

# Almond SDA Messenger

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Spotlight on Eric Anderson
- Let's meet our new Bible Worker
- Personal Testimonies
- What's happening at the Stevens Point Church?
- Announcements
- WRAO Radio

### SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH "ERIC ANDERSON"

Eric Anderson is our newest elected Elder in the Almond Church. He and his wife Carrie are expecting their first child around Thanksgiving Day. He is a Godly man with a burden on his heart for spreading the Gospel through church planting. The following was written by him explaining the burden placed on him by God.

I first really got on fire for church planting at the Wisconsin Seventh Day Adventist Camp Meeting. Lisa Isensee, the church planting coordinator for the Wisconsin Conference, has been leading out in seminars focused intensely on church planting here in Wisconsin for the last several years.

During these meetings I had found new meaning in Bible passages like Luke 10:2 "Therefore said He unto them, The Harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." I learned that not only are we to pray for laborers, but that I should be



Eric Anderson

Gods truth wherever we find ourselves.

Later I found passages like this from Ellen White that opened my eyes as to how big the work of God really is: "I saw jets of light coming from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world." (Testimonies Vol. 9 P28.4)

one of those laborers. I need to let God use me in any way that He wants, starting in the town that I live and then moving into the town next door. We need to be shining lights for

What is Church Planting? Church planting is growing a church to the point of multiplication, spreading the present truth of the (continued—pg 2)

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### M A R I A   F R A N K - B I B L E   W O R K E R

Maria is person that is "on fire" for God! She describes herself as being a sinner that loves Jesus, loves doing His work and declares herself as being "a soldier, in the army of the Lord". Maria came to us over the summer from the Ventura CA area. She was

raised in the catholic faith but admits that by the age of 18 she had fallen away from the church and its teachings. It was several years later before she accepted an invitation from a dear lady to an (continued on page 3)



## CHURCH BASEMENT PROJECT

The Almond SDA church is in the midst of a renovation project in our basement. Over the last 80 or so years, the cinder block walls on the north and northwest sides of the foundation have begun to push in. The hill that is against these walls has put a lot of strain on them and over time the mortar between the blocks has crumbled into powder so the blocks have been pushing out. We have undertaken the task of strengthening the walls so that no further buckling can

occur.

We began by chipping out the face of every other block, (as in a checkerboard fashion) which opens up the cores inside. Then we poured cement down into the core and inserted lengths of rebar to further provide strength. We then finished up by mortaring the entire inside surface of the wall to provide a complete sheet of exterior strength.

Upon completion of all this cement work, we will frame in a new wall structure, butted

up against the cement wall and finish it off with drywall and paint

The plan is to complete this project by November of 2015 at a total cost of approximately \$500 for materials. Labor is being provided by several of our members who have been under the guidance and expertise of Brian Waters.

Bill Boehm is heading up a project to replace the front doors of our church and give us a well needed face lift to the community.

This project will cost about \$1500 and should be completed prior to cold weather. Praise God for these workers of the ministry.



Progress of the basement walls that are being repaired



## PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF ALAN ANDERSON

*"I know that every Sabbath has been a blessing and draws me closer to my Savior"*

I was born and raised in a good Lutheran home with loving parents. I remained a Lutheran for over 30 years but after marrying my wife, I experienced some new truths from the Bible that I hadn't heard or properly understood before. As we started a family, I realized the importance of a unified family, searching for the same loving Heavenly Father, the

same Sabbath and the same Biblical foundation. I have been blessed by the support of our church family over the past 30 years from members that have gone on before us and from those that remain and especially from my family. I'm not sure I can tell you of a specific moment when I realized that my life, as a true follower of Jesus began, but I know

that every Sabbath has been a blessing and draws me closer to my Savior.

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (1994)*

## SPOTLIGHT - ERIC ANDERSON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

three angel's messages to cities and towns that have not yet heard the distortive warning and promises for this time.

Where can you learn more?

