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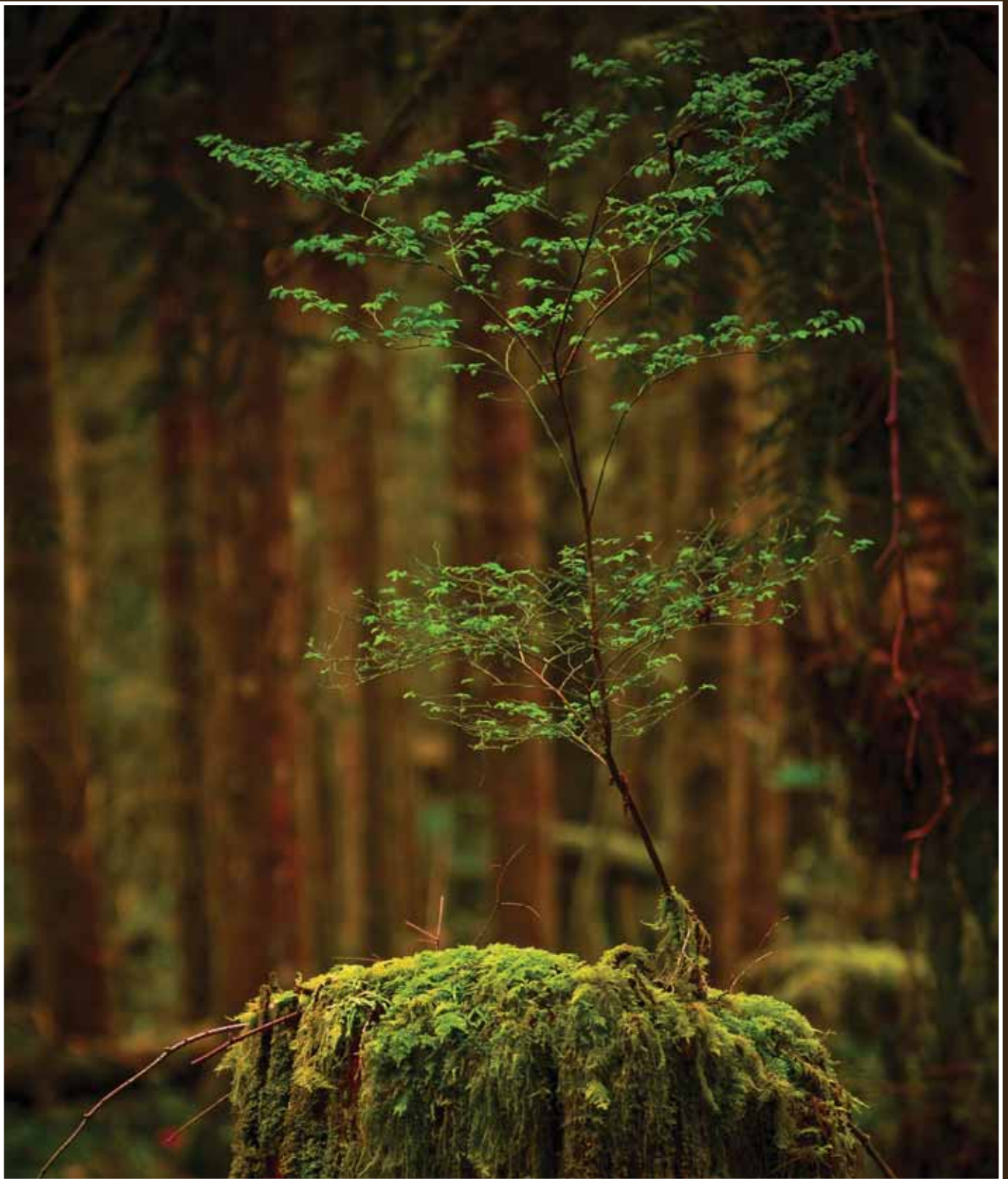
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See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

ISAIAH 65:17 (NIV)

'Infant and Nurse' taken in Welches, Oregon, by Gary States, of Gaston, Oregon.

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ies within Northwest neighborhoods and communities. Worf, most recently the publishing director for Amazing Facts, will begin his new role in January to develop the new institute and its initial phases of operation. Watch for more details on this new program in future *GLEANER* issues.

Hispanic Scholarships Add Value to Adventist Education

More than 200 Hispanic students are in North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) elementary and secondary schools this year because of a new scholarship program sponsored through the NPUC education department. Lanny Hurlbert, NPUC vice president for education, says an estimated \$90,000 in scholarship funding was matched with local school- and conference-funds targeted to needy Hispanic students. These scholarships helped several students in Alaska, Idaho and Montana, but most significantly 72 students in the Oregon Conference, 74 in the Upper Columbia Conference and 53 in the Washington Conference. Hurlbert says the response exceeded expectations, but no legitimate request was turned away. Hispanic scholarships will be available again for the 2012–2013 school year. For more information, contact the NPUC education department at 360-857-7027.

Northwest Mission Institute Director Selected



Jason and Joelle Worf

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee, in its November 13 meeting, voted to approve Jason Worf (pictured here with his wife, Joelle) as the director of the newly formed Northwest Mission Institute. The NPUC-sponsored and funded institute will be located at Walla Walla University in College Place, Washington, to train Bible-worker coordinators. NPUC leaders hope these trained coordinators will be available to help local church members learn how to positively engage Bible stud-

Take a Look at Digma.com



Light Bearers Ministries, based in Jasper, Oregon, is continuing to add provocative video content to its digma.com website. Here are three of the latest short videos, targeted to people who do not consider themselves religious:

ATHEIST TOO

When Ty Gibson, Light Bearers ministry co-director, meets an atheist on a plane, the conversation becomes intriguing when Gibson says that he's an atheist too. Is there an atheism a believer in God could agree with?



Atheist Too

UNFORCED

If you possessed absolute power over someone, could you force them to be your friend, to love you? If you could, would you want to?



Unforced

SURVIVAL RACE

Charles Darwin's famous book spawned a new belief regarding our origin as a species. Are there any social or moral implications to believing Darwin's theory of evolution?



Survival Race

Watch these brief seven- to eight-minute videos at <http://www.digma.com> or with your mobile device via the *GLEANER* on the Go code here. Share them with your non-churched friends.

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My Bucket List

The new year is often a time for making resolutions. It marks a time that lends itself to starting over or beginning a new project or changing a pattern of behavior. If you are like I am, you have discovered how easy it is to fail in following through with those resolutions and how quickly we tend to return to our habitual ways of living life. Some years I have decided not to make any resolutions because my track record in follow-through is so disappointing.

There is a story of two men who met each other in the hospital. Both of them were being treated for terminal medical conditions. As they visited with each other in their shared hospital room, they formed a bond based on their common struggle to come to terms with the likelihood that they were nearing the end of their lives. They developed a list of things they wanted to do or experience before they “kicked the bucket.” I’ve had this on my own mind the last few weeks because my cousin, who wasn’t that much older than I am, died very unexpectedly the day after his retirement celebration.

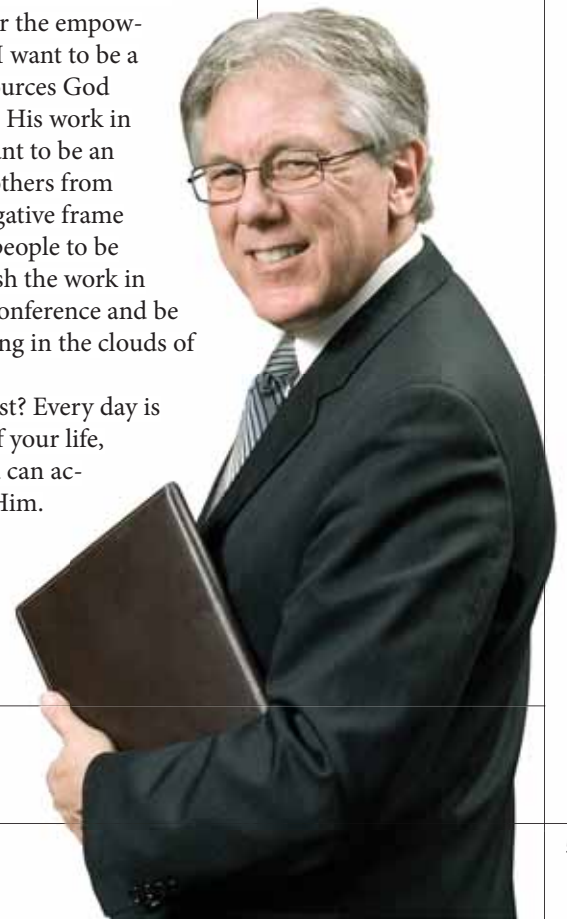
My plan is to live until Jesus comes. But whether or not that happens, I have been working on my own bucket list. One of those things is to set foot on each of the seven continents of the world. (I have two yet to go — South America and Antarctica.) Another one is to go through all my books and figure out what to do with them because my daughters are interested in only a few. If I could deal with the books, I could accomplish another thing. That is to get rid of enough stuff in my garage so I can actually park a car in there. Yet, another goal is to build or buy

a harpsichord and learn how to play it.

Those bucket-list items are not earthshaking. They do not have eternal consequences. But I have some other items on my list that are much more important to me — things like making sure my wife knows how much I cherish her and value our nearly 40 years of marriage. I wish to talk with my daughters and granddaughter about the heritage of our family and the principles of life that we believe will motivate each of us to keep our relationship with Jesus growing and strong. I want to use my influence as a church leader to keep the focus of everything we do on the gospel mission, and what we have been tasked to accomplish under the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I want to be a faithful steward of the resources God has entrusted to me and to His work in the Pacific Northwest. I want to be an encourager and motivate others from a positive rather than a negative frame of mind. I want to enable people to be a part of God’s plan to finish the work in the North Pacific Union Conference and be prepared to see Jesus coming in the clouds of glory.

What’s on your bucket list? Every day is the beginning of the rest of your life, and through His grace you can accomplish great things for Him.

