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Southern missions

As I began to settle into my role in Southern's public relations office nearly a year ago, one of the things that excited me the most was working on *Columns* magazine. This is the second issue I've worked on and I have not been disappointed.

This particular issue focuses on missionaries and putting it together has been an absolute pleasure. I've interviewed missionaries, worked with missionaries, looked at photos of missionaries, read letters from missionaries, and read stories by missionaries and about missionaries—all to make sure this magazine is complete. And in doing so, I've been positively affected.

I have often wondered what causes an individual to leave behind the good life in the States to live and work in poor conditions of a Third World country. What causes a person to leave behind the convenience of personal automobiles, warm and comfortable homes, televisions, cell phones, shopping malls and especially family and friends?

I've learned that whether missionaries leave for seven days or seven years, it is a sacrifice. But I have also learned that the blessings far outweigh the sacrifice.

My respect for missions has increased during the past several years, and it has grown even more while putting together this magazine. Those I have great respect for include:

- Students who take a year out of college to serve as missionaries or as task force volunteers.
- Faculty and students who spend vacations building churches, serving in medical clinics and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ overseas.
- Alumni like David and Becky Gates (page 8), who have given their lives to mission work. Their commitment and dedication have influenced others to follow in their footsteps. Braden and Johanna Pewitt (page 6) are in the first year of a seven-year project in Cambodia. Chris and Shannon Sorensen (page 4) will head for the mission fields of India following their graduation in December.


Even on campus the fire of mission service is burning bright. Ken Rogers, Sherrie Norton and the team in student missions keep in touch with missionaries and encourage them in their service. Each year the missionaries return and tell about their experiences of God's leading in their lives. The stories inspire others to follow in their footsteps and answer the call of service. We have 117 students who have committed themselves to serve as missionaries and task force workers during the upcoming school year. God is certainly blessing Southern's mission efforts.

I am proud to be a part of a university that has such a rich heritage in missions and continues to put such an emphasis on global outreach and worldwide service. God has called each of us to be missionaries in our "mission field." Whether it's serving in an office full of non-Christians or serving for a lifetime in the mission fields of Cambodia, Southern is taking great measures to train young people to answer the call.

After a recent evangelism trip to Ghana (page 12), Ted Struntz, '01, theology graduate, said, "It's amazing how God uses us when we realize how small we really are and decide to fall on His grace."

Working with so many missionaries to put together this magazine has made me realize just how small I am.

How small are you?



Garrett W. Nudd

COVER: Cambodian children play during a church building trip organized by the Collegedale Church this past Christmas. Photo by Baron Williams.

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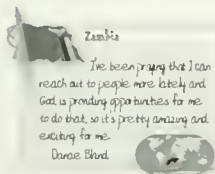
These students earn tuition dollars while expanding Southern's local missions by knocking on doors throughout the community.



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Trials Turned Gold

by Chris Sorensen

Through three
years of
mission service
in Cambodia,
Christ turned
my most
difficult trials
into my
greatest
testimonies.

My dream as a child was to be an Air Force fighter pilot. How many times I watched the movie "Top Gun" and then ran to my computer games to practice blowing planes out of the sky like Tom Cruise, I could never count. But by the grace of God, four years before I could legally join the Air Force, I got a taste of "active duty" in God's army during a two-week mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The trip changed my aspirations forever. Service, fellowship and tropical weather charmed me and left me with such a feeling of peace and contentment that I looked into the bright stars and said, "God, I could do this forever!"

But I was 14 then, it would be another six years before I could again launch out on an overseas mission in God's army. During my sophomore year at Southern I heard a former student missionary speak for dorm worship about serving two years in the Marshall Islands. His story sounded like a real challenge, but in the end he was closer to God than ever before. I wanted to have

an experience like that. So I took advantage of Southern's student missionary training and prepared to go with Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) to Cambodia.

If you asked today what my mission experience has done for me, I would tell you that it deepened my walk with God through humbling self-revelations and trials that He turned into gold.

Not long after arriving in Cambodia, I had my first major self-revelation. As I walked the dusty streets of my little village, Prey To Toung, I was amazed at how friendly the people were. Complete strangers called to me from their doorways and invited me to come inside and visit. They had me sit as they offered me all types of food and drink—bananas, mangoes, cookies, boiled rice/banana sweets, water and tea. Their hospitality and unselfishness toward a stranger was a real surprise to me, an American Christian. *Who regularly acts that way in America—Christian or not?*, I thought. I realized that I had a lot to learn about hospitality.



photos Frank Spangler





And what about alms-giving? Buddhists often give alms to poor people in the markets. I will never forget the beggar whose legs had been blown off in a mine explosion. As I walked past him, he gently tugged on my loose backpack strap. I looked down at him and was a little sorry I had walked that way. I didn't want to give him anything, so I turned to keep going. The man began to cry out for mercy, not letting go of my strap. I was stunned but not compassionate. I pulled my strap loose from his hand and walked away nursing a wounded conscience.

My lack of love and hospitality paled in comparison to the Cambodian people. A little voice spoke inside my head, *Chris, you're no better than these people, yet you want to teach them about a loving compassionate Savior. Your example contradicts everything you say. These Buddhists live the 'Christian' graces and show the love and compassion of Christ a lot better than you do. You're a disgrace to Christianity. You should go home until you can learn to love like these people, not to mention love like Jesus.*

I prayed in desperation, "Lord, do You want me to go back to the States?"

I realized that I had been listening to a voice that was not from God. After prayer, I believe He impressed me with these thoughts: *Yes, Chris, you do have a problem with greediness and love of self, but I don't want you to go home. I brought you here, and you have a message that these people need to hear. Give me your heart again. We can fix it, right now. Then you can get back to My work in My Spirit.*

I am amazed to this day that God was able to use the "pagans" to show me how un-Christ-like I really was. That painful self-revelation of my filthy-ragged righteousness drove me to God and made my walk with Him much deeper as a result.

The second way in which my relationship with God improved was by witnessing and experiencing trials. One example of this is how God worked to deliver Ming Hahn from the grip of Satan.

Ming Hahn was in her late 20s when I met her. She was sick and skinny, yet at the same time, beautiful. Soy, a new Christian lady who was Bible working in Phum Preah ("God's Village"), told us the story of Ming Hahn's sickness and possible demon possession. Seven years earlier, a Muslim man saw that Ming Hahn was a beautiful woman and quickly asked to marry her. This is not uncommon in Cambodia. However, Ming Hahn discovered that the man already had a wife, so she refused him. The man was angry. So he hired a medicine man to cast a love spell on Ming Hahn. Immediately Ming Hahn began to weep and long for this man, even though she knew that she could never marry him. The tension between her heart and head soon made her sick. Several years later, Soy entered "God's Village" and met Ming Hahn. They became close friends and started living together. One day as Soy tried to witness to Ming Hahn about Jesus, her eyes opened wide and an evil look, like that of a demon, spread over her face. Soy came to us and asked that we pray for Ming Hahn.

The next month, two Adventist traveling companions and I boarded a ship and went up the Mekong River to see Ming Hahn. The three of us, along with Soy and Ming Hahn, knelt in a circle. Soy and I held Ming Hahn's hands. "Father we come to You, and ask You in Jesus' Name...", I prayed. The moment I spoke the name of Jesus, Ming Hahn began to shake and squeeze my hand tightly. I felt something like an electric shock shoot down my spine from head to foot. Terrified, I ceased praying for Ming Hahn and began pleading with God to protect each of us who had gathered to pray for her. We were humbled instantly and plead for our personal sins to be forgiven, that we might be sure of God's blessing and protection.

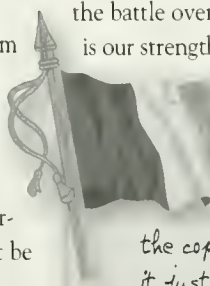
Then I began to pray again. "Father, in Jesus' Name, I..." Again, Ming Hahn shook uncontrollably and clenched our hands. My heart raced, but I pressed on in

my prayer. "I pray that you will deliver Ming Hahn from the power of Satan and give her freedom from the sickness and love spell that she's had for seven years now." After finishing my prayer, we all looked at Ming Hahn and asked how she felt. "I feel a little better, but not totally," she said. I asked her to pray. She would not and could not. So we told her to repeat the words we prayed. She did. But she said she still felt no difference.

What was the problem? I wondered if there was a barrier between us and God or between Ming Hahn and God. Then I remembered that a friend had told me that there were rumors of Soy and Hahn living a lesbian lifestyle. I thought the idea was crazy, but it was time to address the issue.

The rumors were true. I told Soy, "The Bible is clear that same-sex relations are sin, and this relationship could be preventing God from healing Ming Hahn." Soy took the counsel to heart and confessed her sin in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We had now been praying earnestly for nearly two hours. We were physically and emotionally drained. Ming Hahn still lacked the freedom to pray herself. Until she could do that, I would not be convinced that she was healed. We decided to sing and praise God. We sang the only song I knew in Khmer—the Doxology. Over and over we sang it—louder and louder. It was amazing. I could almost hear the gates of hell crumbling as we sang. I was happier because we had turned the battle over to Jesus. The joy of the Lord is our strength! I turned to Ming Hahn and



Ireland

Thank you so much for the Joker and the copies of the Accent. I got them yesterday and it just made my day! Now I can spend time flipping through the Joker, looking at all the girls I can't date.

Things in Ireland are going great. My partner and I are passing out 5,000 fliers for our upcoming evangelistic crusade all over Dublin.

Keep us in your prayers.
Scott Fogg, sophomore



asked again, "Ming Hahn, would you now like to pray and ask Jesus to come into your heart?"

She said, "Yes." And then she proceeded to pray a beautiful heartfelt prayer. After she prayed her face showed absolute peace. "How do you feel now?" I asked.

She said, "Before we started praying, I dreaded to pray, nor could I pray. Now I want to pray, and I can pray. I feel good."

"Praise God!" I said. "He is the One who has healed you."

Looking back on that student missionary experience and many others like it, I can clearly see that the times when my relationship with God seemed to grow most were during those trials that Jesus turned into gold. He transformed many of my most difficult trials into my greatest testimonies. Now whenever I experience a trial, instead of falling into despair, I can wait in excited expectation to see how God is going to pull me through. He is faithful.

People ask me how it is possible to keep the fire of foreign missions burning here in the States. I believe Southern has helped me keep my vision. There have been many opportunities at Southern for me to share my testimony of what God has done for me, through me and in spite of me. The CARE Office sponsors the Collegiate Missions Club (CMC), which recruits, encourages and supports future, current and former student missionaries. The CMC sponsors the annual Missions Expo, a rally of former missionaries who share their stories with aspiring student missionaries. And finally, godly teachers like Carlos Martin, Philip Samaan, Laura Nyirady and many others have encouraged students like myself to keep thinking about world missions as a lifetime work. I thank God for deepening my walk with Him through student missions and I eagerly look forward to graduation, when my wife, Shannon, and I will embark on our first long-term foreign missionary assignment through AFM. ♪

photos Frank Spangler and Chris Sorensen



Johanna (Reeve), '00, and Braden Pewitt, '00, in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia

Collegedale Church sends recent alumni as missionaries

As students of Southern Adventist University, Braden and Johanna Pewitt, '00, had it in their hearts to serve God in whatever capacity He saw fit. But how they ended up in Cambodia just six months after their graduation is quite providential.

Braden was studying to become a minister, and midway through his senior year he had received pastoral calls from several church conferences. Johanna, however, was determined to serve in the mission fields. Late one evening Wolf Jedamski, church administrator, was working at the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church and he heard a knock at the door. He answered the door and there stood Braden. Braden introduced himself and asked if he could use the church fax machine, Jedamski recalled.

During the next few minutes Braden shared how he and his wife were applying with Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) to be missionaries in Cambodia. The deadline to submit their applications was only a few hours away. Jedamski then explained how Cambodia was the adopted mission of the Collegedale church and how they had taken a few trips to the country to build churches.

Realizing that the Pewitts would face more than a year of fundraising before they could even head to Cambodia, Jedamski proposed that the church adopt the Pewitts and sponsor their mission. The board accepted the proposal and brought it before the congregation. The congregation was equally excited and the \$35,000 launching fee was raised in only a few months.

