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Wisconsin Academy—Facing Financial Challenge

How can you be in the midst of a Cafeteria Building Project and suddenly find yourself struggling to meet operating expenses? That is the position Wisconsin Academy faces with a \$65,000 operating shortfall for 2000-2001 *and* a 2001-2002 budget shortfall of \$105,000.

Encouraging News

While Wisconsin Academy budgeted for 115 students, they have begun the year with 126. As of September 12, three students have returned home.

There is a good spiritual tone among the students. Twelve students traveled to Andrews University on September 13 for a prayer conference. Faculty and friends of the Academy notice the difference in the spiritual tone that this year's seniors bring with them.

Discouraging News

Financial review in the late winter of 2001 suggested there would be a shortfall. Carleen Gustrowsky and John Thomas reported an operating loss of about \$65,000 for the 2000-2001 school year. Several items contributed to this deficit:

- ◆ One of the coldest winters on record increased heating cost
- ◆ Food prices rose by 5% during the first three months of last school year

The packaging industry has not been able to provide a salary for one member of our staff who was virtually dedicated to

their work. This resulted in three salaries being allocated to the maintenance department which is excessive for our operation.

- ◆ The cafeteria construction project was being finished in the cold winter weather. The project required heat to be supplied to the building prior to windows being fitted, insulation being fully applied and other aspects that would have made the building more energy efficient. The heating plant had to be run continuously without thermostats to facilitate the construction project.
- ◆ There was a dramatic drop in enrollment for second semester that reduced tuition income.

When you consider these factors, it is remarkable that Academy leaders kept the deficit to only \$65,000—it could have been worse.

The Challenge

The proposed operating budget for 2001-2002 was out of balance by some \$105,000! What can we do?

The K-12 Board held an emergency teleconference on the evening of August 29, and made recommendations to the Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee.

The Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee met on August 30th to consider these matters. Elder Corkum, Executive Committee

Attack on America

Adventist Church Responds

When hijacked aircraft began flying into buildings on Tuesday morning, September 11th, the Adventist Church began to mobilize its resources and its members in ministry. Churches were opened for prayer.

Trained counselors were mobilized to minister to traumatized rescue workers and victims.

The church used its satellite network on September 14 to beam a message to its members and communities about terrorism:

Pastor Jan Paulsen, President of the World Church, Pastor Don Schneider, President of

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The Presidential View



September 11 will be etched in my mind for life. It will be added to a number of defining moments of cosmic significance that have occurred during my lifetime

such as: the Suez crisis, the Cuban crisis, JFK's assassination, Canada's FLQ crisis, the Six Day War and Operation Desert Storm.

We seldom go through these catastrophes and remain the same person. God beckons us to a dialogue that will lead us to deeper understandings of the great struggle between good and evil.

I must admit that in my own experience, many deep roots of commitment to God and His people were formed during these critical times. Hours of study, prayer and meditation were a positive result to an otherwise heart-rending tragedy.

God is speaking again to us through the Attack on America.

He appeals to us to observe the nature of Satan. Those couple of hours of carnage on Tuesday morning, September 11, helped to pull off Satan's mask enabling us to see who he truly is—a being of deception and destruction who delights in terrorizing people. We can see him also with his mask off in grotesque movies, demonic music, salacious books and magazines, places of ill repute, and soul destroying chemicals and drugs. After observing Satan with his mask off, can we still choose him over God?

September 11 also taught us—don't drop your guard. America relaxed it's guard with its many millions of travelers each year and stopped being careful at security checks. In these critical times for

God's people, He appeals to us, "don't drop your guard." Be vigilant in your defense against evil. **Watch and pray** are the oft repeated appeals of scripture:

"Put on God's complete armor so that you can successfully resist all the devil's methods of attack. For our fight is not against any physical enemy; it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil. Therefore you must wear the whole armor of God that you may be able to resist evil in its day of power, and that even when you have fought to a standstill you may still stand your ground." Ephesians 6:11-14, Phillips Translation

The Attack on America didn't just deliver pictures of Satan, it also displayed images of God. The true acts of God were seen in thousands of churches open to help the grieving. Millions of people giving blood to replenish the sudden demand. The thousands who converged on New York to help with the search and rescue and removing the rubble. Yes, the attack brought America to its knees but in a way the terrorists may not have imagined—bowing to a God who can help them through today to a better tomorrow.

Should we wait, however, for times of crisis to display these pictures of God's love? No! We are in a cosmic struggle every day. We are to display Christ's character to the world continually. How can we be so consistent? By daily dwelling on that which attaches our affections on Christ.

The attack on America has in-

creased my determination to use every available means to help people get to know the great God we serve. Also, I want to help them understand Satan's strategy for winning subjects for his kingdom. God has given Adventist Christians special insights about end times to share with a very needy world. Let's bring joy to His heart in Wisconsin by sharing that knowledge with people within our influence. Then out of the ashes of the attack on America will arise monuments of eternal hope as people lives become rooted in God.

Don Corkum

Together We Can

Wisconsin Academy school year has started with the new cafeteria still in the process of completion. Some finishing touches to the building remain and the equipment and furnishings still need to be purchased..

