

Grace Notes

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Foreign Missionaries

The Seventh-day Adventist church has a very long and proud history of reaching out to our neighbors, even when those neighbors live on the other side of this planet. This history began with the Adventist church's first foreign missionary to Europe, John Nevins Andrews. More commonly known in the church as J N Andrews. Elder Andrews had a heart for the mission of the Advent message. The spreading of the three angels' messages was the driving force behind all those who have sacrificed parts or all of their lives to spread this message.

Sharing the truth of this message is not limited to those who are willing to travel the length and breadth of God's creation to proclaim the everlasting Gospel, no I is the duty and responsibility of every person who has been set free by its message. As the truth and power of this message touches one person, it spreads like the cure to an eternal viral plague upon humanity, the plague of sin.

As those who have received the cure to this fatal infection, it is our mandate from above to spread the cure among all the inhabitants of God's green earth, to every nation, kindred, tribe, tongue and people. We can never weary nor be discour-

aged in the most holy of quests. Ours is the privilege of carrying to this world a message of such importance that the very eternal destiny of world hangs in the balance. I know this is a heavy burden to bear, however, the good news is that we don't have to bear this burden alone. And the even better news is that we don't have to accomplish this task in our own power.

Firstly, all of us are only a small part of a vast network of individuals committed to accomplishing our task. But we must all understand that the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. All of the parts of this great organization we call the church are necessary for the completion of reaching the world for Christ. Every one of us must make it our personal responsibility to reach our small part of the world. Every part working together we can cooperate with the Almighty Creator to achieve our goal.

Secondly, the power needed for such an undertaking is readily available to each and every one of us on a daily basis. God, the Almighty Creator and His Son Jesus are ready, willing and able to provide to every believer whatever is needed to fulfill our mission. Jesus commissioned us in Matthew 28 to go and deliver this message to the outer most reaches of the world.

He has promised all of us the Holy Spirit as our Holy Helper to finish this great work. He has not given this assignment to any other being in all of creation, only fallen mankind is charged with reaching the remainder of the fallen race. Jesus has waiting for every believer who will ask in faith a legion of angels to come to our aide. This along with the power of the Holy Spirit working to convict the hearts and minds of the lost can bring down ANY strong hold. Not even the gates of hell can prevail against such an on slot such as this one. We must all believe, and teach others to believe, evil is overcome by good.

God working through those who surrender themselves to the completion of reaching all the world either in distant places or right in their very homes are the missionaries to the world. So wherever God calls you, please go, for in the going we become the vehicle for the fulfillment of the three angels messages and the instrument by which God demonstrates His great power to seek and save that which is lost. May God bless you all.

Your brother in Christ's service.
Pastor Joseph Perricellia

From the heart of our Elder

God Loves Children

God's Word says much about kids and Jesus' love for children. Children are examples of humble faith in Jesus. The Bible tells us much about children, how we should raise them, and how we should love them:

Children are Examples of Humble Faith in Jesus:

He called a little child...and He said "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes Me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:2-6

See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in Heaven always see the face of my Father in Heaven. Matthew 18:10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2-3

Jesus Blessed the Children:

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the children come to me; and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

Discipline and Child Training:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-4

Jesus Has a Passion that No Child Be Lost

What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the 99 on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the 99 that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. Matthew 18:12-14

And Last But Not Least:

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged.....Proverbs 17:6

*Submitted by Harvey Churkey
Elder, Stevens Point Church*

From Ken Wells**Darkness To Day**

It is dark here, Lord and I felt so alone.
 You showed me the Light, Helped me find my way home.
 Night fell so quickly, and I lost my way.
 You brought light to my life, turned my night into day.
 Had time on my hands, so the devil walked in.
 Pulled on my shirt sleeve, turned my life into sin.
 You showed me the Light, made by pain go away.
 This I pray for – turn my night into day.

My Life Story and Testimony

I got sent to prison because of my stubbornness and drug use. I blamed others for my actions, even God. When I was young I attended church and swore against doing drugs. I would never have guessed I would be where I am now. As I grew up, I stopped going to church and started using drugs. I was acting on my will, not the Lord's. I attempted suicide, became homeless, pushed people away and ended up hurting someone that I loved very much. When I was sent to prison, I entered my cell and the door locked behind me. From that point it all changed. On the cell desk, there happened to be a King James Bible. At first I ignored it. But when I laid on my bunk I saw something that someone had etched in the bed frame above me that read, "You choose prison, and God uses this time to improve you." Tears ran down my face and for the first time in years, I prayed and read the Bible. As it turned out, prison was part of God's plan because I found my way back to Christ. I'm proud to say I am sober and I pray and read my Bible each day. The whole experience has been difficult but ultimately I will benefit from it as long as I let God lead the way.

Answers to Life's Questions

How can I feel secure in the Lord during troubled times??
 When you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you can be certain of one thing, In time of trouble, suffering hardship, difficulty, pain or tragedy: The Lord is with you. Time and again in His Word, He assures you of His Amazing presence:

The Lord is with you when you are with Him and If you seek Him, He will let you find Him. (2 Chr 15:2)

"Stand and see the Salvation of the Lord on your Behalf... Do not fear or be Dismayed" (2 Chr 20:17)

Do Not be afraid of Him, declares the Lord, for I am with you to save you and deliver you from his hands. (Jer 42:1)

All you people of the land take courage, declares the Lord and work for I am with you. (Hag.2:4)
 Jesus said the same thing to His disciples. I am with you always; Matt 28:20)

The Apostle Paul considered this truth and asked "If God is for us, who is against us? (Rom 8:31) Don't answer His question too quickly. The truth is, many people can rise up against us, they can cheat us, harass us, persecute us, insult us, mock us, and even physically injure us, but here's the point: In the end, they can't win. That is why Jesus said "you will be betrayed – and they will put some of you to death and you will be hated by all, because of my name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish, (Luke 21:16 – 18) If you belong to God, He gives you the Eternal victory. No one can take away what He has freely provided for you.

