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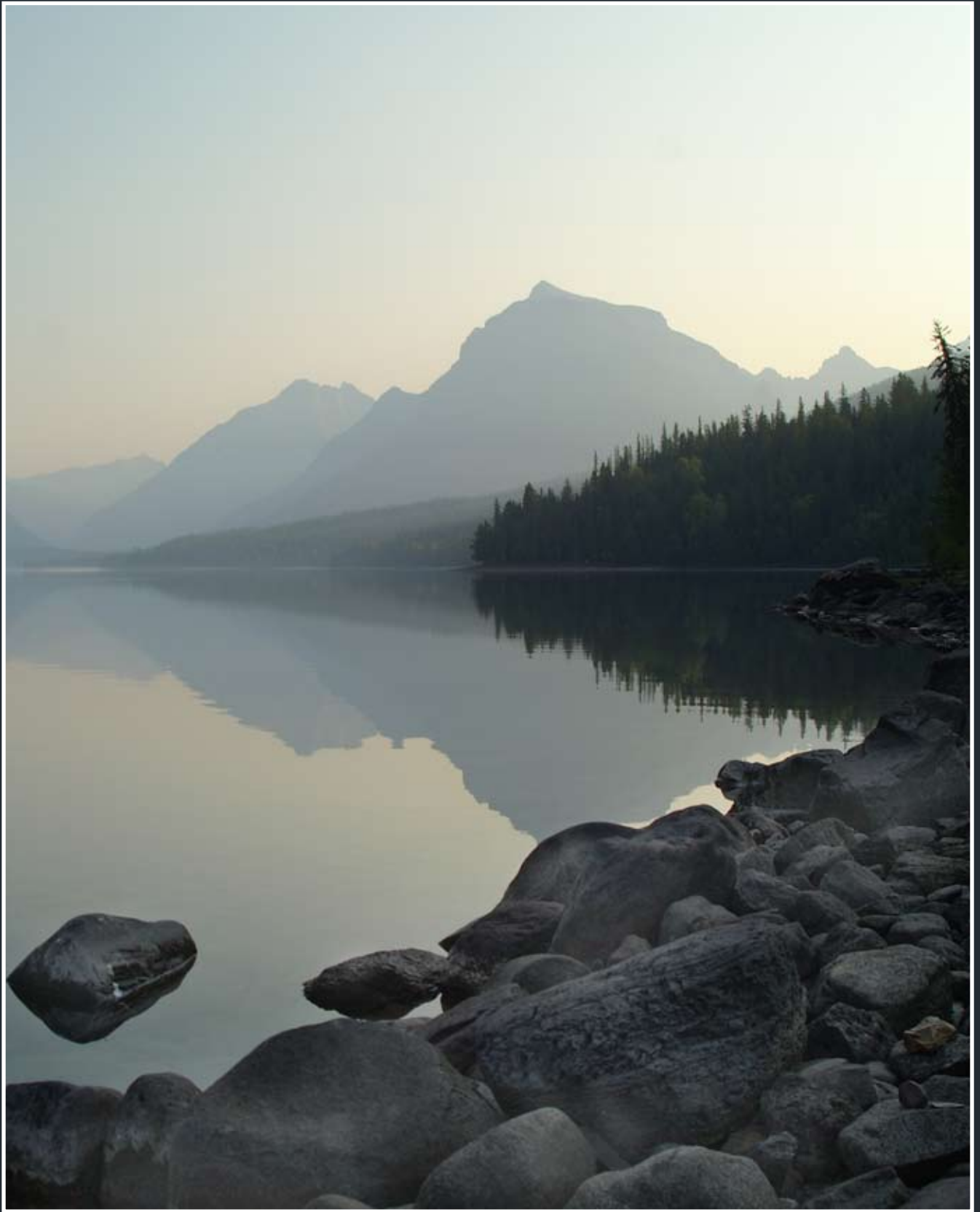
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He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.
PSALM 107:29 (NIV)

“Glacier Purity” by Dean Huggins of Newman Lake, Washington.

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Is it *Legalistic* to be Ready?

“It seems to me that legalism is not so much what you do as why you do it.”

I recently remembered a parable I first heard from C. Mervyn Maxwell. As I recall, the story involves two fictional characters called Gary and Orville.

Gary was tall, athletic — a 4.0 GPA pre-med student. He had lots of friends who admired his attention to detail. Everything Gary had was maintained in perfect condition — car washed and waxed; assignments done well and on time; never tardy to class. In fact, everything he did was organized and well done.

On his wedding day, Gary got ready in his customary style. Nothing but the best was good enough for the most wonderful girl on earth. He rented tuxedos — even re-pressed the left pant leg in front to correct a double crease two inches from the top. He bought new shoes, and then polished the soles so they would look good to the audience when he knelt for the wedding prayer.

Gary arrived at church 45 minutes early. When his bride caught a glimpse of him talking to the pastor, she smiled. What a lucky girl I am, she thought, to have a guy who lets everyone know how proud he is to marry me!

But then there was Orville.

Orville had his ups and downs. He, too, won the heart of a beautiful girl. “She’s too good for him,” many people said. But Orville was not altogether a bad person.

He was sometimes very lovable. And there was no doubt he needed a dependable woman if he was to get anywhere in life.

On Orville’s wedding day, the church was decorated more beautifully than

anyone could remember. The bride was a vision. The entire wedding party was excited and waiting in joyful anticipation — everyone, except Orville.

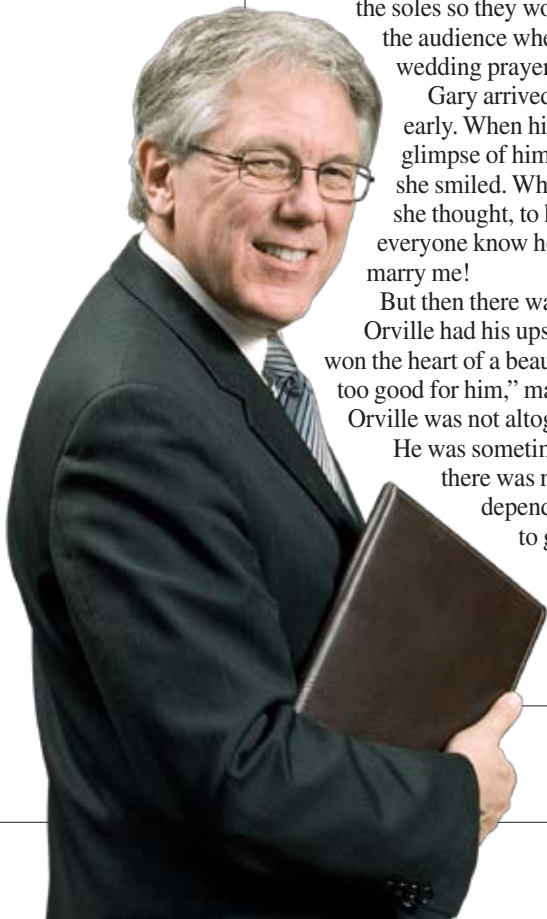
By the time Orville burst onto the scene, the mood had changed, and the eyes of his bride were as red as her roses. He was an hour and fifteen minutes late! Worse, he was wearing a faded sports outfit that didn’t match. Part of his last meal was attached to his shirt, and his unpolished shoes were ripped open at the seams.

Orville sidled up to his sweetheart, kissed her cheek, and explained: “Sorry to keep you waiting, honey, but you know how I am. I always have to see how the Mariners come out. They won, too,” he added. “Three runs in the bottom of the ninth!

“When it was over,” he continued, “I suddenly realized how late it was, and so I came just as I was. Shall we let the preacher know we’re ready to go?”

Now, I don’t mean to imply that detail-driven perfectionists make ideal husbands — this is only a parable. But these contrasting characters create some interesting questions. Was Gary a “legalist” because he made a point of getting ready on time? Was Orville the “real Christian” because he trusted his relationship to make up for his carelessness? Does this parable shed any light on familiar words from Ellen White who encouraged us to “jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath.” She suggested we should lay secular work aside and pull our families together “to read God’s word, to sing and pray.” Ellen White, *Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 6, p. 356.

Being ready for the Sabbath, or almost any good thing, can become a kind of legalism. But it seems to me that legalism is not so much *what* you do as *why* you do it. And if our motives are joy and love and gratitude, then punctual readiness for the Sabbath isn’t legalism, but rather loving anticipation of a longed-for appointment with a very special Friend. •



Max Torkelsen II

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

ROMANIA

This issue of the Gleaner features the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus' trip to Romania. Here is some information about their European destination.

At a Glance

SIZE: 91,725 square miles

POPULATION: 21,400,000

The Palace of Parliament, located in Bucharest, is the largest office building in Europe and second-largest in the world, after the U.S. Pentagon

In 1899, the Romanian city of Timisoara became the first in Europe to have electric street lighting.

Romanian Gymnast Nadia Comaneci received the first score of 10 in an Olympic gymnastics event.

Source: www.romaniatourism.com

AUGUST



Gleaner BLOGs

Cindy's Garden Blog

Cindy's Garden Blog takes work gloves and a trowel and digs into a variety of family, life and spiritual topics. Authored by Cindy Chamberlin, Gleaner managing editor, it will grow your joy, fertilize your faith and point you toward the Master Gardener.

These and more at: www.gleaneronline.org

MAXimum Perspectives

Follow Max Torkelsen, NPUC president, on the job as he travels throughout the Northwest and beyond. Stay informed about what your president is up to and read about how he sees God at work everywhere he goes.



MORE MUSIC Than

One of the most valuable portions of the concert tour proves to be time spent together on buses between locations. Here, videographer Ron Pestes (second from left with microphone) leads one group in prayer before heading towards the next destination.



Ralph Statham

MISSION TO RO



Ralph Statham

“All the hopes, dreams and miracles prayed for ... came together in four-part harmony.”





The combined Oregon and Romanian choruses, along with orchestral musicians, most professionals from the local symphony orchestra, fill the stage at the magnificent concert hall in Târgu Mureș.

BY STEVE VISTAUNET

MANIA



Since its inception in 1994, Lou Wildman, Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus conductor, has always believed the group's mission is more than just music. "God brings us together for ministry," he says thoughtfully, "and that ministry happens in ways of God's doing, far beyond what we could ever imagine."

Their recent mission to Romania is yet another confirmation of God's leading through a series of remarkably divine appointments.

The initial invitation came following the group's appearance at the 2000 General Conference session in Toronto. The request from one of Romania's conference presidents sounded much like the Macedonian call to the apostle Paul, "Come over and help us." And, like Paul, Lou knew this opportunity would take faith — a lot of it.

A Divine Connection

But even at that early stage, God was forging another critical connection in the heart of Alin Apostol, a young Romanian man. While a student at Walla Walla College,



Ralph Stathem

American and Romanian singers of all different ages fill the stage. The youngest singer, 13-year-old Mircea who took a week off from his Romanian school to travel; the oldest, Norman Skeels from Walla Walla, Wash.

Alin joined the OAMC group during the five years he was in the United States. There on the risers, in the midst of the music, he felt a vision welling up inside — to duplicate the men's chorus ministry experience in his home country.

Upon his graduation and return to Romania as a pastor, Alin began organizing men in local churches to recreate what had so impressed him during his connection with OAMC. The first year, only 50 men gathered for a festival. He was disheartened — he had hoped for so much more.

Then he echoed the invitation to Lou and the OAMC — "Please come over and help us." Lou's initial thought was, "We can't go to Romania. Where would we get the time, or the money?" And then, he says, "I decided we should just let the Lord provide the answers."

Ralph Stathem

At the concert in Bacău, Marius Munteanu, Moldova Conference president, and Lou Wildman, chorus conductor, invite the Holy Spirit to turn music into ministry.



Rick Pummel

With a backdrop of Peles Castle in Sinaia, Romania, OAMC member John Korb (left) takes a break with Andy Ciser, a student from Bucharest. Ciser is studying television production and hopes to eventually join the Romanian Adventist television ministry.

A Matter of Faith

And so a couple years later, through countless e-mails, phone calls and prayers, plans were made. The day came when the OAMC planning committee saw they had 100 people signed up, with airfare paid to go, but no resources to feed them, transport them or pay for concert halls.

