



"They took a bicycle chain and some odds and ends and made a portable press. They printed 30,000 Bibles on it, and when the KGB came close, they put the whole thing in a suitcase and fled."

These were the opening lines of a letter I received recently from the International Bible Society. I stopped and reflected on that thought. Would we be that anxious to share God's precious word? Praise God, we still have time of ease to share with our neighbors and loved ones--we still have freedom to worship when and where we want or read whatever we desire. Are you making the most of the time the Lord has given you?

SPRING BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE--We have published our Spring Bookmobile Schedule on the insert in this newsletter. Please take notice of when the Bookmobile will be in your area. We praise the Lord and thank you for the success of the fall bookmobile sales and look forward to visiting you again in February and March.

ADVENTIST REVIEW -- The Adventist Review has introduced a new program which has confused many and irritated others. A few words of explanation may help clarify the situation as we implement their program.

Beginning in January 1986, the Adventist Review will go once each month to each church family (who is currently receiving the Lake Union Herald). The first issue of each month will be mass mailed. The other three issues per month will be received by subscription only. Instead of receiving 52 issues per subscription, there will be 40 issues; therefore the subscription price has been cut to \$26.95. Those people who are on the perpetual plan and whose subscriptions come due during the months of January thru April have been billed at \$31.95; these billings were already in process before the new program was introduced. Those people will have their subscriptions extended by eight issues so that everybody will be paying the same price per issue. If you have received a billing for \$31.95 and pay only \$26.95, we will have to cancel your current subscription at the date of expiration and enter a new subscription at the new price which may cause a loss of issues.

We are sorry about the confusion over this and hope that this explanation will clarify the matter.

If you are subscribing for the first time to the Review, please send your order to the Adventist Book Center for processing.

In Transition

The Madison and Oakland church welcomed new assistant pastor WENDELL DOWNS on December 14. Wendell and his wife, Linda, have four children.

ALFRED LANE is retiring January 28 after 30+ years of denominational work. Of those years, 15 1/2 were spent at Wisconsin Academy. Alfred and his wife, Clavia, will be spending time traveling when not at home in Fall River, WI or Grand Rapids, MN.

New teacher for the Madison Junior Academy is HELGA SIGURDSSON. Helga, her husband, Bjorne (who is studying at the University of Wisconsin), and daughter, Rachel, call Iceland their home.

New pastor for the Fish Creek and Sturgeon Bay churches is RODNEY MILLS. Rodney formerly was assistant pastor for the Milwaukee Central church. He and his wife, Pam, are the proud parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

MIKE DOUCOUMES has just assumed his new responsibilities as pastor in the Wausau District. Formerly Mike was a Bible worker for the Frederic Church. Daughter, Michelle, and wife, Gwen, complete the pastor's family.

Coming Events

Feb. 2	ABC Open
Feb. 7 - 9	Young Adult Retreat, Frederic
Feb. 16	Revelation Seminar Update-- Stevens Point
Feb. 17	President's Day--Office Closed
Feb. 17 - 19	Ministerial Retreat--Green Lake
Feb. 23	WA Sunday School
Feb. 25 - Mar. 2	WA Home Leave
Mar. 2	ABC Open
Mar. 21 - 23	LBM Seminar--Green Lake
Mar. 30	ABC Open House
Apr. 20	VBS Workshop--Conference Office

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From the President's Desk

New Year's Greetings:

1986! It's here! Another special gift to us from our Heavenly Parent.

1986! What will it hold for each of us individually? And for us together as the Adventist Family in Wisconsin? These are penetrating questions. Questions to pray about.

For each of us individually, we pray that 1986 will be a year in which we continue to allow God's Spirit to have an increasing influence in our lives. That we "grow in grace, and a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

For our Wisconsin Adventist Family, we pray that 1986 will be a year in which we grow closer and closer together in a bond of Christian unity that is as intimate as Jesus has with His Father. For only as we are thus united will God be able to truly pour out His blessings on us.

We pray also that 1986 will be a year in which the Wisconsin Adventist Family can truly be known as a Caring Church. That together we carry the burdens, the hurts, the anxieties and the joys of our fellow family members. For only as we care for each other can we care for those in our communities.

We pray that 1986 will also be a year in which our individual acceptance of the love of Jesus will be so complete that it will flow out to those around us who don't know Him. Neighbors. Family members. Those we work with. Business associates. How thrilling it is to picture all Wisconsin Adventists who just can't hide Jesus' love as it radiates from their lives!

And we pray that 1986 might be the year in which we look up and shout with victory, "Lo, this is our God. We have waited for Him and He will save us!" "Even so come, Lord Jesus!"

Sincerely your friends,

Jere and Nancy Wallack

NEWS IN GENERAL

Tithe returned to the Conference through the churches at the end of October, 1989 was 2.4% down over the same ten months a year ago. Wisconsin Expansion Offering also was down by \$6,747. As plans for giving are finalized during the remainder of this year, let each giver claim the promise in Proverbs 3:9 and 10. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

NETWORK 90 Young Adult Convention has been rescheduled and will happen here in Wisconsin at The Abbey at Lake Geneva, March 2-4, 1990. This weekend Youth Rally features a wide selection of seminars just for Young Adults. Watch for brochures and applications for this Lake Union event.

MASTER GUIDES: A newly created certification and recognition arrangement makes it essential to receive names and addresses of all who are currently Master Guides in the conference. Send information to Dale Ziegele at the Conference Office.

Members of the 3ABN Satellite Taskforce report they have been successful in obtaining a license for a low power television station in Green Bay and are negotiating to purchase a license for another low power television station in the Wausau area. These stations will be able to broadcast the signal from Three Angels Broadcasting on a local basis on normal television channels. Gene McClintock and others from the taskforce are pursuing the next steps so that this dream can become a reality. Funding for setup and operating costs are being prayerfully explored.