When rough times come, immerse yourself in God's Word, read his promises. Read about His power, His strength, His wisdom, His amazing Love. Read how He has helped countless men and women through the ages, as they trusted in Him. Read about His saving, delivering and restoring power. The more you read and study God's awesome Word, the stronger your faith will grow.
 The more you trust God, the more you will grow in your understanding that He is truly trustworthy in all things, at all times.
 The more you take courage in the Lord's presence with you, the more secure you will feel, even in the most painful troubling of times, and the most trying of circumstances. The Lord alone is your security, every moment of your life.
 Whatever situation you face my friends, the Lord is with you and can sustain you, though there may seem to be no way out, the grains of Love and faithfulness you have scattered will produce a rich harvest, Grace Note readers. Will you all persevere as Naomi did, and saw in the midst of suffering??

Permission only for Grace Note Newsletter. Written by Kenneth Well on February 7, 2017.

If you are interested in writing, please do feel free. I am always available to help others know Christ. Hope to be hearing from you all soon. Thank you much.

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FREE DENTAL CLINIC & HEALTH EXPO

Marshfield High School Gymnasium

Saturday, May 13 (1:30 am-6 pm) & Sunday May 14 (8 am-5 pm)
1401 East Becker Road, Marshfield, WI



Nutrition–Dental–Health Screening

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13 & 14

Saturday, May 13 from 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, & Sunday, May 14 from 9 am-5 pm, Wisconsin licensed professionals will offer free, mobile clinic services including dental care (cleanings, fillings, & extractions) and adult health screenings. There will also be a free children's health expo where children have fun while learning about their wellness.

Are You In Need of ?

This section is intended as an outreach to help those with needs, also helping those with the need to free up space in their homes by donating those un-needed items to those who have a use for them. May God Bless you for your generosity. If you have items to donate to someone, please let us know.

Let's think of it in this way, a way that could help everyone involved. Let's just imagine that you have an area of your home, basement, yard or garage that could really use some cleanup. Let's also suppose that someone would be willing to come over and lend a hand. This could be a ministry of the heart. You both get to spend time with a fellow Christian, helping each other, maybe giving thanks over a small meal and ideally you would find some things that are just no longer needed. We could then assist you by finding someone that needs those items that are just taking up space. It's not charity, it's people helping people.

Give us a call and we'll help you put together a team of Angels to work with you, for you or side by side together. 715-572-0650

Spring Cleaning is coming fast!
Let's beat the rush!

ITEMS TO GIVE AWAY

BLESS SOMEONE IN NEED

Plywood, lumber or any other building materials.
715-498-1126

Household Furniture Needed for new apartment
323-877-2196

Happy Birthday!

May God bless you on your special day and every day!

2 Jeff Rudie
5 Caleb St. Bernard
Elizabeth Dettmann
6 Koreen Boettcher
8 Jackie Wypych
Harlow Peterson
11 Anne Silverfeathers
15 Patricia Ruchinski
16 Luke Anderson
17 Lois Watters
18 Shirley Mason
Julie Williams
19 Natalie St. Bernard
Brian Watters
20 Stephanie Cuchuizo
25 Robert Glisczinski
29 Marc Anderson
John Tess
Elaine Kemp

If your birthday is in March and it's not listed above, please let us know so that we can correct our records and celebrate this special day with you.

Can God Use You?

The next time you think you have an excuse why God can't use you, consider the following:

Noah was a drunkard,
Abraham was too old,
Jacob was a liar,
Leah was ugly,
Joseph was abused,
Moses was a murderer,
Gideon was afraid,
Sampson had long hair,
Rahab was a prostitute,
Timothy was too young,
David had an illicit affair,
Elijah was suicidal,
Isaiah preached naked,
Job was bankrupt,
John the Baptist ran around in a loincloth and ate locusts,
Peter was hot-tempered,
John was self-righteous.
The disciples fell asleep while praying,
Martha fretted about everything,
Mary Magdalene was demon-possessed,
The boy with the fish and five loaves was too obscure,
The Samaritan woman was divorced more than once,
Zacchaeus was too small,
Paul was too religious,
And Lazarus was dead.

No more excuses!

Author Unknown
- Submitted by Koreen Boettcher

***Thanks so much, Doug & Rosemary,
for a wonderful day on the "slopes"!!***



Made even better with delicious chili, hot chocolate and great friends!!

THE GOD SQUAD

My name is Benjamin Moore, and I was a member of the God Squad since 1956. The God Squad was a group of enlisted Christian GI's while we were stationed at Dan Nang, Vietnam. The God Squad walked all over the base and prayed for everything and everybody. Everyone on the base knew who we were and what we were doing.

I was a Radioman, and I got transferred up on top of Monkey Mountain, which was about 10 miles from Da Nang. On weekends, I was off duty, and I would go to the motor pool and hitch a ride to Da Nang. On this date they had no vehicles going to Dan Nang, so I got out on the gravel road to hitch a ride. A vehicle stopped for me with Vietnam soldiers in it. With broken English, they said they were going to Da Nang.

The base was across the river that leads out to the ocean. There were three bridges leading over the river to Da Nang, but they had been bombed out. There were only barges that people and equipment went over. They asked me where my "Bang Bangs" (guns) were. I told them that I was a Christian, and that my only weapon was a Holy Bible, and I showed them. I have good peripheral vision, and out of the corner of my eye, I saw the driver cross his eyes, and run his finger around his ear, letting everyone know that he thought I was goofy.

They asked me for money, so I gave them the few dollar bills and my loose change. They didn't ask me for my wallet, so I was very grateful as I had a lot of money in it, along with all of my ID cards, base pass, etc.