Lou prayed, “Lord, we’ve put our feet in the water, and we’re now up to our knees. Could you part the waters a bit?” And the answers started to come from all directions. For instance, volunteers sold 32,000 pounds of apples with proceeds going to help the project. By the time of their departure, all the needed funds were in hand.



Lou recalled former North Pacific Union Conference president Bruce Johnston’s challenge years before: “What do you say when the Lord says, ‘Go’? You say, ‘Yes, Sir!’ and you go.”

And so, they went. The OAMC group arrived in Romania in time for the Eastern Orthodox Easter season in mid-April. They brought their musical ministry to a country still burdened with the lingering results of Communism, but with a long and rich heritage of choral music.

Immediately, the singers from both continents began to blend into a brotherhood of voices during two days of rehearsals at the Adventist seminary in Cernica. “At that first rehearsal,” writes OAMC member John Korb, “200 men from two choruses, from two continents thousands of miles apart, finally joined together in praise to God. At that moment, all the hopes, dreams and miracles prayed for since our first invitation to Romania more than ten years ago came together in four-part harmony.”

From Strangers to Family

Initially, the Romanian men had planned to join the first couple of concerts and again at the end. There were no funds to support the combined groups for the whole tour. But, as Lou puts it, “The Lord opened the storehouse of heaven.” And for the entire time, through performances in Galați, Bacău, Iași, Botoșani, Târgu Mureș, Brașov and Bucharest, both groups shared seats together on the buses, roomed together and ate together. Men who didn’t speak the same language, communicated with each other, sang and prayed with each other. “And when we went home,” Lou adds, “we felt like we were leaving family behind.”

Throughout Romania,
overflow audiences
to grand musical



Ralph Stathem

No concert hall needed—Alin Apostol leads the combined group in a spontaneous song in a Botoşani city park.

The music was grand. Often chorus members felt as though they had been joined by an angel choir. But as OAMC members have reflected upon the journey, the most lasting memories are those international bonds of friendship forged during hours together; of life-changing conversations and prayer.

Alin saw his dream come to life, as more than 200 men joined in the final festival concerts. What he likes to call the Romanian chapter of the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus, was given new energy and life.

While the OAMC also provided programming for the widespread Adventist television and radio ministry throughout the country, and encouraged their Romanian brothers and sisters through personal fellowship and sharing, they inevitably found their own faith and spiritual commitment strengthened beyond measure.

As Pastor David Schmidt, OAMC president, puts it: "In 1994, our vision was for one concert, one Easter weekend. God's plan was for 15 years of ministry. We never could have imagined that He would bring us to Romania."

More than ever before, Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus members ardently believe that through the medium of music God has wrought a wonderful ministry, and that He, indeed, is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all" that they could ever imagine. •

Steve Vistaunet, North Pacific Union Conference assistant to the president for communication

*responded
ministry.*

Ralph Stathem



Ralph Stathem

During the concert in Galaţi, OAMC conductor, Lou Wildman, shares the spotlight with his Romanian counterpart, Alin Apostol, former WWU student and the inspiration behind the combined tour.

READ MORE, SEE MORE. HEAR MORE.

See OAMC journals and photos of their Romanian experience.

Watch video clips of the trip.

Listen to an interview with Lou Wildman and Alin Apostol.

Hear the combined chorus in concert.

Do it all online at www.oamc.org.



Oregon Adventist
MEN'S CHORUS

The bell tower of the historic Black Church cathedral in Braşov, claimed to be the largest Gothic cathedral between Vienna and Istanbul. This issue's cover portrays the combined men's chorus singing from inside this cathedral during the tour.

See expanded story and photos at www.gleaneronline.org.



WORLD NEWS



JAMAICA

Former Church President Knighted

The first Seventh-day Adventist pastor to serve as governor-general of Jamaica has been knighted by Queen Elizabeth II of England. Sir Patrick Allen served as president of the Inter-American Division before accepting the post of governor-general in February. Allen is now a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The Order is "awarded to men and women of high office, or who render extraordinary or important non-military service in a foreign country," according to the British monarchy's official Web site.

Source: Adventist News Network

PERU

Thousands Attend Religious Freedom Festival

Several of Peru's national leaders praised the country's commitment to religious freedom during the world religious liberty festival in June. A majority of the 40,000 supporters were Seventh-day Adventists. The event in Lima was part of a series of religious freedom festivals sponsored by the Adventist Church and the International Religious Liberty Association.

Source: Adventist News Network

NIGERIA

Adventist University Excels

During a recent visit to Nigeria, Jan Paulsen, Seventh-day Adventist world church president, participated in the 50th anniversary celebration of Babcock University, where he once served as principal. Paulsen received numerous commendations on the social, medical and educational impact of the Adventist church from the nation's leaders, including both Nigeria's vice president and a former president. Approximately 60 percent of Babcock University's students are not members of the Adventist church.

Source: Adventist News Network



W S BRIEFS

ROMANIA

Family Center Receives Accreditation

The Romanian government has authorized an ADRA-sponsored safe house for victims of gender violence in the nation's capitol. Women and children will be given housing for 60 days and access to legal resources. "This shelter is a first step in helping victims of family violence," says Cornel Roman, director of ADRA in Romania. Last year, more than 11,000 cases of domestic violence were reported in Romania, with at least one woman killed by a male family member per week, according to national statistics.

Source: Adventist News Network



ADRA

Adventist Development and Relief Agency International

BANGLADESH/SRI LANKA

ADRA Aids Cyclone and War Survivors

In May, a cyclone swept through Bangladesh, killing nearly 200 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is distributing emergency supplies to survivors. In addition, ADRA is providing food aid and water purification tablets for 1,200 families. According to local officials, ADRA was the first aid organization to distribute relief supplies in the region after the cyclone hit.

ADRA is also among the aid organizations providing assistance to thousands of Sri Lankans who were displaced by Tamil rebels and the nation's government. According to the United Nations, the conflict has forced 280,000 people to flee their homes and seek shelter in temporary camps.

Source: Adventist News Network



Secretos de la Vida

ACCION

MENSAJE DE SANDRA JUÁREZ, DIRECTORA DE ESPERANZA TV

El pastor Ramón Canals, a quien seguramente usted ha visto en nuestro programa Vislumbres de Esperanza, estará presentando el mensaje cada noche en la Red 2009 en español, titulada “Secretos de la Vida”. Vea



Pastor Ramón Canals, Vice Presidente Ministerios Hispánicos de la Unión del Pacífico Norte.

Querido amigo y hermano, te exhorto para que ores por tres personas que deseas ver en el Reino de Dios y que las invites a las reuniones.

cómo Dios sigue utilizando a su siervo para concretar los planes de su iglesia. No deje de involucrarse en este plan, y comience a organizar grupos pequeños, reuniones de oración y evangelismo, para que, llegado el tiempo, extraños y conocidos tomen la decisión de aceptar a Jesús como su Salvador personal. La Red 2009: Secretos de la Vida, se estará transmitiendo en vivo del 23 al 31 de Octubre desde Portland, Oregon, a las 7:30 pm., hora del Pacífico, y retransmitiendo un día después a las 7:30 pm., hora del Este. ¡No se lo pierda! Contáctese con el Pastor Roger Hernández, coordinador general de La Red por teléfono al 503-267-6880, o escríbale a: pastorvha@aol.com, si desea más información. También puede acceder a la página de La Red www.redsecretos-delavida.com.

La División Norteamericana de los Adventistas del Séptimo Día escogió la sede



Sandra Juárez

de la Unión del Pacífico Norte para presentar su programa evangelístico anual de conferencias satelitales titulado “LA RED”. Este año La Red “Secretos de la Vida” será presentada en vivo desde la ciudad de Portland, Oregon, y será presentada vía satélite por medio de Esperanza TV con el Pastor Ramón J. Canals.

Lugar de las reuniones: Iglesia Adventista de Beaverton 14645 S.W. Davis Rd., Beaverton, OR 97007. •

Ramon Canals, vice/presidente Ministerios Hispanos



Togiak Welcomes New Bible Worker

Wrangler, guide, pilot, octogenarian and front-line missionary to the arctic — Dan Rotthoff has joined the Arctic Mission Adventure team as a Bible worker in the Native village of Togiak, Alaska.



Octogenarian and new frontline missionary to the Arctic, Dan Rotthoff, joins the Arctic Mission Adventure team to help the Togiak Church grow.

Three years ago, someone offered to donate money to build a new church and parsonage in the arctic village located on the banks of the Bering Sea. With this assurance, but no money in hand, the conference stepped out in faith and ordered the materials which cost more than sixty thousand dollars plus shipping. Shortly after the supplies arrived, the donor was unable to follow through with the promised donation. Yet, the conference moved ahead and invited Maranatha to help build. As work progressed, members began praying for a worker, and God sent a most unlikely one.

Rotthoff arrived in the village just as one of the coldest winters

on record was beginning. He quickly adjusted to the harsh life and has since made remarkable inroads into the village. The Sabbath School and church services have grown, and Rotthoff has a number of Bible studies in the village. Every week or so, there is a phone call from Rotthoff to Ed Dunn, director of the Alaska native work — “I need more Bible studies,” or “I need baptismal certificates.” This is how the Lord is moving to reach these challenging remote areas of the vast North.

The annual Arctic Mission

Adventure offering on August 29 will provide additional support for this growing need. •

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president

The Togiak Church, still incomplete, is a work of faith, progressing as God provides additional funding. The upcoming Arctic Mission Adventure offering in August will support completion of the project.



Adventist Chaplain Promoted to Highest Office

Chaplain Colonel Thomas G. Evans, Hillside-O’Malley member, was recently inducted to the highest chaplaincy office in Alaska. In his new role, he will be supervisory chaplain for all active duty Army chaplains in Alaska as well as dispatching chaplains to active duty.

Anchorage is the home of both the largest Army base, Fort Richardson, and the largest Air Force base, Elmendorf, in the United States. An extensive missile base in Ft. Greeley is also

located outside of Fairbanks.

Evans served twice in Germany — from 1990–1994 and again from 2004–2007 — after which he transferred to Alaska. Evans holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastor. Evans has had a distinguished career and has served with honor. •

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



Chaplain Colonel Thomas G. Evans is inducted to the highest chaplaincy office in Alaska. Here he is flanked by Major General S.R. Layfield on the left and Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, on the right.

Men Enjoy May Retreat at Ida-Haven

Men enjoyed fellowship and sharing during their mid-May retreat at Camp Ida-Haven, in McCall, Idaho. They worked together on a



Men break into groups during the Idaho Conference Men's Retreat, to learn how hard it can be to put something together without instructions.

project which taught them firsthand how difficult it is to put something together without instructions, even when others are available for guidance. The exercise was a simple object lesson on the retreat theme of joining together to complete God's work. The men who attended learned practical, hands-on ways to trust God's word for instructions. By focusing on how to put the many pieces of life together in an orderly fashion, the conference's goal was to enable each man to live according to God's will.

The 2010 Idaho Conference Men's Retreat is currently scheduled again for Camp Ida-Haven, May 14–17. Idaho Conference leaders pray even

more men will attend the event and gain the blessings designed just for them. •

Scott Sanders, men's retreat coordinator



Men enjoy some activity time during the retreat held at Camp Ida-Haven, in McCall, Idaho, in May.

Gem State Makes Adventist Education Accessible

Gem State Adventist Academy leaders have been reviewing programs and systems to ensure efficiency, relevancy and effectiveness. As a result, they have developed two new programs for the 2009–2010 school year.

The Distance Learning Program will enable a freshman to enroll as a GSAA student and take core classes via the Internet. Classes will be taught in real time with real teachers who offer the same high quality academics as campus instruction. Each of

these students will need just a computer with an Internet connection and a webcam with a microphone.

The school is planning two special on-campus weekends, one each semester, to provide distance learners an opportunity to engage in spiritual and extracurricular activities, as well as build relationships with other students. The cost is half the rate of a day student's tuition.

GSAA has also adopted an early enrollment incentive program

— a matching plan to ease the financial burden of the initial payment on registration day. The earlier the student enrolls, the higher the match. For example: GSAA will match up to 150 percent of pre-payments received during the student's fifth- and sixth-grade years; 100 percent of pre-payments received during the student's seventh-

grade year; 50 percent of pre-payments received during the student's eighth-grade year. •

Linda Klinger, GSAA GLEANER correspondent

Gem State Academy's new distance learning program allows students to take core classes via the Internet.



