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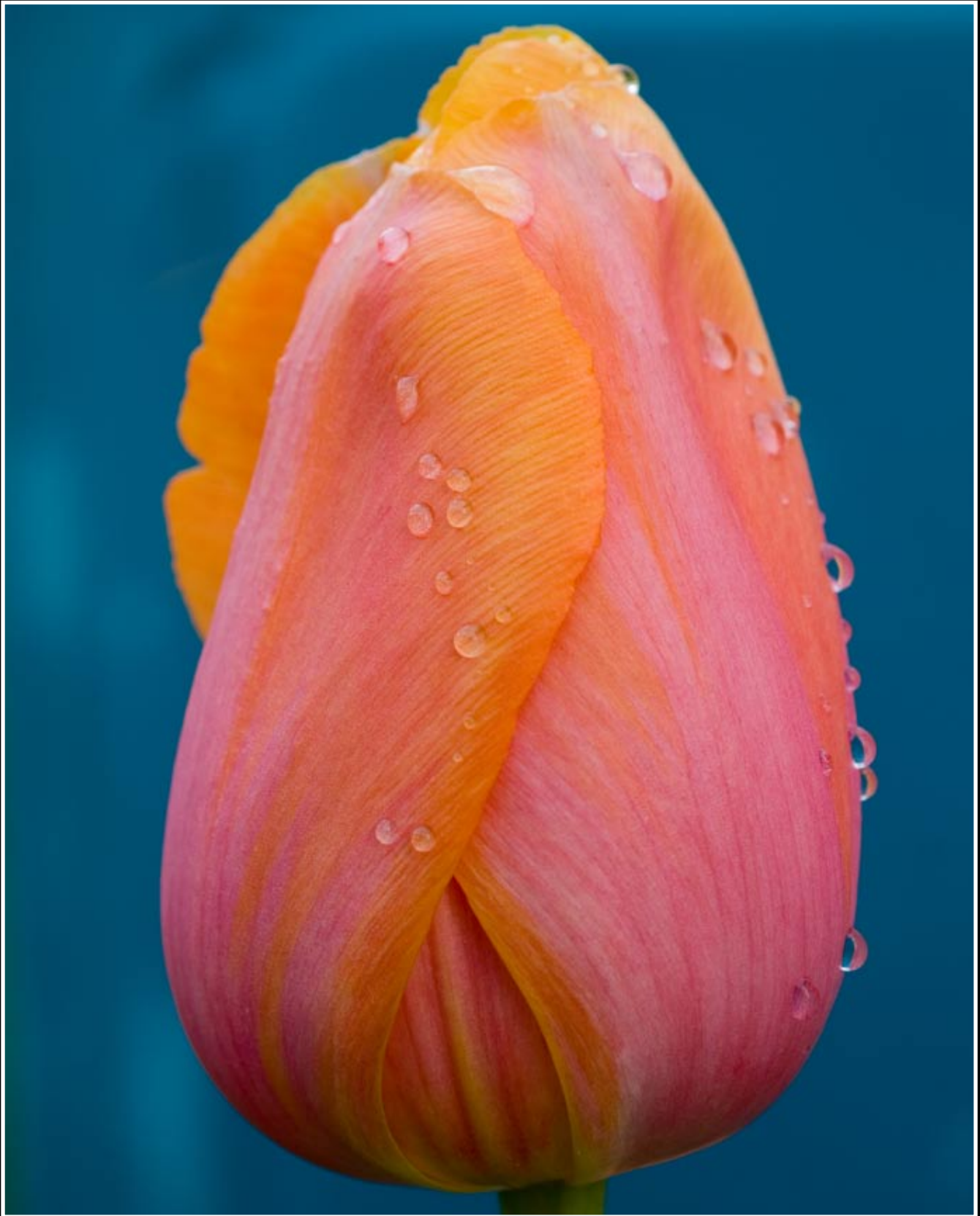
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*He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the
brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.*

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“Color Me Tulip” by Dean Huggins of Newman Lake, Washington.

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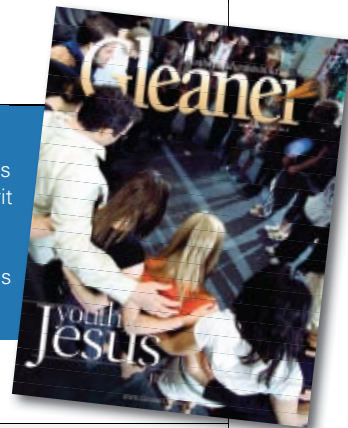
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With Such an Army

“We will not accomplish our God-given task without an army of ‘rightly trained’ youth and young adults.”

The youth of our church are critical to the Adventist mission, a fact highlighted in Ellen G. White’s familiar words. “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish,” she wrote, “how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world” *Education*, 271. Has our Lord delayed His return because we have failed to train this youthful army or to fully deploy these energetic troops with adequate power and responsibility? Have we given them practical hands-on experience on the front lines of mission? Are we integrating their energy, enthusiasm and creative ideas into the life of the church? Have we mentored them in prayer, shown how to give Bible studies and boldly witness for the Lord Jesus Christ?

We will not accomplish our God-given task without an army of “rightly trained” youth and young adults. The “older” generation must provide counsel and encouragement but also release and empower the “younger” generation to eagerly engage with what God has called both young and old to do—take “the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior...to the whole world!”

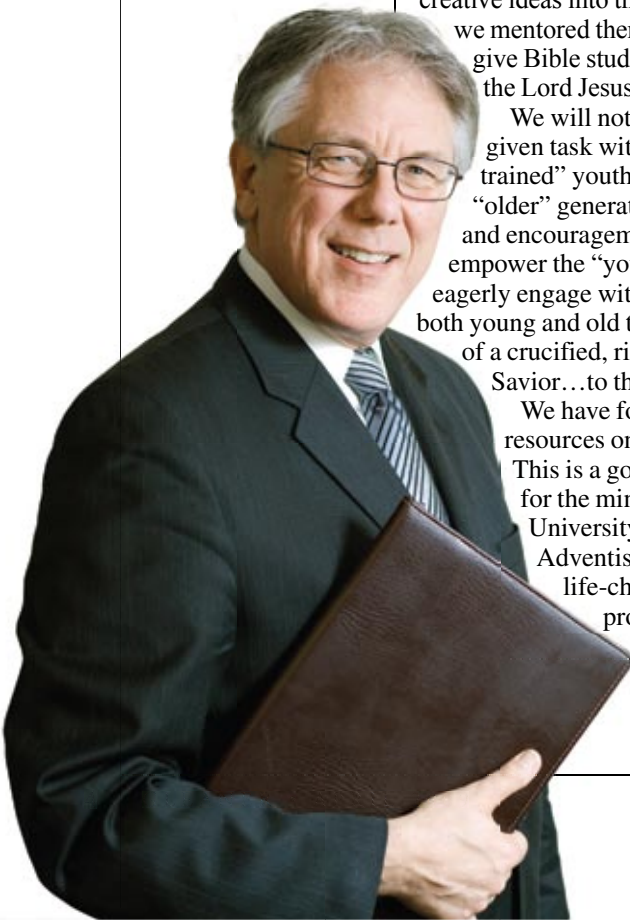
We have focused large amounts of resources on youth in the Northwest. This is a good thing. I am grateful for the ministries of Walla Walla University and our extensive Adventist K-12 system. The life-changing Youth for Jesus program featured in this

issue is an exciting development. Every year hundreds of young people meet Jesus while spending a week at one of our many summer camps. Praise God for these blessings. However, we can and must do more to sharpen the focus on equipping youth and young adults for active participation in God’s army.

Youth of the Northwest, take counsel from 1 Timothy 4. “Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity...keep a close watch on yourself and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right, and God will save you and those who hear you.” And the Apostle Paul continues in his inspired counsel to the youthful Timothy, “Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as though he were your own father. Talk to the younger men as you would to your own brothers. Treat the older women as you would your mother, and treat the younger women with all purity as your own sisters” (1 Timothy 4:12-16, 5:1, 2).

Sounds like a family, doesn’t it? God’s family! A place where every individual is loved, appreciated and needed, each person using their unique spiritual gifts to fulfill the gospel commission, young and old working side by side with Holy Spirit power to “finish the work.” The young learn from the wisdom and experience of the old and the old gain from the enthusiasm and creativity of the young.

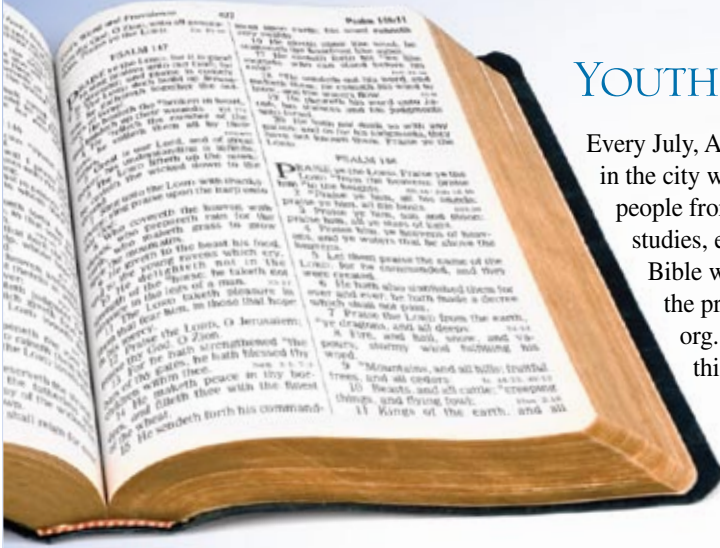
And, working together, we will accomplish much more than any of us can alone. •



Max Torkelsen II

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Did You Know?



YOUTH FOR JESUS

Every July, ASI sponsors Youth for Jesus, a youth-led evangelism campaign in the city where the year's ASI convention is being held. Nearly 40 young people from around the world participate in door-to-door outreach, Bible studies, evangelistic meetings and more. They also receive training from Bible workers and evangelism instructors. For more information about the program, including how you can participate, visit <http://yfj.netasi.org>. You can also learn more about a new Youth for Jesus program in this month's feature.

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THOUGHTS ON YOUTH

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV)

“We live in an age when to be young and to be indifferent can be no longer synonymous.”

Benjamin Disraeli

“The good thing about being young is that you are not experienced enough to know you cannot possibly do the things you are doing.”

Anonymous

OUT OF STEP

Here's an exercise program that doesn't quite make the cut. In a recent fund raising charity race, a group of more than 5,000 runners in South Carolina ran two miles to a downtown Krispy Kreme shop, ate a dozen glazed doughnuts, and returned to the campus of North Carolina State University. The group did raise \$35,000 for the North Carolina Children's Hospital, but each runner consumed 2,400 calories and 144 grams of fat while burning only 400 calories during the race.

