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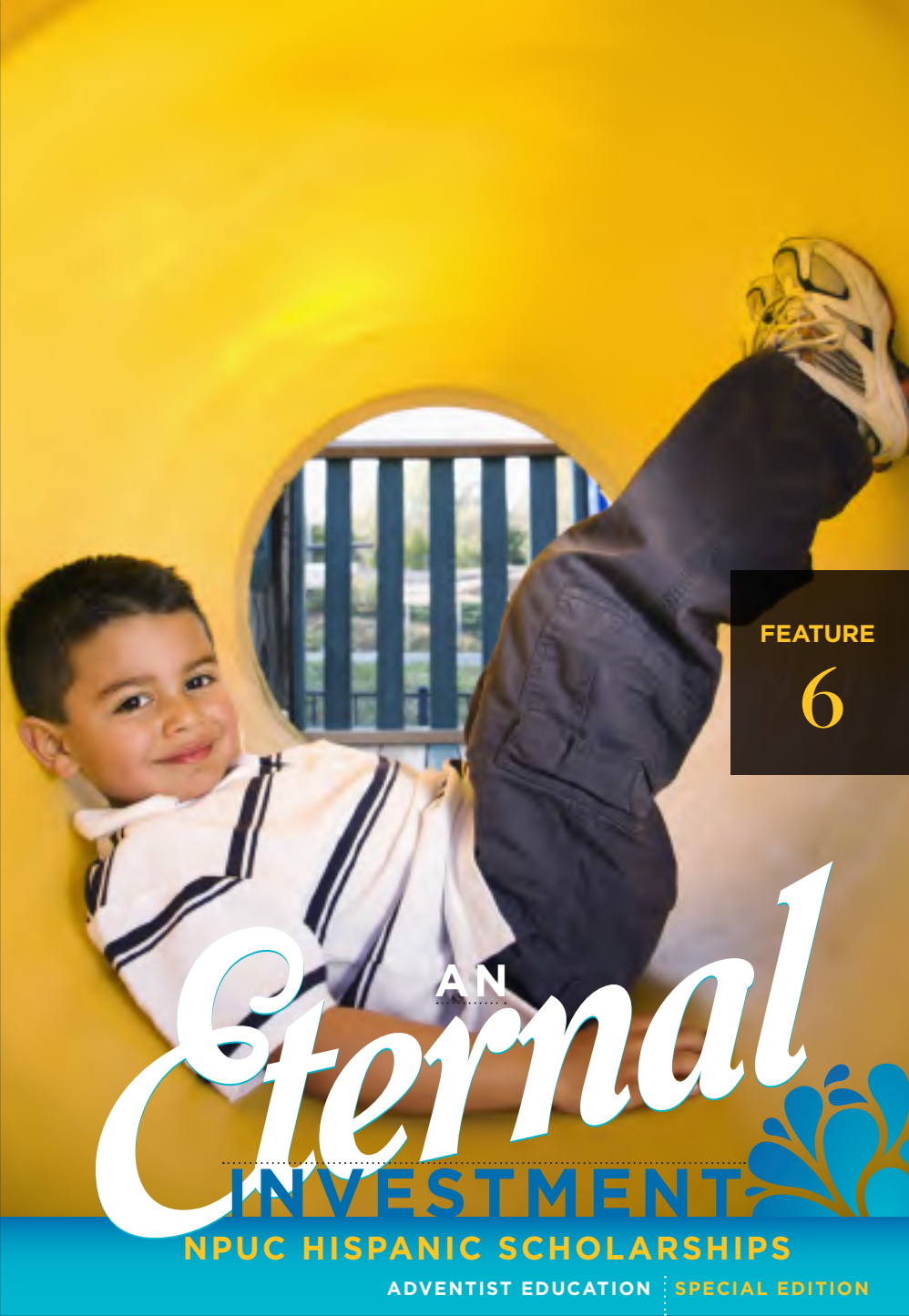
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*You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*
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'Verdant Viewpoint' in Palouse Falls State Park, Wash., by Palmer Halvorson of Spokane, Wash.



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Recent Executive Committee Actions

Among other items of business, the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee, at its regularly-scheduled meeting on May 8 in College Place, Wash., addressed changes in the union's Bible-worker training program and brought additional emphasis to women in leadership.

Bible-Worker Training Expands

The Northwest Mission Institute, which operates as an adjunct NPUC service for local conferences, is expanding its original six-month training program to two years. The institute has also changed its name to SOULS Northwest and will strengthen its reach by affiliating with the successful SOULS West training center, operated by the Pacific Union Conference.

Extending the training program makes it possible for SOULS Northwest to train students who will work with the literature ministries departments of the local conferences within the NPUC as leaders for their Youth Rush summer literature evangelism programs. The expansion will also bolster SOULS Northwest's ability to

recruit younger students — specifically high school graduates — and train them to be proficient in outreach evangelism leadership.

The existing six-month program will still be offered for adults past college age with experience in the workforce, as well as Walla Walla University (WWU) degree-seeking students. The current partnership with WWU will be maintained. Literature evangelism work will be directed as an industry, with six weeks in the fall and four weeks during the spring.

Two certificates will continue to be offered to students: outreach leadership and literature ministries leadership.

More information can be found at missioninstitute.org.

Women in Leadership

As the NPUC awaits further decisions from the General Conference on the issue of ordaining women to pastoral ministry, it has voted steps that further affirm women within the church's mission. This stance resonates with North American Division (NAD) efforts to encourage and

support qualified women in pathways to pastoral or administrative roles. The executive committee voted to:

- Encourage each local conference executive committee to develop a strategic plan for implementation of women in ministry and leadership in harmony with NAD objectives and move toward adoption of clear, measurable goals designed to give women opportunities in leadership positions;
- At least once per year, gather local women leaders who serve as elders to discuss their experiences, issues and problems encountered, as well as lessons learned;
- Conduct one pastoral workshop in each local conference before October 2014 on the subject of women in leadership and ordination;
- Develop a multipart and multimedia curriculum for Bible study classes covering such topics as the history of women in leadership in the Adventist Church, headship theology, history of ordination in the Christian church, unity versus uniformity, the priesthood of all believers, and women in ministry.

In a related action, the committee also voted to ask local conferences to encourage churches to follow the updated church manual policy on ordaining deaconesses.

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HE>i

Whenever I have the opportunity to spend time at the beach, I love watching the powerful surf as the waves curl over and crash on the sandy shore. I revel in the amazing power unleashed by these waves. It brings to mind the surfer's Psalm: "The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea — the Lord on high is mighty" (Psalm 93:3-4).

I have never seen more impressive waves than those found during the winter on the North Shore of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. Surfers from all over the world come to test their prowess in the gigantic waves at Haleiwa. As these fearless men and women ride the face of those waves, they look like little minnows swimming in the surf with only their carefully honed skill keeping them on their boards.

Among this interesting fraternity of surfers has grown up a small group of Christians who believe in the Creator. "It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens" (Jeremiah 10:12, ESV). These athletic beach bums have experienced firsthand the mighty power of the Creator God, and they are led to affirm that HE>i (He is greater than I). You will find HE>i stenciled on T-shirts and board shorts and duffel bags — a simple yet profound message reminding us that "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less" (John 3:30, NLT).

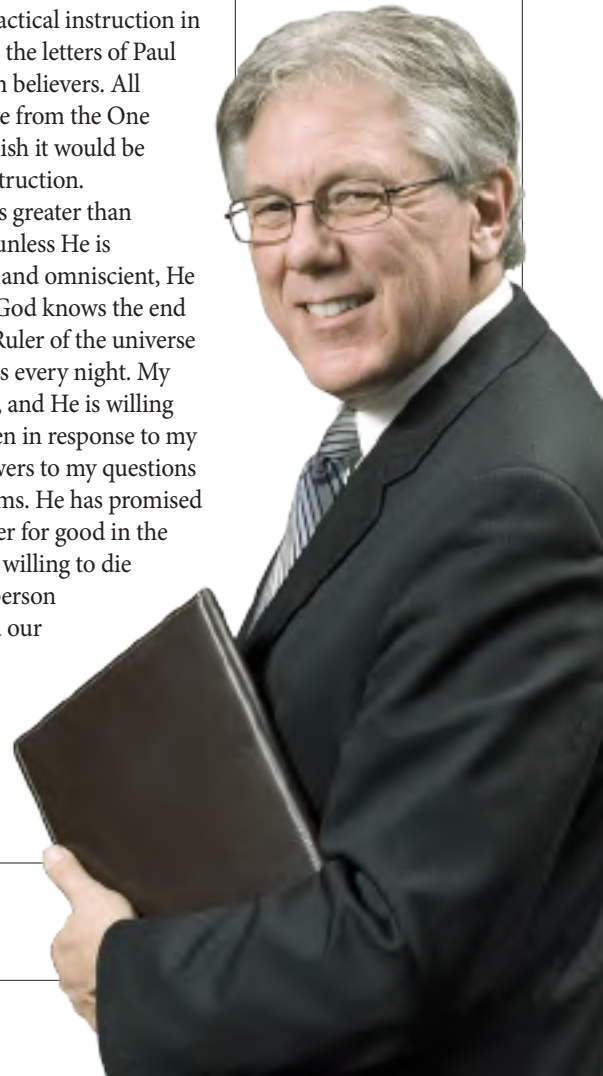
In fact, at the very heart of the sin problem is the idea born in our fallen human

nature and nurtured by the Great Deceiver that we think we know better than God. God said, "In the day that you eat of the fruit of this tree you will surely die." The serpent promised if they ate, they would become like God. Too bad they forgot that HE>i. God loved us enough to provide guidance on how to live a happy and meaningful life here on Earth as well as to prepare us for life in the Earth made new: the 10-commandment law, the tried and true insights of the Proverbs, the practical instruction in the Sermon on the Mount, and the letters of Paul addressed to the early Christian believers. All of this counsel was given in love from the One who is greater than I. How foolish it would be for us to neglect this sacred instruction.

How thankful I am that He is greater than I. Unless God is far above me, unless He is omnipotent, and omnipresent, and omniscient, He isn't a God worth serving. My God knows the end from the beginning. He is the Ruler of the universe yet listens to my prayer requests every night. My God is a miracle-working God, and He is willing to intervene in the affairs of men in response to my petitions. My God has the answers to my questions and the solutions to my problems. He has promised that all things will work together for good in the end. My God would have been willing to die for me even if I were the only person on Earth. Who can understand our mighty God?