Montana Members Determine to Bring Harvest Home

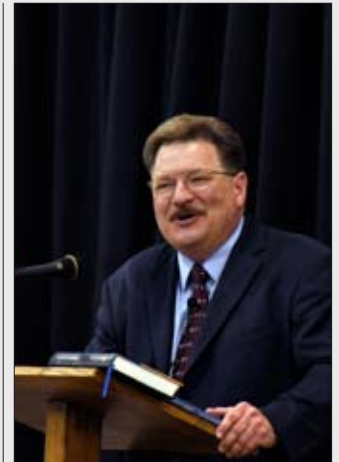
On the heels of a week featuring the spiritual highlights of camp meeting and a theme of Bring the Harvest Home, Montana Conference delegates

constituency session to hear reports, consider decisions and share opinions. In the end, they demonstrated a remarkable ability to find unity on important issues.

relates directly to the formula for selecting future regular delegates. Currently, each church is entitled to one delegate for the constituency session and one additional delegate for each 17 members or major fraction thereof. The previous wording included one additional delegate for each 13 members.

This year's annual camp meeting which preceded the constituency session saw a greater than normal attendance, according to some observers, and featured keynote speakers Bill Knott, *Adventist Review* editor, and Brian McMahon, Amazing Facts evangelist. McMahon will be the featured speaker for the spring 2010 Momentum evangelistic series in Missoula, as co-sponsored by the Montana Conference and the NPUC.

Members from around the state and beyond pitched tents on the MEA campus and set up RV units to enjoy the entire spiritual smorgasbord, including seminars from Frank Bonderant, Paul



Bill Knott, *Adventist Review* editor, speaks during one of the keynote sessions at this year's Montana Camp Meeting held on the Mount Ellis Academy campus in Bozeman.

Dybdahl, Fred Harding and Doug Venn.

Members who attended camp meeting and the constituency session left re-engaged with the Adventist mission and ready to "Bring the Harvest Home." •

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication



From left: Max Torkelsen II, NPUC president, and his wife, Linnea, join Montana's newly re-elected leaders and spouses: David and Ellen Prest, John and Susan Loor, Ray and Julie Jimenez, and Archie and Deanna Harris.

convened Sunday, June 21, in Bozeman, to elect conference officers. Delegates re-elected John Loor Jr., president; and Ray Jimenez III, secretary.

Others re-elected were: David Prest, ministerial and trust director; and Archie Harris, communication, education and youth director. In addition to their main responsibilities, Loor will also direct stewardship, Native American ministries and evangelism, while Jimenez will oversee conference ASI activities. All leaders received more than a 90 percent vote of approval from those present.

Delegates gathered in the Mount Ellis Academy gymnasium for the conference's 60th regular

They approved a new vision and mission statement for the conference and elected the new conference board of directors which, besides Loor, Jimenez and a North Pacific Union Conference representative, includes: Francy Beardsley (Havre), Brad Brown (Billings), Jim Jenkins (Bozeman), Debbie King (Bozeman), Mel Lich (Custer), Kevin Miller (Ronan), Bill Patten (Libby), Kathy Ree (Glendive), Larry Williams (Missoula) and Penny Wredberg (Great Falls).

Following a significant amount of healthy discussion, delegates voted overwhelmingly to approve several changes to conference bylaws, including one that

New Vision and Mission Statements

VISION

To live the transforming Kingdom of God now and forever.

MISSION

To advance the Kingdom of God by ...

- **Proclaiming** the Everlasting Gospel of Revelation 14:6-12,
- **Leading** people to accept Jesus as their Savior, and
- **Discipling** them for His soon return.

A Pair of Baptisms at Cedar Creek

On May 30, the Cedar Creek Church in Woodland, Wash., celebrated the baptisms of Rick Pollard and Josh Lilly. Both men shared with church members how the Holy Spirit led them to make this decision.

Pollard was originally baptized in 1979, but, as he describes it, he “ran away from God.” He found himself struggling with alcohol and drugs. “I prayed that God would take me away from it,” says Pollard. Soon after, a logging accident left him paralyzed. While Pollard was confined at home he began watching 3ABN and Hope Channel programming via satellite. “It just made sense to me,” says Pollard. “I knew I needed to start going to church.” Pollard found his way to the Cedar Creek Church and

decided to be re-baptized.

Lilly, a U.S. Marine, felt the Holy Spirit prompting him as he prepared for an overseas tour of duty. “I just felt like I was heading toward the wrong path,” says Lilly. “I needed God in my life.” Lilly contacted Marty Jackson, Cedar Creek Church pastor, and requested Bible studies.

“Anytime someone makes a decision like this we know God has been at work in their life,” says Jackson.

After Lilly’s baptism, John Littlefield, retired Cedar Creek Church pastor and former member of the U.S. Navy, presented him with a serviceman’s kit prepared by the General Conference. •

CJ Anderson, Cedar Creek Church member



Marty Jackson (right), Cedar Creek Church pastor, shares the stories of Rick Pollard (left) and Josh Lilly (center) at their baptism on May 30.

CAA Celebrates First Classes in New Building

Graduation was over. But parents, grandparents and friends flocked to Columbia Adventist Academy’s Back to School Night, celebrating completion of construction and the beginning of the the big move!

Following a special evening assembly program, the “students” attended a shortened series of classes in the new building. Among many options, they learned Spanish, participated in a science lab, tried their skill with hand bells, experienced the new SmartBoards

(interactive white boards) with a math lesson, and learned about CAA’s alternative learning department.

After classes, the “students” were served “hot lunch” in the cafeteria. During dinner, Bill Pritchard, keynote speaker, spoke about Christian education, and the impact it has had on him and his family. He spoke specifically about CAA and the part this school has played in their lives.

After dinner, Matthew Butte, CAA principal, shared with the group that a parent in the audience had given a

\$50,000 matching challenge for that night. The appeal was given, and together, the group not only rose to the challenge, but exceeded it! The total raised for the night was \$102,000, bringing the campaign within a million dollars of being completed. •

Lara J. Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent



During CAA’s Back to School Night, parents and other “guest students” try their hand at hand bells during the music class in the entry forum of the newly completed building.

Gladstone Rejoices with Amazing Discovery Baptisms

The Gladstone Park Church held the three-week evangelistic series, *Amazing Discoveries Journey into Eternity*, April 17–May 2. Thirty-three students from the Mission College of Evangelism assisted in the series.

Mark Wilson, presenter, says, “The response I got from visitors was very favorable, and church members said they enjoyed the approach using archaeology and history to show Bible truths.” Students were thrilled to see the decisions for baptisms as a result of their labor.

After a one-day training session for students and church members in February, conducted by Justin Howard,



Participants share during a three-week evangelistic series, *Amazing Discoveries Journey into Eternity*, April 17–May 2. Gladstone Park Church members are grateful for four baptisms and are moving ahead with plans for 20 throughout the summer.

former college administrator, teams went door to door with Bible surveys.

Bob Uhrig, pastor, says, “I really appreciated the hard

work that students and church members did in visiting people in the community.”

In one such experience, Benjamin Middaugh, student,

and Doug Woods, church member, were asked to come into a home. They met a family who were interested in studying the Bible. “Would you like to come back and have dinner with us so we can become better acquainted?” the head of the household asked. Middaugh and Woods not only agreed, but invited the family which had a Catholic and Lutheran background, to come to the meetings.

At the end of the meetings church members rejoiced with four baptisms and are moving ahead with plans for 20 more through the summer. •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park communication leader

Hood River Celebrates Finished Project

The Hood River (Ore.) Adventist Church celebrated completion of its recent remodeling project, Sabbath, April 25, with an open house during its 11 o’clock service.

Pat and Tami Milligan, former pastor and wife, returned to lead out in this special program. Former members and friends from over a 100-mile radius arrived to see the many improvements.

Beautiful new windows lightened the sanctuary. The pews were recovered and the carpet was replaced. Also,



Members of the recently remodeled Hood River (Ore.) Church sing during a special open house Sabbath.

all the interior walls were repainted.

Bobie DeWeber, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School teacher, conducted the school’s bell and chime choir and also the adult voice choir.

After the service, everyone was invited to a celebration potluck held in the MCAS gym. The gym was packed with both former and current members enjoying wonderful fellowship and a delicious meal. •

Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader

Friends Helping Friends

Friends Helping Friends Missions is an organization helping young people participate in local mission opportunities. For eight years, they have been taking youth and adults during school breaks to minister to the Native

Americans at Warm Springs Reservation in Warm Springs, Ore. Teens learn to work hard, become team players, understand a different culture and grow in their own faith.

This year, nineteen members joined the team from Meadow

Glade, Lebanon, Whipple Creek and Hockinson Heights Churches. The group included nine teenagers and two pre-school children who stayed at the Madras Adventist Church.

The team removed carpet and subflooring in two homes and painted the interiors. They demolished walls in a third home and cleaned up yards. The team primed and painted a fourth house on the outside, and a few members went to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Oregon to clean the roof and gutters.

In addition to this, the group led out in Vacation Bible School with a focus on health. Children and their families enjoyed lessons about the dangers of fast food, alcohol and drugs on the body. They also learned what the Bible has to say about these issues.



Verna Ames and Sarah Mills, Friends Helping Friends volunteers, pull out nails and staples after carpeting was removed in this home.

For more information about the Friends Helping Friends opportunities, contact Jim and Ruth Klingler at jmklinger@q.com.

Jim and Ruth Klingler, FHFMM participants



Friends Helping Friends team members visit the Confederate Tribes of the Warm Springs reservation in March 2009. From left: Rosa Smith, Brandon Kesselring, David VanNorman, Sarah Mills, Alisha Lang, Jonathan VanNorman, Erin Klingler, Isaac Long, Alana Smith, Matthew Perry, Shem, Camie and Traylin Hart, Ruth Klingler, Elric Benson and Jim Klingler.

PAA Student Scholarship Graduates Excel

Despite the economic recession, the Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship program and its investors kept over 60 financially challenged students enrolled at PAA this year.

Ian Bilinowich was one of those students. He graduated with a four year consecutive 4.0 grade point average. He earned status in the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, the United States Achievement Academy and as an All American Scholar. He also was given the North American Division's Caring Heart Award

and graduated as spiritual vice president of his class.

Bilinowich's reputation as a caring and responsible person earned him the respect of students and faculty alike. During his four years at PAA, he played in concert band, in the steel drum band and sang in choir. As an accomplished pianist, he willingly shared his talent at school fundraisers, alumni weekends and area churches.

"PAA kept me at my school," says Bilinowich. "Public school wouldn't have offered me as many opportunities to grow as a leader and as a

spiritual being or to help me realize God's plan for my life."

This fall, Bilinowich will attend Walla Walla University to study music. He's planning on giving back to his community someday through a career as a music teacher at Adventist academies. "People who give to PAA are directly investing in the lives of students," says Bilinowich. And indirectly, they're investing in the wider Adventist community.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Ian Bilinowich graduates with a 4.0 GPA as one of many students who have benefitted from PAA's Student Scholarship program.

Yacolt Church Holds Groundbreaking

At 6 o'clock in the evening, May 1, members and friends of the Yacolt Adventist Church gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony at the church's new location on Parcel Ave. in Yacolt, Wash.

"This is a longtime dream coming true," Lutz Binus, pastor, comments. "The dream that Yacolt would have a new church home, began in the hearts of Virginia and John Baccus," states Binus. The Baccus family donated land for a new church building.

For almost four years, the congregation has met at the Free Evangelical Church since selling their former building in Amboy.

Once completed, the new building will have 7,500 square feet of space with an auditorium, a fellowship hall, classrooms and offices. Carl Schwartz, head elder of

the congregation, says: "It is our purpose to not only provide a home for our own members, but to reach out and meet needs that we see in the community at large."

Binus encouraged the Yacolt congregation, by saying: "God will be with us as we willingly make ourselves and our gifts available for building His kingdom in this town."

James Weldon, Yacolt council member, added a civic welcome. "We welcome you to our community, and wish you a successful building program."

