



Katrina Response—Adventist Community Services

On September 1, just three days after Hurricane Katrina slammed into the gulf coast, 90 students from Andrews University, Andrews Academy and Broadview Academy, headed south to help in the relief effort. Among the team were three from Wisconsin; Philip Byrd, Greg Edge & Mike Edge.



Though badly damaged by heavy wind and rain, The Bass Memorial Academy Gym became a center for relief efforts

When the team arrived at Bass Memorial Academy, in southern Mississippi, they found that most of the buildings were damaged, trees ripped apart and strewn across campus, and their sleeping quarters would be the gym floor. They joined up with members of Adventist Community Team Services (ACTS) from the Florida Conference and with 40 students from Southern Adventist University.

While the Bass academy students had been sent home the day before the hurricane hit, the faculty had ridden out the storm at the campus, only 70 miles inland and



Fallen trees and damaged buildings—the once beautiful campus looked like a war zone

right in the path of the worst part of the storm.

Our first tasks were to clear away the piles of trees and branches littering the campus, and tear out the carpet and water-logged ceiling tiles of the cafeteria so the repair crews could begin their work. We cleaned up the campus, including large sections of roofing that had been torn away, ripped out waterlogged chapel chairs, and replaced the entire roofs of the girls dorm and a faculty house.

But campus repair was not our only task. The ACTS team designated Bass Memorial Academy as a distribution center for the Purvis and Lumberton areas, about 30,000 people. The community was in crisis without electricity or running water. Many homes were severely damaged, temperatures were around 100 degrees, and residents had no place to buy food or gasoline.

Each day students met hundreds of cars, giving out food, water, ice, and other necessities to the devastated families. Truck loads of goods donated from organizations and individuals began to arrive and were given out almost as fast as they came. In addition to the items given out, over 2,000 people took advantage of the free hot meals that were prepared twice a day by the ACTS team and our students.

On Sabbath, students loaded up the bus and a van with food for the community. They went door to

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Alienation and separation are human responses to difficulties we can't handle. They are often rooted in misunderstand-

ing and being different from one another.

So we see:

- People separating from their church body
- Children estranged from parents
- Spouses separating
- People who won't talk to one another.

Christ has demonstrated that reconciliation starts when we submit to the reconciliation of the grace of Christ in our life. **This may begin with one.** This lays the basis for reconciliation to happen between us and others from whom we may be estranged.

In 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Christ has given a new reason for Christians to respond differently than the rest of the world to misunderstandings and differences:

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

Out of the great debt we owe to God for our reconciliation to Him, we seek to reconcile with others.

There is an old saying, "*It takes two to tangle.*" However, in following Jesus, reconciliation may begin with only one. Jesus died while we were at enmity with Him to win us back to Himself. Reconciliation is born in the heart of a person who

submits him or herself to the Spirit of Jesus. For relationships to be restored, it takes the response of two, however.

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It appears to me that the stresses of life are being felt acutely. This is partially due to the tensions being felt in our world. We are facing economic challenges and stresses

from many sides. Alienation is happening.

If we are willing to allow a reconciling God to help solve differences, He will provide the power and grace to bring healing. We will need to understand as well as seek to be understood. We will need to seek guidance—we must be willing to listen as well as talk.

However, God expects us to seek reconciliation. That has been His response to us. He has sought reconciliation with lost humanity without "imputing their trespasses to them." **There can be no reconciliation without forgiveness.**

Let's make our *first response* to stress and conflict reconciliation rather than separation. As we do so, we partake of the Divine Nature. God will be blessed and so will we.

Don Corkum

Earning the Right to Be Heard

Occasionally, I have heard people ask, "Why do we do Community Services work? Can't people just go to the county for help?" or "Why do we do health outreach like C.H.I.P. or smoking cessation plans when so few get baptized from them?"

I have also heard civic leaders and governments officials ask, "Why is the Adventist Church here in town? What do they do?" or "We only hear from the Adventists when they are holding Prophecy Meetings or asking for money door to door—what do they do the rest of the time?"

The answers to both sets of questions require context for the answers to make sense:

- Jesus has called us to ministries of compassion and selfless service: "... **Inasmuch** as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren. . ." (Mat 25:40 KJV)
- The Church must be "salt and light" to its community to fulfill Christ's command
- Communities will be largely unresponsive if our only contacts are evangelism and fund raising (even when it is good)
- If we are so heavenly-minded that we are of no earthly good, we will have failed in achieving God's goal for us.

Our churches can **earn the right to be heard** in the public forum. When we respond to people in times of disaster, they are grateful.

The world is not necessarily unresponsive to the gospel—they just want to see the compassionate Jesus living in us by deeds of mercy before they are interested.