Here is the project's financial picture at present.

1. Total cost	\$1,033,442
(Includes fundraising, architecture, building and equipment/furnishings)	
2. Total received	\$870,000
(Cash at end of August)	
Current commitments	\$57,350
Non-Current commitments*	\$183,150
Total Revenues	\$1,110,500

*No activity for at least 150 days

In order to finish the project \$106,092 is needed from the non-current commitments. The conference has advanced considerable funds to finish the building phase the project. However, the balance needed is approximately the cost

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Frank J. Denicola, N.Y Times



Kristen Brochmann, N.Y. Times



Spencer Platt, Getty Images

America under Attack

Chances are that you sat in front of your television on September 11, watching these same scenes over and over again. . .

knowing that they wouldn't change but unable to tear yourself away. Americans woke up on Wednesday morning in a new world—their secure world had been shattered and life could never be the same again.

Adventists have been proclaiming that in the last days, "... the **powers of the heavens** shall be shaken:" (Mat 24:29 KJV). We have lived in the reality of the future truth but to see it on television was eerily prophetic.

On the campus of Andrews University, over three thousand students and faculty thronged into Pioneer Memorial Church for a prayer and testimony service. Many students were convinced

that Jesus might come within a month or less! Prophecy was being fulfilled!

Seventh-day Adventists were impacted by this attack. Church members and their families were impacted in these attacks. We have a role to play as the world seems to go mad. Peter put it this way—(2 Pet 3:11-12 NASB) "Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, {12} looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God**, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!"

What sort of person ought you to be? A caring, praying, studying, sharing, witnessing person? Open your heart to God's leading. You can be a blessing in your community for just such a time as this.

James Fox
Communications Director



Guinara Samoilava, AP



Suzanne Plunkett, AP

If you want to help. . .

You can donate blood (not only in time of crisis) through the American Red Cross. ADRA is designated by the White House (www.whitehouse.gov) as an approved agency for response. You may call ADRA at 800-424-2372 to make your donation or by logging on to www.adra.org. **The White House web site has linked to the ADRA site among a select group of thirty organizations which are responding effectively to this tragedy.**



AP Photo



Mike Segar, Reuters



Doug Kanter, AFP

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chairman, reminded the committee that Wisconsin Academy is a priority ministry of this conference. With over \$500,000 in subsidies to the academy operations from the conference each year, this represents a significant part of the conference operation. Yet, the constituency wishes for a strong academy so the conference seeks to help make this a reality.

Elder Brian Hamilton, Conference Treasurer, reported that, "during the last few years of plenty, the Wisconsin Conference Administration (with the blessing of the Executive Committee) have been careful to set aside some non-tithe and tithe funds in case a special need should arise. We can cover the amount of last year's shortfall without special offering appeals."

Next year's budget is a different matter—there is not a sufficient contingency fund to cover the \$105,000 shortfall, continue substantial subsidies for the Academy, as well as maintain the operation of the conference at its present level. John Thomas, Academy Principal, made a presentation of proposed cuts to Academy operations to cover the forecast shortfall.

They include:

Budget on 120 students .	\$43,000
Close the Tech Educ. Building for the winter	\$1,500
Add in rent for old gym	\$5,700
Sell the blue car and the donated truck	\$2,500
Shift students from campus employment to Rhodes	\$5,400
Reduce maintenance budget by one salary	\$32,000
Add in utility expense for the Sabbath School wing to the Academy Church	\$3,000
Increase the church rent..	\$1,500
Total	\$94,600

One of the recommendations (with reservation) was to raise tuition approximately \$120 per student per year. A committed Christian made an extraordinary gift of \$15,000 to cover the balance of the funds needed.

The Future

There are very few other cuts that can be made now that would not result in reducing the program of Wisconsin Academy severely.

None of the shortfalls resulted from mismanagement or overspending a department's budget! Enrollment is good! The spiritual climate is good! It is an increase in the cost of doing business and challenges related to starting a new industry that has placed Wisconsin Academy in this position.

In the recent parent-teacher newsletter, Principal Thomas said it well:

"Please note that we have not touched the financial aid program, a benefit to our parents of \$220,598. . . We would like to encourage you to support the approved budget savings items. Together, we can continue to make Wisconsin Academy a great place to educate our youth."

James Fox, Communications

Conference Recognizes New Monroe Company

The Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee recognized the Monroe Company as the newest group meeting in the Wisconsin Conference with nine charter members. The group meets every Sabbath in a rented facility with attendance of 20-30 people.

If interested, contact Company Leader Lisa Isensee at 608-527-3438.

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of the equipment and the furnishings. At present clarification is being sought to determine the amount that can be expected from the non-current commitments. This will determine how soon we can complete the project. It is understood that circumstances arise that make it difficult to complete commitments. We encourage each person to share with us their present ability to meet their commitments. There may need to be additional funds solicited if insufficient funds are realized.

There is a natural desire to finish the project as soon as possible. However, this project was started with the commitment to not go into debt. We are endeavoring to proceed as we are confident the funds are there to support the expenditures. The support of the membership in the conference has been exceptional. There is evidence that the Lord has guided to this point. He will lead to a successful completion!

