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“Hope for Our Day” Evangelism in Wisconsin

On September 10, the first of fifty-eight public evangelistic series scheduled for this fall began in Wisconsin. Hope for Our Day is the broad umbrella under which the Lake Union gathered over three hundred separate reaping public evangelistic series in 4 states.

There were many notable happenings in *Hope for Our Day*:

- Fred and Sandy Miller collaborated with a variety of presenters in giving health lectures for meetings in Sun Prairie

- Jonathan Larssen, Associate Pastor in the Madison East Church, conducted his first public evangelistic meeting.



Jonathan Larssen

- Ardis Burke in Milwaukee and Lisa Isensee in Monroe were the first ladies in the Wisconsin Conference (in recent memory) to conduct their own public evangelistic series.



Lisa Isensee

- James Fox, WA grad from the class of '99, was home from



James Fox

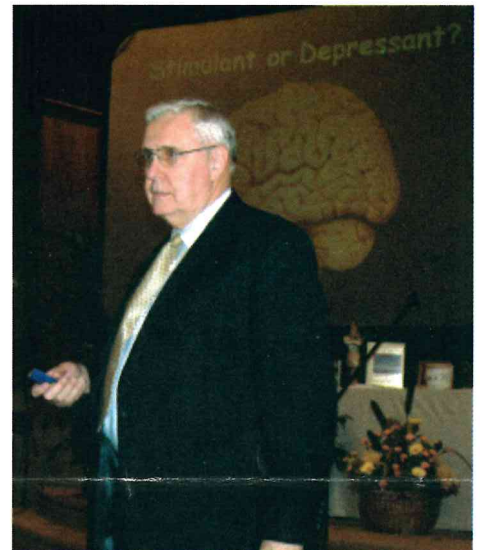
Loma Linda for a long weekend. He pitched in with his Dad delivering a health lecture at the Sun Prairie meetings.

Pastors and Lay Evangelists reported fair to excellent attendance for their opening program: “People responded well to the advertising,” reported James Fox, Evangelism Coordinator for Wisconsin. “As always, some areas had better turnouts than others.”

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Ric Swaningson, Conference Evangelist, led meetings in Green Bay where seventeen were baptized with more studying



Dr. Dewayne Butcher, from Fletcher, North Carolina, gave health talk lectures in Green Bay

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Are We Ready?



Jack McAllister realizes how quickly life situations can change. Three months ago he bought his dream home for retirement in

Punta Gorda, Florida. He now sees only a debris after hurricane Ivan's devastation.

What can we do to help these hurricane devastated people? We can help financially through ADRA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 10904, as they endeavor to be a part of the response in bringing help and relief. We can also pray for God's presence and power which does make a difference in people's lives.

Take the Apostle Paul for example. He experienced the harsh realities of life. He had been abandoned. He was unfairly tried. He was thrown in prison. Yet he testified in 2 Timothy 4:17 "But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me..."

The final moments of earth's history are going to bring many severe circumstances. Our greatest defense for these harsh times

is to keep close to God. Prayer must saturate our life's experiences. It must also permeate the fellowship, ministry and worship of the church. Let's do everything we can to keep our church strong at this decisive hour.

In talking with General Conference leaders recently, they shared the theme for the upcoming General Conference session is *Transformed in Christ*. They want to emphasize spiritual preparation in these end times. This will also be our theme for Wisconsin Camp Meeting 2005. Why don't we make it our theme for our life every day?

We may not know what is going to happen next in our unpredictable world. However, let's make sure we incorporate in our life what is predictable—the constant love and care of our Heavenly Father and His Son, our Brother. Let's maintain a powerful prayer life and passionate spirituality. We will then bear testimony with Paul in life's situations "My Lord stood with me."

Don Corkum, President

Elder's Convention

Our elders in Wisconsin are the key to the function of our churches here in Wisconsin. Every year, we seek to hold a special event giving specialized training and inspiration just for our local leaders.

In 2005, Wisconsin's Elder's Convention convenes on December 5 at Camp Wakonda. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lyle Litzenburger of the North American Division Evangelism Institute will be our guest presenter. He will instruct us in Natural Church Development, or NCD. NCD is a process that is helping to revitalize many churches in North America. As church leaders, it is important that we understand how our churches can benefit from this helpful process. It is helping churches to become more spiritual, relational and focused on mission.

There is no charge for church elders and pastors to attend this event. You must register, however, so materials and meals will be provided in ample quantity. For more information or to register for this convention, contact Kitty Crary at kcrary@wi.adventist.org or call 608-241-5235 during standard office hours.

Don Corkum

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It is still too early to assess the results. Many individuals have made decisions to be baptized and are preparing for baptism.

Please make these dear ones a matter of prayer over the next months that the Spirit of God might bless abundantly.

Small Group Convention

This year's convention will be held February 11-13, 2005, at Fireside Lodge, Camp Wakonda. Milton Adams from Washington will be the presenter. Growth groups is where Spiritual Growth happens best. Yes, the best way to grow a church is to make it . . . smaller!! Smaller in the sense of small groups for people to serve and receive nurture. Small groups is a vital area to help renew the church—why not plan now to be a part of this weekend. Application forms are available through Kitty Crary. For info, you may e-mail kcrary@wi.adventist.org or call 608-241-5235.

Don Corkum

Church Planter's Rally

Mar. 19, 2005 Reserve this date in your calendar now for what could be the most powerful, life-changing weekend you have ever experienced

Coming Events at Wakonda & Fireside Lodge Ministry Ctr.

