



Dakota Dispatch

VBS, Alive & Growing

by Barb Chancellor

From July 25th through the 29th, with closing program for worship hour on Sabbath the 30th, the Rapid City Adventist Church held an exciting Vacation Bible School. It started with nine children and ended with fourteen, ages one through ten.



The theme was *Kids Around the World*. The morning began with a lively song service and theme song, *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. Keeping things full of action, the children were separated into color groups and jumped up and then sat down when their color was

sung. Each day a different country was featured: at story time a character from the Bible made an appearance; play time consisted of games children might play in that day's theme country followed by a lesson on that country. Snack time was also country appropriate.

Craft time was a time for thinking of other children, so on one day the kids decorated grocery bags and filled them with food to give to families in need. Another



day they made decorative boxes and then filled them with goodies for needy children. The children also made a choice to put the prizes they earned during the closing exercise into the boxes. A prize was awarded to anyone who brought a guest and a prize went to the guest as well.



The closing program was an overview of what had been done during the week – song service, display of crafts, and a story by one of the Bible characters followed

by the theme song in which the audience was invited to participate.

VBS was a success due in part to the dedication of the volunteers: Leader, Patty Murtha; registration, Alanna Turnbaugh; opening and closing programs, Barb Chancellor; Bible character, Nora Kertzman; games, Debra Darnall; snacks and lesson, Sheris Red Feather and Sara Russell; crafts, Tonya Reisenauer and Scott Doty; Tiny-Tots, Deann Holstlaw; Teen helpers, Brian Reisenauer and Kallen Rittberger; and pianist Rebecca Larson.

New Parking Lot

by Cheri Olson

A father and son in Huron, SD wanted to do something for the Huron Adventist Church. They decided to install a new parking lot. The parking lot project happened in May 2011, which four men plus equipment completed in about two days. The sub-soil of the parking lot was removed to a depth of six inches and 1-1/4" crushed concrete and asphalt material was leveled, graded and compacted into the parking lot area. The cost of the parking lot project with equipment, labor and materials would have cost about \$8,500. But the church did not receive one invoice.

Everything had been donated. Praise the Lord!



Photo by Abel Rios

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SRA/DAA Alumni Weekend

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DAA Acts of Kindness

by Sharon Heinrich w/Derek Timms

All have heard of "random acts of kindness", but "intentional acts of kindness" has come to campus. Two new initiatives are making their debut this year through the Dakota Adventist Academy campus ministries program.



Insta-Cookie is a surprise cookie delivered on a random day every other week, with special notes of encouragement to fellow students. The goal is to create positive moments of sharing between students and staff, encourage creative caring and ultimately pointing to Christ. The program has been designed to ensure that all students receive notes of encouragement with their cookie.

The Adventist Pen Pals [APP] program encompasses letter writing to students at College View Academy (CVA) in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Encouragement - God gave us an APP for that - is the primary goal of this program. Building new friendships via letter writing and learning new ideas from a sister school are additional goals. The first wave of letters were received by CVA with great excitement. "I like the idea . . . tell the students we are enthusiastic! Letters will be coming soon", wrote Laryssa Schnell, a 10th grader at CVA, "I've already written my return letter", commented Ashton Lair, another sophomore.

Intentional acts of kindness - sharing God's love with fellow students and pen pals has been whole-heartedly embraced by students at DAA. They are "Building Friendships for Eternity" with the ultimate goal of becoming the person God designed them to be.



Brookings Art Festival

by Nicholas Eaton



Several months ago during a business meeting, the Brookings Church Plant members decided to make their presence known by setting up a booth at the Brookings Arts Festival scheduled for July 9 and 10, 2011.

From young to old, all took part in literature evangelism during the festival. Abby, age 9, with a smile on her face and a magazine in her hand, offered literature to passersby. People could not say no to the gift she extended. Two newly baptized members, Marcia Jensen and Carmelita Swenson, excited about their new-found faith, decided, even in their advanced years, even with the possibility of rejection, they would nonetheless deliver truth-filled literature to as many people as possible. They were nervous at first, but after the first and second person with



whom they had successfully conversed, they were hooked and went above and beyond their duty, coming back the second day to take part in distributing literature to the residents of Brookings. All the church members, who were able, took part in the booth, dividing the time among themselves, so everyone would have a chance in the booth. They all helped with the setting up and taking down of the booth as well. During the two days of festivities, the Brookings Church gave away 66 *End Time Event* DVDs, 87 *Hidden Truth* magazines, and 14 *Steps to Christ* books, for a total of 167 pieces of literature given out during the two-day festivities.

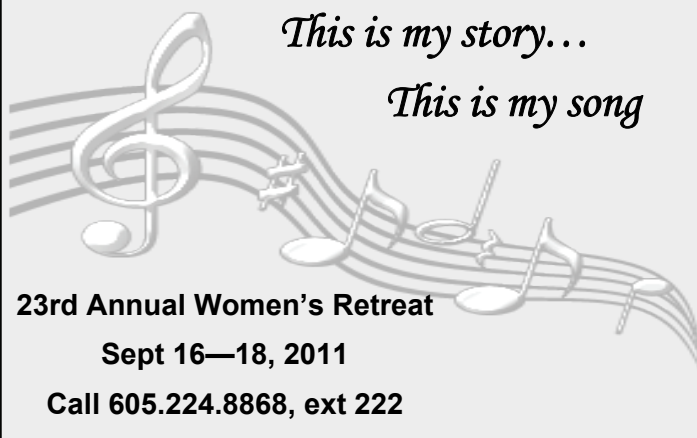
With such success, the Brookings Church members are already making plans for next year's Arts Festival and the Brookings Fourth of July parade. Please continue to pray for the Brookings Church Plant and the seeds that were sown at the festival.



Photos by Nicholas Eaton

This is my story...

This is my song



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Grand Forks Live

by Jen Erickson

The Grand Forks Adventist Church's radio station, channel 101.3, has been live since 2005. It has an output power of 100 watts and covers an approximate radius of 10 miles. Several have attended church and some have joined as a result of this radio ministry. One youth minister's wife has expressed her appreciation for the health and cooking segments aired.

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