On December 2, 2000, the Pewitts left for Cambodia. A few weeks later they joined the team from Collegedale and participated in the church's third church-building project. The Pewitts are currently in the capital city of Penom Penh learning the language. After they feel confident with the language they will proceed to the Jarai village in the Province of Ratanakiri, where they will live for the next 7-10 years. The Pewitts will live among the Jarai people, where they will farm, conduct tent ministries and set a Christian example.

"The Jarai are a minority within Cambodia and they have been very exploited throughout the years," Jedamski said. "They are ripe for someone to take interest in them."

The Collegedale Church has made a commitment to raise funds and support the Pewitts for the duration of their stay. The amount needed to support them in Cambodia is \$30,000 annually. Jedamski also said the church will try to respond to the specific needs of the village once the Pewitts arrive and assess the situation.

The Pewitts will return to the States twice during their service in Cambodia. Funds for the Pewitts Cambodia Project can be sent to the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church at PO Box 3002, Collegedale, TN, 37315. Donations should be marked "Pewitt Fund."

Antenna for God

by Christy Yingling

When Lynne and Will Ramsey were married in 1995, religion was far from their minds. Will had been raised in an Adventist home but drifted away from the church. In 1998, Will felt his life needed a change. He tried to convince Lynne to attend the small Adventist church near their home, but she was reluctant. After much persuasion she finally agreed to visit. But Lynne felt uncomfortable during the church service. She felt like an outsider in a church where everyone was friends.

Lynne had been raised in a non-religious home, and she had never considered religion important. In spite of her negative feelings toward church, she agreed that their lives needed something.

"All my miserable life I was envious of Christians," Lynne said. "They were assured. There was always a conviction and faith. It was something I wanted so badly."

Soon after their first church visit, Will discovered the weekly broadcast of the Collegedale Church service, "The Sounds of Worship"

airs every Sabbath morning at 11:30 a.m. on WSMC-FM 90.5, and Will thought it would be an ideal opportunity for Lynne to listen to a church service while remaining in the comfort and security of their own home. Unfortunately, the Ramseys had trouble with radio reception in their home, but they found that they could obtain stronger reception on the edge of their 17-acre property. Though skeptical, Lynne listened to the Collegedale Church service. She was so impressed by Pastor Ed Wright's message that she looked forward to hearing the service the next week. Each Sabbath morning Lynne and Will drove their truck down the driveway to clearly receive the station. Sometimes the reception was perfect and other times they heard only static.

Each week they tried a new location to receive better reception. Will described their excitement when they discovered good reception in an old streambed. "We'd drive down by the creek," he said. "We had to put the truck in four-wheel drive to get out of there." The Ramseys continued this drive throughout the year, even during the cold winter months.

The Holy Spirit continued to work on Lynne's heart. She was impressed by Wright's sermons. "He had a warmth in his voice," she said. "He wasn't preaching, he was talking." One particular sermon focusing on the Sabbath impressed her. Wright discussed the rest from all our weekly work and efforts. That was the non-legalistic approach that Lynne was looking for. "She described that as a turning point," Wright would later say.

Another turning point in Lynne's life occurred when Pastor Wright preached a series on baptism. As a result, Lynne better

understood the significance of baptism by immersion. Lynne was convinced when Pastor Wright explained the significance of declaring one's public devotion for Christ.

Will's sister, Patty, was thrilled when she learned that Lynne was interested in Adventist beliefs. Patty and her mother, Ruby Sue, encouraged Lynne by recommending books and literature that would help answer questions she had.

Will and Lynne continued to grow spiritually. On Sept. 2, 2000, a year and a half after the Ramseys first heard "The Sounds of Worship," Pastor Wright baptized them into the Collegedale Church.

A short time after their baptism, Will and Lynne bought a

radio antenna. "We're probably the only people in the world who bought an FM antenna for God," Lynne said, laughing.

On Sabbaths the Ramseys often attend a small church in Calhoun, Georgia, where Will's sister is a member. "Lynne has a peace that she didn't have before," Patty said. "She's

grown so much and she's still growing. It's been exciting."

Though the couple attends churches in their area, the Collegedale Church, where they were baptized and hold membership, will always have a special place in their hearts. They often listen to the WSMC broadcast when they arrive home from church.

WSMC has carried "The Sounds of Worship" for more than 20 years. University president Gordon Bietz, former senior pastor of the Collegedale Church, said he continues to receive positive feedback regarding this outreach.

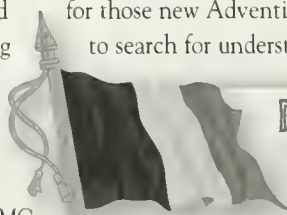
The service reaches many within the radio station's 100,000-watt signal. Lynne believes "The Sounds of Worship" is a great starting place for outreach. She said there should be more literature and special programs that reach out to non-Adventists in the community and for those new Adventists, like herself, who are just beginning to search for understanding.

Lynne and Will have now moved into a new house that receives the WSMC signal much better. They no longer need their antenna or the pickup truck to listen to "The Sounds of Worship." ❧



Challenged by poor radio signals, good reception was found in an old streambed at the edge of the Ramsey property.

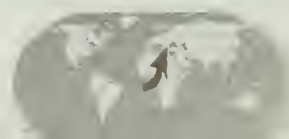
Rob Howell



Romania

Well, about a month and a half ago we finally got hot water and they turned on the heat too. You don't appreciate the small things in life until you don't have them. I have grown very attached to the students here. I feel like they are not just my students but my friends and my family. They have become used to having an American around and they enjoy it so much. I hope that you will look for someone there at Southern that will come here to Liceul Teologic Adventist. It really is a wonderful place to be and I am sure you will find someone willing to fill this position.

In Christ's Service,
Tara B. Erud, '00





by David Gates

Becky (Duerksen), '80, and David Gates, '80, have dedicated their lives to mission service. In the following account David shares lessons they have learned as they served in various mission positions in Central and South America. In 2000, David Gates was selected as Southern Adventist University's alumnus of the year.



As a teenager, I neither understood life nor knew what I would do with it. Still facing the same dilemma as I approached college, I decided to place my future in God's hands, while understanding destiny wasn't my problem any more.

At the age of 19 I started seriously dating Becky Duerksen. When I was only eight, I had proposed to her along a branch of the Amazon River in Bolivia, and she had agreed to marry me—someday. Becky never forgot her promise.

Becky was a senior in medical technology at Southern while I was a humble freshman

studying aviation and computer science. During one of our many discussions about how we might serve she said, "If God wants us to be missionaries in the jungles, we will certainly need to have nursing as a double major."

"It's kind of late to be put on this year's waiting list, but if God wants us to be medical missionaries, we had better try," I responded as we headed for Herin Hall to sign up for the nursing program. Unfortunately, the program was full and we were placed on a waiting list.

Day two of registration drew to a close and still no word for us. "There remain two

unfilled openings, but they would go to the next two on our waiting list, not to you," said a nursing adviser. "Go plead your case with the academic dean," advised another.

It didn't take long for Dr. Hanson to reach a decision. By admitting us into the program the two open spaces were filled.

Convinced that God had set our feet firmly on track to the mission field, we began our studies with enthusiasm. We took nursing classes together in the morning, in the afternoon I was at the airport flying, while Becky did the nursing homework for both of us.

After graduation, with no immediate missionary invitation to work overseas, we decided to visit my parents at the Adventist Airbase in Peru, where my father was pastor/pilot/nurse. It was in Peru that we got our first taste of volunteer mission work. I purchased a small 2-seat aircraft and flew around the Peruvian jungles doing medical work and evangelism.

That was lesson #1: ***If there aren't any job opportunities available, make one.***

After completing several more years of studies in aviation maintenance and computer science, we finally received an official call from the General Conference, in fact, three of them simultaneously; from Brazil, Peru and Mexico.

After much prayer and consideration we decided to accept the call to Mexico because they desperately needed a hospital administrator and pilot. Even the Mexican church administration had difficulty understanding why we accepted their invitation with more lucrative alternatives available. We never regretted our choice, and to this day we clearly recognize God's hand in preparing us for current responsibilities in the Interamerican Division.

That was lesson #2: ***When selecting between work alternatives, focus on the needs of the Church and God's leading rather than on benefits and position.***

Not long after beginning our service in Mexico, I had the opportunity to learn first hand some of the challenges of missionary work. With a gun in my back, I was forced to fly our mission plane to an abandoned runway. I was blindfolded and my hands were tied behind my back. After being interrogated for eight hours, I was transported all night in a pickup truck and dumped into a prison. The next day I discovered that I was to be sentenced to 14 years.

After learning of my situation, Becky and our two daughters began praying. I was innocent, but I placed my trust in God. Suddenly, an idea occurred to me. I offered my services as a nurse to the prison director and began seeing about 50 patients a day.

I didn't enjoy listening to other prisoner's problems as I attended to their physical ailments. I had my own turmoil to deal with. But reasoning that love was really an action, not an emotion, I continued to see them.

Within a week the prison director was so impressed with my Adventist medical work that he used his influence to get the charges dropped. During this time the Union Legal Director was working hard for my release. When my release was finally granted, he kindly picked me up and took me home. It was an emotional homecoming—and it was also our 8th wedding anniversary!

That was lesson #3: ***We can trust God even though we don't understand why things happen. Always be kind to others, your actions will return in blessings to you.***

God provided excellent denominational experience, allowing me to serve as Director of Computer Services for nearly 10 years, first for the Inca Union (Peru/Bolivia), followed by the Caribbean Union and Caribbean Union College in Trinidad and Tobago.

We developed close relationships with church administrators and lay members in both the South and Interamerican Divisions.

During frequent travels throughout the Caribbean Union, I regularly visited Guyana on the Northeast coast of South America. I felt at home and in love with its beautiful interior where the Davis Indians live.

This tribe is part of Adventist mission history of the early 1900s, known because of the unexpected death of Elder O.E. Davis, who never returned from his first visit to them and now rests among the people for whom he gave his life. Adventists call them simply, the "Davis Indians." Isolated by 200 miles of jungle from the mission office in Georgetown, plus 30 years with a leftist government, these poor Amerindians were in desperate need of medical and pastoral care. With our two oldest daughters almost in college my wife



and I planned our "permanent return" from Caribbean service to the States. We began reading of the faith ministries of Hudson Taylor and George Mueller. "I wish we could experience God's miracles like they did," I wishfully commented one day. "You can," Becky assured me, "But to experience what they did, will require you to live as they did...totally dependent on God."

It was then that the idea

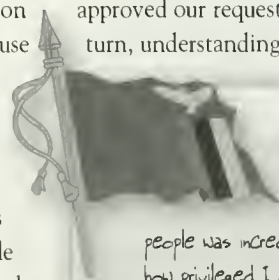
suddenly occurred to me. Instead of returning to the States, why couldn't we serve one year as volunteers among the Davis Indians? We are both registered nurses and we could assist with their spiritual needs as well.

Our five children weren't as excited as we were. "Where will we live? What will we eat? What about electricity, running water and a toilet? Will we need to raise funds?"

We explained to them that this was an experiment with God. We would tell no one except God of our financial needs. If He couldn't provide for us as He had promised, we would simply return home to the States.

That was lesson #4: ***You can't just talk about wanting to experience God, you have to follow with action. Put yourself and your money where your mouth is.***

The College and Union committees approved our request for a permanent return, understanding that we would not be



Zambia

This experience of hanging out with the bush people was incredible and one I will never forget. I can't believe how privileged I am to be able to be here and experience these things I just hope that the people I meet and talk to can see Jesus in my life although I can't always communicate with them through words. That is what you can pray for that people will see Jesus in me and that I will know how to show His love to everyone I meet.

Love,
Elisa Brown '00



going to the United States but to Guyana as volunteers. Some worried administrators and friends expressed strong concerns for our welfare, while other leaders showed admiration and rededicated their lives to God's service.

On October of 1997, I received my last paycheck and headed for Guyana with the family. It seemed like I had jumped off a high cliff. I

was quickly learning that spiritual growth is maximized when one is outside his comfort zone. When confronted with fear, we must quickly place it in God's hands and He will fill our mind with His peace.

In Georgetown, Guyana, Davis Memorial Hospital offered us an empty apartment for a few weeks. Later we took an air taxi and flew 200 miles deep into the jungles to our new home in the village of Kaikan. The welcome by the Amerindians was "presidential" as they lined the pathway with a fence line covered with flowers.



dragger and negotiated a purchase price. A relative offered an interest-free loan to purchase the airplane and we eagerly accepted. After the purchase, the funds miraculously arrived from several sources. The loan was paid off within 90 days.