Nov. 7 Evangelists' Banquet

Dec. 5 Elder's Convention

2005

Jan. 15 Public H.S. Retreat

Jan. 22 Men's Convention

Feb. 11-13 Small Group
..... Convention

June 17-25 Camp Meeting

What Can Wisconsin Academy Do for You?

I am writing as a college sophomore at Andrews University. The excitement of this new year has started me down *memory lane* and a journey that began years ago. I have fond memories of grade school and all my years at Bethel Junior Academy. My teachers from BJA instilled in me a love of learning that has led me to my Elementary Education major.

But at this moment my thoughts are back at Wisconsin Academy. Maybe that's because my sister, Kelli, is beginning her senior year there and I pray she will have an experience as wonderful as mine.

Going to WA was something I had looked forward to all my life. As a little girl my parents would talk to me about the day when I would get to go to WA. Mom would share stories of her years there as we walked the campus at Music Fest or Alumni Weekend. I couldn't wait to take History from Mr. Sigler, just like my Mom. But a little girl's daydreams were no comparison to what I found three years ago.

WA opened the door for me to experience one of God's greatest blessings – friendships that last into eternity. Dorm life strengthens friendships like almost no other situation can—your friends are not only your classmates—they become your roommates, neighbors, and family. Kerri was there for me like that. At every step, whether the best joy or the worst sorrow, she was there. I'll never forget the day during finals week my junior year when my grandpa died and my friend, Esther, got Dean Thomas to take her into town to buy me ice cream—my comfort food. My friends spent that evening letting me talk and cry, and years later I knew that I had seen Jesus through them.

I can't say enough about the

teachers and faculty at WA. I knew they were always willing to help me with my classes, to give counsel, and come to the rescue for my times of need. I've seen them each make sacrifices to give their all to this school.

My senior year I was Student Association Spiritual Vice-President. With added responsibility came added stress. I remember one day in particular when it seemed everything was going wrong. I didn't know how I would ever make it. I happened to walk into the business office and Mrs. Budd took the time to listen. Then she prayed the most powerful prayer with me, and I knew God would carry me through that day. I have many experiences just like that to draw strength from.

WA changed my life in so many ways. Academically I feel it prepared me for college. Even now I still use my English portfolios from Mrs. Seals' classes as a reference in college. Mr. Belyeu ran my senior Bible class like a college class to help us prepare for that experience. I was given the opportunity to develop leadership skills by being a class officer, working with Girl's club, Student Association, Wisconian (the school newspaper), and the National Honor Society. I also took advantage of the chance to join the bell choir, and attend Prayer Conference. Each opportunity taught me new skills, added some fun and excitement to my day, and allowed me to grow as a person.

Above all else, WA brought me closer to God, a priceless investment. One night, we had an all-night prayer vigil. We were invited to come to the chapel throughout the night to pray with faculty and church members. The goal was to have different people praying all

night long. At one point during the night there was a couple from the church, Dean Thomas, two other girls and myself. Jenny, Liz, and I went away from the adults to the back of the church to pray. We each took turns as we prayed for the concerns on our hearts. After each of us had prayed we felt impressed to pray for another concern, then another and another. At that moment I felt so close to God. That night created a special bond between the three of us girls. It has become a milestone in my walk with God as I am reminded that He yearns for me to talk with Him.

I could go on sharing the impact that WA has had on me, but I have long run out of room in this article. But I would like to close with this note: I know that since I have graduated, faculty has changed and new students have come. Although that brings changes, I **know** that the mission is still the same – to lead young people to a deeper walk with Jesus!

If this is simply **part** of what Wisconsin Academy did for me, just think of what W.A. could do for you!



Bobbi Gauger

Wisconsin's Newest Teachers—K-10

"The only thing that is constant in the Advent Movement is change."

There has been a world of change in our teacher list in Wisconsin for 2004-2005. As individuals have accepted calls and moved on, God has provided dedicated men and women to continue the work of Christian Education in behalf of our children:



Otter Creek Christian Academy, Eau Claire

Kim Gillen joins Rich Bauer as the new lower grade teacher

Petersen Elementary, Columbus

Kathy Hayhoe joins Rose Paden as lower grade teacher



Thompson Lake Christian School, Durand

Janie Feathers is the new teacher/principal



Woodland Adventist School, Janesville

Evan Moravetz joins Becky Russell as Principal/Upper Grades teacher

Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy, Green Bay

Dean Sigsworth joins Carmen Magray and Alma Stauffer as Principal and Upper Grades teacher



Maranatha SDA Elementary, Lena

Steven Laubach is the new Principal/Teacher



Milwaukee Junior Academy

Alberto Torres (photo unavailable) is the new Principal and co-teaches grades 5-10 with Jane Jafferi



Science Fair is Coming

Grade 5-12 public school students and homeschoolers may participate in the annual Science Fair held March 6, 2005, at Wisconsin Academy. If you are interested, please contact the Education Department for a booklet with the rules and deadlines. You will want to have this booklet in hand before January 1, 2005.

Wisconsin Elementary School Enrollment

Bethel Jr. Academy	10
Branch Christian	3
Fox Valley	11
Frederic	7
Green Bay Adventist Jr.	34
Hillside Christian	9
Lakeland	9
Maranatha	12
Meadow Creek Adventist	10
Milwaukee Jr. Academy	47
Otter Creek Christian	20
Petersen	21
Thompson Lake Christian	12
Three Angels Christian	29
Woodland Adventist	26
K-10 TOTALS	260

VBS Success Story

The "First Century Nazareth village" came to the Fox Valley SDA Church showing the miracles of Jesus. July 19-23 was a time of exploration, crafts, singing and puppets. Over 30 children came during the VBS and more than half were visitors. One of the young visitors was

Autumn Gruber from Neenah, WI.

