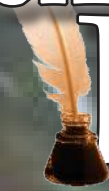


# Lamp Letter



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## From the Word

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul.”

Lamentations  
3:22-23



## Sharing Christ on Public Campuses



Over 50 people received inspiration to share Christ on Wisconsin public campuses at the recent PCM retreat.

On the weekend of November 13-15, 2015, at the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) retreat, Dr. Ron Pickell from the NAD reminded us of the amazing opportunity we have to share our faith on public campuses. Students from La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay and many other places, joined in gaining both tools and inspiration to share Christ on the public campus. There was an incredible spirit of unity and joy as we were all led to an understanding of the possibilities for ministry.

It is reported that 70-80% of our Adventist youth are attending public schools NAD wide. While we continue to prayerfully support the incredible ministry that is happening at our Adventist institutions, we feel the need to reach out to support all of our youth no matter what school they attend. Our public campuses present an incredible opportunity to share Christ. Many of today’s leaders received their education from public campuses, as will many of tomorrow’s leaders. With this in mind, it is of paramount importance that we have a Seventh-day Adventist presence on our public campuses. Dr. Pickell shared a message entitled “The Power of One” based on the woman at the well. He challenged us to find the “well” on our campuses and look for God-given opportunities to reach those that don’t know Him.

On Saturday evening Pastor Greg Taylor and Andrea Thompson, PCM coordinator for Wisconsin, led out in an organizational meeting. Here we made connections and observations for the next steps in supporting Adventist youth in public schools.

Part of the master plan for PCM is creating a structure of leadership at the local church level. The goal is to find one individual for every district who will help connect our students to the local church. The church could open for a weekly student Bible study or activity. Another idea would be to start something on the public campus.

We are so excited to see this ministry become a reality in Wisconsin. If you would like to help make something happen on a campus near you, contact Greg Taylor or Andrea Thompson. We solicit prayers as we go where Jesus leads to reach those on our public campuses and network Adventist youth who are attending public

Greg Taylor  
Youth Director

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# President's Perspective



## Mike's Sabbath Schedule

### February

- 6 Office Retreat
- 13 LUC Youth Congress
- 27 ASI Mission Conference

### March

- 5 Antigo
- 5 Shepherd's House
- 12 Milwaukee Northwest
- 19 Vacation

### April

- 9 Middleton
- 16 Beloit Spanish
- 23 Wisconsin Academy Alumni
- 30 Neillsville

### May

- 7 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 21 Sheboygan
- 28 Wisconsin Academy Graduation

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## Reconnect With Those Taking a Break from Church

When you sit in church on a Sabbath morning, do you ever look around and wonder where they've gone? The people who once filled the now empty pews; the family with the troubled teen, the single mother with two active toddlers, the young adult with the purple hair, the middle aged man whose wife died last year, and the list goes on.

Why is it that these people no longer attend your church? Do you know? Why were they once active, but yet they seldom, if ever, attend, while still living in the same community? It is troubling that here in Wisconsin, while in the past 10 years we have had an increase of 854 members, attendance has dropped by 177. In 2004 53% of members attended church on a regular basis. In 2014 only 45% of members attended.

While applauding the evangelistic focus of our church, it is troubling that so many are wandering away from the church they once loved. Would it make a difference if we expended as much effort, time, and dollars, into reclaiming those who once worshipped with us, as we do inviting new people to become a part of our church family?

Research shows that most of those who have wandered away did so not because of doctrinal differences, but because of broken relationships. When they were asked what was the most important reason why they decided to stop attending church, 28% indicated that there was not a big issue; they just drifted away. 25% indicated that there was a lack of compassion for the hurting, 19% indicated a moral failure on their part, and 18% felt they did not fit.

These people are reach-able! If we are to restore people to again worship with us, we must repair and restore those connections. Through prayer and genuine friendship many can be led back, not only to church, but to a vibrant relationship with Jesus.

I invite you to seek out two or three that have wandered away. Pray for them, visit with them, listen to their hurts, and demonstrate God's unfailing love for them.