Having witnessed God's ability to provide for our needs, I knew that He would also deal with the government's

reluctance to authorize the

operation of a foreign registered aircraft in Guyana. The very day we touched down in Georgetown, the Director of Civil Aviation issued orders allowing us to begin our operations under a temporary permit, which would eventually become permanent.

The next several months were spent attending to physical and spiritual needs. When it was necessary to spend our meager funds on medications for them, God sent a visitor who felt impressed to make a donation—more than double the amount we had spent on medicines!

As our expenditures increased each day, so did the incoming funds. We were learning that God was able and willing to supply our needs. The old German proverb, "start weaving and God will supply the thread" was coming true.

Surrounding villages learned of our presence and the medical assistance we offered, and people spent as many as four days walking in, many times carrying patients in hammocks. They begged us to visit their home village too.

Reluctant though we were, we took comfort in the words of Ellen White. "[He] is well pleased when they [His people] make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises" *Desire of Ages* (p.688). We immediately began praying for an airplane.

Belief must be followed by action so I headed to the United States to find an airplane. I found a copy of *Trade-a-Plane* and located a 2-seat STOL Cessna 150 tail-

operation of a foreign registered aircraft in Guyana. The very day we touched down in Georgetown, the Director of Civil Aviation issued orders allowing us to begin our operations under a temporary permit, which would eventually become permanent.

The Guyana Adventist Medical Aviation Service (GAMAS) used this small plane to extensively penetrate isolated areas with free medical care and emergency transportation. In non-SDA villages a positive attitude change toward the Church inevitably resulted in evangelistic opportunities and a sharp increase in church growth.

That was lesson #5: ***Meeting basic needs is an effective precursor to reaching people for Christ.***

Our one-year experiment has lasted more than four years and has clearly demonstrated that when the work is of God, He will furnish means and will send helpers.

The Guyana Adventist Medical Aviation Service has grown to include three aircraft, two academies, one primary school and one TV broadcast station/studio (Channel 2) in Georgetown. The result of a local donation, this miracle flagship TV station is forming the beginning of a network of TV broadcast stations throughout the Caribbean islands which we have named the "Caribbean Family Network."

A powerful but scarcely tapped resource is the use of volunteers.

Thousands of young people, skilled persons, as well as professionals, are looking

for opportunities to share their talents. Our volunteer staff currently includes a physician, three nurses, two engineers, two technicians, a dental hygienist, and eight student missionary teachers, six from Southern Adventist University.

During the next few months, we look forward to the arrival of two full-time pilots and one educator, as well as 12 new student missionaries from Southern.

We have chosen to continue our practice of not raising funds. Through prayer we ask God to provide for His projects each month. I clearly recall several years ago when an aviation fuel bill of \$1,000 was due at the end of the month. The only cash available was a bank

balance of \$200. I withdrew it and went home to pray. I reminded God that the small airplane was His and that He promised in Philippians 4:19 to supply all our needs. I didn't mind grounding the airplane, but I didn't want to be guilty of not asking.

I slept well that night. The next morning during my devotions, I was repeatedly impressed that I should do as the widow and Elijah in 1 Kings 17.


"Count what you have," came the clear impression. I pulled the brief case onto my lap and opened the envelope. Inside was the bank receipt for \$200. I counted the cash—it totaled \$1050!

Rejoicing I ran to the airport and paid my bill in full. "We enjoy doing business with you Mr. Gates, you always pay your bills on time," said the young lady as she took the cash. I was thinking, you wouldn't believe

it if I told you, but God put those funds in my briefcase. Even now the Holy Spirit is descending in His fullness. Thousands will soon become volunteers, spreading the news of Jesus' soon return. Eventually, we will all learn to depend totally on God.

One doesn't have to work overseas to learn dependence on Divine provision. Simply recognize that everything we are and have—self, family members, resources, properties, profession and influence, they all belong to God. We are mere managers.

Learning dependence involves risk. When the Owner says let go and invest in His work, it is up to the manager to obey, even if he can't cover his own need with what is left. When obediently we choose to do that, we are telling the Owner that we trust Him to care for our needs. And He will.

youth today like joining the war on the front lines. God has not blessed us with professional education to merely GET a job, but to DO a job. Adults, use your resources and influence to back up and support them. I have no doubt that Jesus is coming very soon and will provide for the personal and ministry needs of those who commit their lives now to the fulfillment of the Great Commission. 

Guyana

I really see God working out here and I'm learning to trust Him more. The jungle has been good for me - I've gotten a lot stronger and gotten a lot closer to God - I've even given my first sermon while in Kaikan, and the Holy Spirit really helped.

Becky Jarnes, junior



Frank S. Smith



Crusaders for Christ

by Garrett W. Nudd

I remember hearing stories about religious crusades culminating with the baptism of hundreds of thousands of people," said Ted Struntz, senior theology

major, just a few days before concluding his own crusade in Ghana. "I've always wanted to be a part of something this great."

Days later Struntz and a group of Southern students spent more than three hours in Lake Bosomtwi baptizing 3,188 people.

"There is nothing more awesome than seeing thousands of souls baptized," Struntz said. "You think of the work you did and the mistakes you made preaching and you can't help but realize how powerful the Holy Spirit is to take your pitiful efforts and do something so awesome."

As part of their evangelism training, 16 junior and senior theology students from Southern accompanied Ron Clouzet, dean of the School of Religion, on a 16-day crusade in Kumasi, Ghana, located in west-

ern Africa. What started as a mass effort to change the lives of the Ashanti people of Kumasi became a life-changing experience for the students as well.

The project was organized by Bob Folkenberg of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and P.O. Mensha, president of the Ghana Union of Seventh-day Adventists. Their goal was to hold a crusade in every Adventist congregation in Ghana, 2,152 total, with the majority preached by laity.

Accompanying the group from Southern were pastors Jack Robinson, Brian Hadley, Glenn Hill and Folkenberg. Each of them held a crusade as well, bringing the total number of crusades in the greater Kumasi area to 21, just a small portion of the nationwide effort.



For 16 nights the theology students preached the message of hope and inspiration to a people yearning to hear the good news. Some of the students preached more than 20 times.

"It was hard preaching night after night," Enoch Lee said. "But it sure was great to hear 500-plus people shouting 'a-men!'" Brad Cauley agreed. "The experience of preaching my first evangelistic series was irreplaceable," he said.

Even more exciting than the education and experience received by the students, were the decisions that were made for Christ. "After preaching about the Sabbath and making a call, I will never forget looking into the eyes of one of the men who came forward," Adam Case said. "He had a look of excitement and determination in his eyes. He was making a stand for Jesus and he was determined that nothing was going to stop him from making that choice."

Though enthusiastic, the students faced opposition. "It's clear that the devil doesn't want us to continue this work," David Achata wrote to his fiancée during the crusade. "Trucks crashing into stages, equipment burning up, power going out, drunken men attempting attacks on speakers, cars breaking down, stages and screens being blown apart by strong weather, huge downpours of rain just as we begin to make altar calls, some of us have been rained out for three or four days so far, but praise God! Because when we are weak, He is strong."

Time and time again God's strength was made evident, said Achata, who spoke before 1,000 people each night in a local church.

Achata gave an example. "It had rained in buckets for the several nights in a row and I was sick of shouting my sermons," he said. "One minute into my sermon I stopped and asked the congregation if we could pray for the rain to stop. I prayed a simple prayer, said 'a-men' and in 10 seconds the rain had stopped. Immediately the congregation began cheering and yell-

ing shouts of joy," Achata recalled. "I was so excited as I continued my sermon. After I finished I learned that rains had covered the whole city that night, but God had looked out for me."

Overcoming torrential rains wasn't the biggest problem Achata faced. His challenges came in getting to his site. One evening his driver's car broke down four times during the 30-minute drive. A couple times Achata had to get out of the car and push it uphill. And on the way home, Achata's driver had to drive without headlights in order to conserve the car's battery. "There were several times we nearly ran into people who were walking or riding bicycles along the side of the road," Achata said.

The biggest obstacle facing the rest of the team, however, was the rain. Some members of the group were rained out five or six nights in a row. Sensing the devil's



influence and the discouragement among the group, Clouzet called the team together one evening for a special prayer session. "The group pressed together in prayer," Achata recalled. "We were sick, wet, worn out soldiers."

Clouzet asked students if they were willing to give their all for the people of Kumasi. Many of the students began to search themselves and question their individual missions. "As I searched I discovered that you cannot win souls for Christ when your soul is dirty—when you have something on your mind other than winning souls. If there is something in your life that is not straight you cannot be effective," Achata said.



Achata's comrades learned similar lessons in ministry.

During the two weeks of evangelism Chris Sorensen realized that one of the keys to effective ministry is that it's not by might or power, but by the Spirit. "On the nights when I was really pushing for deci-

sions by my own power and persuasion, I gained no decisions. And then on the nights when I didn't know how to give the calls and was not confident nor really pushing that hard they came," Sorensen said.

One of the most exciting results of the trip was that each student's education and experience was as unique as each student himself. "You can't get the experience we got in the classroom," Lee said. "I

praise Southern and the School of Religion faculty for realizing that and providing other opportunities."

Leon Smith echoed his classmates' sentiments. "For me, this is the largest step I have ever made in my life, and for the rest of my life it will forever be a shining beacon." ¶



Taiwan

I honestly feel sorry for every person who hasn't made the decision to serve God in this way, and I'm disgusted with myself for putting it off so long. If you want to grow spiritually, learn in a way that a university could never teach you, see things that you cannot describe, you'll find all that and more in a year of student missions.

Tanya McCreery, senior





Knocking on

By Daniel Olson

Brad Mills takes a quick step up the sidewalk and then rings the doorbell. A friendly woman opens the door, and after a greeting, Brad begins his pitch.

“Good afternoon, my name is Brad and I’m working my way through college on a scholarship program. Instead of offering you snacks or magazines, we try to offer something more helpful.” Pausing, Brad pulls out a health book, and then asks, “Do you get a chance to read much?”

During his conversation, Brad will show the woman several books, including a cookbook, a children's storybook and *The Great Controversy*. Mills, a sophomore nursing major, is one of about 20 Southern students who participate in the literature evangelism program to help cover their tuition costs.

"It's a way to give students a real experience with God while making money," said John Eby, the 2000-01 director of the Magabook industry. "It's great to see the power of God working through you."

be much more. During a recent 3-hour shift, one student achieved \$350 in sales.

"Sometimes you come to the right door at the right time," said Laura Warren, junior allied health major. "It's good to see people searching and know that the books will be used."

Eby estimated that about 25 percent of doors knocked on produce a sale. This year students earned about \$120,000 in sales; half of that will alleviate their tuition costs.

But financial assistance is only one benefit of the job. Ask any literature evangelist, and they will likely have a story that reflects how God has rewarded their faith and dedication while they were canvassing.

A recent experience stands out in Eby's mind.

Eby was canvassing with Warren during a business shift. They knocked on the door of a studio apartment and a woman greeted them. As Eby and Warren talked to the woman she became interested in the spiritual books. The woman said she was struggling spiritually because she was going through a divorce with the pastor of her church; and consequently, she didn't have a church to attend. She ended up buying *The Great Controversy* and *Peace Above the Storm*.

Eby and Warren shared a pair of tickets to the SonRise Resurrection Pageant with her, and the woman signed up for personal Bible studies. The woman is now receiving Bible study correspondence.

While the literature evangelists hope to reduce their school bill, the ultimate goal is to give personal Bible studies with those they contact. Cooking classes and stop-smoking clinics are also offered.

"Sometimes I'm in a house for 30 minutes and I don't sell anything, but I have the opportunity to tell about God," Mills said. "Sometimes a house is more prosperous spiritually than financially."

Eddie Vargas, conference Bible worker, works with the people that express interest in Bible studies.

Vargas first sets up a consistent time to meet with those interested, then he leaves a lesson for the participant to complete during the week. Vargas returns the next week and discusses the Biblical topics. After several weeks of meeting with the participant, Vargas turns the contact over to a local church or a student in the personal evangelism class at Southern.