She had never seen such crafts like: Candle making, weaving, writing Hebrew, making tambourines, picture frames, sewing, playing games and eating snacks. Many made their own real sandals thanks to Thomas Fiscus and Paul Van Laarhoven. Many volunteers and helpers added activities and crafts to the fun at the Nazareth village. After all was completed Autumn and her mother came to see Sue Nelson to register at the church school. She is a 4th grader in the school and loves it! Great VBS!!

Pastor Loren Nelson

Green Bay VBS is for prayer . . . for colorful attire . . .



for singing real loud . . .



Jeff Rosen, Eric Leonsen, John Thomas, Eric Garrett and Rachel Stuiwenga join with their crews for Spirited Singing in Clear Lake



Carol Nelson and her crew share a joyful moment for the camera



Joy was all around the Madison Community Church when they held their VBS in their new building

for joy . . .



for kids of all ages who love Jesus . . .

Community's VBS expressed multiple cultures and foods as they took a thrilling adventure to Lava Island and Jesus



for laughing . . .



Family Ministries



Abraham
Swamidass

Under the chairmanship of Elder Abraham Swamidass, a Family Ministries committee has been inaugurated. They have formed a mission

statement which declares: "To empower Wisconsin families to live and grow in harmony with our Lord Jesus Christ and each other."

Committee members are: Pastor Carlos Ancheta, Pastor Mihail Baci, Joel and Maria Lopez, Jane Foll, Julie Olson, and Harry Schroeder.

They encourage every church to appoint a Family Ministry Director who will take an interest in the health of church families and convey conference planned events to the membership as well as plan local functions that would encourage healthy family life.

Ordained and Commissioned

Camp Meeting 2004 was particularly memorable for two families in Wisconsin as their ministries were publicly recognized.

Pastor David Guerrero pictured below with his wife and family was ordained to the gospel ministry. Pastor Guerrero ministers in the Durand and Menomonie Churches.



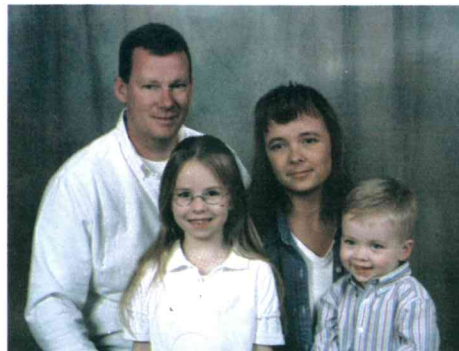
The Milwaukee Central Church is hosting a marriage Retreat Weekend on December 4 and 5 in Oconomowoc, WI with Walter and Fudge Wright. You are invited. (They have a few more openings.) The cost of \$195 per couple includes a one night stay, seminar materials, Sabbath lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. For more info call Joel or Maria Lopez at 414-571-5809.

The committee is compiling a list of Seminar speakers and counselors who would be willing to help you structure a program/weekend that would be beneficial for your local family life needs. Suggestions you have for such a data base are welcomed.

Please direct communications to:

Elder Swamidass 608-837-6672 or
aswamidass@charter.net or
Aileen King 608-241-5235 ext 104
or akking@wi.adventist.org

Wendy Baldwin pictured below with husband Rich and family was commissioned as teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist school system. Wendy teaches at the Three Angel Christian School in Madison.



Retreat For Pastors' Wives



Vicki Griffin

The fourth annual retreat for pastors' wives was held at Camp Wakonda October 15, 16, 17. This event has developed into a very special

time of fellowship and inspiration for the ladies. Vicki Griffin, Health and Temperance Director for the Michigan Conference, was their guest speaker. Vicki shared many thoughtful concepts on communication, the relationship of diet and stress, balancing our lives, as well as help for their spiritual journey. She included in her presentations stories from her own life that were poignant examples of how the Lord can lead and help in day to day experiences.

Saturday evening Stephanie Crary from Portage taught the ladies how to give a chair massage and Juanita Edge shared some principles of scrap-booking. Fireside Lodge was put to great use for both meetings and meals. The fireplace and the comfortable furniture helped to provide a cozy atmosphere.



Saturday night training in massage led to lighter moments

Phyllis Corkum

News for the Pews

Rick and Marsha Claus, long-time ABC Managers here in Wisconsin, have accepted a call to serve in the Treasury Department of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Rick, Marsha and Eric have been faithful friends and an integral part of the Wisconsin Church family. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new endeavor.



Lynette and Marlin Miller, lifelong residents of North Dakota, have officially accepted the call from the Pacific Press to be the new managers of the Wisconsin ABC. Lynette will be transitioning here in the next month. Marlin will be fulfilling his contract as the Maintenance Director for Dakota Academy. We look forward to his arrival next July. May God bless the Miller family during this time of transition as they take on the leadership of the Wisconsin Adventist Book Ctr.



Marlin and Lynette Miller



Armando
Camacho

Elder Camacho comes with an experience in pastoral and evangelistic ministry from the Indiana Conference.

The Janesville District has taken an extraordinary step—they have raised funds to secure the services of a youth pastor to serve their district. "With the increased enrollment in our church school, with the rapid growth of our day care center, we felt the need of a specialist in youth ministry," reported Pastor Pavel Goia.

Pastor Zachary Juniper, Pastor Zach to the kids, has accepted the call of the Lord to serve as the new youth pastor in the Janesville District.

He comes with a strong background in youth ministry, teaching and summer camp experience.



Zachary Juniper

Mexico Mission Trip

Go to Mexico. Help build a church. Make new friends. Wear yourself out for God. Find out why so many have said that it was one of the best times of their life.

