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4–6 [age] group speak verbatim from memory with his mom being close by to help.”

Madysen Khrysten Peters placed first in the 8–12 year age group with her presentation on the Philippines. Madysen came to us in the form of a Filipino girl by the name of Marissa Reynaldo whose parents were studying at Andrews University. She captured the audience when she pointed out that Imelda Marcos, who was the wife

of their tenth president, Ferdinand Marcos, was rumored to have had a closet full of more than 3,000 pairs of shoes! This was just one of many facts of interest in her presentation.

Culo Robin Ncube presented on China, the fourth largest country in the world, with the only countries larger than China being Russia, Canada and the United States, she said. Culo also pointed out that China is the oldest major world civilization.

It is our hope that the youth’s involvement in this program will not only enhance their spiritual walk but help them academically as well when required to do research and presentations at school.

Sibhekia Washington, correspondent, Capital City Church/adapted by Lake Union Herald staff

## [ YOUTH NEWS ]

### CYE hosts annual Youth Leadership Summit

Michigan—The Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) provided training for youth leaders, pastors, children’s ministry leaders and Pathfinders during the annual Youth Leadership Summit held Oct. 22–24, 2010. The Center celebrated its 30th anniversary weekend during the event while hosting some 250 participants from across the country.

This year’s summit began Friday with hour-long seminars taking place all day in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Leaders from the CYE, Seventh-day Adventist conferences and Andrews University led out in a series of meetings directed toward youth ministry leaders and specialists. The sessions covered a wide range of topics and continued all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

Nicholas Zork, director of the Andrews University Music & Worship Conference, was one such leader who presented during the event. He led several worship ministry sessions and described worship as a time where “we tell God’s story through Scripture.” Zork offered practical advice for planning worship services and identified specific ways “to interweave God’s



Keren Toms, Andrews University chaplain for outreach, presented two seminars: “Evangelism Outreach Ministry” and “Leadership Skills 101.”

story with young people in worship.”

The information was especially helpful to Luvisca Payne, an Andrews graduate and current ministry leader from Naples, Fla. Payne explained, “I teach my young people on Sabbath mornings and they bring their pens and notebooks, and they think [Sabbath school] is boring. I was really interested in what Mr. Zork said about the disconnection between the speaker and the youth.”

Tim Nixon, Andrews University chaplain for inreach, also led out in several meetings and presented the topic, “Mentoring 101.”

“One thing I really appreciated about that [Mentoring 101] session was how much the training is actually needed. It’s not a topic we talk about a

lot,” said Andy Arends, student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. “We learned about biblical contexts mentoring and effective principles of mentoring, and how to actually train people. This is something we really need in our churches. It’s nice to get a fresh perspective on some of it and hear new ideas.”

Other topics, such as “Child Development,” “Leadership Skills,” “Conflict Management” and “Outdoor Education,” were also addressed during the weekend meetings. In total, more than 50 hours of training seminars were offered during the event, including a new Spanish track, which was introduced for the first time this year.

“I hope that the people who came

for the seminars left not only having a better understanding of what they're doing and why they're here but also [with] practical ways to put them to use," said Keren Toms, Andrews University chaplain for outreach. "Hopefully, through the seminars, that spirit can be revived in people and they can be refreshed, educated and full of new ideas."

This summit was organized by Craig Harris, associate youth director for the Michigan Conference; Massiel Davila, assistant director for Youth Leadership Development; and Japhet De Oliveira, director of the Center for Youth Evangelism. The Lake Union

Conference Youth and Young Adult Department also partnered in the event.

Organized for the first time in 1981, various youth ministry training seminars were among the first programs offered at the Youth Resource Center. Under the leadership of former Youth Resource Center director Des Cummings Jr. (1979–1985), the meetings have expanded to reach hundreds of ministry leaders each year, teaching them the "how-to's" of youth ministry through practical training sessions. It was renamed the Center for Youth Evangelism in 1996, and today Youth Leadership Development is just one of

several training and outreach opportunities offered at the CYE. To learn more about the CYE or CYE events, visit [www.adventistyouth.org](http://www.adventistyouth.org).

The Center for Youth Evangelism is a training and resource center for claiming, training, and reclaiming youth and young adults for Jesus Christ. It is located on the campus of Andrews University as part of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

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## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

### Marion Church hosts Family Health Fair

Indiana—For the past four years, members of the Marion Adventist Church have looked forward to an opportunity to reach out to their community through a family health fair each summer.

Last year it was held on Sunday, Aug. 8, with close to 200 attending from the community of Marion and other surrounding areas. It was a fun, family-oriented event where people learned how to have better health—physically, mentally and spiritually. While the kids made crafts that taught them about Jesus at the Vacation Bible School tent, the adults went to the health-age test table and learned how their health habits add or subtract years to their life. There was a vision screening for preschoolers provided by a local university, a petting zoo, pony rides, clowns, hot wheels races and great vegetarian food.

"I enjoyed the health fair immensely, even though it kept me really busy," shared Charles Mosley, a new member of the Marion Church. "I was helping in the refreshment tent, and there were so many kids and adults attending from



Perla Arroyo was one of the many children who enjoyed a pony ride at the health fair.

the community that we ran out of snow cones."

"It was so nice to see everyone working together and going the extra miles to make all the people from the community feel welcome," reflected Javier Quiles, pastor, Marion Church. "The church members have a heart for

the Lord and a trust that He will grow the seeds that they planted in the community. What a privilege it is to be part of the Great Commission by letting people know that our great God is interested in every aspect of their lives!"

Luz Quiles, member, Marion Church