Source: USA Today



YOUNG AND RARE

As the baby boomers become empty nesters, the number of American families with children at home is going down. In 1950, some 52 percent of families had children under age 18 living at home. In 2008, the number decreased to 46 percent. Other contributing factors include:

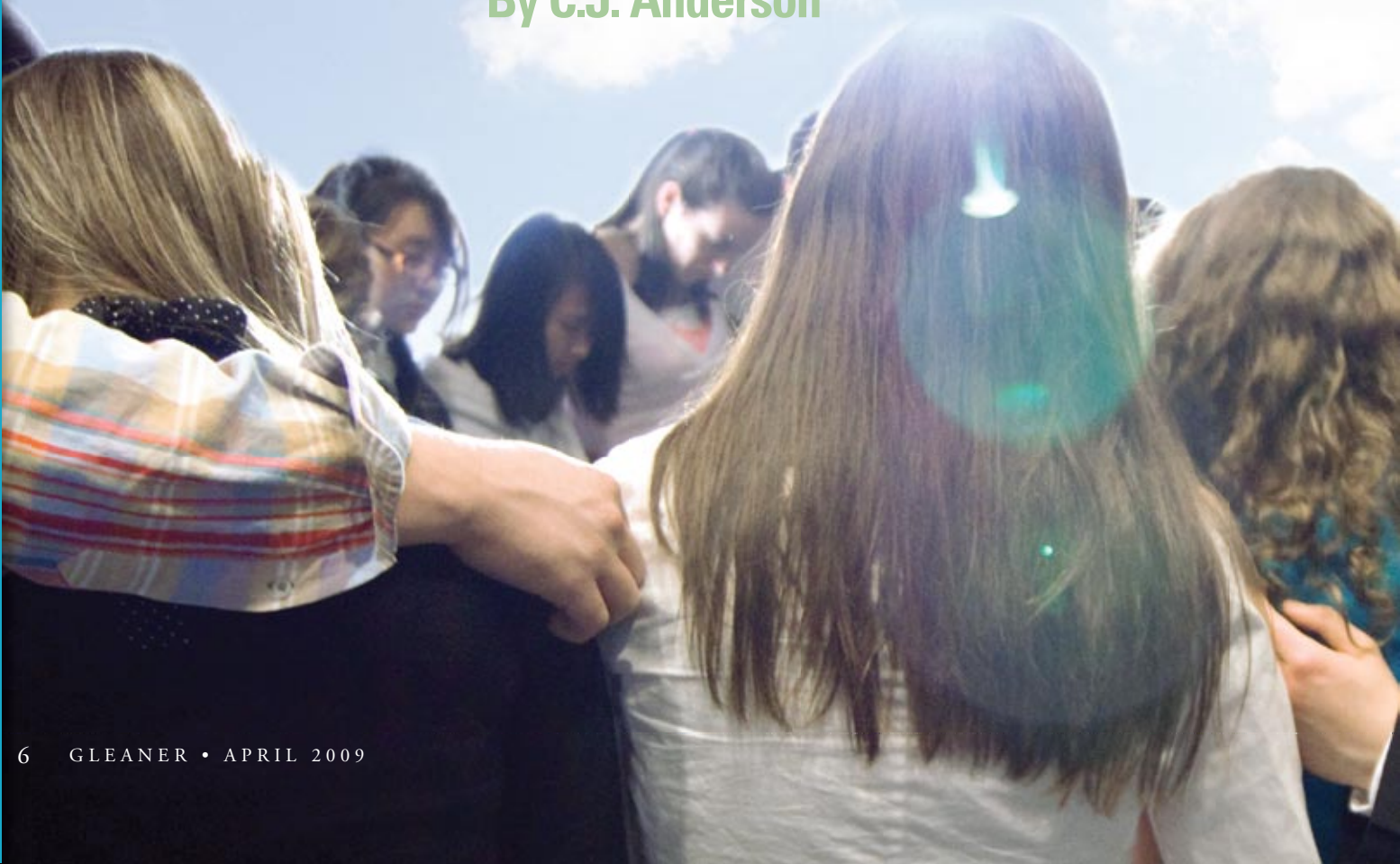
- Increased longevity—the average life expectancy of 30-year-olds increased by three years between 1960 and 1980.
- Increased childlessness—the percentage of childless women age 40 to 44 doubled between 1976 (10 percent) and 2006 (20 percent).

Feature

Young *for* Jesus

IMPACTS GEM STATE

By C.J. Anderson



“When you are working for God and the Holy Spirit is working through you it’s the most wonderful feeling you will ever have.”

—Ellissa Nelson, Gem State Adventist Academy freshman

“**M**ore sermons, more Bible studies, more evangelism... and we as a staff are trying to figure out how to make it happen,” says London Lee, Gem State Adventist Academy chaplain. He’s talking about the students’ response to Youth for Jesus, an ASI-sponsored program just concluded on the GSAA campus. For over five months, students, faculty, churches and the community have experienced a powerful renewal and transformation.

Kevin Sears, Youth for Jesus director, speaks about the program which is in its second year and focuses on a series of classes designed to encourage Christian lifestyle and prepare students for evangelism.

“When young people get into college, many of them lose touch with the church,” says Kevin. “We believe if we get them involved with soul winning early, they will be more likely to stay connected.”

At first it was a challenge to get students on board. London recalls, “The number one theme

I heard was, ‘Are we going to be required to preach and give Bible studies? Because that’s not my gift.’ The Bible workers had a great response for this. The first thing they said was, ‘Pray about how God can use you. We need help with other things as well.’ They really encouraged students to find the place God was calling them to be involved in, and to remember every role is important.” As the official program concludes, it’s evident a culture change will continue to reverberate throughout the GSAA campus. God is still at work in the lives of numerous students, just as He was long before they realized it.

From Buddhism to Baptism

Before Hoai (pronounced “Why”) Nguyen came to Gem State Academy the only experience he had with Christianity was attending a Christmas mass at a Catholic church in his hometown in Vietnam. Five months later he simply cannot stop sharing about the way his life has been transformed through a deeply personal relationship with God.

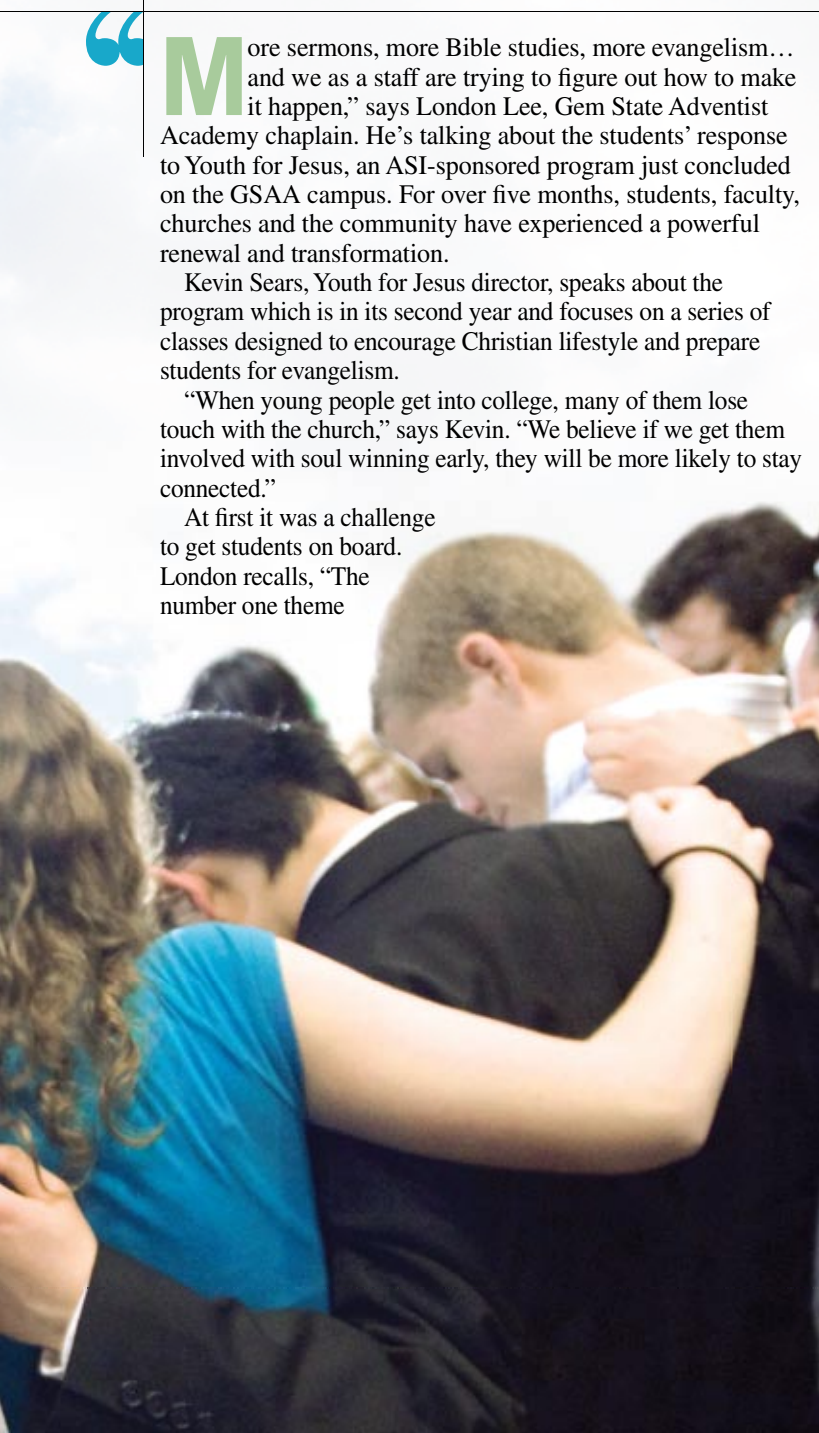
Hoai found himself at GSAA by a series of events he now describes as miracles.

“My mother wanted me to go to a Christian school in Idaho because she has a friend in Twin Falls. The only school certified to accept me was GSAA.”

Days before leaving for the United States Hoai says a Christian friend challenged him to “seek the truth.” When ASI Bible workers joined the Gem State campus in September, that search became even more real. “As people shared their stories and their faith it was amazing to see how God could work in people. I thought, ‘Why don’t I just give Him a try?’”

The defining moment came when Hoai and a group of GSAA students attended the Generation of Youth for Christ convention in San Jose, Calif. For Hoai, a special appeal spoke directly to his heart. “They had a call for people who had grown up in other religions. I’m from a Buddhist background. They invited us to let go and follow God. I decided ‘Yes, that’s what I want to do.’ I want to follow God 100 percent!”

As GSAA prepared for a student-led series, Hoai was invited to be one of the speakers. “The Bible workers told me I had potential, and I wanted to do something special so I decided to just try for it,” Hoai says. “The hardest part was the language. I would get excited and not say the words clearly. The Bible





Hoai Nguyen, GSAA junior, shares a portion of his testimony after being baptized by Kevin Sears, ASI Youth for Jesus director. Hoai came to the United States searching for "the truth." What he found was life changing.

workers and a teacher helped me practice pronunciation and style. I was worried I would be uncomfortable when preaching but you can't overestimate how comfortable I was.

"I used to be very independent," remarks Hoai. "But as I have learned about God and have gotten to know Him personally He has become my compass."

Josh Finds A New Path

For Josh Hester, GSAA sophomore, a dramatic change has come in where he applies his leadership skills. While studying with ASI Bible workers, Josh felt encouraged to speak during the series. Doing so forced Josh to re-evaluate how he was using his time, and ultimately lead to a decision not to play on the school's basketball team this year. "It was one of the hardest decisions out of this whole thing," Josh says. "But I wouldn't be the same person without that choice. I learned about commitment and trusting God to lead you. You have to be willing to go where He leads you."

As the Bible workers encouraged Josh to study and pray, he felt a growing desire to be baptized. "There's a point where you decide to follow Christ and then a point where, to move forward, you get baptized," he says.

In taking that public step, Josh found himself used by God in everyday interactions. "My friends and family are opening up to me, and I can see God working in those interactions," Josh says. "I get up at six every morning and go have devotions with some friends and the dean."

Josh says he has noticed a change in the atmosphere on campus as well. "Last year you could tell it was a Christian school, but now when you walk on campus students are having studies and praying."

Not About Me Anymore

When it was time for Ellissa Nelson, GSAA freshman, to give her message at the meetings she felt God work in a real and personal way. "When I preached I was nervous for about the first 30 seconds," Ellissa says. "After that it wasn't about me anymore, it was about the message. When you are working for God and the Holy Spirit is working through you it's the most wonderful feeling you will ever have."

Ellissa also felt the Holy Spirit work when she conducted Bible studies. "I worried that, being only 14, adults would not listen to me. I had the privilege of giving Bible studies to a girl of 13 in my community. I was able to relate to her without fear of rejection."

Perhaps just as wonderful is the response of those who were sharing in the program. Friends, church members and the community related as well. London Lee comments, "I had one church member come up and tell me, 'I never really understood the 2,300 days until I heard it explained by a 16-year-old.'"

