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Dominican Republic Mission Report

The Green Bay and Milwaukee SDA Churches joined together February 8-18, for a short term mission trip to the Dominican Republic. 25 members from these churches worked together on a new church building in a small village near Cotui, in the central part of

at the work site each day to watch the progress and even volunteered to help. Due to a special donation of work gloves we had received before we left, we were able to provide gloves to those who were helping. We also were thankful we could



Members of the Green Bay and Milwaukee Central Churches collaborated in mission service in the Dominican Republic

the Dominican. Jay Faikel, a mason contractor from Green Bay, supervised work at the construction site along with a local SDA church member. The progress was slowed down by not having a cement mixer or scaffolding, but all the walls for the church were completed. Even though our group couldn't finish the church, plans are already made for another group to come in April and complete the project.

Along with the building work that was accomplished, our group had some special opportunities to witness to the community. On the first Sabbath there we went door to door and handed out free Spanish Bibles and Steps to Christ. Those we visited were very friendly and hospitable and gladly accepted the gifts we shared. Many community people showed up

share our lunch and supply of cold water with them. Some of our group stayed in the home of a wealthy non-Adventist, whose father passed away while we were there. The next morning we visited in the home and prayed with the grieving family.

On the last Sabbath of the trip we had the first baptism in the confines of the new church building. Even though the church was not completed, we brought in a portable tank, filled it with water, and proceeded with the service. A lady who had been studying with the pastor and had been attending evangelistic meetings was prepared for baptism. Elder Mike Martinez, pastor at the Milwaukee Central SDA Church, had the privilege of baptizing her.

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Focus:

Foreign Mission

Foreign Mission used to be the segment of Sabbath School just before they took up the Mission Offering! Today, local churches and many of their members are active in mission service.

In this issue, we focus on mission trips to Costa Rica, Thailand, Dominican Republic and Belize. These trips were sponsored and staffed by local churches in Wisconsin & the senior class of Wisconsin Academy. We hope to inspire you with exploits for Jesus.

We will also focus on our local work in Wisconsin with News for the Pews, stories of Bible Bowlers, a miraculous conversion, and an unfinished cafeteria that needs a fresh infusion of funds. Enjoy!

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The Presidential View



I understand more clearly what the abundant life is that Jesus talks about in John 10:10. I see it illustrated in the excitement of the church members

who have just returned from mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica. I see it in the faces of those who feed the homeless in Milwaukee. I see it in the faces of youth as they go door to door selling magabooks throughout Wisconsin.

I saw it this week in the faces of the five young people from Green Bay Junior Academy. I had been meeting with pastors in the Church when they came in and asked, "Can we pray with you?" I witnessed it in the voices of those who share about the new church group developing in Monroe.

What is this abundant life? Perhaps it is best described by the pen of Ellen White in *My Life Today*, "Those who in everything make God first and last and best are the happiest people in the world." pg. 161.

This issue of the Lampletter is dedicated to Mission. Jesus has the whole world in mind when He asks us to preach and teach the everlasting gospel. Adventists are the most global protestant church in the world. Our gatherings show the dramatic diversity that exists in our church family.

I believe as the twenty-first century progresses we are going to experience once again the spirit of the pioneers. The early years of our movement contained excitement as our first missionaries ventured to fields overseas.

Since the opening of the Soviet Union to the gospel, a new spirit of mission and giving has impacted our church. Many people are into missions because they sense that they are the hands and heart of Christ to help others. At camp meeting this summer, the Zachary's will inspire us with the possibilities of being personally involved in going to Africa, India, the Philippines and other places to preach the gospel.

Are you experiencing this truly abundant life? We understand the heart of Christ best when we enter His world of service. It may mean leaving behind some of the abundant life of North America. Abundance is not measured in the accumulation of things—it is measured more by how much of our life we spend intimately involved with our Friend, Jesus. Truly, those who in everything make God first and last and best **are** the happiest people in the world.

When we go and help other people, does this detract from our mission in Wisconsin. Not at all! It has been demonstrated over and over again that there is a reflex blessing that comes back to the homeland. As we serve God in missions, we will discover more people to do mission here; we will have more funds to build and plant churches. We will have more individuals that will want to preach, teach and give Bible studies. There will be more of our members in projects to help the community. Why? When abundant life is experienced, it spills over to others. Its enthusiasm cannot be contained. It is Christ shining through us.

