

Lamp Letter

News for our Wisconsin church family

March 1998

Spanish Church on the Move



Pastor Orlando Vazquez, right with Hector and Emma Santiago.

Last December the Milwaukee Central Spanish Church celebrated their 20th anniversary. The church was founded December 17, 1977. In recognition of their hard work, faithfulness and dedication to the church, pioneer leaders Hector and Emma Santiago each received a plaque of appreciation from church members.

Spanish Youth Federation



Pastors Orlando Vazquez and Hector deArmas, Elder Dale Ziegele with youth leaders.

Spanish Youth Federation leaders for Wisconsin met in Milwaukee recently to elect additional leaders and to plan programs to meet the needs of their youth. Orville Ortiz is president of the Federation.

On January 31 the Hispanic Youth Federation met for their inauguration program at the Milwaukee Central Spanish Church. The Federation includes young people from all the Hispanic churches and companies in Wisconsin. A procession of flags and youth dressed in the costume of their country was the highlight of the program. At the end of the program each of the youth were asked to serve Jesus in the church and their communities.



Young people in costumes from Mexico and Puerto Rico and other Spanish speaking countries with their flags at the Spanish Youth Federation inauguration.

Welcome

Terry and Jean McComb have come to the Bethel/Marshfield/Adams district as an interim pastoral team with many years of pastoral experience. The McComb's plan to be here through campmeeting. Terry is also skilled in nature photography and writing and has been on staff with *Creation* magazine. Jean is a talented musician.

James and Judy Fox have been invited to Wisconsin from British Columbia, Canada. Elder Fox will serve as conference Communication's director as well as pastor the Milton Church. He presently pastors a large church in Rutland, BC.

President's Message



Calvary's Love

The theme of Campmeeting 1998 will be Calvary's love. What is so unique and special about this love?

One of the qualities is to return evil with good. Recently, I read of a father whose son was killed in gang wars in his city. This father has become a Christian. He is now leading a crusade to help restore these gang members to a better life.

This love also possess the heart to forgive even before repentance is made. It relates to people in such a manner as to have their best interest in mind. It reaches out even to enemies.

Calvary's love is generous, but not irresponsible. It speaks the truth, but in love. It rebukes, but with compassion. It always seeks redemption and restoration.

1998 will see Bible studies, evangelistic meetings and personal witnessing taking place in Wisconsin. When these are presented by lives demonstrating Calvary's kind of love, they will have great power.

Our personal lives, our homes and churches will have great attraction and appeal if authentic love is demonstrated.

Let's love people the way Jesus did!

--Donald Corkum, President

Polly's Place

In just one year, the dream of having a place of refuge and retreat for Christian women in crisis and pregnant teens has become a reality. *Polly's Place* provides a place for nurture, safety, support, acceptance and healing. Write or call for more information at 102 Berrien Center, MI (616) 687-9822.

To Russia with Love

The Quiet Hour is forming teams to establish churches in Russia. Medical or health oriented personnel and someone who could teach children are needed. Materials will be supplied. Pastor and Mrs. John Johansen, LaCrosse district, will lead this project scheduled for two weeks in April. If you are interested and could afford the airfare, please call the Johansen's at (715) 926-3209.

Gene and Pat McClintock of the Clear Lake left for Russia at the end of February. This will be the McClintock's ninth trip and fourth evangelistic campaign which has resulted in 160 baptisms so far.

They will conduct meetings in the city of Nizhny Novgorod and dedicate a church building that was built three years ago while they were there. The McClintock's say they need sound equipment for their meetings and funds to continue building new churches. You can send a tax deductible donation to the Clear Lake Church at 76 20th Ave., Clear Lake, WI 54005. Please make sure donations are marked for Russian Evangelism.



Pastors and Teachers enjoying a field trip to the Cave of the Mounds.

Pastors & Teachers Meet

Pastors and teachers met in January for their annual winter meetings. Guest speakers Skip MacCarty and Esther Knott, associate pastors at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, MI, talked to the pastors about Net '98. Elder Kermit Netteburg, NAD Communications director, gave a presentation on the vision of the church for the twenty-first century.