James Fox

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door bringing relief supplies to those who couldn't come to the academy. Many homes had broken windows, crushed roofs, and yards full of fallen trees. With chain saws and hard work we cleared away several trees so



Door to door and house to house, ACS workers brought much needed relief supplies

residents could put up tarps to cover gaping holes in their roofs. By Sabbath evening we were out of supplies to hand out the next morning. We prayed all evening that God would provide. About 11:30 that night a large U-Haul truck pulled in. Three brothers, who felt the call of God to respond, charged \$7,000 on their personal credit card, filled their truck with food and water and drove from Nashville to arrive just in time. The next day 11 full semi's arrived; five from Midland, Texas. God had indeed answered our prayers.

At noon on Monday, as the busses pulled away, our students were reluctant to leave new friends, a job not finished, and people who still depended on them. One Bass academy faculty member commented; "After the storm we saw the devastation and wondered, where do we even begin? But then you came. You have done so much already, you have given us hope."

The need continues. For information on how you can help, contact Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235.

Mike Edge



Residents of the Purvis and Lumberton areas lined up to receive bottled water and basic foodstuffs

Project Katrina—Phase 2



Thirty students and church members from Wisconsin Academy prepare to leave for their mission trip to the Katrina devastated Gulf States

On September 25 at 3:00 a.m., 16 Wisconsin Academy students, four staff members and ten church members from Wisconsin loaded into two vans, one car and a pickup with a trailer to make the long journey to Waveland, Mississippi to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Using Bass Memorial Academy as our "base camp," which was literal, we slept on mattresses on the ground and in tents the first night we were there. The rest of the week we slept in the library, computer room and in tents.

From Bass Academy we traveled 1-1/2 hours to Waveland, Mississippi each day where Hurricane Katrina had destroyed the whole town of about 7,000 people.

On arrival at the Waveland Distribution Center, we were greeted by Bob the leader from ACTS an Adventist Community Services group from Florida.

The distribution center was set up in an empty mall parking lot, open air, as all the buildings are unusable because of water damage, in fact, the parking lot had had 25 feet of water in it. Now it was filled with semi trailers, tents, mobile kitchens, and two distribution sites, one was a walk-through. We operated through the drive-through site.

We were divided into teams and were sent to the distribution line to uncover and restock before the line was open. Once the line was opened, the people were interviewed and their needs assessed. Post-it notes were stuck on their cars and at each station they were given what they needed; ice, water, baby supplies, food, cleaning supplies and personal care items.

It was hot and humid and the word of the day was "sunscreen and water," but there was no complain-

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ing. We had many opportunities to talk to people, listen to their stories and pray with them. We saw answers to prayer before our eyes and the Lord providing as supplies would come in as we were out and about, or as someone would ask for something a truck would pull up with that very thing. It was great to watch the Lord provide and for us to be His hands to distribute to His children.



Senior Colleen Danaher unloads a box of food from a truck

Monday we served almost 1600 families that we estimated to be about 6,000-7,000 people. As the week went on some days were slower than others but always cars in the line, always people to talk to, always people to pray with, always needs to be met.

The blessings were many but I'm not sure who received the most blessings, us or the people we served.

*Floyd Brock
Community Services Director*

PS Our Wisconsin Academy team worked like troopers and let the light of Jesus shine through their good works in the Katrina relief effort. I stand proud and you can too!

Adventist Community Services (ACS) workers and Seventh-day Adventist Church members in Clear Lake, Wis., felt the need to be involved in hurricane relief efforts as reports of the wide spread destruction and loss of life filled the news. When elder and church member David Scott suggested offering the unused rural church school building as housing for evacuees, the idea quickly took root. The Red Cross was contacted at the local level, and ACS workers were told the school building would be placed on a data base. Not satisfied that this was enough, they pursued offering the school as housing through the Georgia-Cumberland Conference by contacting Ken Wetmore, communication director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. When it seemed unlikely they'd be receiving an evacuee family, they sought an alternative way to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The idea of a donation drive resulted from an article on the Georgia-Cumberland Conference website. Phone calls to Ken Wetmore and warehouse manager Henry Beaulieu confirmed what was most needed, specifically kitchen-ware and small appliances, beddings, money, and canned food. Then the drive began. Posters were distrib-



Alice Garrett, Clear Lake Adventist Community Services Leader, gives Katie Maloney tips on packaging.

Clear Lake Response to Katrina

uted and inserts printed for church bulletins, announcements were made on local TV and radio stations, and a sign-up sheet was passed around at church for volunteers willing to help with the intake of donated items. Each church in the community was contacted, as were Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout northwestern Wisconsin.