The impact of changed and inspired youth is not lost on church leadership. Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president, comments, "I know many pastors who are afraid to make a commitment call with a card, but I've seen kids do it and do it well. It's motivated me to want to preach God's message more than ever before."

GSAA Campus Culture Change

Beyond the public, nightly aspects of the evangelistic series, the Youth for Jesus program has had a subtle, personal phase that appears in glimpses throughout the campus. Quiet moments of prayer, study and honest, open dialogue among small groups of friends; quiet decisions and lifestyle changes punctuate this program with greater intensity and impact than any altar call. London Lee reflects on one example. "The other day I found a note someone had dropped. The person was talking about feeling depressed and going through some difficult struggles. Then someone had responded with words of encouragement. 'God loves you. I'll be praying for you...' That's ministry!"





Josh Hester, GSAA sophomore, sees God working through his interactions with friends and family.

“This has made Christianity real for our students,” observes London. And Peter McPherson, principal, agrees. “Giving our young people a chance to be really truly involved in sharing the good news of the gospel is a unique and powerful experience,” he says. “Perhaps even greater than seeing the community impacted is the effects this program had and continues to have on our own students.” •

C.J. Anderson, GLEANER intern, writes from Ridgefield, Washington.

GSAA students and staff both agree, “This has always been a Christian campus in name, but now it’s a real and popular part of everyday life.”



Youth for Jesus



THE PROGRAM

ASI’s Youth for Jesus program began in 1999, involving summertime youth evangelistic projects at each annual ASI convention. Last year ASI conducted its first on-campus YFJ program during the school year at Maplewood Academy in Minnesota.

In February 2008, Leasa Hodges, ASI vice president for youth evangelism, and Dan Ross, ASI Northwest president, encouraged the Idaho Conference and Gem State Adventist Academy to host a similar YFJ program.

- The Northwest ASI raised \$25,000 toward the project and the Idaho Conference and local churches raised an additional \$25,000.
- Gem State Academy housed Kevin Sears, YFJ director, and four Bible workers for approximately six months.
- These adult mentors were integrated into the GSAA daily schedule to pray for, study with, and train interested students.
- The Nampa, Caldwell, Homedale, Parma and GSAA churches partnered with the project for fundraising, evangelistic training and community outreach.

THE RESULTS

- 22 decisions for Christ, with about half the decisions coming from students and half from community members.
- Approximately 100 Bible studies, with about 40 ongoing studies supervised by students and local church members.

SEE AND HEAR FOR YOURSELF

GSAA students will share firsthand testimonies from the YFJ program at the ASI Northwest spring meeting, April 30–May 3, at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. For more information, go to: <http://yfj.netasi.org>.

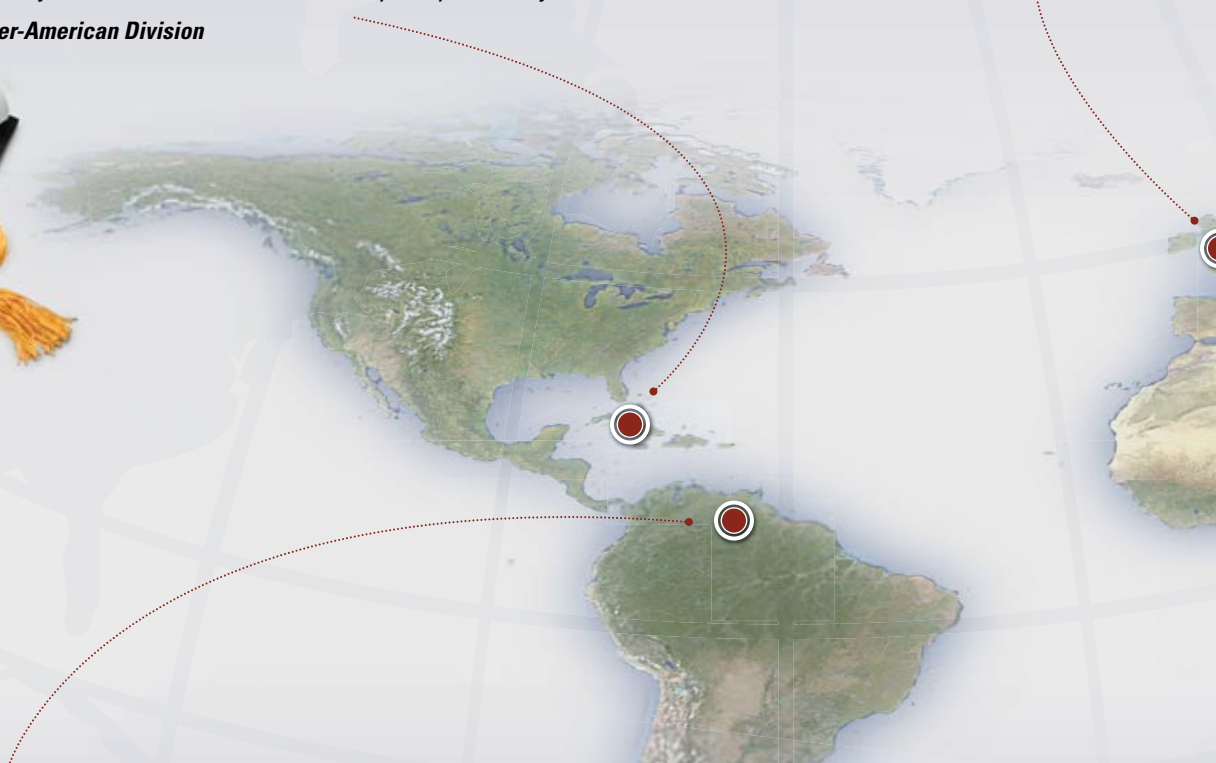
WORLD NEWS

CUBA

Seminary Celebrates

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cuba is celebrating the first class to graduate with master's degrees in pastoral theology from the island's Inter-American Division Theological Seminary site. President Jamie Castrejon praised the committed efforts by teachers and administrators providing graduate-level programs to students in Cuba. "This victory for the church in Cuba means our Cuban brothers and sisters have up-to-date pastors just like the rest of our territory," says Castrejon.

Source: *Inter-American Division*



VENEZUELA

Search for Missionary Plane Continues

Seventh-day Adventists in Venezuela continue to search for a medical missionary plane, though the government has called off the official search. The plane, piloted by Robert Norton, disappeared on Feb. 16. Among the six passengers on the plane were Norton's wife, Neiba, and an Adventist teacher. The pilot was a volunteer for Adventist Medical Aviation and has over 20 years of flying experience.

Source: *Adventist News Network*



NEWS BRIEFS

ENGLAND

Bible, Koran Move to the Top

Libraries in London have been instructed to place religious texts on the top shelves of bookcases after complaints by Muslims over the location of the Koran. In Muslim homes the holy book is placed above "commonplace things." The decision to relocate religious texts draws criticism from a variety of sources, including Christians and Muslims. Some opponents say libraries should not be run in accordance with religious beliefs, while others say putting the religious books on top shelves makes them harder for readers to access.

Source: christianpost.com



INDIA

Christian-Hindu Relations Still Tense

Church leaders in Orissa, India, say conditions in the region are still dangerous. In August 2008, attacks on Christians began after the assassination of a Hindu clergyman. The homes of nearly 800 Seventh-day Adventists in the region were destroyed and many Adventists were among the 50,000 people displaced by the violence. Many of those people still have not returned home.

Source: Adventist News Network

SUDAN

Outreach for War-torn Region

Seventh-day Adventist Church members recently held outreach meetings in south Sudan, an area experiencing an influx of displaced persons returning home after 20 years of war. The meetings were well attended and included more than 1,000 children who participated in daily programs. Church members will continue to hold outreach meetings throughout 2009. Sudan is home to 40 million people and nearly 14,000 Adventists.

Source: Adventist News Network



ACCION

¡IGLESIA DE GRESHAM SE ORGANIZA COMO GRUPO!

Los miembros de la iglesia adventista de Gresham celebraron un día de fiesta espiritual el sábado 9 de enero del 2009. Después de algunos años como grupo, la conferencia de Oregon los organizo como Compañía, con más de 100 perso-



Registrándose como miembros.



Pastor Ricardo Torres.

nas presentes. El pastor Ricardo Torres, recientemente asignado a este distrito, dio Gloria a Dios por lo que Él ha hecho. Esta nueva iglesia es parte del movimiento de plantar iglesias de la Conferencia de Oregon, donde

en el 2008 5 nuevas congregaciones se organizaron. La iglesia de Gresham participara en la campaña de Grupos Pequeños con 38

equipos y esperan llegar a 200 miembros en este año. •

Roger Hernandez, Coordinador de la Conferencia de Oregon



Pastor Roger Hernandez anunciando nueva campaña de grupos pequeños: Milagros.

Compañía de Gresham.



Answering the Call

Bill and Elouise Hawkes were attending the Carolina Conference camp meeting at Lake Junaluska, N.C., and responded to an appeal to be missionaries. Every evening they listened to Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, give an ongoing mission story of experiences in bush Alaska, especially about Savoonga. Their



Savoonga, Alaska, is just 55 miles from the mainland of Russia.

hearts were touched when they heard about the needs of the Yup'ik people in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, who have been doing their best to cope with their village's high teen suicide rate. After Elder Crawford's third presentation, the Hawkes volunteered to move to Savoonga to work with village leaders and develop a suicide prevention program.

The Hawkes drove from Durham, N.C., 4,780 miles through ice and snow to Anchorage. They are both nurses with years of valuable medical experience caring for people of varied cultures. While they waited in Anchorage, they took specialized training in depression recovery and represented Adventist Community Services, helping at the local homeless shelter, serving evening meals.



Bill and Elouise Hawkes, attendees of the Carolina Conference camp meeting, respond to an appeal to be missionaries in Savoonga, Alaska.

On Feb. 16, Bill and Elouise landed in their new home in Savoonga, which is just 55 miles from the mainland of Russia, and were greeted by their new church family and village members.

Please pray for them as they serve the Lord and the people of Savoonga. •

Edward Dunn, Alaska Conference secretary

ShareHIM Motivates 'Ordinary Guy'

Doug Blair, a member of the Anchorage Northside Church and a sheet metal worker, calls himself "just an ordinary guy." Blair caught the ShareHIM vision during a rally



Doug Blair, Anchorage Northside member, shares his love for Jesus with guests at the ShareHIM presentation in Togiak, Alaska, a small village of nearly 825 people.

in Anchorage, Alaska, and has been a main speaker at each Northside campaign since. He also presented the ShareHIM program at a local rescue mission.

In March 2008, Blair took a group from Northside to Manokotak, Alaska, a village with a population of nearly 400. No one attended the first few nights, but the team was not discouraged. Instead, they visited townspeople and gave them personal invitations. By the end, 10 people were attending. Blair saw God's hand at work and learned about "preparing the ground."

In November 2008, he organized another team to go to Togiak, Alaska, a town with

a population of nearly 825. He and his team went to each home ahead of time inviting residents. Average attendance was nearly 15 each night with seven committing to baptismal studies and three accepting on profession of faith. Upon

retirement, Blair and his wife, Lowana, plan to move to Bethel, Alaska, to continue to ShareHIM. •

Nita Larson, Northside Church member



Glenda Pyle, member of The Second Mile church, and Krystal Marsau, Wasilla member, join Doug Blair's ShareHIM team and present children's stories during a ShareHIM campaign in Togiak, Alaska.

Eagle Adventist Christian Center Receives National Accreditation

The Eagle Adventist Christian Center, located in Eagle, Idaho, has earned re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. "We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from the NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," says Jodi Giem,

EACC director. "NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible." EACC is the only NAEYC-accredited program in Eagle.

To earn NAEYC re-accreditation in the new system, EACC went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 new NAEYC

Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The program received re-accreditation after an on-site visit by assessors to ensure it met the standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 20 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign

of high-quality early childhood education. There are six NAEYC-accredited programs in Boise, and 21 in Idaho. Nationwide, more than 11,000 programs serve 1 million young children. Approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs in the nation are currently accredited by the NAEYC. •

Myrna Ferguson, chairman

Idaho Conference Camp Meeting June 9 - 13, 2009 Jesus IS Coming - Help Wanted!