Vargas is also a student and enjoys the

Hearts

The literature evangelist program at Southern runs from August through May and has been in place for five years. Home Health Education Service (HHES), the publishing distributor of the Southern Union, sponsors the program by supplying books and materials for participants.

Eby began his venture into literature evangelism in 1998. After being baptized in January, he signed up to be a colporteur for the summer in North Carolina. That fall he enrolled at the Southern Outreach Leadership School (SOULS) in Florida, a 2-year program designed to teach young people to be leaders through Bible work and literature evangelism. In August 2000, Eby graduated from SOULS and moved to Southern to direct his passion, literature evangelism.

Eby coordinates the program by dividing the workday into two shifts, one that targets businesses in the afternoon and a second that visits homes in the evening. Each student works a few shifts each week and about six students participate in each shift. While students are visiting homes in a subdivision, Eby scouts potential territory and gives additional books to students who need them. "I'm also here to encourage and pray with them," Eby said. "I'm here to be a friend."

Students earn 50 percent of their sales; the other half goes to HHES. Eby's goal is for each student to average \$100 in sales during a 2-3 hour shift. But the payoff can



personal contact and opportunity to practice what he calls "friendship evangelism." "It's great to have one foot in the classroom and one foot in the field," Vargas said. "One of the best parts is when the moment of realization of the truth of Biblical principles becomes clear."

The ministry of literature evangelism has been successful because of the students' enthusiasm, determination and faith. "God sets up divine appointments all the time," Warren said. "When you're working for the Lord, you can't go wrong."

"Youth ministry growth is exploding," Eby added, with excitement in his voice. "It's great to share the God we love." ❧

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.
(Matthew 9:38)

Federated States of Micronesia

Leaving this place may be the hardest thing I have ever done. Knowing that I will probably never see most of my students again really hurts me to think about. This year has been incredible and probably the best year of my life. I now know that I want to live a God-centered life because I know that it is what is truly best. Not because I was raised a Christian and not because my friends have all made this choice, but because I know that I want to strive everyday to live for Christ. This year has really helped me realize how I need HIM in my life.

Jeff Olson, sophomore



Southern graduates 321 seniors

A total of 321 students, including 308 undergraduates and nine master's graduates, received diplomas during commencement on May 13.

Donald L. Jernigan, president of Florida Hospital, delivered a commencement address titled "Choices," and Angela Rho, class president, presented the senior class response.

Seven graduating seniors were members of the Southern Scholars honors program. In addition to maintaining a 3.50 GPA and meeting normal degree requirements,

Southern Scholars students complete a special honors curriculum involving interdisciplinary studies, honors courses and independent study.

Southern Scholars from left: Cassandra King, Daniel Goodge, Kristin Merritt, Mark Sandoval, Alysia Booth, Jonathan Geach, Melissa Wyson.



Jim Marlowe

Caldwell named adviser of the year

Lynn Caldwell, an associate professor in Southern's School of Journalism and Communication, has been named adviser of the year for the 2000-2001 school year. Caldwell, who advises about 24 students, has been teaching at Southern since the 1999-2000 school year.

Caldwell was selected by the advisory committee, which based its choice on the positive evaluations of students.



"I was very surprised," Caldwell said, "especially since I think advising is the thing I'm least prepared for."

The advisory committee received many positive comments about Caldwell from students she advises.

"She cares for her students and takes personal interest in them," said Morgan Kochenower, junior public relations major. "She has a great personality; it's more like

friendship than advising."

"Advising is about taking time to motivate students and help them work through the angst of making career decisions," Caldwell said, adding that liking college students is an important asset of advising.

Since coming to Southern, Caldwell has been instrumental in developing Southern's nonprofit management program, which is one of the fastest growing majors on campus. When a bachelor of science in nonprofit management and development was offered two years ago, there was only one major. Now there are 11 majors and about 20 students pursuing certification from American Humanics.

Rob Howell

Alumni Update

Alumni Directory • Representatives of Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., will be phoning alumni for the verification phase of Southern's alumni directory project. The alumni directory will sort data by name in the alphabetical division, and by class year and geographical location in separate sections of the book. There will also be a special message from the Alumni Office as well as photos and information about the university. You may reserve your personal copy when your Harris representative calls.

Alumni Weekend • October 25-28

Honor Classes: 1956, 1976 and years ending in "1".

Weekend speakers:

R. Lynn Sauls, '56, Vespers—Friday, 8 p.m., Church.

Carla Gober, '81, Sanctuary worship—Sabbath, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Church.

Chico Cotta, '71, The Third worship—Sabbath, 10:15 a.m., Iles P.E. Center.

Special Events:

Alumni Banquet—Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Fifty-year class members honored.

Southern Golf Classic—Friday, 7:30 a.m., The Bear Trace. Two person select shot tournament at a Jack Nicklaus signature course.

Past and present faculty and staff honored—Sabbath afternoon. Be sure to attend this memorable program of music and the spoken word honoring past and present presidents and the employees who served with them. Long-time music department chair Dr. Marvin Robertson is designing a musical program by Southern faculty.

Southern Revue—Saturday, 8 p.m., Iles Physical Education Center. This showcase of Southern talent is sure to entertain you. You'll enjoy a broad mix of music and skits performed by alumni, faculty and students.

For more information log on to alumni.southern.edu

Southern awards second honorary doctorate

Martin Nash of Nashville, Tennessee, received an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree—the second ever awarded in Southern's history—during commencement on May 13.

"Our decision to honor him was not so much because of what he has done for us, but rather to recognize the great value of what he has done for higher education in Tennessee," said George Babcock, senior

vice president for academic administration.

In 1997, Orlo Gilbert, conductor of Southern's Symphony Orchestra, received the first honorary doctorate degree. Although some universities award honorary degrees annually, Southern has chosen to be selective.

"We want it to be very significant," Babcock said.



Students participate in Community Service Day

About 375 Southern students painted and cleaned in the Chattanooga area during the university's annual Community Service Day.

Students were involved in many activities such as cleaning a playground at the Children's Home-Chambliss Shelter, mulching trails for the Chattanooga Audubon Society and visiting residents of a senior living center. "The day went well," said Carrie Garlick, Student Association public relations director. "I heard positive feedback from the different locations and the students."

About 30 students visited the Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department. The tasks the students accomplished included assisting at the Warner Park Zoo, helping kids at an art camp and preparing a summer camp booklet.

"The students did an excellent job; they

were very cooperative and didn't hesitate to help when needed," said Cynthia Smith-Perkins, programming management coordinator at Chattanooga Parks and Recreation.

April Schmiede, junior engineering major, said she enjoyed visiting the art camp.

"I had fun working with the little kids," Schmiede said. "I had a few kids that didn't want to let me go."

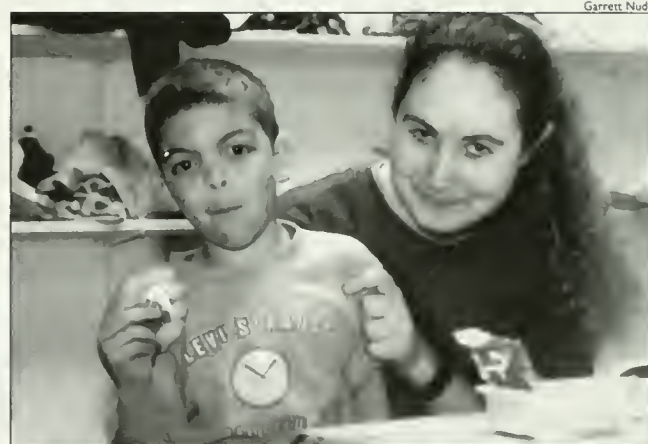
The students signed up for Community Service Day online and had the choice of volunteering at more than 45 local venues.

Dioxi Martinez, senior wellness major, also enjoyed the opportunity to help. Martinez helped with housecleaning and yard work at the house of Ron Clouzet, the dean of Southern's School of Religion, who was recovering from a bout with malaria.

"It was a very satisfying experience to

do something for someone that couldn't do it for themselves," Martinez said.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency was the major sponsor of the event, providing volunteers with matching blue t-shirts while they worked.



Student accepted to fine art institution

The School of Visual Art and Design at Southern continues to prepare students for graduate school and beyond, evident by the fact that Marta Grentz, a recent art graduate, received a fellowship from and has been accepted at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. Grentz is pursuing a master's of fine arts in painting and was one of just 12 students selected from about 200 applicants for Savannah's Fine Arts Program in Painting. Grentz was also awarded a fellowship worth \$10,000 over

three years at Savannah based on her outstanding portfolio. Grentz has not committed to attending Savannah yet.

Regardless of Grentz's decision, Wayne Hazen, dean of the School of Visual Art and Design, is pleased with the results.

"We feel this award establishes Southern as a valid school to feed into a graduate setting," Hazen said.

Grentz is the first Southern graduate to complete her bachelor's of fine art with an emphasis in painting in the school's fourth

year of offering the program.

"Our classes are teaching us what we need to know to get in to graduate school," said Grentz, who described her artwork as reflecting the relationships between people.

The School of Visual Art and Design offers 11 different degrees, including four bachelors' of art and five bachelors' of science in specialties such as character animation, graphic design and cinematography.

McClarty authored adult Sabbath School lessons

The General Conference Adult Sabbath School Lessons for April through June 2001 contained a Southern touch.

Wilma McClarty, chair of the English department, authored the adult quarterly titled "Bible Biographies: Actors in the Drama Called Planet Earth."

"I've had a lifelong romance with biog-

raphy as a literary genre," said McClarty, who has presented professionally in the area of Biblical literature, including entries in the last six women's devotional books published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The quarterly's lessons focused on groups of biblical characters, and McClarty clustered characters that had similar relationships or circumstances. The quarterly contains titles such as "Wives as Advisors," which includes entries about Esther and Abigail; "Sibling Rivalries," which features notables such as brothers Cain and Abel and sisters Mary and Martha; and "Martyrs and Their Murderers," with lessons covering John the Baptist and Stephen.

Phillip Samaan, a professor in the School of Religion, authored the adult quarterly before coming to Southern in 1998, and he originally asked McClarty to

undertake the responsibility.

"McClarty is eminently qualified to address the important subject of great biographies in the Bible," Samaan said. "She's a good writer that readers can understand, and as a woman author, she brings balance." About 11 million people worldwide receive the adult quarterly, according to McClarty.

"I appreciated the opportunity to write for a large audience which would include former students," McClarty said. "My students might enjoy seeing that their former English teacher practiced the craft she taught!"

McClarty said she received "enthusiastic support and encouragement" to write the lessons from George Babcock, vice president of academic administration, and from her late husband, Jack McClarty, to whom she dedicated the lessons.



WSMC executive awarded scholarship

Diana Fish, director of development for WSMC, has been awarded the PRADO scholarship for her expertise in promoting public radio. The scholarship earns Fish an all-expense paid trip to the Public Radio Development Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, later this year.

The scholarship committee commended Fish for her "hard work and commitment

to public radio." For the last five years, Fish has headed up the classical station's underwriting department. In May, she was promoted over all development operations including membership.

WSMC 90.5, located on Southern's campus, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. It is one of the oldest non-commercial FM radio stations in Tennessee.

Stephen Ruf, professor of journalism, is currently serving as the interim station manager for the radio station. Since coming on board Ruf has been actively involved in training new announcers and filling staff positions. He has worked closely with WSMC staff on modifying the station's morning format and improving the quality of news production.

Students "Meet the Firms"

Students spent the afternoon of March 26 in the dining hall meeting and mingling with Chattanooga business leaders as part of Meet the Firms. The program was jointly hosted by the Schools of Business and Management, Computing, Journalism and Communication, and Visual Art and Design.

The purpose of Meet the Firms was to establish contact and heighten awareness between potential employers and Southern students. This connection encouraged potential community employers to educate students about their businesses and hiring

practices, recruit future employees and interns and mentor students.

Meet the Firms gave Southern students the opportunity to investigate job and internship positions, obtain career information and practice their interviewing and networking skills.



Who Was Your Favorite?

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Student elected post commander for local VFW

Southern student Brad Hyden has been elected to serve as post commander for the local VFW Post 1697.

"I was shocked and overwhelmed," said Hyden, a senior theology major who is also president of Southern's Christian Veterans Association.

At age 33, Hyden is the second-youngest post member. That did not deter his nomination; in fact, it influenced some post members in a positive way.