While Garrett, Adventist Community Service Leader at Clear Lake and district ACS leader, was beginning to wonder where she'd find a truck to haul the goods, the Lord had already solved the problem. Dennis Maloney, a Clear Lake church member and truck driver, told Alice that his boss



Myron Johnson runs a forklift to load the semi-truck before it leaves Clear Lake, Wisconsin.

wanted to be involved in the effort and would donate the use of a semi-truck and trailer. The trucking company owner had also begun raising money for the project. This exciting news spurred us on, as did the donations of money and goods that began arriving. After Alice learned from Henry that having the boxes palletized would be easier to unload, she called Dennis. Five minutes later he called back—someone was donating all the pallets! After little more than a week of collecting, we began packing items for shipment as donations arrived from sur-

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rounding communities. As the Seventh-day Adventist churches in our community services district span a distance from the north-west shore of Lake Superior southward to the middle of the state, transporting goods involved coordinating efforts by several individuals. Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, volunteers from age 11 to 91 helped pack and label boxes and load the trailer. Dennis and Sue Maloney left with the truck Monday, Sept. 26 at 2:00 p.m. for an appointment at a canning factory for several pallets of canned food sold to us at wholesale prices. Two more stops were made for items collected at Northfield and Portage, Wisconsin. We are thankful for the hard work of many people who helped fill the truck through donations, transporting goods, phone calls soliciting contributions, and the hours of labor in packing and loading.

*Georgia Rosen
Clear Lake Church*

**Wisconsin Adventist
School Update:**

The elementary schools for the Wisconsin Conference have taken on the project of helping raise money for Bass Adventist Elementary School. The money that is raised will go towards helping replace their playground which was destroyed when Hurricane Katrina paid a visit.

Fox Valley School held a car wash and raised over \$200.00; Maranatha School earned \$91.00 holding a bake sale. We are very proud of all that our schools are doing to help.

*Ken Kirkham,
Education Superintendent*

**Hudson Company
Organized**

On August 27, 2005 the Hudson fellowship group was organized into company status. On that day, 19 joined the newly formed Hudson Company. We rejoice to see the outreach that began in 2002 develop in this way.



*The Hudson Company organized
with 19 members and many friends*

The Hudson outreach began with an evangelistic campaign by Dan and Kathy Herwick. This was supported by members living in the area as well as church members in the district. At present Ric Swaningson, Wisconsin Conference evangelist is conducting a series of meetings in Hudson. We pray that many souls will be won to Christ from this new church presence in Hudson.

Eau Claire Evangelism

From September 9 to October 1, an evangelistic series took place in Eau Claire. Pastors Don Corkum and Brian Carlton were the presenters. The Eau Claire church gave good support to the meetings.



*Pastor Brian Carlton baptizes
Shari Bair.*



*John Fischer on the day of his
baptism in Eau Claire with Pastors
Carlton and Corkum*

**Wisconsin Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists
Radio Stations**

As you travel around certain areas of Wisconsin, you can avail yourselves of Adventist Christian Radio. These are low power FM stations so you have to be geographically close to the transmitter. The programming is excellent.

Clear Lake SDA Church

WPGR 105.7 (We Praise God Radio)
354A 10th Street, Clear Lake, WI
54005; 715-263-4206

Clearwater Lake SDA Church

WCWL 103.5 (W Clear Water Lake)
3770 O'Neil Road, Eagle River, WI
54521

Eau Claire SDA Church

WJLM 96.9 (Wow Jesus Loves Me)
919 Tenth Street W, Altoona, WI
54720; 715-834-1782

Rice Lake SDA Church

WWJP 101.7 (Walking With Jesus)
1779 20th Street, Rice Lake, WI
54868; 715-434-7798

Superior SDA Church

WGHP LP FM; 93.7
1028 Cumming Avenue, PO Box
337, Superior, WI 54880; 715-720-
9820

**Tomahawk Community SDA
Church**

WLBI 107.1 (Light Broadcasting
Incorporated)
Highway D, PO Box 312, Tomahawk, WI 54487; 715-453-9348
Radio stations are planned for the Chippewa Falls and Menomonie areas also.

Jane Gerndt

Clear Lake Christian Radio Dedication



On September 10, a crowd of workers, supporters and well-wishers gathered at the transmitter site for the dedication of WPGR-LP, We Praise God Radio

Less than three years ago, members of the Clear Lake, Wisconsin Church felt that operating a local Christian radio station was an impossible dream. Yet through a series of miracles and hard work WPGR-LP (We Praise God Radio) went on the air in July 2003, and was dedicated debt-free on Sabbath, September 10, 2005.

The station broadcasts 24/7 with 16 hours of daily programming coming from LifeTalk Radio in Collegedale, Tennessee and 8 hours programmed locally. "Connecting people with Christ" in our busy, confused, uncertain world is the goal of this radio ministry.