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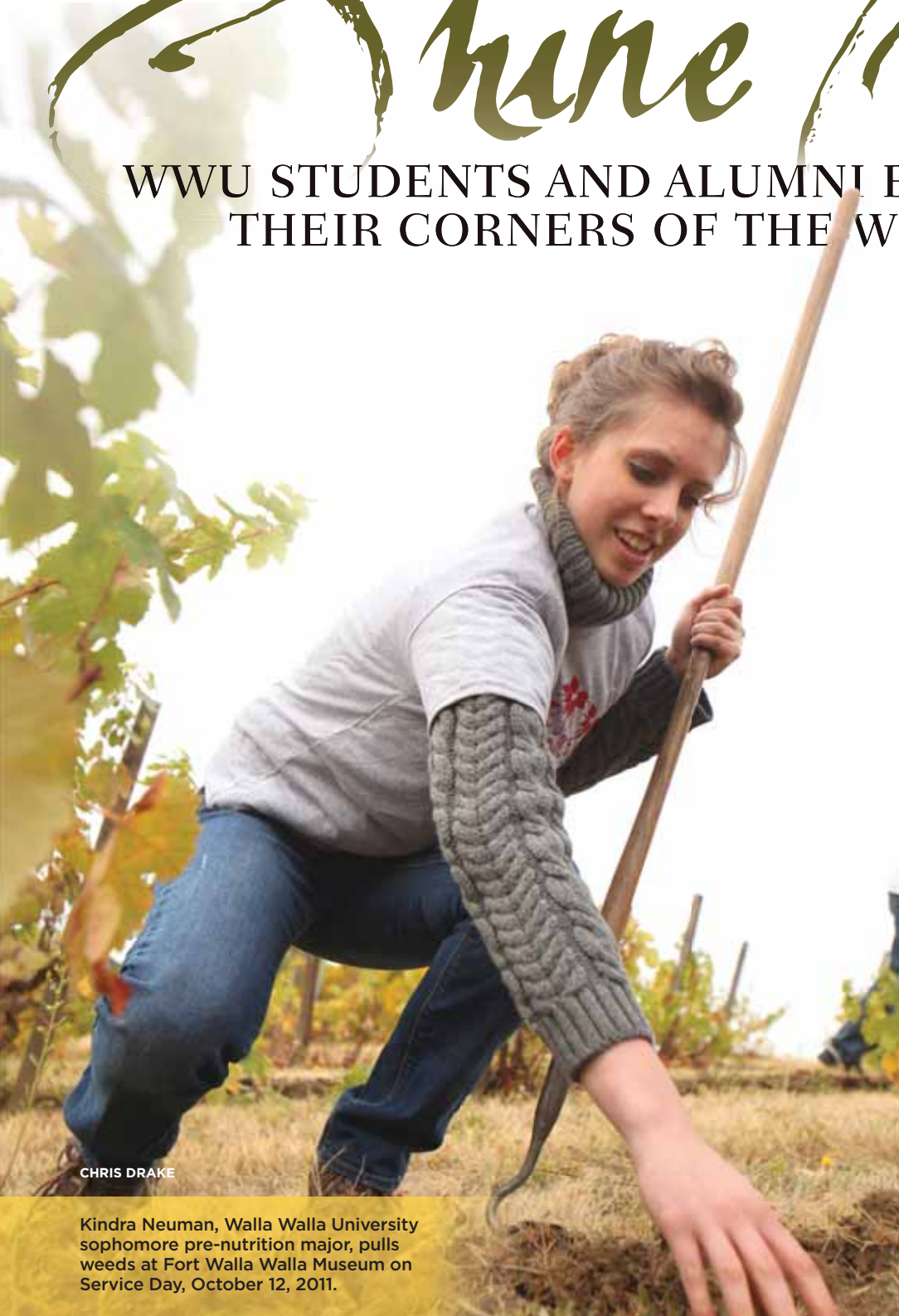


Editor's Note: During 2012 the *GLENER* will feature examples of people, past or present, who acted as "Salt in Their Communities."

FEATURE

Shine On

WWU STUDENTS AND ALUMNI BRIGHTEN THEIR CORNERS OF THE WORLD



In the darkness, sparks flash, creating a bright glow and instant warmth.

That's what students and graduates of Walla Walla University (WWU) are creating — welcoming lights where they live.

"We are graduating people that see a need and realize that they can actually be part of the solution," says Paddy McCoy, WWU chaplain. "There is a world in need, and we don't have to go to Zimbabwe to make a difference."

All around our Northwest neighborhood, WWU students and alumni are lighting the corners where they live. The following are just a few examples of the glow.

SITTING TOGETHER

The phone rings, and a real person answers. Messages chime in via email, and

CHRIS DRAKE

Kindra Neuman, Walla Walla University sophomore pre-nutrition major, pulls weeds at Fort Walla Walla Museum on Service Day, October 12, 2011.



BRIAN ROTH

Philip Duclose, Walla Walla University sophomore theology and history major, works on windows at the Fort Walla Walla Museum in Walla Walla, Washington, on Service Day, October 12, 2011.

the doctor himself often sits down to reply. When people can't make an appointment during regular office hours, a quick exchange between office staff creates an after-hours solution.

At the medical office of Brett Robinson, these services aren't extras for a privileged few; they're standard care for everyone, whatever their financial status, insurance situation or country of origin.



Brett Robinson, family physician in Salem, Oregon, enjoys photography as a hobby.

After finishing his medical training, Robinson, a 1985 WWU graduate, spent eight years working at clinics serving migrant farm workers, homeless people, urban Indians and other underserved groups, before starting his own practice in Salem,

Oregon. The goal to serve everyone equally, Robinson says, was inspired by his reading of Isaiah 58 and Job 29, and by his father, a physician who has worked in Yakima, Washington, for several decades.

"I always admired how he and my mother (his office manager) would accept patients that no other clinic in town would see, and how they had the freedom to discount or even write off charges when they felt it was appropriate," Robinson says. "For me, the greatest luxury of being a solo provider is the ability to provide services to others in need who may not otherwise have access."

In his practice, Robinson:

- » Provides bus-driver exams at no charge to the local Adventist school.
- » Waives all out-of-pocket charges for clients working on medical clearances for adoption.
- » Offers discounts to patients with no health insurance — even arranging with a local lab to provide steep discounts for the uninsured.

Robinson credits one of

his WWU professors, Robert Noel, for modeling the spirit of service when Robinson was stumped on a computer science project.

"Even though Mr. Noel was busy, he left what he was doing, sat down and quietly helped me — as if, at that moment, he had nothing else in the world to do," Robinson says. "In my practice, I strive to sit down with people just as he did with me."

JUMPSTARTING A SCHOOL

The lights flip on and students scurry to their desks. It's a new day at Mountain View Elementary School in Missoula, Montana, and all nine students are present.

At the helm are: Jared and Jannetta Meharry. This young husband-wife team graduated from WWU on June 12, 2005, with elementary education degrees and then celebrated with a wedding ceremony the same afternoon.

The couple taught in Washington state for five years before they received a call from Missoula to restart an Adventist school that had been closed.

"We had just built a house in Brewster, Washington, and did not want to move right then, but we felt like this was where God wanted us," Jannetta says.

Now the school is thriving. Jared teaches fulltime and is excited about the enrollment.

"There are three first-graders, one second-grader, two third-graders and three sixth-graders," he says. "We started the school last year with seven students, and three of them graduated. An enrollment of nine is more than double what we had expected."

Pictured here are Jannetta and Jared Meharry on Thanksgiving Day 2011 with their sons Josiah, 8 months, and Joshua, age 2.



For her part, Jannetta does all the office work and teaches music, with a special focus on the chimes, which helps students learn how to work as a team.

“The students play for the church service at least four times a year,” Jannetta says. “They also play for other functions for the church and the community. It is a great way for them to share their love of God with others around them.”

Jared adds, “One of the most important ways we are a light is by changing the lives of the young people who attend here.”

DIALING IT IN

If radios were lights, the Walla Walla Valley would be aglow because of Positive Life Radio (PLR). It is the station that plays “music with a message” from the WWU campus. And theoretically so would the rest of the world, as the signal spans the globe via five stations, 12 translators and a worldwide netcast.

Managing the station is Kevin Krueger, WWU alumnus, who graduated in 1987 with a degree in mass communications.



Kevin Krueger, Positive Life Radio station manager, prepares to go on air.

Krueger has helped grow a small station into an eastern Washington powerhouse network of full-power stations. Krueger not only functions as general manager but also produces a regular afternoon on-air shift. He is well-respected throughout Christian radio circles for his expert work at hosting on-air fundraisers across the country.

“It’s been our premise for decades that a local station should be involved in the local community,” Krueger says. “When we assume responsibility for a broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission, we assume responsibility for serving the communities we’re in.”

To that end, Krueger and his team started an initiative called Hearts & Hands to keep the spirit of community glowing through events and services such as:

- » Local concerts by Christian artists;
- » Helping churches and other service organizations promote their events;
- » Food and blanket drives;
- » Raising money for rice to feed hungry families in Cambodia;
- » The Drive Thru Difference — encouraging drivers at fast-food venues to pay for the car behind them.

Krueger says he enjoys seeing WWU students who work and volunteer at the station mature in their understanding of outreach, both locally and worldwide.

“Mentoring the next generation is a very special part of my work at PLR, a part of my life commitment,”



Barb Davis creates a toy top on her lathe at the Kitsap (Washington) Mini Maker Faire.

Krueger says. “It’s a privilege to instill in students a mind-set of outreach.”

MAKERS BUILDING COMMUNITY

It’s June 5, 2011, a Sunday morning, and the Poulsbo (Washington) Church, school and surrounding grounds are buzzing with builders and makers. Among them are:

- » Metal sculptors;
- » Stone cutters;
- » Origami experts;
- » Remote-control plane builders;
- » Woodcarvers;
- » Foodies;
- » Electronics and computer types;
- » Seamstresses, quilters and knitters;
- » Stained glass artists;
- » Robotics experts from WWU.

All converge for the Kitsap (Washington) Mini Maker Faire, a community event that was planned by WWU engineering alumni Murry Rexin

(1989) and Caleb Kimbrell (2009), their families, and the Poulsbo (Washington) Church youth group.

The goal: To meet and interact with other makers, encourage teamwork, learn new skills, and have fun.

A woman with a wood lathe cuts toy tops and gives them to children of all ages. A local bicycle shop gives free tune-ups and fixes bikes to donate to local children. Pathfinders pour Italian sodas. A sweets factory makes chocolate truffles. Seamstresses and seamsters sew new things and fix old things. Welding experts build a go-cart on the spot. A recycling company even collects old metal.

“The event was such a hit, we lost count after about a

thousand people,” Regin says. “The point wasn’t for us to be in the middle of everything but to facilitate learning and creating. It was exciting to see people connect with other people.”

Regin’s 18-year-old son, Caleb, got in on the planning too. “It took pretty much four months of all of our lives,” Caleb laughs, “but it was worth it. Our focus was on building a community of people who want to learn and make stuff.”

Murry, Regin and other event organizers had so much fun, they aren’t stopping. Already they’re working on this year’s event, slated for June 3. And a

few months after that, Caleb says he hopes to be heading for WWU.

SPENDING OURSELVES

“The bottom line is that students, alumni, faculty and staff care deeply about what happens in the community,” says Troy Fitzgerald, Walla Walla University Church young adult pastor. “When we spend ourselves on causes that are bigger than us, our hearts resonate with how God designed us, which is to put others first.”

Loree Chase-Waite, Walla Walla University GLEANER correspondent



ROBERT VANRADEN

One participant at the Kitsap (Washington) Mini Maker Faire creates cloth-bound journals.

Service with a Smile

WWU STUDENTS CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

From weeding to washing windows, and from planting trees to picking up trash, twice a year Walla Walla University (WWU) breaks from the typical class routine to participate in Service Day. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff gather on campus and sign up for projects, then fan out into the community and connect with helping hands.

This is just one example of a spirit of service that shines from the university year-round. Department clubs, campus ministries, student association groups and the University Church, among others, organize outreach opportunities. And often, random acts of kindness happen quietly, behind the scenes.