I am so grateful that HE>i.

*How thankful
I am that
He is greater
than I.*



MAX TORKELSEN

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

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NPUC HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Reyna Cruz stands outside of Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) in Wenatchee, Washington, with her four children and big smile. In a sense, they are the first fruits of three decisions she made last year. The first choice — her baptism in the spring of 2012 — led directly to the second: a commitment to provide an Adventist education for her children. But the cost was high, resources scarce, and Reyna’s husband, who was not yet a member, was justifiably concerned.

A STEP OF FAITH

“I wanted something better for my kids,” she remembers. “Our budget said, ‘No!’ But God said, ‘Yes!’ It was very hard,” and she pauses in remembrance. “But,” she says with brightened face, “I stepped out in faith, and God made it possible.”

One important factor helped strengthen her faith. Her pastor mentioned that a new resource was available to help Hispanic families like hers enroll their children in an Adventist school. He encouraged her toward a third decision — applying for the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Hispanic K-12 Scholarship Program.

This scholarship fund was initially set up for the 2011-12 school year as a response to a growing awareness of a fast-growing need. Not only were Hispanic converts the leading edge of Adventist Church growth in the Northwest, but many of those families were having insurmountable challenges in placing their children in Christian education.

A NEED AND AN OPPORTUNITY

Lanny Hurlbert, NPUC vice president for education, saw the need and found an opportunity. Working with other




Andrea, Yerlin, Reyna, Jaysen and Jailene Cruz are happily connected to Cascade Christian Academy in part due to the North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic Scholarship fund.

church leaders, he earmarked a portion of educational subsidies to establish the scholarship fund for Hispanic children in need. The plan provides \$300 from the NPUC for each elementary school applicant and \$600 for each in secondary education. Those amounts are matched with funds from the local school and an additional \$100 (elementary) or \$200 (secondary) from the local church. With annual costs for tuition and fees averaging several thousand dollars, this fund is only a portion of the answer. But this additional resource of \$700–\$1,400 toward each child’s tuition may indeed be the deciding factor to help Hispanic families keep their children at an Adventist school.

“If we don’t take advantage of this first generation of Hispanic young people,” says Hurlbert, “we will miss an incredible opportunity.” He echoes evidence that the more years these children are in public school, the greater the likelihood they will eventually leave the church. “I want our Hispanic members, the fastest growing segment of our church, to think about Adventist education as their first option,” he says. “Let’s prayerfully invest a modest amount now to provide a greater potential that these children will grow as active members for life.”

AN AMAZING RESPONSE

The response so far has been gratifying. During the 2012–13 school year, nearly 400 Hispanic students were enrolled in Adventist schools and receiving help from these scholarship funds. These



Reyna Cruz, recent Adventist convert, stepped out in faith to put her four children in an Adventist school. All are now baptized members.

\$164,500 Hispanic Scholarship funds provided in 2012–13

Nearly 400 Hispanic students helped

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- IDAHO — 12
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Elementary Student — \$700

- School — \$300
- Local Church — \$100
- NPUC — \$300

Secondary Student — \$1,400

- School — \$600
- Local Church — \$200
- NPUC — \$600

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were students from families who had demonstrated a measurable need for the added help from this partnership of union conference, school and local church.

Tracy Ringering, CCA treasurer, says that, in general, requests from families needing financial assistance are going up. About one-third of the students enrolled require some form of assistance. Even with NPUC subsidies and local church worthy student funds, CCA digs deep to provide what Tracy calls “sacrificial grants.” In other words, it provides more assistance dollars than are budgeted. “We have never turned anyone away that truly needs assistance,” she says. “And, our parents know that even as they are stretching well beyond their comfort zone to pay for Adventist education, the school is too.”

GOD HAS PROVIDED EVERY TIME

Ringering has a lot on her plate, as do all academy treasurers. She has a “to-do” list out the door, coupled with a CPA’s commitment to get every detail perfect. In spite of that and the constant challenge to make ends meet, she is not losing sleep. “I’m not wringing my hands. I’m giving all of our needs to God. And He has provided every time.”

Reyna Cruz can second that thought. When she enrolled her four children at CCA this school year, she knew the financial burden would be heavier than she could imagine. But with assistance from the NPUC Hispanic Scholarship, CCA and her local church, she took the plunge, investing Yerlin, Jailene, Andrea and Jayson in Adventist education.

AN ENTIRE FAMILY BAPTIZED

And with that added burden, why is she smiling now? Here are five important reasons: In February, all four precious children were baptized — along with Reyna’s husband. One single church member, one investment of faith, has within one year’s time grown to an entire family, six church members — in part due to the commitment to Adventist education.

Asked if she plans for her children to be back at CCA for the upcoming school year, Reyna flashes a smile. “Absolutely,” she exclaims. “As God provides.”

DAVID’S

Miracle

David Cruz recently finished his freshman year at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA), in Portland, Oregon. He calls it his miracle year.

He is the youngest of five. His father is a carpenter, and his mother owns a small restaurant where David works to help the family. “They give me what I need,” he says with a contagious grin. “Not necessarily what I want, but what I need. And that’s good, ya know?”

David is an upbeat teenager who enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing sports. He takes his schoolwork seriously and has pride as he demonstrates the marble roller coaster he designed in science class or how to work the pottery wheel in the art lab. David stays busy with his youth group at Oregon’s Milwaukie Spanish Church. Every Friday after school, they meet to practice music for church the next day.



AN ANSWERED PRAYER

When David first mentioned PAA to his parents, he knew it was a lot to ask. His father told him the probability of him attending wasn’t high but to never give up. He encouraged David to give it to God and be at peace. “What happens, happens,” his father said.

“A week before Academy Day, I pleaded with God. I told Him I don’t know where I’m going or what’s going to happen. But if you’re going to step in, do it now.”

Academy Day came. David experienced PAA and felt like he belonged.

At the final assembly, a crowded room held their breath as the scholarship drawing was announced.

“I couldn’t believe it,” says David, “but they drew my name. I just thought ‘how is this possible?’ I was so touched and knew immediately it was my answer to prayer.”

Liesl Vistaunet



David Cruz demonstrates how to work the pottery wheel.



David Cruz invites PAA students to Worship Fest, an Oregon Conference youth festival, for which David's worship band played.

It was David's miracle. With God-led confidence, David Cruz applied to PAA, and doors began to open.

MIRACLES ARE PEOPLE

As it turns out, miracles are people. They are the people who believe in the power of Adventist education and young people like David Cruz.

David is only one of 29 PAA students benefiting from the North Pacific Union Conference's Hispanic Student Scholarships and one of 63 being helped with PAASS (Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship).

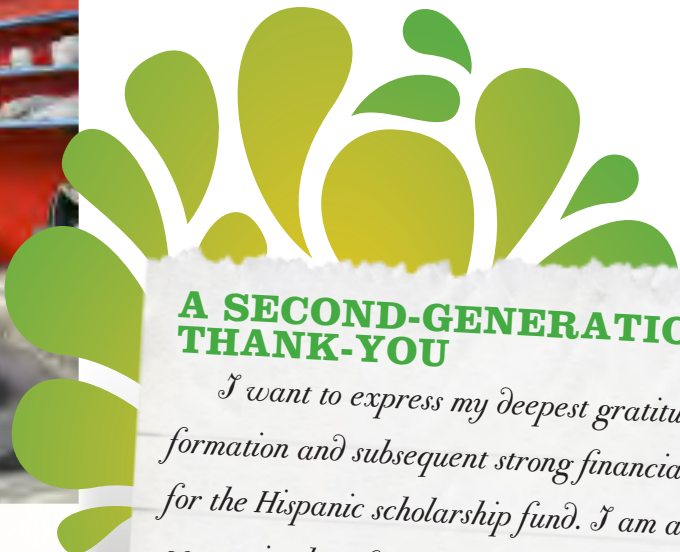
If not for scholarships, David would attend a nearby public school with a student count of a small city and a shortage of teachers. But at PAA, teachers know him by name, and they know how to encourage him to grow academically and spiritually.

"Before I came to PAA," he says, "it was tough for me to express myself. It was hard for me to talk to God and tell Him what's happening in my heart. But I've changed. Now I dig deep, give Him all and let it out.

"The generosity of people who give to student scholarships is everything to me. There are just no words to describe how I feel about them. There are no words."

David's miracle year is just one story. And it is far from over.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



A SECOND-GENERATION THANK-YOU

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the formation and subsequent strong financial support for the Hispanic scholarship fund. I am a second-generation beneficiary of the financial help my mother received a number of years ago.

Born in Mexico, the youngest of four, her humble Mayan father and proud mestizo mother — both without formal education — emphasized the importance of education. Upon graduating from high school, my mother boarded a bus and headed to enroll at the University of Montemorelos. As a result of scholarships she received, much like the Hispanic scholarship established through the North Pacific Union Conference, she graduated with a master's degree in teaching and went on to become an elementary school teacher.

Today, I am blessed to have had grandparents who were dedicated to education and by my mother's faith in enrolling, when the finances didn't add up, as a result of someone's foresight to establish financial scholarships to make her attendance a reality.

Don Mansell, Livingstone Adventist Academy vice president for finance

UNA INVERSIÓN

PARA LA *Este* *nidad*

Reyna Cruz, se detiene afuera de la Academia Cascade (CCA) en Wenatchee, Washington, con sus cuatro hijos y con una gran sonrisa en su rostro. En cierto sentido, son los primeros frutos de tres decisiones que hizo el año pasado. La primera decisión fue su bautismo en la primavera del 2012. Esta decisión condujo directamente a la segunda — el compromiso de proporcionar una educación Adventista para sus hijos. Pero el costo era alto, los recursos escasos, y el esposo de Reyna, que todavía no era miembro, estaba justificadamente preocupado.

UN PASO DE FE

“Yo quiero algo mejor para mis hijos,” recuerda ella. “Nuestro presupuesto dice que no, pero Dios dice que sí. Fue muy difícil.” Hace una pausa para recordarse de esos tiempos. “Di un paso de fe, y Dios lo hizo posible.”