When we got to the first barge crossing to let me off, I asked them to stop. They said, "No, take another one." I wasn't alarmed, but when we got to the second one, I asked them again. When they said "No" again, I got a little leery. When we got to the third crossing, I asked them again. They said "No" to me again. Now I was getting real worried and I started praying earnestly.

It was then that I noticed that the Vietnam soldiers were not wearing the standard ARVIN (Army of Vietnam) uniforms. It was the VIETCONG (communist) uniforms. I also became aware that they had British 303 Bolt Action rifles with Infra-red night vision scopes on them, like our Marine guards used to shoot the bad guys.

I thought, Oh, oh, now I'm going to be a POW or Prisoner of War. When we got about 5 miles down the road past the Da Nang cutoff, they stopped to let me out. I gave a big sigh of relief, but when I went to get out, one of the Vietcong soldiers kicked me in the back, knocking me five feet down the embankment. When I picked myself up and dusted myself off, I heard the bolt action of the 303 rifle loading a shell into the chamber.

I saw a look on the Vietcong's face that I never hope to see again. It was simply Demonic. His face was contorted with evil hate, and he had spittle running out of both corners of his mouth. He pointed the rifle at me, and it was plain to see that he was going to execute me. My thoughts of being a POW changed into being KIA, Killed in Action.

He motioned me to turn my back to him, as he intended to shoot me in the back. The shot would break my backbone, travel

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Grace Notes Staff Meeting

On Sunday morning, February 19th, the Grace Notes staff members were busy at work eating waffles cooked up by our very own Pastor Joseph Perricellia (with a little assistance from his good-natured wife). But that was not the main reason for this meeting. Our purpose was to create a new **mission statement** and **vision statement** for our district newsletter, Grace Notes. We wanted a message that told precisely what our purpose, and God's purpose, was for this newsletter. We hope that you are as pleased as we are with the results.

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MARANATHA MISSION TRIPS

There are two different mission trips being planned for our area. If you have any interest, here is the information.

Kenya – June 28-July 10, 2017

- Building medical/dental clinics
- Visit Masai Mara game park afterwards
- Approximate cost: \$2,000-\$2,400
- Deadline for applying: Feb. 28

Peru – Dec. 28, 2017 – Jan 10, 2018

- Build or repair existing churches
- Possibly repaint some churches
- Medical/dental clinics
- Approximate cost: \$2,000-\$2,200
- Deadline for applying: July 31

If interested, contact Dr. Paul Conner at:

Dk2doc@aol.com

Or

920-986-3410 (evenings)

Health Fair - Almond

Everyone who helped at the Health Fair held at the American Legion Hall in Almond on Sunday, January 29th, learned a little more about themselves. The people of Almond were invited to come and find out more about their bodies and how they worked. Several members of the community came and enjoyed the fellowship and were happy to be able to leave knowing a little more about their health.

Visitors were met at the door by Doug and Rosemary Bruder's smiling faces greeting them and directing them where to go. The first booth was "manned" by Dorothy and Rachel Tess taking blood pressure. Then Shirley Mason from Stevens Point gave a short talk on the benefits of water, treating them to a free bottle of water as they left. They went on to Ray & Joanne Tess who asked them to do some stepping on and off a stair stepper, then took their heart rate. If that didn't "take their breath away", they went on to Barry and Koreen Boettcher from Stevens Point where their breath was measured and compared to the optimal average after taking several breaths into an apparatus. John Tess also helped at that booth. After that, they were able to relax a bit and enjoy a soothing massage given by Cheryl or Luke Anderson. A table was set up at the end of the circuit where Pastor David Guerrero, Paul Presley and others answered any questions. A table was also available with magazines, books, and literature on health.

Besides those who worked the booths, others who helped enormously throughout the day were Rich and Jody Lucas, Rick Felts, Angie Metzger, Pastor Joseph and Elena Perricellia, Nelson Ferguson and Mike Tess. Joseph Bergeon and his daughter, Hannah, from Wisconsin Rapids did a tremendous job putting it all together!

Karen Ferguson outdid herself offering healthy snacks she had prepared. Not only were they very healthful and delicious but looked beautiful, too—so many bright colors in three kinds of hummus, a bright-looking bean and corn salsa, and some tiny black bean burgers tucked into a pita and topped with luscious veggies. Not only were visitors invited to partake but afterward the hard workers were rewarded by sitting down and enjoying the wonderful fare, too. This was all a forerunner to the C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N. health series that started at the Almond church Tuesday night, February 7th, and will continue on Tuesday nights through the month of March.

It was a true blessing for the members of the community who attended as well as the church members who worked together to make it such a great day! Each and every person who helped was instrumental in making the day the success that it was. Praise God for His goodness in rewarding our efforts to serve Him.

Submitted by Koreen Boettcher



Daily Cleaning

I have this precious miniature horse, that belongs to my son. He has a story- and it continues to unfold. Last fall, while I was gone to work, he got a fright that reignited his terror and distrust of people, leaving him almost impossible to catch. I spent days upon end, sitting in his pasture, and waiting for him to venture near enough to bring a little touch of gentle warmth to his life. As time went on, he'd brave brief moments where I could reach through the fence, and scrub his favorite places. He was still very wary of me coming near him in the pasture, and especially wary of coming into the barn stall. Since I couldn't get near him, I couldn't clean his feet. By the time the cold snap hit, he was walking in stilts. He had frozen snow/etc. stuck in his feet, and it just kept collecting more and more snow, so he would check in every day, just a little taller. I was able to coax him into the stall one day, where he patiently allowed me to work at chipping away at the frozen tundra, but alas, without success. He walked stiff-legged and slow-every step painful as he made the long trek up to the barn every day to see me. By this time, he was enjoying brief spurts of touch/affection-though still reluctant to relax and fully enjoy it, as long as I was on HIS side of the gate, and could possible lock him up. My heart melted, as I saw him day after day, hobble his way to the gate, and stand there with great expectation, that he might receive a treat for his trouble. I wasn't sure if he was in pain just because of the snow, or if there was some foundering going on, so I couldn't give him treats. But every day, I would reach through the gate bars, and scrub his sweet spot, for a few minutes.

