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## At That Camp Meeting

— Justin Kim

Communications Director

**T**o this day, I am not sure what was different at that camp meeting. I had been to many others before.

I had heard diverse interesting speakers, numerous long sermons, and different seminars on various topics. They had started to all sound alike really. However, that particular camp meeting was different. The unassuming speaker simply sauntered to the thin wooden pulpit and placed his hand on the microphone. He opened his tattered Bible, started to read the Scripture in a dignified tone, and explained each main idea along the way, injecting a few illustrations here and there. It was not extraordinary; it was rather simple. In the end, he passionately challenged the congregation to a particular decision. And there I was, ignorant of anyone else's opinions and unaware of others' judgments, standing for the appeal between the wooden pulpit and the metal, rusty chairs of the congregation.

The Holy Spirit spoke directly to me. Though I was among my peers, I no longer sensed their presence, but rather the presence of Him Who was now becoming my dearest Peer. Though I stood in front of the congregation, I no longer felt I was in the main hall, but rather standing before my Lord Himself. That entire week, the Holy Spirit spoke diametrically through the Scriptures as if I was the only one in attendance. Through message after message, speaker after speaker, I wondered how the messages had seemed custom-tailored for my life, my questions, and my circumstances. An awareness of my sinful selfishness and a desire for pure righteousness were dually and blaringly loud in my heart. And at the end of camp meeting, I knew I had to have this experience with my God daily.

That was my conversion experience – at a camp meeting. Years later, I still have wonderful encounters with the Lord at camps, revival weekends, during regular Sabbath divine worships, and at home mornings and evenings. Now regardless of speaker or program, I especially look forward to each camp meeting in order “to separate from business cares and burdens,” to “devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord,” and to spend “time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High” (White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 2 p.601).

It was at a camp meeting where I saw the matchless charms of the righteousness of Jesus; it was at camp meeting when I knew I was called to ministry; it was at a camp meeting where the Lord severely rebuked me for the better; it was at a camp meeting where “the burdens of my heart rolled away”; and, it was at a camp meeting where I realized the joy of service above any other joy.

Now I joyously serve by writing articles like this one to convince others that perhaps this camp meeting may be the one where the Lord speaks to you directly for the first time or once again. Surely not all camp meetings are perfect, but we can pray that this particular camp meeting will be the one where the Holy Spirit moves in unexpected and unassumed ways. See you at camp meeting.



## Guest Editorial

# The Greater Task

— Jim Micheff  
Conference Secretariat

**E**arlier in my career, I had the opportunity to teach at an academy that had a work-study program. In addition to my responsibilities in the classroom, it was my job to oversee the gardens that helped produce food for our students. I had had some experience at *home gardening*, but I certainly wasn't prepared for such a huge production. I wasn't exactly sure what to do with twenty acres and two greenhouses. But I do like to eat, and the thought of homegrown, delicious, fresh vegetables inspired my plan.

I was thankful I didn't have to tackle this job alone. Younger students at the academy had limited job opportunities, but the garden was one place

they were old enough to work. That meant my crew consisted of eighteen young men with little or no experience in gardening. I went to my knees for much needed wisdom, did some research, and came up with a strategy. After sharing my vision of the harvest and its rewards, the excitement and enthusiasm carried us all the way through the soil preparation and planting stages. But as the plants started to grow, we soon realized this was going to be far too much work for our small crew to take care of. We definitely needed help!

Just as I needed help in that huge garden, we need your help for an even greater task!