*Michael H. Edge*

Wisconsin Conference President

## Wisconsin Conference Plans 182 Evangelistic Outreach Meetings for 2016, the Year of Evangelism



Pastors and lay leaders are energetic in harvest for Jesus. This is the largest, most extensive evangelistic outreach in the history of the Wisconsin Conference. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead interested people whom He is preparing for heaven to attend these meetings. Ask your pastor about a meeting location near you, then come and bring a friend!

*"How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation..." Is. 52:7-8*



# News and Events

## Lay Ministers Equipped and Serving Jesus



The Apostle Paul was used of God to establish the Christian Church in the first century. In his time, there were no professional clergy, no differentiation between clergy and laity, but there were spiritual gifts given by God for the growth, nurture and development of the infant church. "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:11 NIV

The Wisconsin Conference has been training lay ministers for service for over 12 years. Committed Christians who feel called by the Lord into service are embraced by the church and invited into a lay minister's program that requires a minimum of two years of training and apprenticeship and sometimes more. When these lay ministers graduate from the training, they are called forward in the midst of the annual camp meeting to be set aside

for service with the laying on of hands and prayer.

While the training is provided at no charge to the candidates, they are responsible for their travel to training events (3 times per year), books for required reading, lodging and meals, and most importantly, the time and effort it takes to develop the skills and understanding to be an effective lay minister.

But what do you do when you graduate?

David Rawls was one of the first individuals to enlist in the program. He currently serves as the head elder in the Sturgeon Bay Church. David preaches, teaches, counsels, and prays with church members and interested people in Door County. Working with a local bakery, David picks up unsold bread each week and distributes it free of charge to scores of people who are grateful for the support and kindness. Pastor Bill Ochs, Senior Pastor of the Green Bay District, recognizes David's leadership and works with him in partnership for Jesus.

Nathan Skaife felt called to ministry from the time of his baptism in 2002. He entered the lay ministry program in 2005. He learned by doing ministry as well as studying ministry and found a joy in serving Christ that exceeded his satisfaction as a building contractor. He sold his business, went to Andrews University and earned his Bachelor's degree in Theology. He now serves as a professional pastor receiving his livelihood from the church. He was ordained to the gospel ministry last year. Pastor Skaife continues to practice ministry in the Waukesha District and not only gives Bible studies, preaches, and does evangelism, he trains and recruits his members into ministry.

Steven and Emily Goodenough aren't even members of the Wisconsin Conference . . . yet. Emily first learned of the lay ministers' training at Wisconsin camp meeting in 2005. A few years later, she travelled from her home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the triennial training events. When she married Steven, they both embraced the program and proceeded to give leadership to a church plant in Cedar Rapids. In the Autumn of 2015, they felt called to relocate and be part of the ministry team of the Wisconsin Conference as volunteers. They have put their house up for sale in Iowa, placed an accepted offer to purchase a home in the Milwaukee area, and are excited to be part of the team planting a new Adventist church on the west side of Milwaukee. They love giving Bible studies, meeting in fellowship groups to pray and study, and introducing people to a new relationship with Jesus and His church.

There are scores of additional stories just like these - common people called to uncommon service by an incredible Savior. People who provide inspiring leadership, invaluable service, and skilled ministry for the love of Jesus.

Over 40 people have finished the training and are doing wonderful things for Jesus. And there is still room for more!

If you sense God calling you to service, perhaps the lay minister training is just what God has established for you. For more information or to enroll in the training, talk to a Wisconsin Conference pastor today or contact Pastor James Fox at [jfox@wi.adventist.org](mailto:jfox@wi.adventist.org).

James Fox  
Personal Ministries Director

## Radio Station Opens in Wisconsin Rapids

In December of 2007, for the first time in 25 years, the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, opened up the opportunity for anyone in the Wisconsin Rapids area to submit a full-power radio station construction permit for the 91.7 frequency. As you can imagine many wanted on board for this great opportunity.

