

Is Our Church Involved in Famine Relief Efforts in Africa?

WISCONSIN Seventh-day Adventists join others from across North America this week in replenishing funds for disaster and famine relief worldwide.

"Though our churches annually give more than a million dollars," says James Hayward, Wisconsin Conference president, "the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA International) participated in projects valued at \$24.4 million last year.

"That's possible because of many other generous people who believe in ADRA's work," Elder Hayward continues.

ADRA was involved during 1984 in 135 projects. The agency has a presence in 185 countries.

"It's hard to tell how many people we have helped," Hayward says, "but ADRA has programs to feed approximately 500,000 around the world. ADRA encourages food-for-work programs. What we do in many places is to teach people a skill that will improve lives. They learn these skills in exchange for meals."

Elder Hayward says that, as an example, in one South American country where the village was high on the mountainside, the villagers had difficulty reaching each other. ADRA helped them build 164 steps up the mountains for easier access.

In Ethiopia, besides feeding people, ADRA recently conducted a two-week home gardening seminar. The people trained obtained seeds and information that they will use in their villages.

In Africa's Sudan ADRA is beginning a maternal child-care program for children, nursing mothers and pregnant women, providing food and health information to catch malnutrition during the critical years for the child -- from his birth through age 5.

There is a need for TEACHERS in the various children's departments during camp meeting this year. If you feel that you would enjoy using your talents for the Lord in this area, please contact the Sabbath School department at the Conference office. Pay scale for teachers in Cradle Roll and Kindergarten is \$30.00 and for Primary \$40.00. This is full time and would include both Sabbaths.

During Camp Meeting 1984, mention was made in the HIGHLIGHTS of the current need for the campgrounds to have a cement mixer, and would you believe that just hours later the Lord filled our need through faithful members?

Recently, the fifteen Pathfinders and six leaders of the Portage Church district held a TRASH-A-THON. The PORTAGE TRAVELERS PATHFINDER CLUB went throughout the Portage area picking up litter and trash to raise funds for the North American Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado.

The project was well received by the community with over half of the homes and all of the businesses contacted for pledges. Over \$1,100.00 was raised to help with Camporee expenses, and, one businessman encouraged the Pathfinders to "do it again next year."

Coming Events

May 24 WA Consecration - Norm Kinney
May 25 WA Baccalaureate - James Hayward
May 26 WA Commencement - Mildred Summerton
May 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed

June 2-7 Camp Pitch - Pastors
June 7-15 Camp Meeting
June 23-30 Blind Camp, 8-20 yrs. old - WAKONDA
June 27 -
July 6 General Conference Session - New Orleans
June 30 -
July 7 Adventurer Camp, 8-10 yrs. old - WAKONDA
July 7-14 Junior Camp, 10-12 yrs. old - WAKONDA
July 14-21 Teen Camp, 12-15 yrs. old - WAKONDA
July 31 -
Aug 7 Pathfinder Camporee - Camp Hale, CO

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From the President's Desk

"BIGGEST LITTLE CAMP MEETING IN NORTH AMERICA"

Visitors at Wisconsin Camp Meeting are amazed at the unusually large attendance in comparison to our membership. That's why I call it "the biggest little camp meeting in North America." But something more impressive than numbers is the spirit of God's people who attend. Notice the following comments in letters I have received from camp meeting speakers from the past two camp meetings:

Elder LaVerne Tucker, speaker and director of the Quiet Hour radio program, wrote:

"In my 1984 visit to your wonderful camp meeting, I sensed the Holy Spirit working in a special way on your grounds. I visited nine camp meetings this year, and I must say that there was something special, yes, very special, about the way the Holy Spirit was working among the people and the ministers on that campground."

Dr. Charles Thomas of Loma Linda Medical School, who spoke at our camp meeting two years ago, wrote:

"I have attended so many camp meetings in my life but the camp meeting with you at Wisconsin was the most outstanding. When I returned home I wrote to the president of the General Conference and told him that we saw the glory of God's church at your camp meeting."

Please pray for an even greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power at our Wisconsin Camp Meeting this year, June 7 - 15.

Come to camp meeting with the sweet spirit of Christ expecting a spiritual blessing, and you will receive it.

-- James L. Hayward, President

Adventists in Action

Thanks to WISCONSIN EXPANSION, the NEW LONDON Church is now the new New London Church. While Wisconsin Expansion helped start the remodeling process, it was the sacrificial labors and gifts of many others that are completing it. DAN TOWAR, pastor, reports that the church was resided, carpeted, and landscaped. These improvements so inspired others that they added two new bathrooms, a new kitchen area, and a new furnace. DR. WALTER THOMPSON, of Hinsdale, and his son are donating their labor personally to constructing six beautiful stained glass windows. Even the next door neighbor has been inspired to remodel his home. Members are inspired to invite guests. A number of outreach programs are planned. Only eternity will reveal what are the "rippling-effects" of our offerings to God!

Volunteer staff are needed for the CAMP HALE North American PATHFINDER CAMPOREE. If you would like an application simply request one from the Youth Ministries office right away.

Once you've met an individual who has been converted through the SIGNS magazine, you will never be the same. God works through that magazine! By God's Spirit you sponsor over 6,000 subs a year. Keep up the good work!