Perhaps Abraham Joshua Heschel summed it up by saying, "God is hiding in the world. Our task is to let the divine emerge from our deeds."

Yours for the Abundant life in 2001,
Don Corkum

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray"... Luke 11:1 NASB What was it about observing the Master in prayer that caused a group of men that had prayed all their lives to ask such a question?

Some time earlier, they had been present when Jesus taught the multitudes the prayer we today call, the "Lord's Prayer." They continually came face to face with the reality that prayer for them and prayer for Jesus were two completely different experiences. Perhaps our question can be more easily answered as we look through the prophetic window of the past. Let's look at the powerful picture painted for us in the little book, *Thoughts From The Mount Of Blessings*.

"The disciples had been for a short time absent from their Lord, when on their return they found Him absorbed in communion with God. Seeming unconscious of their presence, He continued praying aloud. The Saviour's face was irradiated with a celestial brightness. He seemed to be in the very presence of the Unseen, and there was a living power in His words as of one who spoke with God. The hearts of the listening disciples were deeply moved". MB 102

Wouldn't it have been an amazing experience to be a silent witness, in a lonely place, as Jesus communed with His Father. For the disciples, observing Jesus in prayer was life changing. Ever after, they would pursue this powerful, intimate relationship for themselves.

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The answer came, some time later, as they came together in an upper room. When the Holy Spirit came to personally instruct this little group, how differently they prayed. In faith, they went to the courts of heaven with their request; "Lord, teach us to pray".

Will you join me on your knees with this same petition; "Lord, teach me to pray". Let us join together as a family asking for the same instruction from the Holy Spirit. Can you hear the cries of a broken and dying planet calling to each of us? Only as we pray earnestly, "Lord teach us to pray," will we begin to make an impact for the cause of our Lord Jesus. May our motto be, "Forward On Our Knees."

*Greg & Lesa Budd
Prayer Ministry Coordinators*

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During the final Saturday night while we were packing to leave, a large group of church members and community people came over to thank us for what we had done. We talked together with them for over an hour while Carmen Ramirez, one of our group members from Milwaukee who speaks Spanish, translated for everyone. Even though we had been there for only a little over a week, we truly felt bonded to these warm and outgoing people.

We appreciated the work done by Elder Luis Leonor, Vice-President of the Lake Union, to coordinate our

Men's Conference

In Wisconsin, if you bring a group of men, great speakers, and the Holy Spirit together at Camp Wakonda the result is our annual Men's Conference.



Jasper Calo

Washington Conference spoke inspirationally and powerfully about God's Grace, and how God can

This year, almost 100 men from across Wisconsin and northern Illinois assembled in our newly remodeled Cedar Lodge at Camp Wakonda from February 2-4 for our 6th annual Men's Conference. Jay Coon, pastor from the

mission trip. Luis arranged for excellent meals, for our sleeping arrangements, for our transportation, and was a great tourist guide on a

couple of excursions to Santo Domingo and the beach at Nagua.

A short term mission trip is an opportunity to serve the Lord, doing good for others, to meet new friends and church family, to participate in the world mission of the church, and to have one of the greatest experiences of your life!

*Pastor Delmar Austin
Green Bay Church*

work to change our lives. On Sabbath morning, Jasper Calo, ex vice-president of a major motorcycle gang, and new Seventh-day Adventist, shared his dramatic personal testimony of the power of God to make him a new man. Throughout the weekend Greg Budd facilitated prayer and sharing time.

Terrific fellowship, wonderful food, and rich spiritual growth, charged the men to go back to their homes, their families, their neighborhoods, their work, and make a difference for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mike Edge



Jay Coon was featured speaker at the Wisconsin Men's Conference



Pastor Mike Martinez baptizes Carmen Ramirez in the new Church

News for the Pews

New School In Durand

The 2000-01 school year was a new beginning for our church members in Durand. They have reopened their church school and renamed it the Thompson Lake Christian (TLC) School. Kim Gillen is the teacher and brings to this group of 9 students a variety of interesting & fun experiences.

Mrs. Gillen has invited area home school students to join the Thompson Lake School students for music and art once a week. Their music teacher, Mrs. Imler started them with instrumental lessons & then helped them start a band. This has gone so well that General Music has been added to the curriculum. The home school group consists of 19 students ranging in ages 4 to 14. The group is divided in half to rotate between art and music. Art is taught by Mrs. Gillen (snow sculpture, valentines to God, and geometric design). This initiative was entirely Mrs. Gillen's without materials or curriculum from the Conference.