Here are just a few of the places WWU students are connecting with the community:

- » Area schools — tutoring and mentoring students, and raising money for reams of paper and other supplies;
- » Native American Mission — doing worship programs for the children;
- » Farm Labor Camp — giving toys to needy children and offering Sabbath-afternoon programs for the children;
- » Nursing homes — singing and visiting with residents;
- » Downtown Walla Walla — handing out free hot chocolate, giving compliments, doing face painting and singing worship songs;
- » Hospitals and the needy — knitting and crocheting hats and scarves;
- » Portland, Oregon — handing out blankets and toiletries that have been collected by students, faculty and staff to the homeless.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

“Community service rounds out a person’s education,” says Ginger Ketting-Weller, WWU vice president for academic administration. “Every service activity that brings our students in contact with the needs of the world reveals to them a little more of what it means to see humanity with the mind and heart of Christ.”

Loree Chase-Waite

ACCION

Caravana de la Vida

Más de tres mil personas, 27 iglesias, 229 bautismos, tres localidades, José Rojas, Evidence, Forgiven, Hugo Yin. ¿Qué es? La Caravana de la Vida. Hace un año, comenzó el proyecto de preparación. En Red 2011, 400 hermanos fueron entrenados para evangelizar sus comunidades. Once meses después, la Caravana de la Vida llegó al Salem Armory, Hillsboro y el Centro de Convenciones de Portland, uno de los lugares más conocidos y prestigiosos del estado de Oregón.

El noroeste de los Estados Unidos se caracteriza por tener el más alto porcentaje de personas seculares en los Estados Unidos. Para alcanzar la mente secular, se tienen que preparar estrategias



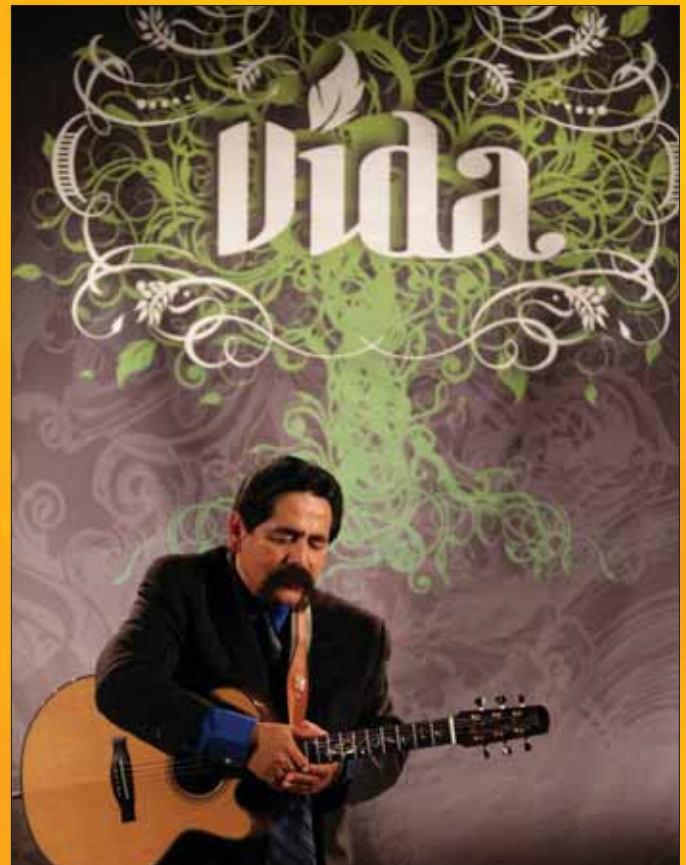
Iván y su familia celebrando sus nuevas vidas en Cristo.

que atraigan y conquisten el corazón, al mismo tiempo ofreciendo una base bíblica sólida. Los mensajes de José Rojas tenían ese propósito. En su manera clara, sencilla, pero profunda, presentó mensajes que le ayudaron a cientos de personas a conocer acerca de un Dios que los ama y tiene un plan para sus vidas.

Varias historias hacen hincapié en los milagros que Dios nos dio esa semana:

1. Iván era una persona buena, que vivía su vida tranquila. Un problema médico le afectó a tal punto que la familia entera se reunió en el hospital para orar por él, su probabilidad de recuperación era mínima. Iván estaba conectado a máquinas, pero los pastores Harold y José estaban conectados con Dios. Al levantarse de la oración, con más de 40 familiares rodeando a los pastores, la enfermera salió y preguntó por la esposa de Iván, quien se acababa de despertar del estado de coma. Iván y su familia se bautizaron para la gloria de Dios. Un milagro, en medio de la Caravana de la Vida.

2. Un muchacho, que creció en la iglesia pero se alejó de Dios, y estuvo más de 15 años lejos de la fe de su familia, regresó a la campaña y se



Pastor José Rojas iniciando el comienzo de la Caravana de la Vida en el primer local en Salem, Oregón.

bautizó con su esposa. La madre es una persona que conozco bien, y me puedo acordar de innumerables veces que ella oraba por su hijo. Dios escuchó su oración y liberó a su hijo.

Si estás leyendo esta historia y eres padre de algún hijo que se encuentra lejos de Dios, por favor, no te des por vencido. Dios quiere a todos sus hijos cerca de Él,

continua orando, nunca es tarde para Dios.

Si estas interesado en los materiales de estudio o grupos pequeños que se usaron para la Caravana, o las presentaciones del pastor José Rojas, por favor escribenos a pastorvha@aol.com.

Roger Hernandez, coordinador de Ministerios Hispanos de la Conferencia de Oregón

Bible-study Enrollment Cards Come Rolling In

The Alaska Conference, in partnership with the Voice of Prophecy and the Adventist Media Center, launched an initiative to reach all Alaskans with Bible-study requests. The enrollment card mailings began in late October, and the response cards are coming in by the droves, with nearly 800 responses received as of Nov. 21, 2011. Here is what some of the churches have to say:

“Our church in Ketchikan has already received the first six Bible-study requests. One of these requests is from a family in the village of Matlakatla. We are so excited! The Ketchikan Church is praying for a Pentecost outpouring of requests to come through!”

“We have been processing the cards as you send them, and we always pray over them every Sabbath. We will be mailing some studies to each request as soon as possible. It is all very exciting!”

Tina Steenmeyer, Discover Bible School coordinator



Wrangell Community Benefits from ‘Bear Basics’

Adventist Community Services (ACS) of Alaska and the Wrangell (Alaska) Church opened the state’s first ACS thrift shop, Bear Basics, on Sept. 28, 2011. It began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony officiated by Ephraim Palmero, ACS of Alaska executive director.

People from all walks of life explored the store. Mothers with children invaded the grocery section to take advantage of low-priced food, and racks hung with used name-brand clothing were emptied, leaving volunteers astonished by the response.

“This is one of the best shops that serve our struggling town folks,” says one native lady. “I will be com-



Charleen Williams helps shoppers from behind the counter of the new Adventist Community Services thrift store in Wrangell.

ing here regularly with my friends.”

Wrangell Church’s community services outreach is primarily involved in food and commodity distribution

in partnership with the USDA and Food Bank of Alaska. The food program serves more than 400 clients in an average month in a Tlingit city of 2,400 nestled on an island at

the mouth of the Stikine River.

“We like to widen our response not only to food but also to include clothing. Jesus wants us to do this to serve the suffering people around us,” says Charleen Howard, ACS of Alaska store manager. Victims of disasters are always free to pick what they need from the shop, and volunteers want to have relationships with these suffering people.

Sometimes, people cannot see the Bible we are handing to them, but they can feel the compassionate presence we share with them at low periods of their lives.

Howard Williams, Wrangell Church pastor

Weiser Fiddle Fest Outreach

Encourages Healthy Habits for a Longer Life

Huddles of teens approached the Your Health Age booth and asked to take the test during the annual National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in small-town Weiser, Idaho. Church members handed out clipboards and pens. They answered many questions, and gave printouts comparing real ages with "health ages" based on, for example, how much one sleeps, snacks and exercises. Members also provided recommendations to improve results.

The Weiser Maranatha Church hosts the booth each

June to encourage festival-goers to think about their health.

"Teens are attracted to the booth because they are young and think they are healthy and strong. They may find out not eating breakfast or getting enough sleep at night and too many snacks can affect their health as much as smoking or drinking," says Janean Lewis, booth coordinator.

The booth has served more than 1,000 festival visitors since its inception in 2002.

Tomm Lemon, Weiser Church pastor



Allen Lewis of the Weiser (Idaho) Maranatha Church serves as host for the Your Health Age booth as participants complete questionnaires during the National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest and Festival.

Cyclists Ride for Let's Move Day

The Enterprise (Ore.) Church held a 50-mile bicycle ride from Joseph, Ore., to the Hells Canyon Overlook on Sept. 25, 2011, to provide local support for the national Let's Move Day and Adventists InStep for Life initiatives.

Church members provided food as well as automobile and motorcycle support to help keep riders safe, assist with

any technical difficulties, and haul water for refilling cyclists' water bottles. A picnic meal was served at the Ollokot campground.

Riders ranged from twin 15-year-olds to a 73-year-old and included Enterprise Church members, Pasco (Wash.) Church members and community members. Long ascents and descents characterized the

ride, with riders clocking more than 40 mph on some of the downhill runs. One rider, Jereld Rice, of the Enterprise Church, finished the round trip of approximately 100 miles.

While no flat tires or other mechanical or technical problems occurred, the riders did experience varied weather, wind, a 7,442-foot elevation gain, and plenty of memories.

One front rider saw two bear cubs scamper across the road, and the group even encountered a cattle drive on the highway, which prompted an unplanned rest stop.

More than 700 miles were reported for the Enterprise Church on Let's Move Day.

Alina Rice, Enterprise Church Let's Move Day coordinator

Pictured here are the Let's Move Day riders: Conner Smith, Cameron Smith, Phil Smith, Troy Morrison, Steve Canaday, Dana Nave, Alina Rice, Jereld Rice, LaVern Rice, Ed Graham, Jean Schulz, Nick Powers and Andie Leuders.



KEN ROSE

Mount Ellis Senior Class Play

Brings Little Women to Life

This year's Mount Ellis Academy (Bozeman, Mont.) senior class play, directed by Anita Strawn de Ojeda, English teacher, was *Little Women*, a story centered around the life of a family of four daughters whose father is away fighting in the Civil War.

After months of practice, costume sewing and set construction, the play was performed Saturday night, Nov. 12, during Senior Recognition weekend. Beforehand, the senior class served a spaghetti dinner in costume, by candle-



ANITA STRAWN DE OJEDA

Pictured here is the cast of the Mount Ellis Academy senior play, *Little Women*.

light — one of the few times the juniors got the seniors to wait on them. After the din-

ner, students headed over to the administration building for the play. With the seats

filled, the curtain opened and the spotlights came on.

The play was a great success, even with a few glitches, including a lead actor having emergency surgery the day before the first performance. Luckily James Stuart, science teacher, stepped in and learned the lines just in time.