I bring my horse in for grain every day, in order to not make it SO hard for the mini to be left out-and one day, he was poised and ready-when I opened the big sliding door, he shot forth in a desperate leap to his stall, and there turned to look at me, as if to say, I'm ok here aren't I? I touched his nose gently, and spoke to

him, and then shut the door. I left him in the stall, with the outside door open, the whole time my horse enjoyed his grain. Over time, as days passed, he began to realize that he wouldn't be locked up forever, and that I would come for him. He began to relax, and enjoy being able to receive the scrubbing every day. In time, the temps warmed up enough, I was able to have the farrier come, and trim and clean out his feet.

Since I didn't want to repeat the snow stilts, I decided to start cleaning his feet daily, before allowing him back to the pasture. Since he was already used to coming in/out, he didn't react much. At first it wasn't too big a deal-the temps were nice, and it was easy. But as the thermometer dropped lower and lower, it brought more and more sacrifice on my end, to keep the commitment to clean them EVERY day. One day, as I was kneeling down, asking him to pick up his feet, and hand them to me, he trustingly did. As I sat there, digging out 'stuff'-stuff that once was green hay, but now had gathered smell, I realized that it wasn't nearly as bad as the stench that arose the first time we dug out his feet! Though it is sort of messy to clean out recycled hay, it is important to his health, to the health of his feet. He's able to run to me, to prance, to shake his head to the side, in his herding sort of way, and there's not only a new bounce, but a new zest for life-a new sense of freedom. No longer does he stand stiffly, head down, at the gate-but he'll come running full out, when he sees me cross the yard, because he knows that I'll open that barn door, and he wants to be the first to make it into his stall, the first to get a greeting, he doesn't want to be left out in the cold alone. His level of trust increased, until yesterday, when I knelt down in front of him, I didn't have to give the command for him to raise his foot. He laid his head on my shoulder, and put his hoof in my hand. As I sat there, cleaning out his hooves, and he didn't fight or try to bolt, I got to thinking how much it's like that for us with God. He desperately wants

time with us-he is there every day-waiting, loving, wanting to care for us, and yet we must choose to trust him, choose to let him near. When we run on our own, and distrust him, steer clear of his cleansing, things build up in our lives like bitterness, anger, pain, unforgiveness, and yes, they cause a stink! But the cool thing about him is-we can always choose to run to him (or come even if it is stiffly, haltingly, or even a crawl)-to try to trust again-to allow his warmth and gentle love to clean those hard to reach corners of our lives/hearts. Not only does he touch the spots we need most, but he leaves us walking happier, and able to live more free for having come. What's not to love about a God like that?

Emily Thurman

Praying for you today

When we face a perplexing situation or a tough problem, we often ask our brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for us. It's a great encouragement to know that others who care are holding us up to God in prayer. But what if you don't have close Christian friends? Perhaps you live where the gospel of Christ is opposed. Who will pray for you?

Romans 8, one of the great, triumphant chapters of the Bible, declares, "We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans... The Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (Rom. 8:26-27). The Holy Spirit is praying for you today. In addition, "Christ Jesus who died-more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (v.34).

The living Lord Jesus Christ is praying for you today.

Think of it! The Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ mention your name and your needs to God the Father, who hears and acts on your behalf.

No matter where you are or how confusing your situation, you do not face life alone. The Spirit and the Son are praying for you Today!

David McCasland Submitted by: Virgil Erickson)

For the Love of God (part 2) Continued from last month

I am ashamed to say this but I have time to ponder the deeper things of God. I have looked into my past and am amazed at the amount of time I have spent without Him. (I only thought I was alone.) Sickened by all the desolation in my wake, I clutch at straws that show my accomplishments. That I have issues about this writing on the love of God is hardly surprising. One thing I have learned is love always is one sided: it is always begun from the Maker and not from the made.

**18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book;
and the eyes of the blind shall see out of the gloom and out of the darkness.
19 And the humble ones shall increase the joy in the Lord and
the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. (Isa 29:18-19)**

I am not poor or blind or deaf and my humility is just now being explored. But here I am, trying to make you see the love of God. Despite these weak emotive generated thoughts, I will persist in endeavoring to find the way to love Him Who first loved us.

**25 To whom would you liken me, or am I equaled, says the Holy One?
26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who has created these, bringing out their host by number?
By greatness of vigor and might of power He calls them all by name- not one is lacking.
(Isa 40:25-26)**

He said it about Himself. We can only believe Him. In today's technically advanced world perhaps we might say, "Well, I can make a blind man see and a deaf man hear: am I not doing the role of God?"

This is the perfect time to speak of these things which bother us as Church goers or as humans. Are we vain enough to assume that we have replaced God in our lives? The only answer to that is, **NO!** We are just as weak, just as pitiful, just as condemned to be as wrong as Adam was. Isaiah saw this time long ago, in ca. 700 B.C.

**Why will you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: my way is hidden from the Lord, and my judgment shall pass over from my God.
(Isa 40:27)**

In 700 B.C., they certainly did not have a cure like they have in today's world. But the people were similar in that they questioned about whether God would even listen to them, so they hid from the Lord. Their vanity was already greater than the simple blessings from Him. God refreshes man whenever he needs it, He is constantly by his side, worrying about His creation. And all He needs to be there beside me is a recognition from His Holy Son, the Captain of His Saints.

