

# Reflections

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A newsletter for beneficiaries of the NAD Retirement Plans of the SDA church.

## A Green and Yellow Basket

Lyn Wick, Associate Administrator

A-tisket, a-tasket, a green and yellow basket—a basket full of green and yellow squash and bright red tomatoes, that is. We have come to look for it—no, to *expect* it every summer. One of our neighbors, Kathy, puts in a garden each year and proceeds to share her bounty with all passers-by. Since she lives one street over, and on our daily exercise route, we have been regular beneficiaries of these fresh veggies.

When Kathy sets out her basket of produce beside her mailbox, the message is ‘help yourself’. One needs not even go out of their way, but to pause briefly by the side of the road to avail themselves of Kathy’s gifts—such fresh and flavorful delicacies! The squash, the cucumbers, and the tomatoes—especially—we eat with relish and think about this generous person. Our own yard is so full of trees and shade that we really cannot have a garden. This makes Kathy’s annual gift all the more special and appreciated.

This year something new was added. Hanging from hooks beneath her mailbox was a wooden sign engraved with the words, “Ernest T. Rice Memorial Garden”. For weeks I wondered about the significance of the sign, so I stopped to ask her one day when I saw her in her yard. She seemed pleased that I had asked. Years ago, there was an old gentleman who lived further down the street. All the neighbors

referred to him as the ‘Mayor’ of Notley Road. He made it his business to know everyone in the neighborhood and to make his rounds to see how everyone was doing. In the summers, he planted a large garden and put out his produce by the road to share with all who passed by. Kathy said it struck her as such a ‘Christian’ thing to do that after he passed away she decided to take up the mission he had begun.



In Luke chapter 6 verse 38 we are promised, “If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over.”

And in 2Corinthians 9:10-11 it says, “For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God.”

So the question comes to me—what am I passing on to those that travel past my place in life? Is it something to encourage, strengthen, and nourish, or to even suggest that I must be a ‘Christian’? Generosity is such a beautiful thing. I want to be filled with it.

☞ **Bulletin Board/November, 2005** ☜

If you don't read anything else -  
Read and keep these items!

Checks/EFT Release schedule for 2005:

November 23/25 - cks/direct deposits (Next month - Dec. 27)



## NEWS NOTES FROM MORT

Contributing Editor, Mort Juberg

**Riga, Latvia** ~ After more than a decade of study, 10 Adventist pastors received their Bachelor of Arts degrees in religion at a ceremony in Riga. The degrees were awarded by Griggs University, Silver Spring, Maryland. Many of the new graduates have been pastors or served in other capacities for many years.

**Takoma Park, Maryland** ~ After being in the same location for nearly 100 years, the Board of Trustees of the Washington Adventist Hospital is considering moving the hospital to another nearby location within its service area. The hospital is also developing a healthcare center in the nearby Long Branch community to improve access to care for under-served populations.

**Beirut, Lebanon** ~ The executive committee of the church in the Middle East Division has voted to move its headquarters from Cyprus to Lebanon as soon as practical in 2006. The move will reverse a step taken 22 years earlier shifting the regional office from what was a war-torn nation to the Mediterranean Island.

**Bucharest, Romania** ~ Leaders of various Orthodox and Protestant churches and government representatives met for a seminar on "Religious Liberty in the Romanian and European Context." The sessions were organized by several government agencies including the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs. The country is considering religious freedom laws that would affect the lives of its citizens.

**Newbury Park, California** ~ The Voice of Prophecy, the church's oldest broadcast outreach, has embraced one of the newest technologies. The VOP began "podcasting" its daily 15-minute radio pro-

grams. The broadcasts can be downloaded using the Apple Computer software "iTunes:" or through "feed://vop.com/rss/index.xml" according to Ken Wade, VOP program director.

**Silver Spring, Maryland** ~ Believing that Adventists have a duty to promote peace, an organization called Adventist Peace Fellowship (APF) has been organized. Doug Morgan, a Columbia Union College professor, one of the organizers, noted that sometimes people associate peace with pacifism, adding that "peacemaking is more of an active concept that includes nonviolence and noncombatancy."

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Dolores Allen 6249 - General Retirement Office Information

Chris Meier 6192 - Reporting a Death, Disability Reviews

Diane Jacobson 6289 - Tuition Assistance for Children

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## Steve Gifford

Dr. Thomas Blincoe was my major professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1963-64. I still remember a story he told in class.

He was pastoring a church whose location I don't remember. A young man took a liking to Pastor Blincoe, and agreed to participate with the pastor in studying the Bible. He warned Pastor Blincoe, however, that he was an atheist and did not believe in God or the Bible. Nevertheless he still continued, but seemed to make little progress.