Ben Moore, member of the Wisconsin Rapids Seventh-day Adventist Church felt impressed to apply. After speaking

with their church board and the Wisconsin Conference Office, the Wisconsin Rapids Seventh-day Adventist Church united, joining the ranks with the 39 other entities vying for the spot. To their unbelief, the Lord stepped in and for the first time in 25 years they were chosen and granted the full power station.

Many challenges have faced WRAO-FM (Wisconsin Rapids Adventist Outreach Christian Radio 91.7) such as a filed lawsuit from a neighboring station, court litigation, paper work, and many lost hours delaying the process for several years, but by God's grace the station should be full power in the coming weeks.

This station has the capability to reach up to 300,000 people with the Three Angel's Message but as Dean Thomas, WRAO Radio Station manager says, "Our signal will reach as far as the Lord wants it to reach... It's God's voice calling from the heart of Wisconsin."



Deidra Roat,  
Assistant  
to the Editor

# News and Events

## Wisconsin Budget

January - December 2015

Church	Members as of 12/31/14	Goal 2015	Goal Thru 12/31/15	Received Thru 12/31/15	Over/Under Goal 12/31/15	Percent of Goal Received
<b>Ancient</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$4,722</b>	<b>\$4,722</b>	<b>\$4,065</b>	<b>-657</b>	<b>86.09%</b>
Antigo	56	2,366	2,366	2,087	-279	88.23%
<b>Aurora</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-842</b>	<b>48.92%</b>
Baraboo	41	3,026	3,026	1,374	-1,652	45.40%
<b>Beaumont</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>-1,340</b>	<b>64.88%</b>
Beloit	36	1,566	1,566	1,776	210	113.42%
<b>Belmont Hispanic</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Belthel	54	5,630	5,630	4,406	-1,224	78.26%
<b>Chippewa Valley SDA Church</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>17,887</b>	<b>17,887</b>	<b>10,774</b>	<b>-7,113</b>	<b>59.73%</b>
Clear Lake	112	6,238	6,238	5,213	-1,026	83.56%
<b>Chromola Lake</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>-1,844</b>	<b>57.16%</b>
Delavan	85	4,368	4,368	3,735	-633	85.51%
<b>Deseret</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100.39%</b>
Emmanuel SDA Co.	31	389	389	416	27	106.83%
<b>Essexville</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>98.72%</b>
Fish Creek	10	1,668	1,668	480	-1,188	28.78%
<b>Food On Lac County</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>107.47%</b>
Fox Valley	251	17,138	17,138	12,882	-4,256	75.22%
<b>Frederic</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>-923</b>	<b>86.45%</b>
Green Bay	573	24,138	24,138	17,383	-6,755	72.06%
<b>Green Bay Hispanic Community</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>69.32%</b>
Hayward	34	1,501	1,501	1,058	-443	70.48%
<b>Heavy Minister Group</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>140.67%</b>
Hudson	40	814	814	1,117	304	137.33%
<b>Hydronic</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.13%</b>
Kenosha	49	515	515	430	-85	83.42%
<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>-1,878</b>	<b>41.01%</b>
Lakeland	20	467	467	442	-25	94.69%
<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>-519</b>	<b>82.05%</b>
Lena	143	6,681	6,681	8,245	1,564	123.23%
<b>Living Faith Co</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>99.69%</b>
Madison Community	261	7,386	7,386	6,953	-433	94.15%
<b>Madison</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>21,586</b>	<b>21,586</b>	<b>19,508</b>	<b>-2,078</b>	<b>90.38%</b>