So why do I worry about things? Of what am I afraid? Why do these simple things affect me so that they spoil my sleep? Any time I have the slightest of these unfounded worries I am thrust into the New Testament. And there I find:

**18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment;
and the one fearing has not been perfected in love.
19 We love Him because He first loved us. (1John4:18-19)**

Have you ever found love to be overwhelming, causing you to open the doors of your soul to the world before you? I did: only to find out the truth of the matter. Love in the world changes with the choice of the other like the wind changing directions, blowing to and fro, until I didn't know whether I was coming or going. But I have discovered that love is quite a different thing to a Christian. Because once you have felt the power of God's majesty, you know of God's plan for *all* His children. You experience all of His fullness: you can't help but to find you love Him more and more, because He does not change.

This is the way I love my God. I felt His embrace of my soul. It made me cry tears of joy and brought a peace that was unlike any on the earth. This occurred at around 10:am on a Sunday July 24, 2011. Once you have been touched, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

I am learning through my studies of the Word of God that His blessings are far more important than anything the world offers. Forgiveness brings its own blessings; compassion toward others can bring its own blessings. Mercy, righteousness, knowledge, wisdom and most important, the fear of God, all bring with them its own blessings. The most crucial thing I can say is that these all come from God in the first place.

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**And the Spirit of God will rest upon Him;
He will have the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and power,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.**

(Isa11:2)

These things are promised to us by His stupendous love and care of God. At times it seems that the Lord wants to teach His word on His lap. But He promises you freedom to explore His world in peace. And it is in this peace that we can find Him.

Glory to God! Mighty is His name, forever and ever!

Ken Wilson

Men's Conference

I'll tell the story as I remember, although I can't remember all the details. The people of Somalia were pirates. They supplied all their needs by looting merchant ships as they passed by. One day as they were going out to a ship they ended up in quite a battle. As the captain noticed all his men were killed and their small boats destroyed, he decided the best thing to do was retreat. He jumped into his boat and headed towards shore. However four or five men came after him. His boat was hit and exploded. As he held onto a small piece that was once a part of his boat he had time to reflect on his life as a pirate. He was bleeding and knew he would die. Yet, all of a sudden he heard a putt, putt, putt, of a boat. The boat stopped by and he heard a man ask "Is that you...?", and said his name. Not that I could remember what it was. We will call him Bob. Is that you Bob? Bob said just let me die. The man replied no. I can't do that! The missionary taught us that we are to be kind even to those who hate us. This man then pulled Bob into his boat and headed to take the pirate to get him help. Knowing that Somalia was a very dangerous place, He dropped him off and got out of there as fast as he could. Bob got the help he needed. As he was healing, He remembered what the man had said about being kind to those who hate them. He decided to contact the missionary. He needed to talk to him. The missionary got the

message and told the church about it. They were shocked. They said you can't go there. No one comes back from there. He decided to talk to the military. They told him that they could not protect him and not to go. Yet something kept bothering him and he decided to go anyway. He met with Bob and asked what it was that the pirate wanted. He said I want you to build schools in all my villages. The missionary was shocked and uncertain what to say. Finally he said we don't have the money to do what was asked. Bob stated, we're pirates. We have the money and we will build the schools. You provide the teachers. He stated, but you are pirates, why would you want to do this. Bob exclaimed, we are pirates, but we don't want our kids to become pirates. So the schools were built. Years later a girl graduated from high school and wanted to go to college. They sent her to the Adventists. She was told to fill out the paperwork. Make sure you give us your address. As the lady checked her papers she exclaimed, you're pirates! The young lady replied no, that's what we use to be. Things are much different now. Amazing what the power of love can do.

Written and submitted
by:

Arnold Thurman
Wisconsin Rapids SDA Church

LADIES—HOW TO HANDLE YOUR SPOUSE!

Ladies! There are certain things we must remember in order to get along with our spouse.

On a farming implement called a planter, are two sprockets. One is the driver, and the other is the driven. Ladies, we are always to be in "driven mode." Remember not to criticize, condemn, or complain. (The three C's). And, with all due consideration, you never want to nag or cajole. You cannot use these tactics if you would stay in the "good graces" of your spouse. Just try to cooperate and work together, receive orders and comply while smiling sweetly. Harmony will prevail. If it takes your spouse years to install something in your house that you requested, be patient. It might happen! He may have to wait until he feels it's his idea.

If your spouse goes into "big daddy lion mode," it's because he has to feel like he's ruler of the universe in order to deserve respect. Some spouses seem to think that intimidation and bluster bring respect. Which it doesn't. This fear factor implemented brings fear, which is the opposite of love and respect.

A gentle voice and hand from one in such a powerful position as "driver" is so much more appreciated.

Submitted by: Dorothy Tess

WISCONSIN RAPIDS CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events for WR

- Mar 1 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 8 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 11 Pathfinder meeting, 2:00
- Mar 14 Country Life order is due
- Mar 15 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 22 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 25 Pathfinder meeting, 2:00
- Mar 22 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 29 Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sabbath School begins at 9:30
Worship Service begins at 10:55

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Country Life Natural Foods is working on a way to let customers know the GMO status of all their products, since so many people are becoming more concerned about this issue. In the near future, they will be changing the format of their paper catalog to include more information."

Here are order deadline dates for 2017:

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| March 15 | April 12 |
| May 10 | June 7 |
| July 12 | August 9 |
| September 6 | October 4 |
| November 1 | November 29 |
| December 27 | |

Contact Pam (715344.8399) or Dean (715.644.8183) Thomas to order.

Salvation Prayer

Jesus, without Your help I am lost and hell bound.
 Jesus, You were sent to earth's Calvary to die
 For me and in You, Salvation found.
 Jesus, You forgive and save me,
 And have come into my heart.
 With Your Grace, I'll never more depart!
 As my Lord and Savior, Jesus, I receive You.
 With trust in You, I commit my life.
 According to Your WORD,
 I am now saved with Your Life.
 AMEN.

*Submitted by: Delores Shudarek
 From her book titled "An Escape to His Arms"*

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Hello from Wautoma

God is good. We praise and thank Him for his love and mercy toward all his children. We thank God for his watch care and for answered prayer. Like every church, our new church in Wautoma is bound to face a few surprises and challenges but God has a plan if we will only be faithful and follow his lead.

