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## Adventist Education

“After three days they found Jesus in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions.” Luke 2:46

Luke’s account of the child Jesus in the Temple is one of the few Gospel glimpses into the life of His family. We feel the anxiety of Joseph and Mary as they search for their lost child, and their relief when they find Him.

This account is not, however, a tale of a missing child. Indeed, what I believe Mary treasures (being a mother myself) in her heart after being re-united with Jesus is that He found his way to the house/school of His Father. Now He leads all His disciples, including His earthly parents, to His Heavenly Father. Jesus’s great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is a charter for Adventist education.

This school system supports church and family beliefs in a clear, consistent manner. Children hear the same message at home, school, and church. The

goal is to build a strong, Christian person who is able to go into the world with a heart for God, a mind trained in discernment, and an unchanging standard by which to live.

All subjects are taught from the Adventist point of view. Even subjects such as Physical Education are within this context (the body is the temple of God). Science is treated as a study of God’s magnificent complex creation. The Bible is taught from a historical perspective with students challenged to bring its lessons into relevance in today’s world.

Teachers point our children to the standard by which to measure life – the Word of God. One of the weaknesses of society today is a lack of standards, as ethics seem to be based on what is advantageous, not on what is right. Adventist education seeks to instill the Bible as the standard of living.

Each student is challenged to develop his or her talents for the honor of God, continually



seeking His guidance and giving Him excellence.

Research conducted at La Sierra University shows that, overall, Adventist students perform better than the national average. See the website [www.nadeducation.org/achieve](http://www.nadeducation.org/achieve).

As you will see in this issue, Adventist education freely addresses the needs of the whole child: mind, body, and soul.

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## Adventist Education - An “Entering Wedge” into my Heart!

I was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church last December, but it was a journey that began 45 years ago. I was born in an Adventist hospital and I now wonder what those nurses prayed as they cut my cord, washed me up and handed me to my mother.

I met my first real Adventist, Cherri Olin, when I was 35 years old even though I now see

how God was planting seeds in my heart all along. We lost touch for a few years but she prayed too! Three years later, I stepped my first toe into an Adventist church for a cooking class. I thought it would be good to supplement my girls’ homeschooling! Who did I meet at the door? Cherri Olin, and our kids hit it off! Cherri shared that her girls attended

Sheridan Adventist School and told me that it was a one room school house an hour away and that it was a great school. I thought she was nuts!

When we met, I still had the prejudice that Adventists were somehow in the “other” camp. By this point in time, I had been exposed to Messianic groups that taught about the Sabbath

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