Un factor importante que contribuyó a fortalecer su fe fue cuando su pastor le mencionó que había un nuevo recurso disponible para ayudar a las familias hispanas como la de ella a inscribir a sus hijos en una escuela Adventista. El pastor la animó hacia una tercera decisión, hacer la solicitud del programa de becas para hispanos K-12 de la Unión del Pacífico Norte (NPUC).

Este fondo de becas fue creado inicialmente para el año escolar 2011-12, como respuesta a la necesidad por el rápido crecimiento. Los hispanos, los cuales son los que tienen el mayor crecimiento en la Iglesia Adventista en el Noroeste, también tienen muchas familias que están pasando por dificultades insuperables en la educación Cristiana de sus hijos.

UNA NECESIDAD Y UNA OPORTUNIDAD

Lanny Hurlbert, vicepresidente del departamento de educación en la NPUC, vio la necesidad y encontró una oportunidad. Trabajando con otros



Andrea, Yerlin, Reyna, Jaysen and Jailene Cruz están felizmente conectados a la Academia Cascade y en cierta manera gracias al fondo especial de la Unión del Pacífico Norte.

líderes de iglesias, destinó una parte de los subsidios educativos para establecer el fondo de becas para los niños hispanos que necesitan ayuda. El plan ofrece \$300 de parte de NPUC para cada estudiante de primaria y \$600 para cada estudiante en la educación secundaria. Estas cantidades son igualadas con fondos de la escuela local y \$100 adicionales para estudiantes de la primaria o \$200 para estudiantes de secundaria de la iglesia local. Con los costos anuales de matrícula y cuotas promedio de varios miles de dólares, este fondo es sólo una parte de la respuesta. Pero este recurso adicional de \$700-\$1,400 para la matrícula de cada niño, puede ser, en realidad, el factor decisivo para ayudar a las familias hispanas a mantener a sus hijos en la escuela adventista.

“Si no aprovechamos esta primera generación de jóvenes hispanos,” dice Hurlbert, “vamos a perder una oportunidad increíble.” Las evidencias demuestran que mientras mas tiempo estos niños pasen en escuelas públicas, mayor será la probabilidad de que eventualmente salgan de la iglesia. “Yo quisiera que nuestros miembros hispanos piensen en la educación Adventista como su primera opción, pues ellos son el grupo de más rápido crecimiento de nuestra iglesia,” dice Hurlbert. “Oremos para que al invertir una cantidad modesta, se pueda proporcionar un mayor potencial para que estos niños crezcan como miembros activos.”

UNA RESPUESTA INCREÍBLE

La respuesta hasta el momento ha sido gratificante. Durante el año escolar 2012-13, cerca de 400 estudiantes hispanos fueron matriculados

Reyna Cruz, recientemente convertida al evangelio, tomó un paso de fe para inscribir a sus cuatro hijos en una escuela Adventista. Ahora todos son miembros bautizados.

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NPUC — \$600

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en las escuelas Adventistas y recibieron ayuda de estos fondos. Estos estudiantes provenían de familias que habían demostrado necesidad de ayuda adicional en este plan de ayuda escolar entre la Unión del Pacífico Norte, la escuela y la iglesia local.

Tracy Ringering, tesoro de CCA, dice que las solicitudes de las familias que necesitan ayuda financiera están aumentando. Alrededor de un tercio de los estudiantes matriculados requieren algún tipo de asistencia. Incluso, con los subsidios de la NPUC y los fondos de las iglesias locales destinados para estudiantes necesitados, CCA busca los medios para proporcionar lo que Tracy llama “donaciones de sacrificio.” En otras palabras, proporciona más dólares para asistencia estudiantil que lo que se ha presupuestado. “Nunca hemos rechazado a alguien que realmente necesita la ayuda,” dice Ringering. “Y los padres saben que aún cuando ellos están haciendo todo lo que pueden para pagar por la educación Adventista, la escuela también está poniendo de su parte.”

DIOS HA PROVISTO EN CADA MOMENTO

Ringering tiene una gran responsabilidad, al igual que todos los tesoreros de las academias. Ella tiene una lista de cosas para hacer, y el compromiso como CPA para tener todos los detalles a la perfección. A pesar de eso y el desafío constante de pagar todas las facturas a fin de cada mes, no está perdiendo el sueño. “No estoy cruzada de brazos. Estoy dejando todas estas necesidades en las manos de Dios. Y Él ha proporcionado todo el tiempo.”

Reyna Cruz puede confirmar lo que dice Tracy. Cuando inscribió a sus cuatro hijos en CCA en este año escolar, ella sabía que la carga financiera sería más pesada de lo que podía imaginar. Pero gracias a la ayuda del fondo especial de la NPUC, CCA y a su iglesia local, hicieron la decisión de invertir en Yerlin, Jailene, Andrea y Jeyson en la educación Adventista.

UNA FAMILIA ENTERA ES BAUTIZADA

Y con esa carga adicional, ¿por qué sonrío hoy? Hay cinco razones importantes: En febrero, los cuatro preciosos hijos de Reyna, junto con su esposo, fueron bautizados. En el plazo de un año, con un solo miembro de iglesia y una inversión de fe, cinco nuevos miembros se han añadido a la iglesia, y parte de este compromiso fue gracias a la educación Adventista.

Cuando se le preguntó a Reyna si ella pensaba inscribir a sus hijos en la academia Adventista el próximo año escolar, Reyna sonrió y exclamo, “Absolutamente, en la medida en que Dios provea.”

EL Milagro DE DAVID

David Cruz acaba de terminar su primer año en la Academia Adventista de Portland (PAA). Él le llama su año milagroso.

Él es el más pequeño de cinco hermanos. Su padre es carpintero, y su madre es dueña de un pequeño restaurante donde él trabaja para ayudar su familia. “Ellos me dan lo que yo necesito,” dice David con una sonrisa contagiosa. “No necesariamente lo que yo quiero, sino lo que yo necesito. Y eso es lo mejor.”

David es un adolescente alegre que disfruta salir con sus amigos y jugar deportes. Toma su trabajo escolar en serio y tiene mucha satisfacción cuando muestra la montaña rusa de mármol que hizo en la clase de ciencias, o cuando trabaja con la cerámica en el laboratorio de arte. David se mantiene muy ocupado con el grupo de jóvenes en la Iglesia Hispana de Milwaukie, Oregon. Todos los viernes después de la escuela, se reúnen para practicar los cantos para el culto del día siguiente.



Liesl Vistaunet

ORACION CONTESTADA

Cuando David les mencionó por primera vez a sus padres del interés en estudiar en PAA, sabía que estaba pidiendo mucho.

Su padre le dijo que la probabilidad de que el atendiera no era alta, pero que nunca se diera por vencido. El padre le aconsejó que lo pusiera en las manos de Dios. “Lo que sucede, sucede,” dijo su padre.

“Una semana antes del Día de Academia, le rogué a Dios. Le dije que no sabía dónde iba a ir o lo que iba a suceder. Pero si Él iba a intervenir, ahora era el momento adecuado.”

Llego el día, del Día de Academia, y David pudo experimentar PAA y sentía que pertenecía allí.

En la asamblea final, el lugar estaba lleno de gente deteniendo la respiración porque esperaban el anuncio del ganador del sorteo de una beca. “No lo podía creer,” dice David, “pero sacaron mi nombre. Pensé, ¿cómo es posible? Yo estaba tan emocionado y de inmediato me di cuenta que mi oración había sido contestada.”

Era el milagro de David.

Con su confianza puesta en Dios, David Cruz aplicó a PAA y las puertas comenzaron a abrirse.

Liesl Vistaunet



David Cruz muestra cómo funciona la rueda de cerámica.



David Cruz invita a los estudiantes de PAA al Festival de Adoración de los jóvenes de la Conferencia de Oregon para el cual el grupo musical de David toca.

PERSONAS TAMBIÉN HACEN MILAGROS

Los milagros son personas. Son las personas que creen en el poder de la educación Adventista y en los jóvenes como David Cruz.

David es sólo uno de los 29 estudiantes de PAA que se beneficia de becas para estudiantes hispanos de la Unión del Pacífico Norte y uno de 63 que ayudan con la beca de estudiantes (Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship).

Si no fuera por estas becas, David asistiría a una escuela pública cercana con un número de estudiantes de una pequeña ciudad y la escasez de maestros. Pero en PAA los profesores lo conocen por nombre, y saben cómo animarlo a crecer académicamente y espiritualmente.

“Antes de ser estudiante de PAA era difícil para mí expresarme. Era difícil para mí hablar con Dios y decirle lo que estaba pasando en mi corazón. Pero yo he cambiado,” dice David. “Ahora busco a Dios profundamente y le entrego todo a Él.

“No existen palabras para expresar mi agradecimiento a estas personas que con tanta generosidad aportan donaciones a estas becas para estudiantes como yo. No hay palabras.”

El milagro de David es sola una historia. Y aún no termina.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER corresponsal



UNA SEGUNDA GENERACIÓN DE AGRADECIMIENTO

Quiero expresar mi más profunda gratitud por haber establecido y subsecuentemente apoyado el fondo financiero de becas para estudiantes Hispánicos. Yo soy un beneficiario de segunda generación de la ayuda financiera que recibió mi madre hace muchos años.

Nacido en México, el más joven de cuatro hijos, su humilde padre de descendencia Maya y su madre de descendencia mestiza, — ambos sin educación formal — enfatizaron la importancia de la educación Adventista. Después de haberse graduado de la escuela secundaria, mi madre subió a un autobús y se dirigió hacia la Universidad de Montemorelos donde se inscribió. Como resultado de las becas estudiantiles que ella recibió, muy parecidas al programa de becas para Hispánicos establecidas en la Unión del Pacífico Norte, ella se graduó con una maestría en educación llegó a ser una maestra de escuela primaria.

Hoy, me siento muy bendecido por haber tenido abuelos que se preocupaban por la educación Adventista y por la fe de mi madre al inscribirse en la universidad cuando financieramente no era posible. Mi madre tuvo la oportunidad de asistir la universidad gracias a la bondad y previsión de las personas que establecieron estas becas.

Don Mansell, Livingstone Adventist Academy vice president for finance

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‘Jesús, El Más Fuerte Que Todo’

Fue muy inspirador ver a nuestros amigos visitantes y a cada uno de los miembros de las iglesias de mi distrito, llegar puntualmente cada noche a las reuniones de Evangelismo Navideño. Y desafiando las inclemencias de la época, con lluvia, nieve y mucho frío, más de 117 personas llegaban para ser inspirados con los temas del pastor Jerizin DePeña.