Programming strives to meet the needs of a wide range of listeners. The station reaches out to children with the ever-popular "Your Story Hour." Various Christian ministries are featured, including well-known family and financial experts and health professionals promoting the Adventist lifestyle. The Voice of Prophecy is aired regularly, with offers for free Bible studies. Associated Press news is broadcast at the top of every hour, except on the Sabbath, to keep listeners informed of current events. Many Clear Lake members and friends

have recorded the hourly station identification required by the FCC.

Members of the Clear Lake Church first applied to the Federal Communications Commission in January 2001 for a license to operate the station, upon learning that a frequency was available in this area. A radio board was elected which expected to hear from the FCC within six months. However, it was January 2002 before the license was approved with the stipulation that the proposed station had only 18 months to be on the air!

The question of whether or not to proceed with the venture was debated many times throughout 2002, with no firm decision reached until December, when most of the funds were donated or pledged. Tim & Sue Stuivenga donated land for the building and tower. Unexpected obstacles appeared when members applied for a zoning permit, and several neighbors voiced their objections to the station. However, the county zoning committee finally approved the project and equipment was ordered in March 2003.

Volunteers then began a race with time to be on the air by July 28.

Three board members attended a workshop in Vonore, Tennessee, to learn how to operate the station. Groundbreaking was held on May 18, 2003 at the site. Shortly thereafter, a small building was constructed to house the equipment. The tower was erected on June 22 by a professional who donated his time as he marveled that the thunderclouds held back just long enough for him to complete the task.

In July the computers and other equipment arrived. Station manager, David Jurisch and radio board member, Jeff Rosen spent untold hours piecing it all together. Others put up sheet rock and painted walls and wired electricity in the building.

With only five days to spare, WPGR went on the air at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003!

Many people in the Clear Lake Community comment to church members on how much they enjoy Christian Radio for their area. Only time and the blessing of the Lord will reveal the good that has been done through this outreach.

Members of the Clear Lake Christian Radio corporation and guests rejoiced as the station was officially dedicated on Sabbath afternoon, September 10, 2005. Wisconsin Conference Communication director James Fox and local elder Norm Britain led out in the dedication of WPGR-LP to the glory of God as it continues to serve the Clear Lake area.

Beth Nelson, Clear Lake Communications Director

5th Annual Retreat For Pastors' Wives

Who says that pastors' wives have to be serious all the time? September 23-25 was the 5th annual retreat for pastors' wives held at Camp Wakonda. Fireside Lodge was put to excellent use to accommodate both the serious and the



Cherry Habenicht, Karen Byrd, and Sharon Cress gather for prayer before a presentation

hilarious times we shared together. Sharon Cress, Associate Ministerial Secretary for the General Conference, was our guest speaker. She really hit the nail on the head with her presentations. We felt she connected with our issues and provided excellent thoughts for our consideration.



Maria Gomez and Dulce Mendoza share a quiet moment together

In addition to listening to Sharon, our pastors' wives shared their musical talents to enhance the services. Sue Pehler cooked delicious meals and we enjoyed being able to just relax and eat what she prepared without doing too much work ourselves.

To top off the weekend, the ladies all let their hair down and enjoyed a game of musical fashion. When

one of us found ourselves without a chair, we had the opportunity to don the garment of our choice be it a wig, glamorous boa's, or a clown costume. This is a game you may see at one of your church socials in the near future, and well worth playing if you want a good laugh.



Group Photo after playing "Musical Fashion"

We may not have gotten a full night's sleep, but we sure made up for it with relaxation, rejuvenation, and inspiration.

Phyllis Corkum

Hudson Report

We just finished up a 3 week reaping series in Hudson WI where some 10 precious new souls were added to our church (plus 2-4 to come in the weeks to come).

Praise the Lord!

Bridget Klytta has a remarkable experience with God. Her story could form a new chapter in a book called, "From Gangs to God."

Bridget has had a rough life—she grew up on the streets of Chicago where she lived the life of a gang member! In her own words, "I did every horrible thing under the sun you can think of. I have been searching for the truth for a long time . . . even trying witchcraft, and many other forms of ungodliness."

God did not let go of her and has been faithfully calling her to Himself throughout her long journey!

Bridget has now found the Lord. "With Him," she said, "I finally have peace." She loves Jesus and her love for Him shines from the top of her head to the tip of her toes.

Bridget now works as a prison guard at the State Prison in Stillwater, Minnesota. Every day, she has the unique opportunity to



Bridget Klytta prepares to follow her Lord in baptism

witness for Jesus. "I have a captive audience", she quipped.

Every night she came to the Adventures in Prophecy meeting, she had a new testimony of how she had been studying with offenders. She especially loves sharing Jesus with the Muslim population (successfully I might add). "In prison, they need Jesus." After a few days with Bridget, one Muslim offender quietly admitted to her that he now sees Jesus as God and is studying this great truth!

Bridget is not afraid to share — "No fear here," she says!

