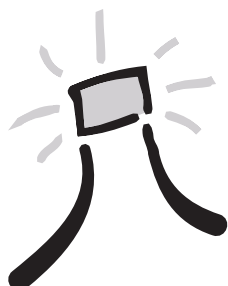


## Pastor's Corner

When Charla and I moved to Auburn, one of the things we really enjoyed was the semi-rural surroundings. Driving up the lane to the church, looking over at the field of Oak trees to the right made you feel like you were out in the country. It was the ideal site for a church - close to town, close to the hospital, close to a major arterial road and surrounded by trees.

You may have noticed that has started to drastically change! The whole area from Highway 49 back to the PGE reservoir between us and Target has been zoned commercial. Currently all of the Oak trees on that property are being logged and they will be replaced by mini storage units (from the church property back); commercial of some type on either side of the extension of Quartz Street which will run from the Target parking lot to our church property, and then offices and stores forward to Highway 49. Construction on the mini-storage buildings starts in the next couple of weeks with the building of the stores and office spaces starting next spring at the latest.

In addition, Gold Country RV Park, the former KOA, has lost their lease and that whole property to the North of the church, which is zoned light industrial, will shortly be developed into some kind of Please see *"Pastor's Corner"* on page 5.



## AIDS Orphans Update

By Kwamboka Okari, Kisii, Kenya

<http://www.educating-aids-orphans-in-africa.com/index.html>

On June 5th, 2008 I boarded a United Airlines flight and headed for Kenya. I was moving back home to Kisii, the land of my birth from Elk Grove where I have lived for many years. Many of you in the Auburn church and at Pine Hills Academy have been very generous with the Foundation by donating your used books for our new community library in the village of Gotichaki, and for this I would like to say a big "thank you". Mike



*Kwamboka Okari*

Wood tells me that your church and school are considering doing a mission trip to Kisii to work in our community and on some of our many building projects next year. For this reason I thought you might want to begin receiving these updates so that you can learn what we are doing here in Kisii for Kenya's AIDS orphans. I truly hope that you will



be able to come to Kisii because I and the local church family here would love to meet and make new friends!

This past weekend (July 5-6) was parent's day at

two of the schools where we have AIDS orphans so I went to visit our children. It was both emotional and exciting. In Please see *"Kisii, Kenya"* on page 3.

## Got Fire Wood?

If you haven't already noticed, our church has been blessed with a mountain of oak fire wood at the rear of our property. Graciously donated by the company contracted Please see *"Got Fire wood?"* on page 3.

Visit the Church Website

[www.aubsda.org](http://www.aubsda.org)

the auburn church family newsletter

August 2008

# Pine Hills Adventist Academy

## NOW ENROLLING

**2008/2009 Registration Day**  
**August 14 • 8:00am to 6:00pm**  
**For more information**  
**or a registration packet**  
**call the school office (530) 885-9447**  
(Registration is ongoing)

The Academic Program at  
Pine Hill Adventist Academy offers:

- Strong Spiritual Emphasis in a Christian Environment
- Dedicated, Credentialed Instructors
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- Community Service opportunities
- Excellent Student/Teacher Ratio
- College Preparatory Curriculum
- Beautiful 10 acre park-like setting

Established in 1941, Pine Hills Adventist Academy's curriculum is based on the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual phases of education. Character building is a primary concern of Adventist Christian Education - thus enabling the student to serve God and his fellow man.

**2008/2009 School Year Begins**  
**Monday • August 18, 2008**

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# The Remembering Ones

By: Jeff Pierson

*Iron Men - Men's Ministry*

The name of the Auburn Seventh-day Adventist church's men's group goes by the title of Iron Men which is taken from Proverbs 27:17. The focus of being Iron Men is not so much about strength as it is about being sharp (...as iron sharpens iron...), on the ball or as our pastor likes to say "kicking it up another notch". The focus is about each of us men discovering and growing in our unique "maleness" and according to Proverbs this cannot be done except with other men. Only other men have what it takes to enter our lives and have the strength to sharpen our lives where we find it dull and not functioning well.