As a direct result of the parents bringing their children in for the music program, several of the mothers asked for information on health and diet and are regularly attending a small class on diet and nutrition. This class operates during the same time the children are involved in the music program.

The home school students are not members of the Adventist church. Mrs. Gillen feels this is an ideal way for her, and the SDA students, to be missionaries in their own school.

The prospects for increased enrollment for the next school year are wonderful. We are pleased at the vitality of this new school and pray for God's blessings on this evangelism center.

Kim Gillen & Diane Hamilton

Pen Pal Opportunity

The Green Bay Church conducts a prison ministry. Members supply Bible courses to inmates who want to change their lives for the better. Participants regularly receive letters or comments that are very positive and help them feel their efforts are worthwhile.

At present, there are two individuals who very much want a pen pal. Spiritual and inspirational mail for prisoners can do much to rehabilitate them. If you are interested in this Christian ministry, please contact Mrs Robert Wery at 920-865-7341.

Green Bay Homecoming

The Green Bay SDA Church invites you to attend their 125th anniversary celebration on Friday night and Sabbath, May 25 and 26. Many former church pastors, school teachers, and friends of the church will be with us for this special occasion.

Elder Kenneth Mittleider, former President of the Wisconsin Conference will be our guest speaker. Join us as we look back at the history of our church and rededicate our lives in His service.

Schedule Of Events

Friday	May 25
History Night—125 Years of Service	
Sabbath	May 26
Sabbath School	9:15 a.m.
S.S. Superintendent	Gloria Wilde
S.S. Lesson	Elder Don Corkum
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Elder Kenneth Mittleider	
Followed by Fellowship Meal	
Our Church Family	7:00 p.m.
Elder Steve Aust	

The Green Bay SDA Church is located at 1414 Shawano Avenue.

For more information, e-mail DelAust99@aol.com or call 920-494-5245

Project Andre

Sometimes we travel to far off lands to do missionary service and sometimes missionary projects can find us right here at home. . . The Kharkoviy family contacted Wisconsin Academy from the Ukraine indicating they were willing to use all their savings to purchase a ticket to send their son to Wisconsin Academy—would WA give him lodging and tuition? Yes was the answer!

Now, as a senior, Andre's many friends are looking forward to seeing him graduate. The Richland Center Church desires that his parents be present to share in this special event. We have started a fund to purchase tickets and visas for them.

Already over half of the money has been raised. If you would like to be a part of this project, please call Melody Michalski at 608-734-3855 or simply send your check to:

*Richland Center SDA Church
26625 Crestview*

Richland Center, WI 53581

Please make your check out to the Richland Center SDA Church, and designate it for Project Andre.

Melody Michalski

Science Fair—April 8, 2001

The annual Wisconsin Science Fair for elementary students will be held at Wisconsin Academy. The schedule for this year's fair is:

10:30	Worship
10:45	Judging Begins
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Events for K-12
2:30	Special Presentation
3:15	Closing Remarks

A highlight of this years Science Fair will be the presentation by Dr. Timothy Standish, Associate Professor of Biology from Andrews University. Dr. Standish will make a PowerPoint presentation on the ethics of cloning, the technology

behind it and the questions it raises for modern Christians.

**Madison Seventh Day Adventist
Singles Ministry (MADSDAS)
Upcoming Events**

After a very successful first year, the Madison Singles Group Ministry is kicking off the year 2001. We provide opportunity for singles

- ◆ To network
- ◆ To meet new people
- ◆ To make new friendships with other Christian singles

On Saturday, October 21, 2000, we closed out our activities year with a "Church in the Hills" at High Cliff State Park in Appleton, Wisconsin. We want to thank Betty Beatty and the Fox Valley Church for making this event possible!

Our feature event for 2001 will be a singles retreat on August 24-26 in Frederic, WI. We have a number of other activities planned that promise to be fun and full of blessings!

For more information on our upcoming events, please contact Ana Aquino-Pérez, Jack McNeilus, or Jim Polkowski at madsdas@hotmail.com.
Ana Aquino-Pérez

The Advent Movement



Omar Rivera has accepted the call to pastor half-time the Madison and Watertown Hispanic Churches.



Gerzom Gomez has been working for the Spanish in Sheboygan and is now a half-time worker in Milwaukee.

David Guerrero (no photo available) has accepted the call to pastor the Durand Church and be chaplain in the Durand Hospital.

