
LAMPLATTER

News for our Wisconsin Church Family



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Volunteers Help Flood Victims

The heavy rains drenching the Midwest this summer have Wisconsin Community Service volunteers hard at work. According to State Federation President **Deirdre Johnson**, 40 volunteers left camp meeting June 21 to help flood victims in Black River Falls, a small town nearly 90 miles from Camp Go Seek.

Over 80 homes in Black River Falls were lost. One volunteer estimated that contamination from sewage and flood waters had ruined approximately 80 percent of victims' belongings. Damaged buildings included dwellings for the handicapped, the elderly, and a HUD apartment house.

The Adventist group joined the Red Cross and Salvation Army in the clean-up. Church members carted out furniture from homes, shoveled mud, distributed comfort kits and nearly 60 loaves of freshly baked bread from the camp kitchen.

Volunteers were shocked by the height of the flood waters. Muddy stripes on walls and telephone poles

marked flood levels; on the first floor of one apartment, the water had come to within a foot of the ceiling.

Jane and Harlow Peterson (Almond) helped distribute 42 boxes of clothing. According to Jane, a baby quilt in one of the boxes found a good home. "A very expectant mother came along," she reports. "She had lost all the things she had for the baby. She hoped the baby would be late, as it was due and she didn't know what she would do. . . . She really appreciated the quilt."

Harlow tells of one flabbergasted resident: "Not one member of my church has come to help," the man told Harlow, "and here you all are!"

In a recent conference call, N.A.D. Church Ministries Director **Monte Sahlin** commended Wisconsin Community Service volunteers for their way of handling the disaster.

According to Johnson, Black River



Jane Peterson gives a baby quilt to someone who will soon need it!

Falls is now starting to rebuild. "We hope to go back later in the year with quilts and bedding," she says. Wisconsin Federation members may also be called to give flood relief aid in neighboring states.

For now, Johnson continues to stay in close touch with the Madison Red Cross and with her local sheriff, who has agreed to receive faxes for her.

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The Lamplatter is a bimonthly report to the members of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Address all correspondence to Communication Dept., Laurie Herr, Editor.

Y.E.S. Pilot Program Launched

A new one-year program to help deserving students attend Wisconsin Academy was approved in the June 29 Executive Committee. Under the new plan, constituency members will have a part in raising the \$50,000 - \$60,000 needed to cover the Youth Educational Scholarships (Y.E.S.) given each year.

Committee member **Louise Legreid** says the program's goal is for 500 families to contribute \$100 per year to the Y.E.S. fund. Contributions may be made throughout the year, and will be used for Y.E.S. grants only.

The enclosed pledge form tells more about how you can help make this pilot program work.