Our Conference Room "C" at the Capsell building has been a blessing to us, cost us nothing in rent during the first year of our use and was close to the Spanish Group (also using the Capsell building) so that we shared pot lucks following the Sabbath service and some of the time we even share the worship service.

Well, we just learned that our Conference Room C was no longer available to us beginning March 1. What were we to do? Well God had an answer. A room in another building in Wautoma owned by the same group was made available to us on a temporary basis until mid-April when we could rejoin the Spanish group in conference room A at Capsell regularly. The combination of Conference room A & B are not as spacious as Conference Room C was but we will try to make do until we accomplish our next step.

That step is already under way. The Conference owns a building in Wautoma at 535 S Cambridge Street which has been used in the past as a Community Service Building and a church school. It has not been under regular management recently but we now hope that it may be emptied of its present contents, renovated and improved. Although it is a relatively small building, it has both a basement and first floor. We recognize that there will be some necessary changes to the building before it would be available for worship. Among our considerations are changes such as meeting handicap accessibility requirements for entry to the building and in bathroom accommodations. We are prayerfully moving forward in hopes that it

WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT SCHEDULE

- Mar 2 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- Mar 4 Sabbath Service @ 10:00 am, followed by a Vegetarian Buffet
- Mar 5 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- Mar 9 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- Mar 11 Sabbath Service @ 10:00 am, followed by a Vegetarian Buffet
- Mar 12 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- Mar 16 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- Mar 18 Sabbath Service @ 10:00 am, followed by a Vegetarian Buffet
- Mar 19 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- Mar 23 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- Mar 25 Sabbath Service @ 10:00 am, followed by a Vegetarian Buffet
- Mar 26 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- Mar 30 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am

will be able to accommodate both of our English and Spanish Church groups, Sabbath School and other church activities. We have decided as a church that the Community Services Activities that have gone on at this facility must be put on hold, at least temporarily, so that we can meet a more urgent need which is to have a more permanent place of worship as our current facilities are becoming less available to us. To help with preparing this building for renovations, we will be assisted by a local mission group, set up through Rob Mosier and public campus ministries. In March, they are planning to bring several young people to Wautoma to help empty the building of its donated used clothing and other goods which are being sent to the Light House at the Wisconsin Conference. They will also help with other needed minor structural changes. These young people will also be using their time in Wautoma to reach out to the community for door to door evangelism.

As you can see, a lot is going on in Wautoma and we need your prayers now more than ever. This is God's mission. He wants to see an SDA Church established here in Wautoma. Although there may be some challenges faced along the way, God will continue to bless this project if we continue to be faithful and if you continue to pray for our Wautoma Church. God will help our groups to grow and to be a light in Wautoma.

Alan Anderson

ALMOND SDA CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Community Bible Study - Wednesday 7PM

We are currently studying The Great Controversy by Ellen G. White

Prayer Meeting - Friday 7PM

"Christ is leading out a people, and bringing them into the unity of faith, that they may be one, as He is one with the Father." EGW, TC, v1, p324, p1

Bible Study - Anderson Home - Sunday 5:30PM

This study begins with fellowship and potluck before we dive into the book of Acts for an in depth study.

March Events

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- Mar 1 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Mar 3 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 4 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck
Msg. by Mike Tess
- Mar 5 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 8 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Mar 10 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 11 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck
Msg. by Darrell Brown
- Mar 12 Men's Breakfast/Devotion 9 AM
- Mar 12 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 15 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Mar 17 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 18 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck
Msg. by Doug Bruder
- Mar 19 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 22 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Mar 24 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
- Mar 25 Sabbath—Vegetarian Potluck
Msg. by Maria Frank
- Mar 26 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
- Mar 29 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Great Controversy)
- Mar 31 Prayer Mtg. 7:00

Recipe for a happy home

- 4 Cups of love
- 5 Spoons of hope
- 2 Cups of loyalty
- 2 Spoons of tenderness
- 3 Cups of forgiveness
- 4 Quarts of faith
- 1 Cup of friendship
- 1 Barrel of laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, forgiveness, friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter and garnish with hugs and kisses. Serve generous portions daily.



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

STEVENS POINT CHURCH
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Upcoming Events for March in the year of our Lord 2017

Thursday, March 2nd - 7:00p.m. -	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
Sabbath, March 4th - 9:20 a.m. -	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m., Lesson Study is at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 10:50. The Elder is Lem Lowry, Beth Ruehl is leading the lesson, and Pastor Perricellia will present the message.
Monday, March 06th - 7:00 p.m. -	Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar will be shown at church.
Tuesday, March 07th - 6:00 p.m. -	Church Board meeting.
Wednesday, March 08th - 4:30 p.m. -	Quilting group will meet in the fellowship room.
Sabbath, March 11th - 9:20 a.m. -	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m., Lesson Study is at 10:00 a.m, Worship at 10:50. The Church Leader is Doreen Lowry, Leroy Dissing is leading the lesson, and Michael Tess will present the message.
Sabbath Evening, March 11th - 6:30 p.m. -	Gym night at Goerke Park gym. Located on Michigan Ave. 1 block north of Main St. Turn right on Sims Ave after the Junior High School. Activities from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 13th - 7:00 p.m. -	Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar will be shown at church.
Thursday, March 16th - 7:00p.m. -	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
Sabbath, March 18th - 9:20 a.m. -	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m., Lesson Study is at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 10:50. The Elder is Darrell Brown, Leroy Dissing is leading the lesson, and Maria Frank will present the message. Approx 2 p.m. - Song and visitation with the folks at Point Care Center.
Monday, March 20th - 7:00 p.m. -	Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar will be shown at church.
Thursday, March 23rd - 7:00p.m. -	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
Sabbath, March 25th - 9:20 a.m. -	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m., Lesson Study is at 10:00 a.m, Worship at 10:50. The Elder is Harvey Churkey, Darrell Brown is leading the lesson, and Jasper St. Bernard will present the message.
Monday, March 27th - 7:00 p.m. -	Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar will be shown at church.
Thursday, March 30th - 7:00p.m. -	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating the lesson.
Bulletin Information:	Please contact Kevin, 715-347-3309, or Beth, 715-347-3308, or Email kbruehlfamily@gmail.com with bulletin info by 8pm on Wednesdays.