Sponsor: Sheboygan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Date Of Mission Trip: March 16-29, 2005.

The Marshfield District is happy to announce the arrival of their new pastor, Elder Armando Camacho.

Location Of Mission Project: Allende, Mexico—about 190 miles south of Laredo, TX. and 20 miles northeast of our SDA University at Montemorelos, Mexico. We will be helping build a church in an area of town where few people attend any church. We hope the presence of a new church will begin a spiritual revival in this neighborhood. We will also help remodel an older church on the other side of town and hold evangelistic meetings, VBS and teach English classes

Who May Participate: At least seventh grade or thirteen years of age through senior citizen. Those under 13 may go if with their parents. **You must be in good health, willing to work hard, enjoy roughing it, and be able to get along well in a close group situation.** (3 days in a bus) You don't need to be a Seventh-day Adventist to go, but you must to be willing to live a conservative Adventist life style while on the trip.

Transportation: We will be traveling in a school bus.

Lodging: We will be staying at the Adventist youth camp, La Moreta, 10 miles out of town.

Cost: \$500, which covers transportation, lodging, food, insurance, and will help purchase building material for the mission project and missionary literature.

If you want to go and cannot afford it, call the number on next page.

Payment Schedule: \$50 registration fee by Dec. 15, \$200 by Jan. 15, and \$250 by March 1.

Documents Needed: A passport **OR** a certified birth certificate (not a copy) **and** a photo ID, (drivers license or equivalent).

For more information send your name, address, phone number and E-mail address to Pastor Robert

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Stauffer, 414 Pleasant Ave, Denmark, WI 54208 Ph. 920-863-3164 or E-mail to bastauff@excel.net

Pastor Bob Stauffer

Did you know that we have **three young missionaries** from Wisconsin serving overseas?

"As I write on Sunday, October 24, 2004, Jenni is somewhere over the Pacific Ocean on her way to Seoul, South Korea, having accepted a call to teach English and Bible classes at the SDA Language Institute of Korea.



Jenni Ewers

Early in the spring semester last year, recruiters from the SDA Language Institute in Korea were at Union College. Jenni picked up an application and filled out part of it, but needed to complete the essay portion explaining whether she wanted to teach children or adults. She loves children and already has extensive experience working with children, but she thinks she would ultimately like to teach management classes at the college level, so she was in a quandary. When Jenni was home over spring break, my mom was visiting from out-of-state, and the question came up about what Jenni anticipated she would do after graduation. She mentioned she was thinking about going to teach English in Korea. Now, as her father and I watched Jenni go through the security checkpoint at O'Hare earlier today, part of me goes with her. Although Korea seems so far away, I know my heavenly Father is watching over Jenni; we are, after all, under the same stars, sun and moon. And besides that, He has everything

under control – I know I can believe it, and you can too

Please make it a priority to help your children find that plan. After all, the rewards are eternal."

Tola Ewers, Madison Community

Jennifer Goss of Eau Claire and Jonathan Fox of Fall River left to teach grade school in the South Pacific on August 4. They both attend Andrews University and their place of labor is Ebeye, part of the Marshall Islands chain.

Ebeye is a tiny island ½ mile wide and 1 ½ miles long. With a population of 16,000 (60% of them being children), the need for education is great. The climate is tropical—average temperatures range from 90 to 100 with high humidity.

They and seven other college students from all over the world are changing the world, "one student at a time."

When they got there, Jennifer ended up teaching third graders as opposed to the fifth grade she had planned for.

Jen's earliest observation: "I

have one devil and twenty five of his little demons in my class!" The challenge is great because school is not a requirement for the children on the island. Over the last two months, Jen has bonded with the children and their respect and willingness to learn has grown considerably.

Jonathan is teaching subjects in fifth and seventh grade. He has also been challenged with *getting through* to unmotivated students: "Sometimes it seems that our kids are impervious to our prayers," he reported, "but we labor on."

School was threatened with closure due to a shortage of teachers. God has provided eight student missionaries to prevent the school closing and to impact and witness to the people of the small island.



Jonathan Fox

We pray for strength in ourselves and for Jen and Jon as our families struggle to keep our connection over such a great distance.

Melissa Garrett, Rhonda Goss and James Fox

Christian Record Services, a General Conference ministry for the blind, is **now accepting applications** for a full time area representative in your area.

Applicants should be willing to travel and work in the public arena. This is a fulfilling career for spiritually mature individuals who want to make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Interested? For more information call the Field Department at: 402-488-0981 or write Christian Record Services, PO Box 6097, Lincoln, NE 68506-0097.

The New London Church is planning a **Homecoming Sabbath on November 13** to celebrate our 125th anniversary.

We are inviting all former members/families/friends who have past or current ties to our church to attend as honored guests. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP 920-779-6337 or 6wilkinsons@excite.com

Kevin Wilkinson



Jennifer Goss

Teens at the Pulpit

Imagine, please, that you're in a church full of fellow Adventist believers. You close your eyes, waiting for the powerful and moving words of the preacher to pour over you—a moving experience. One of the speakers begins, in an unexpectedly young and decidedly female voice. Wait, you think to yourself, this doesn't sound right! You open your eyes and realize the two preachers presenting the sermon are teenage girls?