Until the day that he had to pick up some printing in a city several hours' drive from his home. Pastor Blincoe asked the young man to go along for the ride. The two of them traveled together, picked up the printing, and settled in for the long return trip home.

As they passed a lake the sun was setting, and the two travelers turned into a parking area and watched

the sun go down. The scene was spectacular, and suddenly the young man blurted out, "I believe that God exists and that He cares for me."

Dr. Blincoe was thrilled. They rejoiced together as the ride continued, but when the young man got out of the car at his home, he just as suddenly said, "I don't believe God exists." Dr. Blincoe was non-plussed. "This doesn't make any sense. First you believe, now you don't. Why?"

The young man responded, "It's easy. I've been thinking – if I accept God, then I have to change my conduct. My way of life. My friends. And I don't want to do any of that. So I'll just solve the problem by not believing in God." He carried out his belief, because he didn't come back to church.

What is your belief? What is mine? Do we really believe in God? If we do, then our lives will exude kindness and love. If we don't – the results will show. I conclude by asking, "Do we really believe in God?"

**NEW BENEFICIARIES, 3rd Quarter, 2005: [Disclaimer: Not all new beneficiaries under the Hospital Plan are necessarily retirees]**

Adams, Robert George  
Alcaide, Hermond G  
Alvarez, Mariana M  
Anderson, Theodore A  
Arties, Walter E  
Ault, Gary M  
Banks, Florence  
Baptiste, Harold W  
Barnes, Susanne M  
Baylen, Derco O  
Beck, Lucy D  
Bendrat, Godwin  
Benn, Bernard W  
Benn, Ursula T

Bennett, Jr., Harry J  
Boddie, James  
Boddie, Jr., John W  
Boomsliter, William  
Boyson, Kieth E  
Boyson, Melinda M  
Brock, Wilma J  
Brown, Jimmy L  
Brown, Joyce E  
Butler, Nellie J  
Butler, Sandra  
Calhoun, Martha L  
Campos, Jose L  
Chen, Marian L  
Cimpoeru, Petre  
Coots, Mary Ann  
Coppes, Karen Sue  
Corwin, Kathy L  
Crocker, Lorenza

Cunningham, Elizabeth A  
Daniel, Timothy E  
Daugherty, Henryetta  
Davis, Jr., Willie  
Dawes, Bill G  
Desroches, Phillip A  
Deurno, Judith A  
Dirksen, Martin H  
Douglass, Patty Jean  
Duany, Sr., Efrain  
Dunfield, Donald L  
Dupertuis, Attilio R  
Elliott, Mary J  
Estes, Martha K  
Etherton, Lewis E  
Evans, Joanne  
Evans, Mary A  
Ferguson, Margery L  
Fisher, James A

Floodman, Arlene  
 Foley, Maureen E  
 Forney, Sandra Lee  
 Garner, LaVoy T  
 Garvin, Gary  
 Gates, Edith E  
 Gill, Mildred E  
 Gillan, David  
 Green, Rodney Allen  
 Gustin, Patricia Jo  
 Hargreaves, Carol A  
 Harter, Laurence G  
 Heinrich, Bonnie L  
 Henry, Geneva B  
 Higa, Atsushi  
 Hintz, Roman Carl  
 Hoover, Marilyn  
 Iattoni, Glorian  
 Jaksoniak, Beverly G  
 Jansen, John M  
 Jaster, Wesley J  
 Johnson, Lee E  
 Kaiser, Eldora Mae  
 Keith, Dorothy G  
 Keith, Sr., Dennis C  
 Kingsbury, Sharen C  
 Leng, Juanita H  
 Leui, Lonnie D  
 Mallery, Janet  
 Manea, Mihail  
 Manuel, Suseela R  
 Marlow, Paul W  
 Marsollier, Carlos A  
 Martin, Reta C  
 Martin, Richard A  
 McLaughlin, Patricia Ann  
 Metzger, Gerald E  
 Mitchell, Opal M  
 Molina, Wanzy A  
 Molstead, Anita E  
 Monroe, Bettejane  
 Monteleone, Mary B  
 Moore, Parlia  
 Mounce, Margaret S  
 Murdoch, Floyd M

