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Getting to Know You: Lilian Lovelace

By Lilian Lovelace



My name is Lilian Lovelace (nee Marsi). I was born in Santo Andre - a small town then - in the city/state of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

My family immigrated to the U.S. when I was four years old. We first moved to Ohio, where a German family, friends of my paternal grandparents through their church, took us in and helped us begin our assimilation to life in the U.S. A year later, we moved to Upstate NY, where I lived until I moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1984.

I was raised in the Apostolic Christian Church, a sister church to a branch of Nazarene churches. Attendees were predominantly German. I recall that the Apostolic Christian Church I attended held German services prior to English services every Sunday.

My grandfather was a minister in the Nazarene church in Santo Andre. He was well known in the Apostolic Christian Church in Brazil, U.S. and Canada. Many of my cousins are still very involved with the Nazarene church;

an aunt and uncle ran the orphanage affiliated with the church in Nepomuceno, in the state of Minas Gerais, for many years.

I became acquainted with the Adventist church when I met Ken Bevins (formerly of the Monroe church). Ken and I were a part of a non-denominational Bible study where we worked. Ken introduced me to the Adventist church. I became an Adventist in 1994, I think, and have been attending Bellevue since.

When I told my father that I became an Adventist, he told me that when he was a poor boy growing up during the depression in Brazil, that Adventists helped his family. College was not for me. Though I do have some college education, most of my experience was gained with on-the-job training. I have been very fortunate that each job experience has propelled me to something even more interesting. I am a part of Women's Ministries. I helped collecting tithes one year; however, the following year I started a new job that challenged me on many levels, and I was not able to do more.

As for helping others, I do small things where I see a need; I do it and forget about it. I like it better that way. I keep myself off the streets and out of trouble by:

- Gardening
- Crafting (needle crafts mostly)
- Reading - Scottish history right now
- Attempting to learn Scottish Gaelic (not easy)
- Writing
- Raising our rescue Rottie

Kitchen Remodel

By Kayla Mellon

Over the past few weeks, Kirk Robinson and his crew, have been working very hard on our kitchen remodel. As of right now, the old kitchen and its appliances have been removed, the new frame for the kitchen is going up, and our new door to the fellowship hall is being made.

It's so exciting to see the kitchen project making a lot of progress. It will be so exciting when we can have our first potluck in our new kitchen.