Estas conferencias se realizaron del 8 al 15 de diciembre del 2012, en la iglesia de College Place, Wash., y con la ayuda y colaboración de las iglesias de Milton-Freewater, Ore., y Walla Walla, Wash. Cada congregación aportó



Gerizin DePeña y el grupo de adoración.

de sus dones y talentos para adorar a “Jesús, el más fuerte que todo,” el cual es el supremo y verdadero objetivo navideño y que también fue el título de la serie.

Tres congregaciones fueron las que participamos, sin embargo, trabajamos como un sólo equipo. La iglesia de College Place trabajó y sirvió como anfitrión y también formó un equipo decorador, el cual preparó el escenario dándole un toque profesional.

Las cámaras de filmación rodaron para captar cada momento del evento, lanzándolas al Internet una noche más tarde.

Los miembros de la iglesia de Walla Walla formaron parte del equipo que cada noche atendía a los amigos visitantes, los cuales eran traídos por amigos y por familiares. Los jóvenes y algunos adultos de las iglesias de College Place y

Milton-Freewater fueron los que formaron parte del grupo de adoración, los cuales nos inspiraron cada noche con hermosos cantos de alabanza y también con el hermoso himno tema, “Jesús, Jesús.”

El Espíritu Santo hizo sentir Su poderosa presencia entre nosotros, trayendo a las almas y llenando el auditorio cada noche. Fue emocionante ver a niños, jóvenes y adultos decididos a seguir a “Jesús, el más fuerte que todo.”

Alabamos el nombre de Dios por el gran privilegio de ser parte de Su pueblo. Y siendo que en la época de navidad es cuando nuestros corazones están aún más sensibles y dispuestos a escuchar la palabra de Dios, en esta ocasión no fue la excepción pues pudimos ver Su mano poderosa obrando en la vida de cada uno de nuestros amigos visitantes, así como en cada uno de los miembros de las iglesias representadas. Para gloria de Dios, siete nuevas almas vinieron a sus pies por medio del bautismo.

Kessle Hodgson Sr., pastor en la Conferencia de Upper Columbia

Gloria Rubio siendo bautizada por Basilio Reyes, pastor.



Radio Ministry in Alaska Experiences Dramatic Growth

For some years, Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, had asked Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Conference communication director, to explore all avenues for better-performing FCC Part 15 AM solutions that could develop radio ministry.

Different challenges have presented themselves in the past five years; signal strength issues, extreme climate equipment exposures, reliability of radio equipment and host issues have hindered network expansion.

On a cold Tuesday morning in March of this year, Brandin Hess, a retired Army communications specialist, was passing through Anchorage on his way to Kodiak and came to the conference office. Hess

shared about his experience with installing low-power AM transmitters in arctic villages. It was God-sent that Hess arrived at such an opportune time and accepted the challenge to develop a reliable radio network in the remote parts of Alaska.

Alaska now has 16 low-power FM radio repeater stations, seven full commercial-grade FM radio stations and three TV repeater stations. Also, GCI Cable TV (Channel 125) and MTA Cable TV (Channel 95) agreed to carry 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) as a bonus channel to their basic packages.

Since early March, the installation of Hope/Lifetalk radio has been broadcast at the conference office, Homer,



Brandin Hess, retired Army communications specialist, brought the skills the Alaska Conference needed to start a statewide radio ministry.

Kotzebue, Shungnak, Kodiak, Soldotna and Valdez, all on AM 1610, and in Ketchikan at AM 1700.

The Alaska Conference administrators are grateful for the support of churches, organizations and donors who

have invested in this visionary project on the cold airwaves of a vast mission field.

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Conference communication director

Palmer Church Presents Prophecy Seminar

The Palmer Church recently completed a successful prophecy seminar. Led by North Pacific Union Conference evangelist Jason Morgan, the meetings were held five nights a week throughout February. Attendance by both members and interested community members remained strong throughout the series.

Morgan used Daniel and Revelation as the platform to show how God has led throughout history and is even now in control of end-time

events. Nightly presentations were solidly biblical, encouraging participants to look up many texts in support of the gospel. His emphasis on Jesus as Savior, along with the promptings of the Holy Spirit, led many — 22 so far — to choose baptism.

According to Aaron Payne, Palmer Church pastor, “Our new members are embracing our church and getting involved.” Many are attending the new believers Sabbath School class and are finding

ways of serving in the church.

Palmer Church members helped to prepare for the series by participating in a prayer ministry leading up to Morgan’s arrival. Each member was challenged to pray for five people for five months before the meetings. The “Five for Five” program asked members to identify individuals or families they would pray for on a daily basis in preparation for the meetings. Many individuals were brought before God on a daily basis. The Holy

Spirit moved several of these people to attend the seminar and find a deeper walk with God.

The Palmer Church welcomes prayers as it plans another evangelistic series next year as part of its ongoing emphasis on intentional soul-winning.

Rick Jordan, Palmer Church communication leader

Idaho Falls Becomes 'Empty Desk School'

The Idaho Falls Adventist School took on a new nickname this year: The Empty Desk School. The 2012–13 school year began with only five students. But the school board decided to begin a prayer plan for the enrollment.

A desk was placed in the classroom, and the school family began to pray for the student God would send who needed to be in that empty seat. Shortly after starting this, two students joined the class.

So a new desk was set out, and prayers continued. By then, students were asking about this desk and eagerly adding their voices to morning and afternoon prayers.



Following a prayer campaign for more students to attend Idaho Falls Adventist School, nine new students enrolled, including these seven: (from left) Yuleidy Hernandez, Josue Gonzalez, Raul Valle, Saul Valle, Javier Gonzalez, Ignacio Brambila and Vianca Brambila.

God answered this prayer request — the first-ever prayer request for most of the students — the very next day by bringing a new fifth-grader.

The joy and excitement in the kids' faces in seeing that God had heard their prayer and answered so quickly gave them even more enthusiasm to

continue the project. So they continued to pray and place empty desks, until they finally had to stop — the school was out of room.

God blessed Idaho Falls Adventist School with an enrollment of 14 kids this year — from five to 14, all because they stepped out in faith that there were students who needed this school. They just had to pray that God would bring them.

And the question the kids want to know the most about next year? "Where will our empty desk go?"

Melissa Sturgis, Idaho Falls Adventist School principal

BVAS Rolls Out the Red Carpet

Boise Valley Adventist School (BVAS) rolled out the red carpet on Sunday, April 21, to welcome guests to their seventh annual fundraiser dinner and auction. The theme for the evening was the Red Carpet Gala, as the proceeds

from the evening will be used to purchase new flooring for the school. The evening consisted of tasty food catered by a local restaurant, an assortment of items for purchase, good fellowship and lots of fun.

BVAS was able to recruit

the junior class of Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) to help with the event. Their cheerful attitude and willingness to help added to the success of the evening and was a true testament to the heart and character of the GSAA students.

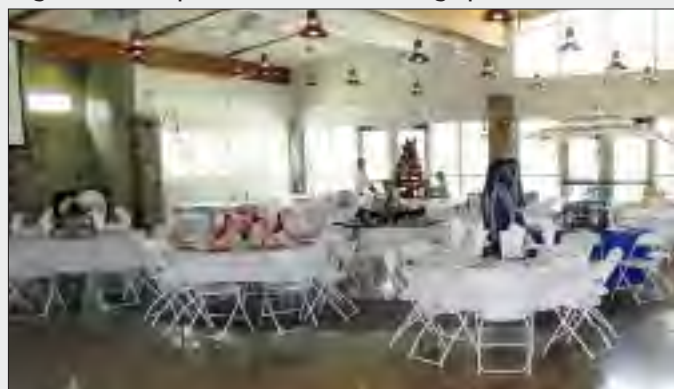
Beyond the food and fellowship, many were touched by the generous contributions of those in attendance and felt an overwhelming sense of support for the school. "The current economic status is making it tough on many families; however, this event exemplified the continual giving spirit that the BVAS family possesses," commented Gerry Essink, gala fundraising coordinator.



Gem State Adventist Academy juniors prepare to help serve guests of the gala dinner.

Overall, those in attendance noted that God has blessed the Boise community with a great facility to nurture its students and continues to bless the school with the resources to maintain it.

Melanie Lawson, Boise Valley Adventist School teacher



A gala event requires extra care in setting up.

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Treasure Found for Treasure Valley School

It was my first day on the board of Treasure Valley Adventist School in Payette, Idaho, and we were discussing the need to raise at least \$1,800.

Hearing that sum, I laughed aloud. "You guys are pathetic!" I said. They looked at me in shock, so I clarified, "We can do better; \$1,800 is only pocket change."

We needed big money to supply big needs, so I decided we would hold a potato feed and silent auction. I made a mental list of friends who would help me, whether they wanted to or not.

We asked the Lord to bless as we created a narrow list of items the school desperately needed — three new air systems, carpet to replace what duct tape

was holding together, and replacements for our 12- to 15-year-old computers.

In December, I started calling area businesses and sending event flyers. The response was encouraging. Even a business 50 miles away said "yes" to our request for a donation.

I asked a Home Depot manager about a corporate gift. "Well, we do not do donations, but we give on a need basis only," he answered. "What do you need?" I immediately started down the list. When I came to carpet, he simply stated, "We can do that."

My mouth dropped open. We received the whole 370 yards, worth \$4,000. We just had to pay for installation.

The donations kept coming, including food for the



With God's guidance and blessings, the benefit dinner and auction far surpassed Treasure Valley Adventist School's original fundraising goal.

dinner and more than 140 items to auction. Our entire church pulled together to help.

We ended up raising \$8,500 beyond the \$4,000

in carpet — just enough to replace the two air systems above the classrooms. We will hold another auction next year to raise funds for the third air system and pursue a computer donation.

Treasure Valley Adventist School's 16 students sold just over 200 tickets themselves. Why? Because they love their school and teachers, and they love to learn about Jesus every day.

With God all things are possible. Each person involved in this event was just a willing vessel, and \$12,500 was raised because God's hand was in it.