WISCONSIN BUDGET OFFERING GOALS

FOR 1993

BY PASTORATE
JUNE REPORT

	GOAL FOR YEAR	CHURCH GOAL THRU 6-30-93	AMOUNT REC THRU 6-30-93	AMOUNT UNDER GOAL *	AMOUNT REC FOR JUNE
BETHEL					
Adams-Friendship	2,645	1,322	456	866	36
Bethel	13,936	6,968	2,310	4,658	100
Marshfield	8,109	4,055	2,861	1,193	412
Total	24,689	12,345	5,628	6,717	548
COLUMBUS					
Beaver Dam	2,947	1,474	1,276	197	155
Watertown	3,092	1,546	1,701	-155	321
Wisconsin Acad.	18,741	9,371	5,135	4,235	979
Total	24,780	12,390	8,113	4,277	1,455
CONFERENCE					
Wisconsin Conference	17,759	8,880	13,411	-4,531	6,245
Total	17,759	8,880	13,411	-4,531	6,245
DURAND					
Durand	2,680	1,340	664	676	100
Menomonie	1,964	982	388	594	58
Total	4,644	2,322	1,051	1,271	158
EAU CLAIRE					
Alma Center	454	227	0	227	0
Chippewa Falls	2,142	1,071	821	250	112
Eau Claire	5,114	2,557	2,644	-88	222
Sparta	801	401	129	272	5
Tomah	2,130	1,065	477	588	41
Total	10,641	5,320	4,072	1,249	380
EVANSVILLE					
Evansville	2,119	1,060	880	179	180
Total	2,119	1,060	880	179	180
GREEN BAY					
Fish Creek	1,071	536	850	-314	402
Green Bay	25,472	12,736	3,870	8,866	565
Sturgeon Bay	2,907	1,453	1,553	-99	255
Total	29,449	14,725	6,272	8,453	1,223
JANESVILLE					
Beloit	2,784	1,392	548	844	95
Delavan	5,830	2,915	1,437	1,478	139
Janesville	3,195	1,597	1,163	435	151
Milton	12,022	6,011	3,176	2,836	654
Total	23,832	11,916	6,324	5,592	1,039
LACROSSE					
Galesville/Ettrick	367	183	116	67	70
Hylandale	2,581	1,290	474	816	157
LaCrosse	4,858	2,429	1,347	1,082	124
Total	7,806	3,903	1,938	1,965	351
LANCASTER/RICHLAND CENTER					
Lancaster	2,230	1,115	217	898	37
Prairie du Chien	2,265	1,132	216	916	20
Richland Center	5,140	2,570	446	2,124	118
Total	9,635	10,053	1,382	8,672	176

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LENA					
Gillett	3,124	1,562	151	1,412	10
Lena	8,055	4,028	1,517	2,511	129
Oconto	2,182	1,091	351	740	29
Pound	2,898	1,449	499	950	24
Shawano	2,972	1,486	259	1,227	33
Total	19,232	9,616	2,776	6,840	224
MADISON					
Madison	31,816	15,908	7,272	8,636	1,177
Madison Community	8,622	4,311	1,193	3,118	0
Total	40,438	20,219	8,465	11,754	1,177
MILWAUKEE CENTRAL					
Milwaukee Central	23,450	11,725	4,486	7,239	640
Sheboygan	5,335	2,668	1,034	1,633	64
Total	28,785	14,393	5,521	8,872	704
MILWAUKEE NORTHWEST					
Lake Country Co.	2,033	1,017	168	849	0
Milwaukee N.W.	12,286	6,143	1,096	5,047	94
Waukesha	10,203	5,101	1,849	3,252	146
Total	24,522	12,261	3,113	9,148	240
MILWAUKEE/RACINE SPANISH					
Milwaukee C. Spanish	5,468	2,734	179	2,555	0
Milw. N. Spanish	3,445	1,723	70	1,653	7
Milw. S.E. Spanish	3,114	1,557	306	1,251	64
Racine Spanish	4,122	2,061	195	1,866	22
Total	16,149	8,074	749	7,325	92
NEENAH-FOX VALLEY					
Neenah-Fox Valley	13,153	6,577	3,820	2,757	464
New London	3,496	1,748	630	1,118	100
Poy Sippi	1,970	985	356	629	110
Total	18,619	9,309	4,806	4,503	674
OAKLAND					
Oakland	3,490	1,745	827	918	102
Total	3,490	1,745	827	918	102
PORTAGE/RICHLAND CENTER					
Baraboo	2,713	1,356	992	364	175
Oxford	5,717	2,858	3,783	-925	861
Portage	4,958	2,479	710	1,769	62
Reedsburg	2,757	1,378	1,696	-318	228
Total	16,144	8,072	7,181	891	1,326
RACINE					
Franklin	536	268	0	268	0
Kenosha	3,848	1,924	160	1,764	18
Racine	3,919	1,959	544	1,415	48
Raymond	6,894	3,447	1,003	2,444	167
Total	15,196	7,598	1,708	5,890	233
RHINELANDER					
Clearwater Lake	4,993	2,496	487	2,010	79
Crandon	517	258	228	30	15
Lakeland	3,108	1,554	372	1,182	0
Prentice	236	118	50	68	0
Rhinelanders	6,226	3,113	2,791	322	376
Tomahawk Co	0	0	257	-257	71
Total	15,080	7,540	3,999	3,541	541