Hannah Adams and Kristen Skaife share God's Word at the Christian Community Center in Platteville

At the Christian Community Center (CCC, a branch of the Lancaster SDA Church), it's not unusual to find teens giving sermons. Whether they be traditional messages or skits and power point presentations. Two teens in particular, Kristen Skaife and Hannah Adams, enjoy sharing God's Word. When Roxanne Adams (director of the newly established Center) asked Kristen and Hannah if they wanted to do one of the messages sometime, they were somewhat taken back. "Who would listen to a bunch of teens?", Hannah remembers thinking. But they quickly replied "sure", and decided to just try it. The two teens had a blast and agreed to do a message once a month. Not only did *they* enjoy it, so did the people at church they presented it to.

"I learned a lot. [It was] very informative and well thought out," states Maegen Johnson, a young mother at the CCC.

When giving messages at the Christian Community Center, use of Power Point and the projector makes it easier for people to follow what the speakers are saying as well as holding their attention longer than if someone just sat there preaching at them. But we don't just type up texts on a blank screen! One of the fun things about giving messages is that we get to incorporate pictures and sounds that keep our congregation's attention and get our point across more effectively," Hannah says with youthful exuberance. During the message, people always feel free to interject something here or there. "We love that! In fact, at a certain point during the presentation, we stop and ask everyone a question or let them tell about how the subject relates to their lives," Kristen explains.

"We've learned a lot; and I'm not just talking about how to get the nerve to get up in front of everyone! I think it's helped both of us on our walk as young Christians, bringing our attention to things in the Bible we might have missed if we hadn't been doing research for our message. Getting involved like this, instead of sitting on the sidelines, getting distracted with my own selfish thoughts, has really helped me focus on God and focus on His messages!", concludes Hannah.

Hannah Adams

From Camp Meeting time, a green Master Lock with keys was found in a cabin after campmeeting. Contact Jean Schwark at 608-24-5235 or jschwark@wi.adventist.org

Hispanic Camp Meeting

On August 21st, an unseasonably cool Sabbath, nearly 200 saints gathered at Camp Wakonda to praise the Lord in the language of heaven—it was Spanish Camp Meeting.



Beautiful Music



Great Preaching



Dedication of Lay Evangelists

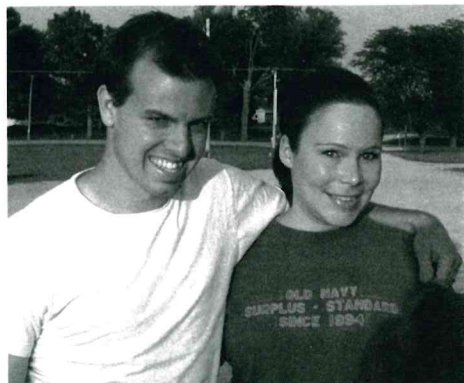


A small portion of the lively crowd

New Faces at Wisconsin Academy

This year, it will not just be freshmen whose faces are new at W.A.—we have a number of new faculty as well!

Wisconsin Academy is excited about our new Chaplain/Religion teacher, D.J. McKenzie and his wife, Wendi came to us from Mississippi. McKenzie recently graduated from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN.



Pastor D.J. MacKenzie and Wendi

During his time there he served as a Youth Pastor. This last summer at camp meeting D.J. was one of the speakers in the Youth Tent. He really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know some of the students that would be attending WA this year! In December D.J. and Wendi will be adding a baby girl to family.

The music department at also has a new face. LaVenda Finau joined us to instruct our students in her first love – music!



She is most recently tackling an MGA in Health Care Administration at the University of Phoenix. Miss Finau will teach choralaires, bells, and choir, and she will also be giving voice lessons and piano lessons. Another one of her added

duties will be to teach Freshman Bible. Miss Finau has big plans for December—She is getting married and her fiancé is excited about moving up to Wisconsin and helping Lavenda with the music program. Not long ago he graduated from Andrew University with his Master of Divinity.

Daniel Fekete, an alumnus from the class of 2001, is our new assistant boy's dean. He is a student at Andrews University and is majoring in Computer Science.



Daniel Fekete

Daniel also gives guitar lessons. Helping to run WA's intramural program is another one of Daniel's jobs. He worked as assistant boy's dean this summer and felt called to stay for the school year. We are grateful for this decision. Daniel is a cheerful guy and the students feel at ease around him.

Terry Pottle, his wife, Dana, and their three children, Julian, Jessica, and Cameron, came from afar off in Nairobi, Kenya where Dana was working for Maxwell Academy. Terry worked for the



East-Central African Division. Mr. Pottle has taken the position as our new Maintenance Director. Mr. Pottle has worked at other acad-

emies and is keeping our campus in top-notch condition.

Dee Kessen, known and loved by many has joined our team. She is working in the girl's dorm as the assistant dean and is putting her culinary skills to use in the cafeteria. Having both of her sons, Brian and Michael graduate from Wisconsin Academy and being a member of the K-12 Board has given her insight into the school and how it works. Dee Kessen is an impressive addition to our staff.



Dee Kessen

My name is Michelle Shufelt, Director of Development, and as you can see, we have many new faces among the staff this year and I am included in that mix. In

2000, I graduated from WA and journeyed to Southern Adventist University for my college experience. Upon graduation, I knew it was time to come home—to return to family and friends that were greatly missed. I am excited about being back at WA! This school offers more than just an education—it offers a new life. WA can offer you a family and friends you never thought you had. Most importantly though, WA can offer a Jesus that you might not have seen if you hadn't been here. It is my responsibility to make sure that every



Michelle Shufelt

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young person who wants to be at Wisconsin Academy and wants to find my friend, Jesus, will be able to do so. The truth is that it's not just my responsibility—the responsibility falls on each of us. Remember one of the best things that you can do is help to provide a Christian education for **OUR** young people!

If you would like to help don't hesitate to call 920-623-3300 or email development@wisacad.org.