Nedrow, Maruja V  
 Nixon, Ellen C  
 Norcliffe, James M  
 Olfert, Wesley F  
 Pascual, Catherine E  
 Philip, Rajamma  
 Phillips, Juliaette W  
 Pollard, Richard G  
 Preston, Twyla R  
 Proctor, Jimmy G  
 Purucker, Shirley C  
 Ratcliff, Sr., Nicholas  
 Raymond, Carlyle  
 Reed, Anita L  
 Rickard, Gloria R  
 Rittenhouse, Marguerite Olson  
 Robinson, Donald Eugene  
 Roche, Virginia E  
 Roscher, Hearley E  
 Rosin, Phyllis M  
 Ross, Gary Meredith  
 Salcedo, Eloisa M  
 Sample, Clyde J  
 Sayler, Leslie Dave  
 Seward, Jonathan  
 Shiroma, Herbert Z  
 Shultz, Carolyn G  
 Starr, Karen  
 Streeter, John W  
 Tamanaha, Wayne  
 Tambunan, Dumas  
 ThorneThompson, Joyce  
 Toppenberg, Ernest Ingvar  
 Velbis, Cenon M  
 Wagtowicz, Thomas P  
 Walker, Sharon  
 Wang, Jennie M  
 Waterbrook, John L  
 Webb, Peggy Sue  
 White, Floyd D  
 Whited, Bradley K  
 Whitehead, Gerald J  
 Whitehouse, Tom  
 Whitsett, Thomas G  
 Windemuth, Roger C  
 Winget, Dalores

Zuill, Charles V  
 Zyla, Lawrence F

**RECENTLY DECEASED, 3rd  
 Quarter, 2005:**

Adams, Warren Franklin 92  
 Ammundsen, Ruby J. 89  
 Andal, Ragnhild 74  
 Ariza, Augustine 80  
 Baughman, Virgie F. 86  
 Beck, Emma J. 83  
 Becker, Heinz O. 73  
 Becker, Rachel F. 91  
 Bell, Margaret L. 74  
 Berti, James R. 75  
 Bladel, Elaine 76  
 Bodtker, Margie 78  
 Bradley, Edgar 85  
 Brewer, Edgar A. 83  
 Bryant, Eva 91  
 Bullock, Lila L. 85  
 Burrows, Ruth 82  
 Byers, Mary P. 91  
 Calkins, Fern 85  
 Calles, Rita M. 89  
 Campos, Gela Roberto 78  
 Carrier, Gladys M. 94  
 Christensen, Agnes M. 82  
 Citera, Mario H 80  
 Clark, Elizabeth M. 83  
 Craig, Marjorie A. 70  
 Creitz, Nondus 89  
 Dick, Arline M. 90  
 Dockter, Adeline 81  
 Dorsey, Edward 83  
 Dossman, Mildred L. 84  
 Draper, Coleen Roberts 77  
 Dunham, Martyleene L. 84  
 Dunkinson, Matilda 78  
 Dunton, Robert E. 90  
 Dybdahl, Dorothy 84  
 Edsell, Lena F. 82  
 Fjelstrom, Gertrude F 80  
 Frey, Thelma P. 90  
 Furman, Clinton C. 92