Don Corkum

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the Church in North America, and Adventist evangelist Mark Finely, each spoke during the program, entitled "A Seventh-day Adventist Response to the U.S. Tragedy."

"In times like these, people feel a need to come together—to reflect, to console each other, and to call on God for guidance and comfort," said Larry Colburn, assistant to the Adventist Church president.

Adventist Communications Network

A Letter Home From Camp

Dear Friends,

Many of you headed home after a terrific camp meeting, our Camp Wakonda summer staff took a deep breath and refocused our attention on ministering to your young people the next 6 weeks.

We first began with Blind Camp, where 63 campers of all ages unloaded from busses and cars with excitement and enthusiasm. Coming from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, these campers have a special place in our hearts. It is amazing the activities they were eager to do, even though they could not see. We helped them make ceramics, shoot arrows, ride horses, and experience nature. We enjoyed them as they shared their many talents. From singing and piano playing, to bongo music they obviously had a great time performing. Their cheers, smiles, and clapping told us they enjoyed hearing one another. Thanks, Christian Record Services, for bringing these campers to us.

The following four weeks found us serving young people from ages 8-16. Each week they experienced water-skiing, swimming, horse-back riding, and ceramics. New activities included; candle making, glass painting, Marshallese handicraft, model rocketry, archery and canoeing. Our new Nature Center (the refurbished Cedar Lodge) was the beginning point for our nature classes, including Insects, Ecology, Spiders, Edible Wild Plants, Trees, and Pond Life. It is exciting to help young people know about and appreciate God's wonderful creation.

The evening in our new Indian village, campers played Indian games, and watched the staff depict the story of Naya Nuki, an

Indian girl who was captured by an enemy tribe. As she depended on God she was able to travel over hundreds of miles back to her village. After the program, hiking back to the tents along the trail by flickering tiki lights, the mood of the ancient Indian ways lingered on.

Another night we met in our newly cleared meadow by a civil war tent and, after dress-up relays and corn shucking contests, we were captured by the drama of an early American family caught in the pull between political feelings of the day tearing the family apart — and in the end realizing how important family really is in our lives.

One night we even had a rodeo, with horses and games, followed by a wagon ride to a campfire where we listened to another of the continued stories by our camp pastor. By the way we had great camp pastors — Bob Mills, Pearo Ackles, Loren Nelson, and Delmar Austin. Thanks guys!

The plays on Friday night and Saturday night were especially great. Friday night we learned of the gift of salvation through a parable called "Sonny the Soup Sipper"— you see, Sonny the Soup Sipper sips soup sort of systematically, seeking satisfactory soup. But that wasn't enough. She wanted something more than what the soup factory offered — and she finally found that she could only get out of the soup factory if she acknowledged she was dirty and would "accept the Boss's offer."

On Saturday night the staff shared the dramatic play, "The Path Not Chosen;" the story of the rebellion of Lucifer in heaven and how Jesus made every effort to save him — just as He does for us. Each camper was challenged to choose the path that leads to

eternity with Jesus.

On Sabbath morning campers walked out to our new Chapel in the Pines set in a tall grove of whispering pines away from the busy activities of the week. The pastor shared the sermon with an appeal for young people to choose to follow Jesus. 132 young people chose to accept Christ, with 139 choosing to rededicate their lives to Him. 68 young people indicated that they would like to study to be baptized. I know that all heaven must rejoice. My dream is that many in the Wisconsin Conference will look back and remember the Chapel in the Pines as the special spot where they committed their lives to Jesus.

On Sabbath afternoon, campers took a "Walk Through the Bible" and came upon many scenes of the life of Jesus — seeing Him heal, teach, plead, pray and die for us. He did all He could do— and challenged us with "Now what will you do?"

Our last week of camp was for mom, dad, and the kids. Family Camp, although small this year, was a lot of fun. It was great to see parents and children together riding horses, swimming, raising and lowering the flag, doing all the camp activities together. If I wasn't already at camp, I'd sure like my family to experience Family Camp.

All the tents are now put away and the summer staff have all headed back to school. It is difficult to share with you the smiles, the excitement, the fun that the 309 campers had this summer. It is a thrill to see them grow.

Thanks for the privilege of working with your young people,

*Your friend,
Mike Edge, Director
Camp Wakonda*

Milwaukee Spanish Meetings Bring 14 Baptisms—More to Come

The Milwaukee Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Churches united in a big evangelistic meeting beginning on July 28. The meetings were held in the St. Rafael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church!

"We were searching for a large hall that we might use for our meetings when we learned that this Catholic Church was renting out its facilities," said Pastor Ruben Rivera,



Pastor Reynaldo Canales



Meetings were held in St. Rafael Catholic Church



Baptism candidates joyfully followed Jesus

Spanish Ministries Coordinator for Wisconsin. "They were willing to rent to us for the time we needed at a reasonable price and we were very happy."

In the end, there were some complications due to the site of the meetings—complications from competing events; not doctrine. On the closing night of the meeting, the Church had rented its basement facility for a wedding reception and a very loud dance band was a distraction. But God overruled this matter in a wonderful way.