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RICE LAKE					
Clear Lake	7,921	3,961	422	3,538	73
Frederic	5,295	2,647	3,107	-460	400
Ladysmith	188	94	0	94	0
Rice Lake	8,567	4,283	2,587	1,696	0
Total	21,970	10,985	6,117	4,868	473
STEVENS POINT					
Almond	5,431	2,716	2,053	663	410
Stevens Point	5,546	2,773	2,476	297	186
Wautoma	527	263	8	256	0
Wisconsin Rapids	5,387	2,693	565	2,129	10
Total	16,891	8,445	5,101	3,344	606
SUPERIOR					
Ashland	2,104	1,052	365	687	55
Hayward	2,186	1,093	301	792	56
Spooner	853	427	223	203	20
Superior	3,202	1,601	1,564	37	221
Total	8,345	4,173	2,453	1,720	352
WAUSAU					
Antigo	2,489	1,245	615	629	100
Merrill	1,544	772	334	438	12
Moon	1,470	735	224	511	34
Wausau	6,226	3,113	824	2,290	56
Wittenberg Co.	508	254	0	254	0
Total	12,238	6,119	1,997	4,122	202
CONFERENCE TOTAL	412,454	208,845	103,725	105,120	18,698

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* We love to see a minus in the fifth column because it means that that particular church is actually ahead of their goal.

Let's help build churches!

In the North
Dominican
Republic,
five
churches
will cost
only
\$25,000!



Dear Wisconsin Church Member,

Did you know that:

- More than 80,000 Adventists live in the Dominican Republic, about one per 100 population?
- These fellow believers worship in over 300 churches?
- Family income there averages less than \$500 U.S. a month?
- Few families can afford to own a car?

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Wisconsin's sister conference, the North Dominican, has 85 growing churches with 22,585 members. 1992 alone brought 1,361 new members. In the first two months of this year, 500 people were baptized!

Along with such tremendous church growth comes a serious shortage of churches. "It's a good problem," explained Church Ministries Director Silvestre Gonzales through a translator, when Lake Union officers visited the conference in March. "Even though we have a problem, we want to have these problems. All the members including the youth and children, everyone is involved in evangelism. We are hoping to finish this soon. We want Jesus to come soon and take us home."

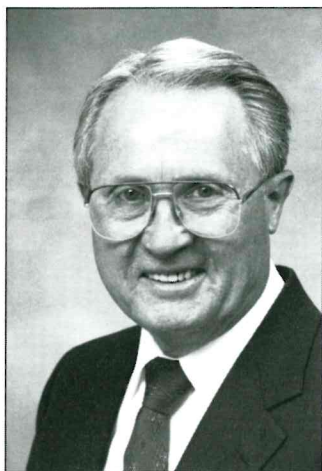
In the meantime, however, some congregations meet in homes or in humble rented buildings, where the walls are cracked and light bulbs dangle from wires. Why don't they build new churches?

No money. While there, we saw several churches under construction — block walls part-way up, weeds poking through. Unfinished, due to lack of funds.

But we can help! This summer, Wisconsin Conference hopes to raise \$25,000 to build churches in Santiago. With \$25,000 from our conference and matching funds from Maranatha Volunteers International, five churches can be built.

Please include your gift in the enclosed envelope **and give it to your church by September 30**. You can also indicate your interest in actively working on the churches. We may not all be able to go personally, but we all can give something.