When the play was over, the cast came out to take a bow and the crowd erupted in applause, bringing to a close a grand night of entertainment.

Joni Harris, MEA junior and student blogger

'Fire Fall Down'

Mount Ellis Academy Students Speak for Week of Prayer

Seven students shared their stories for Student Week of Prayer at Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) this year. The speakers used the powerful phrases of a familiar song, *Fire Fall Down* by Hillsong United, for their topics.

It amazed me to hear how God spoke through the students and how much they opened up to us. They told us about how they found Jesus,

Teacher James Stuart prays for a blessing of the Holy Spirit over students.

how real He is in their lives, and how we have to ask Jesus to help us break down the walls that we put up between ourselves and Him. There is nothing as spiritually inspiring as seeing your friends get up on a stage and talk about their love for God.

"It was a very special week," says Kendall Jones, one of the speakers. "I enjoyed talking to



ASHLEY PETERSON

Students prepare for a blessing during praise and worship time.

my peers and telling my story about how Jesus changed my life. I never thought I would be up there [speaking], and I loved seeing how this week touched the hearts of my friends."

This Student Week of Prayer put many of us on a spiritual high in which we felt closer than ever before to Jesus. It felt

like a fire, burning within us, inspiring us to help others, be a friend to everyone and share God's love.

Sometime later, when taking prayer requests during chapel, one student had a powerful request: "to keep the fire burning." I hope it continues too.

Sarah Ojeda, MEA senior



ASHLEY PETERSON

A Caravan of Life

A caravan moved through northwestern Oregon Nov. 4–12, 2011. It was a Caravan of Life!

Also known as Caravana de la Vida, this Spanish-language event featured José Rojas as speaker and, to date, has resulted in 229 baptisms, with more Bible studies and connections still being made.

Starting in Salem, Ore., the series began with nearly 1,400 people attending the Saturday evening presentation. After a quick teardown, the caravan

moved to Hillsboro, Ore., to set up for three nights before moving to the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore., for the last three nights.

For nearly a year, hundreds of members from 27 churches worked to bring the event together. Church members began hosting small groups in their homes and inviting their friends and neighbors to supper, church socials and Bible studies. As November approached, the members invited those same people to



GARY MCLAIN

José Rojas speaks for the nine-day series hosted in three locations through northwestern Oregon.



TIM ADAMS

Ivan and his family celebrate not only their father's miraculous recovery but also their new lives together in Jesus.

hear Rojas. In all, nearly 3,000 people heard that God loves them.

One miraculous story from the event was that of Ivan. A heart attack left Ivan in a coma three weeks before the Caravan of Life. Doctors gave him 72 hours to live. A large group of Ivan's family members from Mexico, most of them non-Christians, were at the hospital when Hillsboro (Ore.) Spanish pastors Harold Altamirano and Rafael Escobar came to pray in the waiting room. At the moment Altamirano finished the last prayer, a nurse rushed

through the doors. Ivan had just woken up! He was in church a week later and was baptized with his wife and two children during the Caravan of Life.

The process begins again, as the Adventist Spanish-speaking community prepares for the NET 2012 meetings, which will be downlinked to all Oregon Conference Spanish-speaking churches this October.

Krissy Barber and Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication department

Committed Visits PAA

Portland (Ore.) Adventist Academy (PAA) hosted Committed, an Adventist a cappella singing group and winners of season two of NBC's *The Sing Off*, in a concert for more than 800 teachers and students from nine Adventist schools.

Adventist Health sponsored the free concert not only at PAA but also for a second audience of 3,200 staff and students at nearby David Douglas High School. "It was important to us to have these young men share their values and convictions with our youth," says Judy Leach, Adventist Health marketing director.

The following evening, Adventist Health sponsored a third free concert for a standing-room-only crowd at the nearby New Hope Community Church (Happy Valley, Ore.). "We do it simply as a way of thanking our community for putting their faith in us for more than 130 years," says Leach.

The six young men who make up Committed attended Forest Lake Academy (Apopka, Fla.) and later Oakwood University



KRISSY BARBER

During the last number, the students are invited to come forward, after which high-fives and thanks are exchanged.

(Huntsville, Ala.). They say their name reflects everything about them. Their talents have given them a national platform to share God's love with millions.

At the PAA concert, Committed shared with students that their Sabbath convictions nearly halted their TV debut. But the producers of *The Sing Off* were so compelled by their music, they changed recording times and performances to accommodate the group's religious beliefs.

Shawn Stockman, former Boyz II Men member and judge

on *The Sing Off*, said to Committed, "You guys give a feeling to me and to everybody else that just stirs the soul."

"These boys were made to sing," added Nicole Scherzinger, pop singer and judge on the show. "They've got a gift. They

connect with you and you are moved and you're touched in some way."

Thousands of Christians who prayed for Committed and followed the group's rise on television knew that it was God touching Scherzinger's heart.

After Committed's final performance on *The Sing Off*, a tearful Scherzinger said, "What makes you all so special is that you have a specific message, one that is of a deep love and light. And I think that the world is craving that right now. Thank you."

Committed is on tour promoting their debut and self-titled album. Their record label, Sony Epic, continues to honor their Sabbath convictions.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

More than 800 teachers and students from nine Portland-area Adventist schools attend the Friday-morning concert at Portland Adventist Academy.



KRISSY BARBER

University Student Baptized



Jessica McIntosh was baptized into the Falls City (Ore.) Church by Doug Clayville, pastor, on Nov. 12, 2011.

A senior at Western Oregon State University, McIntosh began attending the Falls City Church early last spring. She liked its small-church, family atmosphere. She agreed to Bible studies and recently asked for baptism. McIntosh attended the Oregon Conference Women's Retreat Oct. 14-16 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., where she made many new friends.

Her mother and friends from the women's retreat attended her baptism.

Larry Scofield, Falls City Church communication leader

Oregon Christian Women's Retreat

Celebrates 25 Years

The Columbia River Gorge's Skamania Lodge welcomed 240 women Oct. 14–16 to the 25th-annual Oregon Christian Women's Retreat, which included general sessions, breakout sessions on various topics, an anointing service, and countless opportunities for fellowship while enjoying the lodge's scenic setting.

The weekend's "Shine!" spiritual theme challenged women to become transformed by God's power so their lives magnify the glory of God living within them. Janice Johnson Browne, the main speaker, spoke on how women can unburden themselves so they can shine more brightly. She reminded attendees of God's calling in their lives and His great love for them.

Teens enjoyed their own breakout sessions, which challenged them to experience a real and passionate relationship with God. The teens were also pampered with extra treats and "girl" activities and encouraged to fully realize how precious they are to God and their church. Many teens shared their testimonies at a general session.

Four giant sheet cakes featuring the weekend's logo and spelling out the retreat's title honored the event's 25-year milestone. One of the guests, Connie Stalnecker, had attended an amazing 24 of the 25 retreats.

Several dozen women responded to a special altar call on Saturday night, making either a first-time commitment

to Christ or a significant coming-back commitment to Him. Many others renewed...

Each woman left the retreat challenged to walk with God faithfully, allowing His light

to brighten their countenance and transform their lives into a reflection of His love.

Jayne Kack, Oregon Christian Women's Retreat attendee



Pictured here the retreat's main speaker, Janice Browne (left), hugs Ginny Allen, who is retiring after 25 years on Oregon's women's ministries leadership team.

Never Too Old for a Motorcycle Ride

Cecelia Chang, a 99-year-old member of the Kelso-Longview (Wash.)



Cecelia Chang rides shotgun through Longview, Wash., in the sidecar of a purple Harley-Davidson.

Church, had never had the opportunity to ride a bicycle or motorcycle. She just didn't have time when raising her family — that was, until Dorothy Miller asked her son to take a "lovely lady for a ride" on his Harley. Chang loved the ride!

Chang rode shotgun through Longview, Wash., in the sidecar of a purple Harley-Davidson. "We just rode and rode and rode. It

was great," Chang says of the hour-long ride. "I couldn't believe that I was on a motorcycle. What a day ... I waited my whole life to ride a motorcycle."

Chang was born in 1912 on a sugar plantation in Hilo, Hawaii. She moved to Portland, Ore., after her husband died from liver cancer in 1970, then moved to Thousand Oaks, Calif., a couple years later. She returned to the

Pacific Northwest and moved to Longview in 1987 to be close to her daughter.

Chang is already planning to hit the road again when she turns 100 in April. "Lord willing, I'm going to go on another motorcycle ride," she says. "And I'm not going to be on the side. I'm going to be on the back behind the driver!"

Linda Wilson, Kelso-Longview Church communication leader

Whipple Creek Church

Welcomes New Pastor

The Whipple Creek Church (Ridgefield, Wash.), welcomed their new pastor, Ed Nelson, from Grants Pass, Ore., where he was the associate/youth pastor for the past eight years.

Called from a career in electrical engineering, Nelson enrolled in the seminary at Andrews University in the fall of 2000. While there, he served a number of churches through teaching, preaching, music and small-group ministry. He has a passion for public evangelism and for sharing the three angels' mes-



Pictured here are: Stan Ward, elder; Bruce Fox, interim pastor; Ed Nelson, pastor; and David Allen, Oregon Conference vice president for administration.

sage with our own congregations and the world. Nelson believes in the importance of

maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus and then radiating the love of God

with others. He states that the prophetic messages must be proclaimed with Christ and the gospel at their core.

The Whipple Creek family looks forward to welcoming Heidi Coupland to the congregation when she marries Nelson this month.

Nelson replaces David Kack, who retired in 2010 and was followed by Bruce Fox, interim pastor.

Kathy Sundin, Whipple Creek Church clerk

Fall Festival

at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School

Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School (Hood River, Ore.) teachers welcomed former and current students, friends, relatives, church members and the community to the annual Fall Festival on Nov. 5, 2011.

Each teacher operated a game or food table at the

festival, competing to raise funds for their classroom. Based on the sales from each booth, proceeds were divided among the teachers for classroom supplies and projects.

Elaina Mathisen, kindergarten teacher, sold haystacks with assistance from teachers' aides Lisa Esquivel and Joyce

Gallentine. Stacey Duffield, first- through fourth-grade teacher, sold desserts and bottled water, while Peter Hardy, principal and ninth- and 10th-grade teacher, sold milkshakes with his wife, Elizabeth. Aileen McLean, retired Home and School leader, and her husband, Orlin, provided corn dogs, and John Woodruff, school treasurer, sold tickets for the purchase of food and game play.

Youth of all ages joined in the many games, which included a jailhouse, a scarecrow beanbag toss and throwing darts at balloons. But what captured the greatest interest was the huge, blue bounce house operated by Bobbi DeWeber, fifth-



Lisa Esquivel and Joyce Gallentine sell haystacks at the Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School's Fall Festival.

through eighth-grade teacher, in which participants could crawl up to the interior, run around inside a little bit, then slide down the hatch and out.

Joyce Gallentine, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School communication leader



A large, blue bounce house attracts lots of interest at the Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School's Fall Festival.

Kettle Falls Discover Bible School

When the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church decided to start a Discover Bible School in October, 2005 almost all the members signed up to help with great anticipation.