Pastor Reynaldo Canales of San Miguel, El Salvador, was the featured speaker at the meetings. On closing night, August 11, fourteen precious souls were baptized by Pastors Magdiel Gomez of the Milwaukee SE Spanish Church and Pastor Hector de Armas of the Milwaukee North Spanish Church.

Following beautiful music and an inspiring sermon, Pastor Canales, made his final appeal for men and women, boys and girls to choose Jesus and follow him in baptism. Over 70 people responded to the



appeal of whom 35 indicated a desire for baptism.

Many were planning to be baptized on Spanish Brotherhood Weekend. The Wisconsin Spanish Churches were scheduled to Celebrate Spanish Brotherhood weekend on September 16 in Berrien Springs, MI. The terrorism events of September 11 resulted in the cessation of all air travel in the United States. Organizers regretfully cancelled that event.

Now, new plans are being laid for the baptism of these new interests and their families into the Adventist fellowship.

The Spanish Churches have set a goal of 100 baptisms for the year 2001. This major event brings them closer to celebrating the achievement of their goal.

James Fox



In the closing appeal, 35 signaled their desire to follow Jesus in baptism

New Beloit Hispanic Group Forms



The core group for the new Beloit Hispanic Group has formed under the leadership of Pastor Hector de Armas. The group presently numbers nine members but they are planning for growth.

Madison SDA Elementary School News

As I sat down to write this article, I feel that we have accomplished many good things at the Madison SDA Elementary School! God has been good to us and blessed us tremendously!

Parents and church members in Madison attended the recent Vision to Action Weekend. One of the priorities listed during this weekend of visioning was the church school. Small groups were organized that weekend to reach some very specific goals:

- ✓ To reach out to our community in a very real way
- ✓ To market the school aggressively
- ✓ To develop a home visitation schedule
- ✓ To be more active in our area churches
- ✓ To get a school web page going
- ✓ To start a kindergarten program for the fall 2002,
- ✓ To reach out to those in our area churches who have children not currently in the school.

It is our hope and determination to see these goals set into action soon!

On Sabbath April 28, the Madison East SDA Church was blessed with an Education Sabbath planned by the school and pastor. Students in grades 1-4 had the entire Adult Sabbath School program, sang special music for the church service, and several of the students took on the ushers' responsibilities during the service. Students in grades 5-8 were in charge of the church service. They announced and led out with the hymns, made the offering call,



Daniel
Ewers

performed special music, told the children's story, and delivered the sermon! We were very proud of all our students and the witness they gave as they participated for the glory of God during our Education Sabbath. Additional services are planned for the Madison Community Church and others.

We are very happy that Sam Joseph has accepted the position of upper grade teacher for our school next year. Mr. Joseph and his wife, Alena, come to us from Berrien Springs, Michigan. He is a recent graduate from Andrews University. Alena is a marketer, and we are also very pleased to have her expertise at hand!!

Students enjoyed our Week of Prayer this past April, with guest speaker, *Lisa Isensee*. Lisa and her husband Richard are currently working with the church planting in Monroe, and she is also an aunt to two of our students, *Brandon and Austin Harrison*. Lisa did a great job of telling a story from the book Tales from the Kingdom. Most importantly, we all came away feeling closer to Jesus.

Pastor Ochs has been providing weekly chapel programs at the church for the students. He brings his guitar and sings songs with the students, has a time of prayer, and then a spiritual thought. Students are enriched by this weekly time with the pastor! Pastor Ochs also spends time to play morning recess with them, which is a highlight of the week for them. We have many good things to report concerning our church



Pastor Bill Ochs



school here in Madison. We truly feel blessed by the Lord and give Him credit for the accomplishments made!

Wendy Baldwin

Healthy Choices, Healthy Living

"Would you like to know your Health Age?" was the question asked at the health booth sponsored by the Madison Community SDA Church during the Dane County Fair, held July 18-22, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Nearly 500 people were surveyed at the fair regarding "Seven Good Health Practices." A study of 6,900 people over a period of 15 years identified seven basic health practices that were good predictors of how long people lived. (These included regular, aerobic exercise; eating breakfast every morning; avoid snacking on junk food between meals; achieve a healthy weight; don't smoke; get at least 7-8 hours of sleep; don't drink alcohol). The survey compared current health practices with the results of the study and calculated a person's "Health Age," or how old their body really is. Over 170 people gave their names and addresses for further follow-up regarding health and spiritual information.

We are now planning ministries to meet the needs expressed to us. We look forward to a good response as we plan health evangelism in the new year.

Kathy Swelstad

Small Group Training Seminar August 24-25, 2001

On the weekend of August 24-25 our conference held its annual Small Group Training Seminar at Camp Wakonda. Four pastors and forty lay people from all over the state attended and were very much blessed by the presentations. Some of our members came for the very first time and others came to have their skills in small groups sharpened.

W. Milton Adams was our guest speaker. He is a pastor of two churches in the Oregon Conference. He has published materials



Milton Adams

on small groups including: *The Beginnings of Reaching Out in Love: A Seven Week Introduction For High School and College Small Groups*, *Small Group Leaders Training Manual*, and *Growth Groups Training Seminar: Designed for Seventh-day Adventist Churches* (this is what was presented).

