Pavilion, as well as weekdays from 1:15 to 2:10 p.m. Second weekend practices will be Friday evening following the service in the Pavilion and the second Sabbath morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Pavilion.

We look forward to having all singers, trained and those not trained, join the camp meeting choir and help provide inspiring worship music during the Sabbath morning service.

### ***Camp Meeting Band Another Great Tradition!***

If you play an instrument, you are invited to join. Practice is at 8:30 a.m., Sabbath morning, June 21 and 8:45 a.m., Sabbath morning, June 28. The band will accompany song service for Sabbath School in the Pavilion.

*Phyllis Corkum, Music Committee Chairperson*

### ***Wakonda Work Bee***

Thanks go to those who came and helped at our annual spring Wakonda Work Bee. Many important projects, like sweeping off roofs, washing windows, grading the roads, painting, building handicap ramps, and other repair projects were completed by the approximately 30 people who came. A special "Thank you!" to each one who helped prepare out camp for a summer of activities and ministry.

## Camp Meeting 2009

### *Planning for Camp Meeting*

- Cancellation with 50% deposit – May 5-26
- Loss of 100% of deposit after May 26

All subletting should be done through the Locating Office. If your plans change and you cannot come to Camp Meeting call 920-484-6555 ext 304 or e-mail: [akking@wi.adventist.org](mailto:akking@wi.adventist.org). Private subletting bypasses those who have their name on a waiting list and makes 'first renters' liable to forfeiting that privilege.

Camp Meeting fees cover the use of your site during the ten days of Camp Meeting – not the entire year. Daily rates apply to sites used before and after the ten day period.

Camp Meeting rates will remain the same for 2010.

Cabins and Full Service sites can be sublet only twice before they revert back to the conference.

Cabins for 2010 must be paid in full by Wednesday of 2009 Camp Meeting.

Please plan to turn your key in to the Locating Office at the end of Camp Meeting each year.

The electrical service at Camp Wakonda was never designed to handle the extra electrical devices now considered a necessity. Adequate service upgrades would cost the conference hundreds of thousands of dollars. We solicit your help during Camp Meeting by plugging in to the appropriate service assigned to your space. During hot weather, you will have to make a choice between running an A/C unit or running the microwave. You can not do both without tripping the breaker. Please don't use more electrical outlets than are assigned to your space. Courtesy is also in order.

Please remember that **Camp Meeting is for people; not for pets!** State Sanitation Laws and Camp Meeting Regulations both stipulate that **there should be no pets** on the Campground.

*Aileen King*

### *Camp Meeting Special Events*

Camp Meeting is a wonderful time! When you think of Camp Meeting Special Events, you think of sale items available at the ABC for the best prices! But there are many more Camp Meeting Special Events: Ministries, Seminars, Services and Clubs that are often run by volunteers who want to uplift Jesus and provide a *special* benefit for Camp Meeting attendees. These are

just some of the Camp Meeting Special Events:

### *Lyme Disease Seminar*

Roxanne Adams contracted Lyme disease almost 3 yrs ago. Wisconsin, she found out, is endemic for this disease. She and her husband, Scott Adams, have researched thoroughly this very vague and misdiagnosed disease and would like to share what they have uncovered. If you have been diagnosed with MS, Parkinson's, ALS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, Lupus, or Alzheimer's, you won't want to miss this series. The seminar will go from Monday through Friday at 10 am in Cedar Lodge. The Seminar opens with an informative but eye-opening, award-winning documentary, "Under Our Skin". Free Lyme resources will be available. A question and answer time will follow each session.

### *Do the Hallelujah Hustle for Your Health*

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the time to begin training for the third annual Hallelujah Hustle. Dedicate the next few months to getting in shape for this 5k (3 mile) run/walk, which will take place on Sunday,



*Starting line at 2008 Hallelujah Hustle*

June 21, during camp meeting at Camp Wakonda.

This event is for all fitness levels and age groups. Not sure how to get started training? Visit [www.hallelujahhustle.com](http://www.hallelujahhustle.com) to download the training program designed for this event by the Wellness Department at Southern Adventist University.