Avalon Architects of Vancouver, Wash., worked at length with the congregation developing plans. The congregation anticipates a lot of prayer and hard work as they embark on this endeavor. •

Alice Short, communication leader



Groundbreaking for the new Yacolt Seventh-day Adventist Church took place May 1. From left: Everett Collier, building supervisor; Virginia Baccus, visionary member; Faye Richards, member; Lutz Binus, pastor; James Weldon, town council member; and Carl Schwartz, head elder.

Eugene/Springfield Men Find Breakfast Uplifting

Calling all Christian men! Wouldn't it be great if there was a time when Christian men could get together and support each other in fellowship and worship? On March 8, that is exactly what happened at the Home Town Buffet in Springfield, Ore. All the men of the Eugene/Springfield area were invited to have breakfast together and listen to Dave

McCoy, Pleasant Hill Church pastor give an inspirational talk: Real Men in Today's World. It was a Sunday morning to remember.

Men drove as far as an hour to be at the breakfast, but despite the distance and early hour (8 a.m.) more than 50 men enjoyed a hearty breakfast and connected or reconnected with friends. Members of

different congregations who rarely see one another had the opportunity to renew old ties or meet new friends while getting a powerful motivational and spiritual presentation from Pastor McCoy.

McCoy encouraged men to stand for what is right and remember God would be their strength. It was a fitting message for today's Christian man.

Those who came are already looking forward to the next chance to reunite and uplift each other in the Lord. The area-wide men's breakfasts are held on a regular basis and offer different motivational messages each time. •

Rick Syfert, Pleasant Hill Church member

Members On Fire

UCC Camp Meeting Brings Revival

The Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting began with beautiful choir music Friday evening June 19, followed by a stirring sermon by Ron Clouzet, Theology professor and director for the North American Evangelism Institute based at Andrews University. Clouzet encouraged people to let God awaken them and live through them.

The theme of the camp meeting weekend was From Flicker to Flame — Letting Jesus Light Your Life. Contents of the weekend were designed to help people rekindle their love for Jesus and teach people how to truly live through His power.

In addition to Clouzet, worship speakers for the weekend included Brad Thorp, Hope Channel president, and Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president. Folkenberg spoke to a packed Walla Walla University Church on Sabbath morning for the main service. His sermon Firefly or Forest Fire reflected his passion for



Jon Dalrymple
Henning Guldhammer, pastor, welcomes the congregation to the Walla Walla University Church during the opening meeting of the UCC Camp Meeting held at the university campus June 19–20.

lifestyle evangelism.

“Camp meeting is such an important event for people who are serious about doing God’s work,” says Folkenberg. “It not only gives us an opportunity to re-focus on the mission we have for these end times, but it’s also like a spiritual fruit smoothie full of vitamins and beta carotenes that help boost

our faith and commitment to God.”

Bible Study Boot Camp.

A concert by Charles Haugabrooks was also part of the Sabbath afternoon programming. His lively singing style combined with classic and inspirational songs created a musical feast that people of all ages enjoyed. “You can really tell that he enjoys singing and sharing the love of God,” says Nona Melisted who attended the concert.

For those not able to attend, the main programs were streamed live for Web viewing. The programs are available to view and listen to online at www.uccsda.org/campmeeting. Audio CDs of the seminars are available at the Adventist Book Center in Spokane and



Jon Dalrymple
Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, preaches a sermon Firefly or Forest Fire during the main worship service at the UCC Camp Meeting.



Jon Dalrymple
UCC Camp Meeting attendees visit outside the Walla Walla University Church after the Sabbath morning services.

On Sabbath afternoon, 11 seminars were held, including: How to Make a Friend Out of a Stranger, Disaster Preparedness, Health Ministry in Our Church, How to Effectively Disciple Kids and

College Place, Wash. For more information about these, you can call the ABC at (509) 838-3168. •

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication assistant

Sonbridge Expands Reach

It's not every day one finds a medical clinic, a thrift store, counseling and community education classes, a TV station and a radio station — all in an Adventist Community Services center. But, that's what you'll find at Sonbridge Wellness

Center, in College Place, Wash.

Area Adventist churches have combined their ACS resources to create a unique community outreach meeting the felt needs of underserved residents in the Walla Walla valley. Each week, more than forty volunteers share their time and energy to make Sonbridge a success. The volunteers help in the thrift store, at the SOS clinic, with counseling and English classes.

Since it initially opened in 2006, Sonbridge has seen a dramatic rise in the number of clients they serve. The SOS clinic alone is currently providing emergency medical care to more than 1,000 patients each year.

To help accommodate the increased use and activity, Sonbridge is doubling their



The new Sonbridge warehouse is almost complete.

parking lot space and adding a 3,300 square foot warehouse to handle processing, receiving and storage. The expansion is being made possible, largely through donations and volunteer labor.

To learn more about

Sonbridge and the impact they are having in their community, visit www.sonbridgewellnesscenter.org.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director



Dave Dankle, EMT, examines a patient at the Sonbridge SOS clinic.

Post Falls Hosts Memorial Day Service

Major Andrew C. Pak, senior Protestant chaplain of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing, at Fairchild Air Force base

in Spokane, Wash., was the keynote speaker for a special Memorial Day weekend at the Post Falls (Idaho) Adventist Church. Pak is a graduate of Andrews University and was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1995.

Following his PowerPoint presentation of A Man After God's Own Heart, nine service men from the local congregation were honored with a special meal, during which they told of their personal involvement in different branches of the military. Those in attendance were deeply moved by the commitment of these men, a reminder of the thousands



Memorial Day service honorees include, front row from left: Roy Hall, Donald Sparr, Dwayne House. Back row from left: Leroy Kronvall, Tyrone Covington, Bill Cates, Andrew C. Pak, Alvin Bartholomew, Brian Cowin and Michael Sexsmith.

who are serving their country today.

Willard Santee, Post Falls Church pastor



Major Andrew C. Pak, chaplain of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force base, speaks at the pulpit in Post Falls, Idaho.

From Mexico To Wapato A Mission Trip Takes a U-Turn

When the Walla Walla City Church's mission trip to Mexico fell through this spring, little did they know what God had in store for them.



Jon Dalrymple

Tony Purvis, UCA Church member, cuts logs to firewood length, while UCA Elementary School students run them through the log splitter.

"We had planned to return to Nogales, Mexico, where we built a church in December of 2007," says Mark Etchell,

pastor. But plans had to be canceled, and trip leaders began looking for another way to serve. They contacted Upper Columbia Academy's Dean Kravig about any needs he might be aware of in the Yakama Nation, where he had previously worked.

As a result of their conversation with Kravig, the City Church mission team made plans to head to the Yakama Nation for a week-long mission trip but discovered they would need an additional \$7,000 for various projects.

When Etchell brought the increased need before the church family, they contributed and pledged in excess of \$12,000, or \$5,000 more than projected expenses.

With generous support in place, Doug Brown, pastor, led the team of building contractors, young people and adults to Wapato. Several eighth-graders joined the



Jon Dalrymple

Eighth-grade students from UCA Elementary School and their adult supervisors, stand behind a pile of firewood they cut and split for one of the residents of the Yakama Nation.

team from UCA Elementary School. In all, the group totaled approximately 50 people. They also received great support from members at the All Nations Center in Wapato.

Team members hosted a daily Vacation Bible School program for the children in one of the nearby government housing areas and helped with community cleanup and repair projects for elderly Native families selected by a local agency to receive assistance.

"Our days started at 7 a.m. with breakfast and ended at 7 p.m. with supper," says Brown. "After supper we'd have worship with some of the Native American folk which helped us understand their culture."

The team originally planned to do three re-roofing jobs, remodel and paint one kitchen and one bathroom, paint the

exterior of two homes, build an awning on the back of one home, build 15 wood sheds and split as much wood as possible for those new wood sheds. However, part way through the week, they discovered the team would have extra time and extra money, so they added two roofs, one more kitchen, two wheelchair ramps and two front porches. When the Vacation Bible School was finished, that group spent a whole day picking up trash at many of the 18 homes at which they had worked.

"What an amazing time we had," says Brown. "Our people dug in and didn't quit until it was all done. God blessed us with just enough people power, just enough money and just enough energy. God is good." •

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director



Jon Dalrymple

Jake Purvis and Bethany Bradshaw, eighth-grade students from UCA Elementary School assist Tom Wagner, Walla Walla City Church member, with splitting wood — just one of the projects they did for the Yakama Nation in Wapato, Wash.

Banquet Honors UCC Prison Ministry Volunteers

Upper Columbia Conference honored more than sixty prison ministry volunteers at a banquet Friday, June 19, in College Place, Wash.

Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, and Dave Livermore, UCC ministerial director, welcomed the volunteers, and Folkenberg shared his prison ministry testimony.

"I'll never forget the first time I went to jail," says Folkenberg. "I was 23 years old and went to visit a fellow seminary student who was in

prison. The sound of the steel doors closing behind me is a sound that will always stay with me."

Folkenberg went on to encourage the volunteers and remind them that God, unlike the world, has always chosen to identify closest with those who are isolated and broken. "... I was in prison, and you came to visit me. . . whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

After the meal, several volunteers shared their

testimony of how prison outreach has impacted their lives and encouraged others to consider getting involved also. Those who desire information about serving as a volunteer in this vital outreach may contact Livermore at the Upper Columbia Conference. •

*Jay Wintermeyer,
UCC communication
director*



Robert Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, shares his experience with prison ministry and thanks the volunteers at their banquet held June 19 in College Place, Wash.

Crossw@lk Youth Lead River Rescue

The weekend of June 7 was like the previous three — Sunday river rafting with the Wenatchee (Wash.) Adventist Church youth group also known as Crossw@lk. The rafting trip was different in one way though: participants rescued four rafters whose boat flipped and became stuck in a strong river hydraulic.

Crossw@lk rafters, Eric Barber and Gary Blanchard, guided their boat to rescue the capsized rafters and their floating gear. The other Crossw@lk boat, guided by Travis Hornby, stayed behind to save the capsized boat and one other stranded rafter. It was a reminder of the importance of rafting knowledge and river safety. Fortunately, no one was injured, thanks in part to God's timing and the help provided

by this group.

Crossw@lk's rafting ministry has taken more than 100 people down the river this year. By attracting young people to adventurous events, group leaders hope to keep them excited about the even bigger adventure of a saving relationship with Jesus. So far this year, Crossw@lk's more adventurous activities have taken young people snow skiing, snow shoeing, sea kayaking, river rafting, camping and caving. Other activities have included multiple gym nights and ultimate Frisbee.

Later this summer, they plan to do a Lake Chelan campout at a cabin on the lake owned by the Upper Columbia Conference. The property can only be reached by boat and



Members of Crossw@lk youth group gather after their June 7 white-water rafting adventure.

has a lot of potential for youth and other activities. They are praying for someone of vision to help them obtain a boat they can use in this special ministry.

Crossw@lk leaders have already seen more unchurched

youth involvement in their church due to these activities, and they hope to see much fruit in the near future. •

*Eric Barber, Wenatchee Church
assistant youth leader*

SAGE Volunteers Paint Historic Adventist Village

Since beginning 15 years ago, Seniors in Action for God with Excellence has made a difference in communities locally, nationally and internationally.

Recently, nine SAGE volunteers from the Pacific Northwest, with an average age of 70, traveled to Battle Creek, Mich., to paint buildings at the Historic Adventist Village.

The SAGE volunteers — who frequently help schools, churches and ministries with painting, construction or landscaping projects — pressure-washed and scraped the walls, and masked windows

and doors in record time.

Mike Altman, master painter and volunteer from Hillsboro, Ore., shipped his spray-painting rig ahead of the project and quickly painted the prepared exterior walls. The buildings were painted a creamy, off-white color which the painters dubbed “Ellen White.”

Garth Stoltz, village curator, identified seven additional buildings for the group to paint. In all, SAGE volunteers painted 11 buildings including the 1857 replicated Meeting House, the Parkville Church and a large 19th-century barn.

In recognition of SAGE’s contribution to the community, the *Battle Creek Enquirer* published a front-page article with pictures of the “amazing Sages from the Northwest.”

“This is a part of our Adventist Heritage,” Robert Grady, SAGE president, told the *Enquirer*. “I’ve taken a keen interest in it and so have our people. They are all interested in seeing this village developed.” •

Carrol Grady, SAGE Advice newsletter editor



SAGE volunteers painted several buildings at the Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Mich., including this home in the village neighborhood.