There is no way to put in a short article all that happened on this weekend so here are a few highlights. On Friday evening the gospel message of "Growth Groups" was the main topic. The emphasis was on "Growth". If "small groups" are not growing then they are not functioning the way "small groups" should. Every member should be looked at as a potential leader. A leader should

be someone who is productive in building up the kingdom of God and helping the church to grow numerically. Milton showed what the New Testament model of a church was and then showed how churches can copy that model today.

There are seven tests to qualify as a New Testament Church: The Institutional, The Cell, The Photocopy, The Simplicity, The Multiplication, The Adult, and The Persecution. Each test was analyzed. Each Pastor will receive a copy of the Growth Group manual; maybe you could look at the seven tests with him and see if your church passes.

One of the points of emphasis about the New Testament Church was much socializing from house to house. Adventists are typically very strong on theology and correct understanding of the Bible, and are very weak when it comes to socializing. Milton emphasized that we need to mingle more with non-Adventists as Christ mingled with the non-believers of His community. "The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good." *Gospel Workers*, p. 363.

On Sabbath most of the presentation was on how to operate Growth Groups. What to use for study material, how do you get new people to come, how long should the meeting be, where should the meeting be, who should lead out in the meeting, what are guidelines for members, who do you report to, and many other



questions were addressed. One concept that people really liked was "Matthew Parties".

A "Matthew Party" is based on Jesus going to the house of Matthew and other people and social-



Forty-Two People from 12 churches attended

izing with them. Why not do the same? Go to or invite people to your home to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and other special events. These are opportunities to meet new people and to share with them an invitation to come to your weekly small group.

Growth Groups, Matthew Parties, Evangelistic Meetings, and personal Bible studies all go hand in hand. Having all of these functioning in each church will help to build up God's kingdom a lot better than just doing one thing. Milton Adams did an excellent job at showing the necessity of Growth Groups and how they work together with everything else going on in the church.

Should you belong to a Growth Group? Yes! Get Started Now!

Richard Moore, Small Group Coordinator

Heart Talk from Ken & Bodil



First, we want to tell you that we are very excited to be living in the beautiful state of Wisconsin, and we have enjoyed meeting many of you dear people.

Have you ever received a gift that was so special that you *had* to share it with your spouse, friends or loved ones? Ken and I have. Because of this gift's great impact in our lives, we are very anxious to share it with others.

You see for 20 years we weren't as happy as God intended us to be. Our spiritual experiences were like a roller coaster ride. We were in pain, emotional pain that is. We didn't know how to communicate. We felt we were never good enough, and therefore tried harder at work and at church activities to somehow earn God's and man's love. Problems

were swept under the carpet, our children suffered. All along as this was going on, we outwardly appeared to be this "perfect" school principal's family.

God in His love and wisdom led us to gifts of understanding of why things had been the way they were. He led us through our pain to a new life in Him. A life of hope and not doom; of a new understanding and freedom in His *unconditional* love and then further to the acceptance that He did *not* come to condemn us, but to save us!

Ken and I would like to share with you what God has done for us. II Corinthians 1:4 says, "He comforts us in all our troubles so in turn, we can comfort others in their troubles as we share with them the comfort we receive from God." Yes, we have truly been comforted by God through our troubles and pain.

Are you hurting? Do you have secret struggles? Do you ever wonder "is this really all there is to life?" Have you been afraid to share this with a friend or maybe your pastor? Is it time to be relieved of this burden? Are you ready to share and to be comforted? If the Holy Spirit is moving on your heart, please call us or ask your pastor to have us come and share at your church.

You can call us at the office: 608-241-5235, or at home: 608-825-2587.

Ken & Bodil Kirkham

Evangelism Prayer Focus

Chippewa Falls	Art Miller	October 10, 2001
Green Bay	5-10th grades Students	September 24, 2001
Milw. N. Spanish	James Fox & Hector de Armas	October 20, 2001
Madison Church	Bill Ochs	September 21, 2001
Milw. SE Spanish	James Fox & Magdiel Gomez	November 3, 2001
Marshfield Church	Alex Romanov	September 29, 2001
Neillsville	Barry St. Claire	September 7, 2001
Racine	Kenneth Cox & Carlos Ancheta	October, 2001
Richland Ctr. Church	Tom Michalski	September 7, 2001

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Shawano	Mike Russell	January, 2002
Columbus Area	W.A. Students	February, 2002
Green Bay	James Fox, Adam Case, & Delmar Austin	February, 2002
Evansville	Richard Moore	March, 2002
Spanish Evangelism	Varied	March, 2002
Yau Claire	Vern Snow & Art Miller	September, 2002
Madison	Steve DeLonge, Richard Moore, Bill Ochs & Omar Rivera	September 2002

Major Prayer Meeting

Prayer ministries would like to provide you with a worship option on Sabbath, Sept. 29. We will be having a special time to study, pray, share and sing together. Our focus will be preparing for the final crisis and seeking the blessing of the Holy Spirit. All you need to bring is your Bible, hymnal and a heart for worship. Come for the day beginning at 9:30 or any portion thereafter ending at 5:00 p.m.