"This post needs some young blood to get it going," said member Charles Whidden, a former post commander who is also a Collegedale City commissioner.

Phil Garver, junior vice commander of the VFW, is excited about the selection.

"Hyden is committed and a good communicator. He'll do a great job," said Garver, also the dean of the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness at Southern Adventist University.

Hyden said his goals for the upcoming year include increasing membership and raising public awareness of the unit.

The VFW is the oldest major veteran organization in America. There are about 2 million VFW members who have fought in U.S. wars and participated in registered combat zones.

Hyden served in the Persian Gulf from August 1990 to April 1991. The local VFW of about 40 members participates in community service and provides fellowship for combat veterans.

"The responsibility is humbling," Hyden said. "I pray that God gives me the strength and knowledge to do a good job."

David Warden, senior mass communication major at Southern, was elected to serve as the senior vice commander of the local VFW. Like Hyden, Warden served in the Persian Gulf.

This past school year Warden served as Southern's student association president.

Think back to your time at Southern. Think about homework, lectures and class projects. Think about professors. Was there a special faculty or staff member who, in your mind, stood out above the rest? Were they your role model or mentor? Did they take a special interest in your academic development? Did they lead you into a closer relationship with God?

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Dr. Lynn Sauls~

I've been teaching journalism for three years now, and at the beginning of the semester I always make time to talk about my favorite teacher—the one who made journalism come alive for me.

I always make a point to tell my students about your white hair, your plaid sports jackets and how one year you even acted the part of Dr. Emmett Brown in a parody of *Back to the Future* for Strawberry Festival. I tell them how at the end of a semester, you would collect exam passes as if they were tickets and you were the ringmaster of a visiting circus. I often sat in class imagining you wearing a red coat, white pants, black boots and top hat while yelling, "Come on down! The big show is right here!"

And I often start my first class session describing the first day of the first class I took from you: I tell my students how you paced back and forth across the front of the room, telling us about your divorce. How hard it was, but how, in the end, you just had to do it—you divorced English for journalism.

I finally finished my master's degree. The experience gave me the opportunity to observe several good and bad teachers over the last two years. Whether I like them or not, I find a part of these teachers always creeps into my classroom. One teacher that I despised—he was such an odd little man!—came into every class and wrote on the board "Today's Agenda." Underneath he would list the tasks we were going to accomplish together during the period. Somehow I find myself doing the same thing when I walk into my classes.

A bad experience in an editing class taught me that I wanted to be a writing coach, not merely a red-pen-wielding harpy. A good experience with a man who is a prolific academic writer taught me not to shy away from a scholarly examination of journalism in my own classroom. Another teacher who never called me by name taught me to learn student names early and to get to know them as people. A jovial teacher who brought his digital camera to class and snapped pictures of us reminded me to laugh with my students and to be proud of them.

You'd probably laugh if you found out what I read to my students. Remember David Finkel's profile of the boat captain who ran into the Sunshine Skyway? You read it to us in magazine writing class. Or how about "The Angels," from Tome Wolfe's *The Right Stuff*? Sometimes I try to imitate your falsetto reading of the women's phone voices.

Do you remember me crying in your office the first semester of my freshman year? I was so intimidated by the loud (and looking back on it, sometimes uninformed and bombastic) pronouncements of my senior classmates in Media and the Election class. That same semester I began working for you. I remember you leaving piles of photocopying for me to find in the morning...all with notes attached on which you'd written "Help!" and drawn frazzled smiley faces.

I remember being mad at a classmate because he blamed his bad writing grade on you...not on his own laziness to learn. And I recall how one terribly tight Christmas, you paid me too much money to teach you and Mrs. Sauls how to use the new Macintosh computers in our journalism lab.

Each one of these memories holds an example for me, as a teacher and as a person. I want to thank you for these lessons, and for sharing yourself, your vision, creativity and sense of humor.

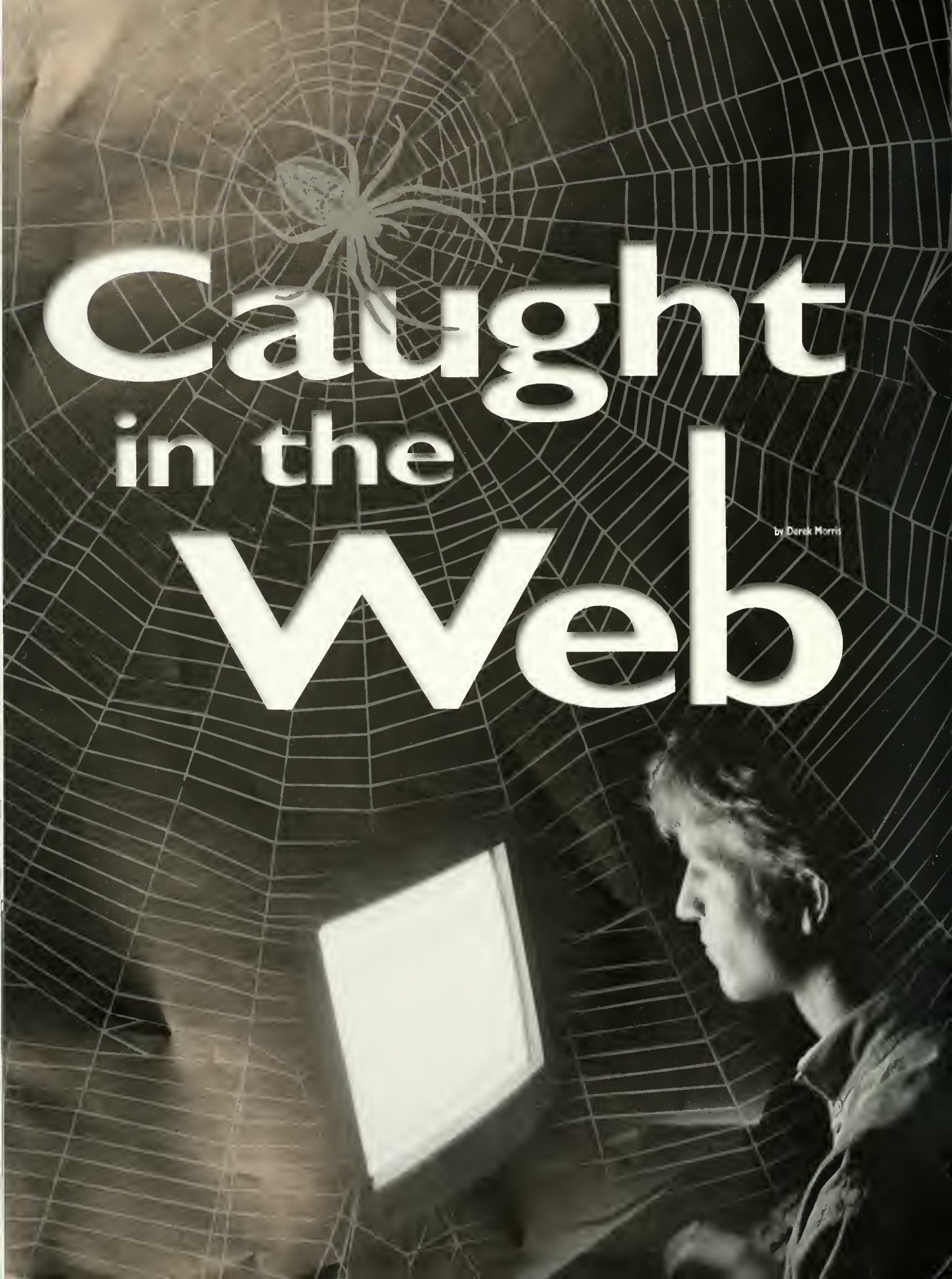
After three years of teaching, I am discovering a different meaning to these lessons. As a teacher, how was it that you stayed so fresh? So young? How did you share so much of yourself, while still making it clear to students that you expected professionalism? How was it that you treated students with respect, even though they didn't always treat you the same?

This last semester has been a tough one. I've stretched myself too thin finishing my degree and working a part-time job to stay fresh in my field. On the good days, I walk out of the classroom, knowing that I am meant for this profession. And other days—oh...the pain of these days!—I wonder what could have ever convinced me that I was good at this job. In my heart, I know this is something most teachers experience at one point or another.

In fact, a little part of me rejoices at the chance for self-examination that a period like this brings. It leads me to small discoveries, like finding the need to thank you for persevering through the discouraging times you had as a teacher. And discovering that I want to thank you for being such an influence in my life—and through me influencing the lives of my students.

Memories of you seep through constantly...every time I step into a classroom, every time I remember the kind of teacher I'd like to be. Thank you.

~Stacy Spalding, '96



Caught in the Web

by Derek Morris

According to *US News and World Report* about 144 million

Americans are plugged into cyberspace. Not only has the Internet revolutionized the way we communicate, entertain and learn, it has also forever changed the way we shop, socialize and conduct business. But current research shows some troubling facts about the Internet. First of all, Internet usage is addictive. Respondents to an online survey on behavior patterns associated with the Internet indicated that 17 percent of them used the Internet more than 40 hours per week for non-academic, non-employment-related purposes. Fifty-eight percent said that others had complained about their excessive Internet usage, and 46 percent indicated getting less than four hours of sleep each night due to late night sessions. Is it any wonder the survey respondents report poor grade performance, discord among couples, and reduced work performance?

Kimberly Young, in a paper presented to the American Psychological Association in 1997, titled "What Makes the Internet Addictive?" noted that 83 percent of addicts had been online for less than one year. Apparently, new users are particularly susceptible to pathological Internet usage.

To make matters worse, investigators report that "the amount of bad stuff out there is truly staggering." Pornography, predators, rigged auctions, viruses and adoption scams are just a portion of the list that looks like a Who's Who of evil. Just to illustrate how toxic the Internet can be, CyberAngels, an organization that assists victims of Internet crimes, receives 650 online stalking complaints every day. You wouldn't let your child stroll down a street full of stalkers, would you? Unfortunately, we let our loved ones stroll aimlessly through cyberspace, and all too often, we lead the way. With such a massive force facing each of us as individuals, challenging our families and shaking our culture, Christians need to take a careful and prayerful look at how the Internet is impacting their lives.

I would like to address three important questions: What are some of the ways that people are being caught in the Web? Why is it so easy to be caught in the Web? And finally, how can a person become disentangled from the Web? Or better yet, avoid becoming entangled in the first place?

QUESTION ONE

What are some of the ways that people are being caught in the Web?

Sexually Explicit Material

A major snare laid by the enemy is the prevalence of sexually explicit material. A recent survey of 9,000 Internet users revealed that one percent identified themselves as cybersex compulsives, and 17 percent recognized significant problems related to sexually explicit material on the Internet. At first glance these numbers do not sound very alarming, but when you remember that an estimated 144 million Americans log on to the Internet, the implications are staggering. Perhaps as many as 1.4 million Internet users are cybersex compulsives. And as many as 24 million are caught in the Web as a result of the prevalence of sexually explicit material.

Kevin, a hospital security guard in northern Idaho, was one such person. According to Kevin, he discovered online pornography purely by accident. But each time he thought he had seen it all, he was snared by new sexually explicit material. When he was at home, Kevin was always online, with the door closed. Even at work he would use his security key to get into the hospital library and indulge his addiction. Sometimes he would spend his entire eight-hour shift in front of the computer looking at pornography. Finally, he was caught after the hospital installed hidden cameras and software that recorded Kevin's every mouse click. Now he is under constant monitoring by his wife and boss.

"I think I can make it," Kevin says, but he admits that without some accountability, "I'll head straight back to that computer." Kevin was caught in the Web by sexually explicit material and he is not the only one.

Online Interactive Games

A second way that people are being caught in the Web is through Web-based games. According to a company called Websense, there are currently about

19,000 gaming sites. That's a 50 percent increase in the last six months, and according to *US News and World Report*, an estimated 40 million Americans are visiting these gaming sites. One of the most popular gaming sites is pogo.com. More than 1 million Internet users visit this site every month, logging a total of more than 22 million hours each month. And according to their Web site, there are 30,000 new member registrations every day.

Granted, there is nothing wrong with a little relaxation occasionally, but what's troubling is that the average pogo.com visit lasts for nearly 60 minutes. Even more troubling is that the Nielsen Netratings discovered that many of the visits came from workplaces during business hours with an average play-time of 2 hours and 34 minutes. Let's hope workers were not playing the whole time, but only when the boss wasn't looking.