Bridget and her two children see clearly what God has in mind for them—Jesus has called them to be His witnesses. They are among the newest members of the Hudson Company of Seventh-day Adventists.

Ric Swaningson, Evangelist

**Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Financial Highlights
August 31, 2005**

| | 2005 | 2004 | Difference | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Tithe - Month-to-Date | 499,173.39 | 409,905.64 | 89,267.75 | 17.88% |
| Tithe - Year-to-Date | 3,866,897.70 | 3,826,318.81 | 40,578.89 | 1.05% |
| 2. Wisconsin Budget - MTD | 17,321.57 | 16,554.07 | 767.50 | 4.43% |
| Wisconsin Budget - YTD | 139,190.91 | 147,219.85 | -8,028.94 | -5.77% |
| 3. Cash | | | | |
| Checking | 650,642.92 | 404,116.09 | 246,526.83 | 37.89% |
| Money Market Certificates | 112,722.04 | 67,102.26 | 45,619.78 | 40.47% |
| Securitates and Investments | 648,886.78 | 678,747.43 | -29,860.65 | -4.60% |
| Total Cash and Investments | 1,412,251.74 | 1,149,965.78 | 262,285.96 | 18.57% |
| 4. Accounts Receivable | | | | |
| Churches | 48,279.83 | -23,455.39 | 71,735.22 | 148.58% |
| Schools (Including WA) | 69,341.53 | 107,895.79 | -38,554.26 | -55.60% |
| WA (Separately) | 34,182.92 | 12,261.67 | 21,921.25 | 64.13% |
| 5. Current Ratio (Note 1) | 5.28:1 | 4.11:1 | N/A | N/A |
| 6. Evangelism - Unrestricted Fund Bal | -10,466.72 | -63,664.38 | 53,197.66 | -508.26% |
| Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal | 93,814.56 | 91,820.51 | 1,994.05 | 2.13% |

| | Actual - 2005 | Budget - 2005 | Difference Fav/(Unfav) | Actual - 2004 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 7. Income | 4,667,687.00 | 4,359,393.00 | 308,294.00 | 4,464,034.00 |
| Expenses | 4,703,726.00 | 4,773,470.00 | 69,744.00 | 4,399,929.00 |
| Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers | -36,039.00 | -414,077.00 | 378,038.00 | 64,105.00 |
| Fund/Funct Transfers | -50,378.00 | -26,653.00 | -23,725.00 | -199,164.00 |
| Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers | -86,417.00 | -440,730.00 | 354,313.00 | -135,059.00 |
| Net Assets - Beginning | 1,551,307.00 | 1,551,290.00 | 17.00 | 1,304,485.00 |
| Net Assets - Ending | 1,464,890.00 | 1,110,560.00 | 354,330.00 | 1,169,426.00 |
| 8. Expense (Selected Functions) | | | | |
| Pastors F-200 | 1,341,452.27 | 1,408,730.00 | 67,277.73 | 1,192,354.02 |
| Evangelism F-230 | 81,092.88 | 36,197.00 | -44,895.88 | 90,460.97 |
| Church School Oper F-302 | 955,833.23 | 969,930.00 | 14,096.77 | 971,785.50 |
| Academy Operation F-304 | 319,453.46 | 324,075.00 | 4,621.54 | 314,729.70 |
| Group Medical Plan F-733 | 26,187.66 | -18,266.00 | -44,453.66 | 13,161.96 |
| General & Admin F-798 | 156,210.23 | 166,358.00 | 10,147.77 | 148,980.26 |

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

Wisconsin Evangelism Outlook

God and Amazing Facts Evangelism (A-Facts) are blessing the Wisconsin Conference :

- Jason Sliger of A-Facts is doing evangelistic meetings this fall in Menomonee
- Ric Swaningson begins in Madison East in January
- Jason Sliger begins 3 evangelistic campaigns in Green Bay in January, Fox Valley in March and Ashland in April/May
- James Fox begins in Madison Community Church in February
- Emmanuel Baek will be holding evangelistic meetings in Fond du Lac together with Pr. Steve Aust and the Wisconsin Academy Church in March
- Adam Ramdin will be holding meetings with Pr. Carlos Ancheta and the Racine Church in March

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W.A. Christmas Pageant



Senior Aaron Cook attempts to sell fish in the Market place

Wisconsin Academy's 8th annual Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd. Titled "A Walk Through the Christmas Story", students, faculty and church members decorate the chapel and campus center, dress



Senior Colleen Danaher, Sophomore Lacy Swaningson and Senior Adrienne Gust gossip in their home about the newborn King

in biblical clothing and the campus is transformed back to the year of our Savior's birth.

The pageant is open to the public. Last year over 900 people attended the pageant. The pageant is held the first Friday and Saturday evenings of December. For more information on how you might be able to get involved this year please contact DJ McKenzie at 920-623-3300 or by emailing chaplain@wisacad.org.