Our place of meeting will be Cedar Lodge at the Wakonda. We would like to keep the food simple. Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, stew, chili, etc. with sandwiches or crackers, if you like. We will pray for God's blessings as we worship together.

For more information contact Greg or Lesa Budd at: 920-623-4813

News for the Pews

Summertime is Vacation Bible School time in Wisconsin. The Baraboo Church took out an ad for their VBS in their local paper. Pastor Jeff Coleman was pleasantly surprised when the local television station sent out a news crew and gave them a positive three minute segment on the evening news.

As I write this in early September, we have only one account of a VBS but it is illustrative of the important work done in each of our



Ana Toalino helps Morgan Wilson with her craft

churches:

"Vacation Bible School at the Madison East Church was simply amazing. The theme "The Amazing Creation Station" taught 52 children about God's nature book. The whole exciting week was packed with nature stories, music, Bible stories, Bible lessons, crafts, and recreation. The highlight of the whole week came on graduation night when Kitty Crary, leader, gave a brief testimony of her burden for the salvation of all

children and her love to God. When she asked the children if they would like to ask Jesus to be their Friend and to live for Him, all of the children responded and gave their hearts to Jesus. Elder Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference President, then had a prayer of dedication for the children."

Kitty Crary, Madison East VBS Leader

October 13 Signature Sabbath

In the spring of this year, Danny Shelton met with executives from Time Warner Cable in southeast Wisconsin to discuss possibilities of placing 3ABN on local cable. 3ABN is already available in a California outlet of Time Warner Cable. Time Warner executives were interested in the station primarily for its natural health content (approximately 40% of 3ABN programming). They made no commitment to place 3ABN in their lineup, however.

Bea Graham of the Milwaukee Central Church had a vision for Milwaukee's church growth that prominently featured 3ABN. "I had planned to go to India to be part of that massive lay evangelistic effort there. The sudden and unexpected death of my son forced cancellation of the mission trip to India. After a time of grieving, I realized I still had vacation time on hand. I decided to attend a seminar at 3ABN."

Mrs. Graham contacted Darryl Mundall and Annette Christiansen of 3ABN's marketing department. Together, they suggested some ideas to bring the marketability of 3ABN to the attention of Time Warner. A signature campaign was among those ideas. "If we could

get 20,000 signatures of residents of SE Wisconsin requesting 3ABN on Time Warner Cable, it would make a significant impact," reported Graham.

Groups from the Milwaukee churches, Wisconsin Academy and the Pathfinders from throughout southern Wisconsin will converge on Milwaukee to gather signatures.

While the malls have typically denied us permission to gather signatures there, individual retail-

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ers such as Kohl's, Pic 'n Save, and others have granted permission to solicit on their grounds.

Two thousand signatures have already been gathered. Shirley Shim, from Central Church demonstrated that they can be obtained. On a Sunday in August she attended a picnic of people of Korean background. After asking them for signatures she went to others at the park and got 190 signatures that day. With a large response on October 13th the original goal of 20,000 signatures could be reached. Time Warner has indicated that the company would be watching for responses from the community. Let's show them that we really do want 3ABN available for others.

There is opportunity for cooperation from interested members. If you would like to be part of Signature Sabbath or to assist in obtaining signatures through other means, contact Pastor Steve Aust at 920-696-3723 or by e-mail at

austs@juno.com.

Lost and Found

Many lost items have been brought back to the Conference office after camp meeting. If you have lost a Bible, a denim shirt, watches, portable fan, flashlight, family radios, keys, pens, pencils, and phone cards. Call Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235 or e-mail to (kcrary@chorus.net) & give a description of your lost item and they will be returned to you.

News from the Wisconsin Singles Ministry

Already, halfway through their first year, the Wisconsin Singles Ministry has proven that there is indeed a need within the church for this ministry. The first Singles retreat took place on August 24-26 at the United Methodist Whispering Pines Camp in Frederic, Wisconsin. Over 35 people attended the retreat from throughout the state as well as from Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan. Great spiritual blessings were received through worship, Bible studies, vespers, and the great music that took place throughout the weekend. Many factors made it a blessing:

- Excellent camp facilities
- Beautiful weather
- Planned activities
- Wonderful food



Sweet camaraderie developed among all those attending were the perfect combination to make this retreat a success.

The highlight of the retreat took

place on the Sabbath. Sandy Nelson and Doug Durham from the Frederic and Burr Ridge churches respectively, led us through the song services. Ron Connovich from the Menominee church in Michigan led us through a very thorough Sabbath school study where we all learned more about the sanctuary. Jim Van Over, from the Marshfield church, delivered a very inspirational message during worship service.

Saturday afternoon we hiked the trails of Interstate State Park and enjoyed God's beautiful nature. Vespers closed the Sabbath with inspirational words from Gail



Jack McNeilus

Kennedy and Jack McNeilus from the Madison Community Church. The evening ended with a bonfire under a starry moonlit sky and board games.