Thousands of enrollment cards mailed to Kettle Falls and nine surrounding towns and communities initially brought about 50 requests for *Discover Bible Guides*.

By October 2008, the requests had dropped to almost zero. When John Quade heard the plea for new students, he offered to include invitations for free lessons on his website.

Gradually, the requests came in. In March 2009, 59



The staff of the Kettle Falls Discover Bible School includes (from left) Mary Ratcliff, Holly Sorlien (seated), Wayne Kooser, Elaine Crandell, Nick Ratcliff and Jeanne Dilger (not pictured).

new requests came from all over the country, and that grew to 327 requests in 2010.

By the end of October, 736 requests had been received in 2011. The school now offers

Discover, Focus on Prophecy, Native New Day, Amazing Facts and KidZone Bible guides. Several prison inmates are enrolled in the Discover Bible course.

A cover letter accompanies the first lesson, and a reminder letter follows if the lesson is not returned. When a student completes a course, he or she is offered another course. As friendships develop between students and instructors, sympathy cards, birthday cards and “thinking of you” cards are sent, and tracts are added to the lessons when appropriate.

Marilyn Morgan, Kettle Falls Church communication leader

Kettle Falls Racks Up Miles for Let’s Move Day

When the North American Division (NAD) joined Michelle Obama’s crusade against childhood obesity by setting aside Sept. 25, 2011, as Let’s Move Day, the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church joined the fight.

Undaunted by occasional sprinkles, 38 participants, ages 4 to 84, including eight from the community, joined in the 5K walk/run to log up 129 total miles. Participants also donated canned food and more than \$150 in cash to the Kettle Falls Food Bank.

Committed to meeting the community in an area of great need — health reform — the Kettle Falls Church family is already planning for this year’s event and praying they will engage even more community members.

Judy Martin, Kettle Falls Church deaconess



Serving Those Who Have Served

TCJA Reaches Out to Veterans in the Community

Tri-City Junior Academy (TCJA) Home and School served up the seventh-annual Veteran's Day Breakfast bright and early on Nov. 11, 2011, for those who have served our country. With donations from several church members and a small grant from Wal-Mart, volunteers prepared and served links, eggs, hash browns, muffins and fresh fruit for up to 400 people.

Following breakfast, TCJA students presented a program emceed by Paul Daniels, TCJA board member and veteran. A new U.S. flag and set of military banners spangled one wall of the gym, while thank-you posters created by students graced another. More than 25 veterans attended, including two World War II veterans. Daniels expressed appreciation that, while many schools are closed, TCJA remains open to honor veterans.

After the posting of the colors, the TCJA band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Miss Liberty March." Then Anthony Oucharek, TCJA principal, explained why he stopped sending students home on Veteran's Day six years ago. "Students were losing an understanding of why we celebrate this day," he explained. Oucharek pointed out that the words "lest ye forget" appear numerous times in the first six

chapters of Deuteronomy and reminded the audience of the danger of forgetting.

Daniels read a roster of the veterans present so they could be audibly appreciated. Then the TCJA choir sang a medley of songs from each branch of service, while veterans stood up when they heard "their" song. Grades one through 10 sang "Stars and Stripes," and the kindergarteners presented each veteran with a small, hand-drawn flag. Everyone present observed a moment of silence followed by prayer. To conclude, the veterans lined up and were led by a local bagpiper to the flagpole on the front lawn, where they raised the flag together.

TCJA feels it is important to continue this signature tradition of honoring veterans in the community. Several years ago, the breakfast even resulted in the baptism of a local veteran. This tradition helps students remember the true meaning of the holiday.

Veterans raise the flag together.

The Tri-City Junior Academy (TCJA) choir sings the song of each branch of service, while newly added military banners are displayed in the background.

Several hundred turn out to honor their local veterans.

Mary Dengerud-Au, TCJA school-board member



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UCA Hosts Tech Fair

Students Enjoy Hands-on Activities

The Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) welcomed 162 guests from 13 schools for the biannual Tech Fair. Visitors had a chance to participate in



Robotics students work to come up with the correct formula so the robot will perform properly.

workshops, many of which highlighted classes that UCA offers its students. These are woods, welding, auto mechanics, embroidery, stained glass and drafting. The Walla Walla University (WWU) technology department also participated by bringing their flight simulator, one of the main attractions.

WWU also brought personnel to teach digital photography, graphic design and robotics.

The Tech Fair is designed to bring exposure to the one-of-a-kind industrial arts program that UCA offers its students. The visiting students, who were in grades seven to 10, each had

the opportunity to participate in two workshops. In addition to the flight simulator, the woods class was popular among the participants. Students in the woods class designed and cut out CO² cars in the woodshop then went to the gym to race the cars against one another on a track.

“We wanted to try something new that the kids would enjoy doing but also highlight the type of projects we are doing in our classes,” says William Garrett, UCA’s new industrial arts teacher. “Although we only scratched the surface in these workshops, we hope that the



Students work on a piece of stained glass art. Kids got an idea what type of electives our industrial arts department offers.”

Joe Hess, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Two Girls Baptized at Project PATCH Family Center in Goldendale

The Project PATCH Family Conference Center on the former Tupper property in Goldendale, Wash., is nestled in the trees in a gorgeous area with a waterfall and picnic area that is unrivaled. Lydia Tupper, granddaughter of Clarence and Elsie Tupper and great-niece of Marjorie Wentland who gifted the property to Project PATCH, was recently baptized in this sterling setting with one of her best friends, Abby Trunkey. Tupper, 12, daughter of David and LeAnn Tupper, and her family, live in Walla Walla, Wash., as does her friend, the 12-year-old daughter of Mike



Lydia, 12, daughter of David and LeAnn Tupper, and her friend Abby, also 12, who is the daughter of Mike and Anne Trunkey, are baptized on the Project PATCH property in Goldendale, Wash.

and Anne Trunkey.

The girls studied the Bible with retired pastor

Bob Stumph and wanted to give their hearts to the Lord. So they chose a spot made

special by having spent time there while visiting Tupper’s grandparents. Many members of their home church, the Good Neighbor Church Company (Walla Walla), as well as many of the girls’ friends and classmates made the trip to Goldendale to witness the event.

After each girl was baptized, the congregation broke into spontaneous applause. Then everyone adjourned to the Project PATCH lodge for a dinner honoring the occasion.

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader

Russian Evangelism Sees Ripple Effect

Russian-speaking churches and groups of the Puget Sound area joined forces as part of the Reach Washington initiative and experienced rich blessings.

Preparation for the event began when each congregation took a portion of Dennis Smith's book, *40 Days of Prayer*, and translated it into Russian. The material then was edited, formatted, printed and distributed weekly throughout the duration of the conference's prayer marathon.

These Russian-speaking churches, along with a host of other Washington Conference churches, began a 10-day series,

When a person is baptized, the family of God celebrates the decision and provides a network of spiritual growth support.

titled "Overcoming the Last Crisis: Keys from the Book of Apocalypse," on Sept. 30, 2011. The presentations were dedicated to an in-depth study of the three angels' message.

Thanks to modern technology, the identical message was presented in five Washington locations: Everett, Bellevue, Federal Way, Auburn and Tacoma. The sermons from the Bellevue Church were broadcasted via live video to four other cities. This approach also allowed the use of the same advertising material in each location.

Each sermon was accompanied by a related Bible lesson.



Andrey Bokov, right, recalls when he first invited Salomon Betancourt to church as they celebrate Betancourt's baptism in October. Another friend, Santiago, left, is preparing for baptism.

Pastors used the lessons to review the former night's material and check participants' answers. Each presentation ended with a call to accept the newly discovered truth with profession of faith. On the opening night, nearly 90 visitors attended. On the last day of the program, two were baptized and more requested baptism. New people are attending a pastor's class and coming to Sabbath worship on a regular basis.

Attendees received *Three Angels' Message* books and were mailed audio recordings of the programs along with

other materials. The ripple effect of this autumn evangelistic series is felt in the Russian community, as many people order the sermons and the message is repeated over and over again.

Vitali Oliinik, Washington Conference Russian coordinator and pastor



Reach Washington by the Numbers

1,100,000 fliers printed;
1,050,000 fliers mailed (60 percent of homes in the territory received a mailed invitation);
50,000 personal invitation cards;
35,000 door hangers;
98 30-second TV spots on CBS Sept. 24-29, 2011;

79 churches presented 84 meetings with 1,000 community guests and more than 200 initial baptisms;
7 languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Indonesian, Samoan and Japanese;
1 purpose: To reflect Jesus.

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PICTURE
of ministry

Washington Conference churches interacted with the community during the holidays through dramas, nativities, concerts and more. Read these stories online.

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God Alters Africa Mission-trip Plans

Thirty SAGE Senior volunteers traveled to Zambia, Africa, in October 2011 to build the Jan Griffone Memorial School in Livingstone.

God had other plans.

Mission-trip plans changed with two travel delays and with school building supplies stuck in Malawi.

“We’ve been on a dozen mission trips in the past 15 years and never run into these types of problems before,” says Bob Grady, SAGE Seniors president. “Instead of building a school, we built four One-Day churches and painted a large, 900-member Adventist church. The congregations were thrilled that we had come to help them!”

Construction began in early morning hours to beat the heat. A medical team provided free clinics. The Vacation Bible School team rotated through villages for after-school programs.

The evangelism team alternated between Mukuni (where 21 people were baptized) and Kazungula (where 40 people were baptized). Wes Paul, from Mount Vernon, Wash., provided evangelism coaching for Ethan Peterson and Natalie Dorland, two Puget Sound Adventist Academy students.

“It’s exciting to see how God worked through these tough circumstances,” says Dorland. “Faith is important, as is prayer,



SAGE Seniors evangelists Ethan Peterson, Natalie Dorland, Wes Paul and Anita Dorland stand with Pardon Mwansa, General Conference vice president (second from right), in Senegal before departing to different parts of Zambia for evangelism.

in the mission field.”

“Despite the challenges we faced each day, God continued to work,” says Anita Dorland, a Renton, Wash., volunteer. “My faith has been tried, but increased.”

And the school campus? SAGE Senior volunteers plan to try again elsewhere in 2012.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Conference Plans Technology Webinars

Twenty Washington Conference pastors joined a teleconference in mid-November 2011 to begin a conversation on “Technology in Worship.”

“In talking with churches, we got a sense that more churches want to embrace technology in their outreach activities,” says Bill McClendon, Washington Conference ministerial director. “Our desire is to explain the value of media ministry, explore technology options, empower ministry leaders and employ a church media strategy.”

The teleconference addressed how pastors do not need to be “media gurus”

but do need to engage their media team to develop and implement an overall media strategy.

Washington Conference will offer eight webinars in 2012, available live and archived for on-demand playback for pastors and media teams. The webinars will address the big picture of media ministry, audio, video projection, video capture, lighting, presentation resources, streaming/podcasting and websites.

“We need to help our leaders understand the value of media ministry,” says McClendon. “We’re hoping to

build a sense of synergy to help churches implement a robust media ministry. Some churches already have the technology in place and just need to refine what they already have available.”