Medical Volunteers Treat 3,000 in the Philippines

Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church members completed their seventh medical-dental mission trip to the Philippines this year. The 40-person, Seattle-based medical team, led by Grace Gamponia, a Seattle-area doctor, includes medical doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians and other healthcare professionals.

“Our members have a great passion to see the gospel preached in the Philippines,” says Ed General, pastor, “and they are dedicated to providing medical care particularly to poor children.”

In collaboration with the Leganes Adventist Church

and Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, the medical volunteers provided free medical care including minor surgery, circumcision, dental care and infant care in Iloilo on Panay Island. They also held an evangelistic crusade and a Week of Prayer. Volunteers distributed medicine, clothes, toys, toothpaste, books and other goodies.

Thousands of young and old people — mothers carrying babies, teenagers and the elderly with high blood pressure — patiently lined up early in the morning in the Leganes sports complex. Some traveled for miles on dusty, rocky roads to get a medical check-up and

medicine, since access to healthcare is difficult in the Philippines. In all, the medical team treated nearly 3,000 people. Nightly evangelistic meetings resulted in 38 baptisms.

“I am blessed with good health, good food, a nice house and a wonderful family in the United States,” shares a volunteer. “It’s a great blessing to put a smile on someone’s face.”

The church plans to return to the Philippines in 2011. To join the medical mission team, call (206) 923-0888. •



The Seattle-based medical team treats nearly 3,000 patients during their annual mission trip to the Philippines.

Liza General, Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church communication leader

Spirit of Service

AAA's Auto Mech Class Impacts Community

Every evening the sound of students hard at work in Spady Hall's auto mechanic shop echoes throughout Auburn Adventist Academy's campus.

Joe McWilliam, instructor,

informed his class at the beginning of the year that their assignment was to get a car donated, fix it up and sell it. If they sold the car when completed, they would not only gain class credit, but also receive 20 percent of the sale price.

Auto mechanics students promptly tried to obtain donated cars. Their excitement over the project grew, much to the surprise of the students. Soon, they began to come in during their free

time to work on their cars.

Matt Hubbard, a junior from McKenna, Wash., found a 1986 Isuzu Trooper and got it donated. Dedicated to earning a profit, he began to push himself harder to finish his car.

An opportunity of service was brought to McWilliam's attention. He presented it to the class. Hubbard quickly decided to take him up on this challenge. Hubbard resolved to give up a profit and donate it to the South King County Outreach program. When asked why he did this, Hubbard responded, "If it doesn't cost you something, it's not a gift."

Auburn students have a spirit



Joe McWilliam, AAA instructor (center), with representatives of the South King County Outreach program stand in front of the Isuzu Trooper donated by Matt Hubbard of the auto mechanic class.

to help others instilled in their hearts, whether it is by tutoring peers, going on mission trips or donating their car to a good cause. •

Amy Alderman, AAA student writer



Matt Hubbard (back row, 3rd from left) is pictured with his auto mechanics class just before giving the car away.

Russian Church Grows Spiritual Gifts

The Tacoma Russian Center for Spiritual Development is one of the newest churches in the Washington Conference.

The congregation began as a ministry of the Russian church in Bellevue when a number of members from the Tacoma area began a Russian-speaking ministry in their own community. Tacoma Central Church served as a host church for the fledgling group, where the Russian group held meetings on Friday evenings and Sabbath afternoons.

Ivan Bokov, a pastor, immigrated to America and within six months began working formally in the Tacoma area. "We had nothing that was needed for being a church," Bokov says. "We

began to pray for everything that was needed to start the church."

God sent people with the

necessary spiritual gifts to help the congregation grow as others developed their spiritual gifts.

The Tacoma Russian

group was organized as a company in February 2006, and continued to grow. In May 2009, John Freedman, Washington Conference president, formally welcomed Tacoma Russian Center for Spiritual Development into the sisterhood of Adventist churches and challenged the church to faithfully follow the truths of the Adventist Church.

The Tacoma Russian Center for Spiritual Development looks forward to continued growth and actively seeks a permanent location for church services. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president for administration



Vitali Oliinik, pastor of the Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment in Bellevue, translates for John Freedman, Washington Conference president, at the church organization ceremony.

Bing and Lizzi Receive Pastoral Commissions

Washington Conference commissioned two pastors in May.

Growing up as the youngest of four children in a home where her parents were Seventh-day Adventist

Southeastern California, Upper Columbia, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington Conferences. In addition to her pastoral ministry, Lizzi has served as a full-time teacher in Hawaii and Oregon Conferences

Doug Bing, at Enterprise Academy. Together, they continued their education at Union College. One month after their wedding, they flew to Indonesia for a year of mission service. Returning from abroad, Bing finished an elementary education degree before working on a master's in curriculum and instruction at Andrews University.

During the Bing's ministry in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, Bing re-engaged with her passion and calling in creative church ministries. She developed Sabbath School curriculums, children's musicals, dramas, small group resources and women's ministry events. By raising three children and being involved at the local church, she sensed God calling her to serve in a full-time capacity.

Bing serves as associate pastor at the Auburn Academy Church where she implemented the church's Journey to Bethlehem ministry, in addition to bringing people to Jesus through small group ministry,



Jonathan Baumgartner
John Freedman, Washington Conference president, prays for a blessing on Wilma Bing's ministry.

personal Bible studies and community events. In addition, she also serves as Washington Conference women's ministry and family life director.

"God has given Wilma spiritual gifts of leadership, wisdom and mercy," says Bill Roberts, Auburn Academy Church senior pastor. "She has an ability to mentor people and help them launch their own ministries." •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director



Jonathan Baumgartner
Judy Lizzi, Kirkland Church associate pastor, is surrounded by her colleagues during a prayer of dedication at her commissioning to ministry ceremony in early May.

converts, **Judy (Cuccia) Lizzi** never aspired to be a pastor's wife or attain recognition in ministry. The Cuccia family priorities were God, family and friends, and the young girl quickly learned a lifestyle of practical Christianity.

Her academic pursuits led her to Pacific Union College where a budding relationship with Philip Lizzi eventually led to marriage. The couple embarked on a journey of ministry and service in the church. Wherever God placed Philip in pastoral ministry, He also challenged Judy to use her gifts and to develop her talents in service to the church and the community.

Lizzi has answered the call to ministry with her husband and two children in

and as a substitute teacher in Southeastern and Washington Conferences. She is currently an associate pastor at the Kirkland Adventist Church.

"Judy offers unique gifts and talents in her ministry," says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director. "She brings joy to our conference ministerial team."

Wilma (Burton) Bing's exposure to ministry began as a young missionary child in Vietnam. Her family moved back to the states where her father, Wilber Burton, served as Texico Conference educational superintendent and youth director. The Burtons devoted summers to camp ministry where Wilma discovered a passion for creative ministry.

She met her future husband,



Jonathan Baumgartner
Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director, welcomes guests to Wilma Bing's commissioning to ministry service in late May.

NORTHWEST ADVENTIST SCHOOLS

All Seventh-day Adventist schools in the North Pacific Union Conference, including Walla Walla University, admit students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

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Anchorage Junior Academy	5511 O'Malley Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507	(907) 346-2164	Janice Hansen	K-10
Dillingham Adventist School	PO Box 182, Dillingham, AK 99576	(907) 842-2496	Rod Rau	K-8
Golden Heart Christian School	PO Box 82997, Fairbanks, AK 99708	(907) 479-2904	Barbara Quaile	1-8
Juneau Adventist School	4890 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK 99801	(907) 780-4336	Nickie Linder	1-8
Sitka Adventist School	1613 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka, AK 99835	(907) 966-2661	Melanie Stroud	1-8

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Adventist Christian Academy	PO Box 50156, Idaho Falls, ID 83405	(208) 528-8582	Carrie Tow	1-8
Baker Valley Adventist School	42171 Chico Rd, Baker City, OR 97814	(541) 523-4165	Gary Laabs	1-8
Boise Valley Adventist School	925 N Cloverdale Rd, Boise, ID 83713	(208) 376-7141	Don Krpalek	K-8
Caldwell Adventist Elementary School	2317 Wisconsin Ave, Caldwell, ID 83605	(208) 459-4313	Judith Shaner	K-8
Desert View Christian School	PO Box 124, Mountain Home, ID 83647	(208) 580-0512	Dannia Birth	1-8
Eagle Adventist Christian School	538 W State St, Eagle, ID 83616	(208) 938-0093	David Pitcher	K-8
Enterprise Adventist School	PO Box N, Enterprise, OR 97828	(541) 426-8339	Dan Webster	1-8
Hilltop Adventist School	131 Grandview Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301	(208) 733-0799	Tom Sherwood	K-8
La Grande Adventist School	PO Box 1025, La Grande, OR 97850	(541) 963-6203	To be determined	1-8
McCall Adventist Christian School	3592 Longview Rd, McCall, ID 83638	(208) 634-0053	Harold Appel	1-8
Salmon Adventist School	400 Fairmont St, Salmon, ID 83467	(208) 756-4439	Bill Hager	1-8
Timberline Adventist School	2582 10th Ave W, Vale, OR 97918	(541) 473-9661	Nadine Messer	1-8
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Mount Ellis Academy	3641 Bozeman Trail Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715	(406) 587-5178	Darren Wilkins	9-12
Blodgett View Christian School	119 Westbridge Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840	(406) 375-0733	Janet Riley	1-8
Central Acres Christian School	3204 Broadwater Ave, Billings, MT 59102	(406) 652-1799	Autumn Paskell	1-8
Five Falls Christian School	3102 Flood Rd, Great Falls, MT 59404	(406) 452-6883	Pennie Wredberg	1-8
Glacier View Adventist School	36332 Mud Creek Ln, Ronan, MT 59864	(406) 676-5142	Kathy Edwards	1-8
Helena Adventist School	2410 Belt View Dr, Helena, MT 59601	(406) 443-1414	Arlene Lambert	1-8
Libby Adventist Christian School	206 Airfield Rd, Libby, MT 59923	(406) 293-8613	Cindy Patten	1-8
Mount Ellis Adventist Elementary School	3835 Bozeman Trail Rd, Bozeman, MT 59715	(406) 587-5430	Becky Meharry	1-8
Mountain View Adventist School	1010 Clements Rd, Missoula, MT 59804	(406) 543-6223	Marty Knapp	1-8
Valley Adventist Christian School	1275 Helena Flats Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901	(406) 752-0830	Ben Pflugrad	1-8
Valley View Adventist Christian School	264 Hwy 200 S, Glendive, MT 59330	(406) 687-3472	Sharon Nguyen	1-8