The retreat ended Sunday with a canoe trip on the St. Croix River. The weather was wonderful and we all made it to the end without any casualties even though some of us zig-zagged our way down the river.

We want to extend sincere thanks to all the retreat participants for making this event a success. Special thanks go to Sandy, Doris, Ken and Betty Nelson from the Frederic church. They were key instruments in making this retreat possible through their expertise, past experience and more than anything for keeping us well fed throughout the weekend.

"This was a fabulous weekend. I truly enjoyed myself and meeting

new people. The meetings and fellowship were wonderful. I hope we do this again." Cheryl Anderson
"Surpassed my expectations - wonderful people. What a blessing!" Jean Babin

"Thanks for a wonderful weekend! I hope we do this again next year. Looking forward to doing more activities throughout the year. If you need help let me know!" Melissa Beattie

"Wow, thank you for a wonderful weekend. Getting to know others with my interests was wonderful. The atmosphere was relaxed and open. Wonderful! Great food! Lots of laughs! Yvette Risner

"Good weekend - several states were represented. I met some very kind people with similar interests. Thank you!" Greg Berg

The group is planning a fall/winter event that will be announced later on. For more information on our upcoming events and this ministry, please contact Jack, Ana or Jim through madsdas@hotmail.com, or www.arihood.com/sdasinglesministry.

Ana Aquino-Pérez

Wisconsin Academy Stats

126 students enrolled at Wisconsin Academy's for the 2001-2002 school year.

- ◆ 21 Freshmen
- ◆ 37 Sophomores
- ◆ 33 Juniors
- ◆ 35 Seniors

28 students live in the community and 59 girls and 39 boys live in the dormitories.

The year gets off to a great start as the Senior Class prepares for its official role as school leaders by attending a Senior Survival trip over Labor Day weekend. The Seniors had set this time aside to get away from their hectic daily schedules on

campus, and deal with some of life's basic issues. They first traveled to the Wisconsin National Guard's Volk Field in Camp Douglas, WI, where they tackled the Low Ropes Course program. This process focuses on the improvement of one's self-confidence, decision-making abilities, and the ability to counter negative influences such as drugs, alcohol, gangs and violence. Since its inception, over 32,149 students have participated in the Low Ropes Program. After completing this activity, the group traveled to Buckhorn State park for actual hands-on instruction to learn camping skills, survival techniques, as well as cooperation and team spirit.

Elementary Count

23 more students than last year
7.5% increase in enrollment
13 Schools increased
2 Schools maintained
5 Schools declined
Ashland School shut down its operation but is hopeful of opening next year

Ken Kirkham, Superintendent

Elder's Convention November 9-11, 2001

Our elders bear enormous responsibility in the local churches—they preach, teach, organize and carry the church between pastoral appointments.

The Wisconsin Conference wants to recognize our elders with a convention just for them and their spouses:

Featured Speaker:

Al Reimche, Ministerial director of the Oregon Conference

Breakouts on preaching, giving Bible studies, hospital & prison visitation, counseling & more.

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Women's Retreat

It's definitely time to be filling out the application and writing the check for Wisconsin's 13th Women's Retreat. After October 3 it will cost an extra \$10. Applications should be available at your church. If not, please contact Aileen at the conference office. The dates for the retreat are October 26 – 28.

There are so many good things waiting for you!:

- ✓ Music that warms the soul
- ✓ A new dimension in friendships
- ✓ Many speakers with topics directed to women's hearts
- ✓ Opportunity to be alone with God

Women have found it a great place to introduce a friend or neighbor to Adventism or a fun way to have a family get-together or simply a place to refresh their lives and gather strength from the Lord.

There is a song camp kids sing that says, "if you're tall or if you're short, God loves you! if you're fat or if you're lean, God loves you! if you're ... or if you're ... God loves you! And, if I could write poetry, I'd write something like: if you're joy-filled or if you're heavy laden, if you're eighteen or if you're 80, if you feel secure or afraid, etc. – the Retreat is a place you are cordially invited to come and wrap yourself up in God's fellowship and love.

If the price is prohibitive to you by any other means, there is some financial help available. Request that before October 3 through your retreat contact lady (every church has one) or your pastor.

Direct further questions to Aileen King at the conference office (608-241-5235) or akking@chorus.net.

Hyveth Williams abandoned a successful political career as Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Hartford, Connecticut in 1978. In 1980, she responded to God's call to prepare for pastoral ministry. Prepare she did!

She first graduated from Columbia Union College with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology (1984), then a Master of Divinity from Andrews University (1989) and a Doctor of Ministry from Boston University School of Theology (1998).

Hyveth currently pastors the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, CA. She will be our featured speaker for Women's Retreat.



Conference Evangelism Notes



Jim Hillman began Bible work in Richland Center Church in July of this year. He was preparing the way for an evangelistic series

conducted by his friend, Tom Michalski. Both Jim and Tom had attended the Amazing Facts School of Evangelism conducted by Doug Batchelor.

Pastor David Scofield reports that over seven of Jim's contacts are attending the meetings with over 52 interested persons attending overall.