Wisconsin Church Planting Rally: October 2-3 at the Shepherds House Church in Wausau, WI. For more information you can email Lisa Isensee at [church-plants25k@gmail.com](mailto:church-plants25k@gmail.com)

By Eric Anderson

### Quotable Quotes...

**Don't tell God how big your storm is.  
Tell the storm how big your God is!**

**Pray hardest when it's HARDEST to pray**

**7 days on your knees does not make one weak!**

SERVICE SCHEDULE - UPCOMING EVENTS



Almond Seventh Day Adventist Church  
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Sabbath School—9:30AM  
Worship Service—11:00AM  
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Vegetarian potluck lunch after church  
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Community Bible Study—Wed. @ 7PM  
Prayer Mtg.—Friday @ 7PM

**NOTE:** At the time of this writing it was reported by Elder Alan that he is still working closely with the conference on finding a new pastor to take over the Almond, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids churches. We will keep you informed as new developments arise. Keep this matter in prayer please. God is listening and will provide what is best for us all.

MARIA (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

SDA church where she learned the message of redemption and was eventually baptized. There were many tribulations of love, doubt, trials, pain and sorrow. Darts were thrown her way by the enemy and although they were tough times, she says that Jesus is worth it and that He takes us through those fires in life to refine us and purify us. (Zech. 13:9) *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. ( Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.)* Maria has set some goals for the Almond and Stevens Point churches. She wants to motivate and encourage all members/attendees to take part in building up the Kingdom of God by going door to door offering prayer and Bible study to those we meet, by visiting shut-ins, praying with them and encouraging them, doing random acts of kindness towards others and also by passing out tracts daily. (Making it a way of life.) She wants to train those interested in learning the method of doing Bible work, God's way and wishes to promote unity and communication between the Almond and Stevens Point churches and other distressed churches in the area.

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Written by Sister Maria Frank

LIGHTEN UP YOUR DAY...

Visiting Pastor

A pastor went out one Sabbath afternoon to visit his church members. At one house, it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the preacher knocked several times. Finally, the preacher took out his card, wrote out "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in

the door.  
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me. - Revelation 3:20"

The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the preacher's message was written the following notation: "I heard your voice in the

garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself. - Gen. 3:10"

A Special Find

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.  
"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.  
"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.  
With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

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**Help us to share the love of Jesus Christ  
and spread the 3 Angel's Messages!**

This newsletter is meant to allow open communications between our members and our community. It is meant to keep us all informed of what is happening in our church and what we have to offer, but it is **your** publication. Please feel free to contact us with anything that you wish to share, with any announcements you want made public and if you would like to share your testimony with the rest of us. Your personal testimony is one of the best ways to disciple and minister to others.

If you would like to become a part of this publication, we would be honored to have your help. Email us at [almondsda@yahoo.com](mailto:almondsda@yahoo.com) or call or text us at 715-204-6480

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WRAO RADIO?

### 91.7 FM WRAO

The Seventh-day Adventist Christian radio station in Wisconsin Rapids is marching onward. For the last year it has been broadcasting low-power from the side of the church building. Basically, its reach is the same as the city limits, but praise the Lord, many people have told me they can still hear it outside of the city. Letters from the community have come in, giving positive feedback to the station.

However, a low-power broadcast was not a part of the original vision for this station.

Seven plus years ago, the 91.7 frequency was acquired for high-power; circumstances have not allowed a full-power station to be put up until now. Recently land has been cleared and equipment purchased to make this station, 91.7 WRAO, a full power station! Problems have come along throughout the WRAO's journey, but with every problem, the Lord has brought a solution. It is the Lord's work to bring the good news to everybody, even to our neighbors. This tool, radio, is such a great way to plant the seed of truth, which will lead

people to Jesus. It has been the endeavor of the radio committee and the Wisconsin Rapids Church to get this project up and going as soon as possible, because time is short. We do not have time for the work not to go on. Praise the Lord who is working on this project. Thank you for your input, prayers, and monetary support, and please don't stop. Volunteers are appreciated as well.