Thanks to folk from the churches in the Northwest corner of the state, major roof renovations and repairs have been completed at Camp Wahdoon. The conference has paid for the material, but the church folk have volunteered their time.

The Lay Advisory Council will meet at Wisconsin Academy on December 10, 1989. It is hoped that a representative from each church will be present. A major decision will be made by the Conference Executive Committee after that meeting to determine what to do with the request for an addition to the Bake N serve building located near the academy campus.

October 31, 1989 was the last day that Little Lakes Industry operated on the Wisconsin Academy campus. The representatives from the company indicated that low sales volume in redwood furniture necessitated the decision to close the plant here. The building was vacated on the above date. There is a small committee appointed to work out possible future plans for use of the building.

The 1990 General Conference Offering has been designated to build an Adventist World Radio in Italy. In order to reach the goal needed to see that station built, the Wisconsin Conference portion of that offering will be \$30,590. Two offerings will be taken in Wisconsin on March 10 and May 19, 1990. Plan ahead in your giving to meet this need and golden opportunity to share the good news of Christ's soon coming.

ADVENTISTS IN ACTION

Larisa Hellgren, a student at Petersen Elementary School in Columbus was a winner in the Adventist Heritage Poster Contest. Larisa's drawing of William Miller's home is featured on the March, 1990 calendar page.

Germantown Adventists sponsored a Family Enrichment series for their community during September and October. The Ziegeles were the guest speakers for the four night series.

Pathfinder leaders from Wisconsin, Steve Mertins, Lawrence and Rosalee Waite, Carl and Aldena Syvertson, Ralph and Glenda Zalabak, and William and Phyllis Washington were part of the Lake Union Pathfinder Coordinators/Directors Weekend near Syracuse, Indiana. Elder Ziegele presented a seminar to the leaders on Parents and Pathfinders.

Don and Jeannette Mann from Sturgeon Bay, again this Fall, helped the ABC by driving the Bookmobile around to most of the fall stops. Their willingness to help in this way has been most appreciated.

Dr. Steven Mauro, Portage Church Family Life Coordinator, presented a four week series at the Divine Saviour Hospital entitled, "Helping Your Child Succeed".

Pastors, Teachers and School Board Chairpersons attended an Education Administrative Inservice at the Conference Office on Sunday, November 5. David Escobar, Educational Superintendent, reports that with more than 50 in attendance, 92% of the K-10 schools were represented at this workshop. Special guest presenters included Elders Fred Stephen and Gary Randolph of the LUC Education Department and Dr. David Penner of Andrews University.

Paul Scofield, retired pastor, reports that the Moon Church Members recently distributed 5000 copies of "National Sunday Law" to the residents of Mosinee, as well as the rural routes. Included in each booklet was a "New Life" (VOP) enrollment card.

The five Community Service Federations have elected new officers for their local chapters. The presidents are as follows: FOX RIVER VALLEY, Pauline Schweiner; AND O'LAKES, Ruth St. Clair; NORTHWESTERN, Eunice Johnston; SOUTHEASTERN, Cynthia Hiles; SOUTHWESTERN, Myrtle Jordan. The State Federation President is Eirdre Johnson.

Milwaukee Junior Academy students are participating in the "He Taught Love" outreach this year. To date, they have distributed 200 "Happiness Digest" and 500 "He Taught Love" books, with earnings for special school needs of \$3800, relates Rick Spindler, principal.

Invitees for the Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee until June 30, 1990 are Mildred Summerton, DA Retiree; George Shaver, intern pastor; Marvin Lark, pastor; and Rosie Cole, Lay person.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION - LEAVING WISCONSIN
Elder Robert Pedigo, from the Stevens Point District, has moved to a pastorate in the Colorado Conference.

Pastor Charis Boling, from the Waukesha District, has moved to a pastorate in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

Elder Dennis Pumford, from the LaCrosse District, has moved to a pastorate in the Indiana Conference.

Dan Herwick, former Publishing Director, has moved to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as an assistant director.

Elder John Mutchler, former Ministerial and Church Ministries Director, has moved to the Ohio Conference as Coordinator of Evangelism. His wife Sharon, former Administrative Secretary, is working in Ohio for the General Conference.

WITHIN THE STATE

Elder Clinton Meharry and his family have moved from the Rhinelander District to the Wausau District.

Pastor Steve Cook, who has been pastoring the new Germantown Village Company, has now assumed the pastorate of the new Franklin district, which includes the Franklin church and the two companies of Germantown and Lake Country.

Elder Duane Brown, has assumed the leadership as pastor of the revised Milwaukee Northwest District, which now composes the Milwaukee Northwest, Waukesha, and Watertown Churches.

Verna Blankenship has accepted the position of Administrative Secretary at the office. She worked at the Conference office in the same position from 1983-1985. Her husband, Peter, is the Food Service Director at Wisconsin Academy.

COMING TO WISCONSIN

Elder Jess Nephew and his wife, Virginia, have joined the ministerial team coming from the Washington Conference to pastor the Rhinelander District.

Pastor Marvin Clark, his wife, Judy and children have joined the ministerial team coming from the Southeastern California Conference to pastor the Green Bay District.

Pastor William Cowin and his wife, Nancy, and children have joined the ministerial team coming from graduate school at College Place, Washington. He will pastor the LaCrosse District.

Joseph Straub has joined the conference family as the Publishing Director. He moved in November. Prior to coming to Wisconsin, he was the Assistant Publishing Director in the Illinois Conference. He and his wife, Christa, will be visiting churches to encourage folk to join the literature ministry team.