The second and last General Conference Session Offering, for the ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO to be constructed on the Island of Guam, is to be taken May 25, 1985. The first offering amounted to \$4,776.78 or less than .79¢ per member. The goal for Wisconsin to do our part is \$23,350, which is only \$3.84 per member. Let's show the World Field that the Wisconsin conference believes in such an outreach program to share the good news through the radio waves. REMEMBER, THIS IS A SPECIAL OFFERING, not part of the World Budget offering. Give liberally!

It was a shocked ELDER "Z" who heard the gentleman say "you'll need at least four pickup loads to be able to carry all of the ceramic molds." What a pleasant shock, virtually a whole ceramic shop full of molds donated to WAKONDA for the summer ceramics program from a family of faithful Wisconsin stewards of God's abundance. To date over \$5,000 worth of molds have been received.

EMIL SCHNEIDER from Green Bay has been invited by the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee to represent the Lake Union at the Lay Activities Booth during the General Conference Session in New Orleans. We are sure that EMIL will do a fine job.

The MADISON CHURCH will have old Church Hymnals for sale at \$2.50 each. If you are interested, contact the church at 3815 Dutch Mill Road, Madison, WI 53704.

ATTENTION SINGLES! Desiring to meet the needs of Adventist singles in Wisconsin; those separated, divorced, never married or having lost a mate, we are arranging a potluck lunch after church, Sabbath May 18, to discuss and, if possible, lay plans for a singles organization. Come spend the day, share your ideas, and fellowship with us at the MADISON SDA CHURCH, 3815 Dutch Mill Road. Bring the kids!

Cause for CELEBRATION! "Celebration" is the name of the totally all new adult Sabbath School helps. Beginning July 1st you will get a firsthand look at this timely aid.

PATHFINDER FAIR, May 6th, involved eleven clubs totaling more than 300 Pathfinders and their leaders in skill events, displays and awards presentations for the yearly meet.

WAKONDA ALERT. This summer will offer fewer weeks of camp which will mean that applications may only be accepted as long as room is available. Campers interested in computers or horsemanship will want to apply very early to assure their choice of activities.

"Warmth on the inside of a cold prison." That's the message from EVERETT and ISABELLE EDMINSTER. They shared this at our latest Lay Bible Minister's Seminar. God is using these two laypersons in their prison ministry at the Oxford Correctional Institution.

Appointed delegates representing Wisconsin to the General Conference Session, June 27 - July 6th, will be ELDER JAMES HAYWARD, ELDER ARTHUR NELSON, BILL BRUMFIELD, DON MANN AND ELDER LARRY GRAHN.

Ten Pathfinder Clubs from WISCONSIN will represent the state at the first North American Division Camporee at CAMP HALE in the COLORADO Rockies during the first days of August this year. Thanks for your excellent support of your local clubs to make this project a success.

The next LAY BIBLE MINISTER'S SEMINAR which is open to all Wisconsin members will be October 25-27. Watch your church bulletins for exciting new plans.

Should you find in your spring cleaning extra equipment for which you no longer have a need, please keep in mind a few of the needs at CAMP WAKONDA. Life jackets in good repair, canoe paddles, water equipment, saddles, water tanks for animals, metal fence posts and camping gear, computers and software all would be welcome at WAKONDA.

Wisconsin Academy

The Wisconsin Academy CHORALAIRES have been asked to sing for one of the programs at the General Conference Session, June 27 - July 6. They will also sing with a large choir on Sabbath for the Session. Anyone wishing to help defray the \$3,000 expense involved, please contact Elder Hayward at the Conference office.

On Sabbath, May 18th, the CHORALAIRES will present a concert of selections from Handel's MESSIAH at 3:00 p.m. at the Academy.

Special worship services were held at WISCONSIN ACADEMY during Easter weekend. On Friday evening the CHORALAIRES presented a program based on a fourth-century Tenebrae service involving the lighting and extinguishing of candles representing the darkness covering the earth after Christ's crucifixion. On Sabbath morning two homilies were presented with anthems by the CHOIR and CHORALAIRES. The congregation joined the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus near the end of the service.

The Student Week of Prayer began April 15 at Wisconsin Academy. Students participating in presenting messages on the last days events and Christ's second coming were DESIREE DUNOMES, KEN KNUDSEN, SARAH KINTIGH, VANESSA SLOAN, DELORES ENDERSON, CHRIS CAREY, LEANN WILLIAMS, MIKE ISENSEE, TAMMY TOWNE, RALPH INGERSOLL and BETSY BOEHMKE. LARRY COLLINS, a junior and religious vice president of the Associated Student Body, presented the sermon on Sabbath, April 20th.

ADLAI MANN, senior at Wisconsin Academy and president of the Associated Student Body, became principal on Student Government Day, April 8. With DAWN WIGGINS as registrar, RALPH INGERSOLL, assistant business manager; LANETTE BAKER, administrative secretary; CHARLYN PEAK, Girls' Dean; AL THOMAS, Boys' Dean and other students substituting as instructors and staff, the day proceeded in the usual manner. The students learned of the many responsibilities involved in running a school.

Many alumni enjoyed their visit to Wisconsin Academy for the Alumni Weekend on April 12 and 13. The speakers for the weekend were JAMES CLIZBE and DON SCHNEIDER from the Class of 1960. James Clizbe is currently educational superintendent for the Texas Conference, and Don Schneider is serving as president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. The Alumni Association also presented scholarships to DESIREE DUNOMES, GREG LEONARD and TAMMY TOWNE. Next year the Alumni will meet on April 11 and 12.