One gaming site, *ishouldbeworking.com* has installed a panic button that a player can hit and immediately be transferred to a page of business news. What does that teach us about integrity and hard work? David Greenfield, a psychologist and author of *Virtual Addiction*, suggests that "some of these games are so addictive they should have warning labels."

Someone should have warned Adam Hathcock. He became so addicted to a Web-based game called DOOM that he

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completely lost touch with the real world. He would stare at the computer screen so long that he actually stopped blinking. But he would keep playing anyway, with tears streaming down his face. He was caught in the Web.

Online Gambling

A third way that people are being caught in the Web is through online gambling. The number of online casinos has increased in the last year from 160 to more than 1,000. Online casinos have become a one billion dollar business. And with no monitoring or regulations, compulsive gamblers have no upper limit to what they can

lose, and the downward spiral in their addiction can be much quicker and more severe.

Many people think that they are exempt from such addictions because they don't gamble. But online gambling can take many forms. For many, online stock trading has become an addiction. Paul Good, a San Francisco psychologist, suggests that "as markets become more treacherous, people begin to see that they are really gambling." Good runs a gambling recovery program and specializes in stock-market addictions.

It's a recovery program for people like Howard. His story was told in a recent issue of *US News and World Report*. Howard borrowed \$45,000 from his new company and invested in stocks, hoping to generate some cash for his business. His first trade: 4,000 shares in eToys, which he dumped after 10 minutes, making a \$4,000 gain.

From that time forward, Howard spent eight hours a day, hunched over his computer, cruising investment

happened so unbelievably fast," Howard said. "I got sucked into believing."

Even online auctions, like eBay, can be an addictive form of online gambling. There are currently 5 million items for sale on eBay. People spend hours checking for new deals and bidding on items that they don't need and can't afford.

The list of ways to get caught in the Web could go on and on. In this article I've only mentioned a few: sexually explicit material, Web-based games and online gambling.

QUESTION TWO

Why is it so easy to get caught in the Web?
Let me suggest three reasons why it is so easy to get caught in the Web: accessibility, affordability and anonymity.

Accessibility

Recent statistics show a constant increase in the number of Americans that have access to the Internet.

And the increase in accessibility is not confined to people's homes. In 1994, only one out of three schools, and three percent of classrooms were wired for the Internet. Today, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, 95 percent of schools and 63 percent of classrooms have Internet access. These figures do not even include public libraries, which make the Internet easily accessible.

Affordability

Not only is the Internet accessible, it is affordable. Just this week I saw an offer for 1000 hours of Internet access FREE. But don't worry, they'll get your money later. And you'll pay in other ways too.

Some companies will actually pay you to use the Internet if you carry their banners. If you are willing to be bombarded by constant advertising you can actually make

money while you're online. That's cheaper than free.

Other companies will give you large rebates when buying a computer if you sign up with their Internet service for three full years. The offers even make it sound like the computer is almost free.

Not only is access free, most sites on the Internet are free as well. When pogo.com charged gamers \$9.95 per month to visit their site, they had 30,000 registered game players. Now that access to their site is free they have more than 9 million users and the numbers increase by 30,000 every day.

Anonymity

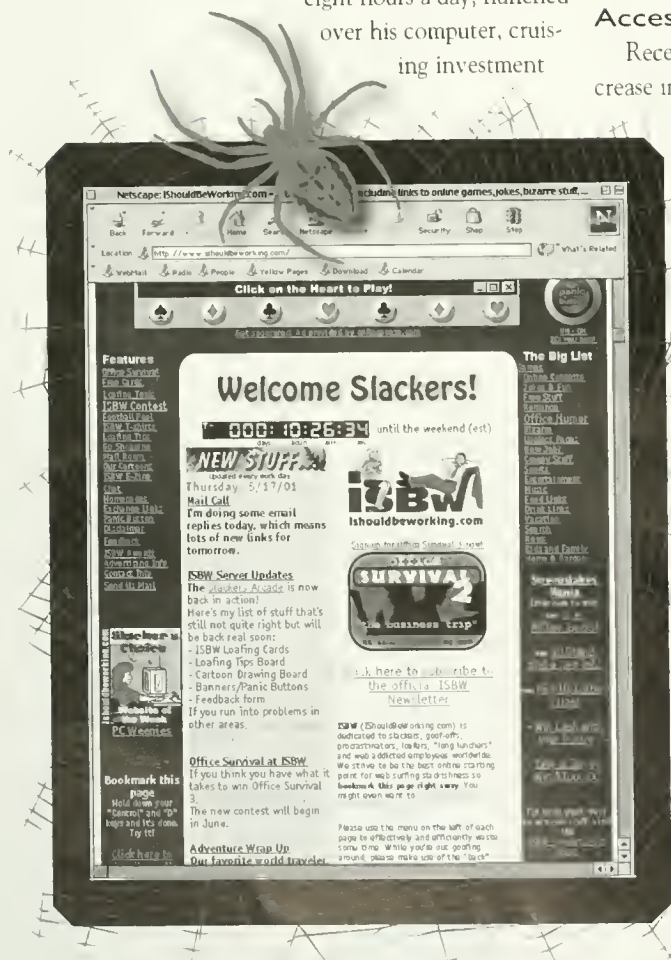
In a survey conducted by a psychologist regarding addiction to the Internet, 83 percent of those who responded stated that anonymity made their Internet usage even more addictive. People think they can express their thoughts and feelings without any moral constraint or consequences, or to put it in Biblical terms, they think that they can sin without a judgement.

When the pastor of Faith United Church of Christ in State College, Pennsylvania, got online and solicited sex from a 14-year-old boy in New Jersey, he simply identified himself as BillSC635. I won't quote any of the pastor's online comments because they are crude and sexually explicit. But he certainly would not have made those comments in public, or to an individual who knew him as the pastor from the local church.

The pastor hid behind the cloak of anonymity until he scheduled a rendezvous with the 14-year-old boy from New Jersey at a restaurant just across the state line. When the pastor arrived he found an undercover FBI agent. BillSC635 is currently awaiting trial and had been placed under house arrest on a \$100,000 bond. His true identity caught up with him, but he got caught in the Web because of the lure of anonymity.

It's so easy to get caught in the Web because of its accessibility, affordability and anonymity. But as we have already discovered, there's a lot of toxic material out there just waiting to trap net-users, which brings us to the third question.

chat rooms and compulsively rapping the enter key to update stock quotes. But when the market took a tumble, he frantically traded his account into oblivion. "It all



QUESTION THREE

How can a person become disentangled from the Web? Or better yet, how can a person avoid becoming entangled in the Web?

Recognize the Existing Problem

No behavior change occurs until a person recognizes that there is a problem. So what are some of the indicators that there is a problem with an individual's Internet usage? Ask yourself the following questions:

- How many hours are you spending online each week?
- What sites are you visiting?
- Is your Internet usage having a negative effect on your home life, your relationships with friends, your work or your relationship with God?
- Do you cover up or lie about the sites you visit or the frequency of your Internet usage?
- Do you ever go back to, or visit specific sites after promising yourself you would not?

Learn the difference between healthy and unhealthy Internet usage. Healthy usage of the Internet is primarily for gathering information and maintaining pre-existing relationships through electronic communication. Unhealthy usage, however, focuses on a search for social support, sexual fulfillment and creating a persona that is different from reality.

Take Radical Steps

Take an honest look at your Internet usage and if you recognize a problem, the second strategy is to take radical steps to distance yourself from the problem. Let me suggest three radical steps:

First, install an Internet filter. These filters allow you to intentionally prevent exposure to objectionable material. You can even restrict the hours that a person can have access to the Internet. Filters such as Cybersitter, Net Nanny and Cyberpatrol can be updated regularly and not only provide protection for you as an individual but also for your entire family.

Second, find an accountability partner. When Jesus sent the apostles out two by two, He not only did so for their encour-

agement and protection, but also as a defense against temptation. It is a definite discouragement against sin when a Christian brother or sister is standing by your side. However, if you start lying to your accountability partner, you must take the third radical step.

Third, disconnect from the Internet. I know some people believe that life cannot possibly be lived without access to the Internet. But let me assure you, it is possible. It was possible 10 years ago and is still possible today.

When discussing the temptation to commit adultery or look lustfully at a woman, Jesus put it this way: "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:29-30).

Now, I realize that Jesus is using a hyperbole, an exaggeration for effect. He does not mean to literally pluck out an eye or cut off a hand. But He is calling for a radical response. If Jesus was addressing the topic of Internet usage today, I have no doubt that He would say, "If the Internet causes you to sin, disconnect. For it is more profitable for you that your access to cyberspace be severed, than for your whole body to be cast into hell."

Replace Behavior

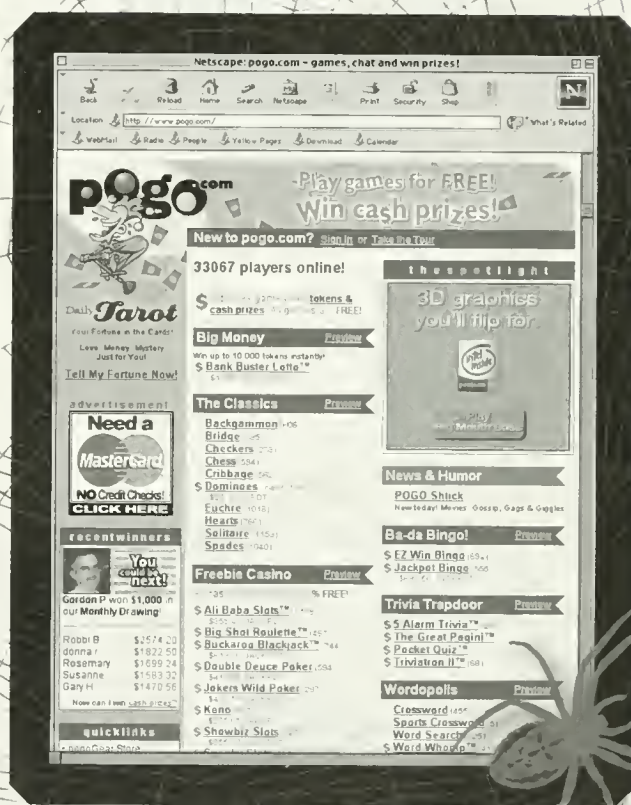
Another important strategy is to replace the old destructive behavior with a new constructive behavior. If you simply unplug your computer and stare at the blank screen you will eventually turn it back on again.

If you can work within the healthy boundaries of an Internet filter and an accountability partner, then use the resources of the Internet in a purposeful way. Only log on to the Internet with a specific

meaningful task in mind. Reject the temptation to merely "surf the Internet." You already know what's out there, and you don't need to fill your mind with toxic material.

Always remember two important principles for behavior change found in the Word of God. First, forget what is behind; don't focus on the sins of the past (Phil 3:13). Secondly, focus on Jesus and all that is good (Heb 12:1-2, Phil 4:8). It's still true, that by beholding we become changed, and the Internet is no exception.

There is no one more worthy to receive our total attention than Jesus. We need to fix our eyes upon Him, look full in His



wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

When you apply those Biblical principles, forget what is behind and focus on Jesus, you can experience freedom and joy even as you live in the midst of the Internet generation. It's a sure way to avoid being caught in the Web. ☞

To learn more about overcoming Internet addictions visit the American Cassette Ministries website at www.americancassette.org or email the author at dmorris@southern.edu

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Charlie Boykin, '29, passed away on March 11. His wife, Helen (Watts), died March 9, 2000. They fell in love during college. After Charlie graduated, they left for Jackson, Mississippi, to do literature evangelism and later traveled as missionaries to India where children, Joyce, Billy and Virginia, were born. In the 70s, the Boykins settled in Seattle, Washington. Charlie is remembered for his positive attitude, friendliness and love of fishing.



physical therapist; Steven, a radiologist; and Cheryl Evard, a registered nurse.

Grace (Schneider) Holverstott, '44 and '47, married husband Charles on October 22, 1995, and moved to Elligay, Georgia.

Margie (Futch), '46-'47, and Bob Bird, '45-'46, live in Zolfo Springs, Florida, and attend the local SDA church. They have two children, six grandchildren and are active in their local pathfinder club. This summer they will work with the Corps of Engineers at the Allatoona Dam, near Atlanta.