At the website, there's also a sign-up form and photos from last year's Hustle. Register early and pay a discounted fee of \$12. The registration fee for those signing up after June 12 is \$15. Sign up early and you're guaranteed a race T-shirt. Proceeds from the entrance fee and donations will be used to benefit the local community. Watch for more details coming soon. For more information, go to [www.hallelujahhustle.com](http://www.hallelujahhustle.com).



## Camp Meeting 2009



### ~Wisconsin Academy Class of 2010~

Micheil Allen, Kiomara Avila, Stephen Bass, Sarah Boykin, Hunter Brock, Lorenzo Brown, Adam Buchholz, Sibia Bustamante, LeAnne Cunningham, Luis Deheza, Dalin Elmer, Susy Gomez, Seth Grow, Crystal Hiles, Young Tae Kim, James Kroneck, Victor Lewis, Jenine Maquera, Amy Miller, Gina Montes, Naomi Perez, Alex Ramirez, Kimmie Rekawik, Evan Ross, Carmen Schulz, Kyle Thompson, Melissa Torres, Nadia Vega, Michelle Willer, Chris Wilson, Alex Ziesmer

## ANNUAL CAMP MEETING CAR WASH

The Class of 2010 would love to wash your car, camper, truck, etc. before you head home from Camp Meeting!

**DATE:** Sunday, June 28

**PLACE:** Entrance to Camp Wakonda

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**COST:** Donations Accepted

Proceeds benefit our senior mission trip to Peru, South America in March 2010! Thank you for supporting our mission!

### WA Cabin Goodies

- Free Lemonade for kids (and the young at heart) – Check at the WA Cabin all week long - Watch Carl Sigler hauling cold water all week long!
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning – Free Bake-n-Serve Cinnamon Rolls with Lemonade – time to be announced (usually between 8 and 10 am)
- Closing Sabbath after the Baptism – Free Watermelon feed

### Andrews University Gatherings

Tami (Goss) Condon, Director of Alumni Services, cordially invites you to a special AU Alumni event. We will be serving Strawberry shortcake on Sabbath, June 20th at 5:00pm in front of the Andrews University cabin. Come mingle with your friends and enjoy a treat on us. Hope to see you there!

### Camp Meeting Meal Prices

|           | Adult  | Child  | Senior    |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Ages      | 11-59  | 3-10   | 60 & over |
| Breakfast | \$5.50 | \$4.50 | \$5.00    |
| Lunch     | \$6.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.50    |
| Supper    | \$6.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.50    |

Children two and under no charge

Meals for Camp Meeting 2009 will be charged as a flat rate.

Meal tickets can be purchased by calling the Conference Office at 920-484-6555. Tickets are designated “Breakfast,” “Lunch”, and “Supper” and can be used for Sabbath or weekday meals. Orders received prior to June 12 will be mailed to you. Ticket orders received after June 12 will be available at the Administration office at the campground. Tickets may be purchased at the Administration office beginning Friday, June 20. Please purchase Sabbath meal tickets prior to 8:00 p.m. Friday.

## Camp Meeting 2009

### *Wakonda 2009 Summer Camp "Trail Guide"*

Now is the time to sign up for a week of adventure, excitement, friendships, and spiritual growth at Camp Wakonda. Water-skiing, horseback riding, crafts, and sports all await young people from the age of 8-16 at Camp Wakonda this summer. Add to that special evening campfire programs, great food, and friendships to be made and you have a week that will never be forgotten.

And don't forget Family Camp. Vacation in these tough economic times in the beautiful outdoors of Camp Wakonda. Non-stop activities for all ages, inspirational evening programs, fellowship with other Christian families, and you don't even have to cook the food. Family Camp spots are filling fast, so don't wait to sign up for your place at Camp Wakonda this summer. For more information look up [www.wakonda.org](http://www.wakonda.org), or call Mike Edge at 608-296-2126.