Cindy Grimaldo, Treasure Valley Adventist School fundraiser coordinator



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Miles City Experiences Radio Miracle

The Miles City Church pastor was contacted in 2007 about the possibility of applying for a local radio station. But there was not enough time to complete the required engineering study before the filing deadline. Though disappointed, church members kept praying about it.

About five months later they learned that the filing window had been postponed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the engineering study had already been done. With only days until the deadline, the application was completed. Members discovered the engineering study cost had also been covered.

The church faced another permit deadline to complete the project, and no building funds were available. But God had a plan even before they started. Ron Myers of Radio 74 Internationale said he would be there when the time came to build. The members' job was to pray and raise money.

Through much prayer and God's leading, money started coming in. The Montana Conference even offered a match if a certain amount was raised by December 2012.

Myers came to Miles City to scout a transmitter site. A local two-way radio tech knew of a tower, and an agreement was reached with the owner.



Local elder Jim Danielsen, Radio 74 Internationale's Ron Myers and Dan Nelson, pastor, help work on the site of the new Miles City radio station.

The 170-foot tower is located 10 miles east of Miles City on a high ridge of hills. The site

provides a 50–60 mile coverage radius with much lower power and cost than the original site studied. It is obvious God chose this area because it would become a thoroughfare for the oil boom in western North Dakota.

With the help of local church members, Myers assembled and installed the antenna system on the tower in January 2013. On April 12, KQQM 88.3 FM began broadcasting the good news of God's Word in cooperation with Radio 74 Internationale.

God has done it all; He just invited the local church to be part of His project.

Rudy Fallang, Miles City Church head elder

Children's Ministries Leaders Enjoy Workshop

The weekend of April 5–7 was a special one for those working in Montana with the children in their churches. That was the

Montana children's ministries leaders explore a variety of topics during the three-day Children's Ministries Workshop.



MARILYN DELINGER

weekend of the Children's Ministries Workshop at the Montana Conference office in Bozeman.

After a soup and cornbread

supper, the program started with a short worship time presented by Barry Taylor, Montana Conference church ministries director. Then Sherri Uhrig, Oregon Conference children's ministries director, presented *You Lost Me*, covering why we are losing young people and steps to keep them focused on Jesus and in our churches.

On Sabbath, Phyllis Washington, North American Division children's ministries director, and Uhrig presented topics on communicating with children, mentoring children, current issues in dealing with children's

safety — including the new background check, *Shield the Vulnerable* — and a session on understanding the post-modern child.

One of the things that the participants seemed to enjoy was the afternoon presentation and practice on teaching children to hold a health expo.

Sunday morning was a fun, hands-on training session for this year's new Vacation Bible School, Investigation Station.

Marilyn Delinger, Montana Conference children's ministries coordinator

A Hearty Breakfast, the Word of God and Baseball

It was a rainy February afternoon in Oregon, and I longed for springtime and baseball season to begin. My students know I love baseball and how that love is intensified whenever my son or former Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES) student Beau Day are playing. I thought watching Beau and the Oregon State University (OSU) Beavers play would be good therapy, so I went online to check the schedule.

As I searched the website, my attention was grabbed by a featured video, *Inside Corner With Matt Boyd: A Day in the Life of a Player*. Only a few minutes into the video, this Beaver player said, “I begin each day with a hearty breakfast and the Word of God.” The video showed how Matt puts family first and ball-playing second. What a role model, I thought.

One morning I was reading from Tony Dungy’s book



Nancy Stinson’s first-graders meet with Oregon State University baseball player Matt Boyd.

Uncommon Life about using your platform, however big or small, to glorify God. I wanted Matt to have a copy of the book.

I shared about Matt and his team with my first-grade class, and we prayed that Matt would continue to share his love of God. The next day, a student asked us to pray again for Matt. Thus began my weekly Monday morning “Beaver Baseball Briefing,”

with a weekend game report and prayer for Matt and his team.

In our class we give “heart-prints” to thank, encourage or support others. The students wrote “heart-prints” to Matt. Their expressions of love for Jesus and others, their questions and their pictures were priceless. One child drew Matt pitching surrounded by angels with the caption, “God’s Angel Army is always by your

side.” We sent the letters and devotional book to Matt, not expecting anything in return.

Imagine our surprise when we heard back from Matt! Matt sent each child an NCAA PAC-12 autographed baseball signed with his favorite Scripture — Psalm 18:2. His letter shared what joy our pictures and letters brought to him. He said he placed them in his locker as a reminder that he plays for reasons bigger than baseball.

When the OSU team came to Portland for an afternoon game, we headed to meet Matt and Beau, who were so kind and made the kids feel special. We ended our visit holding hands and praying to our heavenly Father, who brought us together.

We hope to have Matt visit our school this fall to share his love of God.

Nancy Stinson, PAES first-grade teacher





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New Members Bring Rejoicing in Grants Pass

The Grants Pass Church rejoiced on April 27, welcoming six new members through baptism and a seventh through profession of faith. Ingrid Grünheid, Emily Martin, Ronnie Fitzpatrick, Mikayla Gatt, Mary Ashley, Don Beaudin and Paul Kelly publicly dedicated their lives to Jesus on what was a very high Sabbath.

Grünheid, Ashley and Kelly were drawn to the Adventist faith by viewing programs on Better Life Television. Their stories are three more testimonies to the power of this television ministry. Beaudin joins his wife, Shelly, and son Donny in membership at the Grants



The baptismal group included (from left) Paul Kelly, Ingrid Grünheid, Emily Martin, Grants Pass pastor Christian Martin, Ronnie Fitzpatrick, Mikayla Gatt, Mary Ashley and Don Beaudin.

Pass Church. The Beaudin family has been attending the church for some time; Donny

was baptized just last year.

Martin, Gatt and Fitzpatrick are eighth-grade students

at the Grants Pass Adventist School. They had been studying for baptism for about a year with Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church pastor, after making their pledge to follow Jesus at a spring week of prayer at the school. The three have been close friends since kindergarten and were baptized together by Martin. The next day, they traveled to Seattle, Wash., with the eighth-grade class for their graduation trip. In the past five years, 23 students at the Grants Pass Adventist School have been baptized.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



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PAA Holds Fifth and Best Annual Service Day



Juniors Lauryn Maher (left) and Nick Gosney removed graffiti throughout a five-mile stretch near PAA.

The value placed on service at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) is demonstrated best in its annual service day, Inside/Out. PAA recently celebrated its fifth Inside/Out anniversary with more than 260 volunteers, including students, staff, parents and pastors.

Volunteers worked at homeless ministries and food banks, did landscaping for disabled and elderly people, and removed graffiti.

Inside/Out gives all students the chance to experience and be inspired by service. "It's like

taking the kids on a mission trip," says Heidi Woodworth, PAA staff member and Inside/Out coordinator. "We can't take them all to Fiji to build wells, but we can take them into the city."

"And this was the best year yet," Woodworth continues. "The kids came back so excited about the people they met, and the stories those people told were unbelievable."

One group helped a 97-year-old World War II veteran, a remarkable man who was one of the first American

soldiers to reach a Nazi concentration camp. He told how his African American friend saved him from being gunned down by a German soldier. He expressed the frustration he felt during our country's civil rights era and how it broke his heart.

Later, he pulled aside two students, both African American, and he handed each of them his official Bronze Star medals to keep.

"I was shocked when he gave it to me," said Kenalia Cooper, who recently started PAA's first African American Association. "Then he told me how much he admired my people, and he even got tears in his eyes. I did too, and we really connected on an emotional level."

"A story like that inspires all of us," says Woodworth. "Inside/Out is about helping the people in our city. But the



Trevor Isherwood, PAA sophomore, clears overgrown shrubs and trees at a disabled man's home.

remarkable thing is that we come back changed."

"I felt like it was a God moment," says Cooper. "You never know who you're going to meet. I made a friend, and I will never, ever forget him."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

During the service day event, Kenalia Cooper was gifted an official WWII Bronze Star by a 97-year-old veteran and American hero who shared a remarkable story with the group of students helping him. His arm is around Cooper in the background.



Central Valley Christian School Chooses Intentional Outreach

Central Valley Christian School in Tangent has offered Adventist education for more than 50 years. Many students have found Jesus while attending this school, but this year teachers are becoming intentional about inviting the students, 41 percent of whom are non-Adventist, to give their hearts to Jesus.

Recently a staff member read in a devotional by Dwight Nelson that 75 percent of all Christians in America today accepted Christ before age 14. That means the most fertile,

receptive target age group for all spiritual endeavor is before a child leaves elementary school.

The staff decided to make Easter extra special for one family new to the school. Often a non-Christian single mom working for barely minimum wage wouldn't apply to a private Christian school due to lack of funds. Thankfully, the Dandelion Fund was set up to help non-Adventist families afford tuition. A special boy's Bible was purchased for the older boy along with a Matthew DVD, his favorite new movie since watching it in class. His younger brother

received CDs with music and Bible stories.

Right after the boys were given the Easter surprise, they asked if they could begin coming to Sabbath School. The next week, the oldest asked to begin Bible studies.

All that fun prompted a teacher to buy a Bible for a non-Adventist student. "It was the best \$22 I ever spent," this junior high teacher explains. "The look on her face was priceless. She has an iPhone, an iPad, a laptop, a Kindle ... but not a Bible of her own. It was so simple, and yet she felt so valued."