Madison Hispanic Company	23	69	69	0	-69	0.00%
<b>Marathon SDA Church</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>81.72%</b>
Marsfield	133	10,208	10,208	10,721	513	105.03%
<b>Microscopic</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>7,608</b>	<b>7,608</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>-2,087</b>	<b>73.88%</b>
Merrill	14	352	352	0	-352	0.00%
<b>Methodist Fellowship of SDA</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>-210</b>	<b>52.70%</b>
Milwaukee Central	264	8,208	8,208	6,752	-1,456	82.27%
<b>Milwaukee Central Hispanic</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-258</b>	<b>82.90%</b>
Milwaukee La Hayes Church	74	478	478	462	-17	96.55%
<b>Milwaukee North Hispanic</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>-956</b>	<b>71.86%</b>
Milwaukee N.West	192	2,995	2,995	2,864	-131	95.64%
<b>Minnetonka</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>121.61%</b>
Neillsville Company	45	109	109	243	134	222.53%
<b>Nice Landers</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>91.29%</b>
Oakland	57	2,842	2,842	3,957	1,115	139.22%
<b>Oakton</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>13,680</b>	<b>13,680</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>-4,297</b>	<b>68.60%</b>
Portage	83	2,795	2,795	2,441	-353	87.36%
<b>Practical in Cities</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>-281</b>	<b>68.39%</b>
Racine	133	1,955	1,955	1,260	-695	64.43%
<b>Racine Hispanic</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>135.02%</b>
Raymond	164	3,472	3,472	3,109	-363	89.57%
<b>Reedburg</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100.58%</b>
Rhineland	129	7,743	7,743	6,053	-1,690	78.18%
<b>Rice Lake</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>8,754</b>	<b>8,754</b>	<b>12,433</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>142.26%</b>
Richland Center	93	1,601	1,601	888	-713	55.05%
<b>Shawano</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>-664</b>	<b>80.54%</b>
Sheboygan	119	3,499	3,499	2,874	-625	82.12%
<b>Sheboygan Hispanic</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>101.40%</b>
Shepherd's House	153	11,450	11,450	10,103	-1,347	88.23%
<b>Shevlin Fellowship</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>229.37%</b>
Sparta	34	1,080	1,080	1,279	199	118.40%
<b>Stevens Point</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>7,354</b>	<b>7,354</b>	<b>6,721</b>	<b>-633</b>	<b>91.39%</b>
Sturgeon Bay	30	10,618	10,618	9,831	-787	92.58%
<b>Sturgeon</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>-1,125</b>	<b>61.05%</b>
Tomah	48	1,388	1,388	1,028	-360	74.06%
<b>Trout Creek Community</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>-542</b>	<b>84.19%</b>
Watertown	53	2,644	2,644	4,234	1,590	160.13%
<b>Watertown Hispanic Church</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>-284</b>	<b>51.20%</b>
Waukesha	185	5,834	5,834	5,420	-414	92.91%
<b>Waukesha Hispanic Church</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>104.46%</b>
Wisconsin Academy Church	300	26,584	26,584	22,125	-4,459	83.19%
<b>Wisconsin Conference</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>21,045</b>	<b>21,045</b>	<b>34,771</b>	<b>13,726</b>	<b>165.23%</b>
Wisconsin Rapids	145	6,914	6,914	4,340	-2,574	62.77%
<b>Woodland Community</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.03%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>\$28,723</b>	<b>\$28,723</b>	<b>\$28,728</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>100.02%</b>