### Mission

Over the past few months, we have been sharing an evangelism strategy at each of the 12 districts throughout our conference. We have been using the agricultural model given to us by Jesus to explain how evangelism should work: *soil preparation, planting, cultivating, harvesting, and preservation*. These five phases of farming correspond to similar phases of evangelism, such as:

- Soil preparation: ministering to felt-needs and building trusting relationships
- Planting: sharing literature

- Cultivating: Bible studies
- Harvesting: evangelistic meetings and baptisms
- Preservation: discipleship and nurture of new members

Inspired with a sense of Jesus' soon coming, we are coordinating a statewide effort to grow Michigan churches by setting goals in each of these five essential phases of the evangelism process:

(1) **Prepare** the soil with a one-day health event and one health series in 2015

(2) **Plant** with the One Million GLOW Challenge and GLOW-a-thon finale

(3) **Cultivate** by joining the Bible Study

Reformation with Bible studies totaling at least 10% of average worship attendance

(4) **Harvest** by joining in simultaneous state-wide evangelistic meetings at approximately 175 sites in March of 2016

(5) **Preserve** by implementing an intentional and systematic discipleship ministry for new members using the soon-to-be-released *Discipleship Handbook*.

With over 110 pastors in our conference, the size and scope of this vision is too big for anyone to do alone. It will take the help of everyone working together – and yes, we need *you!*

### Camp Meeting 2015

Our annual camp meeting has been an energizing and inspiring opportunity to participate in equipping and training in various areas of ministry. This coming camp meeting will be a golden opportunity to focus on every phase of the evangelism process. It will be the last scheduled occasion to come together as a constituency before our March 2016 meetings. The camp meeting theme, *Grow Michigan*, reflects our conference-wide focus for 2015 and 2016.

Camp meeting seminars will include topics on personal soul-winning, giving Bible studies, and holding successful public evangelistic meetings, but will also address vital ministry needs



Prepare



Plant



Cultivate



Harvest



Preserve

in such areas as *Children's Ministries, Family Ministries, Health, Stewardship, and Women's Ministries*. During the week, Christian Berdahl will give his *Distraction Dilemma* seminar providing the tools to help us choose music to glorify God. *The Micheff Sisters* will conduct cooking schools giving helpful preparation tips, sharing healthy recipes, and providing samples to taste. Louis Torres will hold a seminar on gaining decisions and other practical evangelistic skills. Daniel Augsburg will present seminars on intercessory prayer, prevailing prayer, and the principles of revival in these last days.

In the main auditorium, revivalists Randy Skeete (first weekend) and John Bradshaw of *It is Written* (second weekend) will bring inspiring messages focused on outreach and evangelism. Mike Oxentenko, in the early morning meeting, will help us enrich personal time with God. The mid-morning speaker, Rick Howard, will address one of the most challenging topics: the Emerging Church and its inroads into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Personal Appeal

In Matthew 24, Jesus described with pinpoint accuracy the condition of the world just before His coming. In the next chapter, He gives a word picture of the condition of *His church* just before He comes. The church is symbolized by ten virgins waiting for His coming. Each wants the outpouring of the latter rain with Holy Spirit power and is eagerly looking forward to it. However, all grow weary during the waiting period and drift off to sleep. When the time finally comes, only those who have their lamps trimmed and burning are able to experience it.

We recognize that the Holy Spirit represents the oil needed to power the light coming from the lamps, but what does it mean to have our lamps *trimmed and burning*? Lamps grow dim by lack of personal contact with God - the *source of light*. The apostle Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit pours out the *love of God* in our hearts and that the *love of God* motivates us to share the Gospel. Is it possible that we have allowed our connection with God to become weak from lack of time with Him? Perhaps unknowingly, the things of this world have taken priority, and our love for God and our motivation to further His mission have grown dim. Now is the time to trim our lamps and prepare to meet the Bridegroom by reestablishing our personal worship

time with God. Only then will His love shine through in all that we do.

The lesson I learned from industrial-sized gardening applies to our evangelistic efforts today. As our academy garden grew, additional help was recruited. By harvest time,

our whole campus got involved! Together as a committed team, we did what we could *never* have done alone.

Friends, I ask you to prayerfully consider, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" There is lots of work, and a much bigger garden, just waiting to be cultivated, and your local mission field needs your help. Let us join together as a *committed team*, led by the Holy Spirit, to cultivate souls for God's kingdom and to prepare for the harvest – for soon, the fruits of our labor *will be* realized.