After the main teleconference presentation, pastors asked questions, gave feedback and shared requests.

“Our desire is to see something actually happen and not just provide information,” McClendon says. “We want to see our churches take some major steps forward in media ministry.”

Heidi Martella



Bill McClendon, Washington Conference ministerial director, reads a teleconference script during a conversation with pastors on “Technology in Worship.” The conference plans to host eight technology webinars in 2012.

Buena Vista Establishes Korean School Sisterhood

Buena Vista Elementary Adventist School (Auburn, Wash.) recently linked friendship across the Pacific Ocean to officially become a sister school with Youngnam Sahmyook Academy in GyeongSan, South Korea.

School representatives including Ron Trautwein, principal, and Connor Hubin, student ambassador, visited Korea in September 2011 for a ceremony to establish the school sisterhood.

The sisterhood — an exchange of educational and cultural opportunities — began forming in January 2011 when a delegation of 22 Korean students and their principal

visited Buena Vista, spent time in the classrooms and visited sites around Seattle.

Jennifer McGhee, sixth-grade teacher, and Valerie Serns, kindergarten teacher, also participated in a 10-day English summer camp in Korea.

Technology allows communication between the students of the two schools to continue through email, social media and video chatting.

“Technology provides an ideal way for Korean students to improve their English and allows friendships to develop and grow,” says Trautwein.

Another group of 20 Korean students will be on campus in



Representatives from Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School meet with representatives at Youngnam Sahmyook Academy in GyeongSan, South Korea, to establish a sisterhood between the schools.

January 2012 to be immersed in classroom learning, stay with host families, and hold a sisterhood ceremony at Buena Vista.

“I can’t wait to see some of the students I met in Korea and introduce them to all my

friends here at Buena Vista,” says Hubin.

Visit bvsvda.org or Facebook for a gallery of sister-school ceremony photos.

Gina Hubin, Buena Vista GLEANER correspondent

PSAA Honor Society Members Light the Night

National Honor Society members of Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland, Wash., participated in the annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk in September 2011.

PSAA’s honor society students heard early in the

scholastic year about this event and decided to help raise funds for research. What made it worth it for us, as students, was that we all knew someone who had passed away from, survived or is continuing to fight cancer.

Each one of us made the goal

National Honor Society members of Puget Sound Adventist Academy participate in the annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk in September 2011.



to raise \$100, with a group goal of \$1,000.

The day of the walk finally came, and we headed to Green Lake Park to join others who had also raised funds for this cause. At the check-in tables, participants received t-shirts and illuminated balloons indicating whether the person was walking in support of fighting cancer or walking in someone’s honor or memory.

When the sun went down, you could see thousands of balloons lighting the night. Our walk began around the lake, with people of different backgrounds, genders and

ages coming together for a common cause.

Toward the end of the walk, we saw signs with facts about cancer and what our contributions did that day. To read all of those signs was a little reminder of the great, positive event we participated in.

All of us from PSAA felt rewarded and appreciated life a little more than usual. We know that cancer takes the lives of many, but each person’s story is an inspiration and can change us all.

German Mendoza, PSAA senior

WWU Education Graduates Top List

Recent Study Shows WWU's Effectiveness

A recently released study has pointed to Walla Walla University's (WWU's) education alumni as the most effective reading teachers in the state of Washington. As a group, the students of WWU education graduates had the top scores in their state reading tests, as demonstrated in a study released by the Center for Education Data and Research (CEDR) at the University of Washington Bothell.

The study looked at the scores for public school students taught by teachers credentialed in the 20 programs offered in Washington state, including the University of Washington, which ranked second for reading scores.

In addition to having the highest reading scores, students taught by WWU alumni had strong math

Professor Tammy Randolph leads education students in a puppet-making exercise that they can use in their future classrooms.



An on-site child development center is just one avenue WWU education students have to gain teaching experience.

scores, ranking eighth in the state compared to students taught by teachers from other programs. A large majority of the teachers in the study had been teaching for six or more years.

The CEDR study was set up to examine the “impact that individual teacher training institutions in Washington state have on the effectiveness of teachers they train.” Researchers Dan Goldhaber and Stephanie Liddle studied the reading and math scores from the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL), which until recently was the proficiency test used in Washington state public schools.

“Excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression, faith in God’ — the mission statement

of Walla Walla University consists of much more than just well-turned phrases,” says Tammy Randolph, WWU education professor. “As the results of this recent research report testify, getting an education here really does make a positive difference in the lives of our graduates and their impact on society.”

Randolph goes on to note that some of the effects seen in the CEDR study may be linked to the same factors seen in the CognitiveGenesis study, which has shown that students schooled in the Adventist K–8 education system outperform the national average across all demographics. These are the schools that have eventually fed into WWU’s teacher education program.

“There are many factors affecting student academic achievement,” states Julian Melgosa, WWU School of Education and Psychology dean, “and teacher effectiveness is one of them. In fact, Goldhaber’s study estimates that having a teacher whose average effectiveness places him or her at the 84th percentile (as opposed to the 50th) adds equivalent value to reducing class size by five to 10 students. We are indebted to the quality of God-led present and past faculty, mentor teachers and supervisors who are instrumental in their students’ success.”

Ginger Ketting-Weller, WWU vice president of academic administration

Adventist Health Teams Up with Committed

Puts Focus on Giving Thanks

It's a Portland, Ore., Thanksgiving tradition: Each year Adventist Health in Portland holds a special event for the community as a way of saying thanks for the faith the community has placed in them for more than a century. This year was no different, save one detail — Committed, season-two winners of NBC's *The Sing Off*, were the musical guests.

SHARING DREAMS, VALUES

With such an inspiring group of young men coming to town, Adventist Medical Center (AMC) felt it needed to reach youth in the area with Committed's powerful message.

"We wanted to show teens in the community that we are here to help them make good choices," says Tom Russell, AMC president and CEO. "Committed's dedication to their values really resonates

with Adventist Health's value-based system."

Committed performed and shared their message with nearly 900 students from Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) and surrounding Adventist schools. (For more information about the performance at PAA, see the Oregon Conference section.) The six-man a capella singing group later performed for approximately 3,200 students at David Douglas High School in Portland, the largest public high school in Oregon.

Committed shared with the students that they should follow their dreams with God's help, no matter the challenges. They also expressed how important it is to stay true to personal values and principles.

SONGS FOR HUNGER

The two-day event was capped off with a performance by Committed for



The group Committed performs for Adventist Health's annual Thanksgiving event.

community members. There was standing room only for the concert, where the only admission required was a non-perishable food item. More than two tons of food were collected for Portland Adventist Community Services.

"The concert celebrated being thankful for all that we have," says Russell. "The least we can do is to help those in our community who aren't as fortunate." Russell added that Oregon's prevalent hunger is within the top five in the United States. The annual Celebration of Thanksgiving Concert reminds us never to take life for granted.

ONE OF THOUSANDS OF THANKFUL PATIENTS

The Saturday evening community concert featured a

short movie depicting the life of Rod, a grateful patient who felt the healing touch of Jesus Christ while being cared for by the staff. Rod was an addict who didn't want to live anymore. When he came to the hospital he was "at the end of his rope." But what he experienced at the hospital was life changing. Rod is just one of thousands of thankful patients.

"These people shattered my conceptions about the medical profession," says Rod. "They care so much, it's palpable."

Watch the full video at www.adventisthealthnw.com/AboutAMC_Mission.asp.

Brittany Dobbs, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

Community members enjoy the Committed concert.



BLOCK OF SALT:
PROFILES IN ETHICS

The QUAKER OATS *Story*



In 1881 he bought the “bankrupt Quaker Mill at Ravenna, Ohio, and its most important asset, the brand name — Quaker.”¹ Quakerism was synonymous with scrupulous honesty, simplicity of life, purity of character, and dealings of fair trade — all of which were embodied by him — and he is said never to have compromised principle even when it would have been clearly in his advantage to do so. (The original Quaker Man was a registered trademark emphasizing purity so much it carried a scroll with the word “pure” inscribed upon it.)⁴ Within 10 years, Quaker Oats was a household word to millions.¹

Editor’s Note: During 2012, the *GLENER* will feature examples of people, past or present, who acted as ‘Salt in Their Communities.’



BREAKFAST AUTOCRAT

Henry Parsons Crowell (1855–1943), founder of the Quaker Oats Company and called “the autocrat of the breakfast table” or “the man who invented breakfast,” changed what Americans ate, reinvented the way storekeepers stocked their shelves, and revolutionized marketing and merchandising with methods still respected today.

When the loss of his father and brothers to tuberculosis

to buy his product based on what they thought they could sell, Crowell believed he could create his own consumer. “Advertising to the consumer was considered a crazy idea ... even more, no one knew what might happen if someone tried to sell a legitimate product with honest claims.”⁶

Crowell saturated the country with Quaker Oats advertisements. He ran train boxcars covered with the Quaker Oats name from Cedar

Cereal in the 1960s; later Cinnamon Life, Stokely-Van Camp (the Gatorade brand); the Golden Grain Company (makers of Rice-A-Roni); and the Snapple Beverage Company. In the 1980s, they branched out into chewy granola bars.

Crowell was a non-denominational Christian who “made the business a part of his daily prayers.”⁶ Although he had a “great capacity for creating wealth,”⁶ he used it solely to

nizations dedicated to “the teaching and active extension of the doctrines of evangelical Christianity.”⁹

Upon the businessman’s death, it was said: “The world has indeed seen what God can do through a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to HIM.”⁸

Cindy R. Chamberlin,
GLENER managing editor

“In 1881 he bought the bankrupt Quaker Mill at Ravenna, Ohio, and its most important asset, the brand name – Quaker.”¹

left him with a large inheritance, Crowell could easily have had a life of luxury but instead chose to work hard. His life changed when he heard Dwight L. Moody speak. “Do you ever think big things for God?” Moody asked. “The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and through and in a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.”¹

GOOD BUSINESSMAN

This resonated with Crowell. “Lord, by your grace and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I’ll be that man!” he prayed. “I can’t be a preacher, but I can be a good businessman. God, if you will let me make money, I will use it in your service.”¹

Without a college education but with acumen for trade, Crowell strived to be the best businessman possible. Rather than convince store owners

Rapids, Iowa, to Portland, Oregon. He “sponsored exhibits at fairs and expositions where salesmen offered and prepared oatmeal and cereal samples in their booths and explained the production process through fancy displays.”²

Crowell was the first to forego bulk bins and instead packaged products, wrapping his oats in bright papers featuring the Quaker Man logo. (This was the first American advertising icon placed on a food product).⁵

He also introduced the first-ever “trial-size samples. The 1/2 oz. oats samples were delivered to every mailbox in Portland.”¹ These were new concepts, and the public loved them.

