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*"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."*  
Chambers

## AMAZING!

The Christmas story, recorded in Matthew and Luke, has become so familiar that I wonder if we grasp the reality of what actually happened: An angel told a young virgin that she would conceive a child by the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26-38). The angel then told her fiancé to marry her and name the baby Jesus, "for He will save His people from their sins" (Mat.1:21). Shepherds saw angels in the sky and

were told of a Savior's birth in Bethlehem (Luke 2:11). Wise men traveled hundreds of miles to worship the One who, they said, "has been born King of the Jews" (Matt.2:2). Amazing!

Equally astonishing is that Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men did exactly as they had been told. Mary yielded herself to God; Joseph took her home as his wife; the shepherds went to Bethlehem to find the baby in a manger; and the wise men followed the star.

With no idea of the outcome, they all took the next step by faith in the Lord. Amazing!

How is it with us this Christmas? Will we trust God and follow His leading even when we face uncertainty and overwhelming circumstances?

When you and I obey the Lord, the outcome is truly amazing!

David McCasland – Our Daily Bread – Reprinted by permission

## Pastor's Corner

Please mentally fast-forward to after the warm sociable holiday season. January, the NFL gladiator season, church nominations, and other church opportunities to "return to normal", i.e. to be reasonable, holy instead of jolly, and...not always so kind, are right around the corner. How will you act in the months ahead, after the holidays?

Forgiveness, forbearance, communication, smiles, loving-kindness, generosity, withholding judgment, deleterious words being harmless,

warmth of heart and following the golden rule are not seasonal feel-good amenities, to be conceded by the comfortable during the holiday season so that their comfort is not overly disturbed by the guilt of others suffering in their struggles. It is not worthy to hold damaging words, thoughts, feelings, and actions for "after the holidays," when we could feel entitled to have them with less guilt.

The Christian Christmas virtues of being Christ-like constitute the very bread,

lifestyle, duty, and privilege of what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, not just at Christmas time, but every day of January, February, March, and year-round, throughout all of 2011, in the real world and in all church situations, where it counts.

Then, there is no fear to live, because Christmas love is in all we do all the time.

**Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!  
God bless you all!!**

## DIETRICH'S MISSION TO HAITI

The Lord opened a door for the Dietrich's talents in Port au Prince. Hospitale Adventiste d'Haiti has developed into the hub of orthopedic work done in Haiti. Thanks to Dr. Scott Nelson's dedication and vision, and the support of Loma Linda University, the quality of orthopedic work at HAH exceeds that being done in good U.S. hospitals. HAH is a haven of healing in Haiti. Volunteers stream into Haiti to provide a multitude of services at the hospital there. They currently sleep on army cots or on the floor.

Funds need to be raised to train Haitians to take over the work currently being done by volunteers. A new patient wing, begun 5 years ago, needs to be completed to bring in paying patients to allow the hospital to provide care for the indigent. In addition, a total joint replacement program would bring in paying patients. The hospital operating rooms need to be revamped to accommodate equipment used. Sleeping quarters need to be built for the essential volunteers. The bill for these projects will be about \$200,000. Also, a fund needs to be set up to subsidize the care of indigent patients, who would be ensured excellent medical care. The interest from \$500k would be a good start, according to Dietrich.

Dr. Dietrich and his wife, Jeannie, have made the decision to dedicate a year of their lives to Haiti. The process of making a final decision was not easy for them, as there were mounting obstacles. During the Ministry Moments on Sabbath, November 20, Jeannie related these obstacles and the faith she put in the Lord when she turned to Him in prayer. He faithfully provided all the solutions. Praise the Lord! The Dietrich's started their missionary work in Haiti this November. Dr. Dietrich will coordinate the orthopedic services in Port au Prince, taking over the work begun by Dr. Nelson.

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## Pathfinders

This year, with our Pathfinder Director Alex Hunt having become a father, we are taking advantage of the larger Pathfinder Club in Green Bay for some of our Pathfinder-age children from Fox Valley Church. Rob Allen, who is both a Fox Valley member and involved with the Green Bay Pathfinder Club (along with his wife Amy) and is instrumental in bringing these children to the meeting there.

So, on October 23, 2010, the Green Bay Pioneer Club inducted new members, Tracy Weeks and William and Douglas Brown from Fox Valley. All are so excited to have them as part of the Pathfinder Club.

The induction service is a ceremony where new members are officially welcomed in to the club. It is a candlelight ceremony, where each part of the Pathfinder Pledge and Law is discussed and shown to be relevant to each pathfinder. Candles are lighted by each new Pathfinder as they are being welcomed into the club, signifying that their light is now added to the overall light of the Pathfinder Club, thus offering a brighter light to the church and community around them.

### The Pathfinder Pledge

By the grace of God, I will be pure, kind, and true.  
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.  
I will be a servant of God and a friend to man.

Rob Allen  
Deputy Director Green Bay Pioneer Pathfinder Club



## Community Services

### Thanksgiving Baskets

21 baskets of food were packed and distributed for Thanksgiving! I'd like to express a big thank-you to the following people who helped to prepare and distribute the baskets: Dave Foreman, Jane Wallenfang, Todd Van Deslunt, Rob & Amy Allen, John and Sandy Ritzke, Tony Dante, Bill Joch, Barb Mboga, Brian Brown, Paul Presley, and Dave Wyland.