Greg & Lisa Budd have accepted the call to be Prayer Ministry Coordinators for the Wisconsin Conference.



Claudio Consuegra will continue to pastor Waukesha and will add Family Life Ministries Director to his responsibilities.

Juanita & Mike Edge will give leadership to the Health and Temperance Department.



his responsibility.

James Fox will continue in Communications and will add Evangelist, Evangelism Coordinator and Community Services Director to

Richard Moore will continue to pastor the Madison Community and Evansville Churches and will add Small Group Ministries Director to his responsibilities.



Wendell Springer (Rice Lake) has accepted the call to pastor the Milton Church effective May 1, 2001.

Rafael Fernandez (Racine district) is leaving to pastor in Tampa, Florida.



Kevin Ferreira will leave the Rhinelander district to attend the Seminary at Andrews University to pursue his M.Div. degree.

Mike Martinez (Milwaukee Central) will leave to pastor in the Tacoma, WA area.



VBS Workshop News—March 18

Children are priceless in terms of salvation.

That was Mary Lindsay's message. She is the Children's Ministries Director, Washington Conference as she taught Jesus to Vacation Bible School leaders and teachers.

The day was full of music, learning about each other fun hands-on activities. Our group was energized to take up the challenge of Vacation Bible School.

Kitty Cray, Secretary to
Presidential and Communications



New "Old" Missionaries—The Gallant's are going to Cambodia!



After serving in Micronesia as the principal of the Adventist School in Yap, Bryan and Penny Gallant felt it was time to come home to Wisconsin. But after teaching mathematics here at WA for two years, the Gallants can't seem to get the missionary "bug" out of their systems. After much reading, praying, and seeking God's leading in their lives, they have accepted a call to go and serve in Cambodia among the Cham people.



Bryan & Penny feel strongly that the end of time is near. "There are others that need to know of God's saving power and message of reconciliation," said Bryan.

The **Cham** are an unreached people group of about 200,000. They are one of the minorities in Cambodia that suffered greatly

under the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot, the Khmer's brutal totalitarian leader. Surrounded by a country that is 95% Buddhist, the Cham are a separate people and hold dearly to their Islamic religion and roots. At this time there are no known Christian churches among the Cham and only a handful of Christians.

The Gallant's role will be to learn the language of the people (possibly even two) and then find ways to nurture friendships and Gospel opportunities within the context of the Cham culture. Bryan & Penny's "day-in and day-out" lives and love for people will be their main tools as they gradually build a vibrant group of Seventh-day Adventist Christians among the Cham. After establishing a core of Cham believers, Bryan & Penny's role will change to being trainers and facilitators so that the Cham

church can deepen and multiply under local leadership.

Unlike their previous call to duty in Yap of only two years, this one is connected to the job instead of a time term. Bryan & Penny expect to be in Cambodia at least six years, but more realistically, nine! They will be

home to Wisconsin every three years and are looking forward to sharing with you all the mighty things that God has done.

The Gallants will be working under the auspices of Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM). AFM is a privately funded nonprofit organization working in cooperation with the



Seventh-day Adventist church as an unaffiliated independent ministry operated by Adventist layman to plant the church among unreached people groups.

Because this is a self supporting work, Bryan and Penny need to raise their support before going out. They need to raise \$43,000 for their launching expenses, travel, training, and supplies; and then monthly commitments of support totalling \$3200 for personal needs, projects costs, retirement, and insurance. All gifts are tax deductible and should be mailed to Adventist Frontier Missions earmarked for the Gallants or Cham project. AFM's address is PO Box 346, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Not everyone is called to go and serve in a foreign mission land. The Bible and Ellen White clearly state that we are all called to serve somewhere. Please take a moment and rededicate your lives to fully serving God in the mission field where He has placed you.

If you have any questions, would like to know more about this special mission opportunity, or even have the Gallants come to your church to share, please call Bryan & Penny at (920) 623 4206 or (800) 239 4206.

*Bryan Gallant
Wisconsin Academy Math
Teacher & Missionary*

Holy Spirit Touches Hindu Heart

Everyone knows that God is a miracle worker, but can He bring someone close to Him? It may sound easy enough until you find out that this person doesn't know God exists: doesn't even know His name?