W.A. Fall Festival

Wisconsin Academy's annual fall fest was held October 9th. Every year a theme is picked and every class and club on campus decorates their booths according to the theme. This year the SA picked the theme of Books. The gym was transformed with decorations from Curious George, Tom Sawyer, Robin Hood, and Robinson Crusoe to name a few.



Juniors Kaylee Tschech and Jaci Martinez pose for a picture in their booth filled with donuts

Many parents and friends attended the event to support each class. Some booths were set up to sell food such as smoothies, pizza, burritos, french fries, and caramel apples while others were to play games like plinko, marshmallow slingshot, and the donut race.

"The best part of fall fest was to see everyone enjoying the booth



Donovan and Laurie Baartz brought their horses for one of the booths at Fall Festival- students and their families and friends enjoyed horseback riding

and the product that was served at the booth I helped to create" commented senior Adrienne Gust.

After three hours of fun and games the night drew to a close leaving the senior class with the most profit bringing in close to \$600. Each class worked hard and did really well to raise money for their respective organizations.

Michelle Paulsen, Senior

Wisconsin Conference Personnel and District Changes

The Milwaukee Northwest and Sheboygan Churches have become a new church district in the Wisconsin Conference.

Pastor Adam and Laurella Case, currently serving in the Green Bay Church, have accepted the call to be the pastor of the new Milwaukee Northwest and Sheboygan Church District.

The Sturgeon Bay and Fish Creek Churches will unite with the Green Bay Church to form a new pastoral district. The Green Bay District is beginning the search for a new youth pastor.

Ken Kirkham, Educational Superintendent of the Wisconsin Conference has taken over leadership of the Men's Ministries function from Elder Mike Edge, Youth Leader.

Pastor Ko and Terry Saelee have arrived to spearhead the Hmong Work in Wisconsin!

We are grateful to God for wonderful Christian workers. Let us pray that God will give grace and wisdom for their labors to be pleasing to Him.