Pastor Bill Ochs began a series in the Madison East Church on September 21. He reports over 120 people in attendance on the opening weekend of whom 35 were guests.



The Milwaukee Spanish churches united for evangelism in July and August with fourteen baptized and over 35 more preparing for baptism (see pictures on p. 6). Their goal for the year is 100 baptisms - they are well on their way.

The 5th through 10th graders at the Green Bay Jr. Academy are conducting the **"New Beginnings" Evangelistic Meetings**.

Using the DVD programs commissioned by A.S.I. and developed by Advent Digital Media, the students are holding a full series of 20 evangelistic meetings.

"These kids have practiced their sermons, they have watched themselves on video tape in order to improve, and they are enthused about these meetings," reports Tom Roy, middle grade teacher. "We are working and praying for souls."

Green Bay Baptism



Ryan and Ashley Fitzgerald were baptized on September 22nd by Elder Don Corkum. Ryan and Ashley are also among the speakers for the **"New Beginnings"** meetings in Green Bay.

Elder Corkum was himself baptized in 1957 by Ryan and Ashley's grandfather, Pastor Harold Friesen. Elder Corkum shared, "Pastor Friesen was a key spiritual influence in my life."

Education Marketing Workshop

Thirty individuals from 12 Church School Boards in Wisconsin came to the Conference office in Sun Prairie to learn better ways to market Christian Education. Gary Sudds and Gary Randolph from



Gary Randolph

the Lake Union Education Department led out in the seminar together with Charles Dart who is the director of Enrollment Services at Andrews University.

Marketing Christian education is to develop a plan to inform our church and community of the tremendous advantage to Christian education."

The Workshop represents Phase 1 of a Marketing Program being developed by the Lake Union

Conference in Berrien Springs, MI. Phase 2 will involve resource people from the Union helping individual schools develop their own marketing plans.

James Fox



Carol Schneider, Pearo Ackles, Shirley Carey and Vicki Martin thoughtfully process new thoughts & materials

"We realize we have a wonderful 'product' in Christian education," said Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference President, "but it is not well known. The first step in mar-

WISCONSIN BUDGET GOAL

Thru July 2001

MEM.	GOAL	GOAL THRU	AMT REC THRU	AMT UNDER GOAL	% OF GOAL RECIEVED
CHURCH	FOR 2001	7-31-2001	7-31-2001	7-31-2001	
Racine	123	\$3,772.09	\$2,200.38	\$890.89	40%
Racine Spanish	65	\$1,815.01	\$1,058.76	\$137.33	13%
Raymond	115	\$6,082.36	\$3,548.04	\$659.77	19%
Reedsburg	50	\$1,990.51	\$1,161.13	\$1,569.00	135%
Rhineland	109	\$7,225.56	\$4,214.91	\$3,820.21	91%
Rice Lake	134	\$10,400.45	\$6,066.93	\$5,090.39	84%
Richland Center	82	\$4,209.99	\$2,455.83	\$656.55	27%
Shawano	23	\$1,610.19	\$939.28	\$645.70	69%
Sheboygan	97	\$6,363.97	\$3,712.31	\$2,104.47	57%
Sheboygan Span. Co.	35	\$2,314.45	\$1,350.09	\$211.47	16%
Sparta	58	\$903.87	\$527.26	\$278.70	53%
Spooner-Trego	8	\$266.23	\$155.30	\$55.65	36%
Stevens Point	55	\$2,819.24	\$1,644.56	\$879.97	54%
Sturgeon Bay	18	\$1,090.49	\$636.12	\$1,698.50	267%
Superior	58	\$2,572.20	\$1,500.45	\$604.54	40%
Tomah	40	\$1,015.53	\$592.39	\$371.85	63%
Tomahawk Company	18	\$1,387.46	\$809.35	\$800.00	99%
Watertown	46	\$1,277.17	\$745.02	\$641.20	86%
Watertown Hisp. Co.	8	\$1,117.08	\$651.63	\$194.00	30%
Waukesha	214	\$15,469.17	\$9,023.68	\$5,813.42	64%
Wausau	91	\$5,569.76	\$3,249.03	\$3,347.05	103%
Wisconsin Acad.	296	\$19,420.90	\$11,328.86	\$7,319.37	65%
Wisconsin Conference	303	\$18,372.79	\$10,717.46	\$2,684.09	25%
Wisconsin Rapids	75	\$1,983.55	\$1,157.07	\$445.50	39%
TOTAL	6335	\$348,000.00	\$203,000.00	\$127,269.59	63%

Trust Department Sets Camp Meeting Record.

This year at camp meeting, the trust department had a steady flow of member's from early morning to late at night seeking help with estate planning or medical planning including Living Wills and or Health Care Power of Attorney documents.

Many came just to get answers to questions, but this year we had 29 individuals who actually got a will workup done during camp meeting. This is certainly a record as far as recent years go. In fact, assuming that all of these people follow through with their intention, this would be more wills written during camp meeting than we have written in twelve months in previous years.

Thank you to all who took advantage of our services. You are an inspiration and a challenge to the rest who may not have their affairs in order to call their lawyer or the conference Trust department and get it done.

Richard Habenicht, Trust Department Director

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