### *Wakonda Summer Camp Schedule*

|                |            |               |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Junior Camp    | Ages 8-10  | July 8-12     |
| Tween Camp     | Ages 10-12 | July 12-19    |
| Teen Camp      | Ages 13-16 | July 19-26    |
| Family Camp I  | All ages   | July 26-Aug 2 |
| Family Camp II | All ages   | Aug 2-9       |

## RED HAT SOCIETY NEWS



MONDAY, June 22, 2009, will be the 6th annual Christian Women's RHS "gathering", featuring a "High Tea" luncheon from 11:30-1:15 pm in Cedar Lodge. A very special program is being planned for your enjoyment. Shari & Jon Good, will be our featured guest speakers, and will share their testimonies, and will also provide our special music. Please bring to share: Scones, Crumpets, dainty finger sandwiches, fresh fruits, veggies, and finger desserts. Beverages and table service will be provided.

We will celebrate ladies turning "50" in 2009. Red Hat attire is appropriate for this very special occasion. Purple and red for ages 50+, and pink and lavender for ages 18-49.

Our society helps to sponsor SDA christian schools in Wisconsin. Peterson SDA Elementary School, Columbus, was chosen to be the recipient of your financial "love gifts" you saved this year. Please continue saving your pennies, nickels and dimes for our featured school.

Annual \$2.00 dues will be collected at the door during registration.

Any questions, please contact our Queen of Court, Donna Aust at: 920-484-6161.

*Linda Hartman*



## News from Around the Conference

### Stevens Point Reaping Meetings

Evangelism is a process! There is seed sowing, cultivation of interest and then there is harvest. In their cycle of evangelism, the Stevens Point Seventh-day Adventist church holds evangelistic reaping meetings as part of their



*Stevens Point Meetings*

church growth plan. This year, Adventures in Prophecy is part of this outreach endeavor. Presently there are approximately 35 non-Adventists attending after two weeks. The Stevens Point church opened the meetings from the very first night in the church building.

Why are so many people willing to come to the church location? Well, throughout the year the church members, Pastor and Bible Worker engage the community in various outreach ministries and services. So the community have come to trust and welcome the idea of coming to worship amongst friends, 12 persons have already expressed a desire to be baptized. Praise the Lord for friendship evangelism!

*David Guerrero, Stevens Point Pastor*

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“How many rooms are there in the new boys’ dormitory?” “Have you seen the new dorm yet?” “Did you know we have a room for the weekend right here in the girls’ dorm?”

As we looked to the future of Wisconsin Academy, we spent Sabbath afternoon dedicating and touring the new boys’ dormitory. We also visited the current girls’ dormitory to help us all see the need for the building project. Many alumni helped provide funding for the girls’ dorm. We thank you for that.

The weekend included basketball games, a preview of the gymnastics home show and a great deal of rain. Sunday morning there was a debate for the golf tournament. Should we use golf carts or paddle boats? Neither one seemed appropriate so the event was cancelled. Thank you for all those who were willing to participate in the tournament as the benefits help with student assistance.

The attendance for the weekend was the largest seen on campus for many years. There was laughter and tears, hugs and kisses. There were friendships restored and new ones developed. A weekend like this reminds us of the great reunion that will happen in heaven. Plan to meet there by the “Tree of Life.” We will meet with our Jesus and once again share the joys that will far exceed the enthusiasm of the weekend.

*Lois Bowers*

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### *Pathfinder Fair*

Last weekend, almost 100 Pathfinders and staff met at Camp Wakonda for the annual Pathfinder Fair. This year's theme was "The Sanctuary". Through presentations, life-size tabernacle furniture, and activities, the Pathfinders learned about Jesus, the Lamb of God, through the sanctuary service. Jasper St. Bernard, Bible Worker in Wisconsin Rapids was our guest speaker. Sunday activities included a parade, stilt relay races and a Pinewood Derby. At camp meeting, Pathfinders will again hold a parade on the first Sabbath. Also our Pathfinders will present a special sanctuary presentation for the adult Sabbath School on the final Sabbath of Camp Meeting.