Michelle Schufelt

Janesville District Meeting

August 28, the churches of the Janesville District met at Woodland School to hear stories of life in



Africa from returned missionary, Chris Carey. Chris is a graduate of the Woodland School.



Children from Little Oaks preschool sang praise to their heavenly Father.



Meet Elder Derral Reeve, W.A. Principal

Our new principal, Derral Reeve, comes from the Minnesota Conference. Derral started his career as an upper-grade teacher and principal in Iowa where he stayed for 6 years. He then traveled to Hutchinson, Minnesota where he continued teaching and carrying out the role of principal for another six years. Reeve then taught in Anchorage, Alaska at a Jr. Academy. For four and a half years, he was the Education and Youth director for the Nevada/Utah Conference. He then accepted the call back to the Minnesota Conference as Youth Director and Education Superintendent.



Derral and Barb Reeve

"It was a very invigorating job, dealing with changes in the young people and their spiritual decisions," says Reeve. Carrying out the jobs of Education Superintendent and Youth Director gave him much experience with youth groups.

Derral and his wife, Barb, have two daughters; Sonna and Johanna. Sonna is a freshman at Union College and is majoring in International Rescue and Relief. While

Johanna and her husband, Braden, are missionaries with Frontier Missions in Cambodia.

Reeve feels he was following the Lord's calling when he came to Wisconsin, because he had no plans of leaving Minnesota. Reeve would like to work in areas of change that could improve the attitudes and quality of student life at Wisconsin Academy. He states, "Change is slow, but we need to be patient for these changes to be positive."

Reeve has many goals he would like to achieve while he is at WA. One is to increase next year's enrollment to 110-120 students. He would also like to have W.A. students visit each church in the Wisconsin Conference and be involved with Sabbath School, the church service, etc. Reeve's number one goal is to have the students leave WA knowing Jesus better and having a better prayer life.

Pastor /Teacher Meetings



In August, Pastors and Teachers met together at W.A. to learn better ways to support the church and school and to integrate the writings of Ellen

White in classroom and church.

Pastor Ron Kelly of Cicero, Indiana, led the forum on mutual support while Cindy Tutch of the EGW Estate shared new methods of sharing White's writings.

Unity and understanding did abound!



Vicki Martin, longtime teacher and the dream of the Little Oaks Daycare, together with husband, Steve, bids a tearful goodbye to Pastor Goia and the Janesville district

Wisconsin is "Building Up a Storm"

Church and School Building projects proliferate across Wisconsin at a rapid pace

The Maranatha Miracles

Frederic



Groundbreaking on April 11



August 31



September 3



September 7



September 9



September 13



October 6

Rhineland



The demolition of the old church took only 1 hour and 45 minutes



Foundation was done by July 29



Day 2 - Framing up



Trusses Up



Progress Everywhere



October 1



The thirty-one volunteers who together with local workers were God's hands for doing two Maranatha Miracles

The Maranatha Volunteers came to Wisconsin to help build two churches—they accomplished much more than a simple building program, they brought hope and courage to members who have wondered if they might ever be able to build a church home.

Praise God for His bountiful mercies expressed through the skilled caring hands of Christian builders. I can hear the saints in Frederic and Rhineland say, "Amen!"

Wausau Church Nearing Completion

The Wausau Church was forced to move due to highway construction. Their new site is nestled in the hills surrounding the city. Congratulations to the dedicated men and women who brought the project near to its fruition.



Bilingual Blessings

Exciting things are happening at the Seventh-Day Adventist church in Tomah, Wisconsin. We have both English and Spanish speaking members and it is a challenge to manage services so all can understand what is being said.

Our church is fortunate that Hugh Kenworthy and his wife Irene both speak Spanish. Some years ago, they were required to learn Spanish prior to working in Ecuador with the Peace Corps. Hugh and Irene returned to the Tomah area after two years in South America and began using their abilities to help Spanish speaking people in Monroe County learn English through a course sponsored by the Tomah Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Spanish-English Bibles were presented to those who completed the course.

This led Hugh and Irene to several families who were members of the Adventist church in Mexico before they came to live in Monroe County. These families began to attend services and in due time made a request to become members of the Tomah church.

At first, separate services were held because of the language barrier. We then made a fateful decision—we needed to be one congregation during the worship hour. This made it necessary for us to have an interpreter present during the worship service and that was a big problem. We have worked to have all church offices filled by both Spanish and English speaking members. The cooperation on both sides has been excellent in the effort to have a smooth running organization.

Our community is located near Fort McCoy and we get a number of Seventh-Day Adventist military personnel as visitors. Many National Guard and Army Reserve

units deployed to the war zone in the mid-east are sent out from and return through Ft. McCoy. The last Sabbath in February of 2004, we welcomed Sergeant Ranijet Bencosme as a visitor. Ranijet



Hugh Kenworthy and Ranijet Bencosme

calls Hilliard, Ohio his hometown. He was part of an Army Reserve unit preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. Ranijet, being fluent in both English and Spanish, became our interpreter. We were blessed with his generous service to our church until the end of April when he shipped out for the mid-east. (We are praying for his safe return)

The first Sabbath in July our pastor, Larry Mahlum, with his son Matthias as interpreter was ready to present the worship service. Army Chaplain, Major Marvin E. Santos, who is pastor of a Seventh-Day Adventist Spanish church in Bakersfield, California, walked in the door five minutes before the service began and offered to hold services for our Spanish speaking members. We asked him instead to become our Spanish interpreter in place of Matthias and speak to all of us.



Major Santos

Pastor Santos shared several experiences of God's protection during his time of service in Iraq, switching smoothly from English to

Spanish and back again, holding all of us spellbound.