But what is it that needs sharpening? What are the "tools" which Jesus has equipped men to have for life, which get dulled or chipped and therefore increase the difficulty in our lives and others? When the Trinity created "males" they had an idea in mind of how men would function in creation, find fulfillment and reveal to the rest of creation what the Trinity was like. In Genesis 1:27 it states "male and female he created them." This Hebrew word, "zadak", translated "males" has its roots in a word meaning "to remember, call to mind, recall". This would suggest that the preeminent idea the Trinity had for males was to be "The Remembering Ones".

This would mean the ability to "remember" is wired into a male's make up. I can hear some people say "no way", males say "I can't remember" and women say "men don't remember". But for me, if I am honest, I am not surprised to see that I easily remember what I really want to remember. And if I really want to remember something and I am afraid I will forget, I will write it down so I do not forget. I think God does a pretty good job of creating men to do what they were planned to do.

So is the male problem we don't remember, or is the problem we are distracted, or we remember less important things or is it we have never really been given something of substance and importance to remember? Have we never Please see "**Iron Men**" on page 5.

## Auburn Men's Ministry



Monday evening meetings postponed  
until september

The last Sunday of each month as usual,  
7:30 AM at Sweet Pea's Restaurant in Auburn

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one elementary boarding school, Nyambunwa Academy, we have 47 children, 27 of whom were enrolled in January, 2008. (You may remember our cry for help with all of these additional children earlier this year). I had seen the children’s pictures so many times, but seeing them in person was both so exciting and emotional as we got to hug each other.

I introduced myself to the new students, most of whom were very shy, but after a few minutes they relaxed and were talking to me freely. Some were playing with my hair and some were just touching my hands and clinging to them, as though they did not want to let go.

Andrew, had presents to give to those students whose grades had improved from last semester to this semester. So he gave out presents to 5 students, 2 boys and 3 girls. We are going to continue to give presents each semester, in order to encourage and motivate them. Most of these students are very smart,



*Kwambota Okari and student*  
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but because of the baggage they are carrying, they are extremely insecure. However, we are trying to work with them and very soon, we will start seeing positive changes.

On Sunday, we visited another lot of our students at Pace Academy. Most of the students here are a little older. Thank you for your continual prayers and financial support for these orphaned children. You will never fully know the extent of your influence on their lives until we all live together in the Earth made new.

Until next month’s newsletter, may God richly bless each of you.

Kwamboka

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*“Got Fire Wood?” continued from page 1.*

to clear the property directly south of our church, the wood will be available for a fee to any in our church or community with a saw and the man power to cut the limbs and trunks into woodstove or fireplace “rounds.” As of this writing we were not able to get the all the information about costs, permissions to cut, or the ministry/ministries that will

benefit from the wood. Please watch your bulletin and next month’s newsletter for the complete low down on the availability of the fire wood. With split/delivered oak going for \$350 a cord, this mountain of wood will no doubt be a blessing to all.

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**Man cannot discover new oceans  
unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.**

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” He said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on water and came to Jesus. *Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)*

Centuries ago, when a mapmaker would run out of the known world before he ran out of parchment, he would often sketch a dragon at the edge of the scroll. This was intended to be a sign to the explorer that he was entering unknown territory at his own risk,

Many explorers, however, did not perceive the dragon as a mapmaker’s warning sign, but rather, as a prophecy. They foresaw disaster and doom beyond the “known world’s” they traversed. Their fear kept them from pushing on to discover new lands and peoples.

Other, more adventuresome travelers saw the dragon as

a sign of opportunity, the doorway to a new territory worth exploring.

Each of us has a mental map that contains the information we use for guidance as we explore each new day. Like the maps of long ago, our mental maps have edges to them, and sometimes those edges seemed to be marked by dragons, or fears. At times, our fears may be valid. But at other times, our fear may keep us from discovering more of this world, or more about other people — including ourselves. Don’t let fear keep you from all that God desires for you to explore and to know!

*“God’s Little Devotional Book,”*  
Honor Books, Inc., 1995

# Adventist Trust Services

*Helping with your future.*

Many of you might remember when Chuck Williams from the Northern California Conference Charitable-Giving Department came to speak to us one Sabbath morning about their Trust Services. He gave a brief presentation of the services offered by the conference for helping church members with their estate planning and a reminder that they were there to help, all we needed to do was call.