CROWELL TRUST

The company purchased Aunt Jemima in 1926; Life Cereal, Cap’n Crunch and Quisp

advance the kingdom of God. The most recurrent and unified theme summarizing his life is this:

Henry Parsons Crowell died one of the wealthiest men in Chicago. However, he had regularly given away “70 percent of his earnings for more than 40 years. But Crowell viewed all things as a stewardship from God, including influence. Over the years, one businessman after another would comment on how he came to know Christ personally because of the life of integrity lived by Henry Parsons Crowell.”⁷

Prior to his death, Crowell chaired the Moody Bible Institute’s board of directors. He “set up a wisely administered trust as a vehicle to be used to faithfully serve God’s work in perpetuity.” Today, the Crowell Trust continues his legacy with grants to orga-

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MILESTONES

Busby 50th

Neil and Millie Busby celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary traveling for a month back East, visiting family and friends they have made over the years. After arriving back home, they were honored in a local celebration on Nov. 6 at the Village Church in College Place, Wash.

Neil Busby and Millie McCorquodale were married Sept. 30, 1961. Neil's career was in literature evangelism and Christian Record Services. Since retiring, he enjoys his volunteer work with prison ministries, Son Bridge, Walla Walla Men's Chorus and the Fort Walla Walla Museum. Millie recently retired after working 31 years as a receptionist at Tietan Dental. She thrives on entertaining, pampering her family, traveling and giving to her community. Together they have touched many lives and in turn have enriched their own.

The Busby family includes LaNeil Miller of College Place, Wash.; Ken and Toni (Nunn) Busby of College Place; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Coppernoll 65th

Wayne and Lillian Coppernoll of Gresham, Ore., celebrated their 65th anniversary with all their children and families on Oct. 22, 2011, during a luncheon at the historic Multnomah Falls Lodge. They are members of the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore.

Wayne Coppernoll married Lillian Schoepflin on Oct. 20, 1946, in Moscow, Idaho. Wayne worked as foreman at



Wayne and Lillian Coppernoll

Harris Pine Mills and Auburn Adventist Academy Furniture Factory, then the couple moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After living in Coeur d'Alene for 18 years, they moved to Portland where Lillian worked for Walla Walla College School of Nursing for more than 16 years as secretary to the dean. Wayne managed a lumber company until their retirement in 1995. They were active in the Newberg (Ore.) Church for many years, and Wayne dedicated himself to raising funds and building the new church there.

The Coppernoll family includes their children Ann and Ed Johnson of Vancouver, Wash.; Jerry and Pam Coppernoll of Seattle, Wash.; Ken and Karen Coppernoll of McMinnville, Ore.; Linda Whitted of Fairview, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Michel 60th

James and Mathersa Michel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family in Meridian, Idaho, on Oct. 15, 2011.

James Michel and Mathersa

Davenport were married on Oct. 15, 1951. Both attended Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, in the early 1950s. Mathersa worked for Harris Pine Mills in Pendleton, Ore., as a payroll clerk for many years in the mid 1980s before starting her own day-care center. Jim also worked for Harris Pine Mills but then changed careers when he went to work as a behavioral aide for the Oregon State Hospital. He retired after 25 years of service. The Michels continue to call Pendleton their home.

The Michel family includes Gary and Teresa Michel of Pendleton, Ore.; Lonnie and Chris Michel of Meridian, Idaho; Larry and Donna Michel of Caldwell, Idaho; Kevin and Tracy Michel of Pendleton, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Moody 100th

Local John Day (Ore.) Church members and family of Eva Moody gathered on Oct. 23, 2011, to observe and celebrate her 100th birthday. The event was held in the church's fellowship hall and was attended by nearly 40 guests, who enjoyed a



Eva Moody

catered celebration brunch. Eva is a long-term member of the John Day Church, as are several of her immediate family members. Eva remains in good health and spirits, and her friends and family look forward to more annual celebrations in her honor.

Smith 60th

The 60th wedding anniversary of Clifford and Roberta Smith was celebrated with a trip aboard the Victoria Clipper to beautiful British Columbia, Canada.

Clifford Smith and Roberta Devereaux were married on Oct. 7, 1951, in Yakima, Wash. Prior to marriage, Clifford attended Auburn Adventist Academy, graduating in 1950. Roberta attended Spangle, now called Upper Columbia Academy. After high school, Clifford began working for Weyerhaeuser, driving a truck in Yakima. Weyerhaeuser later moved the couple to Olympia, Wash., where Clifford continued to drive until his retirement in 1995. Roberta worked for the Department of Labor and Industries for Washington state until she retired in 1993. Clifford and Roberta have been members of the Olympia Church (now Transformation Life Center) since 1966 and are still actively involved in their church.

The Smith family includes Dwayne and Mary Smith of Orlando, Fla.; Debbie and Terry Meyer of Olympia, Wash.; Greg and Darla Smith of Grapeview, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

BLANKENSHIP-REDING — Elizabeth Blankenship and Jeremy Reding were married Nov. 12, 2011, in Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Wilsonville, Ore. Elizabeth is the daughter of Michael and Roberta L. (Thompson) Blankenship. Jeremy is the son of John P. and Mary J. (O'Meara) Reding.

KHRAPOVA-MANN — Elena Khrapova and Lowell Mann were married July 10, 2011, in College Place, Wash., where they are making their home. Elena is the daughter of Alex and Nina Khrapov. Lowell is the son of James and Karen Mann.

PEARCE-CAMPBELL — Amy Renee Pearce and Drew Jaime Campbell were married July 15, 2011, in Bozeman, Mont. They are making their home in Rochester, Minn. Amy is the daughter of Earl M. and Flora M. (Murphy) Pearce. Drew is the son of Craig M. and Cheryl I. (Kjos) Campbell.

AT REST

BOUNDEY — Burdon James, 83; born July 1, 1928, Aztec, N.M.; died Aug. 21, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Geraldine (Rieck); son, George B., Yuma, Ariz.; daughters, Carolyn Boundey and Beverly Porter, both of Vancouver; 6 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

COFFMAN — Carl Jr., 89; born May 12, 1922, Los Angeles, Calif.; died July 4, 2011, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, Virginia (Sandahl); daughters, Carol Christensen, Battle Ground; Linda Fannon, Las Vegas, Nev.; sister, Vir-

ginia Anderson, Las Vegas; 5 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

COLSON — Margie (Pasternick) Carey, 68; born Jan. 8, 1943, Long Beach, Calif.; died May 4, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Rod Carey, Salem; and brother, Leon Pasternick, Salem.

CONSTANTINESCU — Dumitru, 96; born May 29, 1915, Galati, Romania; died June 20, 2011, Dallas, Ore. Surviving: sons, Sergiu, Plymouth, Ill.; Corneliu, Salem, Ore.; Gabriel, Dallas; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

CRAM — Walter "Walt," 93; born Feb. 4, 1918, Clear Lake, Wash.; died July 18, 2011, Coos Bay, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mae (Ellis), Bandon, Ore.; sons, Allan, Bandon; Don, Riverside, Calif.; sister, Verna Maxson, McKinleyville, Calif.; 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

CRESS — Helen Elsie (Gray), 82; born Feb. 7, 1929, American Falls, Idaho; died July 22, 2011, Lakeview, Ore. Surviving: sons, Michael J, Lakeview; Robert D., Brevard, N.C.; John H., Fishersville, Va.; daughter, Patricia A. Trude, Calhoun, Tenn.; sisters, Myrtle Grubb, Emmett, Idaho; Mildred Barker, Payette, Idaho; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

DADE — Francis Leone (Mayfield), 92; born July 10, 1919, Pillager, Minn.; died July 7, 2011, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: son, Thomas, Willamina, Ore.; daughters, Sharon Martin, John Day, Ore.; Janet Gage, Siletz, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DAHL — Ethel (Purdy), 93; born May 9, 1918, Delta,

Colo.; died July 16, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Arthur; son, Cy, Jackson, Fla.; daughters, Alena Jordan, Walla Walla; Connie Streifling, Clinton, Wash.; Roberta Meredith, Fresno, Calif.; brother, Francis Purdy, Saratoga, Calif.; 6 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

DAVIS — Nellie Elizabeth (Burton), 104; born July 23, 1904, Soda Springs, Idaho; died March 20, 2011, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Mona E. Jenkins, Milton-Freewater; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DE HAVEN — E. Jeane (Haight), 85; born April 13, 1925, Coalinga, Calif.; died Sept. 4, 2011, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: son, Greg, Portland, Ore.; brother, Edward Haight, Deer Park, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DERBY — Melvin Lee, 87; born May 27, 1923, Missoula, Mont.; died March 8, 2011, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Dennis L., Gilbert, Ariz.; B. Roy, Oregon City, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

EK — Larry Russell, 58; born March 4, 1953, Butte, Mont.; died June 22, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Linda (Holm); sons, Lance, Aaron and Josh, all of Walla Walla; daughter, Heidi Ek, Walla Walla; sisters, Linda Sue Ek and Laura Boyd, both of Walla Walla; and 3 grandchildren.

FORGE'T — Betty L. (Diamond), 91; born Dec. 4, 1919, Hood River, Ore.; died Aug. 1, 2011, Newport, Ore. Surviving: son, Michael Forge't, Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Susan Woodruff, Waldport, Ore.; brother, Dale Diamond,

Sonoma, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

FULLERTON — Lillie Mae (Cramer), 85; born June 16, 1926, Miami, Fla.; died Sept. 27, 2011, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: son, George Fullerton Jr., Moyie Springs, Idaho; daughters, Anita Keithley, Tualatin, Ore.; Wanita Butler, Enumclaw, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

HADLEY — Alyce (Geiser), 97; born Nov. 16, 1913, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 2, 2011, Portland.

HOFFMAN — Lois Kathryn (Henderson) Westervelt, 94; born April 23, 1917, Esmond, N.D.; died July 8, 2011, Stayton, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Sue (Westervelt) Putt, Lake Elsinore, Calif.; Linda (Westervelt) Woodall, Stayton; stepdaughter, Murleen (Hoffman) Brooks, Cookeville, Tenn.; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

HOOVER — Marland Lee, 73; born April 18, 1938, Hong Kong, China; died Aug. 3, 2011, Coquille, Ore. Surviving: wife, Linda (Paullus) Boyd; sons, Marvin, Redmond, Ore.; Darrell, Myrtle Point, Ore.; Michael, La Pine, Ore.; stepson, James Boyd III, Sonora, Calif.; daughters, Tami Carter, Redmond; Tanya Cornell, San Diego, Calif.; stepdaughter, Joelle Chinnock, Paradise, Calif.; brothers, Terry and Reggie, both of Coquille; sisters, Linda Fisher, Coquille; Janel Larios, Kalama, Wash.; Sylvia Lewis, Olympia, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

ILCHUK — Norrene Lucille (Palmer), 96; born Nov. 8, 1914, Hanford, Calif.; died Sept. 5, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, James M., Oakland, Calif.; and Gordon, Kailua, Hawaii.