Also, a big thank-you to everyone who donated food for the baskets.

It was a pleasure working with a team that was so well-organized. Many thanks for doing a great job! It was a blessing to serve.

The families who received the baskets were happy and very appreciative. It made their day!

Community Service Leader,  
Marge Foreman



**We are PROUD of our Military Men Serving Around the World**



LCPL Michael Ward  
Afganistan  
Brother of Crystal Wyland



PVT. Ryan Buchholz  
Georgia  
Son of Robb Buchholz



LCPL. Kennan Wilkinson  
Okinawa  
Son of Kevin and Karla Wilkinson



SGT. Josh Danoff  
Afganistan  
Son of Charles Danoff

Soldiers, home and abroad, have received “care packages” from the Fox Valley SDA Church as a Christmas gift. Members of our church got together and made cookies and Chex mix for these well-deserving men. Additionally, they were sent hand sanitizer, wet wipes, hard candy, magazines, etc., and a card thanking them for all that they do and have sacrificed.

Let us remember the men and women who serve to keep our country safe and keep them in our prayers the whole year through.

The soldiers say, “Hi Everyone; we received the package of goodies. Thank you so much! The guys really enjoyed them.”



Boxes ready for shipment and some of the gifts.

**May God have Mercy!**

The Taliban in Afghanistan captured Private Bowe Bergdahl in June of 2009. He was taken by eight armed Taliban members. He is the only known American soldier being held by the Taliban. It is unknown if he is still in Afghanistan or if he has been relocated.

Private Bergdahl’s family is in Idaho. They have experienced something few families can imagine. Their son has been taken by a terrorist group. They have been waiting over a year to see him again.

As our Christmas gift to him and his family, may we pray diligently for his safe return until he is reunited with his loved ones.



SPC. Bowe Bergdahl  
Captive in Afganistan since June of 2009. Please pray for his freedom.

## Story of Iwo Jima by James Bradley of Antigo, WI (see photo below)

My name is James Bradley, and I'm from Antigo, WI. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called Flags of Our Fathers. It is the story of the six boys on that statue in the photo.

"Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an allstate football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another game called 'war.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. Most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old.

"Next is Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of the helmet, you would find a photograph of his girlfriend. Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. Boys won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

"The third guy was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was 'so old.' He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese or 'Let's die for our country.' He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

"The fourth guy is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes walked off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero.' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me, and only 27 of us walked off alive?' That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. He died drunk, face down at the age of 32...ten years after this picture was taken.

"The fifth guy is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, KY. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, a barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. The neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

"The sixth guy is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, WI, where I was raised, My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say, 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

"You see, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes 'cause they are in a photo and a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley, originally from Appleton, Wisconsin, was a caregiver. In Iwo Jima, he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died in Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed in pain.

"When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.' "

Let us never forget that from the Revolutionary war to the current war that many people have sacrificed to give us freedom from ruthless, power-hungry, greedy tyrants. Be thankful for being alive at the expense of someone else's sacrifice.

**Every morning that you  
can wake up and put  
your feet on the ground  
and feel free and secure,  
It's going to be a great day.**



## Men's Ministry Breakfast



Men's Ministry plans to have a men's gathering at least once a quarter. There have been two so far this year. The kick-off breakfast was attended by about 15 men. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The second fellowship breakfast was followed by two guest speakers (Dr. Ed Davis & Frank Sacco, R.N.), sharing health-related information with the group. Fellowship gatherings are open to men of all ages. Information on next quarter's gathering is coming soon. All men are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. to ministry functions.

## LET'S GET AQUAINTED

Andy and Betsy Borchardt celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on December 27, 2010. "Through the years the Lord has watched over us. In our initial years together, we lived in Nashville and Kansas City, Kansas."

Andy became well established as a regional appliance repair coordinator and instructor for Speed Queen and, subsequently, a head appliance repair technician. Betsy was a graduate student in social work and started to become established as an artist.

"We enjoyed the cultural events and museums of the big city, but the calling to be near family led us back to Wisconsin in 1989. We lived in the Borchardt family homestead in Omro for six years. There, we joined the Omro Lions Club, where we still serve." Andy was President of the Lions for 3 terms and Betsy has served as Secretary the past several years. "It is most gratifying to see others benefit from the work the Lions do: providing eyeglasses to people in developing countries, diabetes education, scholarships to needy and deserving graduating high school students, sponsoring the local Boy Scout Troop, supporting the Lions Camp for disabled children in Roscholt, and many other Lions' endeavors. We have maintained our Omro Lions affiliation, despite moving to Redgranite sixteen years ago. We enjoy the rustic outdoors here, especially camping, fishing, and boating."

Andy made a career change six years ago to over-the-road trucking. He always carries his Bible in the truck and reads it, particularly at times when the delays encountered in trucking would otherwise be most aggravating.

Betsy is kept company by her two cats and more recently by the characters in the novel she is writing. The project is most challenging. She hopes to have it published this coming year. She enjoys reading and listening to classical and Christian music.

"The Sabbath rest is a high point of our week. The loving church family at Fox Valley has been a gift from God."



Betsy and Andy  
in younger days



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