Financial Matters

The Lay Advisory committee on February 22 gave their approval to the 1998 Wisconsin Budget which will be presented to the Executive Committee on March 3. This budget is based on 99% of 1997 tithe. The 5.16% tithe increase has helped make possible \$100,000 of funding for Net '98, an additional \$60,000 for other evangelistic efforts, full funding for our commitment to Wisconsin Academy, and makes provision for a conference communications director. Thank you for your faithfulness.



**It's better to build a child...
than to mend a man!**

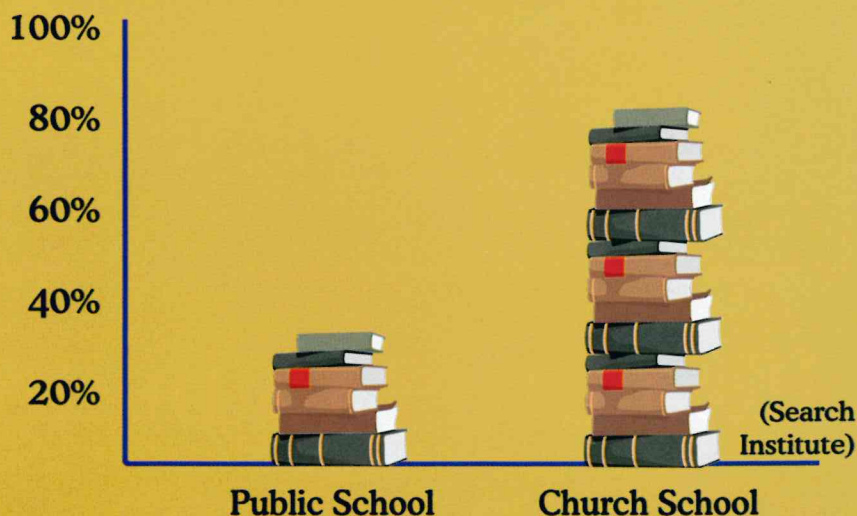
Why Adventist Education?



I can't begin to explain how important Adventist education has been to our children. The sacrifice was well worth it!

Research has clearly shown that the more years a child receives Adventist education, the more likely he or she tends to stay active in the Adventist church.

Can you think of a better reason to support Adventist education?



WISCONSIN A.B.C. BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE SPRING 1998



March 21	Sat.	Milwaukee Jr. Academy	After Sundown
March 22	Sun.	Kenosha SDA Church	10:00am - 11:00am
March 22	Sun.	Racine SDA Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
March 22	Sun.	Raymond SDA School	2:00pm - 3:00pm
March 22	Sun.	Delavan SDA Church	5:00pm - 5:45pm



March 28	Sat.	Bethel SDA School	6:30pm - 8:00pm
March 29	Sun.	Wisconsin Rapids SDA Church	10:00am - 11:00am
March 29	Sun.	Stevens Point SDA Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
March 29	Sun.	Almond SDA Church	3:00pm - 4:00pm



April 3	Fri.	Hylandale SDA Church	2:00pm - 3:00pm
April 4	Sat.	LaCrosse SDA Church	6:45pm - 8:00pm
April 5	Sun.	Prairie du Chien SDA Church	10:00am - 11:00am
April 5	Sun.	Lancaster SDA Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
April 5	Sun.	Richland Center SDA Church	4:00pm - 5:00pm



April 10	Fri.	Antigo SDA Church	3:00pm - 4:00pm
April 11	Sat.	Clearwater Lake SDA Church	After Sundown
April 12	Sun.	Rhineland SDA Church	10:00am - 11:00am
April 12	Sun.	Tomahawk SDA Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
April 12	Sun.	Wausau SDA Church	2:30pm - 3:30pm



April 18	Sat.	Green Bay SDA Church	After Sundown
April 19	Sun.	Lena, Ziesmer's Ranch	9:00am - 11:00am
April 19	Sun.	Fox Valley SDA Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
April 19	Sun.	Sheboygan SDA Church	3:00pm - 4:00pm



April 24	Fri.	Menomonie SDA Church	12:00pm - 1:00pm
April 24	Fri.	Frederic SDA Church	3:30pm - 4:30pm
April 25	Sat.	Superior SDA Church	After Sundown
April 26	Sun.	Rice Lake SDA Church	9:00am - 10:00am
April 26	Sun.	Clear Lake SDA Church	1:00pm - 2:00pm
April 26	Sun.	Eau Claire SDA Church	4:00pm - 5:00pm