*Mike Edge, Conference Pathfinder Director*

### *Wisconsin Rapids Pathfinders Place First in National Bible Bowl Achievement*

Bible Bowl is a time when Pathfinders come together to study God's word and learn more about their Savior. It is also a time to demonstrate efficiency in your ability to recall what you have studied. In May, the Wisconsin Rapids M.A.S.H. (Missionary Army Serving Heaven) team demonstrated poise, patience, and Bible recall ability and placed first in Michigan at the final level of the Bible Achievement competition. This accomplishment was a special one for the Pathfinders and their sponsors. Thank you team M.A.S.H. for representing us well.

*David Guerrero, Stevens Point Pastor*

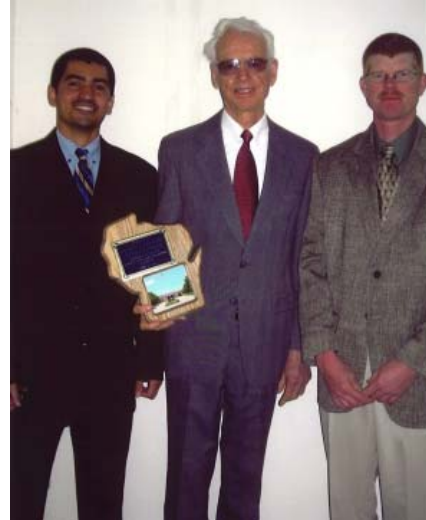


*Wisconsin Rapids Pathfinders  
Photo by Rhonda Whestone Neibauer*

### *Three Oxford Church Members Win Award*

April 30, 2009, marked the day three men from the Oxford Church were honored at a special dinner held at the Oxford Federal Penitentiary. Dennis Pendleton, Wendell Springer and Jeff Veldman received the *Volunteers of the Year* award for their ministry at the prison.

The prisoners made a banquet for the service, one of the educational programs offered to the inmates by the prison



*Left to right: Christian Ronalds,  
pastor of Oxford Church, Wendell  
Springer and Jeff Veldman.  
Dennis Pendleton is not pictured.*

is that of becoming chefs for the time of their eventual release. Fox Valley Technical Institute teaches the program. "The delicious vegetarian gourmet meal was prepared and served by the inmates themselves," said Jeff Veldman. The award ceremony followed the dinner, and the plaque awarded to the volunteers will be displayed at the church.

We are proud of the dedication of these three men who give their time, love and knowledge to our brothers behind bars – a small but, oh, so important ministry. We know the men appreciate it and look forward to their visits.

*Genevieve Clark*

## News from Around the Conference

### *Local School Helps Local Food Pantry*

Maranatha School in Lena, WI has just completed their second annual campaign to raise awareness, food, and funds for the local community food pantry, Feed My Sheep.

The students solicited pledges for food donations based upon how much exercise they did in a prescribed amount of time. Nine students in grades 1-7 turned in 138 hours and 3 minutes of exercise time for the Exercise-A-Thon between May 1 thru May 10 (some of their exercise time



*Students from Maranatha SDA School*

was not even logged in). Additionally, one younger sibling was so excited by the idea of collecting groceries for the food pantry that she rode her bike and exercised for a set amount of time daily in order to participate as well. When all of the funds and groceries were turned in, there was 1 van full, plus 2 trunk loads of groceries, and \$870 for the food pantry organizers to go shopping with.

The annual campaign for the food pantry is a part of our Bible Lab program. The blessings from it are many:

- The students have taken ownership of this project and encourage both adults and each other to help the community.
- The students experience the joy of helping others.
- Students learn and apply valuable life skills that will help their future careers.
- The school is becoming known as compassionate and involved in the community needs.

During this year's delivery, we were invited to help partner in a growing need for food pantry volunteers and to help increase community awareness of this service. Our district churches work together to help encourage the student initiative while contributing to community needs.

But projects like this go deeper than helping others. In Adventist Schools across the land, we are committed to helping students learn how to reflect the Light of Love. We are guiding them to the realization that in many ways, both great and small, God is calling them to faithfulness, compassion, and service. We strive to help our students look at their world through a lens of God's truth, to see the needs and connectivity of each situation, and what our Christian response could and should be. Then, whenever possible, we empower them to step forward and do their part, supporting and coaching their efforts.