OREGON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

19800 Oatfield Rd • Gladstone, OR 97027 • (503) 850-3500 • Superintendent – John Gatchet

Columbia Adventist Academy	11100 NE 189th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604	(360) 687-3161	Matthew Butte	9-12
Livingstone Adventist Academy	5771 Fruitland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97317	(503) 363-9408	Jon Dickerson	K-12
Milo Adventist Academy	PO Box 278, Days Creek, OR 97429	(541) 825-3200	Randy Bovee	9-12
Portland Adventist Academy	1500 SE 96th Ave, Portland, OR 97216	(503) 255-8372	Gale Crosby	9-12
Rogue Valley Adventist School	3675 S Stage Rd, Medford, OR 97501	(541) 773-2988	Larry Aldred	K-12
Canyonville Adventist Elementary School	PO Box 1155, Canyonville, OR 97417	(541) 839-4053	Edward Hollister	1-8
Central Valley Christian School	31630 SE Highway 34, Tangent, OR 97389	(541) 928-7820	Mike Meadows	K-9
Countryside Christian School	88401 Huston Rd, Veneta, OR 97487	(541) 935-6446	Katie Cordes	1-8
Emerald Christian Academy	35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	(541) 746-1708	Don Bryan	K-10
Gold Coast Christian School	1251 Clark St, North Bend, OR 97459	(541) 756-6307	Beverley Stout	1-8
Grants Pass Adventist School	2250 NW Heidi Lane, Grants Pass, OR 97526	(541) 479-2293	Roger Knauff	K-10
Hood View Junior Academy	PO Box 128, Boring, OR 97009	(503) 663-4568	Holley Bryant	K-8
Kelso-Longview Adventist School	96 Garden St, Kelso, WA 98626	(360) 423-9250	Tracy Lang	K-8
Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School	2499 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601	(541) 882-4151	To be determined	1-8
Laurelwood Adventist Elementary School	PO Box 39, Gaston, OR 97119	(503) 985-7289	To be determined	1-8
Lincoln City Adventist School	2126 NE Surf Ave, Lincoln City, OR 97367	(541) 994-5181	Carol McLeod	1-12
Madras Christian School	66 SE "H" St, Madras, OR 97741	(541) 475-7545	Rachael Jones	K-8
Madrone Adventist Elementary School	4300 Holland Loop Rd, Cave Junction, OR 97523	(541) 592-3330	Amy Whitchurch	1-8
McMinnville Adventist School	1349 NW Elm St, McMinnville, OR 97128	(503) 472-3336	June Graham	K-8
Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School	18717 NE 109th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604	(360) 687-5121	Brian Allison	K-8
Mid-Columbia Adventist School	1100 22nd St, Hood River, OR 97031	(541) 386-3187	Peter Hardy	K-10
Milo Adventist Elementary School	PO Box 278, Days Creek, OR 97429	(541) 825-3514	Sandra Sumerlin	1-8
Portland Adventist Elementary School	3990 NW 1st St, Gresham, OR 97030	(503) 665-4102	Robert McDonald	K-8
Rivergate Adventist Elementary School	1505 Ohlson Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027	(503) 656-0544	Ann Campbell	K-8
Riverside Adventist Christian School	PO Box 367, Washougal, WA 98671	(360) 835-5600	Dan Wister	K-8
Roseburg Junior Academy	1653 NW Troost St, Roseburg, OR 97471	(541) 673-5278	Arsenio Hernandez (Interim)	K-10
Scappoose Adventist School	PO Box 889, Scappoose, OR 97056	(503) 543-6939	E. Joel Reyes	K-8
Shady Point Adventist School	PO Box 216, Eagle Point, OR 97524	(541) 826-2255	Connalyn Allred	1-8
The Dalles Adventist School	3339 E 13th St, The Dalles, OR 97058	(541) 296-2692	Bruce Schmidt	1-8
Three Sisters Adventist School	21155 Tumalo Rd, Bend, OR 97701	(541) 389-2091	To be determined	K-10
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St, Tillamook, OR 97141	(503) 842-6533	Ron Jacaban	K-10
Tualatin Valley Junior Academy	21975 SW Baseline Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123	(503) 649-5518	Dennis Kingma	K-10
Wahkiacus Adventist School	457 Wahkiacus Heights Rd, Wahkiacus, WA 98670	(509) 369-3735	Thomas Hunt	1-8
West Valley Christian School	PO Box 38, Willamina, OR 97396	(503) 879-5812	Barbara Clark	1-8

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Cascade Christian Academy	600 N Western Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801	(509) 662-2723	Brian Harris	K-12
Upper Columbia Academy	3025 E Spangle-Waverly Rd, Spangle, WA 99031	(509) 245-3600	Troy Patzer	9-12
Walla Walla Valley Academy	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	(509) 525-1050	John Deming	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501	(208) 743-8361	Richard Rasmussen	1-8
Brewster Adventist School	115 Valley Rd, Brewster, WA 98812	(509) 689-3213	Jared Meharry	1-8
Colville Valley Junior Academy	139 E Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	(509) 684-6830	Richard Bergeson	1-10
Cornerstone Christian School	PO Box 1877, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	(208) 267-1644	Dennis Shelton	K-8
Countryside Adventist School	12107 W Seven Mile Rd, Spokane, WA 99224	(509) 466-8982	Phyllis Radu	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W Valley Rd, Moses Lake, WA 98837	(509) 765-4632	Richard Wilson	K-9
Farmington Christian School	PO Box 187, Farmington, WA 99128	(509) 287-2601	Jennifer Wintermeyer	1-8
Goldendale Adventist School	PO Box 241, Goldendale, WA 98620	(509) 773-3120	Lois Potterton	1-8
Grandview Adventist School	106 N Elm St, Grandview, WA 98930	(509) 882-3817	Sandra Olson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801	(541) 276-0615	Laurie Hosey	K-10
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln, Hermiston, OR 97838	(541) 567-8523	Randy Foss	K-9
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E Locust Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	(208) 667-0877	Allan Sather	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W Crockett Rd, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	(541) 938-7131	Leslie Briggs	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	PO Box 3294, Omak, WA 98841	(509) 826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Palouse Hills Adventist School	3148 Tomer St, Moscow, ID 83843	(208) 882-0350	Daniel Tyler	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	PO Box 1062, Tonasket, WA 98855	(509) 486-4345	Jacqueline Jager	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	PO Box 1066, Newport, WA 99156	(208) 437-2638	Jeffrey Wallen	1-9
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	(509) 529-1850	Jim Weller	K-8
Saint Maries Adventist School	216 N 9th St, Saint Maries, ID 83861	(208) 245-2274	Aleida Quick	1-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W Pine St, Sandpoint, ID 83864	(208) 263-3584	Charla Suppe	K-10
Spokane Junior Academy	1888 N Wright Dr, Spokane, WA 99224	(509) 325-1985	Stephanie Gates	K-10
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99037	(509) 926-0955	Terry Lee	K-9
Tri-City Junior Academy	4115 W Henry St, Pasco, WA 99301	(509) 547-8092	Anthony Oucharek	K-10
Upper Columbia Acad. Elem. Sch.	3025 E Spangle-Waverly Rd, Spangle, WA 99031	(509) 245-3629	Karen Sharpe	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd, Yakima, WA 98908	(509) 966-1933	Patrick Frey	K-10

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

32229 Weyerhaeuser Way S • Federal Way, WA 98001 • (253) 681-6008 • Superintendent – Lon Gruesbeck

Auburn Adventist Academy	5000 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA 98092	(253) 939-5000	Marvin Mitchell	9-12
Orcas Christian School	PO Box 669, Eastsound, WA 98245	(360) 376-6683	Tom Roosma	K-12
Puget Sound Adventist Academy	5320 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	(425) 822-7554	Linda Taber	9-12
Skagit Adventist Academy	530 N Section St, Burlington, WA 98233	(360) 755-9261	Doug White	9-12
Baker View Christian School	5353 Waschke Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226	(360) 384-8155	Keith Lindsey	K-8
Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School	3320 Academy Dr SE, Auburn, WA 98092	(253) 833-0718	Ron Trautwein	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	PO Box 150, Port Hadlock, WA 98339	(360) 385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cedarhome Adventist Christian School	28505 68th Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292	(360) 629-5340	Frank Meidell	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036	(425) 775-3578	Lowell Dunston	K-8
Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave, Everett, WA 98203	(425) 258-6911	Sheri Rodman	K-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 US Hwy 12, Montesano, WA 98563	(360) 249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	(425) 822-7554	Linda Taber	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd, Bremerton, WA 98312	(360) 377-4542	Heather Phelps	1-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S Scheuber Rd, Chehalis, WA 98532	(360) 748-3213	Dan Baker	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd, Sequim, WA 98382	(360) 683-6170	Larry Arnott	K-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd, Puyallup, WA 98372	(253) 845-5722	Marshall Merklin	K-8
Olympia Christian School	1416 26th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506	(360) 352-1831	Anita McKown	K-10
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd, Poulsbo, WA 98370	(360) 779-6290	Susan Schilt	1-8
Shelton Valley Adventist Christian School	PO Box 773, Shelton, WA 98584	(360) 426-4198	Judy McCain	K-8
Skagit Adventist School	530 N Section St, Burlington, WA 98233	(360) 755-9261	Doug White	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	(360) 794-7655	Angela Campanello	1-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	(360) 279-1812	Dan Nickolatos	1-8

A Heavenly Experience

NPUC Regional Convocation 2009

The 33rd North Pacific Union Conference Regional Convocation, May 14–17 at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Wash., featured a spirit of praise and joyful communion giving fullness to the event’s theme, Heaven.

Throughout the weekend, participants enjoyed worship programs, ministry workshops and exceptional musical presentations. Special programs were offered for children, youth and young adults.

Featured guest speakers included Phyllis Lee, regional Conference Retirement Plan treasurer; Ramon Canals, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries; David Churu, Lighthouse

Christian Fellowship associate pastor and Hasani Tait, Mt. Tahoma Church youth pastor. The keynote speaker for the weekend was Carlos Blake Jr., Independence Boulevard (Chicago, Ill.) Church pastor. Payne Bucknor, Oakwood University music professor, conducted the convocation’s mass choir as a featured musical guest.

During the Sabbath worship service the NPUC Office of Regional Affairs honored the memories of Alex Hall, Sharon Church (Portland, Ore.) head deacon; Paltiel Mitchell, Spruce Street/Emerald City Church (Seattle, Wash.) founding member; and Jere Patzer, NPUC president, for their contributions to regional ministry.

Members from more than 13 regional congregations attended this year’s convocation. The annual event was coordinated by Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs, and Patric Parris, administrative assistant, to provide encouragement to members of the conferences in the North Pacific Union Conference.

Make plans now to attend the 2010 NPUC Regional Convocation. •

*CJ Anderson,
GLEANER intern*



Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs, introduces Max Torkelsen, NPUC president, and his wife, Linnea, during the regional convocation’s Sabbath service.



Carlos Blake Jr. preaches to a packed house at the 2009 NPUC Regional Convocation.



Participants in the NPUC Regional Convocation represent a diverse and multicultural group.



Wayne Bucknor, Oakwood University assistant piano professor, was the convocation’s featured musician and mass choir conductor.



Exceptional music and enthusiastic praise are abundant among convocation participants.

Regional convocation brings visitors from corners of the globe to join in fellowship.



The families of Paltiel Mitchell, founding member of the Spruce Street Church in Seattle, Wash.; Alexander Hall Jr., Sharon Church (Portland, Ore.) head deacon; and Jere Patzer, NPUC president 1996–2008, were presented with awards for their contributions to regional ministry.



A Slice of Heaven

WWU's Marine Lab is Unforgettable

Since 1954, Walla Walla University has enjoyed ownership of the Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory near Anacortes, Wash. WWU's biology majors spend a summer studying marine biology at Rosario and all of them look forward to their turn with anticipation and excitement.

"I'm so excited about spending an entire summer at Rosario," says Nicholas Will, senior biology major. "That should tell you something right there — what college student wants to take summer classes?"

Jim Nestler was one of those students back in 1983. As an undergraduate student he attended classes at



An orca makes an appearance just off of WWU's Rosario Beach coastline.

Rosario, explored the water and surrounding land, and learned alongside experienced WWU scientists. He has returned each summer since as a graduate student, a faculty researcher, a course instructor and now as director of the marine laboratory.

Due to its cold water and ocean currents, the waters off Rosario Beach are filled with nutrients. This leads to an abundance of marine invertebrate life for study, including crabs, anemones, sea stars, sea cucumbers, barnacles, whelks, chitons, clams and scallops.

Faculty from other Adventist and non-Adventist colleges and universities often teach and do research alongside their WWU colleagues at Rosario during the summer. This summer, faculty from Southern Adventist University and Andrews University are teaching courses. In

addition, a faculty member from the Maine Maritime Academy and a graduate student from Washington State University are conducting marine research projects.

Rosario's ideal location has also caught the attention of the international scientific community. In 2011, more

"As a marine laboratory, the hands-on experience is unparalleled," Will says. "With the spiritual emphasis so prominent there, God feels closer than ever at Rosario. I've never felt more welcomed and like part of the family. It's a place that brings a whole new meaning to the phrase, 'a slice of heaven.'"

Each summer, the Rosario "family," as Nestler refers to it, is between 70 and 80 people. The size of this small group contributes heavily to the friendly, close-knit community and the comfortable atmosphere of the beach laboratory.

"Our students are at an especially pivotal stage in their lives, and it's wonderful for them to be able to study science surrounded by the Christian atmosphere here at Rosario," says Nestler. "It helps them



Jim Nestler enjoys the variety of activities available at WWU's marine laboratory, but as a marine biologist he loves the water most of all.

than 200 scientists from South, Central and North America will gather for the North American Echinoderm Conference. This will be the first time the 20-years-old conference will be held on the West Coast.

to affirm their belief in the Creator-God." •

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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Prayer Alerts Change Lives at Tillamook County General Hospital

With the stressors of daily life bearing down, it can be easy to forget — God has the power to help anyone with any problem.