When we go forward with *Holy Spirit Power* – there is nothing God can't accomplish, for as the Bible says in Mark 10:27, "with God, all things are possible." Let's work together in letting our lights shine and making 2016 the year to *Grow Michigan!*

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Every Monday morning, the Michigan Conference staff meet together for worship and prayer. Here is the list for the month of March. Please join with us as we pray for these ministries.

### Mar 2-6

Battle Creek Korean  
Pastor Wonoh Lee

### Mar 9-13

Niles Westside/Chikaming  
Pastors Darrell le Roux/Bill Dudgeon  
Niles Adventist School -  
Michael Jakobsons, Principal, Jennifer Coffin,  
Denise Kidder, Jody Seigal, Lauren Snell,  
Melaine Taylor

### Mar 16-20

Gobles Pinedale/Allegan  
Pastors Mark Howard/Tom Hubbard  
Gobles Jr. Academy -  
Tom Coffee, Principal, Renée Coffee, Janelle Boothby  
Literature Evangelist - Kimberly Dietz

### Mar 23-27

Livingston/Waterford  
Pastor John Hood  
Waterford Adventist Elementary -  
Francis Robinson, Principal/Teacher  
Evangelist - Pastor Ted Struntz





**growmichigan**  
the harvest is great. Luke 10:2





**J**ay Gallimore is president of the Michigan Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He graduated from Southern Adventist University and Andrews University before his ministerial career. A well-known speaker and respected leader, Elder Gallimore has served for more than 37 years as pastor, evangelist, and administrator. Prior to becoming president, he served as conference secretary and ministerial director of the Michigan Conference, and director of the Northwest Ministries Training Center for the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Elder Gallimore's message launches the Cedar Lake camp meeting.

**M**ichael Oxentenکو grew up in the Appalachian foothills near Galax, Virginia. Educated at Fletcher Academy, Southern Adventist University, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, he has had ministerial experience in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Maryland, and Michigan. Oxentenکو served as a youth pastor in Holland, Michigan and later as senior pastor of the Detroit Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church. He currently serves as pastor of Reaching Hearts International, having nurtured a new church plant and a radio ministry into a thriving congregation and a global outreach medium, respectively. He and his wife Diana have two sons. Oxentenکو returns to Michigan to share the early morning messages.



**R**andy Skeete is an evangelist and revivalist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. A graduate of Oakwood University, he has served as a guidance counselor for the University of Michigan Medical School as well as an evangelist for the CAMPUS Ministries Department of the Michigan Conference. Skeete has extensively traveled the world, preaching the everlasting gospel in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, and much of North America. A regular presenter at Generation.Youth.Christ conferences and its regional meetings, his desire is for God's people to be prepared to meet Jesus Christ in the clouds of glory.

**R**ick Howard has recently completed 33 years of ministry within the eastern and central United States. His five-year experience in the supernatural arena coupled with the light in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy provides a unique insight into the end-time deceptions God's people will endure. Howard often wondered why God would allow him to wallow in the confusion of the occult for five years when, in his heart, he yearned for the truth from the very beginning. He needed to gain an experience that would enable him to identify certain mystical theories and practices - theories and practices that would eventually become a threat to God's Church. In his retirement, God has called him to write and preach to expose these dangers in *The Omega Rebellion* and his latest *Meet It: Ice of Deception - A Look Beneath the Surface*.



**J**ohn Bradshaw is the fourth speaker and director of the international It Is Written ministry. His broadcasting career began in his home country of New Zealand, where he worked as a disc jockey on a number of the nation's top radio stations. He left this job propelled by a desire to find Bible-based truth and a deeper Christian experience. He and his Melissa have one son Jacob and one daughter Shannon. Bradshaw has served as pastor of the Lexington, Kentucky, Seventh-day Adventist Church as well as the Village Church near Walla Walla University in Washington. In his nearly two decades of ministry, he has held more than 80 evangelistic series in various places including Las Vegas, Paris, Prague, and New York City. His other projects include Escrito Está, the From the Bible radio broadcast, the *My Place With Jesus* Bible study website for kids, and the *Eyes for India* humanitarian project.