Throughout the Bible there are many examples of God calling young men and women to service in life-changing ways. David, Esther, Samuel, and Daniel are just a few examples. God called a young woman by the name of Ellen to be a prophetess to carry his messages of encouragement to the world. Each was ready for service, because they had already been faithful to His earlier calls.

Adventist Schools assist families in nurturing character under God's guidance and facilitate opportunities for its practice in practical ways. We seek ways to help children apply the mission of Matthew 25:31-40 in helping the poor, hungry, sick, imprisoned, and strangers. As time goes on, there are increasing opportunities beckoning for help and our schools rise to the task of compassionate response. Each time our students respond to the call for aid, they further develop their sense of what a purposeful, mission-driven life is like.

Each of us plays a part in helping children develop their understanding of God's call for their lives. It takes each person in the church to help families and schools nurture the children in their care. The prayers, support, encouragement, and involvement of all, help children internalize the value of mission-driven lives. Your continued faithfulness and involvement are treasured. Your continued support of Adventist Education in the homes and school is crucial. You are a vital link in helping families and church schools coach children in their Christian walk. Thank you for your faithfulness.

*Rosanna Zeisner  
Maranatha SDA Christian School  
Teacher*



## News from Around the Conference

### *Hmong Gardens - May, 2009*

Providing land for community gardens is an excellent way to reach out to Hmong people here in the States. Hmong immigrants love to garden but seldom have land available to them. We were grateful to our parents for purchasing a home on 35 acres near Madison for a ministry base in Wisconsin, soon after we moved here from California over three years ago. (We are also grateful to have found a home on 9.5 acres for the same purpose north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.)



*Blia working in the garden*

All of the gardeners are very appreciative, but Blia, who grew up as an orphan, and is now raising her four children alone, overwhelms us with her gratitude. She gardens on our land here in Wisconsin. She has insisted that we pick and use produce from her garden, which we did, except when we were gone to Minnesota. One day, two summers ago, she asked, "Why aren't you picking vegetables from my garden?" A few days later, she came with two five-gallon buckets full of produce she had not only picked herself, but also washed, chopped, blanched, and frozen in quart-size freezer bags to put in our freezer. Last summer she completely filled our large chest freezer with produce from her garden, which we have enjoyed throughout the winter. Around the first of May, she came to do her early spring planting. "Thank you for eating my vegetables!" she exclaimed, finding our freezer nearly empty. Her comment surprised me. She had been the one to go to all the effort to fill it! She deserved the thanks!

"Thank YOU!" I exclaimed, gratefully putting my arm around her shoulder. She went on to describe how knowing that we liked her vegetables gave her energy to do more! Initially, most of our gardeners were our own church members and their close relatives or acquaintances. This summer, though, as a result of contacts with the Hmong community through Pastor Ko speaking on Hmong radio in Madison, we have a total of 22 families signed up for gardens in Wisconsin alone. Many of our "garden friends" still believe and follow the traditional Hmong religion of spirit and ancestor worship. We are building friendships for Jesus. Please pray that we will have special wisdom to know how to best reach them with God's love.

*Terri Saelee, Hmong Ministries*



*Elder Don Corkum came to Wisconsin in 1996 from Alberta, Canada. He applied for residency and ultimately citizenship in the United States. On May 20, 2009, he became a citizen of the United States of America at a special ceremony in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

*While Elder Corkum still has a fondness for ice hockey, he is now an*

*American in the fullest sense of the word and is the newest American President, even newer than President Obama. We congratulate Elder Corkum and rejoice in this milestone.*

# Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## Financial Highlights

### April 30, 2009

|                                     | 2009                 | 2008                 | Difference  | % Change             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Tithe - Month-to-Date               | 435,847.37           | 493,002.02           | -57,154.65  | -11.59%              |
| Tithe - Year-to-Date                | 2,015,225.42         | 1,902,554.21         | 112,671.21  | 5.92%                |
| Wisconsin Budget - MTD              | 15,927.38            | 17,684.69            | -1,757.31   | -11.03%              |
| Wisconsin Budget - YTD              | 66,936.56            | 63,380.70            | 3,555.86    | 5.31%                |
| <b>Cash</b>                         |                      |                      |             |                      |
| Checking                            | 134,466.19           | 219,984.59           | -85,518.40  | -63.60%              |
| Money Market Certificates           | 554,843.82           | 657,743.02           | -102,899.20 | -18.55%              |
| Securitates & Investments           | 1,277,226.05         | 1,652,995.13         | -375,769.08 | -29.42%              |
| Total Cash and Investments          | 1,966,536.06         | 2,530,722.74         | -564,186.68 | -28.69%              |
| <b>Accounts Receivable</b>          |                      |                      |             |                      |
| Churches                            | 6,221.89             | 4,802.33             | 1,419.56    | 22.82%               |
| Schools (Including WA)              | 705,107.00           | 513,197.89           | 191,909.11  | 27.22%               |
| WA (Separately)                     | 533,781.72           | 387,194.72           | 146,587.00  | 27.46%               |
| Current Ratio (Note 1)              | 5.03:1               | 9.26:1               | N/A         | N/A                  |
| Evangelism - Unrestricted FundBal   | 139,337.26           | 30,593.75            | 108,743.51  | 78.04%               |
| Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal    | 86,753.83            | 38,161.57            | 48,592.26   | 56.01%               |
|                                     | <u>Actual - 2009</u> | <u>Budget - 2009</u> | Difference  | <u>Actual - 2008</u> |
| Income                              | 2,406,511.00         | 2,242,894.00         | 163,617.00  | 2,285,209.00         |
| Expenses                            | 2,478,563.00         | 2,391,082.00         | -87,481.00  | 2,251,299.00         |
| Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers    | -72,052.00           | -148,188.00          | 76,136.00   | 33,910.00            |
| Fund/Funct Transfers                | -97,268.00           | -23,027.00           | -74,241.00  | -17,779.00           |
| Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers     | -169,320.00          | -171,215.00          | 1,895.00    | 16,131.00            |
| Net Assets - Beginning              | 2,124,224.00         | 2,124,212.00         | 12.00       | 2,948,213.00         |
| Net Assets - Ending                 | 1,954,904.00         | 1,952,997.00         | 1,907.00    | 2,964,344.00         |
| <b>Expense (Selected Functions)</b> |                      |                      |             |                      |
| Pastors                             | 673,880.88           | 720,913.00           | 47,032.12   | 682,673.53           |
| Evangelism                          | 61,254.95            | 76,864.00            | 15,609.05   | 74,861.02            |
| Church School Oper                  | 535,838.37           | 511,749.00           | -24,089.37  | 514,823.52           |
| Academy Operation                   | 199,056.87           | 163,665.00           | -35,391.87  | 151,312.97           |
| Group Medical Plan                  | 16,675.05            | 7,154.00             | -9,521.05   | -56,957.76           |
| General & Admin                     | 144,263.20           | 119,576.00           | -24,687.20  | 119,819.06           |

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



Just published, a 170 page book of interesting stories and anecdotes by faculty and alumni about their experience at Wisconsin Academy. Some of the authors include Dwain Ford, Bob Knutson, F.R. Stephan, Marcia Sigler, John Thomas, Walter Thompson, Don Schneider, Dave Rasmussen and many others. The title of the book is *h3, head, heart and hands* and can be purchased for \$10 + \$3 shipping by sending payment to:

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### *A Time of Refreshing*

*Mark your calendar for the 21st Annual Women's Retreat October 9-11, 2009 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.*

*Ginny Allen is our guest speaker this year.*

*Registration forms will be available in mid June. For more information contact*

*Susan Boon at boon@toast.net or 262-878-5931.*



## **ABC Sunday Sale**

*Sunday, June 21*

*9:00 - 11:00 AM*

*Big Sunday Sale – 9:00 am. You won't want to miss the savings and excitement at this sale! The sale is happening at the Pavilion.*

*Sale prices good only during this limited time sale.*