That's why employees at Tillamook County General Hospital are making a conscious effort to create a culture of prayer, not just professionally, but also personally.

The steps they have taken to make this a reality include a week of spiritual emphasis, a weekly prayer meeting and a service to anoint the hands of the hospital workers. Another program they have found to be especially powerful is what they call Prayer Alert.

When a hospital employee has a burden they want coworkers to pray about, Danny Parada, hospital chaplain, sends out a Prayer Alert. Signs are posted all over the hospital with a time and date to meet in the chapel to pray. Parada has seen God do some miraculous things through Prayer Alert, but one particular story sticks

out in his mind.

One day, when Parada was doing his rounds he saw Bambi Poblador, a nurse, trying to set up equipment for a patient. She wiped tears away with her shoulder as she worked.

"Are you alright?" Parada asked.

"I'm sick and tired of trying to get pregnant," Poblador blurted out. Patients in other rooms craned their necks to see who was crying. Doctors and nurses added words of comfort, and Parada stood speechless, wondering what to do.

"We can pray for you," Parada finally said. "If you believe, God can give you a baby."

Poblador agreed it was a good idea, and Parada sent out a Prayer Alert. More than 20 staff members came to pray for her. They gathered around, anointed her and prayed for her.

"That moment was very emotional for some of us, including Bambi," Parada says.

Three months passed. Parada had heard nothing—that is until he bumped into Poblador during his rounds. "Her face radiated happiness like a million dollar lottery winner," Parada says.

Still, he did not know God had answered their prayers until Poblador said, "I was waiting for you. I have good news... I'm pregnant!"

Today Poblador praises God every day for her wonderful baby boy, and she proudly tells her patients what God did for her.

"Bambi is a great witness of the love of God not only in her department but also to her family and friends," Parada says. Her



Baby Boake was Bambi's answer to prayer.

remarkable story shows how God changes lives through the power of prayer. •

Emily Young, Adventist Health communication intern





Betty and Leon Cornforth

Cornforth 60th

Leon and Betty Cornforth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 6th, 2009, with their family gathered at a dinner in Caldwell, Idaho. At the dinner, they reminisced about how they met at Walla Walla College in 1947 and then were married in the Village Church in 1949, the day after graduation. They moved to Idaho and worked as deans and teachers at Gem State Academy, and pastored some nearby churches. Leon went on to work in the Idaho Conference office. Betty worked as a secretary/receptionist in several conferences and assisted Leon in his efforts. They also raised their two daughters.

Over their 44 plus years of service to the church, they worked, and met some wonderful friends in the Upper Columbia, Georgia Cumberland and Arizona Conferences, the Pacific Press Publishing Assoc., and then back to the Idaho Conference, where they retired in 1993. Upon retiring, or as Leon puts it, “retreading,” they began speaking around the country, promoting the book *Meeting the Mormon Challenge with Love* and the Super Natural Soul Winning courses.

Because of Betty’s love of horses, she helped Idaho start their own satellite chapter of the Adventist Horseman Association Horse Riding Club. When they

are at home at their Circle C Ranch in Caldwell, they love having friends and family around them. The Cornforths feel richly blessed to have a loving, God-guided and long-lasting relationship.

The Cornforth family includes Cheryl Beck of Ketchum, Idaho; LeAnn and Gary Crawford of Caldwell, Idaho; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Harden 50th

Hal and Warrine (McDuffie) Harden were honored by their children, Stephen, Sharon and Bryan with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Aug. 10, 2008, at the Valley View Adventist Church in East Wenatchee, Wash. A fourth child, Scott, is deceased. The Hardens also have seven grandchildren.

They were married in Conard Hall Chapel at Walla Walla College by Elder Paul Heubach on Aug. 10, 1958.

Hal grew up in Idaho and Warrine in Montana. They met while attending WWC. Hal became a physician after attending LLU, while Warrine later earned a BSN (nursing degree). The Hardens worked in Africa for five years and in Jamaica for a short term mission trip. Hal traveled in India for a Maranatha mission program.

Warrine worked in hospitals and also instructed nursing students before retiring. Since closing his medical office in Wenatchee at the end of 2000, Hal has done locum tenens family practice in various parts of the country. Hal and Warrine live in Wenatchee, Wash.

Lowry 95th

Oliver Irvin Lowry Jr. was born August 30, 1913 in Stroud, Okla. He attended public school. Later he moved to Ketchum, Okla., and attended Ketchum

Academy from 1928–1929. He was baptized June 22, 1929, in a creek near Ketchum. From 1929 to 1934 he made brooms and worked for Clifford Clouse. In 1934, he moved to Keene, Texas, where he attended SW Jr. Academy from September to December. Oliver then worked again as a broom maker for Lloyd Winn until August 1942, when he joined the United States Army-Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in England as a Medic and served as a conscientious objector, practiced a vegetarian diet and kept the seventh-day Bible Sabbath all through the war.

After an honorable discharge in 1945, he graduated from Keene Academy in 1946. Later Oliver moved to Spokane, Wash., and on June 9, 1946, married Ellen Rasmussen of Spangle, Wash. in the Spokane Central Church. From 1946–1948, he attended Walla Walla College and then Loma Linda School of Medicine, and graduated with the class of 1953. His internship was at Deaconess Hospital, Spokane, Wash., 1952–1954. Then he began practicing medicine on his own in Oksdale, Wash., from 1953–1954. He practiced for many years, then closed his office in 1996 after Ellen was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, to care for her. She died May 27, 1997.

All four children graduated from a school at Loma Linda University, one is a DDS, two are nurses and one is a cardiologist.

Oliver met Dixie Robinson at a Southwestern University alumni reunion, April 2002 in Keene, Texas. They were married December 2003, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. They have since retired in Cleburne, Texas.

Rieley 50th

Ethel and LeRoy Rieley

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19, 2009, with a reception hosted by their daughters at the Rockwood Adventist Church in Gresham, Ore. Their daughters surprised them by having several members of the wedding party in attendance for the celebration. Ethel’s niece, Melinda McCaw, created a DVD using pictures of Ethel and LeRoy’s childhood and 50 years of marriage.

LeRoy Rieley married Ethel Syme on March 22, 1959, in Hopewell, Ore. LeRoy and Ethel met in 1957 at the College Dairy where they both worked while attending Walla Walla College. LeRoy graduated from WWC in 1965 with a degree in business administration. The family then moved to Mountlake Terrace, a suburb of Seattle, Wash.

In Seattle, LeRoy worked for an insurance company, a certified public accounting firm, and the Washington Conference. In 1973, the family moved to Portland, Ore., where he worked for the North Pacific Union Conference as associate director for data processing, association treasurer and was appointed under treasurer in 1986. In 2001, he joined the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Accounting Software Team as an implementation consultant. He retired in 2002, but continues to work part-time for the General Conference.

Ethel worked for the Oregon Conference in secondary education as a secretary and then as an accountant. She worked for the North Pacific Union Conference as a part-time secretary and from 1991 until her retirement in 2002 served as the membership records clerk.

The Rieley family includes Della and Dave Dunbar of Reno, Nev.; Karen and Rick Westphal of Forest Falls, Calif.; and 2 step-grandchildren.

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A Reference for Communication Leaders

The *Communication Director Quick Start Guide* is a manual written for local church communication volunteers. It describes communication with local members, the community and conference communication departments. It also provides information and tips on bulletin announcements, newsletters, bulletin boards, information packets, Web sites, newspapers, and radio and television announcements.

You can order *Communication Director Quick Start Guide* from www.adventsource.org, or by calling (800) 328-0525.

Former division president, temperance leader, dies

Charles D. Watson, a Seventh-day Adventist youth and temperance leader in Britain who went on to serve as president of the church for the Middle East and East Africa, died at a hospice facility in Deltona, Fla., on May 26. He was 86. Throughout his 47-year career working for the church, Watson promoted healthful living in an effort to fight societal drug abuse. He also made member retention a personal goal.

Source: Adventist News Network

WWU Offers Community College Partnership

Walla Walla University is introducing Homebase, a new residential life and discipleship program for students who wish to be part of WWU's socially vibrant and spiritually rich campus community while pursuing selected areas of study at Walla Walla Community College.

While attending classes at WWCC, students can live in WWU's residence halls, eat in WWU's cafeteria, attend WWU's social and spiritual events and participate in WWU's clubs, student mission programs and intramural programs.

To find out more, visit:
<http://www.wallawalla.edu/homebase>.



THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

Steve Behrmann is serving as the interim pastor at the Sunnyside (Ore.) Church.

Gene Heinrich left his post as assistant pastor at the Vancouver (Wash.) Church to pastor the Rockwood (Ore.) Church in June.

Stephen Lundquist left his position as assistant pastor of the Sunnyside (Portland, Ore.) Church to become a staff member at Portland Adventist Academy.

Jim Osborne left the Bonanza/Chiloquin/Klamath Falls (Mont.) district to pastor the Albany (Ore.) Church in June.

David Smith is transitioning from pastor of the Tualatin (Ore.) Church to serve as assistant pastor of the Meadow Glade (Wash.) Church.

Charles Stout left the Coos Bay/Reedsport (Ore.) district in June to pastor the Astoria/Long Beach/Seaside (Ore.) district.

Edwin Vargas is leaving his pastoral position at The Rock/Hillsboro (Ore.) Spanish Church to enter the seminary.

Family
W E D D I N G S

ANDERSON-DUVALL—Ashley Anderson and Chris Duvall were married May 17, 2009, in Bridal Veil Lakes, Ore. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Ashley is the daughter of Randy and Roxanne (Duffy) Anderson. Chris is the son of Roger and Mary Kay (Haas) Duvall.

BROWN-HARRIS—Heather (Stanley) Brown and Bill Harris were married March 15, 2009, in Port Angeles, Wash., where they are making their home. Heather is the daughter of Jeff and Diane (Bergerson) Isaacson. Bill is the son of Tony Harris and Gordon and Kathy (Schmitt) Stilts.

FOOTE-GRANADOS—Rennae Foote and Demetrius Granados were married June 7, 2009, in Athena, Ore. They are making their home in Pendleton, Ore. Rennae is the daughter of Daniel and Phyllis (Walker) Foote and Michael and Deborah (Casteel) Foote Calkins. Demetrius is the son of Evadio and the late Mary (Saucedo) Granados.

HAWLEY-ANDERSON—Kathryn Hawley and Doug Anderson were married May 16, 2009, in Glenwood Springs, Colo. They are making their home in Happy Valley, Ore.

Kathryn is the daughter of the late Robert L. Hawley and Edna Hawley. Doug is the son of the late Oscar M. Anderson and the late Maurine D. Anderson.

KUCHERAN-GUEST—Joanna Lynn Kucheran and Gregory Allen Guest Jr. were married Dec. 27, 2008, in Black Diamond, Wash. They are making their home in Maple Valley, Wash. Joanna is the daughter of Ronald L. Kucheran and Halcyon (Ilg) Kucheran. Gregory is the son of Gregory A. Guest Sr. and Laura L. (Cain) Guest.

ROBINSON-WHITCHURCH—Lori Robinson and Eric Whitchurch were married May 17, 2009, in Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Lori is the daughter of Willis and Sharon Robinson. Eric is the son of Sharon Fisher.

TORRES-ANDERSON—Katie Eileen Torres and Alexander Bruce Anderson were married June 21, 2009, in Boring, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Katie is the daughter of Carlos and Cheryl L. (Anderson) Torres. Alexander is the son of David B. and Lynnette C. (Bliss) Anderson.

Family
B I R T H S

CHRISTENSEN—Ellie Rose was born Jan. 15, 2009, to Mark and Debra (Bredall) Christensen, Damascus, Ore.

FLECK—Owen Richard was born Dec. 19, 2008, to Richard G. and Kelly R. (Savage) Fleck, Vancouver, Wash.

GALUSHA—Maci Raine was born April 17, 2009, to Joe and Carla (Constantinescu) Galusha, Edmonds, Wash.