Evening Speakers

Karl Haffner, pastor of the Kettering, Ohio Adventist Church, Tuesday–Thursday

Lonnie Melashenko, former director/speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, Friday and Sabbath

Sabbath Musical Guest and Devotional/Seminar Speaker

Sandy Wyman Johnson

Special Sabbath Guest

Elder Max Torkelsen II, North Pacific Union Conference president

Come and be equipped for the job God has given you – to share the Good News of Jesus' soon return!

Fundraiser Profits School



The delicious food and baked goodies are a big hit at the fundraiser.

Valley Adventist Christian School students, teachers and parents hosted a fall festival in November 2008, to raise funds. A variety of games and activities at the event brought in over \$1,000.

Food was plentiful and participants came from the Kalispell, Columbia Falls and surrounding Montana neighborhoods to share in the festivities. •

Derek Glatts and Joe Greene, VACS students



The dunk tank is a popular stop at the fundraiser.

New Church, New Pastor, New Member

On Friday evening, Feb. 6, her birthday, Vicky Campbell was baptized into the Havre (Mont.) Church. Campbell had been waiting patiently for the church to be ready. This was also the first baptism in Havre by the new pastor, Richy Thomas. Campbell shared her story of an unsettled childhood and the influence of a godly grandmother, Maude Craig of Miles City, Mont., who took Campbell and her family into her home as a young child and also to the Adventist church nearby. Campbell says she attended many churches of other denominations but there was something missing. Now she says, "I'm home!" The congregation has been blessed by her musical and artistic

talents. She brings joy to the whole group and is a wonderful addition to the church. Many of her friends and relatives attended the service and members pray this will lead to more decisions for Christ. •

Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader



Vicky Campbell shares her journey with the church.

MONTANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

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Cottage Grove *Blossoms With Baptisms*

The Cottage Grove (Ore.) Church is growing. Last year's sanctuary renovation included a new baptistery. A rededication ceremony was held on March 8, 2008, with Don Livesay, then Oregon Conference president, giving the keynote sermon.

The baptisms began on March 29, with Malinda Thompson and Donette Meerbergen.

Later in 2008, more candidates prepared for baptism with Len Tatom, pastor, and on Jan. 3, 2009, Bryan Perrodin, Shartell Kidd, Kiana Kidd and Andrea Davis were baptized.

Then on Jan. 17, Kathleen Darnell, a student from Emerald Christian Academy, entered the baptismal waters.

An afternoon service on Jan. 31, witnessed the church members' glad acceptance of two men: Rhiney Peschell, through baptism, and Derl Sandwick, through profession of faith.

Harlan and Cindy Gowing and Corey Kidd are also preparing to follow their Lord in this beautiful rite of baptism. •

Lassie Smith, Cottage Grove Church member



Front row, from left: Corey Kidd, Cindy Gowing, Kathleen Darnell, Andrea Davis and Kiana Kidd. Back row: Len Tatom (pastor), Harlan Gowing, Rhiney Peschell, Derl Sandwick, Shartell Kidd and Bryan Perrodin.

Prayer Lights the Path *Reimche is Next Oregon Conference President*

Al Reimche accepted the invitation to serve as Oregon Conference president on Monday, Feb. 23. Reimche succeeds Don Livesay.

Reimche has served as Oregon Conference vice president for administration for the past seven years, and brings a broad record of ministerial service over the past 35 years, serving as ministerial director, senior pastor, youth pastor and elementary school teacher throughout the Northwest and Canada.

The Thursday prior to Reimche's acceptance, the Oregon Conference Executive Committee spent the day in

prayer, asking for the Lord's guidance in the selection. As they met, conference staff rotated in offering a continual season of prayer for God's guidance and blessing. Max Torkelsen II, North Pacific Union president, comments, "I felt the meeting was Spirit-led and the process went very smoothly. We paused several times throughout the day to pray, together and silently."

Upon acceptance, Reimche states, "After taking time this weekend with my wife, Beth, for prayer and processing our thoughts, I have accepted the invitation to become the next president...I accept with

excitement because of the strong team we have throughout the Oregon Conference, but also some apprehension because I believe decisions made and directions taken in the coming months and years are crucial to God's calling..." Reimche continues, "God has tremendous plans for His work here in the Oregon Conference, and I want to join you right in the center of His will as we together carry out His commission." •

Glenn Wachter, Oregon Conference communication department freelance correspondent



Al Reimche accepts the invitation to serve as Oregon Conference president.

Church Makes Olympic Scarves for Jesus

If you like to knit and share the love of Jesus, you have an opportunity to do both of those while playing a small part in the 2010 Winter Olympics. The Orchards Church, in Vancouver, Wash., is partnering with the Adventist Church in Canada to make Olympic scarves for the winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. The scarves will be distributed to spectators through “warming centers” around the city. Many Adventists will be helping at the “warming booths,” giving away free red scarves as well as offering literature or prayer to people who stop by. The scarves will have a tag on the inside which reads, “From Your Friends, the Seventh-day Adventists.”

Consider what you might do to help. If the Orchards Church has more than 20 people knitting scarves for 10 months,



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there will be 200 scarves to contribute. However, if there were 100 churches with 20 people each knitting one scarf a month for 10 months there

would be 20,000 scarves to share with people, showing them the practical love of Jesus. Think how exciting it would be to see photos of

the Olympics and see people wearing red scarves from the Adventist Church.

We invite you to begin knitting today; pray over each stitch and each row. Scarves should be finished by the end of November 2009, and shipped to the British Columbia Conference Office at: P.O. Box 1000, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4P5 CANADA. The phone number is (604) 853-5451. Volunteers in Canada will add the More Than Gold patch and the “friends” label.

If you are interested in knitting scarves for Jesus and being a part of this ministry, visit www.gothedistance.org to get directions for the scarf pattern. •

Carlene Will, Orchards Church member

Waldport Woman Serves Community For 35 Years

Audra Wheeler received an award given in appreciation for 35 years of dedicated service as the Waldport Adventist Community Services director. The award was presented to her by Andy Whittenberg, pastor, at a luncheon given in her honor. Even though she has retired as director, Wheeler is a faithful worker on behalf of her church and community.

The plaque reads: “Presented to Audra Wheeler with deep and grateful appreciation for 35 years of faithful service as director of Waldport Adventist Community Services. 1973–2008 Waldport Seventh-day Adventist Church.” •

Dee Roberts, Waldport Church communication leader



A Veteran Has a Special Day

Third- and fourth-grade students from Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School went on a special field trip to the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Center in Vancouver, Wash., in late January. They went to surprise and cheer Joel Crow, the school's board chairman and a veteran, who is recovering from brain surgery. Crow had been in rehab for four weeks. His progress was slow but steady.

The classroom was abuzz practicing songs, poems and making cards for all the veterans along with a large banner.

As they arrived, the children's anticipation was high. Once in the facility, a hush fell over everyone.



Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School students sing during a field trip to the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Center in Vancouver, Wash., in late January.

Sitting before them were 20 veterans. Some had prosthetics;

others needed help eating. After a few minutes Crow came. There

were tears of joy as he looked at the students. He proudly expressed these were the best students and faculty in the world. Students performed marvelously, and the audience was blessed, as well as the participants.

Crow loved every second of the visit and truly enjoyed the cards, banner and hugs from the kids. Other veterans expressed joy and excitement for the students' cards.

Students had a lot of questions returning to the bus and there was a greater understanding of the sacrifice for freedom. •

Brian D. S. Allison, Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary principal

A Donkey Goes to School

Students arriving at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School found two unexpected visitors one day. A prospector named Pete and his miniature donkey, Zach, arrived at school.

Peter Hardy, school principal, assembled the students in the gym. There they found a protective cover over the carpet, a bucket and a gold pan. The bearded prospector led the well-

behaved little donkey over to the group.

The donkey was to find gold nuggets in the miner's pan. Now the donkey was eager, because instead of water in the pan, there were delicious oats. While guzzling oats, gold nuggets appeared on the surface and there were Bible texts on them.

Each student was given a number. When that number was called, he or she walked over to the miner and donkey and read the advice given.

So what was the team trying to teach? How to meet, confront and solve conflicts biblically.

And who was the prospector? None other than Charles Brown, pastor. Brown has been presenting seminars showing how to resolve conflicts for several years. But then a growing desire developed to reach out

further to young people in schools. He developed a plan to obtain a donkey to help present the assembly program, "Don't Let Conflict Make a Donkey Out of You." •

Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader



Students arriving at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School find two unexpected visitors. A prospector named Pete and Zach, his miniature donkey, are part of a presentation showing children how to resolve conflict.



Winston Dedicates New Sanctuary

A dream 26 years in the making was realized on Dec. 13, 2008, when the Winston (Ore.) Church congregation dedicated their newly completed sanctuary.

Through innumerable blessings and member dedication, the church complex was built without going into debt. Maranatha volunteers framed the sanctuary, and members worked tirelessly to complete this house of worship. The first phase was completed in 1984, and the fellowship room served as the sanctuary for many years.

Charles Disney, current

district pastor, arrived seven years ago and contacted Maranatha for help. They were scheduled out two years. However, a cancellation in their

schedule allowed them to come and frame and roof the building in a few short weeks.

Key people in the final phase of building the sanctuary were



With hard work Maranatha volunteers and Winston Church members complete their sanctuary.

Gary Jones and his wife Evelyn. They coordinated efforts of the volunteers and contractors for completion. Their talents and efforts are largely responsible for the completion.

The first series of meetings to be held in the new sanctuary will begin in April when Murry Miller, a pastor from South Dakota (who was baptized in Winston), will present a Revelation Now seminar.

Members invite those looking for a church home in the Winston area to make this their church. •

David Hardwick, Winston Church member

Pastor Celebrates U.S. Citizenship *From Behind the Iron Curtain*

“Ever since I was confined to a playpen as a toddler I have experienced the urge toward more freedom,” Lutz Binus, Hockinson Heights pastor, commented with a twinkle in his eye, during his citizenship party thrown by members of his congregation.

On Saturday evening Jan. 31, the Hockinson Heights

fellowship hall was filled to standing room only with family, friends and church members for a patriotic evening celebrating the clergyman’s U.S. naturalization. After an all-American dinner of salads, potatoes, (veggie) steak and apple pie, Binus shared “My Path to America,” via pictures and remarkable bits of his life story,

showing the guiding hand of God.

Binus, born into an Adventist pastoral family in East Berlin, grew up under the communist regime and witnessed the building of the Berlin Wall. His family was granted a miraculous and legal release from the communist country into West Germany for health reasons. Later, he met and married a young lady that was visiting her German grandparents close to the Bible college, and came to the U.S. Binus has served as a pastor in the Oregon Conference since 1984. He told the hall of flag-waving onlookers he has always felt welcomed.

Other parts of the program included patriotic songs, an American history game show and a moving presentation featuring the song “I’m Proud to be an American.”

Binus comments, “I am a citizen of three countries. I

have German citizenship. I am welcomed into the American family, and most of all I am a citizen of Heaven.” •

Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor



Hockinson Heights members bring on the food for their pastor’s U.S. naturalization party. The all-American menu featured plenty of homemade vege-stakes, baked potatoes and good old apple pies.



Lutz Binus, Hockinson Heights pastor, holds his newly acquired U.S. citizenship.

Men of Power Camp MiVoden Hosts Men's Retreat

Jim Hohnberger, a popular author and speaker, found himself morally confronting a major airline CEO recently. He shared his story with more than 120 attendees at the Men of Power—Upper Columbia Conference Men's Retreat hosted at Camp MiVoden the weekend of Feb. 21.

Twenty-six years ago, Hohnberger became convinced pursuing the American dream was robbing his family of an authentic walk with God, so his family sold everything and set off for the Montana wilderness in

manhood during an in-flight movie. He asked the stewardess and captain to please consider the children on board by putting on a more "family-friendly" movie. The flight captain said he wasn't authorized to change the movie, and Hohnberger would have to speak to the airline president after the flight.