Sincerely,



*Arnold
Swanson
(left),
Conference
President*



*Ken Wright
(right),
Conference
Secretary/
Treasurer*

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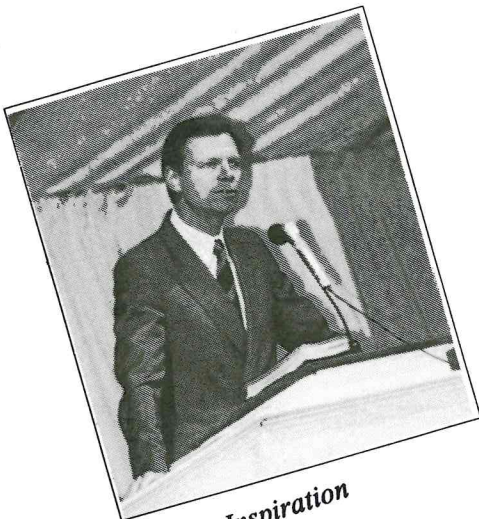
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Service



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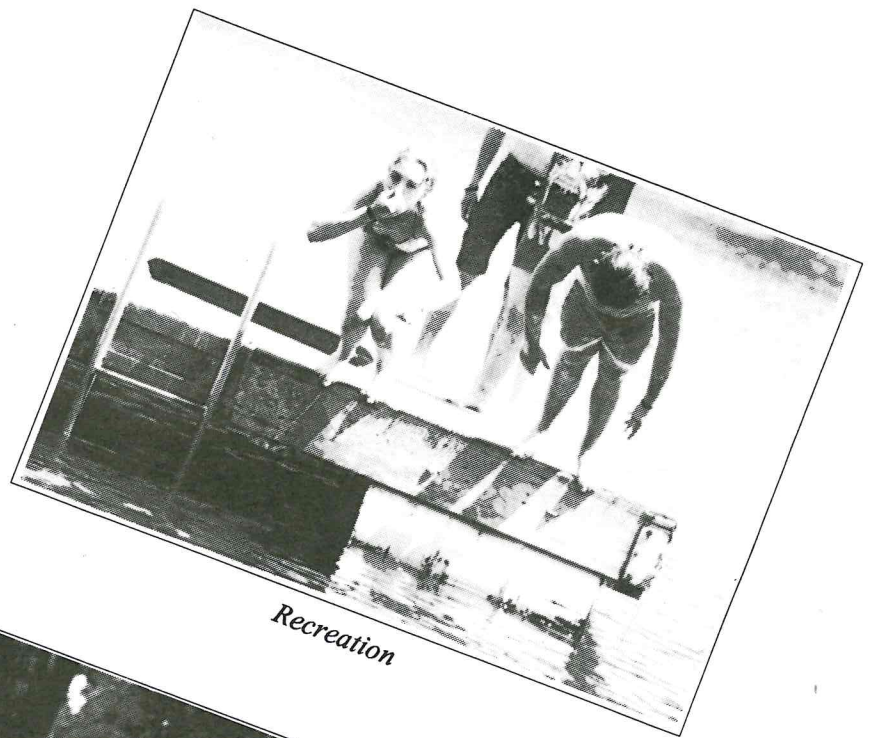


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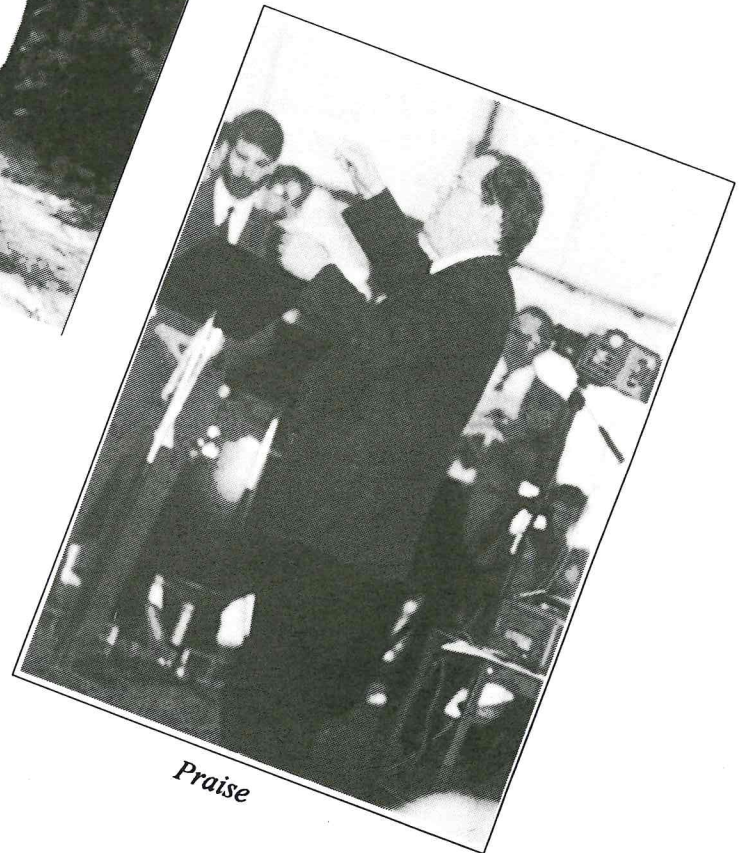
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Recreation