He then proceeded to translate Pastor Mahlum's sermon as well.

As far as we know, Pastor Santos's stay at Ft. McCoy will be very brief and he will be returning soon to his home in California. His visit was a miracle to us and a sign of God's leading in our bilingual efforts. We are counting on God to continue to bless our church with those who love, and seek to serve Him.

Bessie E. Kmiecik

Attention, Attention, Attention Vehicle Donation Program

Last year, the Vehicle Donation Program added over \$11,000 to the Worthy Student Fund of Wisconsin Academy. Many thanks to those who have donated.

New tax laws are taking effect on January 1 that effect how much you will be able to deduct for a donated vehicle. We don't have all the details as of this time but it appears that the change would only **allow you to deduct the actual amount we sell the vehicle for** rather than the fair market value of the vehicle.

Therefore, if you have a vehicle that you have been thinking of donating or you need a tax deduction, now would be the time to donate to get the best value for your vehicle before the end of the year.

If you have a car, truck, camper, etc. to donate, call Floyd Brock at 920-623-2055.

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Thru October 2004

CHURCH	MEM.	GOAL FOR 2004	GOAL THRU '10-31-2004	AMT REC THRU '10-31-2004	AMT UNDER GOAL '10-31-2004	% OF GOAL RECEIVED
Almond	45	2,066.54	1,722.12	1,717.05	5.07	100%
Antigo	41	2,614.00	2,178.33	1,402.62	775.71	64%
Ashland	47	1,374.94	1,145.79	648.26	497.53	57%
Baraboo	34	2,520.94	2,100.78	2,275.18	-174.40	108%
Beaver Dam	20	1,046.62	872.18	1,344.49	-472.31	154%
Beloit	73	2,493.51	2,077.93	1,171.17	906.76	56%
Bethel	150	4,941.68	4,118.07	1,760.71	2,357.36	43%
Chippewa Falls	33	1,464.49	1,220.41	152.72	1,067.69	13%
Clear Lake	107	5,146.19	4,288.49	2,106.18	2,182.31	49%
Clearwater Lake	79	2,221.67	1,851.39	1,758.23	93.16	95%
Delavan	69	4,289.77	3,574.81	3,700.48	-125.67	104%
Durand	65	2,369.11	1,974.26	1,218.30	755.96	62%
Eau Claire	168	8,895.56	7,412.97	3,159.07	4,253.90	43%
Evansville	24	757.39	631.15	901.00	-269.85	143%
Fish Creek	13	883.13	735.94	1,581.83	-845.89	215%
Fox Valley	249	16,964.56	14,137.14	7,809.48	6,327.66	55%
Frederic	65	5,955.75	4,963.12	3,840.14	1,122.98	77%
Gillett	27	777.89	648.25	816.75	-168.50	126%
Green Bay	499	25,768.75	21,473.96	10,159.23	11,314.73	47%
Hayward	30	2,816.46	2,347.05	685.26	1,661.79	29%
Hylandale	72	1,920.43	1,600.36	1,045.36	555.00	65%
Janesville	89	3,658.15	3,048.46	2,930.57	117.89	96%
Kenosha	66	3,494.70	2,912.25	594.57	2,317.68	20%
LaCrosse	79	3,644.10	3,036.75	933.72	2,103.03	31%
Lakeland	48	3,526.44	2,938.70	1,897.00	1,041.70	65%
Lancaster	59	2,977.69	2,481.41	703.08	1,778.33	28%
Lena	67	6,272.93	5,227.44	2,334.48	2,892.96	45%
Madison Community	170	10,794.27	8,995.23	3,588.83	5,406.40	40%
Madison	406	24,748.33	20,623.61	17,791.30	2,832.31	86%
Marshfield	116	5,966.58	4,972.15	2,734.48	2,237.67	55%
Menomonie	59	1,670.62	1,392.19	1,202.77	189.42	86%
Merrill	29	1,285.05	1,070.87	480.41	590.46	45%
Milton	147	6,835.33	5,696.11	3,127.97	2,568.14	55%
Milw. Central	244	14,862.90	12,385.75	4,885.44	7,500.31	39%
Milw. N. Spanish	155	4,240.84	3,534.04	533.62	3,000.42	15%
Milw. N.W	182	13,821.87	11,518.22	2,553.13	8,965.09	22%
Milw. Maranatha Sp.	35	932.50	777.08	11.60	765.48	1%
Milw. Hayes Spanish	50	2,260.09	1,883.41	226.42	1,656.99	12%
Milw. C. Spanish	128	5,415.51	4,512.92	1,835.81	2,677.11	41%
Moon	16	668.27	556.89	581.63	-24.74	104%
Monroe Company	13	1,164.02	970.02	843.88	126.14	87%
Neillsville Company	25	783.27	652.73	149.57	503.16	23%
New London	57	2,499.89	2,083.24	1,633.24	450.00	78%
Oakland	36	1,680.86	1,400.71	1,711.93	-311.22	122%
Oconto	32	669.15	557.62	963.00	-405.38	173%
Oxford	73	6,885.87	5,738.23	4,063.29	1,674.94	71%
Portage	96	4,355.82	3,629.85	3,378.78	251.07	93%
Pound	53	1,679.57	1,399.64	230.44	1,169.20	16%