When he phoned, the airline CEO's secretary said, "You can't just call up an airline president on the phone."

But within seconds the president was on the phone, and



Jim Hohnberger, author and speaker at the MiVoden Men's Retreat, encourages Upper Columbia Conference men.



Prayer plays an important part at the Men of Power retreat hosted at Camp MiVoden in February.

search of an "Enoch experience." The Hohnbergers set aside enough from the sale of their home to ration three years worth of living off the land. The Lord blessed and 26 years later they still live "50 miles from the nearest paved road," near Glacier National Park, where Hohnberger says he and his family experience clarity and intimacy with God and nature.

Recently, while on a flight, Hohnberger became disgusted by culture's portrayal of true

over the next several minutes Hohnberger shared his life testimony.

As they hung up, the president responded, "Jim, I was raised that way too. When you fly home, you will have your family-friendly movie."

When Hohnberger and his family flew home a couple weeks later they wondered if anything would really happen. Shortly after takeoff the voice of the flight captain came on and said, "We must have someone important

on-board today because in place of our regular feature we have orders to show a family-friendly movie by special request."

Stories about the influence and conviction which a man can experience if he is zealous for God highlighted the retreat.

Richie Brower, pastor-turned-organic-farmer, was also featured. Bruce Christensen played the guitar.

Summing up the Men's Retreat, Tim Freund, an attendee,

says: "...Anything is possible with God in your life."

Brower adds, "I believe we stand at the turning of the tide. Now, more than ever, God needs men who will walk with Him every day and lead their families."

To learn more about Hohnberger's ministry, visit www.empoweredlivingministries.org.

Darin Patzer, KEEH radio manager



Men relish the time to compare notes and gain strength from each other during the Upper Columbia Conference men's retreat at Camp MiVoden.

A Roof for Lorraine

Do good things everywhere you go. “After a while the good you do will return to help you” Ecclesiastes 11:1 (*The Everyday Bible*).

Over the years, Lorraine Enos, member of the Irrigon (Ore.) Church, has contributed to countless church and



Lorraine Enos has helped with countless church projects. This time it was Enos who was helped.

community projects. But when she discovered water coming through the roof of her house, she decided to just put a tarp over it. However, her nephew Dennis Hauner and wife Sylvia decided to help with a more permanent solution. They contacted friends and family, who began making donations and sponsoring yard sales.

Examining the roof revealed more work was needed, so Hauner coordinated efforts to replace insulation and siding.

Once these preparatory jobs were complete, carpenters, contractors and other workers from the Irrigon, Hermiston and Anchor Point churches converged on the project. Old shingles went flying. New shingles were nailed down. In



Dennis Hauner

Church volunteers show their gratitude for Lorraine Enos by repairing her roof.

one day of concentrated work, the new roof was in place.

Lorraine Enos watched the project with delight and thankfulness for God’s provision and family and friends who

were willing to help. Her friends repeat, “After a while the good you do will return to help you.” •

Norma Stahl, communication leader

Pathfinder Retreat *Filled With Learning and Fun*

Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinders and staff gathered recently at Camp MiVoden for a weekend of learning, fellowship and fun. The theme of the retreat was God created each one of us to be a winner. Ron Hessel, weekend speaker and pastor, used humor and honesty to reveal the beauty of relationships that can happen when we follow God’s blueprint.

Like other UCC Pathfinder events, the Prayer Wall held an important place. Everyone was challenged to think about prayer as vital to existence. Throughout the weekend,



Pathfinder teens rescue a person with a “broken leg.”

participants wrote down prayer requests and attached them to the Prayer Wall. At the

beginning of each meeting two or three teens chose requests from the wall to share with

the group. At the end of the weekend, volunteers took requests home so they could continue to pray for them.

In addition to the spiritual aspects of the weekend, Camp MiVoden was witness to 10 valiant rescues by teams of teens practicing first aid and basic rescue skills in simulated rescues. Willing staff played the “accident victims.”

Saturday evening, attendees were treated to a colorful banquet. Pathfinders could then enjoy the swimming pool, hot tub and other activities. •

Estée Pummel and June Cross

Why Members Leave Church *What Can We Do About It?*

Why do some members leave church? And how do we bring them back?

These are core questions for those who have a concern for their church family.

A group of pastors and lay members contacted Dave Livermore, Upper Columbia Conference church growth coordinator, with a plan to find answers. From this group, the Why I Quit Church bus wrap and the WhyIQuitChurch.com Web site came about. (See the full story in the November 2008, GLEANER).

After nearly four months, the survey is providing answers.

Antonia, one young respondent, was attracted to the Spokane transit bus. She resonated with the Web site, logged on and took the survey. She then attended a free movie *Lord Save Us From Your Followers* at the Garland Theater. Antonia was delighted to find she was not alone in wishing Christians were more like Jesus. Antonia, a self-proclaimed non-Christian, knows what she should find in a Christian.

Her story has been replicated over a thousand times as people from all walks of life fill out the survey.

Of the more than 1,000 people filling out the online survey, the results show nearly 30 percent quit church within the past year and nearly 55 percent left due to hypocrisy, credibility of leadership and unkind attitudes or behavior.

“My greatest fear was realized,” says Livermore. “I can deal with doctrinal differences, or people moving, but over half of the people left because of unkind treatment.” Livermore heard directly through e-mails from hundreds of survey respondents, some very angry. “I tell them many of the people have felt as they

do and it is our hope and prayer we can take their responses to the churches and share their stories.” Livermore says, “We need to open up church conversations and confront ourselves with how we can treat people better and value them the way Christ would...”

The bus wrap is opening up dialogue and people are sharing. The challenge is: listen, learn and change. •

Kathy Marson, communication administrative assistant



Jon Dalrymple

The bus has been circulating for four months, and more than 1,000 responses to the Web site survey are helping Upper Columbia Conference leaders find out why people “quit” church.

Colville and Kettle Falls *Host Amazing Facts Seminar*

The Colville and Kettle Falls (Wash.) churches joined together in November 2008, to host the *Amazing Facts* seminar series called *Cracking the Prophecy Code*. The series ran for 22 nights, with more than 110 people attending per night. Emmanuel Baek, evangelist, gave clear, truth-filled, dynamic presentations.

All who attended received inspiration and revival in their lives. Some who had never heard prophetic truths

from the Bible in such clear, Bible-based presentations were convinced of the truth and came forward, dedicating their lives to serving the Lord and joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Darlene Bitton, a youth attendee, passionately states, "I've never heard the Bible presented in such a clear and interesting way. It was a lot of fun." •

Judy Bitton, assistant communication leader



God's Closet *Doors Open Wide*

A new ministry, God's Closet, opened in Spokane, Wash., on Friday, Feb. 13, and welcomed its first clients. The ministry was launched by Merryl Tschoepe who imagined a group who would gather children's clothes and other donations and have days when "shoppers" could choose needed items. Area church members grabbed onto the idea and helped find gently used children's clothing and baby items for needy children.

Volunteers posted fliers announcing the need and placed bins for clothes and other items throughout the

Spokane area. It was one of these fliers that caught the attention of Othello Richards, KREM2 reporter. Richards contacted the group, talked with them, and put together a story that aired on the 6 and 11 o'clock evening news.

To find out more about the organization and how you can get involved, contact Merryl Tschoepe by e-mail at info@godscloset.us or visit the organization's future Web site: www.godscloset.us. •

Jennifer Dubón, South Hill Church volunteer and representative



Spokane's new God's Closet ministry receives donations of children's clothing and baby items for needy families.

Young Adults Encounter God in Seattle

An Adventist-sponsored event called “Relentless,” which is part of a larger movement called GODencounters, was held in late January at the University of Washington in Seattle, Wash. Attendance was nearly 200 on Sabbath morning. Jeff Gang, GODencounters co-founder, prayed the program would be a “catalyst for deep, personal experiences with God, not an act or a program, but an everyday, every moment way of living.”

“Relentless” was sponsored

on campus; it wasn’t the easiest task...I was somewhat shocked to see [the group] consisted of just five to 10 people. The club is clearly in the process of making a huge movement for God.”

24-Seven Ministry Center has sponsored the group, also known as the UW chapter of Adventist Christian Fellowship, since 2006. The group has helped students stay involved and encouraged them to share the gospel with their classmates.



Yasi Xu

Christian band Garage Voice with Tommy Panigot, Patrick Toney and Bruce Pearson perform at the Sabbath afternoon session.

by 24-Seven Ministry Center. Matthew Gamble, of VagaBONDSERVANT International, flew in to speak, and Soulfill, Jon Davidson and Garage Voice provided music.

Ministering to the secular UW campus has been a challenge because even Adventists who attend the UW have difficulty staying connected to the church.

Tiffany Varesko, UW graduate, says, “I remember coming as a transfer student and trying to find Adventists

Victoria Campbell, another UW graduate, founded the chapter in 2003. She says, “I can’t believe how much it’s grown! I didn’t do much in getting it launched—just planted a seed really. But now, the work of God is evident. It’s awesome.”

Seattle has always been considered a difficult city to reach. But Brenda Ferguson, a 24-Seven member, says, “[That while it] is the most unchurched city in the nation, unchurched doesn’t mean people don’t have or



Chase Chang

Adventist young people on the University of Washington campus are finding spiritual encouragement and support.

want a relationship with Jesus. There is a difference between relationship and ‘religionship.’”

Many of the young adults who attended the event came to the same conclusion. Outreach is not just inviting people to vespers or church, although that obviously

works for some people and is always a seed planted. In the end, the best way to reach out on campus is to make friends and build trust, and then growing God’s kingdom will be inevitable. •

Stephanie Campbell, UW Ministry coordinator



Yasi Xu

Matthew Gamble of VagaBONDSERVANT International, former pastor at 24-Seven Ministry Center, delivers the message at the University of Washington GODencounters event.

Lacey Burns Promissory Note

The Lacey (Wash.) Church has paid off the debt on Tuttle Hall, the church's fellowship hall, and celebrated with a public burning of the promissory note during a recent church service.

Members borrowed \$110,000 toward expenses of \$380,000 to build the fellowship hall. When Washington Conference's building appropriation fund was unfrozen last year, thanks to a tithe blessing, Lacey received a grant for \$38,000.

The grant energized the church, and members voted

to pay off approximately \$80,000 of the remaining debt by the end of 2008—a goal the church met.

Tuttle Hall is used for fellowship dinners, special programs, and has also been made available for community use in the event of a disaster. Lacey Church members praise God for His wonderful blessings and rejoice the fellowship hall is now debt-free. •

Rob Aaron, Lacey communication leader



Lacey leaders Ray Bartel, building committee chair; Steve Shipowick, pastor; Kevin Fedak, head elder; and Larry Hettick, treasurer, burn the promissory note for the debt-free church fellowship hall.

Kent Renovation Whacked Into Action

The Kent (Wash.) Church raised money for their church renovation and kicked off the long-awaited project by selling the rights for the first whack at the wall. It was much like a groundbreaking, but instead it was a wall breaking. The wall between the vestibule and the sanctuary will be removed.

Members of the Kent Church have heard about new carpet, roof, and other improvements for so many years they may have difficulty believing it's finally happening. But if they were at the church on Jan. 29, they became believers. First, they watched Buzz Manchester take a sledgehammer to the wall.

Brad Jacobson had something other than a sledgehammer in mind. He brought a homemade potato

gun—about 6 feet long. When he blew potato-shaped holes into the wall, people began running in from other parts of the building to see what was going on.

Manchester and Jacobson bought their "First Whack" rights at the annual church renovation auction. After they did considerable damage to the wall, other members took turns with the sledgehammer and potato gun, surprising one another with their ability to punch large holes in the wall.

Now their only challenge is explaining the hash browns inside the wall to the general contractor! •

Sally Herigstad, auction chairperson



Buzz Manchester kicks off the Kent (Wash.) Church renovation by taking the "First Whack" at the wall.