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MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

BY FREDDIE RAMIREZ, RN

Overview of the Spine

The spine is an extremely complex structure. It is made of 33 individual bones stacked one on top of the other. The spine is a strong yet flexible structure that supports the head and provides the main support for the body. It makes it possible to stand upright, bend, and twist, while protecting the spinal cord from injury. It also provides an attachment for the ribs. Strong muscles, bones, flexible tendons and ligaments, and sensitive nerves contribute to a healthy spine. Yet, any of these structures affected by strain, injury, or disease can cause pain.

There are three major functions of the spinal cord:

To conduct motor information down the spinal cord to enable us to move and do tasks.

To conduct sensory information in the **reverse direction** from our peripheral nervous system back to the brain.

It also acts as the center for conducting certain reflexes.

There are four major components of the spine: the vertebrae, joints, discs, and nerves.

The separate components of the **vertebra** link together to form a "tunnel" that protects the nerves and spinal cord. The lumbar vertebrae are exposed to significant pressure from the weight of the upper body. The "wear and tear" of this pressure over a period of time can contribute to the development of low back pain.

Joints, or the spaces between two or more bones, are found throughout the body. Joints allow different degrees of movements that change the position of bones, since bones are too rigid to bend without damage. Joints are located between each vertebra and provide flexibility and stability within the vertebral column.

Discs located in between the vertebrae act as "shock absorbers," preventing the vertebrae from rubbing together. Discs function as the "glue" that holds the vertebrae together and they also provide flexibility within the vertebral column. Discs often show the first signs of "wear and tear" associated with the aging process, since they are constantly "squeezed" and "stretched" under normal and abnormal motion.

At each disc level, a pair of spinal **nerves** exits and passes into the arms and legs. The spinal cord (which runs through the middle of the vertebrae) and the spinal nerves act as a "telephone" to allow messages, or impulses, to travel to the brain and then to the arms and legs to control sensation and movement.

Below is taken from; my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/overview-of-the-spine

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When viewed from the side, an adult spine has a natural S-shaped curve. The neck (cervical) and low back (lumbar) regions have a slight concave curve, and the thoracic and sacral regions have a gentle convex curve. **The curves work like a coiled spring to absorb shock, maintain balance, and allow range of motion throughout the spinal column.**

The spine has three natural curves that form an S-shape; strong muscles keep our spine in alignment.

The muscles and correct posture maintain the natural spinal curves. Good posture involves training your body to stand, walk, sit, and lie so that the least amount of strain is placed on the spine during movement or weight-bearing activities. Excess body weight, weak muscles, and other forces can pull at the spine's alignment:

The **two main muscle** groups that affect the spine are **extensors** and **flexors**. The extensor muscles enable us to stand up and lift objects. The extensors are attached to the back of the spine. The flexor muscles are in the front and include the abdominal muscles. These muscles enable us to flex, or bend forward, and are important in lifting and controlling the arch in the lower back.

The back muscles stabilize your spine. Something as common as poor muscle tone or a large belly can pull your entire body out of alignment. Misalignment puts incredible strain on the spine.

Vertebrae are the 33 individual bones that interlock with each other to form the spinal column. The vertebrae are numbered and divided into regions: cervical, thoracic, lumbar, sacrum, and coccyx (Fig. 2). Only the top 24 bones are moveable; the vertebrae of the sacrum and coccyx are fused. The vertebrae in each region have unique features that help them perform their main functions.

Cervical (neck) - the main function of the cervical spine is to support the weight of the head (about 10 pounds). The seven cervical vertebrae are numbered C1 to C7. The neck has the greatest range of motion because of two specialized verte-

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brae that connect to the skull. The first vertebra (C1) is the ring-shaped atlas that connects directly to the skull. This joint allows for the nodding or “yes” motion of the head. The second vertebra (C2) is the peg-shaped axis, which has a projection called the odontoid, that the atlas pivots around. This joint allows for the side-to-side or “no” motion of the head.

Thoracic (mid back) - the main function of the thoracic spine is to hold the rib cage and protect the heart and lungs. The twelve thoracic vertebrae are numbered T1 to T12. The range of motion in the thoracic spine is limited.

Lumbar (low back) - the main function of the lumbar spine is to bear the weight of the body. The five lumbar vertebrae are numbered L1 to L5. These vertebrae are much larger in size to absorb the stress of lifting and carrying heavy objects.

Sacrum - the main function of the sacrum is to connect the spine to the hip bones (iliac). There are five sacral vertebrae, which are fused together. Together with the iliac bones, they form a ring called the pelvic girdle.

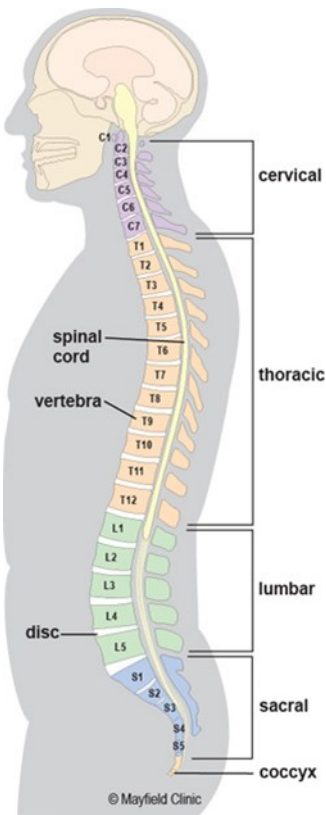
Coccyx region - the four fused bones of the coccyx or tailbone provide attachment for ligaments and muscles of the pelvic floor.