Two other non-Adventist students, along with six others, are taking Bible studies after school from John Stitzel, a Bible worker at the Albany Church. Their parents are thrilled. "Sometimes meeting Jesus in a school is less threatening than stepping into a church,"

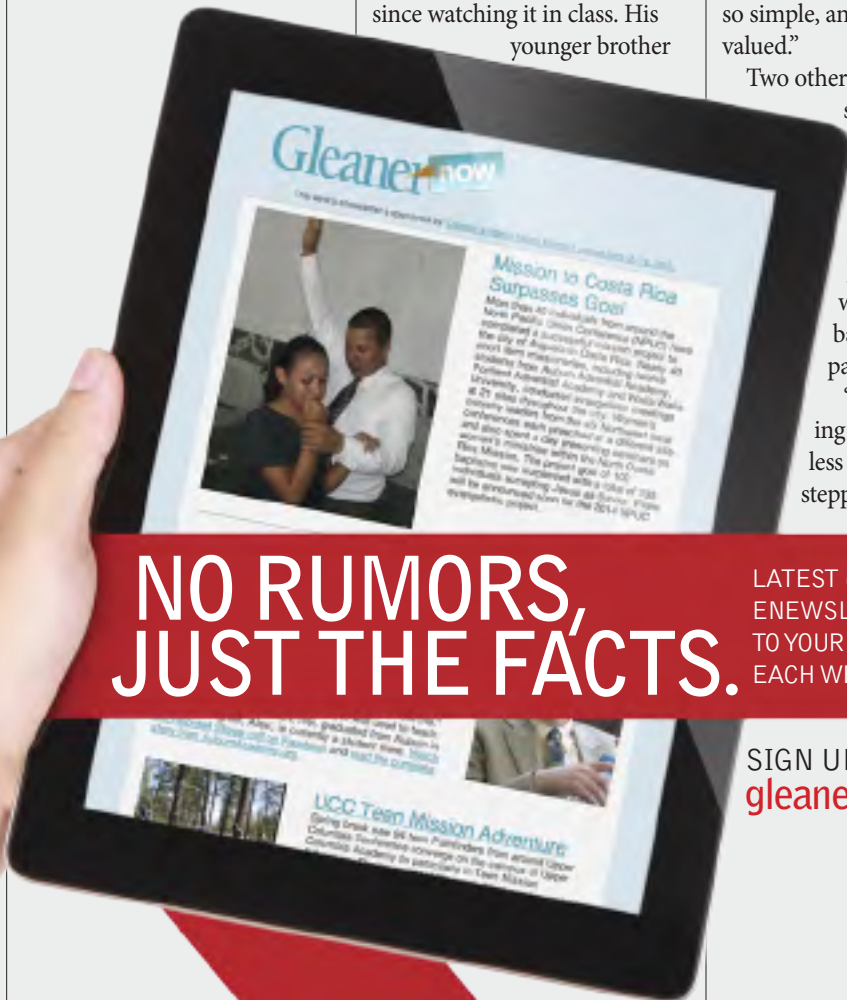


A Central Valley Christian School student displays the Bible he received as a gift from his teacher.

says one teacher. "It's the first step, and it's important to follow through and invite them to take the next step into church as well." Eight of 18 students took baptismal classes this year, and by this summer more than 75 percent of the whole class will be baptized.

The next step will be offering How to Give a Bible Study in 2014. Already a third of the junior high has signed up. We are told that, in the end times, the youth will lead the church, and that seems obvious at this small Adventist school in Tangent.

Lisa Sheldrake, Central Valley Christian School teacher



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Portland’s Sharon Church followed those directions and claimed that promise as the Cartasegna family dedicated their lives to Christ through baptism on March 30.

After watching countless hours of 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) and taking many weeks to look for a Sabbath-keeping church, the Cartasegna family visited the Sharon Church. They fell in love with the Sharon family from the very first visit. They expressed that they were blessed by the warmth of the members and the Spirit-filled worship.

Donald Cobbs, Sharon Church member



(From left) Kevin Rhamie, pastor; Miguel Mafla, son; Rod and Liana Castasegna, parents.



Ukuleles Bring New Sound

to Rivergate Music Education

The halls of Rivergate Adventist Elementary in Gladstone are alive with the sound of music — and not just any music. Dozens of ukuleles are bringing a little island style and a lot of enjoyment to the students' music education.

The ukulele program began several years ago, when the school lost its music teacher. Second- and third-grade teacher Sharilyn Smith wanted to ensure that her students still had access to music education, so parent Susan Custer offered to help. Since Custer had played the ukulele since childhood, she sought out an affordable source of instrument-quality ukuleles and began teaching Smith's students weekly.

"It was a creative approach to continue our music education program," explains Ann Campbell, principal.



(From left) Elizabeth Kovalenko, Zoe Custer, Lourdes Miner and Courtney Clark learn teamwork by playing in the advanced ukulele group.

Today, the program spans three classrooms and four grades. The ukulele groups perform both at school concerts and area churches.

Custer's original students, most of whom will be sixth-

graders this fall, form the advanced group. At this year's spring concert, they even provided accompaniment as the preschoolers sang. Two other parents, Amy Mocenacagi and Janelle Walch, have added their

expertise to help more classrooms continue in the older students' footsteps.

Smith reports an increase in students' self-esteem as they stretch themselves to learn an instrument. "Playing in a group builds a sense of community and helps students to feel that they belong to something bigger than themselves — a team, with a common goal," she says. "It has been a powerful way to help students to learn to cooperate with others and encourage each other."

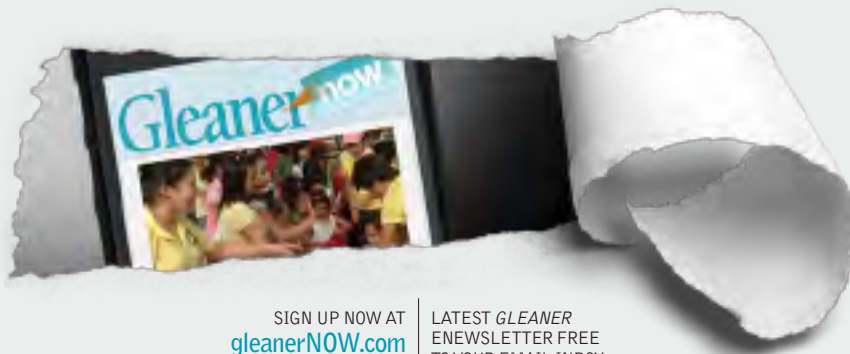
Parents like the ukuleles too. "This program gives students the chance to learn a musical instrument that is not intimidating, and they have fun doing it," says Lauren Smith, whose twins just finished their second year in the program. "Additionally, I really like that the cost to get involved is nominal and they are able to leave for the summer with a playable instrument."

The program has also expanded the musical interests of the teachers, several of whom are learning the ukulele along with their students.

In addition to the ukulele program, Rivergate students participate in choir, sign-language choir, bells and band. The school also offers on-campus private lessons in guitar, voice and piano.

Laurel Rogers, Rivergate Elementary parent

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UCA Students Open Eyes of the Blind

Twenty students from Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) spent their spring break in India on a mission trip themed “Opening the Eyes of the Blind.” Accompanied by staff members Dean and Lorrie Kravig and six parents, the students gave ShareHim evangelistic sermons and health talks every night, held a Vacation Bible School, and assisted at an eye clinic.

During the trip, each of the UCA students spoke at meetings held nightly at 13 preaching sites and reached 50 villages. About 2,000 people attended the meetings at all the sites combined. The students spoke in teams of two, with one student giving the health talk for



Dean Kravig, UCA teacher, has plenty of assistance while preparing for the evening ShareHim sermons that were preached at 13 different sites throughout India.

the night and the other student preaching the sermon with the help of a translator.

Despite the high cost of gasoline, attendees came from miles away on motorcycles or

in hired rickshaws. “Their level of commitment is humbling,” says Dean Kravig, UCA band teacher.

At the eye clinic, 1,400 people were screened for eye problems,

374 pairs of glasses were distributed and 498 cataract surgeries were funded.

The students’ eyes were being opened too. They learned many sobering facts about the Adventist school in Miryalaguda, where they lived during their two-week trip. Many of the Miryalaguda students haven’t been home for two years, yet they are still so excited about being able to get an Adventist Christian education.

More than 500 people were baptized during the mission, and the students returned with spiritually opened eyes.

Joe Hess, UCA GLEANER correspondent

UCA Foundation Provides Bright Future

Sending my boys to UCA [Upper Columbia Academy] was my finest dream,” says Debby Keeton, “but when my oldest was ready for high school, we found ourselves strapped. ... Then one providential day I met Mrs. Nelson [UCA vice president for finance]. She said, ‘You fill out this application, and I’ll see what I can do to come up with the resources.’”

Almost two years later, Taylor is a junior at UCA, in Spangle, Wash. Upper Columbia Academy Foundation (UCAF) is one of the funding sources that is making his mom’s dream come

true. During this past school year, UCAF invested more than \$50,000 in grants so 55 students (21 percent of the student body) are able to attend UCA.

UCAF was established in 2004 by UCA alumni who determined to establish an endowment to secure and advance the UCA mission for future generations.

Almost a decade later, UCAF has nearly \$1.5 million in assets and has awarded more than 400 grants and scholarships. “Finances must not be allowed to prevent our young people from participating in life-transforming Adventist education,” says

Doug Wells, UCAF president. “Our three- to five-year goal is to double the amount of our current endowment, and then the next goal will be to double that amount.” To facilitate that growth, UCAF recently hired a full-time executive director, Linda Klinger.

Stay tuned for the next chapter in UCAF’s exciting journey. Go to ucafoundation.org or like Upper Columbia Academy Foundation on Facebook.

Linda Klinger, UCA Foundation executive director



Debby Keeton discovered that, when finances were tight, the Upper Columbia Academy Foundation was able to provide additional funds to help her son Taylor stay enrolled at UCA.

Three Teachers to Join Rogers

Following the retirement of several teachers, Rogers Adventist School (RAS) in College Place, Wash., welcomes three new teachers for the 2013–14 school year.

“After considering a number of candidates through a thoughtful and diligent search, we are pleased to



Jody and Robin Browning

have these teachers join our team,” says Clare Thompson, RAS principal.

Robin Browning comes to Rogers from Montana to teach at the primary level. “I love the challenge of finding ways to engage every child in his or her own learning style,” she says. Browning enjoys incorporating exercise in her students’ daily activities. Browning and her husband, Jody, have four children, ranging in age from college to elementary school.

Toni Busby, a Rogers parent and classroom volunteer, is returning to teaching after taking time to raise her own three children. She will teach junior high language arts and math. “I love language arts, and junior high



Patti Short

students are my passion,” she says.

“Our students know that she cares about them and desires that they find a meaningful relationship with God,” says Thompson.

Patti Short comes from Tri-City Adventist School

in Pasco, Wash., where she taught fifth- and sixth-graders and directed first-class vocal and handbell choirs that toured extensively in the United States and abroad. “I love to help children discover and develop their God-given musical talents,” she says.

Lisa Krueger, Rogers Adventist School parent

Toni Busby



Milton-Stateline Celebrates History Night

On a recent April evening, 55 students brought history to life at Milton-Stateline Adventist School (MSAS), in Milton-Freewater, Ore. The brainchild of Leslie Briggs, MSAS principal and seventh- and eighth-grade history teacher, and Crystal Oltman, vice principal for student affairs and fifth- and sixth-grade teacher, History Night included more than 30 skits, active dioramas and “wax” figures.