WISCONSIN BUDGET GOAL

Thru September, 2005

| CHURCH | MEM. | GOAL THRU FOR 2005 | GOAL THRU 9-30-2005 | AMT REC GOAL 9-30-2005 | AMT UNDER OF GOAL 9-30-2005 | % RECEIVED |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Almond | 45 | 2,008.28 | 1,506.21 | 1,605.04 | -98.83 | 106.56% |
| Antigo | 41 | 1,972.58 | 1,479.44 | 1,147.76 | 331.68 | 77.58% |
| Ashland | 47 | 1,583.83 | 1,187.87 | 438.00 | 749.87 | 36.87% |
| Baraboo | 34 | 2,825.31 | 2,118.98 | 1,735.77 | 383.21 | 81.92% |
| Beaver Dam | 20 | 798.57 | 598.92 | 1,449.23 | -850.31 | 241.97% |
| Beloit | 73 | 2,759.30 | 2,069.48 | 1,128.59 | 940.89 | 54.54% |
| Bethel | 150 | 4,360.96 | 3,270.72 | 1,019.44 | 2,251.28 | 31.17% |
| Chippewa Falls | 33 | 687.83 | 515.87 | 58.10 | 457.77 | 11.26% |
| Christ Comm. Church | 116 | 7,045.88 | 5,284.41 | 4,227.24 | 1,057.17 | 79.99% |
| Clear Lake | 107 | 6,282.08 | 4,711.56 | 2,317.28 | 2,394.28 | 49.18% |
| Clearwater Lake | 79 | 2,070.07 | 1,552.55 | 1,771.04 | -218.49 | 114.07% |
| Delavan | 69 | 4,935.52 | 3,701.64 | 4,910.76 | -1,209.12 | 132.66% |
| Durand | 65 | 2,539.86 | 1,904.89 | 455.15 | 1,449.74 | 23.89% |
| Eau Claire | 168 | 10,784.40 | 8,088.30 | 2,967.09 | 5,121.21 | 36.68% |
| Evansville | 24 | 857.66 | 643.25 | 1,169.75 | -526.50 | 181.85% |
| Fish Creek | 13 | 770.73 | 578.05 | 1,257.70 | -679.65 | 217.58% |
| Fox Valley | 249 | 18,671.49 | 14,003.61 | 7,888.92 | 6,114.69 | 56.33% |
| Frederic | 65 | 4,969.03 | 3,726.77 | 3,311.01 | 415.76 | 88.84% |
| Green Bay | 499 | 24,929.29 | 18,696.97 | 9,302.72 | 9,394.25 | 49.76% |
| Hayward | 30 | 2,735.30 | 2,051.48 | 708.55 | 1,342.93 | 34.54% |
| Hudson | | | | | | |
| Hylandale | 72 | 2,323.60 | 1,742.70 | 1,034.96 | 707.74 | 59.39% |
| Kenosha | 66 | 3,721.61 | 2,791.20 | 170.33 | 2,620.87 | 6.10% |
| LaCrosse | 79 | 2,143.89 | 1,607.92 | 423.98 | 1,183.94 | 26.37% |
| Lakeland | 48 | 3,179.38 | 2,384.54 | 1,790.17 | 594.37 | 75.07% |
| Lancaster | 59 | 2,704.69 | 2,028.51 | 789.62 | 1,238.89 | 38.93% |
| Madison Community | 170 | 10,800.20 | 8,100.15 | 3,879.45 | 4,220.70 | 47.89% |
| Madison | 406 | 33,110.34 | 24,832.75 | 14,297.75 | 10,535.00 | 57.58% |
| Marshfield | 116 | 5,590.73 | 4,193.05 | 3,323.99 | 869.06 | 79.27% |
| Menomonie | 59 | 1,768.05 | 1,326.04 | 1,056.36 | 269.68 | 79.66% |
| Merrill | 29 | 1,150.30 | 862.72 | 516.52 | 346.20 | 59.87% |
| Milwaukee Central | 244 | 13,731.82 | 10,298.86 | 3,837.42 | 6,461.44 | 37.26% |
| Milw.Greenfield Span. | 155 | 4,640.17 | 3,480.13 | 1,149.43 | 2,330.70 | 33.03% |
| Milwaukee N.West | 182 | 12,230.72 | 9,173.04 | 1,838.06 | 7,334.98 | 20.04% |
| Milw. Maranatha Span. | 35 | 494.34 | 370.76 | 78.77 | 291.99 | 21.25% |
| Milw. Hayes Spanish | 50 | 2,143.90 | 1,607.93 | 636.63 | 971.30 | 39.59% |
| Milw. Central Spanish | 128 | 6,214.21 | 4,660.66 | 1,218.78 | 3,441.88 | 26.15% |
| Moon | 16 | 533.42 | 400.07 | 209.82 | 190.25 | 52.45% |
| Monroe | 13 | 2,163.16 | 1,622.37 | 527.85 | 1,094.52 | 32.54% |
| Neillsville Company | 25 | 397.58 | 298.19 | 223.00 | 75.19 | 74.79% |
| New London | 57 | 2,262.85 | 1,697.13 | 1,533.86 | 163.27 | 90.38% |
| Oakland | 36 | 1,752.02 | 1,314.01 | 1,662.06 | -348.05 | 126.49% |
| Oxford | 73 | 8,082.09 | 6,061.56 | 5,813.30 | 248.26 | 95.90% |
| Platteville Chr.Comm. | 10 | 338.86 | 254.15 | 250.00 | 4.15 | 98.37% |
| Portage | 96 | 5,111.01 | 3,833.26 | 3,956.28 | -123.02 | 103.21% |
| Pound | 53 | 1,864.54 | 1,398.41 | 330.87 | 1,067.54 | 23.66% |
| Prairie du Chien | 22 | 1,075.83 | 806.87 | 750.85 | 56.02 | 93.06% |
| Racine | 134 | 5,605.19 | 4,203.89 | 1,378.00 | 2,825.89 | 32.78% |