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WISCONSIN BUDGET GOAL
Thru DECEMBER 1997

CHURCH	MEM.	GOAL FOR 1997	GOAL THRU 12-31-97	AMT REC THRU 12-31-97	AMT UNDER GOAL 12-31-97	% OF GOAL RECIEVED
Adams-Friendship	15	\$1,249.42	\$1,249.42	\$483.45	\$765.97	39%
Almond	54	\$2,574.19	\$2,574.19	\$4,760.19	(\$2,186.00)	185%
Antigo	42	\$1,423.76	\$1,423.76	\$1,406.77	\$16.99	99%
Ashland	55	\$2,211.35	\$2,211.35	\$1,033.25	\$1,178.10	47%
Baraboo	33	\$2,704.75	\$2,704.75	\$3,149.51	(\$444.76)	116%
Beaver Dam	20	\$1,789.76	\$1,789.76	\$2,475.89	(\$686.13)	138%
Beloit	63	\$2,066.90	\$2,066.90	\$1,165.33	\$901.57	56%
Bethel	190	\$8,068.77	\$8,068.77	\$3,775.33	\$4,293.44	47%
Chippewa Falls	35	\$1,454.38	\$1,454.38	\$1,231.96	\$222.42	85%
Clear Lake	94	\$5,420.14	\$5,420.14	\$3,692.39	\$1,727.75	68%
Clearwater Lake	76	\$3,123.12	\$3,123.12	\$1,946.27	\$1,176.85	62%
Delavan	56	\$3,890.18	\$3,890.18	\$2,855.97	\$1,034.21	73%
Durand	47	\$3,335.68	\$3,335.68	\$1,439.89	\$1,895.79	43%
Eau Claire	108	\$6,290.82	\$6,290.82	\$5,511.55	\$779.27	88%
Evansville	31	\$2,050.06	\$2,050.06	\$1,530.50	\$519.56	75%
Fish Creek	13	\$625.69	\$625.69	\$1,553.00	(\$927.31)	248%
Fox Valley	194	\$11,490.92	\$11,490.92	\$8,636.86	\$2,854.06	75%
Frederic	69	\$5,812.12	\$5,812.12	\$7,637.34	(\$1,825.22)	131%
Gillett	29	\$1,379.58	\$1,379.58	\$1,648.00	(\$268.42)	119%
Green Bay	389	\$26,026.29	\$26,026.29	\$13,872.53	\$12,153.76	53%
Hayward	24	\$2,748.04	\$2,748.04	\$1,246.82	\$1,501.22	45%
Hylandale	60	\$2,341.42	\$2,341.42	\$713.31	\$1,628.11	30%
Janesville	68	\$2,909.17	\$2,909.17	\$2,970.95	(\$61.78)	102%
Kenosha	43	\$3,793.74	\$3,793.74	\$373.50	\$3,420.24	10%
LaCrosse	68	\$3,854.22	\$3,854.22	\$3,242.45	\$611.77	84%
Lake Country	32	\$2,081.30	\$2,081.30	\$1,007.59	\$1,073.71	48%
Lakeland	37	\$2,229.04	\$2,229.04	\$414.03	\$1,815.01	19%
Lancaster	63	\$1,872.02	\$1,872.02	\$909.23	\$962.79	49%
Lena	70	\$5,896.60	\$5,896.60	\$2,996.40	\$2,900.20	51%
Madison	400	\$23,940.52	\$23,940.52	\$18,587.34	\$5,353.18	78%
Madison Community	103	\$7,505.78	\$7,505.78	\$4,129.17	\$3,376.61	55%
Marshfield	95	\$4,977.34	\$4,977.34	\$5,023.19	(\$45.85)	101%
Menomonie	59	\$1,509.87	\$1,509.87	\$638.80	\$871.07	42%
Merrill	35	\$1,555.98	\$1,555.98	\$1,302.78	\$253.20	84%
Milton	143	\$6,901.62	\$6,901.62	\$5,619.03	\$1,282.59	81%
Milwaukee Central	264	\$16,056.49	\$16,056.49	\$6,170.67	\$9,885.82	38%
Milwaukee C. Spanish	134	\$5,535.07	\$5,535.07	\$517.10	\$5,017.97	9%
Milwaukee N.W.	170	\$10,927.35	\$10,927.35	\$4,883.53	\$6,043.82	45%
Milw. N. Spanish	161	\$1,992.05	\$1,992.05	\$165.40	\$1,826.65	8%
Milw. S.E. Spanish	91	\$2,373.24	\$2,373.24	\$843.07	\$1,530.17	36%
Moon	14	\$1,108.40	\$1,108.40	\$544.63	\$563.77	49%
New London	52	\$3,165.67	\$3,165.67	\$2,563.97	\$601.70	81%
Oakland	42	\$2,646.63	\$2,646.63	\$1,425.03	\$1,221.60	54%
Oconto	44	\$1,628.52	\$1,628.52	\$2,197.95	(\$569.43)	135%
Oxford	62	\$4,485.51	\$4,485.51	\$4,381.00	\$104.51	98%
Portage	114	\$3,852.52	\$3,852.52	\$2,664.60	\$1,187.92	69%
Pound	59	\$1,897.29	\$1,897.29	\$654.42	\$1,242.87	34%
Poy Sippi	20	\$258.20	\$258.20	\$325.98	(\$67.78)	126%
Prairie du Chien	23	\$764.39	\$764.39	\$322.26	\$442.13	42%
Racine	107	\$3,927.63	\$3,927.63	\$2,220.11	\$1,707.52	57%
Racine Spanish	63	\$2,133.45	\$2,133.45	\$349.75	\$1,783.70	16%
Raymond	122	\$6,489.12	\$6,489.12	\$1,228.21	\$5,260.91	19%
Reedsburg	54	\$2,148.90	\$2,148.90	\$2,906.88	(\$757.98)	135%