# Camp Meeting Vocabulary



**Cabins** – Built together as a quad (four cabins under one roof), each compartment comes with the following:

- Counter
- Cupboards
- Place to hang clothes
- Sink with hot and cold water
- Electric hot-plate
- Curtains & rods
- Heater
- One queen-size platform with mattress
- Set of bunk beds with mattresses
- Four chairs

If air conditioning is desired, attendees will need to bring their own window unit (maximum 7700 BTU) and Accommodations will install it.

**Cottages** – As stand-alone units, each cottage has the following:

- Counter
- One queen-sized platform without mattress
- Set of bunk beds without mattresses
- Place to hang clothes
- Four windows (one 48” wide x 36” high; two 24” wide x 36” high; and a door window of 24” wide x 38” high)
- Small air conditioner



Some cottages have curtains and rods furnished, while others are pending. Attendees will have to provide their **own** air mattresses /pad or rent them from Accommodations. There is **no water and no heater and there are no cupboards.**

**COTTAGE UPDATE:** Past funds for the cottages have been used to build the foundation and groundwork for the site. We are now in need of only four more "cottage sponsors" or \$40,000 to finish this project. If you are interested in being a "cottage sponsor," please contact Jody Murphy at 517-316-1581 or [jmurfphy@misda.org](mailto:jmurfphy@misda.org).

## GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST ACADEMY CAMP MEETING FUN RUN/WALK

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 14, at 7:45 AM

**COST:** Pre-registration at \$15 for adults and \$13 for kids; on race day \$17 for adults and \$15 for kids

- 5K or 10K option
- All participants receive a memorabilia T-shirt.
- Medals will be awarded to top finishers.



Pre-register on Friday, June 12, between 4:00 and 7:30 PM at the Camp Meeting Auditorium (Fitness Center) or Saturday night after sundown when the evening meeting is completed. For questions call Delwin Garcia at (989) 427-2401 or email him at [dgarcia@glaa.net](mailto:dgarcia@glaa.net).

## MOBILE KITCHEN NEWS

Your Michigan Mobile Kitchen “all volunteer” team is again offering healthy, homemade lunch and dinner specials at Cedar Lake Camp Meeting. Their “Blue Plate” specials are prepared fresh daily and include vegan options along with Hummus, Deli, and Raw Veggie Wraps. To whet your appetite, here’s a list of our daily “Blue Plate” lunch specials:

- Sunday–Special K Loaf
- Monday–Spaghetti and Meatballs with Garlic Bread
- Tuesday–Sloppy Joe with Sweet Potato Fries and Coleslaw
- Wednesday–Pancit and Eggrolls
- Thursday–Mediterranean Tomato Chicken over Rice
- Friday–Haystacks

Lunch will be served from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM and Supper from 4:45 to 6:30 PM, Sunday through Friday.



# Week at a Glance

Time	Friday	Sabbath	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
7:00 - 7:50	Mike Oxentenکو (Sab. through Sab.)								
7:50 - 8:30	Breakfast								
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome to Michigan Camp Meeting	Sabbath School 9:00 - 10:30 Worship* 10:45 - 12:15 Randy Skeete	7:45 Fit 4 Him 5K	Michigan Conference Staff Meetings (Sun. through Fri.)					Sabbath School 9:00 - 10:30 Worship* 10:45 - 12:15 John Bradshaw
9:30 - 10:45			10:00	Seminars & Workshops (Sun. through Fri.)					
11:00 - 12:15			To	Rick Howard (Mon. through Fri.)					
12:15 - 1:15			4:00	Lunch					
1:30 - 2:00			Blood	Family Time					
2:00 - 3:15	Ministerial Ordination 2:30		1:30 2:30 ABC Sale	Seminars & Workshops (Mon. through Fri.)					Education Commissioning 2:30
3:30 - 4:45	Soul Win. Fest. 4:00		Drive	Seminars & Workshops (Sun. through Fri.)					Soul Win. Fest. 4:00
5:30 - 6:30	Supper								
7:15 - 9:00	Musical Program and Evening Meetings								
	Jay Gallimore	Randy Skeete	Randy Skeete	Randy Skeete	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw

\* Sabbath overflow site will be (1) Cafeteria when it is full, (2) Administration Chapel. Subject to change.