Srikanth, Nalini, Sneha, and Saranya Srikanth Sathyamoorthy with Pastor Claudio Consuegra

Srikanth Sathyamoorthy was born in a hospital in the Southern part of India, in a town called Trichy on September 8, 1966. He was born into a religion called Hinduism. This religion is nothing like Christianity. It requires their members to fast for **48 days** according to the Hindu religion. This isn't a typical fast—This fast involves skipping breakfast, but eating lunch. Its members also walk to a temple on top of a hill, then they take off their shirts and roll around on the temple floor.

When Srikanth was young, he heard of a Christian meeting going on in his town. He went for a few meetings, and after one meeting he stayed for prayer. When asked what his name was he was embarrassed to state his Hindu name, so instead he said that his name was Peter King. He attended 12-14 meetings, and one night he prayed

to a God he'd never heard of. The prayer was simple, "Reveal that you are the real God, and I will follow you." But nothing happened! No lightning from Heaven, no divine revelation! So the years rolled on. About five years later, Srikanth participated in the fast. He rolled on the cold temple floor expecting something great, but nothing happened. He soon found out that his mother was sick with a brain tumor. He couldn't even go to his sister's wedding because he was taking care of his mother. The bills were becoming large so he got a job that paid a thousand rupees a month, (about 20 American dollars). He soon quit. He finally found a job only six hour's away and was soon sending ½ of his salary home to pay for family needs. One night, while at a party, he got extremely drunk. By the time he got back to where he was staying, it was late. Suddenly, he received a call from his brother saying that he needed to come home right away because his mother was on her death bed. He went to his boss, and his boss gave him money for the ride home, and said to take as long as he needed. On the way, he was praying to God that his Mom would be all right. By the time he arrived home he learned that his mother was doing fine, and was just resting. Could this personal God of the Christian's be real?

He stayed with her for a while, but soon it was apparent that she was well enough for him to go back to work.

One day, his boss informed him that, if he wanted to, he could come to the United States to work. Srikanth was so happy, he couldn't eat. A year after his mom got better, Srikanth married. In India,

marriages are arranged, so he had never met this woman, but only could see a picture of her. Nevertheless, he became married to Nalini, and soon after, he moved to the United States. He had to leave all his family behind, while he built a good life for them.

Before he left, he made a promise to return and bring his wife to the United States to be with him.

He moved to Wisconsin, and was working hard, when he saw a flyer blowing across his front lawn. He picked it up and read about evangelistic meetings taking place at the Waukesha Expo.



He began coming to these meetings so he could learn more about what the flyer called, "The One True God." He took in everything the speaker (Brian McMahon) was saying, and on September 7, 2000 one day before his birthday, he was baptized.

Now, he went back to India and returned with his wife Nalini and his daughters, Sneha, three years old and Saranya, one year old. Nalini is currently taking Bible studies with Pastor Consuegra, and is also planning to be baptized in May. So you see, God isn't just into miracle working, He's into the life changing business

*Dee Consuegra,
Waukesha Community SDA
Church*

Excitement and Anticipation at Woodland School

Although the school year is coming to an end at Woodland Adventist School, plans for growth are in progress.

- ✓ The school board approved a marketing plan
- ✓ Established goals of recruiting additional students
- ✓ Set forth to make the community more aware of our existence.
- ✓ They also voted to implement a preschool program.

The seeds of expansion were planted last fall during the Woodland visioning workshop conducted by Don Corkum & Herb Wrate, Wisconsin Conference President & Educational Superintendent. It is thrilling to see the plans laid over seven months ago taking shape and becoming a reality.

Throughout this school year, I truly felt God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 being fulfilled. It reads, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares

the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (NIV)." As I reflect on what transpired this past school year, both academically and spiritually, I am filled with a sense of overwhelming gratitude to the Lord for how He has helped us prosper at Woodland.

As far as academic successes, I think of how "on fire" my students are for learning. I am reminded of the successful Author Spotlight Night when students each presented a display on their favorite author, their life and their books. Students also read books they personally wrote and illustrated. Being introduced to Dr. Seuss books sparked a new love for reading for Nick Waagen, one of my first graders. Mrs. Martin, the upper grades teacher, has continually inspired her students with hands-on Science and Social studies projects. As a school, we have grown in leaps and bounds academically.

Spiritually, I think of the week of prayer we just had, by John Ward and his family, and how 80% of my students personally indicated that they accept Jesus into their hearts and want to take classes to be baptized. I think of how two of my students in first and second grade proudly announced last week that they had finished reading the entire Old Testament Bible stories out of the Beginner's Bible. Out of all the books in the library, they chose the Bible to read during "Drop Everything and Read" time each day. Our students can't wait for Bible Labs to come each week.