Now, most of us (myself included) probably filed what Chuck said in the “low priority-info for future consideration” category and went home to enjoy a Sabbath rest. It wasn’t until several weeks later, after speaking directly to Chuck and reading the literature he provided that I realized the scope and importance of the financial and personal services the conference offers, most of which are free for its members. If you don’t already have an estate plan in place to protect and distribute your assets in the event of your death, you need to listen up and make the call.

The Trust Department has the primary responsibility of accepting gifts to further the work of God in the Northern California Conference. They accomplish this in two basic ways—through present giving and through planned giving.

Present giving is simply a gift made now. This gift is usually in the way of cash, securities, real estate, or other tangible items like a cash value life insurance policy, cars, or a coin collection. They sell the asset, converting it to cash, which is then put into the work of God wherever it is needed or as directed by the donor.

Planned giving is different in that it is a gift that is made in the future, usually when the donor passes away. The planned gift is usually passed from the donor’s estate to the surviving family members and to the church through their Last Will and Testament, Revocable Living Trust, or a Life Income Gift. If you don’t have

one of these documents in place when you pass away, the State of California is more than happy to take over and distribute your estate through costly and time consuming probate proceedings, often leaving surviving family members with only a fraction of the original estate and the church with nothing at all.

If you are a constituent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the kind folks at the Trust Department will prepare a Last Will and Testament for you free of charge. This document informs the court (and the State) of the owner’s wishes in the disposition of their assets. It has no effect until the death of the maker. Although the Trust Department’s main objective is to receive gifts for the work in the conference, they also recognize the need of young families to protect the interests of their children; a charitable gift to the conference is optional.

A Revocable Living Trust is a different document in that it transfers your assets to another person (trustee) while you are living; it allows you to retain control of your property during your lifetime. This arrangement is useful when the owner wishes to transfer management of assets, avoid probate of the estate, avoid certain taxes, and control their estate even after death or in the event of their mental incapacity. This written document protects both the owner (Trustor) and the manager (Trustee) as it eliminates most of the confusion that is possible with verbal requests.

A Life Income Gift is a contract between you and a charity that provides the charity with an income during your lifetime. Most provide a current charitable income tax deduction and a gift to the church at the end of your life. Some life income gifts also bypass capital gains taxes.

Although Trust Services does not charge church members for any of its services, the law requires that a substantial gift be made to the charity (the church in this case) if a Revocable Living Trust is prepared for the constituent. As a non-profit organization, the church is not allowed to compete with for-profit businesses as they would have an unfair advantage since non-profits do not pay property or income taxes.

These estate planning devices represent just a small portion of the services offered to church members through the Trust Services department of the Northern California Conference. As part of an estate plan they can also prepare such things as a Durable Power of Attorney or Healthcare Directive (also know as a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare). They are there to help you with nearly all of your estate planning and charitable giving needs. For more information you can call Chuck at the conference headquarters at (925) 685-4300, or visit their website at [www.trustnorthern.org](http://www.trustnorthern.org).

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really been given something that matches with who we are so we settle for lesser things?

“When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.” Luke 11:24 In the parable Jesus is pointing out that it is insufficient to just clean the bad attitudes, habits, thoughts or actions out of our lives. If that is all we do then eventually the old stuff comes back and eventually even a worse condition will develop. Men must be filled up with the goodness and wholeness that the Trinity created for men to express.

This is the purpose for the eight week Iron Men program starting in September. We will be sharing the Scripture and sharing ourselves so that we can be houses filled

with good things so that when old or new evil spirits come, they find no place to live. The Scripture we will be sharing is Psalm 45:1-9. Through a time of study and meditation these Scripture have opened to me, as a man, my identity, purpose, make-up, and heart. This is time to move beyond our unhealthiness and embrace who we as men were created to be. I pray that you will be able to join in for all or some of the meetings. If you are willing to look at yourself and be honest with others and God, I guarantee you will grow because that is what Jesus guaranteed. “As water reflects a face, so a man’s heart reflects the man.” Proverbs 27:19 Come join us and continue your growth into a godly man’s heart.

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industrial park if the owner’s plans work the way they apparently are headed. In addition, the property to the North next to the church where the spay/neuter clinic is currently housed is now zoned to allow businesses and will probably be developed in the same way.