Galzote, Aldrino B. 84  
 Gentry, Rena Y. 71  
 Glantz, Esther 86  
 Godsey, Julia E. 74  
 Gonzales, Ted O. 90  
 Graffi, Judith 97  
 Graham, A. John 75  
 Graves, Willis 86  
 Greer, Annie I. 88  
 Gregoroff, Paul 89  
 Griffin, Norma F. 90  
 Gruesbeck, Clarence Boothby 81  
 Hallman, Ralph 78  
 Harris, Marvel 90  
 Hayward, Winifred 81  
 Henderson, Anna J. 98  
 Henderson, Jack S. 84  
 Henley, Grace 78  
 Howell, Elwin Dale 73  
 Icardi, Evelyn T. 77  
 Jackson, Andrew 76  
 Jeffers, Frances L. 83  
 Jeffryes, Gale D. 71  
 Jennings, Merry E. 71  
 Johns, Belva A. 92  
 Johnson, Dorothy A. 81  
 Jones, Clara I. 71  
 Jones, Lee A. 86  
 Just, Donna C. 81  
 Keele, Arlie W. 88  
 Keller, Ernest L. 65  
 Kostenko, Mildred V. 84  
 Kreh Pollack, Doreen 84  
 Lane, Flora 94  
 Lau, Cleo B. 89  
 Laurel, Aurelia V. 70  
 Lauritzen, Adrian R. 97  
 Laursen, Georgette 86  
 Lee, Ruth C. 97  
 Leiske, Mary 89  
 Longstreet, Irene I. 97  
 Mann, Gertrude B. 72  
 Martin, Clara P. 83  
 Martinez, Evelio N. 89  
 McKinney, Rebecca C. 84  
 McLean, Marion Charlene 77  
 McLin, Emily M. 86  
 Metcalfe, Robert E. 84  
 Milstead, Louise 80  
 Minarik, Charles E. 68  
 Montgomery, Louise H. 86  
 Moore, Marjorie J. 81  
 O'Brien, Amy Ruth 88  
 O'Neil, Belle S. 84  
 Paddock, Margery L. 78  
 Palmer, Bertha 90  
 Penn, Joan 74  
 Petrone, Josephine 94  
 Pleasants, Maurice Wayne 82  
 Prieser, Henry F. 77  
 Reeves, Merlyn Floyd 74  
 Rivera, Oswaldo 68  
 Rotan, Ruth G. 78  
 Schmidt, Alberto Lorenzo 75  
 Schram, Clarence A. 81  
 Sharpley, Leona B. 86  
 Smith, Alvin R. 74  
 Smith, Lila M. 84  
 Spohnholtz, Patricia L. 65  
 Stoehr, Waldemar W. 95  
 Stout, Cecil 77  
 Summers, Clara 89  
 Tappen, Arthur G. 88  
 Van Horne, Beverley H. 88  
 Webb, Walter L. 82  
 Weis, Leona 98  
 Wieland, Gertrude 95  
 Wildason, Loulee H. 82  
 Williams, Isabel 75  
 Williams, Lafayette W. 91  
 Williams, Lois M. 90  
 Wilson, Barbara J. 73  
 Wilson, Evelyn Genet 92  
 Winn, Ruth E. 90  
 Withers, Mary J. 84  
 Wynne, Harold M. 81  
 Yabyabin, Marcelina 80  
 York, Mervin B. 85  
 York, Ruth 82  
 Zegarra, Miriam 81  
 Zollbrecht, Pauline M. 94  
 Zyla, Lawrence F. 85

## Out and About...

1) Hurricane relief volunteers are needed in Texas warehouses. Five warehouses have been established to manage donated goods arriving from all over the U.S. Volunteers are being called to help work in these warehouses. Please give your name, phone number, time you can go, how long you can stay, if you are trained, and your e-mail address. The warehouses will be operating for many months and it will be necessary to have people to staff them. Among the types of volunteers needed are people trained in fork lift operations or trained as a public information officer who can talk with the media.

Last week Adventist Community Services volunteers set up a donations warehouse in Crosby (Houston area) at the request of the State of Texas to handle donations for Hurricane Rita victims. Volunteers are needed to help run the warehouse and cook for the other volunteers. Because of the strain on facilities in the area, volunteers should be prepared to be self-contained or bring bedding for sleeping on the floor. Warehouse managers are also looking for a church or Pathfinder club that could lend a mobile kitchen to help feed warehouse volunteers. Contact: 303-870-7054 to volunteer.

2) Be a Prayer Warrior! You are invited to "en- (Cont. on page 6)

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list” in the war against pain and sorrow by becoming a prayer warrior, to intercede on behalf of people who request prayer at the North American Division website. Go to [www.nadadventist.org](http://www.nadadventist.org) and click on “Prayer” and “Prayer Warriors” to sign up. You will be sent some introductory information, and will automatically receive any prayer request that is submitted at that site. You may also benefit from listening to sermons available at the site in mp3 format on “Raw Faith” as delivered by Pastor Dwight Nelson.

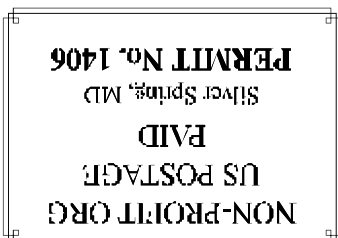
3) Adventist Risk Management reports that 120 locations may have suffered damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Estimated costs of damages will not be known for several weeks. During the 2004 hurricane season, the insurance company paid out \$13.5 million to 400 locations to assist in the recovery after the storms.

4) Dr. Andrea Luxton, associate director of the Gen

eral Conference Education Department, has been elected president of Canadian University College. She has previously been the academic dean of Canadian University College. She will begin her new position in July 2006 when Reo Ganson retires.

5) In the recently published “U.S. News and World Report,” Andrews University ranked 6th for percentage of international students on campus, with 12% of the student population coming to Andrews from all over the world, and as the 15th most diverse campus of any national (U.S.) university, public or private.

6) During Andrews University Alumni Weekend, Dwight Nelson made a call for students to break their studies and give a year of service as a student missionary. More than 60 students responded as faculty members pledged to help the students in their decision.



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