Time and space do not permit me to share the numerous other exciting seeds that have been planted throughout the year. But through it all we see that the Holy Spirit is alive, well, and, working.

He cares about each one of His schools throughout Wisconsin. He will continue helping Woodland, and your school to grow and prosper. Let us keep a prayer on our lips and our hopes in Him.

Julia O'Carey
Elementary Teacher at
Woodland Adventist School

Oakland Church Surprises Bossenberry's on 50th

On Sabbath, March 24 as Dale Bossenberry and his wife, Donna entered the Oakland Church where Dale was to speak for the worship service, they were greeted with a corsage and a boutonniere.



"A little bird" had told the members that the 24th of March marked the Bossenberry's **golden wedding anniversary**. For the fellowship dinner, the tables and the walls had been decorated for the occasion. After a delicious meal was served, a large anniversary cake was shared by all. Not only were Dale and Donna surprised, but said it was the nicest thing that ever happened to them because when they were married, they never had a wedding dinner or reception as Dale was about to leave for military service.

Kitty Cray, Communications



David, Shelley & Colleen Danaher
share a time of prayer at the
Woodland School

Fox Valley District—Costa Rican Mission

February 15 at 2:00 a.m., the first of two groups from the Fox Valley District embarked on a two-week short term mission trip. By 10:00 am **all 67 members of the Costa Rica mission team were on their way to build a church.** After many months of planning and praying, the Fox Valley district missionaries were to build a church in Orotina, Costa Rica. Bags and people all made it safely.



Friday the 16th of February, a bus took about 30 of the group to the work site. Mountain passes and curvy roads coupled with cliffs and breathtaking scenes. The bus trip from Alajuela to Orotina took 2 hours and we then started to work. Temperatures of 110-114 degrees met the group as they laid the first

bricks. In just one day most of the first 4 layers of brick were laid with rebar in place. Sunburns and tired muscles and one compressed vertebra were the casualties on the first day, but hearts sang as the work was taking shape.

Sabbath was spent worshipping in the English church at the University. That night we boarded two busses and left for the Youth camp just outside of Orotina.

Bright and early we heard screams as the ladies tried to take showers with enormous toads joining them in the stalls. Part of our mission was to renovate the camp. Our construction team divided in two. While one construction crew headed to the work site, a dental team headed by Dr. Paul Conner and a medical team headed by Dr. Joseph Weber started their ministry to the local community. Many people were touched by the compassion the team had for people. Every working day was spent inviting those that came to the clinics to come to the church on Sabbath. We thrilled when seven



people came forward in a call Sabbath to start Bible studies.

The church was completed on Friday, February 23 and the camp was completed on the following Sunday—a new church, minus two doors and electricity, a new first aid clinic and freshly painted cabins were ready. A new podium for the church and a mural for the camp were also completed.

We spent a few days touring the country and beautiful would not describe the time we had! We were sad to leave our new baby church! Our future plans are to install electricity, send material for the pastor and church for additional construction, and some are even planning on returning to build an orphanage.

A challenge was given Sabbath to have compassion for others, "Who is my Neighbor?" was the topic. As we winged our way back to the cold north we realized we were all changed. ***We had been Jesus to a small town in Costa Rica.*** As

the bus pulled out of the gas station an officer came on board and said, thank you for the Church! Everyone knew there was a new church in town. Do you have compassion for others? Go on a mission trip and let God use you!

Pastor Loren Nelson III



Evangelism in Thailand

Under the auspices of the Quiet Hour, Ginny & Darry Campbell joined fifteen other missionaries to conduct evangelism in Thailand.



"Our team was assigned to the city of Chiang-Mai," reported Darry Campbell. "I had been told to prepare 10 sermons for the meetings in Chaing-Mai. When we arrived I was informed that I would be speaking for 14 meetings so I had to revise some talks and add some new ones."

Mark & Kari Stauffer joined the Chiang-Mai team and presented



music at the nightly meetings and English language instruction together with Ginny Campbell by day.

"Our attendance started with about 120 people and grew to close to 200. . . the majority were Buddhists," said Campbell. Two busloads of students from the Academy (2 hours away) came for the meetings each

night. The majority of the students were Buddhist.