A large audience watched and listened as Spartan generals

described their battles, William Clark and Meriwether Lewis recounted their travels, Egyptian market-goers argued over goods and prices, U.S. military forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, and much more. The first- and second-graders made and served salsa and tortilla chips at a station displaying things they’d learned about Mexico.

Early in the MSAS school year, the fifth- through eighth-grade history students chose historical characters or eras

especially interesting to them and then spent a significant portion of the year researching, planning and perfecting their personas, costumes and performances. Studying history in this in-depth and personal way made it come alive in an entirely new way for them. Sierra, a sixth-grader who studied Anne Frank, says, “I couldn’t believe Anne had to sit so quietly for so long and not play.”

In the end, teachers Oltman and Briggs felt the extra effort was entirely worth it.

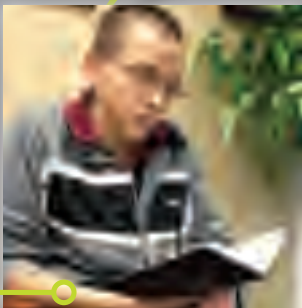
“This event was the product of project-based learning,” explains Briggs. “Its goal was to work toward a public presentation of what the students had been learning in their history classes throughout the year. The students really stepped up and made the evening a success.”

Crystal Oltman, fifth- and sixth-grade teacher, with Kristin Fry, MSAS parent

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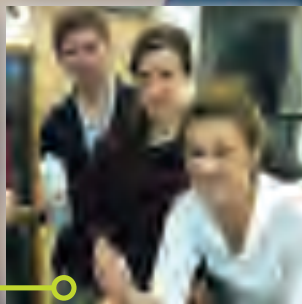
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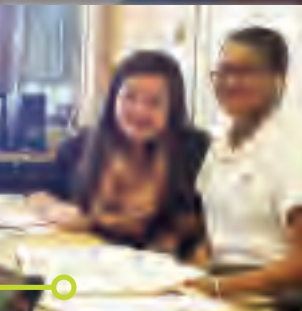
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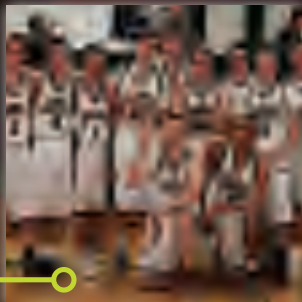
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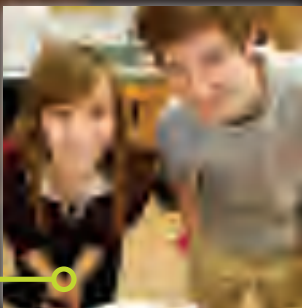
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Crestview Christian School Fills Moses Lake Church

With Music

For a small school, the variety of music these kids are performing is really amazing” a church member whispered to a teacher as Crestview Christian School (CCS) presented its spring musical program to the Moses Lake (Wash.) Church on April 13.

Children from K–6 sang in the choir, directed by Alden Olmsted. Their songs featured ukuleles as well as singing, and one song, “Drums of God,” was affectionately known as the whistling song. “The gift of music is a blessing to both the performer as well as their audience,” says Melissa Wallen, principal. “It’s wonderful for the students to share that gift



Alden Olmsted directs the CCS band as they present their spring concert in Moses Lake, Wash.

through worship on Sabbath.”

The first-grade students played “Peace Like a River” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” on the chimes at the direction of Jeff Wallen,

seventh- through ninth-grade teacher, who also directs the bell choir. “I love music,” says first-grader Gabby Whitney.

The concert concluded with music by the band and a sing-

along of “When We All Get to Heaven.”

Olmsted says he tries to model his music program after the principles outlined by Ellen White in her book *Education*: “To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul ...” (p. 15). He hopes the CCS program will prepare students to participate in music as they continue their Christian education at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash.

Marta Beaubien, Moses Lake Church children’s ministries director

Yakima Student Wins Essay Contest

Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS), along with many other schools in Washington’s Yakima Valley, was asked to participate in the National Day of Prayer essay contest. Students wrote on the topic “Why I Pray,” and one elementary and one secondary student would be chosen to share their essays at the National Day of Prayer gathering in Yakima.

YACS first-grader Luke Kwon’s essay was chosen, and he read it at the Mayor’s Prayer Luncheon on May 2. Kwon and his parents, Daniel and Kelly, were guests at the luncheon,

and his classmates went to support him as well. Kwon stood in front of a large gathering of Christian community leaders to share his reasons to pray. A link to a video of his reading is available at yacsschool.org

The school community was happy that Kwon was chosen to share his message with the community. They pray his straightforward message touched the hearts of the people who heard his thoughts on prayer.

Susan Bailey, YACS treasurer/secretary

WHY I PRAY

I pray so I can spend some time with God.

I pray so I can become better friends with God.

I pray because God is our Savior.

I pray because I love God.

I pray because I believe in God.

I pray because God is my

Shepherd.

I pray because God is the Highest.

I pray because God made us.

I pray because Jesus died for us.

I pray so I can go to heaven with Him.

I pray because God loves us.

— Luke Kwon, YACS first-grader

Essay organizer Dennis Crane introduces Luke Kwon as Kwon prepares to read his essay at the Mayor’s Prayer Luncheon in Yakima, Wash.



LCJA Student Wins Idaho Doodle 4 Google

Representatives from Google visited Lake City Junior Academy (LCJA) in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 1 to announce one of the winners of its annual Doodle 4 Google art competition. Natasha DiBiase, a third-grader at LCJA, helped the representatives unveil an 8-foot-wide rendering of her artwork during a special school assembly to declare her the Idaho state winner of the Internet search engine's doodle contest.

Students at LCJA cheer after the announcement is made that their schoolmate, Natasha DiBiase, won the Doodle 4 Google contest for Idaho.



"I was amazed when I found out I had won," says DiBiase. "They said to draw something about my best day ever, which will be when I become a veterinarian because when I was a little girl my dog was very sick and we took her to the vet, and she got better. So I'd like to be a vet and help animals too."

The Doodle 4 Google contest is open to K-12 students of U.S. schools to create their own Google doodle. A Google doodle is a stylized version of the search engine's logo that appears on the website to commemorate a special person, date in history or other theme to surprise and delight users of the Google website. This year's theme for the Doodle 4 Google contest was "My Best Day Ever." Chosen from more than 130,000 entries, each state's winners represent the top doodles from this year's competition.



Google representatives answer questions from students at Lake City Junior Academy in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after they announced student Natasha DiBiase as the state winner of the Doodle 4 Google contest for Idaho.

"The whole class did this as an art project," says Anita Roberts, DiBiase's teacher. "The kids didn't have a lot of time to get their pieces done before the deadline, so I wasn't sure if they would be very elaborate, but Natasha worked on hers until the very last day. I was really impressed with her drawing, but I had no idea it would win."

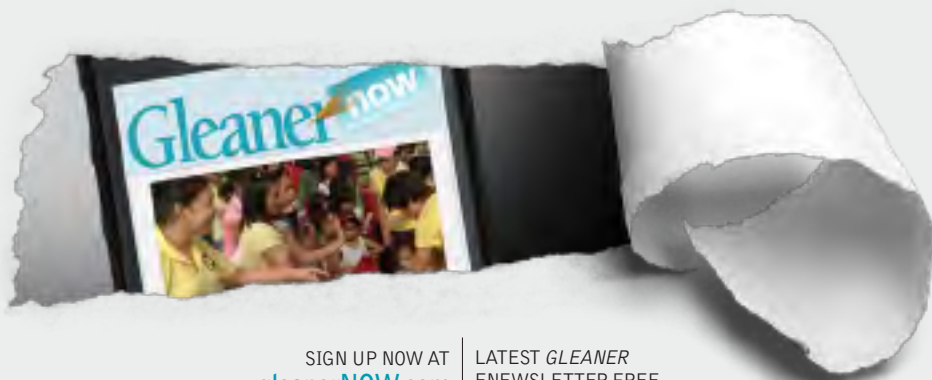
DiBiase's artwork is now being featured in a special exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. She and her family also received a trip to New York so she could attend the national contest ceremony on May 22, where Google announced the winner of the nationwide Doodle contest and associated college scholarship and school technology grant.

"It would have been very exciting if Natasha's work had won the national competition," says Ron Jacaban, LCJA principal, "and a big blessing to the school to receive the technology grant, but mostly we are proud of her for doing her best and that she is developing a passion for serving others."

DiBiase's work and that of other state winners and finalists can be viewed at google.com/doodle4google.

Jon Dalrymple, Upper Columbia Conference communication assistant

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Outreach Dream Comes True

As a retired industrial technology teacher of 40 years, Al Olson (known as “Mr. O” by his students) began realizing a dream in September 2009 he had been nurturing for years — to begin an industrial technology program at Harris Junior Academy (HJA) in Pendleton, Ore.

His first classes were conducted in two small rooms while he oversaw the construction of a new shop building. In September 2010 the new shop was dedicated and filled with equipment and tools donated by community and church members.

Olson envisioned using the building as a community



“Mr. O” demonstrates a procedure during a woodworking class.

outreach tool. His outreach projects have included having students plan and build a playhouse for a family and a storage shed for a local retirement facility. Pathfinders use the shop and tools to work on club honors.

Olson taught a class in small-

engine rebuilding. Then, using the students as assistants, he conducted a workshop so community members could bring their lawnmowers and tune them up. This winter, the shop hosted a nine-week woodworking class that provided a way for new members of the Pendleton

Church to get acquainted with established members.

As an added outreach, Olson repairs lawnmowers and other projects for donations that keep the program self-supporting.

Even with all his passion, Olson realizes the building and program could not have become a reality without the generous financial backing and hard work of parents and church members.

As HJA anticipates the prospect of a new principal this fall, “Mr. O” is moving full-speed ahead with more community outreach plans.

Doris Olson, HJA secretary

SJA Students Discover Joy of Service

Sandpoint Junior Academy (SJA) students in Sandpoint, Idaho, have had the thrill of experiencing firsthand the excitement of helping others. Community service was incorporated into their curriculum

this year as a weekly activity.