Ruth (Snide) Sandin, '46-'48, lives in Napa, California. Although saddened by her husband's death in May 2000, Ruth celebrates the lives of her three children and grandchildren. Her son, Derek, is a registered nurse in California; her daughter, Arnt, married a teacher and lives in Washington; her son, Scott, works at Saint Helena Hospital.

Ben, '49, and Ann (Morgan) Wheeler, '46, retired from ministry in 1992, having spent almost 30 years in African mission work. They are now helping plant a church near Clemson View, South Carolina. Ben volunteers for bibleinfo.com. In their free time, they collect fossils.

Catherine (Fox) Mizelle, '42, calls Warrington, Pennsylvania her home. Catherine has two daughters, six grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Evelyn (Shivers) Haskell, '41, lives with her Shih Tzu in New Market, Virginia. She taught elementary school for 13 years in Virginia, Michigan and North Carolina and remembers fondly her years living in the women's dormitory at Southern.

Ervin, '48, and Eleanor Jean (Spencer) Stewart, '48, are proud of their family. Their son, Richard, '68, and his wife, Ann (Sample), '68, granddaughter, Melissa (Green), '89, and her husband, Christopher Weddle, '87, all attended Southern. Melissa teaches at Spalding Elementary, where the Stewarts' two great-grandchildren attend.

O.R., '47, and Mary (Riley) Henderson, '45, are retired and staying active in Avon Park, Florida.

Sarah (Conger) Cushing, '44, and her husband, Arthur, have celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have five children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sarah is a registered nurse supervisor at a nursing home, and Arthur takes care of the apartments he built.

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Harold Flynt, '50, and his wife, Emma, have been married for 55 years and live in Jacksonville, Florida. Harold just celebrated his 80th birthday.

William, '55, and June (Phillips) Severs, '50-'52, live in Orlando, Florida, and have two daughters, Marti and Marilyn. Since he retired from practicing dentistry, they travel extensively. When not traveling, they attend the Markam Woods SDA Church.

Peter Durichek, '57, and his wife, Phyllis, live in Paris, Texas, and enjoy the local trees and birds. Peter teaches in a small one-room school and tutors. Peter and Phyllis enjoy traveling. Recent trips include England, Jamaica and the Holy Land.

Elden Wilson, '54, and his wife, Thelma, are retired and live in Cleveland, Tennessee. After leaving Southern, Elden and Thelma worked 32 years for the church as a pastor and teacher, respectively. They now garden and assist church projects.

Florence and Chauncey Laubach, '51, taught in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Florida church schools for many years. He was also a literature evangelist. The couple live in Avon Park, Florida.

Jamile, '51, and Lois (Heiser) Jacobs, live in Avon Park, Florida. Lois was a professor of home economics at Southern from 1945 to 1951. They enjoy spending time with their family.

Burt, '53, and Dottie (Parker) Keppler, '51, try to participate in one or two mission trips a year. Their recent destination was the Solomon Islands, where they performed general medicine and electrical maintenance. The couple lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina, near their son and his family.

Koy Brown, '53, and his wife, Ina, have been living in Napa, California, for 31 years. Koy is retired and spends time in volunteer work and keeping their house in a "livable condition."

Wayne Taylor, '56, says that he is not ready to retire yet. He stays busy as president of Healthcare Excess Liability Management (California) and of Adhealth, Ltd. (Bermuda). Both institutions are owned by Adventist health care organizations in the United States. He has also written a book, *Lighthearted Devotions for Happy Christians*. Wayne and his wife, Marlite, live in Roseville, California.

Harry, '53, and Berneice (Johnson) Hulsey, '40-'42, have lived in the Collegedale area since 1996. The couple have four daughters, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Although Berneice is retired, Harry is manager of several local commercial real estate properties.

Bob Catron, '58-'59, married Linda in 1967. Bob retired in 1998 but is a part time security officer at Florida Power. The Catrons are members of the Walker Memorial Church in Avon Park, Florida.

James, '53, and Gladys Nick, '49, have taught throughout the U. S. and Guam. They retired in Elverta, California, near their daughter and her family. They still travel helping Maranatha.

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Thurmon Clayton Petty, Sr., '36, was saddened by his wife's passing four years ago. He lives with his son, Thurmon Jr., who is a retired minister. Thurmon Sr. is active and has many warm memories of Southern. He turned 90 in June.

James Thomas Hall, '34, died July 2, 2000, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Born in rural Georgia, he dropped out of seventh grade to help on the family farm and came to Collegedale at age 21 to begin high school. He worked his entire way at jobs such as driving the bakery truck and firing the boiler. He was still vigorous at 95. He is survived by sons David, '57; Donald, '61; daughter Marcille Rasmussen, '61-'65; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Caroline (Keppler) Martin, '46, and her husband, Ronald, live in Avon Park, Florida. She was thrilled to have five grandchildren in Collegedale this past year: Marga Kerr, Ruthie Kerr-Gray, Hawk Kerr, Robyn Kerr and Rachelle Kerr.

Mildred (Berggren) Kreger, '47, misses her husband, Alfred. He passed away in January 2000.

Verne Dortch, '45, retired from practicing dentistry in 1991 and lives on a farm near Calhoun, Georgia. He and his wife have a daughter and five sons. Verne is an active member of local dental organizations and still enjoys flying airplanes.

Elaine (Williams) Berrett, '43, and her husband Roy live in San Diego, California. Roy has retired after 48 years of practicing medicine. The two travel and enjoy their two grandchildren. The Berretts have three children: Cynthia Cramer, a

Olavi "Odie," '55, and Carolyn (Haines) Weir, '55, live in Angwin, California. Odie has retired from teaching academy science and math.

Robert, '53, and LaVerne (Hughes) Northrup, '53, have retired, but Robert helps his previous job each year during tax season. LaVerne teaches art to elementary school students two days a month and last year held an art show featuring watercolor. The Northrups travel but most enjoy keeping busy at home. They have celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Richard Shepard, '55, retired from pastoring, but still works part time for the Florida Conference as religious liberty director, liaison for the disabilities ministries and coordinator for retired workers programs. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

William Jones, '52, retired in 1996. He coordinates the exhibits for the ASI national conventions and serves as field representative for *Faith for Today*. William enjoys traveling, cruises and golf, which he said is the "outdoor blessing of Florida."

Thomas E. Bullock, '50, retired last year after practicing general medicine for 35 years in South Dayton. He lives in Port Orange, Florida.

Bob Jobe, '57, works in sales and photography for an agency that produces health care brochures. Bob lives in Arlington, Texas.

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James, '68, and Nancy (Hopwood) Brenneman, '69, live in Dayton, Tennessee, where James is in his second year of teaching high school history and English. James wrote his own looseleaf notebooks to assist his teaching. Their daughter, **Annette Thrower,** has a son, Jonathan, age 2.

Ralph Hendershot, '62, of Collegedale took a government-sanctioned trip to Havana, Cuba, in May 2000, the first cultural trip there in over 40 years.

Steve Patrick, '68, lives in Apopka, Florida, and was recently named the central Florida stamp club's "Sparkplug of the Year." He volunteers at the Orange County Regional Historic Center and has completed 28 years of teaching history at Forest Lake Academy.

Paul Viar, '67, and his wife, Sue, live in Orlando. As an associate professor at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, he teaches four classes, including Anatomy & Physiology and General Biology, and creates videos for distance learning on the Internet. Their daughter, Angela, is a nursing major at Florida Hospital College. Their son, Jeffery, and his wife, **Angela (Debias),** have two children.

Joe Travis, '60, and his wife, Aline, have two children, Angela and Jody, and four grandchildren.

She is in her 18th year at Atlanta Adventist Academy, currently as registrar. Joe enjoys playing golf.

Elaine (English) Myers, '66, recently earned a "gifted endorsement" to teach in the gifted elementary program in Virginia Beach. She is working on obtaining certification in Family Life from Andrews University. Elaine's husband, Don, is an electrical engineer and works for the Navy-SPA WAR and is lay pastor for the Chesapeake SDA Church. They have a son, **Paul, '01.**



Arne Klingstrand, '60, is 89 years old and has recently preached in the Greely Hills Church.

David Myers, '64, works part time with the Audubon Area Community Services and grades Discover Bible School lessons for the local church. He lives in Olaton, Kentucky.

Rose (Melba) Cavanaugh, '65-'67, works at an Atlanta-based radiology billing service as a cooling supervisor. She has two sons in the Marine Corp: Brice is stationed in Washington D.C. and Steve is in Japan. Rose lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

John Schmidt, staff '59-'63, was Southern's food service director. His wife, **Catherine (Kitty),** was employed at McKee Baking Company. Since John retired in 1980, he and Kitty have volunteered on more than 46 humanitarian projects in the U.S. and abroad. The couple have celebrated 60 years of marriage and have four children, four grandsons, and two great-grandsons.



Lewis Hendershot, '68, is the Florida Conference president. Previously, he served as the vice president for administration and pastoral personnel.

John Newbern, '66, is thrilled to be the pastor of a thriving church in Melbourne, Florida. His oldest son plans to attend Southern this fall.

Betty (Hernoud), '60-'62, and Marshall Mitchell, '66, recently traveled with their son, Philip, and students from his school to Sonora, Mexico, to construct a church. Philip is teacher and principal at a church school in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Cheryl (Camara) Murphy, '73, is employed in Florida's Orange County school system as a school nurse for special education students. Cheryl and her husband, **Bill, '67,** have two children at Southern: Mark, a business major, and Rebecca, a music major.

Brenda (Smith) Garza, '74, is a registered nurse and dietitian working full time at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, Florida, as manager of health education. She and her husband, Carlos, live in Avon Park, Florida. They have three teens: Sonrisa, 18; Jonathan, 16; and Benjamin, 14.

Tim '78, and Cheryl (Gilbertson) Bair, '79-'80, live in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Tim is vice president of student services at Forest Lake Academy. He previously spent 15 years at Spring Valley Academy in Ohio. Cheryl does freelance writing. She had been the development director at SVA.

Eager, '74-'79, and Clara (Wisdom) Kelly, '74-'75, live in Gaston, Oregon, and teach "Parenting with Love and Logic" classes. Eager is a computer programmer. The couple has four children: Dan, who was recently married; Aaron, who just graduated from Laurelwood Academy; David, 13, who is looking forward to academy next year; and Stephen, 11, who is in the sixth grade.

Marie (Gow) Maldonado, '73, taught nursing in Puerto Rico and at Loma Linda University before returning to school for her master's degree. Marie is a family nurse practitioner, providing medical care for Hispanic clients who don't have access to medical care due to finances or language barriers. Marie and her husband, Angel, live in Eugene, Oregon, and have a 14-year-old son, Jonathan.

Janice (Williams) Carlson, '76, and her husband, Gary, recently moved from Florida to Fletcher Academy in North Carolina. Janice works in the operating room at Park Ridge Hospital. Gary is an administrator for Park Ridge Home Health. Their daughter, Kirsten, is a freshman at Southern, and their son, Andy, is a freshman at Fletcher Academy.

Rick, '71, and Nancy (Blow) Howell, '71, enjoy country living in Newnan, Georgia. Rick owns his business, C.P. Howell & Associates, and is a manufacturer's representative. Nancy retired from nursing in 1999, after 28 years, to help Rick with the business. Their son, **Rob, '95,** is director of public relations at Southern. Rob and his wife, **Angi, '95,** have a daughter, Ashlyn, 1. Rick and Nancy are proud grandparents. Their daughter, Julie, and her husband, Ted, live in Chattanooga, where Julie recently finished a degree in social work at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Sharon (Wentzelman) Robberson, '71, lives in Darien, Illinois, and serves as the assistant director of Adventist-Laymen's Services & Industries. Sharon continues to homeschool her daughter, Marla, who plans to attend Southern.

Susan (Diener) Wilkinson, '73, teaches grades 3-5 at the church school in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Her husband, Paul, works at the Review & Herald Publishing Association. Their daughter, Wendy, is a sophomore at Highland View Academy.

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in Hagerstown, Maryland. Their son, Benjamin, is a first grader at Berkeley Springs. The Wilkinsons are renovating their 20-acre homestead built in 1876 in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania.