# News and Events

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we close out the finances for 2015, I am thankful to report that we ended the year with a 3.34% gain in tithe. In addition, we have experienced a gain of 8.28% for Wisconsin Budget (WB). As you can see on the WB chart, our churches overall have reached 90% of the new goal (with several churches individually surpassing the goal) increasing the giving to WB by 20% over the previous years. I praise God for this good report and how He has blessed you, our members.

I would also like to thank you for your faithfulness and response to God's love. I am also happy to report that every church reported their tithe and offerings in December and are up-to-date in the remittances to the conference. Thanks again to our local church treasurers for the many hours you put into this most important part of the work.

In addition to the increase in the offerings, it looks as though we will also come in a bit under budget for expenses for the year. This, combined with the offering increase, will help move our reserves in the right direction, as

we have had a loss over the past three or four years despite cutting the budget.

As you can see from the evangelism map, pictured on page two of this Lamp Letter, we are excited about the commitment from all of our churches to do evangelism in 2016. With this many events planned, we have stepped out in faith with our 2016 conference budget to help financially support your church in these outreach efforts. We have pledged \$150,000 in excess over our normal budgeting for evangelism to help cover the proposed events. Your continued support of the Wisconsin Budget offering is essential to meet our obligations.

We are also anticipating some extra help from the Lake Union Conference toward this goal. I am certain that by working together, along with God's blessings, this will result in some wonderful opportunities to spread the message of a loving God to those who are searching for more than this world has to offer.

Please join us in praying for each church in this conference. We all seek to reach out to our coworkers, neighbors and friends and let them know Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend.

Brian Stephan  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

## Molina New Milwaukee Central District Pastor

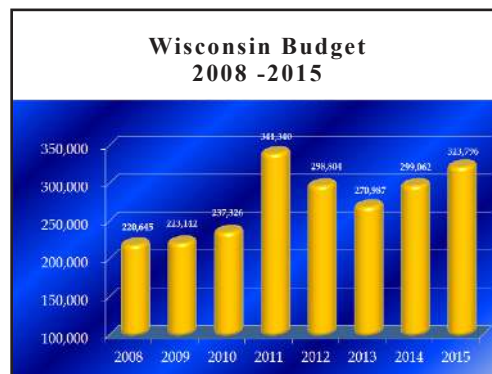
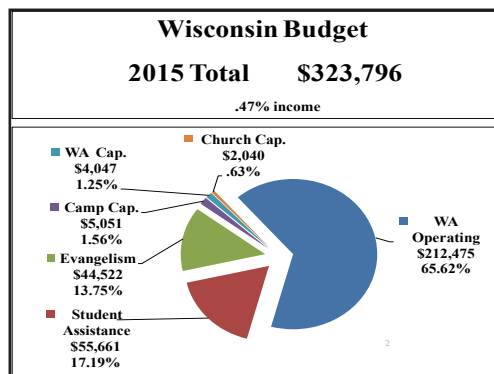


Carlos G. Molina is the new pastor for the Milwaukee Central District. Before coming to Wisconsin, they labored as inter-division employees in Brazil at the Northeast Adventist College. In this institution Pastor Molina was professor of New Testament and his wife worked as assistant director for the local E. G. White Estate.

They have served the Lord in five world countries through various denominational responsibilities including pastoral ministry. "In ministry, I enjoy preaching, teaching, writing and learning how God works through other people," said Pastor Molina. "Also, I love visiting church members with my wife and giving Bible Studies."

Both pastor Molina and his wife, Diana, were born in Costa Rica. They have two married daughters: Libna, a psychologist, and Dana, a registered nurse. They also enjoy the blessing of two grandchildren: Nolan and Katherine.

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	2015	2014	% Change
December Tithe Income:	\$1,032,122	\$945,717	+9.14%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$6,909,949 (52 wks)	\$6,686,665 (52 wks)	+3.34%
December Wisconsin Budget:	\$44,314	\$41,030	+8.00%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$323,796 (52 wks)	\$299,043 (52 wks)	+8.28%

## Hallelulah Hustle

NEW for 2016! Youth size shirts available ONLY during early registration, February 1- April 30. Like last year, you will also save \$5 if you register before April 30. Don't delay, sign-up NOW at [hallelujahhustle.com](http://hallelujahhustle.com).





## from the principal's desk Faith Put to the Test



**W**isconsin Academy exists to develop leaders who are Fit to Serve – fit physically, mentally, and spiritually. While we believe in developing our mental and physical strength, nothing is more important in Christian service than simple faith that depends upon God. “Heaven’s golden gate opens not to the self-exalted. It is not lifted up to the proud in spirit. But the everlasting portals will open wide to the trembling touch of a little child.” COL 404. It is therefore our intention to provide every opportunity for our students to hear faith-building testimonies and participate in missionary activities that put faith into action.

This past January 6-16, 2016, our students joined the world church in Ten Days of Prayer. Each day, time was set aside for students to join together in praying for God’s Spirit to be poured out on our campus and in the lives of family and friends. The ten days concluded with a weekend of spiritual emphasis with pastor Kevin Sears from the NETS Evangelism Center. As pastor Sears shared his moving testimony, almost all the student body committed their lives to Christ. There is now a deep desire to be involved in missionary activity.