What happens to the structure of the spine as people age?

Intervertebral discs have a fiber-like ring (annulus) and a gelatin-like center (nucleus). As people age, the nucleus of the disc begins to "dry up," reducing the effectiveness of the shock-absorbing quality of the discs. As this protection is lost, daily activities can wear down the vertebrae, causing the development of jagged edges (called bony spurs) on the vertebrae. Bone spurs can cause pressure to be applied to the spinal cord and nerves.

Some things that we can do to keep our back in good working order are to use good posture, proper lifting techniques, and regular exercise that tones and strengthens the stomach and back muscles.

The five regions of the spinal column.



His Hands, His Feet

As Women’s Ministry leader at the Wisconsin Rapids church, I had scheduled our monthly meeting for Monday, January 16th. Our topic was His Hands, His Feet based on Matthew 25: 31-46. How little did I know that I would be the recipient of this in an awesome way. Due to bad weather, the meeting was cancelled. On Wednesday, I started feeling ill. Thursday evening found me in the ER where they admitted me in to the hospital and where I stayed until the next Wednesday evening. The verdict was spinal meningitis. But God is working on His people. Church family showed up to visit on Friday while I was in CCU bringing cards, flowers, and prayers. More people showed up on Sabbath. One young couple came and blessed me by singing hymns to me. I was weak and talking was an effort, but I soaked up God’s blessings that He sent in the form of loving, caring people. That evening, I was moved from CCU to isolation on a regular floor. That evening a plan was formed in my mind. People asked what they could do. I had not been able to keep up with my devotions as I was so weak and the books so heavy. So I decided to ask for help. Sunday brought more visits and gifts. I asked my visitors to read to me and they did! It was such a blessing. We read and we discussed ways to apply what we had read. It is amazing that God’s Word can give you such physical strength but it did. A new devotional book was given to me which brought more to read. This reading and sharing continued until I was released. It was such a blessing! There have been visits since I was released and we have still read and shared. My church family truly were His Hand and His Feet. I thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, music, food, and use of a walker! At this time, I am still recovering. God’s strength has upheld me and His presence has sustained me. All glory goes to Him. While I am writing this, a song keeps coming to mind and when I couldn’t think of all of the words to the song, that morning when I read from my devotional book, there was the song! Isn’t God amazing and wonderful! He gives us little surprises like that. Some would say it was just a coincidence but I know better. So I will close with the words of that song.

I don’t know about tomorrow. I just live from day to day. I don’t borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray. I don’t worry about my future, for I know what Jesus said. And today He walks beside me, for He knows what lies ahead. Many things about tomorrow, I don’t seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.

Trudy Stephenson
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The Eighteenth Camel

A father left 17 camels to his 3 sons.

To the oldest he promised $1/2$

To the middle son he promised $1/3$

To the youngest son he promised $1/9$

The sons were perplexed because they couldn't divide 2, 3 or 9.
Then the neighbor had pity on them and gave them one of his camels,
so now they had 18 camels.

They divided 18 by 2 which equaled 9...that's what the oldest son got.

They divided 18 by 3 which equaled 6...the middle son got them.

They divided 18 by 9 which equaled 2...that's what the youngest got.

$9+6+2=17$ camels total...so the neighbor got his 18th camel back!!!

Submitted by: Nona Schmidt

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through my heart, and exit through my chest, killing me instantly. I would fall down the embankment into the reed of the river. This part of Vietnam has monkeys, mountain lions and other wildlife that would make a good meal off my body. At this time I realized that I would be MIA (Mission in Action) statistic. When the Vietcong was ready to pull the trigger, I knew that I would die as a Christian soldier. I prayed silently, Jesus help me, Jesus help me, Jesus help me.

At that moment the rest of the Vietcong troops in the truck started jabbering and pointing back down the gravel road. I saw three dust trails coming up the road towards us. The Vietcong panicked and took off at a high rate of speed. I thought, oh no, they still have my Bible in the case on the dashboard of the truck. About 50 feet down the road I saw this black bag come sailing out of the vehicle. I knew that it was my Bible. They didn't want to be caught with this in their truck. I hurried up the road and retrieved my precious Bible. I dusted it off, and I hurried up to the high road to flag down the vehicles that were approaching.

I couldn't believe my eyes. There were no dust clouds back down the road. I looked in the other direction, and I could see the dust cloud of the fleeing Vietcong's vehicle. I knew that the Lord had performed a miracle to save my life.

I praised the Lord as I started walking the five miles back to the Dan Nang turnoff. As I was about 30 minutes into my walk, I noticed a single dust trail coming towards me. As it came closer to me, I saw that it was an American Officer in a jeep. He drove by me slowly and he was really checking me out. A short distance later, he made a U-turn and came back. He stopped to talk to me. He wondered what an American serviceman was doing so far down the road with no rifle or side-arm. He said do you need a ride back to Da Nang? I told him that I sure did.

As we traveled slowly back, I told him what had happened to me. He was silent for a few minutes then he told me that he had just got his jeep out of the repair shop and was giving it a test run. If he had turned the other way, he probably would have been captured by the Vietcong vehicle or maybe even worse. He said that the Lord had just performed a miracle. He said that I should join a group called The God Squad when I got back to Da Nang. I smiled and told him that he was looking at one.

He said that he went to church all his life, but he'd never given his life to Christ. He said that he is now going to change that. He drove me back to the base Chapel. As the rest of The God Squad were just coming out, they said, "Where have you been? We've been praying for you." I said, "Come on back into the Chapel boys, do I ever have a miracle to tell you."

Written by: A member of The God Squad