Finally, all of the empty property between the church/spay clinic/KOA and Highway 49 is currently on the market zoned for the same type of development. As much as we have all loved the surroundings of our church, we are soon to be smack dab in the middle of an industrial/commercial park.

Things change in life and we have the option of drifting along pretending they are not happening, or we can carefully consider what is occurring and intentionally determine how we will act and react. We can’t control most of the changes that occur around us in life, but we can control how we will respond to that change.

As your pastor, my role is to make certain that you have all of the information and to guide you in the process of making the best decision for our church - not only for the present, but for the generations who will follow us and critically examine our actions. What counts is that we carefully examine what is happening and make a conscious decision. What we want to be is intentional - no matter what we choose. That makes us the captain of our destiny and not it’s victim.

Do we wish to stay where we are at surrounded by industry and businesses on all sides, or do we wish to consider other options. If so, what are those options and what

are the advantages of each? Which of those options will give us the greatest opportunity to accomplish what God put us here in Auburn to accomplish? Which will give us the most flexibility in being who we are? What environment would be most attractive to our target audience?

I would like to ask for your prayers as we think about how to best approach this new circumstance. Neither I or the other leaders of our church have been blessed with a Urim and Thummim. As of yet, God has not spoken from a cloud to any of us regarding what we should do. Instead He is waiting for us to claim his promise found in the book of James that if we lack wisdom all we have to do is ask in faith and He will give it to us. So, claiming that promise we are beginning a process which will actively seek the wisdom of God and the collective wisdom of our church family in deciding what we should do. We look forward to seeing how God will lead us as we proceed.

Cordially,  
Pastor Dan M. Appel

# Auburn Media Ministries

By Jonathan Beitz

As most of you know the Auburn SDA media ministries is well on its way to broadcasting the activities of the Auburn SDA Church and the efforts of individual members on the World Wide Web. We have a specific formula to do this and we need your help. Even though we are now uploading content to the Internet, we need to begin the process of letting people know that we're on-line and have something to say. The process for doing this is simple and effective but requires some active participation by you.

We have loaded a few videos about the Auburn SDA Church, its members and/or their Community involvement on YouTube as a way to reach those we may never reach otherwise. You can help raise the recognition of these videos by watching and forwarding them to anyone you think may have any interest. As of today we have 4 videos online we're asking you to watch and forward to as many friends/family as possible (BTW - YouTube videos are limited to 10 minute lengths, however we try to make an impact with our message in under 5 minutes). The four online videos are:

- Auburn SDA Community Services
- Auburn SDA Church Camp Out
- Chernobyl Children's Project 07
- Why we got involved

Watching and forwarding the above videos will help to better "index" the YouTube videos thereby raising recognition. This is important because as more people watch them they will start to become better recognized by search engines (Yahoo/Google) and in turn by certain word strings becoming more prominent with similar words that others may use looking for anything else using Yahoo and Google (please forgive the technobabble). Within each of the above YouTube videos you will find links back to our own church website/s where folks can learn more about who Seventh Day Adventists really are and even listen to a sermon if they so choose. We want to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ and what he offers creating amore effective voice to share the unique message that Seventh Day Adventist Christians have for todays world. Auburn SDA media ministries members and all who support this ministry believe we can accelerate the work we have been given with your help.

This is a carefully planned strategy to spread the message to those we may never reach through traditional methods and your participation will make a significant impact. Look for new video stories coming soon that will appear on YouTube as well (The Community Garden, Update on Auburn SDA Community Services and other stories).

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## Adventist Church to Recognize Innovative Churches

*Adventist News Network, Silver Spring, Maryland*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's North American region (NAD) is seeking to recognize churches impacting their communities by pioneering new outreach methods and adapting old ones to a changing ministry environment. The NAD Church Resource Center is accepting

nominations for the 2008 Innovative Church of the Year until August 15. The pastor and two laypeople from the winning church will receive a cash prize and a trip to the National Conference on Innovation September 30 to October 2.

To register, email Church Resource Center director Dave Gemmell at [dave@vervent.org](mailto:dave@vervent.org).