For several weeks we have been laying the ground work for an international mission project to the Philippines. This coming March, from the 8th to the 24th, a group of 26 students and 7 adults will be traveling, via Korea, to the island of Busuanga. We will be holding an evangelistic campaign, building a lovely little church, running a medical clinic, and conducting a Vacation Bible School in the barangay of Marcilla. Students have been praying for weeks that the necessary funds will come in for the project. Seeing how God has opened doors has been a wonderful

faith-building experience. There have been remarkable miracles in response to the prayers of students, staff, and the church members of Marcilla. We are pressing forward knowing that God will continue to provide for the advancement of this cause.

Through these first-hand experiences, students are learning to put themselves on the line for the cause of Christ. “God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them. The openings of Providence must be quickly discerned and eagerly seized upon.” 5T 321. Please pray for Wisconsin Academy and the International Mission Project to the Philippines. May we each be quick to act in the service of our Lord.

Roger Dunder  
Wisconsin Academy Principal



The Marcilla congregation has already torn down this rough structure and begun the foundation for their new church.



Marcilla is a small fishing community near Coron in the province of Palawan in the Philippines.



Pastor Kevin Sears inspired students with his testimony of how God led him from a life of drugs and imprisonment to a life of active evangelistic service for God.

## God Answers Student Prayers in Big Way



Sophomores Abby Fox and Kristin Zeisler pray for God’s blessing on the mission project to the Philippines.

“**A**sk God for big things. He is ready and willing to answer our prayers.” It’s a message repeated again and again by teachers and staff and recently, one student decided to do just that.

“I really don’t know exactly when I started praying,” said sophomore Abby Fox, who plans to be part of the mission project to the Philippines this spring, “but I started praying for money to build the church in the Philippines.” This was in addition to the money she was trying to raise for her own airfare. “I just felt like I should ask God to send a donation of ten thousand dollars.” And so, with a few other girls, Abby began praying for \$10,000. The teachers began praying too that God would honor her bold request and not let her down.

Abby asked that when principal Roger Dunder began calling donors, he would tell her so she and the girls could be praying. “I was on my second or third call with potential donors,” says Dunder, “and I suggested they give maybe two or three thousand dollars. But the donor said, ‘No. I can’t give two or three thousand. It has to be ten thousand. For the past 3 weeks the number ten thousand keeps popping in my head. I don’t know why, I can’t explain it, but I feel I must give ten thousand.

Tears began to flow as the realization of what God had done sunk in. As the news spread like wildfire through the girls’ dorm and across the campus, shouts of joy rang out and prayers of thanksgiving ascended to our Almighty God who still answers prayers!

Let’s take the advice of early missionary William Carey: “Expect great things of God Attempt great things for God.”

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing



## Students Represent Academy at GYC



Over Christmas break, six students and several staff spent five days in Louisville, Kentucky, promoting Wisconsin Academy at the 2015 GYC conference.

GYC is a “youth-initiated and-led movement of Seventh-day Adventists from diverse backgrounds, united in a common commitment to serious Bible study, intense prayer, uncompromising lifestyle, and boldness in sharing Christ with others.”

Some hours of the day were spent manning the Wisconsin Academy booth and talking with attendees about our school. We were also able to attend a wide variety of meetings and training sessions with several thousand other young Seventh-day Adventists.

Students also represented WA at the General Conference session in Texas last summer.

Greg Edge  
Director of Marketing

## New Emergency Preparedness Class



“If you fail to plan, you are planning for failure.” - Benjamin Franklin

Wisconsin Academy is taking this warning seriously with our new Emergency Preparedness class taught by history teacher Tyler Cantrell, a former Firefighter/EMT, who is finishing his Masters in this field.

The students will take FEMA certificate classes, First-aid/CPR/AED, and interface with a variety of emergency responders and professionals as guest speakers.

The class will also help families prepare for disasters through customizable comprehensive emergency preparedness plans.