Darlene (Trotter) Rogers, '78, and her husband, Mike, recently moved to Collegedale. Darlene works at Memorial Hospital in the intensive care unit as a registered nurse. Mike is a full-time nursing student. The couple has two daughters: Mandy, a freshman at Collegedale Academy, and Angie, a third grader at Spalding Elementary.

Mitchell, '73, and **Evelyn (Chapman) Nicholaides**, '74, live in Fletcher, North Carolina. Their daughter, Rebekah, leads the kindergarten Sabbath School division at the Fletcher Church.

Gary Tolbert, '77, and his wife, Malia, live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Gary is the senior pastor of the Fletcher SDA Church. Malia is a registered nurse working for local doctors. They have two sons: Matthew, '01, and David.

Mary "Jackie" Mason, '72-'74, lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and is a computer software instructor.

Suzanne (Davis) Hayes, '75, and her husband, Farrell, have twins, Veronica and Thomas, 3; and a son, William, 1. When the twins were born, Suzanne retired from working as a CPA to be a full-time mom. She still has time to practice her golf swing. They live in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

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Michelle (Combs) Hubbard, '80-'82, lives in Jacksonville, Florida, with her husband and three children ages 15, 11 and 6. Michelle works part time as an office manager for Inventory Co. and her husband is employed by Pepsi Cola.

Leanne (Facundus) Andino, '84, has a son, Allan Maurice, born in October 2000. She is a full-time mom and part-time CPA in Orlando, Florida.



For the past 7 years **Tim Holbrook**, '81, his wife Dawn, and son John, have been church planting with Adventist Frontier Missions among a semi-nomadic tribal people known as the Alangan on the island of Mindoro, in the Philippines. The local people are animistic and worship spirits living in the trees, rivers, and sky. The Holbrooks live in a typical Alangan village: grass thatched roof, bamboo floor and no electricity for appliances. "It's kind of like permanent camping with no relief from the heat and the rains," Tim says. Another challenge has been the ever-present malaria and other diseases. Dawn has an active medical work and frequently sees 50 patients a day in her clinic.

Tim says, "The Lord has richly blessed and at present, there are close to 150 baptized Seventh-day Adventists here now, worshipping in five churches." Each church is led by their own ordained elder-lay pastor, and each church is very active in reaching out, developing their own leadership and evangelizing their own people.

"We are in the process of phasing out our involvement in the project, and turning total leadership of these churches over to the local conference and the native leadership by the end of the year," Tim says.

Wilma (Morales) Turner, '82-'84, married Steve in 1997. He is a firefighter and medic with Birmingham's Fire and Rescue Service. She is the marketing director for Protective Life Corp. They live in McCalla, Alabama, with daughter, Braegan, 13.

Bob Jimenez, '87, and his wife, Julia, welcomed son, Joshua, in July 2000. Bob manages corporate communications for the Walt Disney Company and Julia is an obstetrician/gynecologist practicing with Bob's brothers, Gary and Ron. The Jimenezes live in Orlando, Florida.



Brent Van Arsdell, '87, was a featured expert on Stirling engines on the front page of the Boston Globe, CBS.com, in the Christian Science Monitor, "The News with Brian Williams" and also MSNBC News Live. Brent is president of the American Stirling Company based in Wichita, Kansas.

Brian, '86, and **Tina (Reutbuch) Paradis**, '85-'86, are active in their church and call Apopka, Florida, home. Brian accepted CFO responsibilities at Florida Hospital a year ago. Tina stays at home with their children: Jennifer, 15; Ryan, 10; and Brianna, 6.

Judy (McClellan) Ewing, '82, and her husband, Loren, are active in youth ministry. She is a homemaker and a part time RN at Florida Hospital's Heartland Division. He manages a citrus and cattle ranch in Zolfo Springs, Florida, where the Ewings raise their children: Jessica, 11, and Nicholas, 9.

Trinh (Drab) Smith, '85-'88, lives in Belmont, North Carolina, with her husband, Bill, and their children: Joshua, 3, and Abigail, 2. Trinh is a homemaker and part-time junior buyer with Marshall Air Systems. Her husband is a mechanic with Vintage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Trinh's friends can email her at tsmir@bellsouth.net.

Jack, '87, and **Cherie (Good) Drab**, '87, have been married for 12 years and have two children:

Eric, 10, and Brenna, 6. Jack is a computer project manager in North Carolina.

Mark, '89, and **Lisa (DiBiase) McFaddin**, '89, live in Zurich, Switzerland. Mark is a financial consultant at Credit Suisse and Lisa is a full-time mom to 5-year-old Charlotte. The McFaddins enjoy traveling and the cultural experience of living abroad.

Michael, '85, and **Patty (Dodd) Palsgrove**, '85, live in Florida with their two children: Di Anna, 8, and Matthew, 4. Michael does freelance anesthesia in central Florida.

Wayne, '83, and **Tamara (Lang) Johnson**, '80, keep busy with their sons: Bradley, 10, and Brett, 8. Wayne is reimbursement director for the Kentucky Nursing Home Association and Tamara is a part-time ER nurse. They live in Louisville, Kentucky.

Don Keele, '81, and his wife, Sandy, live in Calhoun, Georgia. Their children attend Georgia-Cumberland Academy where Andrea is a senior and Donnie III is a sophomore. Don is senior pastor of the Georgia-Cumberland Academy Church and Sandy is a CNA at Calhoun Health Care Center.

Melinda (Sutton) Hill, '88, and her husband, David, enjoy life in the small town of Oneida, Illinois. The couple leads Sabbath School classes and a Bible study in the Parkview Church. Melinda enjoys gardening, visiting with neighbors and learning new things at local home extension meetings.

Terry (Lynne) Reynolds, '85, lives in Pamplin, Virginia, and teaches 11 students in six different grades. She is in her fifth year of teaching at the Appomattox SDA School.

Sandi (LeBar) Calvert, '80, met her husband, John, while serving as a nursing home administrator in Wyoming. Sandi and John were married in 1993. They live in Arkansas and have two daughters, ages 5 and 3. Sandi is a full-time mom and runs a home mini-storage business. John manages an airplane repair and maintenance business.

Jamie, '86, and **Donna (Wolbert) Conerly**, '85, live in Collegedale. Jamie, also known as "Chip," operates an electrical contracting company. She is a senior loan officer at the Collegedale Credit Union. Their son Cullen attends Spalding Elementary.

Dan Nordman, '89, and his wife, Shelley, live in Dana Point, California, which Dan describes as a "beautiful beach town with great surfing nearby." Dan is a practicing physician and Shelley is an orthodontist. Their children are: Austin, 5; Ann Elise, 3; and Juliet, 1.



Kevin Morgan, '85, and his wife, Susan, moved to Goldsboro, North Carolina, where Kevin pastors in the Goldsboro-Wilson district. The Morgans had an addition to their family with the birth of twin daughters last year. Kevin jokes that Y2K means "year of two kids."



Michael Boyd, '82, has a passion for elevation and construction, despite his disability. He plans to "go out on a limb" by building a wheelchair accessible treehouse and moving "Mountain Heir Ministries" into the tree house. Michael invites friends to come and visit. Mountain Heir Ministries is located at 1052 Mount Pleasant Rd., Cookeville, Tennessee.

Juervnia Estella Oft, '84, praises God for making her a cancer survivor. After several months of chemotherapy, Juervnia anticipates a complete recovery. She lives in Gresham, Oregon.

Harold Schutte, Jr., '80, is an orthopedic surgeon at the Medical University of South Carolina and Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Administration Hospital. In October, he was formally recognized as a member of the American Orthopedic Association based on his professional contributions through education, research and practice. He lives in Charleston, South Carolina, with his daughter, Madeleine.

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Timothy Burrill, '92, married Charis (Krenrich) in April 2000. They live in Apopka, Florida, where Timothy is the director of accounting at Florida Hospital.

Shawna (Fulbright), '94, and **Jeff Wood, '94**, are expecting the birth of their first child. The Woods live in Apopka, Florida, where Shawna serves as the church administrator for Florida Hospital Church and Jeff is the chaplain at Forest Lake Academy.

Wendy (Yawn) Everts, '99, recently married **Robert "Chip" Everts, '00**, a strings teacher at Forest Lake Elementary Education Center. Wendy is a registered nurse and works in the Orlando area. The couple lives in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Stan, '90, and **Melissa (La Porte) Dobias, '90**, live in Maitland, Florida. Stan is looking forward to August when he will graduate with a doctorate of ministry degree from Andrews University.

Kristal (Olson) Dale, '91, loves staying home and playing with Zachary born in November 2000. Kristal's husband, Jon, finished his family practice residency in June. The Dales will stay in Spartanburg, South Carolina, until he finishes his fellowship.

Kristina C. (Johnston) Poppo, '96, and her husband, **David, '96**, are new parents. Amanda was born on February 6, 2001. Kristina serves as a maternal infant registered nurse at Florida Hospital and graduated from Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences with a BSN in April.

Rosalie O'Dell, '97, lives in Avon Park, Florida, and is a financial analyst for Florida Hospital's Heartland Division. She looks forward to graduating in July with an MBA.

Jo-Anne Stevenson-Block, '90, and her husband, **Roy**, were blessed with a son, **Andre Tomas**, on July 30, 2000. Jo-Anne is the director of education programs of the Childhood Development Center, an early intervention program for children with autism in Winter Park, Florida. She completed her master's in exceptional student education in December 2000. Her husband is a management consultant.



Annette (Newell) McLain, '90, and her husband, **Gary**, live with their daughter, **Tina, 3**, in Portland, Oregon. Annette works from her home for the Adventist Medical Center in Portland.

Kathryn (Krueger) Meadows, '96, and her husband, **Lionel**, are happy to report that they are expecting their first child.

Scott, '97, and **Mindi (Lafever) Guptill, '97**, are church planting in Monroe, North Carolina, as part of Global Missions' "total employment" program.

Todd, '90, and **Kelly (Chen) Werner, '87**, live in Hinsdale, Illinois, with their children: **Allie, 4**, and **Cameron, 1**. Todd is the administrator of LaGrange Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Kelly is a registered nurse but is presently a stay-at-home mom.

April Nicholson, '95, was married on June 17. She moved to Orlando, Florida, to join her husband, who is a news reporter for WKMG.

Amy (Wash) DeWind, '91-'92, and her husband, **Troy**, celebrated the birth of their son on June 14, 2000. His name is **Caleb Anthony**.

Jeff Kovalski, '95, recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a degree in legal assisting. He enjoys spending time with his daughter, reading, playing his guitar and

getting into and out of "trouble". Jeff is presently applying to law schools and expects to attend Georgia State's College of Law in the near future.

Ervin, '90, and **Karen (McKinney) Brown, '90**, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jordan Raylene**. Ervin should finish his master's degree in information systems this year. The Browns live in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

Minner Labrador, '93, is an ordained minister serving in the Florida Conference as the pastor of the Clearwater SDA Church. His wife, **Evelyn**, works for the state, and they have two sons ages 12 and 8.



Anthony Brandon, '91, returned from a Global Mission Project in Borneo where he worked with the Ihan people who were formally headhunters. Anthony was ordained into the ministry during the Montana campmeeting on June 17, 2000. He is now the pastor of the Butte-Dillon District in Southeastern Montana.

Bobbie Sue (Dunaway) Grape, '94, '97, was honored this past year when asked to sing at several POW reunions celebrating the 50th anniversary of Korean War veterans. Bobbie Sue works from time to time as a licensed nurse, but prefers traveling as a nanny with her only grandchild, **Danielle**. Bobbie Sue lives in Cleveland, Tennessee.

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Helen (Kohjus) Kerby, '00, and her husband, **Kevin**, had a baby girl on November 23, 2000, whom they named **Kristiin Eveli**. The Kerbys live in Antioch, California.

Chad Kurti, '00, is a personal fitness trainer after graduating from Southern with a degree in corporate and community wellness management. He and his wife, **Karina (Knopper)**, have been married since June 27, 1999.

Laura A. Vance, '00, serves as an associate publisher at True North Custom Publishing in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She helps oversee the editorial and design processes for more than 1000 hospital and health care publications.

Sherie (Papendick), '00, married **Travis Barker, '99**, on August 13, 2000. Sherie serves as an RN in a critical care unit and Travis is taking physical therapy courses at Andrews University.

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