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Rhineland	98	\$5,207.85	\$5,207.85	\$5,259.40	(\$51.55)	101%
Rice Lake	131	\$6,249.61	\$6,249.61	\$8,110.13	(\$1,860.52)	130%
Richland Center	80	\$3,749.00	\$3,749.00	\$1,675.76	\$2,073.24	45%
Shawano	19	\$1,418.44	\$1,418.44	\$305.35	\$1,113.09	22%
Sheboygan	95	\$5,910.07	\$5,910.07	\$2,322.33	\$3,587.74	39%
Sheboygan Spanish Company	4	\$369.08	\$369.08	\$160.07	\$209.01	43%
Sparta	53	\$1,063.16	\$1,063.16	\$239.29	\$823.87	23%
Spooner-Trego	10	\$713.60	\$713.60	\$370.37	\$343.23	52%
Stevens Point	58	\$3,115.64	\$3,115.64	\$4,180.27	(\$1,064.63)	134%
Sturgeon Bay	27	\$1,546.69	\$1,546.69	\$3,014.36	(\$1,467.67)	195%
Superior	61	\$2,790.51	\$2,790.51	\$2,451.45	\$339.06	88%
Tomah	44	\$1,185.36	\$1,185.36	\$1,019.02	\$166.34	86%
Tomahawk Company	14	\$959.83	\$959.83	\$1,343.68	(\$383.85)	140%
Watertown	50	\$2,267.19	\$2,267.19	\$2,390.07	(\$122.88)	105%
Waukesha	204	\$8,329.92	\$8,329.92	\$8,412.03	(\$82.11)	101%
Wausau	90	\$4,866.69	\$4,866.69	\$3,313.52	\$1,553.17	68%
Wautoma		\$384.29	\$384.29	\$0.00	\$384.29	0%
Wautoma Spanish Company	13	\$161.01	\$161.01	\$79.52	\$81.49	49%
Wisconsin Acad.	280	\$17,775.06	\$17,775.06	\$18,839.53	(\$1,064.47)	106%
Wisconsin Conference	267	\$12,394.47	\$12,394.47	\$4,640.20	\$7,754.27	37%
Wisconsin Rapids	70	\$2,300.62	\$2,300.62	\$355.25	\$1,945.37	15%
TOTAL	6177	\$321,253.07	\$321,253.07	\$221,826.73	\$99,426.34	69%



Mike Dant answers questions from Artie Hamman concerning his Bits, Bytes and Bible Seminar at the Men's Retreat.