At the conclusion of the meetings we had 17 precious souls accept the call for baptism. We were also told that 9 of the students were baptized at the Academy and that there were others that were preparing for baptism. "One of the church members had a 7 year old son, Mark, who had a Buddhist playmate. As the time for the meetings was approaching, Mark asked his playmate's mother if

she would come to the meetings," reported Campbell. Out of kindness to Mark, she agreed to come. We were blessed to witness her baptism on Sabbath, December 9. Doesn't the Bible say that "a little child shall lead them"?

During our time in Thailand we had the opportunity to visit 3 orphanages. One of them located on the grounds of CAA. Probably the most moving experience we had was our visit to a small children's home. When we went there we were just told that it was a small orphanage with 22 children. It is not an SDA institution. We were invited because the director of the home was attending our meetings. During our visit we were very impressed with the beautiful setting and with the conditions available to the children. We immediately fell in love with the beautiful children who referred to all adults as either "Mommy" or "Daddy." We sang several action

songs with the children such as "Deep and Wide" and "If you're happy and you know it clap your hands." The children were all smiles and big eyes as they joined in. Then Ginny told them the story of creation and of God's love. As I was taping Ginny and the children, someone handed me a leaflet which told the story of the home and it was not until then that I



realized that these children were orphans because their parents had died with Aids. Each of the children is HIV positive with a life expectancy of 5 years or less. How heartbreaking this was to all of us, but what a privilege to be able to share a bit of God's love with them. And even better is the fact that the Director of the home is one of those who are studying for baptism.

"Mission service has changed me," said Darry. "The best memories are of the friendships that grew as we were able to work with new Christian friends who had worked hard to prepare the way for our meetings. How wonderful it is to be part of the worldwide family of God. How wonderful heaven will be when we can all be home with Him!"

Darry and Ginny Campbell



And The Winner Is: Winners Are...

On March 3, 2001 in the Wisconsin Academy Church, three Pathfinder Bible Teams met for the Wisconsin Conference level Bible Bowl event.

Each of these three teams were already winners, having received first place at the three area Bible Bowl events that were held weeks before in Rice Lake, Green Bay and the Woodland Adventist School. From the 9 participating teams, the three first place teams are: Frederic Northern Lights, Woodland Rangers, and Green Bay Pioneers.

The Bible Bowl questions were from the first 29 chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy. The teams were given a total of 90 questions from Deuteronomy. Some questions were worth up to 6 points.

At the end of the questions, the judges tallied up scores, and Pastor Mike Edge, conference Pathfinder director announced that there were not one, not two, but three first place teams. Congratulations!

Based upon percentages, each team qualified to be a first-place team, and is eligible to participate at

the Lake Union Bible Bowl event, March 31 at Pioneer Memorial Church, in Berrien Springs, MI. If one or more of our Bible Bowl teams receives a first place at the Lake Union event, they will then proceed to the North American Division Bible Bowl event April 21.

Congratulations to each team, and to the coaches, fellow Pathfinders and parents for their diligence in the learning of this portion of God's Word.

News Flash! Dateline: March 31, 2001 Berrien Springs, Michigan

Seven teams from the Lake Union Conference met at the Pioneer Memorial Church for the Bible Bowl. Two teams took a first place. They are our very own Green Bay Pioneers and the Hinsdale Pathfinders from the Illinois Conference. These two teams will represent the Lake Union Conference at the North American Division Bible Bowl, April 21.

Our Frederic Northern Lights Pathfinders received a second place, and our Woodland Rangers received a third place. Congratulations go to each club for their diligence and perseverance.



Members of the Frederic, Green Bay and Woodland teams finished in first place at the Wisconsin state finals



The teams from Green Bay, WI and Hinsdale, IL, will go on to the North American Division finals

Mike Edge, Pathfinder Director



Prayer is what Bible Bowl is all about

Wisconsin Academy Cafeteria Update

The Wisconsin Academy new cafeteria project is about 80% completed. The project has gone well. We believe this undertaking has been led of God. We praise Him for what has been accomplished as well as expressing appreciation for the faithful support of so many people.

Progress Report

The main level is now partitioned and the walls are being painted. The lower level will be used for a computer lab and an additional classroom. The additional space created in the gymnasium portion with the computer lab moving out will provide more space for the recreational needs of students.

Finances

You may want to know how the project is progressing financially. We have received to-date \$688,378.53 for the project. The main items yet needed are flooring, furnishing and equipment. This will cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. We have depleted the funds that have been donated. We made a decision at the beginning of the project not to go into debt. So, we have halted the progress on the building.