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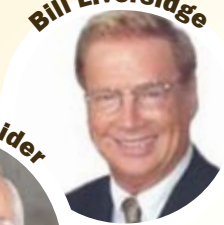
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“This often results in tremendous guilt and questioning of one’s spiritual health,” says Darold Bigger, professor of theology and social work at Walla Walla University.

Bigger was part of a research team from the WWU School of Social Work and Sociology which recently concluded a study on forgiveness. Funded by

a \$25,000 grant obtained through the Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness at Loma Linda University, the study took two years to complete.

Bigger worked with co-primary investigators Barbara Hernandez, director of clinical training at the Loma Linda University Department of Counseling and Family Science; and Heather Vonderfecht, WWU associate professor of social work; to develop a curriculum with which to conduct forgiveness seminars around the Pacific Northwest. The seminars were done with predominantly Seventh-day Adventist groups.

Those who participated in the seminars were asked

pointed questions regarding their experience with forgiveness.

A staggering 63 percent of the difficulties participants experienced with forgiveness involved relatives. Other common issues were those related to work, non-family perpetrated abuse, or friends. And 44 percent of the participants reported they experienced some degree of pain from the grievance they were trying to forgive.

“What surprised me about this study were the cited reactions of others to whom participants had confided their dilemmas,” says Hernandez. “Common responses were judgment, threats, shaming remarks and silence. I didn’t realize so

few people know how to help someone who is having a hard time forgiving someone else for very real grievances.”

Two formal standardized tests were given before, and again directly following, the 8.5-hour-long seminars. The tests were administered by the other members of the research team: Pam Cress, dean of the WWU School of Social Work and Sociology; Susan Smith, WWU professor of social work; and Rachel Davis, graduate student research assistant.

The Enright Forgiveness scales administered indicated significant results showing participants left the seminars with a healthier level of forgiveness than when they began. The State Trait Anger Scale found participants’ scores dropped significantly on “bottled up” anger from pre- to post-seminar testing.

“One participant commented there was a moment where it all came together,” recalls Bigger. “The individual said it felt as though they were walking ‘from a dark room into a gloriously warm, bright new day.’ That is why we worked so hard on this project, and why we push ahead to give this information to others.” •

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent



Eric Ashley

Susan Smith, Heather Vonderfecht, Darold Bigger, Pam Cress and Janet Ockerman along with others conduct a study about forgiveness.

Emergency Enthusiast Comes Home

Even as a young boy, Eric Swanson had emergency medicine in his blood. When his mom moved the family to Tillamook, Ore., in 1973, to be the nurse anesthetist at what is now Tillamook County General Hospital, Swanson spent a lot of time observing emergencies at the facility. “My first memory of Tillamook is the hospital,” Swanson says, adding he and his brother waited in the lobby or in the parking lot while his mom Madeline did evening rounds. His favorite times were when she was called in for trauma cases. “I’d sit in the lobby and watch the traumas come in,” he says, recalling his boyhood fascination with emergency medicine which included wearing patches from old ambulance uniforms and

watching emergency shows on TV. At 16, Swanson became a hospital volunteer in the ambulance department. He later worked in maintenance and after a summer EMT class, became an ambulance driver at 18. After becoming a certified Emergency Medical Technician III and attending Southwestern Adventist College, Swanson came back to Tillamook as field supervisor and paramedic at the hospital for seven years. After that, he left TCGH and served as chief investigator for the Oregon State EMS Office for three years. During this time he also worked with the Oregon State Police SWAT Team as a tactical paramedic. For the past 11 years, Swanson was the administrator of the Tillamook 911 District. Last fall TCGH called him



Eric Swanson, Tillamook native, works his “dream job” as an Emergency Medical Services director for the ambulance department at Tillamook County General Hospital.

back. Larry Davy, hospital president and CEO, brought him to the hospital, “and closed the door and wouldn’t let me out until we had a deal,” Swanson says, laughing. Now EMS director for the hospital’s ambulance

department, Swanson says, “I love this organization. It’s been a huge part of my life, and it’s been wonderful to be back.” On managing the only ambulance service in Adventist Health, Swanson describes it as a “dream job.”



Answering nearly 3,000 community calls each year, the EMS department covers a 1,125-square-mile territory with five ambulances. “We provide excellent care in many different settings,” he says. The EMS bug appears to be contagious. His daughter, Tiffany, is a paramedic in Medford, Ore. “She called me awhile ago and said, ‘I saved a life today! I actually saved a life!’ It was very gratifying,” he says. Swanson lives in Tillamook with his wife, Audra, and youngest son, Taylor. •

Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

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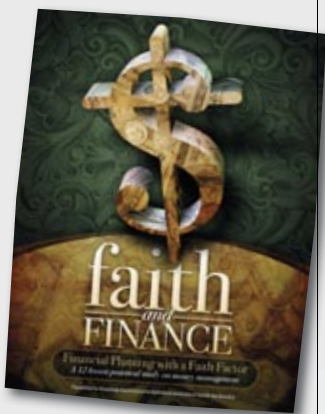
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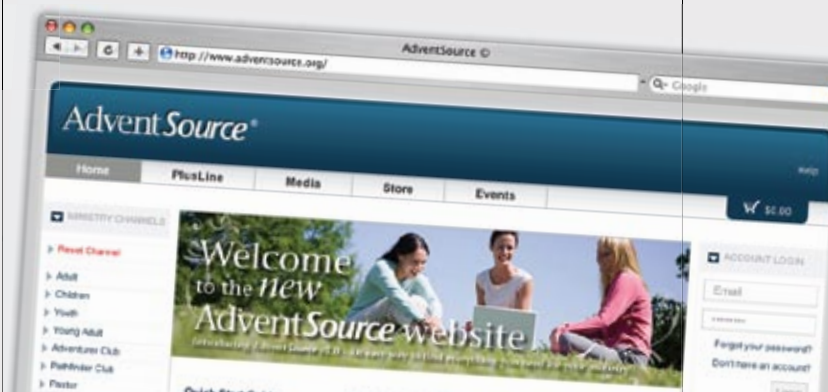
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THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

John Kriegelstein left his position as Alaska Conference director of education, youth and communication to become Mid-America Union director of education in February.

Roger Walter left his position as senior pastor at The Adventure Church in the Rocky Mountain Conference to become senior pastor at the Vancouver (Wash.) Church in February.

John Wiltenburg left his post as assistant pastor at the Medford (Ore.) Church in February for possible ministerial opportunities in Texas.



John and Jeanie Kriegelstein are now serving in the Mid-America Union.



Bea and Bob Axford

Axford 65th

Robert and Beatrice Axford celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 29, 2008. As a gift, their children treated them to a trip to western Oregon, where they visited the Evergreen Aviation Museum and the Portland neighborhoods where they grew up. They also enjoyed a Sabbath afternoon picnic with their extended family.

Robert "Bob" Axford and Beatrice "Bea" Oster met in the spring of 1940 while riding the same bus to College Days at Walla Walla College. Bob, a student at Columbia Academy, was sitting in front of Bea, who attended Portland Union Academy. She was having difficulty with the bus window, and Bob, ever the gentleman, turned around to help her. He promptly closed the window on her finger, causing concern as she was scheduled to play her violin during a program that weekend. Bea was a well-known violinist in the Portland area, and once played with The Quiet Hour. Bob and Bea were married at the old Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore., in 1943.

The couple graduated from Walla Walla College in 1944, and moved to Loma Linda University where Bob graduated from medical school in 1949. Afterward,

the family moved to Seattle, Wash., where Bob interned with the U.S. Public Health Service. The family moved to Fort Belknap, Mont., in 1951 when Bob was called to active duty during the Korean War. He worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs during this time. In 1953, the family moved to Prosser, Wash., where they raised three children. Bob served as a doctor at the local hospital, while Bea, earned a music degree and taught music lessons. After 24 years in Prosser, they moved to Kennewick, Wash., where Bob worked as an emergency room doctor and Bea continued to give lessons. Bob is now retired; Bea still teaches violin. They attend the Kennewick Church.

The family enjoys camping and traveling. As Bob had his private pilot's license, they were able to enjoy these activities often. Both Bob and Bea enjoy reading, music and spending time with family and friends.

The Axford family includes Melody and Dave Shulte of Prosser, Wash.; Carolee and John Arslanian of Kennewick, Wash.; David and Debi Axford of Yakima, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Hinds 50th

Jack and Joy Hinds celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 28, 2008, with an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Irrigon Adventist Fellowship Center. Those who gathered included a surprise guest from Clover, N.M., which was sister-in-law, Faye Hinds as well as her daughter, Linda Douglas.

Jack and Joy were married Dec. 30, 1958, in Portales, N.M. They lived in Clovis,

N.M., until moving to Hermiston in January of 1959. Jack worked as a car man at the Hinkle train yard in Hermiston from 1959 until retiring in 1992. Joy was a homemaker. The Hinds have been members of the Seventh-day Adventist church since 1966.

The Hinds family includes daughter Jerri and Mike Crismon of Hermiston, Ore.; sons Mike and Cindy Hinds of Salt Lake City, Utah; Don and Roxie Hinds of Hermiston; Neal and Sandi Hinds of Hermiston; 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Reiswig 50th

Jim and Bettigene Reiswig celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 28, 2009. Jim Reiswig married Bettigene Pate on Jan. 28, 1959, in Portland, Ore. Jim worked for the Carnation Milk Company for 35 years. Bettigene worked for Blue Cross of Oregon for 24 years and then consulted for eight years as a Medicare Part B hearing officer for Oregon, Idaho and Clark County, Washington.

In 1989, they moved to Port Orford, Ore., and began volunteering with Maranatha Volunteers, doing projects stateside as well as overseas, many in Central and South America. Bettigene served as a board member for Maranatha as well.

They now enjoy their retirement years on the southern Oregon coast and are members of the Bandon Church.

The Reiswig family includes Larry and LaJean Ford of Chubbuck, Idaho; Farrell Ford of Eugene, Ore.; Don and Sandi Pate, South Lancaster, Mass.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



Ard Stephens

Stephens 100th

Approximately 150 family members, friends and church members gathered at the Falls City Church Nov. 8, 2008, for the 100th birthday celebration of Ard Stephens. Those present enjoyed a bountiful meal and also a slide show prepared by the family.

Leroy Ardmore Stephens was born Nov. 5, 1908, in Newport, Ore., the second of nine children of Archie and Esther Stephens. He spent the early part of his life on the Oregon Coast, then several years in Pendleton, Ore., as a logging supervisor for Harris Pine Mills. He also worked in the logging business in California, Oregon and Washington, retiring in Warm Springs, Ore., where he had served as a pilot for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ard married Ethel Noyes in 1929, and is the father of two children. Ard and Ethel later divorced. Then in 1980 he married Dorrie Catiel in Laoc, Philippines. He moved to Falls City in 1981.

Ard is very active for someone his age. He still drives his car, helps with yard work at his home and his brother's place, and attends Sabbath School and church regularly.

Ard's family includes Margaret Brown of Beaverton, Ore.; Larry Stephens of Seaside, Ore.; adopted daughter Eva in the Philippines; and 2 grandchildren.

Family
W E D D I N G S

BOOTH-REILLY—Sarah Booth and Stephen Reilly were married June 29, 2008, in Timberline, Ore. They are making their home in London, England. Sarah is the daughter of Lowell (deceased) and Marsha (Simpson) Booth. Stephen is the son of Geoff and Diedre (Maher) Reilly.

FERNANDEZ-GILLASPY—Karol Fernandez and William Gillaspay were married Dec. 20, 2008, in Eagle Point, Ore., where they are making their home.

REEVE-MCNEIL—Rebecca Reeve and Matthew McNeil were married Aug. 10, 2008, in Bells, Texas. They are making

their home in Wasilla, Alaska. Rebecca is the daughter of George Reeve (deceased) and Susan and Rex Allen. Matthew is the son of James and Lianne (Manley) McNeil.