Spiritual Renewal Just for Men

A spiritual feast was shared by eighty men during the annual Men's Retreat at Westfield. Fathers, sons, brothers, friends, and business associates gathered to join in this community of men committed to seeking God's will in their lives and homes. Featured guest, David Smith, from the Voice of Prophecy challenged and inspired the group in this third annual meeting. Other featured speakers included Michael Dant (Madison) who encouraged a deeper study of God's Word using computer tools as examples. Don Corkum shared insights into the power of forgiveness and Herb Wrate examined priorities beyond price. Darwin Elmer (Milton) led the group in powerful times of song and praise.

One man commented "I had no idea there were men who were open about their love for God until I attended this event." A gift book entitled *Your Most Radical Decision* by Lonnie Melashenko and David Smith was presented to each participant. Linda and Jim Johnson, camp hosts, made these special weekend hours inviting and memorable.



Candlelight meals with friends old and new bridged generations and state lines to bring men together.

Evangelism

An *It Is Written Prophecy Panorama* will start March 14 in the Fox Valley Church. Steve Gallimore, conference ministerial director, will be the evangelist for these meetings.

Wisconsin Academy has opened the "Little Church" as a Community Center. For almost a hundred years the little chapel at 154 S. Spring Street in Columbus served as an Episcopal Church. Now it is reopening as a community center under the guidance of Wisconsin Academy students, staff and church members. Londa Edsell, WA chaplain, "is pleased with the opportunity for academy students to have a place in town to work out of for their community service projects." Programs for the "Little Church" include a story hour, a cooking school, a Ladies Tea and Prayer time, concerts, and other community outreach programs.



Earthmaker Mysteries

It's the theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School series. Come learn and have fun with special guest speaker Judi Rogers from the Review and Herald at the annual Vacation Bible School Workshop on May 3. For more information call (608) 241-5235 or write to PO Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707

Pathfinders Study Hard

Pathfinders across Wisconsin are busy intently studying the book of I Kings in preparation for the statewide Pathfinder Bible Bowl. Carefully selected questions from I Kings challenge six Pathfinder teams. Regional Bible Bowls were conducted in Madison, Eau Claire and Green Bay with a statewide meet to be held in Columbus at the Petersen School. All who placed in the statewide meet will be delegates to the Lake Union Pathfinder Bible Bowl March 28 at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

*Great is the Lord
and most worthy of praise.*
Psalm 48:1

ABC NEWS

March is Music Month. 20% off all music cassettes and CDs. 15% off all music videos. Food specials — buy 1 case, get \$5.00 off the second.

New Video: *Splendors of Nature* Fairchild Tropical Garden (4th in series). This video includes reflective scenes of nature set to more than 60 minutes of relaxing music. You will enter into the fascinating world of tropical trees and plants, featuring an African baobab tree which stores thousands of gallons of water in its trunk. View the tall majestic Bailey palm whose trunk resembles a concrete pillar. Stroll through the rain forest filled with exquisite purple orchids, brilliant green tropical ferns, bromeliads and aroids. Inspect the arid rock gardens which are home to some species of plant life blooming only once every ten years.

New Music: *Forever Grateful* by Del Delker (Cassette and CD). This beautiful music includes new music and familiar music. Titles include *Come Let Us Reason Together*, *Under His Wings*, *He Hold the Worlds Together*, and 17 other songs.

New Magazine for Children's Ministry Leaders A revolutionary new Adventist magazine, *Kids' Ministry Ideas*, is filled with topnotch ideas to help leaders lead children to Jesus. Specifically tailored to offer children's leaders the most innovative, useful ministry resources, *Kids' Ministry Ideas* articles come directly from the front lines of children's ministry.

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✧ A biblical key for learning how to worship God in spirit and truth.

✧ How you can worship God with your whole lifestyle and make life a continuing worship experience.

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✧ Worship ideas for enriching your relationship with God.

✧ Why the issue of worship is so important for end-time Christians.

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