We have greatly appreciated the financial support you have given to the project. You may have done all that you feel is possible or may have other priorities or needs to consider. However, if you can give

further help, this is a time of need. I have been grateful for the sacrificial giving of so many. We are praying that God will make sufficient funds available to complete the project.

What a joy it will be to have the official opening. What a great beginning to the new school year with the new cafeteria in place. Thank you for your continuing interest in Wisconsin Academy and the youth of this conference.

Don Corkum, President

Camp Wakonda Prepares for Summer Camp

There has been a buzz of activity for months already in order to have Camp Wakonda ready for campers this summer. There will be new experiences *everywhere from* the Nature Center to a walkin store, from the camper villages, to the horse corral.

This year, summer camp is not only for the young. Family Camp offers a week of summer camp for mom, dad, and the kids. From ceramics and water skiing, to special evening camp fire programs, there are activities for **all** ages during this week designed especially for families.

New activities this summer includes model rockets, archery, canoeing, and Indian lore. Experience an evening in the Indian village, make new discoveries in the new Nature Center. Make memories with friends as you discover and experience all that



Camp Wakonda has to offer this summer.

If you have a camper who cannot afford the cost of a week at camp, scholarship money may be available. Contact the conference office for further information.

The summer schedule is as follows:

Dates	Camp	Ages
July 1- 8	Blind Camp	9+
July 8-15	Adventure	8-10
July 15-22	Junior	10-12
July 22-29	Tween	11-13
July 29-Aug.5	Teen	13-16
Aug. 5-12	Family	All

ages

A camp brochure and application is included in this Lampletter. Apply early to make sure you, or your child has a place at Camp Wakonda this summer. More applications are available from the conference office, or on the web (www.wakonda.org)

Mike Edge, Director
Camp Wakonda

Mercy Mission to Belize

Belize was devastated last fall by a catastrophic hurricane that left flooding and destruction throughout the country. John and Nancy Thomas supervised the distribution of clothing and supplies donated and packaged by SDA churches in Wisconsin and Illinois. Here follows their report.

The men and women of the Belize City Dorcas Society waited at the Canaan SDA School all day Monday and all day Tuesday. They were beginning to think that the container would never arrive. Finally, on Wednesday morning, December 20, under the direction of John and Nancy Thomas, the 40 ft. container of relief supplies arrived in the school yard.

About 40 men, women, and children lined up to start the unloading process, as the Customs officer looked on. First came the 30 computers donated for use at the school. Then came bale after bale of clothing and bedding, boxes of shoes, kitchen and cleaning sup-



plies, and personal care kits. The men sweated as the women counted and directed where to put things. Once all the items were divided into 3 sections (going to 3 areas of the country) the Customs officer came to us and told us how impressed he was that our list of contents actually matched what he had seen come out of the container. He was going to tell his superiors that Seventh-day Adven-

tists could be counted on to send honest relief. He said that many loads of "relief" often had other items in them that were not listed and were not relief.

Now organization got into high gear as the ladies began to open the bales to begin the next phase of work. Each worker had a list of families and their needs. They worked quickly from their lists filling big plastic bags with items, and then tagging the bag with the name before preparing supplies for the next family. The bags were then distributed to the needy.

Though sun had set, we now loaded one third of the goods into a truck to take to another section of the country. A couple of hours and many bumps later we arrived at the Mt. Sinai SDA School. We had left word that we were coming, but not a person was in sight. My heart sank as I had visions of my husband and I and the truck driver (if we were lucky) unloading all this alone. We found a young boy who had been waiting for us, and soon there were many people eager to help unload! In fact, after we had unloaded everything, they wanted to start right in opening bales and sorting clothing. Tired as we were, we knew they had been anxiously waiting for this for weeks. So we showed them the sorting process and we started right in. Over the next two days, the girls and women of the church, ages ranging from 12 to 78, sorted, packed and delivered clothing to the people of the community. It was fun to see their eyes light up with joy and thankfulness as they received their things. One woman had nine children, no husband, and had lost

nearly everything they had in the flood. It was a delight to help her, as her small children peeked shyly from behind her skirt.

The local people who received the clothing, etc. thanked us over and



over. The SDA members who distributed the items asked us to say a big thank you to all the people of Wisconsin and Illinois who made this possible for them. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

Nancy Thomas
Wisconsin Academy SDA Church

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