

# Stepping out in Hosmer

by Gaye Ozanne

Don and Maria Harty are the only Adventists in the town of Hosmer, South Dakota, population 290. Harty, born and raised in Hosmer, joined the Adventist Church in 1990 in Killeen, Texas, where he had retired from military service. During the same year, the Hartys moved back to Hosmer, transferring their membership to the Bowdle church 18 miles away.

Last fall when a young couple put their double-wide trailer house up for sale, Don and Maria bought it to use as a guest house for visitors. Already in the back of Don's mind was the thought of using the trailer's large living room for something bigger and better. During December, Don sent Christmas cards out to his friends in the small town including an invitation to a Ken Cox Bible Prophecy Seminar. Six people responded.

The group had their first study in the new



Don Harty and the trailer he's using as a meeting place.

trailer on a Sunday and continue meeting there twice a week. They do two lessons each Sunday with a snack break between sessions and another lesson on Wednesday afternoons. Don has made himself available at any time for make-up classes. "I found out real quick like that you can't put these people on my schedule so I put myself on their schedule and so far all is working fine," said Don. Maria works full-time but is helping when she can.

The individuals attending the video seminar each have their own church. Don says his faith is being tested as never before. He admits that before each meeting there is anxiety as he wonders if anyone will show. While the harvest is still uncertain, the Hartys have stepped out in faith, surrendering time and money to change their world. Don, at age 63, isn't waiting for his church to do something – he is doing something.



The couple furnished the trailer to make it comfortable for meetings.

# Bible Bowl teams tie for first place

by Carol Driver

Dakota Pathfinders took charge of the church service in Watertown, South Dakota, on Bible Bowl Day under the direction of the conference Pathfinder director, Anne Wham. Six teams competed in the afternoon, answering more than 80 questions on the Bible book of Proverbs. Kelsey Rubbert, a youth in teen lead-

ership training, helped with the scoring. While all six teams did very well, two teams stood out in their performance causing the three judges to rule a tie. Winning teams were the Cleveland Pathfinders and a team made up of three different clubs, Lehr, Wahpeton and Watertown. These two teams represented the Dakota Conference at the Mid-America Bible Bowl in February.

# Adventist youth light spiritual fires

by Berneice Lunday

Jose LaPorte, a 16-year-old Dakota Adventist Academy (DAA) student, delivered a message to the Bismarck Church recently. At the same time, Mikaela Miller, also a student at DAA, preached in Streeter. The Student Association at DAA has formed several groups with about ten students each who conduct the church services in various cities throughout North and South Dakota. The students, chaperoned by academy staff, do the entire service from handing out programs to the closing prayer. On March 6, the DAA Student Association groups conducted church services in five South Dakota churches. Jose's goal is to be a pastor and doctor and to bring people to Christ. He has also spoken at other churches, including Tolstoy, Aberdeen, Bowdle, Goodrich, and DAA. Instead of youth complaining there is nothing in church for them, he advised that they do something for their church and bear the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace. (Galatians 5:22-23).

DAA students and faculty note that this has been a very spiritually empowered year at DAA.



Jose Laporte, a student at DAA, recently gave the sermon at the Bismarck church.