WOODY-JOICE—Alicia Woody and Matthew Joice were married Aug. 31, 2008, in Auburn, Wash.

They are making their home in Happy Valley, Ore. Alicia is the daughter of Richard Woody and Kathy and Don Moore. Matthew is the son of Roger and Susan (Vories) Joice.

Family
B I R T H S

BALTAZAR—Lila Rose was born Jan. 26, 2009, to Terrance and Dawn (Lincoln) Baltazar, Gresham, Ore.

BRYANT—Jackson Paul was born Feb. 1, 2009, to Matthew and Holley (Leen) Bryant, Fairview, Ore.

BURTON—Isabella Faith was born Nov. 13, 2008, to Brian and Jaimie (Abbott) Burton, Seattle, Wash.

CAMARILLO—Anali was born Dec. 11, 2008, to Jose and Maria Emma Camarillo, Albany, Ore.

CAMARILLO—Esaraha was born Dec. 11, 2008, to Jose and Maria Emma Camarillo, Albany, Ore.

HALEY—Jordan Bryce was born

Feb. 12, 2009, to Eric and Tonya (Wilson) Haley, Albany, Ore.

HERMENS—Neve Marie was born Jan. 24, 2009, to Benjamin and Sheena (McParland) Hermens, Salem, Ore.

LARSON—Owen Alexander was born Jan. 27, 2009, to Bryan and Jennifer (Daniels) Larson, Portland, Ore.

LARSON—Rhys Allen was born Jan. 27, 2009, to Bryan and Jennifer (Daniels) Larson, Portland, Ore.

LEWIS—Julia Michelle was born Feb. 5, 2009, to Paul and Suzanne (Dingledine) Lewis, Kirkland, Wash.

MACLACHLAN—Marylyn

“Finley” was born Feb. 12, 2009, to Jonathan and Holli “Michelle” (Ritz) MacLachlan, Lake Oswego, Ore.

MILLER—Wyatt Nicholas was born Jan. 27, 2009, to Kevin and Carrie (Thuemler) Miller, Ronan, Mont.

OETMAN—Evan Gerritt was born Dec. 24, 2008, to Gregory B. and Jennifer (Korb) Oetman, Walla Walla, Wash.

OFISA—Jovie Ann was born Jan. 15, 2009, to John and Tara (Twing) Ofisa, Salem, Ore.

ROXAS—Gwyn Maria was born Jan. 23, 2009, to Jonathan and Ellen (McKinney) Roxas, Wilsonville, Ore.

WALLACE—Kailynd Saige was born Oct. 8, 2008, to Harry and Kresta (Snyder) Wallace, Brownsville, Ore.

WARDA—Luke Stanley Tortal was born Jan. 28, 2009, to Robert “Frank” and Maylin (Tortal) Warda, Portland, Ore.

WITZEL—Josiah Dean was born Oct. 22, 2008, to Larry D. and Angela M. (Withey) Witzel, Vancouver, Wash.

YOUNG-TOBEY—Dominick Allen Zyler was born June 28, 2008, to Vanessa Rae Young and Jeffrey Allen Tobey, Gladstone, Ore.

Family
A T R E S T

BENEDETTO—Rosella L. (Evans), 67; born Oct. 19, 1941, Laramie, Wyo.; died Nov. 17, 2008, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: son, Larry Hout, Caldwell; sister, Cynthia Jaderquist, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BURRILL—Eugene “Gene” Francis, 89; born Dec. 6, 1919, Vancouver, Wash.; died Dec. 11, 2008, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Gladys (Johnson), Prospect, Ore.; son, Mike, Medford; daughters, Celeste Sweat, Central Point, Ore.;

Sandra Knudson, Medford; Gina Ostman-Burrill, Camano, Wash.; Helen Ashley, Keizer, Ore.; brother, Donald, White City, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

CORWIN—Joanne “Jodee” Therese (Wheeler), 78; born Nov. 2, 1930, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Dec. 15, 2008, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Duane; son, Daryl, Roseburg; daughters, Duanna Richards, Auburn, Wash.; Lonna Montgomery, Bend, Ore.; brother, Dick Wheeler, Enterprise, Ore.; half-brother, Phil Sieck, Roseburg;

stepfather, Charles “Bill” Sieck, Roseburg; and 4 grandchildren.

EARLL—Roberta G., 61; born Dec. 31, 1946, Washington state; died May 25, 2008, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jesse Sr.; son, Jesse Jr., Salem; daughters, Brenda Trapero and Dotty Trapero, both of Salem; mother, Anna Akins, Lebanon, Ore.; brother, Don Heller, Brownsville, Ore.; and 6 grandchildren.

ENGLISH—Roberta Ann (English Houtchens) Carlson Walker, 61; born July 6, 1947, Cody, Wyo.; died July 24, 2008,

Helena, Mont. Surviving: son, Tom Carlson, Helena; daughters, Tammi (Carlson) Sjoden, Townsend, Mont.; Robbi (Carlson) Dale, Kremmling, Colo.; mother, Sally (Duram) English Houtchens, Boulder, Mont.; brother, Rich English, Tripp, S.D.; half-brothers, David Houtchens, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mike Houtchens, Kalama, Wash.; Larry Houtchens, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Charles Houtchens, Brush Prairie, Wash.; half-sister, Juli (Houtchens) Byard, Garden Valley, Idaho; and 6 grandchildren.

Family
A T R E S T

FERREE—Dennis J., 58; born Feb. 23, 1950, Niles, Mich.; died Aug. 21, 2008, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Carol (Benjamin), Caldwell, Idaho; son, Robert, Caldwell; daughter, Kirsten Wilkes, Everett, Wash.; parents, John and Delores Ferree, Sellersburg, Ind.; brother, Darrell Ferree, Charlotte, Mich.; sisters, Rhonda Monroe, Marysville, Ind.; Rosanne Grove, Gainesville, Va.; and 3 grandchildren.

FOLAND—Maurice G., 86; born Jan. 27, 1922, Berkley, Calif.; died July 2, 2008, Carmen, Idaho. Surviving: son, Jim, Kuna, Idaho; daughter, Jacquie Wickward, Caldwell, Idaho; sister, Gertrude Edge, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 15 step-grandchildren.

GRAY—Virginia L. (Howard), 93; born April 24, 1915, Bloomington, Ind.; died Dec. 24, 2008, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, Robert W., Pilot Rock, Ore.; daughters, Barbara Immroth, Montezuma, Kan.; Carol Johnson, Pendleton; brother, Samuel Howard, Havana, Fla.; sister, Joy McKenzie, Athena, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

GRIFFITH—Beulah (Shipley), 87; born Aug. 11, 1921, Portland, Ore.; died Jan. 13, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash.

HENDRICK—Brandon J., 22; born Aug. 6, 1986, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 14, 2008, Tempe, Ariz. Surviving: father, Jerry Hendrick Jr., Vancouver, Wash.; mother, Georgette (Kenyon) Hendrick Jarrett, Greenback, Tenn.; stepfather, Randy Jarrett, Greenback; grandparents, Jerry and Geri (Schwarz) Hendrick, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Betty (Fuqua) Kenyon, Helena, Mont.; brothers, J.D., Caldwell, Idaho; and Chad, Vancouver.

LONG—Edith (Walters), 91; born July 7, 1917, Hillsboro, Ore.; died Dec. 9, 2008,

Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: sister-in-law, Nereida Walters, Anchorage, Alaska.

LYNCH—Charles Edward Sr., 81; born May 20, 1927, Orlando, Fla.; died Dec. 24, 2008, Loveland, Colo. Surviving: wife, Myrtle Marie (Ruchty); sons, Charles E. Jr., Plains, Mont.; Thomas E., El Dorado Hills, Calif.; James C., Loveland; daughter, Mary Louise Smith, Orlando; sister, Barbara Ann Johnson, Orlando; 5 grandchildren, a step-grandchild and 4 great-grandchildren.

MILLER—Elva Alliene (Pinaire), 82; born July 6, 1926, Ramsey, Ind.; died Jan. 1, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Leona Crisp, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Alyce Hunter, Los Banos, Calif.; Jamie Moore, Rogers, Ark.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

MILLER—Florence (Rittenbach), 81; born April 12, 1927, Portland, Ore.; died Jan. 4, 2009, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: husband, David K., Pleasant Hill, Ore.; daughters, Melody Miller, Springfield; Carolyn Force, Tigard, Ore.; Cheryl Boney, Woodland, Calif.; sisters, Eleanor Piper, Roseburg, Ore.; Betty J. Spier, Glendale, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

MOORE—Arthur L., 89; born Feb. 2, 1919, Hamilton, Ohio; died Dec. 27, 2008, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Olive (Ventling); son, Kevin; foster sons, Donavan McCaleb and Larry Moore; daughters, Janet Casareale, Pendleton; Gener Williams; Peggy Poland; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

NOLAN—George H., 70; born July 4, 1938, Dryden, Ore.; died Dec. 17, 2008, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: wife, Earlene (Stanley); daughters, Mary Ann Nolan and Ervina Nolan, both of Texas.

OSTER—Harry S., 90; born Jan. 5, 1918, Culdesac, Idaho;

died Dec. 16, 2008, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: sons, Robert, Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; James, Eugene, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

PAXTON—Clinton Eugene, 80; born May 2, 1928, Port Angeles, Wash.; died Jan. 8, 2009, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: wife, Joyce (Ensley), Stayton, Ore.; son, Richard, of Missouri; daughters, Kathy Paxton; Susan Black, Keizer, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

ROGERS—Verle E., 73; born July 12, 1935, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; died Jan. 1, 2009, Longview, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Smith); son, Douglas, Bonney Lake, Wash.; daughter, Shelley Hughes, Castle Rock, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

STREAM, SR.—Kenneth B., 81; born May 23, 1917, Seattle, Wash.; died Jan. 8, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Phyllis (Seely); sons, Kenneth Jr. and Jim, both of Riverside, Calif.; Ted, Redlands, Calif.; daughters, Marilyn Galusha, Walla Walla; Anne Livengood, Portland, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

TOMLINSON—Ray F., 98; born Dec. 28, 1910, Raymond, Wash.; died Dec. 31, 2008, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Catherine (Scholl); daughters, Karen Myers, Glendale, Ariz.; Barbara Webb, Tucson, Ariz.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

U'REN—Betty Louise (Rosengren), 84; born Sept. 23, 1924, San Diego, Calif.; died Nov. 22, 2008, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Robert, Escondido, Calif.; Tim and Rod, both of Battle Ground, Wash.; Troy, Vancouver; daughter, Marilee George, La Center, Wash.; sisters, Valetta Robertson, Sonora, Calif.; Lenita Marvin, La Center; 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

WAGNER—Buzz E., 86; born

April 25, 1922, Vancouver, Wash.; died Dec. 28, 2008, Woodburn, Ore. Surviving: wife, Myrna (Reiber); son, Dave, Snoqualmie, Wash.; daughters, Bonnie Berry, Monroe, Wash.; Jeannie Wagner, Bellingham, Wash.; brother, Vic Wagner, Woodburn; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WALLACE—Edwin W., 79; born Oct. 7, 1929, Klamath Falls, Ore.; died Nov. 13, 2008, Stayton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Esther (Winslow); sons, Dennis, Stayton; Michael, Lebanon, Ore.; daughters, Sandra Luepton, Newberg, Ore.; Belinda Wanner, Scio, Ore.; brother, Fred, Salem, Ore.; sister, Daisy Storm, Woodland, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

WARNER—Millard William, 83; born Aug. 12, 1925, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada; died Jan. 9, 2009, Colima, Mexico. Surviving: wife, Gloria (Velasco); son, Geoffrey, Hilo, Hawaii; daughters, Sheila Maynor, Battle Ground, Wash.; Shari Warner, Tacoma, Wash.; Anna Hamilton, Enumclaw, Wash.; Marlaine Watson, Seattle, Wash.; and 9 grandchildren.

