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BY MATHIAS DAVID CARNERO

John Khargie, a junior at Andrews Academy, together with the support of his friends, founded a Bible study group. He felt impressed to get something going for God. Even way before Week of Prayer began, John felt the impression by the Holy Spirit that some kind of movement for God should be taking place, so his convictions prompted him to host a Bible study group.

John is thankful that he made the decision to go forth in faith to follow the Holy Spirit's leading. Usually John has his topics all ready to be discussed. For example, he asked the group what they think about forgiveness. Each person responded as well as they knew how, and finally John gave a biblical answer. His goal for the Bible study



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group is to inspire his peers that "being in Jesus" is the ultimate way to go, for to serve Jesus is to believe and have faith in Him and not follow one's own will.

The Bible studies are held every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The group is fortunate to have a room with an atmosphere congenial for study, just the right size, cozy and warm, with comfortable seating. A total of about 16 teens and young adults attend. Winter in Michigan has not been so cold since 1999, so the members believe it is a blessing to receive a comfortable space.

Most who attend the study are academy students, so relating to each other is natural to the group. One or two are relatively beyond their high school years, and if there is ever an inside story shared, they are filled in on details. Members think that attending Bible studies has made them thankful, because it has shown everyone who attends that God is at work in the lives of others. Dialoguing with each other, every one profits. All have been impressed that everyone

who attends really wants to serve God by faith through Christ Jesus.

Two main topics discussed recently were about choosing one's own attitude, and another was about not judging others. The one about choosing one's attitudes has helped members realize that keeping a right attitude, despite the problem, is best and

can often lead to a positive outcome. And that as a Christian, deep inside, everyone knows what they have to do to honor God. That is, people must know how to make good decisions. Judging others is not a Christian attribute; the group is realizing the fact that judging what a person is like before getting to know them most likely leads to a judgment that is not true.

Being in Jesus all the time is what all Christians should strive for, those who attend the Bible study group want to achieve it. For as long as one lives, true surrender is what it takes—though it may take time, and some more than others. Brianna Cave, a junior at Andrews Academy, stated: "It makes me happy to see that the group and I are at the same level."

Alex Gayton, a sophomore at Andrews Academy, also made a statement concerning the Bible study. He says, "It's pretty cool that something actually got started."

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