Joy



Praise



Growth

News Notes

Conference-Wide:

• At least 1,000 Midwestern homes have been lost or severely damaged by flooding. In response to the disaster, an **Adventist Community Services 800 number** (1-800-253-3000) was opened to the public on July 16. Donors from across North America are being directed to the nearest Adventist church or ACS unit if they have small quantities of items that cannot be trucked directly to the flood sites.

The conference office has issued all churches a fact sheet and instructions on collecting items.

• **Twelve people** were baptized June 26 at camp meeting! The new members come from ten Wisconsin churches; two are students at Wisconsin Academy.

• Over 1,000 names have been turned in for **Project Reclaim**. Please submit all names of former or non-attending Adventists to be included in this ministry to: Church Ministries Dept., Wisconsin Conference, P. O. Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707. **Deadline: Sept. 1.**

• Wisconsin members gave \$3,293.95 in the June 21 **Project Amigo** offering. The money will help build five churches in Santiago. Please

remember our goal of \$25,000. Contributions may be made **through Sept. 30.**

• The June 26 offering for **Milwaukee Area Evangelism** came to \$3,481.64. This year's Wisconsin Evangelism offering total to date: \$5,522.77.

• **Y.E.S. Alert!** Any student requesting a Y.E.S. grant for the 1993-94 school year **MUST** have the request in right away. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and funds are limited. **Don't miss out** by waiting until registration on Aug. 22! Application forms are available at Wisconsin Academy.

• The Executive Committee voted June 29 to purchase a **satellite dish** for the conference. According to Conference Treasurer **Ken Wright**, the satellite will be used for programs such as division-wide training seminars, evangelistic series, and General Conference bulletins. The \$3,000 dish should be installed by early August.

Local Churches:

• The **Baraboo Church** lost all Sabbath School materials, library books, and a piano due to flooding July 18. Pastor **Wendell Springer** reported 51" of water in the basement.

• Members of the **Janesville Church** celebrated their first Sabbath in their new home on June 12. The church building which they purchased is located at 1805 Foster Avenue in Janesville.

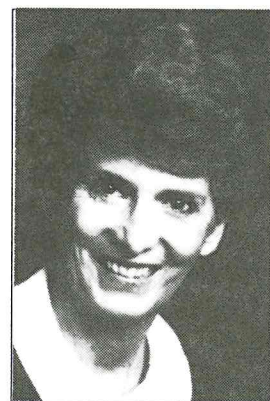
• Dedication services for the **Madison East church** (910 Femrite Drive, Madison) will be held Sept. 10-11. Guest speakers include Pastors **John Boyd** and **Dan Neergaard**.

Coming Up. . .

• **Miss Wisconsin USA** will speak at the September Ladies Only Breakfast held at the Racine Holiday Inn. Call Jo Kutzner (Racine) for details, 414/639-6973.

• **Wisconsin Women's Retreat**, Oct. 15-17 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Guest speaker: **Barbara Nelson**,

right. For more information call Aileen Patton, 414/885-2456.



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