WELLER—Richard Eugene, 51; born Aug. 27, 1957, Auburn, Wash.; died Dec. 25, 2008, King County, Wash. Surviving: grandmother, Bertha (VanDerschelden) Cook Moore, Tonasket, Wash.; mother, Constance Louise (Cook) Weller, Auburn; brothers, Roger D., Auburn; and Ronald W., Corvallis, Ore.

YOUNG-TOBEY—Dominick Allen Zyler, 2 days; born June 28, 2008, Clackamas, Ore.; died June 30, 2008, Portland, Ore. Surviving: parents, Vanessa Young and Jeffrey Tobey, Gladstone, Ore.; grandparents, Jeannie (Garcia) Young and Eric Obermire, David Young Sr., all of Gladstone; great-grandparents, Beverly Garcia and Wilbur and Violet Young, Gladstone.

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Flax Seed for Prostate and Heart Health

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer found in men (excluding skin cancer). Studies have shown flax seed, along with a low-fat diet, may be protective against prostate cancer growth, according to the American Cancer Society. Flax seed has the highest amount of omega 3-fatty acids of any plant food. It is also rich in a type of fiber known as lignans. Flax seeds should be ground first since whole seeds probably pass through the intestinal system undigested. One rounded tablespoon of ground flax meal will meet the daily omega 3-fatty acid requirement for a man. Flax seeds are also good for heart health.

Happiness Is Contagious

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- 1 Surround yourself with people you love.
- 2 Spend time doing things you enjoy.
- 3 Pursue personal growth opportunities.
- 4 Don't compare yourself to others.
- 5 Be grateful for what you have.
- 6 Forgive others.

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

April 4—Local Church Budget; **April 11**—General Conference: Christian Record Services; **April 18**—Local Church Budget; **April 25**—Local Conference Advance.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Stewardship+

April 4—Missionary Magazines (*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*)*; **April 11**—Stewardship Sabbath; **April 18**—Literature Evangelism Sabbath*; **April 25**—Education Sabbath.*

2009 Study Tour to Turkey, Patmos

Aug. 19–Sept. 1—In the Footsteps of Apostles Paul and John. Sponsored by the NPUC with WWU's Carl Cosaert. Two hours academic credit or CEUs available. "No course in the Bible, no study of geography, no book on history or archeology can ever give more insight into the Bible and its message than a personal trip to the Mediterranean world...." Carl Cosaert. For more information: www.wallawalla.edu/bibletour; www.npuc.org; sue.patzer@nw.npuc.org; (360) 857-7031.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

April 5–7—NPUC University Days. Come experience WWU! Reserve your spot now by calling (800) 541-8900. **April 7**—Ninth annual PRISM concert sponsored by the WWU Music Department. Free and open to the public. University Church, 11 a.m. **April 12**—North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge. Watch kids get excited about science and engineering by playing with LEGOs! All-day event, free and open to the public. Winter Education Complex, Alumni Gym. **April 19**—Valley-wide Community Service Day. WWU teams with Whitman College and Walla

Walla Community College to provide a day of service for the Walla Walla Valley. **April 23–26**—Homecoming Weekend. Come home to the Valley. **April 24**—Homecoming banquet, 5:30 p.m. **April 24**—Ninth annual PRISM concert sponsored by the WWU Music Department. Free and open to the public. University Church, 8 p.m. **April 26**—Homecoming Car Show. To show your car, call (800) 377-2586 today! Corner of 4th Street and College Ave., 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

MONTANA

Montana Conference Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 60th Regular Session (quadrennium) of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, Inc., under the laws of the state of Montana, will be held in the gymnasium/auditorium on the campus of Mount Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana, June 21, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers and departmental staff for the ensuing term, to elect a Board of Directors, to elect an Articles and By-laws Committee, to consider amendments to the by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate plus one delegate for each 13 members or major fraction thereof.

John R. Loor Jr., president
Ray Jimenez III, VP administration/finance

OREGON

Messiah's Mansion

April 4–12—The Grants Pass Church is sponsoring Messiah's Mansion. Tours will run daily from 1–7 p.m. at Riverside Park, Grants Pass, OR. For more information, please call (541) 476-6313 or visit www.gpsanctuary.com.

Mike Bishop Concert

April 11—Mike Bishop will

sing at the 11 a.m. service and at 7:30 p.m., at Your Bible Speaks Community Church, 4606 N.E. 55th Ave., Portland, OR. His new CD project, *Not On My Own*, as well as his previous CDs, *Rise Again* and *My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation*, will be available for purchase after the concert.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries

April 18—After the Beaverton Church service at 1 p.m., we will carpool to Old Salmon River Trail in Welches, Ore., for a hike. Bring a picnic lunch, camera and inclement weather gear. Maps will be available in the church foyer and at the potluck. For more information, contact: Tom Terry at (503) 684-7971 or tom.te@verizon.net; Charlotte at (503) 579-9549. www.beavertonsda.com. Then go to the Singles Page. Save this date: **May 16**—Singles Rally at Oregon Conference Holden Convention Center.

Disaster Response Training Weekend

April 18–19—Invite your community friends and neighbors to The Dalles Church on Sabbath afternoon from 2–5 p.m. to attend Introduction to Disaster Preparedness and Helping the Vulnerable be Prepared for Emergencies. On Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until noon become a certified disaster responder, and bring your brown bag lunch to stay by for Chain Saw Safety Certification. Sunday class fees may be paid at the door. Call Oregon Conference Community Outreach at (503) 850-3555 or Linda.Schrader@oc.npuc.org for more information and to register. Also see www.OregonConference.org for latest updates.

Waldport Church Dedication

April 25—You are invited to attend the dedication service for the new Waldport Church at 10 a.m. A fellowship meal

will follow the service. Come share in our joy! 1602 N.W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Waldport, OR 97394.

Hood River Church Open House

April 25—The Hood River Church is inviting all former members, friends and former pastors to come to a special Sabbath celebration. Sabbath School will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the church service at 11 a.m. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

ACS Disaster Response Schedule 2009

Are you ready? On Sabbath afternoon attend Introduction to Disaster Preparedness and Helping the Vulnerable be Prepared for Emergencies. On Sunday morning become a certified responder by attending NAD ACS Disaster Response Training followed by an afternoon class for Chain Saw Safety Certification. Church leaders and all others interested in disaster relief and community outreach are invited. Call Community Outreach at (503) 850-3555 or Linda.Schrader@oc.npuc.org for more information and to register. Sunday class fees may be paid at the door. See www.OregonConference.org for latest updates. Upcoming training: **May 2–3**—Waldport Church; **Sept. 19–20**—Sandy Church; **Oct. 17–18**—Kelso-Longview Church and School; **Nov. 14–15**—Bend Church.

Missing Members

The following is a list of missing members from the Valley View Church: Sheli Ackling, Jeanne Adams, Jonathan Adams, Brenda Anderson, Matthew Antinarelli, Paul Antinarelli, Cindy Argraves, Saberena Baca, Karen Burns, Linda Bush-Misner, Tammy Calkins, Frances Carpenter, Karen Clancy, Judy Crow, Brian Davidson, Gaylynn Davidson, Eileen Day, Ophelia Delaney, Art Driver, Susie Driver, Donald Foreman,



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Marilyn Foreman, Richard Foreman, K. M. Hatton, Rene Hatton, Michael Hayward, Chris Henriksen, John James, Valerie James, Jacquelyn Johnson, Rodney Johnson, John Jones, Bobbijo Jordan, Kim Kaske, Dorothy Klein, Lisa Kulits, Fred Lopez, Leticia Lopez, Annetta McHatton, Aaron Miracle, Kristi Mix, Deborah Morrow, James Murray, Pamela Nelson, William Nix, Leticia Oropeza, Christopher Ralls, Pattee Renfro, Gary Richey, Barbara Ross, Mary Ross, David Rutherford, Kellee Rutherford, Sandy Spencer, Barbara Starr, Eugene Starr, Howard Starr, Diane Taylor, Roger Weathers, Nicole Whipple, David Womack. If you have any information regarding these missing members, please contact Karen Kemmerer, church clerk, at 3677 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Connecting the Gospel and Health

April 3–5—Connecting the Gospel and Health will train members how to introduce people to Jesus through community health programs and how to use simple remedies to relieve common health complaints. Elvin Adams, Carla Gober, Fred Hardinge and Bonny Hillebert are part of the line-up for this weekend workshop at the Spokane Valley Church. For more information, call (509) 838-2761 or visit www.uccsda.org/health/2009-Health-Ministries-Conference, or e-mail cindyw@uccsda.org.

Praise Him at the Lake

April 17–18—Praise Him at the Lake will be a praise-packed weekend at Camp MiVoden where praise and worship leaders from all Christian faiths can attend workshops and network with other musicians. A concert by Bobby Michaels, who performs over 150 concerts a year around the globe, will be featured. For

details, go to: www.mivoden.com/praisehim.

“Being There” Conference

May 1–2—The Women’s Healing and Empowerment Network, formerly Polly’s Place Network, presents: Being There, an educational and healing experience for women and men on the issues of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Register online at www.whenetwork.org. Register fee is \$50. After April 15 it is \$60. For more information, call (509) 838-2761 or e-mail info@whenetwork.com.

UCA Alumni Reunion

May 1–2—All former students and staff from Upper Columbia Academy and Yakima Valley Academy are invited to attend Alumni Homecoming. Honored Classes are 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, and 1999. In addition, any of the classes ending in “4” are invited to have an “in-between” reunion. All honor classes, please update your contact information on the UCA Web site at www.ucaa.org or call Linnea Torkelsen at the Alumni office at (509) 245-3692.

Memorial Day Weekend Single’s Spiritual Retreat

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Ketchikan	7:29	7:43	7:56	8:10
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Billings	7:46	7:55	8:04	8:13
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Miles City	7:35	7:45	7:54	8:04
Missoula	8:08	8:18	8:28	8:37
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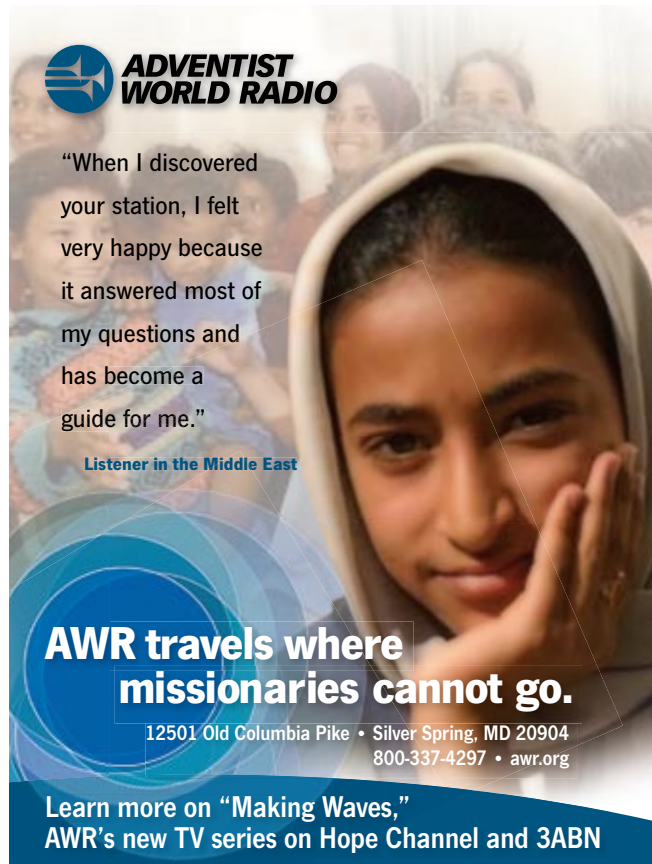
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But that’s still more than a decade off. Agrippa is oblivious to his uncertain future. At this moment he ponders the words of Paul. Regardless of whether his response is serious or sarcastic, his reply rings down through the ages to us: “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28).

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I wonder what sort of story the author of Acts could have written if Agrippa had instead said “amen.”

I wonder how our lives, how our church, would change if we refused to stop at “almost.” •



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