KLEVEN—Anika Brielle was born May 22, 2009, to Brian and Analisa (Torkelsen) Kleven, Beaverton, Ore.

KYLE—Ezra Zachary was born June 11, 2009, to Tim and Laura (Davis) Kyle, Walla Walla, Wash.

MACK—Tanner Jonathan was born June 9, 2009, to Jonathan and Jill (Dearing) Mack, Seattle, Wash.

PATCHIN—Aviana Jolie was born June 20, 2009, to Daniel and Jenell R. (Neustel) Patchin, Oregon City, Ore.

RICH—Kylie Elizabeth was born May 29, 2009, to Steve and Jennifer (Keeney) Rich, Portland, Ore.

TERMINE—Marco A. was born Sept. 23, 2008, to Davide and Alisa (Huson) Termine, Bend, Ore.

TIFFIN—Thayne Livingston was born Feb. 2, 2009, to Tim and Tracey (Trimble) Tiffin, College Place, Wash.

WONGSAPROME—Elana Rachel was born Feb. 7, 2009, to Aran and Eloisa Wongsaprome, Hillsboro, Ore.

Family
A T R E S T

BAIN—Fern Marjory (Baird), 95; born Aug. 1, 1913, Staples, Minn.; died Jan. 30, 2009, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: son, Loren, Enumclaw, Wash.; stepsons, Marshall, Auburn; Dudley, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Marjory Neth, Vancouver, Wash.; stepdaughter, Janice Smith, Union, Ore.; brother, Duane Baird, Pendleton, Ore.; sisters, Jackie Davis and Doris Springer, both of Pendleton; Phyllis Nelson, Bay City, Wis.; 10 step-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren and 12 step-great-great-grandchildren.

COMPTON—Scott, 37; born June 22, 1971, Medina, Ohio; died Nov. 18, 2008, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: parents, Evan and Cheryl (Kessmann) Compton, Sumas, Wash.; and grandmother, Betty (McCampbell) Kessmann, Bellingham.

EDWARDS—Harold M., 87; born June 5, 1921, San Francisco, Calif.; died Jan. 7, 2009, Bonney Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Violet (Sauter); son, Scott, Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Candy Blume, Chehalis, Wash.; Sheri Edwards, Gold Bar, Wash.; Katherine Clark, Auburn, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

JENKS—Colin F. Jenks, 79; born Jan. 17, 1929, Birmingham, England; died Nov. 17, 2008, Arlington, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alma L. (McManus) Jenks; son, Alan K., Arlington; sister, Brenda Bate, Strathmore, Alberta, Canada; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

JONES-SWISHER—Anthony D., 62; born Aug. 7, 1946, Portland, Ore.; died Feb. 10, 2009, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Mark, Olympia; Jason, Minneapolis, Minn.; stepfather and mother, Kenny and Marilyn Rae (Reese) Jones, Estacada, Ore.; stepmother, Pat (Munro) Swisher, Gresham, Ore.; brother, Rodney Jones, Madeline,

Calif.; Johnny Jones, Olympia; Clifford Jones, Columbus, Ga.; half-brothers, David Swisher, Troutdale, Ore.; Steven Swisher, Gresham; sisters, Lydia Hall, Tacoma, Wash.; Sandra Hoopes, Gresham; Patty; and 2 grandchildren.

NELSON—Milan S., 74; born June 27, 1934, Encampment, Wyo.; died Sept. 19, 2008, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Carol (Wyman), Federal Way, Wash.; sons, John, Fife, Wash.; Stanley, Caldwell, Idaho; sister, Wylodine Baker, Portland, Ore.; and 7 grandchildren.

ROBISON—Halstead A., 97; born April 17, 1911, Formosa, Kan.; died July 12, 2008, White Salmon, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ellouise; son, Julius, White Salmon; and 3 grandchildren.

SEAMOUNT—Barbara "Bobbie" Jean (Hopper), 61; born Feb. 4, 1946, Olympia, Wash.; died Nov. 5, 2007, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert Jr.; son, Robert III, of Idaho; daughters, Jeana Hupp, Tacoma; Linda Seamound and Renee Seamound, both of Washington; sisters, Suzette Rosecrans, of Alaska; Paulette Vurgos, Gresham, Ore.; Melody East, Glendale, Ariz.; half-sister, Robin Livesay, Hemet, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

WELLS—Leatha M. (Dean), 91; born Sept. 13, 1917, Jerofa, Colo.; died Feb. 1, 2009, Sutherlin, Ore. Surviving: sons, Vernon L., Creswell, Ore.; Everett G., Oakland, Ore.; Denny D., Sutherlin; Richard A., Roseburg, Ore.; daughter, Barbara J. Couch, Coquille, Ore.; sister, Emma (Dean) Hinton, Boise, Idaho; 16 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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- **Pile on the vegetables** — served raw, baked, steamed or sautéed.
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- **Choose whole grains** — for maximum vitamins, minerals and protein. Replace white breads (including tortillas) with whole-grain versions. Try brown long-grain or short-grain rice, quinoa or amaranth in place of white rice.
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- **Eat nuts** — snack on pistachios or pecans, sprinkle slivered almonds over vegetables, and top salads with walnuts. They are calorie-dense, so limit yourself to a handful a day.
- **Use healthy fats** — such as olive, canola and soy oils, in place of butter and stick margarines. For omega-3s, eat flaxseed meal or walnuts.
- **Drink to your health** — aim for six glasses of water daily — more when it's hot or when exercising. And for special occasions, choose 100 percent fruit juice.
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Offerings

Aug. 1—Local Church Budget; **Aug. 8**—World Budget: Oakwood/Andrews/Loma Linda Universities; **Aug. 15**—Local Church Budget; **Aug. 22**—Local Conference Advance; **Aug. 29**—NPUC Budget: Alaska Conference.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Spiritual Gifts+

Aug. 29—Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day.

NPUC Headquarters to Adopt Four-day Work Week

The North Pacific Union headquarters in Ridgefield, Wash. has adopted a four-day work week schedule (Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.). The NPUC headquarters, including all departments and services will be available to the public during these times. This change more closely aligns the NPUC office with a majority of NPUC and North American Division peer organization who follow similar scheduling.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Aug. 16—Billings Hooding and Graduation Celebration. For more information, call Judy at (800) 541-8900, ext. 2421. **Aug. 16**—WWU Alumni Relations invites all alumni and friends to come cheer on the Seattle Mariners as they take on the New York Yankees at Safeco Field. Game starts at 1:10 p.m.; tickets \$25. Available by calling (800) 377-2586.

MONTANA

ShareHIM/Montana Conference Boot Camp of Evangelism

Aug. 21–23—The ShareHIM/Montana Conference Boot Camp of Evangelism will be held at the Montana Conference Office. It begins Friday at 7 p.m., continues all day Sabbath and concludes Sunday at noon. Training will include every aspect of presenting a series of evangelistic meetings. Whether you want to present a full series, start a small group or

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OREGON

Hood View Church Vacation Bible School

Aug. 3–7—WELCOME TO ROME! Hood View Church will be filled with the aromas, sights and sounds of kids participating in fun activities at a special Holy Land Adventure—in Rome! Kids will worship God with songs and prayer, create unique arts and crafts projects, and discover God’s powerful love in exciting memorable ways. To register your children for Vacation Bible School, please e-mail Marcy Maltby at gmltby@gmail.com. VBS will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon daily. Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009. Call (503) 663-5611; fax (503) 663-2237; e-mail hoodviewchurch@verizon.net; hoodview.adventistnw.org.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries

Aug. 21–23—Tent Camping: Fort Stevens State Park. Cost is approximately \$20 (depending on number of campers, plus parking \$5 per vehicle per night. Bring Bible, food (Charlotte has group menu), small tent, sleeping bag, pillow, camera and hiking shoes. Space is limited. Sign up early! A map and directions are available at www.oregonstateparks.org/park_179.php. For reservations and information, contact Charlotte Miles: (503) 579-9549; 9417 S.W. Manchester Pl., Beaverton, OR 97007; or Tom Terry, (503) 684-7971; tom.te@verizon.net. You may also go to beavertonsda.adventistnw.org/ then to the Singles Web page. Maps will be made available at the Beaverton Church Foyer and potluck. Your check is your reservation. Save this Date: **Sept. 11–13**—Singles Silver Falls Retreat (Christian Renewal Center).

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Missing Members

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WASHINGTON

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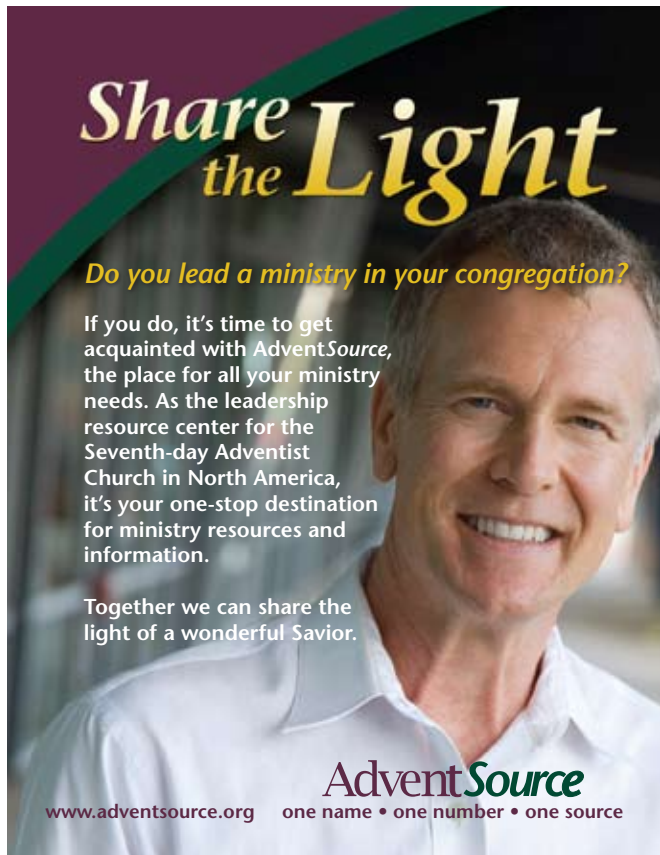
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Of Apricots and Christians



Summertime ... some people think of ocean beach vacations, or anticipate those two scoops of homemade ice cream on the front porch. I think of apricots.

Try to understand my handicap. I was raised in a central California housing tract carved out of an apricot orchard. Three surviving trees, matured over decades, stood in our front yard. They represented a vanishing breed then, and nearly extinct today — the Royal Blenheim apricot.

These were not average grocery store apricots. Not those I saw in a display recently with a sign practically shouting: “Ripe, juicy apricots, picked at the peak of flavor!” I nostalgically succumbed to the siren song and bagged a few beauties to take home for a treat — only to discover the sign had lied through its teeth. I would rather have eaten a bag of cotton balls. No aroma. No flavor. No good! They were donated to the compost heap.

Have you judged the apricot race by your beautiful but bland store variety? Please, think again.

With apologies to Tilton and Moorpark fans, if you have never enjoyed the luscious intoxication of a Royal Blenheim right off the tree, then, in my unabashedly biased opinion, you have not had an apricot.

Understand, this is all in retrospective nostalgia. My feelings about apricots were mixed as a child. Summer days turned a flow of ripening fruit into constant work. Out came drying trays and canning jars. Steamy,

sticky canning duty in the kitchen churned out rows of gleaming Kerr jars filled to the brim. Trays of halved “cots” went outside under the hot sun to dry.

Yet the hard work has melted into the background. Front and center are those memories of just-picked apricots rinsed off under the hose and warm apricot cobbler with Friday evening rolls.

I’ll take home-grown over store-bought any day. How can a hot house tomato ever stand up to a delectably aromatic globe right off the vine? Or try to compare a green-hard peach on aisle two versus the juice-filled treasure on the tree out back — please! Fresh-picked okra from the bush ... well ... some things can’t be helped.

At every age, we are tempted to be like the crowd — to compare favorably with our peers. But, to do so, requires a compromise. Our subtle, unique character traits are lost when we strive to become what others expect. And the fruit? No amount of positive marketing can change the fact that even God is tempted to spit it out.

Have you judged the Christian world by the beautiful but bland variety so easy to find? Please, think again. Ask God to give you a taste of the real thing.

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