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MEM.	GOAL	GOAL THRU	AMT REC THRU	AMT UNDER GOAL	% OF GOAL RECEIVED
CHURCH	FOR 2004	'10-31-2004	'10-31-2004	10-31-2004	
Prairie du Chien	22	1,011.10	842.58	810.23	32.35 96%
Racine	134	4,081.90	3,401.58	1,700.78	1,700.80 50%
Racine Spanish	43	1,231.51	1,026.26	107.49	918.77 10%
Raymond	118	6,905.53	5,754.61	1,228.96	4,525.65 21%
Reedsburg	49	1,838.49	1,532.08	1,663.21	-131.13 109%
Rhineland	106	4,783.55	3,986.29	4,514.38	-528.09 113%
Rice Lake	137	8,592.04	7,160.03	6,355.01	805.02 89%
Richland Center	79	3,465.47	2,887.89	1,712.67	1,175.22 59%
Shawano	27	1,060.42	883.69	329.45	554.24 37%
Sheboygan	91	6,544.48	5,453.73	2,769.92	2,683.81 51%
Sheboygan Sp. Co.	52	1,819.56	1,516.30	382.55	1,133.75 25%
Sparta	37	742.52	618.76	237.31	381.45 38%
Spooner-Trego	12	269.16	224.30	232.04	-7.74 103%
Stevens Point	58	3,636.51	3,030.43	1,632.42	1,398.01 54%
Sturgeon Bay	26	1,702.64	1,418.87	3,423.08	-2,004.21 241%
Superior	46	2,594.72	2,162.27	1,182.32	979.95 55%
Tomah	51	1,320.24	1,100.20	1,303.72	-203.52 118%
Tomahawk Company	22	1,695.23	1,412.70	1,024.50	388.20 73%
Watertown	41	896.96	747.47	254.07	493.40 34%
'Watertown Hisp. Co.	26	935.24	779.36	308.25	471.11 40%
Waukesha	268	12,772.88	10,644.06	6,149.11	4,494.95 58%
Wausau	89	6,109.34	5,091.12	6,022.69	-931.57 118%
Wisconsin Acad.	294	17,344.05	14,453.37	9,532.44	4,920.93 66%
Wisconsin Conf.	283	19,758.58	16,465.49	2,792.60	13,672.89 17%
Wisconsin Rapids	93	2,803.86	2,336.55	805.65	1,530.90 34%
TOTAL	6644	348,000.00	290,000.00	167,649.32	122,350.68 58%

Good Intentions and Forgotten Assets Get Together

Have you ever **wished** you could do something special for some charity dear to your heart? But then you **said**, "I really don't have the money to do that."

"Hold the phone" as they say—Maybe you have an asset you have forgotten about and don't need anymore. I'm talking about **life insurance**.

Many young people buy some life insurance when their assets are low and they have big responsibilities such as a young family. Now the kids are grown and so has your net worth. You may not need that life insurance anymore; it may have cash value that you could use

to accomplish your desire to help your church or charitable entity.

If you have an older life Insurance policy and don't have plans for its cash value, this might be a great opportunity. You could get a charitable contribution and benefit your charity at the same time.

Would you like more information? Contact the Planned Giving Department at the Conference Office dickhabe@wi.adventist.org or call 608-241-5235 and ask for Richard Habenicht.

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The Little School that Could . . .

Vicki Martin had a dream during her years of teaching at the Woodland Adventist School and she shared it with anyone who would listen—someday, she said, we should establish a Christian Pre-school in our area and we could use it as a *feeder* for our church school.

Vicki's dream is becoming a reality! Under the leadership of Lori Krohn, Little Oaks Director and Harlin Carey, School Board Chair, the Pre-School has not only started but is flourishing:

- Twenty-five children are currently enrolled in the day-care
- There is a waiting list of fifteen more children who will enroll as soon as a vacancy occurs
- The Church School has increased its enrollment to 26 this year
- The Little Oaks Preschool is just finishing a building project to add badly needed capacity for their in-demand service

But the school has not always functioned in this manner—there

was some question just a few years ago as to its viability.

What made the difference:

- Vision: The leaders in the district kept casting the vision of what could be in the very near future
- Persistence: The leaders in the district kept on even when it appeared to be hopeless
- Faith: It *is* the evidence of things not seen
- Hard work: Labor on the new addition is mainly volunteer

Is the church school in your area in jeopardy? Is it a challenge to come up with the funds each month to continue to operate?

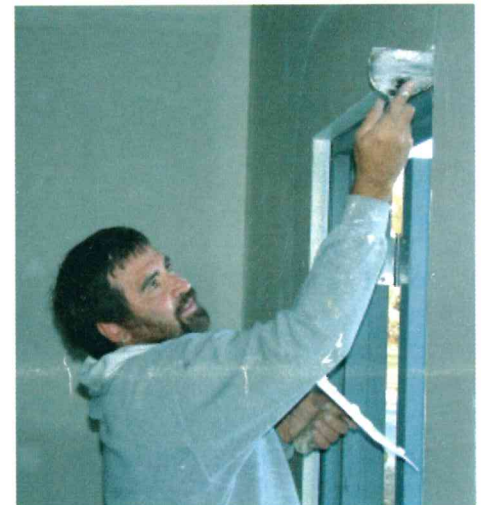
A daycare like Little Oaks may not be the answer in every locale. . . but the God-given vision that spawned it is available to all.

Our churches need church schools! Our children need Christian Education! We cannot simply say, "We can't afford it," without coming to God earnestly on our knees and pleading for mercy.

(Zec 4:6 KJV) ". . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," is the manner by which we must go forward. "Forward on our knees" is the way of progress.

Take a lesson from the Woodland School—with God, all our problems are opportunities.

Vicki Martin is still dreaming . . . but she is smiling, too! May God bless the Janesville District and the Woodland School—the little school that could.



Steve Martin puts finishing touches to the drywall in one room of the Little Oaks Preschool

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