## PLANNED GIVING AND TRUST SERVICES



Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Planned Giving and Trust Services will be taking appointments during Michigan camp meeting, June 13-19, 2015 (except for Sabbath hours) to assist those in need of a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. There is no time like the present to have your affairs in order. Please call (517) 316-

1520 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Create the peace of mind that comes with having a plan!

Sunday, June 14, at 4:30 PM in the Administration Building Chapel, Attorney Douglas G. Chalgian will be sharing the essentials of Elder Care. Mr. Chalgian is the only attorney in Michigan who is both certified in elder law by the National Elder Law Foundation as well as a Fellow with the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Mr. Chalgian is also the only attorney in Michigan who has served as chair of both the Probate and Estate Planning and Elder Law and Disability Sections of the State Bar.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Please come to the Cedar Lake Church Fellowship Hall Sunday morning and donate a life-saving pint. The blood drive will begin at 10:00 AM and the last donor will be taken in at 3:30 PM.

Refreshments will be served all day. You will need your picture ID and must know all your medications.

All donors must be well-hydrated. Remember to eat your dried fruit and beans, so that you will have sufficient iron in your blood. A deficient blood test result may result in the deferral of your donation.



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## March

- 1 Women's Ministries Board
- 7 Grow Michigan Dist 2 -  
Traverse City  
Pathfinder Bible Experience -  
Conference Level
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 10-12 New In Ministry
- 12-22 GLAA Home Leave
- 13-15 Marriage Commitment -  
Camp Au Sable
- 21 Pathfinder Bible Experience -  
Union Level
- 24 MI Conference Executive  
Committee - Conference Rm
- 25 Camp Meeting Directors
- 26 K-12 Board of Education
- 28 Grow Michigan Dist 12 - Troy

## April

- 3-5 Women's Ministries Retreat I  
Camp Au Sable
- 10-12 Women's Ministries Retreat II  
Camp Au Sable
- 17-19 Women's Ministries Retreat III  
Camp Au Sable
- 17-19 Pathfinder Bible Experience -  
Division Level, Dallas, Texas
- 17-19 LUC ASI Spring Fellowship
- 23 K-12 Board of Education
- 24-26 VBS Workshop Camp Au Sable
- 26-May 3 GLAA Home Leave
- 28 MI Conference Executive  
Committee - Conference Rm
- 29 Camp Meeting Directors

## Announcements

### CAMP MEETING JANITORS

Janitors are needed to clean the men's and women's restrooms during camp meeting, June 12-20.

To be eligible to apply:

- Applicants must be 14 years of age or older.
- Applicants must have confirmed lodging.
- Applicants must complete an Employment Application and mail it to the Camp Meeting Employment/Volunteer Committee at the Conference address shown on the application. Applications are available on [www.misda.org](http://www.misda.org). PLEASE NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a fully completed application with three references. An incomplete application may affect an applicant's hire.
- All applications will be reviewed by the committee and notification will be sent regarding their decision. Additional required employment documents will be sent to those who are hired.

For detailed requirements and a job description, please visit [www.misda.org](http://www.misda.org). When positions are filled, there will be a waiting list. The deadline for applications is **April 20, 2015**.



### 2015 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Certification Week	June 1-5
Camp Orientation	June 7-11
Adventure/Jr. Junior Camp	June 14-21
Father/Son Canoe Outpost	June 14-18
Junior Camp	June 21-28
Tween Camp	June 28-July 5
Teen/High School Camp	July 5-12
Specialty (AGES 10-17)	July 12-17
Father/Son Backpacking Outpost	July 12-16
Father/Son Canoe Outpost	July 12-16
Family Camp 1	July 19-26
Family Camp 2	July 26- Aug 2
Family Camp 3	August 2-9