WISCONSIN BUDGET GOAL

Thru September, 2005

| MEM. | | GOAL | GOAL | AMT REC | AMT UNDER | % |
|----------------------|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| CHURCH | | THRU | THRU | GOAL | OF GOAL | |
| | | FOR 2005 | 9-30-2005 | 9-30-2005 | 9-30-2005 | RECEIVED |
| Racine Spanish | 43 | 1,132.74 | 849.55 | 182.61 | 666.94 | 21.49% |
| Raymond | 118 | 5,982.92 | 4,487.19 | 1,241.60 | 3,245.59 | 27.67% |
| Reedsburg | 49 | 1,796.19 | 1,347.14 | 1,822.40 | -475.26 | 135.28% |
| Rhineland | 106 | 3,957.00 | 2,967.75 | 3,549.87 | -582.12 | 119.61% |
| Rice Lake | 137 | 8,043.93 | 6,032.94 | 5,139.26 | 893.68 | 85.19% |
| Richland Center | 79 | 3,289.20 | 2,466.90 | 1,217.35 | 1,249.55 | 49.35% |
| Shawano | 27 | 1,363.80 | 1,022.85 | 396.66 | 626.19 | 38.78% |
| Sheboygan | 91 | 7,008.18 | 5,256.14 | 2,583.85 | 2,672.29 | 49.16% |
| Sheboygan Span.Co. | 52 | 1,851.79 | 1,388.84 | 390.02 | 998.82 | 28.08% |
| Sparta | 37 | 490.84 | 368.13 | 308.85 | 59.28 | 83.90% |
| Spooner-Trego | 12 | 315.47 | 236.60 | 132.10 | 104.50 | 55.83% |
| Stevens Point | 58 | 2,838.09 | 2,128.57 | 2,686.00 | -557.43 | 126.19% |
| Sturgeon Bay | 26 | 2,376.28 | 1,782.21 | 3,459.00 | -1,676.79 | 194.08% |
| Superior | 46 | 3,565.40 | 2,674.05 | 1,467.14 | 1,206.91 | 54.87% |
| Tomah | 51 | 1,317.88 | 988.41 | 1,145.50 | -157.09 | 115.89% |
| Tomahawk Community | 22 | 1,715.28 | 1,286.46 | 733.00 | 553.46 | 56.98% |
| Watertown | 41 | 1,064.09 | 798.07 | 1,632.00 | -833.93 | 204.49% |
| Watertown Hisp. Co. | 26 | 978.00 | 733.50 | 462.00 | 271.50 | 62.99% |
| Waukesha | 268 | 11,805.94 | 8,854.45 | 4,375.36 | 4,479.09 | 49.41% |
| Shepherds House | 89 | 6,196.36 | 4,647.27 | 5,295.87 | -648.60 | 113.96% |
| Wisconsin Acad. | 294 | 17,018.58 | 12,763.93 | 8,986.46 | 3,777.47 | 70.41% |
| Wisconsin Conference | 283 | 15,998.14 | 11,998.60 | 3,175.83 | 8,822.77 | 26.47% |
| Wisconsin Rapids | 74 | 2,247.63 | 1,685.72 | 852.36 | 833.36 | 50.56% |
| Woodland Community | 236 | 7,206.20 | 5,404.65 | 3,795.61 | 1,609.04 | 70.23% |
| TOTAL | 6389 | 348,282.38 | 261,211.79 | 156,577.95 | 104,633.83 | 60% |

Transformed through Love

As I heard the report that Wisconsin members had given over \$50,000 for Katrina relief, I thought, 'God is preparing his people for heaven.' Ellen White wrote "Truth set home to the heart by the Spirit of God will crowd out the love of riches. The love of Jesus and the love of money cannot dwell in the same heart. The love of God so far surpasses the love of money that the possessor breaks away from his riches and transfers his affections to God. Through love he is then led to minister to the wants of the needy and to assist the cause of God. It is his highest pleasure to make a right disposition of his Lord's goods. He holds all that he has as not his own, and

faithfully discharges his duty as God's steward. Then he can keep both the great commandments of the law: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. " "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." R & H Sept. 16, 1884

It is my prayer that as we finish this year, God will continue to find us faithful stewards growing more like Him in sacrificing for His work. May we experience Jesus promise." And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

Richard Habenicht

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Conference Calendar

November

18-20 WA Youth Rally

22-27 WA Home Leave/Thanks-giving Break

December

2-3 WA Christmas Pageant

17 WA Christmas Music Concert

18 WA Christmas Vacation Begins

January

2 WA Christmas Vacation Ends

6-7 Greater Milwaukee Annual Evangelism Convocation

8-11 Pastor's Meetings-Madison

16-20 WA Winter Week of Prayer

20-22 Lay Pastor Training—WA

21 WA Sports Night

23-5 Public High School Retreat

30-1 Men's Conference

February

6-17 WA Phoneathon

18 JAWHI—Youth Sabbath:

12 WA SA Winter Banquet

13-17 WA—Spirit Week

22-26 Lake Union Music Festival

26 Green Bay Women's S.N.O.W. Day

April

21-23 Women's Empowerment Weekend

30 JAWHI—Spring Banquet:

May

5-7 Pathfinder Fair at Wakonda

June

16-24 WI Camp Meeting

Evangelism continued from p. 8

- Ric Swaningson begins meetings for a new church plant in Milwaukee South in March
- Through the benefit of an extraordinary gift, Amazing Facts is extending a \$30,000 grant to the Wisconsin Conference to assist us in our work of evangelism in 2006!

Many Pastor and Lay Evangelistic meetings are also planned for this year. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing, increased funding and an abundant harvest!

James Fox, Evangelism Coordinator

Men's Conference

A Life Changing Experience!

The 11th annual Men's Conference will be held January 20-22, 2006 Camp Wakonda.

Come and learn how to seek the power of Jesus Christ to release you from dysfunctions that are destroying your peace and your witness.

A comfortable variety of experiences will highlight our weekend as we explore meaningful fulfillment as Christian men.

Our guest speaker will be Hal Gates, pastor and Health Director of the Washington Conference. He is a much sought after speaker who gets down to the core issues and "tells it like it is."

Cost for the weekend is \$60.00. For more information call Ken Kirkham at 608-241-5235.

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