We hope to instill a life-long love of service and personal preparedness in all areas of the students' lives.

Tyler Cantrell  
History Teacher

## Student-planned Youth Rally This Spring

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to attend a one-day, student-planned, student-led youth rally on May 7. Plan to be inspired by special guests. In the afternoon, there will be opportunities for outreach in the local community and several breakout sessions. The event will cost \$20 per person which includes lunch and supper in the cafeteria. For more information call us at 920-623-3300.

## Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2016

We are proud to announce Wisconsin Academy's annual Alumni Homecoming weekend April 22-24. All WA alumni and friends are welcome. We will be especially honoring classes of 2006, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1876, 1966, 1956, and 1946. For more info contact: nmishleau@yahoo.com or 920-623-3300.

## Students Present Play: "Anne-Arky"

Students under the direction of English teacher Sara Gardner will be presenting a comedy set backstage during the production of another play titled "Anne of Green Gables." There are two showings at the Wisconsin Academy chapel: Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6:00 and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4:00. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

## Over 650 Attend Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" Christmas Pageant

A significantly larger number of guests attended this dramatic retelling of the birth of Jesus put on by approximately 150 staff, students, and members of surrounding churches. It is estimated that between a third to a half of the guests were non-Adventists.





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## Calendar of Events

### February

- 12-14 LU Youth Congress - Chicago
- 15 Holiday - Office Closed
- 20 PBE Conference Level
- 19-21 Pathfinder Winter Youth Retreat
- 26-28 Hispanic Women's Ministry

### March

- 5 JAHWI Youth
- 6 Elementary Ed. Fair - WA
- 11-27 WA Spring Break
- 18-20 PBE LUC Level

### April

- 2-3 Area Coordinator Retreat
- 5 Board of Education
- 7-9 Elementary Music Fest - WA
- 10 Statistical Review/Executive Com.
- 11 Elementary Spelling Bee - WA
- 15-16 NAD Bible Experience
- 22-24 WA Alumni Weekend
- 29-1 Hispanic Men's Retreat

### May

- 2-5 NAD Hispanic Advisory
- 7 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 9 Virtual Pastor's Meeting
- 13-15 WI Pathfinder Fair
- 15-19 Wakonda Work Bee
- 21 WA Spring Concert
- 27-29 WA Graduation
- 30 Holiday - Office Closed

## Shoe Cutting Party at Petersen Elementary



**B**ible Labs, a time of service for others, is a monthly event at Petersen school. When teacher Leah Anderson learned about the need for shoes in Uganda she ordered the kit and planned a shoe cutting party.

The kids collected piles of old jeans, traced the shoe's 10 pattern pieces, and cut them out. One student kept a tally of shoe parts, and a quality control student pinned and bagged the shoe pieces in sets, ready for the shoe-makers in Uganda to sew re-cycled tire pieces on as soles.



Most children in Uganda have no shoes, and small sand fleas, called jiggers enter the bare feet and lay their eggs. If left untreated, jiggers cause infections, paralysis and even amputation. "I'm glad we can make these shoes," said a student after seeing feet infected by jiggers. The school kids hope to send enough jean pieces to make 40 pair of shoes for the children of Uganda.



## Beloit Spanish Baptism and 1st Year Anniversary



**O**n New Years Eve the Beloit congregation gathered to celebrate four things: greeting the Sabbath, the beginning of the new year, the one-year anniversary of their church group's organization in Beloit, and the baptism of two new members, Lizette Hernandez, and Alejandra Montes.

"It was a new and wonderful experience," said Pastor Alcidiel Leopoldino. "We shared a special meal together, sang, praised the Lord, and had a brief meditation about reaching high goals in 2016." (Phil. 3:13:14).

## Community Health Outreach Opportunity

**Y**our help is needed in a new medical ministry event called Adventist Community Health Care; a 1-2 day mobile clinic offering free services to selected Wisconsin communities. Learn more and sign up at [wi.adventist.org/ACHC](http://wi.adventist.org/ACHC) today.