AT REST

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KALEBAUGH — Zita (Tadej), 63; born Jan. 4, 1948, Great Falls, Mont.; died May 24, 2011, Fargo, N.D. Surviving: husband, Michael; son, Hans Kauffman, Everett, Wash.; daughter, Gretchen Boyko, Fargo; father, Peter Tadej, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; brothers, Jerry Tadej, Bakersfield, Calif.; Keith Tadej, Santa Clara, Calif.; sister, Lana Fletcher, Chehalis, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

KREIN — Hilda, 94; born March 23, 1917; died May 22, 2011, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: sons, Don, Des Moines, Wash.; Jim, Woodridge, Va.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

LYTLE — Eleanor A. (Uehlin) Gibbons Tuttle, 90; born Dec. 27, 1920, Decatur County, Kan.; died July 8, 2011, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Juanita (Gibbons) Crawford; sisters, Goldie (Uehlin) Anderson; Gail Arlene (Uehlin) McKee; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

MACEY — June Emily (Childers), 83; born May 16, 1928, Orange, Calif.; died Aug. 19, 2011, Stayton, Ore. Surviving: son, Steve Macey III, Stayton; daughter, Diana Macey, Stayton; brother, Richard Childers, Santa Anna, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MARTIN — Daniel Frank, 92; born Sept. 18, 1918, Tacoma, Wash.; died Aug. 25, 2011, Eatonville, Wash. Surviving: son, Greg Martin, Eatonville; daughters, Ann Pratt, Ren Martin and Nancy Lacy, all of Puyallup, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

MCMILLEN — Arnold I., 84; born Feb. 5, 1927, Rose Lodge, Ore.; died Feb. 18, 2011, Otis, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary Lou (Davis) Sweitz; sons, Phil McMillen, Salem, Ore.;

stepsons, J.B. Sweitz, Otis; Robert Sweitz, Lincoln City, Ore.; Timothy Sweitz, Forest Grove, Ore.; Kerry Sweitz, Otis; daughter, Carolyn (McMillen) Flock, Lions, Ore.; stepdaughter, Debra (Sweitz) Hurd, Otis; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MCQUEEN — Blanche Joan (Daily) Boyce, 78; born Jan. 26, 1933, Madera, Calif.; died June 26, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, James; son, Robert Boyce, Gervais, Ore.; stepson, Steven McQueen, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; brother, Carson Daily, Fresno, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

PANCAKE — Ardis E. (Voorhies), 80; born Nov. 2, 1930, MacDonald, Kan.; died Sept. 8, 2011, Dayville, Ore. Surviving: husband, Warren; daughter, Danita Graham, Redmond, Ore.; sister, Mary Marchel, Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada; and 2 grandchildren.

PARMELE — Richard Calvin, 67; born Sept. 18, 1943, Newport, Ore.; died Aug. 22, 2011, McMinnville, Tenn. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Philpott); son, Troy, McMinnville; daughter, Paulie Rogers, Mayfair, Saskatchewan, Canada; mother, Doris (Willis) Parmele, Woodland, Wash.; brothers, Ron, Grants Pass, Ore.; Randy, Bend, Ore.; sisters, Shirley James, Woodland; Jeannie Norris, Mesquite, Nev.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

RODERICK — Curtis A., 42; born Oct. 11, 1968, Othello, Wash.; died Sept. 19, 2011, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Holly (Sanders), Vancouver, Wash.; son, Mitch, Washougal, Wash.; daughters, Tasia Roderick and Lula Roderick, both of Vancouver; parents, Lee and Rita (Sutton) Roderick, St. Helens, Ore.; and

brother, Sam, Battle Ground, Wash.

SCHLEEDE-THOMPSON — Kathryn G. (Schleede), 56; born Dec. 6, 1954, Pendleton, Ore.; died Aug. 10, 2011, Richland, Wash. Surviving: husband, Jim Thompson, Pendleton; son, Micah Thompson, Pendleton; daughter, Erin (Thompson) Wing, Pendleton; mother, Barbara Schleede, Pendleton; brother, Richard Schleede, Walla Walla, Wash.; sisters, Rebecca Sylvester, Sun River, Ore.; Linda Hanson, Pendleton; and a grandchild.

SEAMSTER — Walter Edwin, 99; born Sept. 19, 1911, Centerton, Ark.; died Aug. 19, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Larry, Salem; half brother, Harry White, Redmond, Ore.; half sisters, Wanda (White) Chance and Faunita (White) LaVine, both of Sublimity, Ore.; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

SERL — Mable M. (Weiher), 98; born March 16, 1913, Clay, Mo.; died Aug. 30, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bobby, Toledo, Wash.; John, Kenmore, Wash.; Glenn, Lake Stevens, Wash.; Wray Jr., Elgin, Texas; Lawrence "Larry," College Place, Wash.; daughter, Linda Hebert, College Place; sisters, Elsie Bicker and Ruby Shepard, both of Chehalis, Wash.; 27 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

STOLZ — Ellen (Besicar), 81; born April 7, 1930, Buffalo, N.Y.; died Sept. 9, 2011, Lakewood, Wash. Surviving: husband, Wayne; sons, Dave Scheffler, Fairfax, Va.; John Scheffler, Cape Coral, Fla.; daughter, Mary Scheffler, Paige, Texas; 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

STUBBS — Mary Rulise, 61; born July 17, 1950, Salem, Ore.; died Aug. 8, 2011, Sub-

limity, Ore. Surviving: brothers, Rod Stubbs, Salem; Robert Stubbs, Sandy, Ore.; and sister, Sherry Beattie, Aumsville, Ore.

SWANBERG — Elaine E. (Troville), 96; born April 26, 1915, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Sept. 12, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Monte A., Modesto, Calif.; Loren W., Woodland, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

TAYLOR — Mark A., 45; born June 29, 1965, Portland, Ore.; died April 12, 2010, Faragut, Tenn. Surviving: father and stepmother, Russell and Lois Taylor, Klamath Falls, Ore.; mother and stepfather, Peggy and Jerry Hyder, Norco, Calif.; brothers, Mitchell Taylor, Pasco, Wash.; and Martin Taylor, Gresham, Ore.

TEAGUE — Dorothy Louise (Chapman), 91; born May 12, 1920, Grants Pass, Ore.; died Aug. 12, 2011, Grants Pass. Surviving: son, Leon, Merced, Calif.; brother, Delmar Chapman, Medford, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

WALLACE — C. Neil, 58; born Dec. 23, 1952, McMinnville, Ore.; died Sept. 12, 2011, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Cindee (Bailey), Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sons, Christian Wallace-Bailey and Carsten Wallace-Bailey, both of Milton-Freewater; father, Fred Wallace, Salem, Ore.; brothers, Frederick Del Wallace, Salem; Doyle Wallace, Las Vegas, Nev.; Darren Wallace, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and sister, Melody Wallace, Salem.

WESSLEN — Eugene J., 88; born Dec. 18, 1922, Tobique, Minn.; died July 3, 2011, Grand Terrace, Calif. Surviving: son, John J., Happy Valley, Ore.; daughter, Maygene Wesslen, Gladstone, Ore.; brother, Don, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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- Jan. 27** — Music Department Vespers, 8 p.m., University Church;
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Missing Members

The Winston Church is looking for the following missing members: Leo Behlke, Richard Cameron, Cynthia Denny, Gary Denny, Rebecca Drennen, Rich Josifek, Sandra Josifek, Timothy Josifek, Amanda Leidig, Robert Leidig III, Ateca Marama, Dawn Matijkowicz, Susan McBride, David Miller, Sam Muse, Dennis O’Neill, Mayme O’Neill, Robin O’Neill, Sarah O’Neill, Kathy Schneider, Jorge Valenzuela, Mayra Valenzuela, Gilberto Valenzuela Jr., Laura Williamson and Judy Wolff. If you have any contact information for these people, call Cindy 541-679-0123 or email Lynda@xenfx.com.

Upper Columbia

Milton-Stateline Adventist School: Calling All Alumni

Sept. 22 — Milton-Stateline Adventist School is seeking the names and contact information for all former students and staff for a 50-year celebration. Please send your information to 53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. You may also call the office at 541-938-7131, email lepiba@miltonstateline.org, or Leslie Briggs, principal, at brigle@miltonstateline.org. Check out our website <http://www.miltonstateline.org>.

World Church

Union College Homecoming

April 5-8 — Alumni, friends and former faculty are invited to Homecoming. Honor classes are 1942, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. Special Unionaires reunion — celebrating 25 years under the direction of Dan Lynn. For more information, contact the alumni office at 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506, 402-486-2503, or alumni@ucollege.edu.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Homecoming 2012

April 27-29 — La Sierra Academy Alumni Homecoming, the weekend following La Sierra University. Honor classes include 50+, ‘62, ‘72, ‘82, ‘87, ‘92, ‘97, ‘02; Friday morning benefit golf tournament; evening reception, LSA Library; Sabbath morning alumni roll call and reunions at 9:30 a.m. in LSA gym; evening basketball varsity/alumni tournament; LSA Gala Ladies’ Tea April 29 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 951-351-1445 ext. 244, email Isaalumni@lsak12.com or visit <http://www.lsak12.com/alumni.htm>.

Transforming Lives Through Libraries

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Juneau	3:21	3:33	3:48	4:04
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Idaho Conference				
Boise	5:22	5:30	5:38	5:48
La Grande	4:24	4:32	4:41	4:50
Pocatello	5:10	5:17	5:25	5:34
Montana Conference				
Billings	4:44	4:52	5:01	5:11
Havre	4:38	4:46	4:56	5:07
Helena	4:55	5:03	5:12	5:22
Miles City	4:31	4:39	4:48	4:58
Missoula	5:02	5:10	5:19	5:30
Oregon Conference				
Coos Bay	4:55	5:03	5:11	5:20
Medford	4:53	5:00	5:08	5:17
Portland	4:41	4:49	4:58	5:08
Upper Columbia Conference				
Pendleton	4:26	4:33	4:43	4:52
Spokane	4:12	4:21	4:30	4:41
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Wenatchee	4:25	4:33	4:43	4:53
Yakima	4:29	4:37	4:46	4:56
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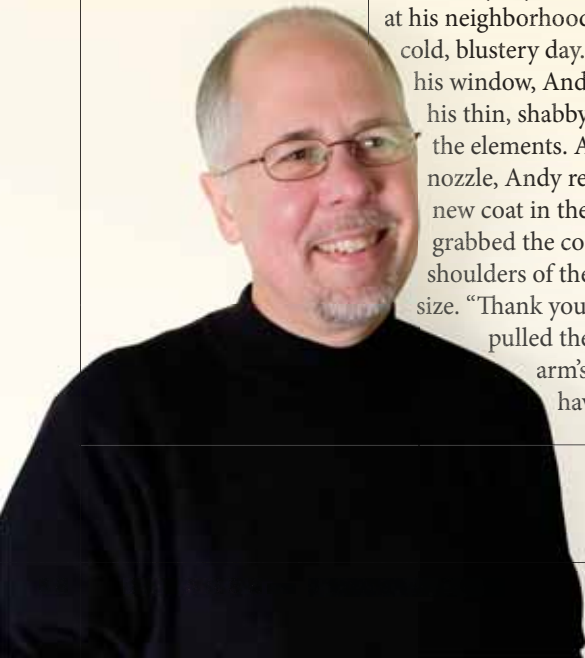
Who gave the greater gift — Andy or the attendant? After a similar experience, John Wesley once wrote, “There is something about the act of selfless generosity to which I remain a stranger.”

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