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**No matter how you feel, get up,  
dress up, and show up!  
You're too blessed to be  
stressed!**

**Our days are identical suitcases, all the same size,  
but some people can pack more into them than others.**

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Be very careful, then, how you live, — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity...  
*Ephesians 5:15,16 (NIV)*

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	<p><b>"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all fullness of God."</b> Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)</p>					Sunset 8:15 PM <b>2</b> 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Stewardship: Part 1" Pastor Dan Appel
<b>3</b> Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	<b>4</b> Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM Tee Ball 6:00 PM Little League 7:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>5</b> PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Orders Only	<b>6</b> PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Orders Only	<b>7</b> Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym	Sunset 8:08PM <b>8</b> Sunset 8:07PM Fellowship Lunch 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Stewardship: Part 2" Pastor Dan Appel	Sunset 7:58 PM <b>16</b> 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Stewardship: Part 3" Pastor Dan Appel
<b>10</b> Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	<b>11</b> PHAA Finance Committee 6:00 PM PHAA Board 7:00 PM	<b>12</b> Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM Tee Ball / Little League 6:00 PM Awards Ceremony at PHAA "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>13</b> PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Orders Only	<b>14</b> PHAA Registration 2008/2009 School Year 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym	Sunset 7:59PM <b>15</b>	Sunset 7:48 <b>23</b> 9:30AM Sabbath School 10:45 AM Worship Service Sermon: "Education - Teacher Dedication" Guest Speaker: Barry Van Iderstein
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<b>24/31</b> Men's Ministries Breakfast (8/31) "Sweetpea's" 7:30 AM Men's Basketball 5:00 - 6:30 PM PHAA	<b>25</b> Community Services 9:00AM to 1:00PM "more about Jesus" 1:30PM@Comm.Services	<b>26</b> PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Orders Only	<b>27</b> PHAA VegeFood Store - Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Orders Only	<b>28</b> Volleyball - 6:00 PM at PHAA gym	Sunset 7:40 PM <b>29</b>	



# August '08

## Life Line Screening

It's not too late to sign up for the Life Line Screening hosted by the Auburn Church on Monday, August 18. The screening includes ultrasound testing for vascular diseases such as abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, atrial fibrillation and stroke, as well as bone density screening for both men and women. These tests are those insurance companies will typically not pay for unless a patient is suffering symptoms so they are usually not ordered as part of a medical preventative care program.

The screenings are completely painless and require about an hour to complete. Test results are sent directly to the patient to present to a primary care physician for follow up should the results reveal possible health problems. The cost for all five screenings is \$149. Blood work to test glucose and cholesterol are available for an extra \$50. Preregistration is required. Call 800-324-1851 to reserve your appointment.

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## PHAA "vege food store"

A small, but well stocked, vegetarian food store will be open during the summer months at Pine Hills Adventist Academy supplying customers with a wide variety of fresh and packaged vegetarian food items. Vege Food Store hours once school begins are to be announced.

If you have questions regarding availability of a product, speciality items, or to place an order call the school office Mon. - Thurs. from 9:00am to 1:00pm (530) 885-9447. The proceeds go to help the 8th grade class graduation and class trip.

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WHO HAD PEPPERONI AND ANCHOVIES?

## Fellowship Luncheon August 9

Join us August 9 following our worship service for our once-a-month time for good food and fellowship with friends. Bring a favorite vegetarian entree/salad/dessert or bread. *Please bring items pre-cooked and wrapped to keep them warm and make the dining experience run more smoothly.*

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## Youth Houseboat Trip

Now is the time to reserve a spot for the annual youth houseboat trip to Lake Shasta, August 4 -8. For information call Pastor Dave (530) 885-4232.

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## Recovery in Community

A hearty breakfast and a Twelve Step path to recovery is now available to the community every Saturday morning at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall at the Auburn church. For Information contact Community Services at 823-0345.

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## Church Bulletin Typo's

The following was erroneously printed in a church bulletin somewhere. An evening to remember...

*"The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility."*

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## Sermon Notes

Sermon dates and speakers for August:

Aug. 2 **Stewardship: Part 1**  
Pastor Dan Appel

Aug. 9 **Stewardship: Part 2**  
Pastor Dan Appel

Aug. 16 **Stewardship: Part 3**  
Pastor Dan Appel

Aug. 23 **Teacher Dedication**  
Speaker: Narry Van Iderstein

Aug. 30 **Worship: Part 1**  
Pastor Dave Carreon

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