Various projects and many requests have been brought to their attention. They began the year by baking brownies and delivering them, along with an appreciation banner,

Students deliver a banner and homemade brownies to local firefighters in appreciation of their service.



to the firemen at the local fire department. They stacked wood, cleaned up debris, raked leaves, shoveled snow and crafted flowers to distribute on May Day. Last winter when the local church’s Agape Café soup kitchen flooded, students prepared, bagged and distributed 50 sack lunches. Mayor Marsha Ogilvie invited those students to the Kids Making a Difference celebration in June to receive a certificate of appreciation from the city.

Throughout the year they have also made and sent numerous get-well cards, some to as far away as California. When

the Maricopa Village Christian School in Arizona needed clothing, students cleaned out their closets and sent an entire pickup load of gently used clothing to them via short-term missionaries Mike and Areleen Stevenson.

SJA students have been greatly enriched with the opportunities to lend a hand to others, and others have been blessed as students have rallied to meet their needs.

Karen States, SJA treasurer/secretary

Auburn Adventist Academy Introduces New Administration Team

Auburn Adventist Academy introduced a new administration team during alumni weekend on May 4.

Tom Decker, principal, brings a mix of experience as a pastor, chaplain, educator and missionary. Decker's responsibilities include working with a seasoned team of educators to continue a strong academic program and spiritually strong campus.

Jeremy Vandenboer, vice principal, comes from Mount Ellis Academy, in Bozeman, Mont., where he has been athletic director and embraced a wide range of vice principal responsibilities for the past nine years. "Coach V" will be filling the athletic director role as well.

Aaron Purkeypyle, business



Staff transitions usually occur in a staggered fashion, but that isn't the case this time at Auburn Adventist Academy, where the school is welcoming a brand-new administration team for this next school year.

manager, has dual interest and experience in accounting and ministry. Purkeypyle is eager to develop chemistry with his fellow administrators and come together on a spiritual platform that will encourage and uplift the administrators, the faculty

and staff, and the students.

Mary Kobberstad, registrar, will be transitioning into the administration team from 22 years in the classroom teaching English at Auburn. She has five years' experience chairing the curriculum committee. She will

also continue teaching speech and Biblical literature.

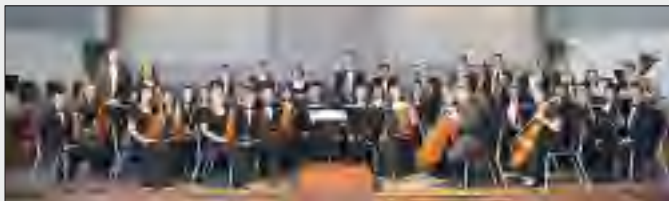
John McGhee, alumni and development director, will be combining his skills and experience in fundraising and development with his memories of studying at Auburn.

Decker says on behalf of his new team, "We are happy to be joining this team and to be working with this school. We look forward to the adventure that God is going to give us."

Watch the administration team introduction at youtube.com/AuburnAcademyWA.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, and Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Auburn Students Reach Musical Aspirations



Auburn Adventist Academy's music department, including the orchestra pictured here, took on new levels of musical performance this school year.

Alumni weekend at Auburn Adventist Academy blended old and new traditions as alumni reminisced about their high school days while current music students made history at their annual spring concert.

Trent Russell, instrumental director, and Melia Williams,

choral director, began planning six months before alumni weekend for a special performance of John Rutter's *Requiem* and Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 5*. Music students diligently practiced for the spring concert both in class and with extra practice on weekends.

On performance day, the

70-member choir began with the *Requiem*, a 40-minute compilation of seven movements. Accompanied by orchestra and featuring several female soloists, the *Requiem* was a beautiful embodiment of the sacrifice of Christ for each of us.

"It was very exciting to have such a large group perform something so challenging and meaningful," says Williams.

As the choir departed from the stage, the orchestra prepared to play the most difficult piece of music most of them had ever performed. Four movements made up the 30-minute symphony played by

the 44-member orchestra.

"It was daunting at first," says Hadley Coon, violist and senior from Anchorage, Alaska, "because it was such a big project and I'd never done something like that. But when we finished the final performance, the sense of accomplishment was overwhelming."

Russell sums up the experience by saying, "All of our hard work was purposed not to glorify ourselves but to exalt our Creator."

Marika Miller, AAA junior, with Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Northwest Christian School

Shares Curriculum Across Globe

Educators in North America have the privilege of teaching in state-of-the-art schools with modern technology resources and up-to-date curriculum. This isn't always the case for nearly 8,000 Adventist schools worldwide. It is with this mission in mind that Kandi Spicer went to work.

Spicer, a retired nurse in the Puyallup Church community, recently visited the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands for a medical mission trip. "As soon as I arrived," Spicer says, "I felt the Holy Spirit calling me toward the Adventist schools on the island."

Spicer visited two schools on opposite ends of the island.



Kandi Spicer, a retired nurse in the Puyallup Church community, discovered a need for school curriculum on a medical mission trip to the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands. She found a partner with Northwest Christian School, which shared their recently retired curriculum.

The teachers warmly embraced her and showed her how they provide an Adventist education. Spicer remembers being overwhelmed by the desperate need for resources at these schools.

As soon as Spicer returned to Washington, she began raising funds and collecting books for these schools. She contacted Northwest Christian School in Puyallup to appeal for help. By

divine appointment, the school had just adopted a new curriculum and had dozens of boxes of great curriculum materials sitting in the teacher's workroom waiting for a destiny.

These books recently arrived after several months of travel to this remote destination. The books that educated and blessed the children at Northwest Christian School are now in the hands of students at the Delap and Laura Adventist schools in the Marshall Islands, radically improving the quality of education they can provide.

Craig Mattson, Northwest Christian School principal

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Three Schools Participate in First Northwest History Fair

If you had to think of one person or one event in the timeline of our planet that marked a turning point in history, what would you come up with?

This was the challenge given to the third- through eighth-grade students from Baker View Christian School (Bellingham), Skagit Adventist School (Burlington) and Orcas Island Christian School (Eastsound) who participated in the first Northwest History Fair in March.

Students brought their projects to display on Baker View's campus. Entries were placed in three categories based on grade level. Generous donors provided the means to purchase attractive ribbons and trophies,



Iriana Korter from Baker View Christian School in Bellingham shows off her Northwest History Fair display about Andrew Carnegie. This is the first tri-school history fair offered by these three sister schools.

along with cash prizes for those placing first through third in each category.

After the projects were set up and morning worship completed, the judges went

to work while the students rotated through breakout sessions focusing on the fair's theme, Turning Points in History. First- and second-grade students went to classrooms where they created fun, history-themed art.

In the future, Baker View's history fair will alternate with a science fair at Skagit Adventist School. The goal is to not only motivate students in these fields but also present the opportunity for students to socialize with sister Adventist schools.

W. Keith Lindsey, Baker View Christian School principal

Cypress Volunteers Give Gift of Time

Volunteers at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood understand that the greatest gift you can give a child is the gift of time.

Mark Dodd is one of the volunteers at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood. He began volunteering during an extended period of unemployment and continued tutoring students even after he found a job.



"Volunteering my time at the school gives me the opportunity to be a part of our school community," says Danica Wright. "It offers an excellent way to get to know both our wonderful teachers and our amazing students."

Volunteers assist with school events, listen to students read, provide math tutoring, support teachers in the classroom and help maintain the facility. All volunteers are required to pass a background check and spend a range of hours volunteering at the school each week.

"The Cypress staff has made every effort to create a safe, calm and respectful learning environment," says Dana Waters. "It's an atmosphere where

children can learn and achieve social skills as well as educational goals — a place where it is my pleasure to spend a few hours weekly."

Mark Dodd began volunteering at Cypress during an extended period of unemployment. "I found little kids whose eyes lit up when they learned to read a new word or understood a new math

concept," says Dodd. "I found tweens eager to express new ideas and discoveries. I was so blessed by them all that I made sure to continue tutoring even when I went back to work."

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Lowell Dunston, Cypress Adventist School principal

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School Community Models Family Ideals

Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington began a new calendar year with a spirit of joy and excitement.

The school worked in partnership with North Cascade Church and Washington Conference to retire the debt incurred eight years ago when the school expanded to include all four years of high school. In addition to the church and conference contributions, the school community also raised \$30,000 for their now debt-free school.

“We are so grateful for the commitment our school, church and conference have for Adventist education at Skagit Adventist Academy,” says Doug



Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington is praising God for a debt-free school and for the school’s cross-age family groups.

White, principal.

The concept of “family” that the church, school and conference are modeling is something in which the staff believes strongly.

For the second year, SAA’s school-wide theme is “Family.” Every Friday, students and staff meet in cross-age family groups to share, encourage, inspire, pray for and support each other.

“Family groups are where you can be with a group and feel comfortable with and play games and learn about God,” says Jessica Herrera, a junior student.

Sixth-grader Emalyn Hall adds, “Family groups embrace the whole family spirit within the school. They let you get to know people beyond passing them in the halls.”

“How grateful we are that we all can be a part of the family of God,” says White. “May we continue to work together as a church, school and conference to lead our students to a saving relationship with Jesus.”

Skagit Adventist Academy staff



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A Student Essay

Forest Park Adventist Christian School (FPACS) in Everett, sits upon a hill, surrounded by lush greenery. For the past nine years it has been my “home.” I have attended here since kindergarten. Now, at the end of my eighth-grade year, I have been asked to talk about my educational experience.

FPACS (as we like to call it) is a small school. Throughout the years, I have received more help and one-on-one time with my teachers than a child at-

tending public school. My intelligence has flourished in this environment, along with my social skills and spirituality. I can come to school knowing that I am safe, loved and wanted. I feel as though I’ve made friends here that will last into eternity.

Studies have shown that, in general, students who attend private schools do better in life, are equipped for their environment and are better behaved. Everything at FPACS — the classrooms, the teachers,

the assignments — is set up to inspire us to succeed. As I approach the end of the school year, I find that I will miss FPACS. I hope you will make the choice to send your children here. Trust me, you won’t regret it.

Find Forest Park School on Facebook or call 425-258-6911 for more information.

Emily Borg, FPACS eighth-grader



Emily Borg, the sole eighth-grade student at Forest Park Adventist Christian School in Everett, appreciates one-on-one time with her teachers and learning in a safe, loving environment.

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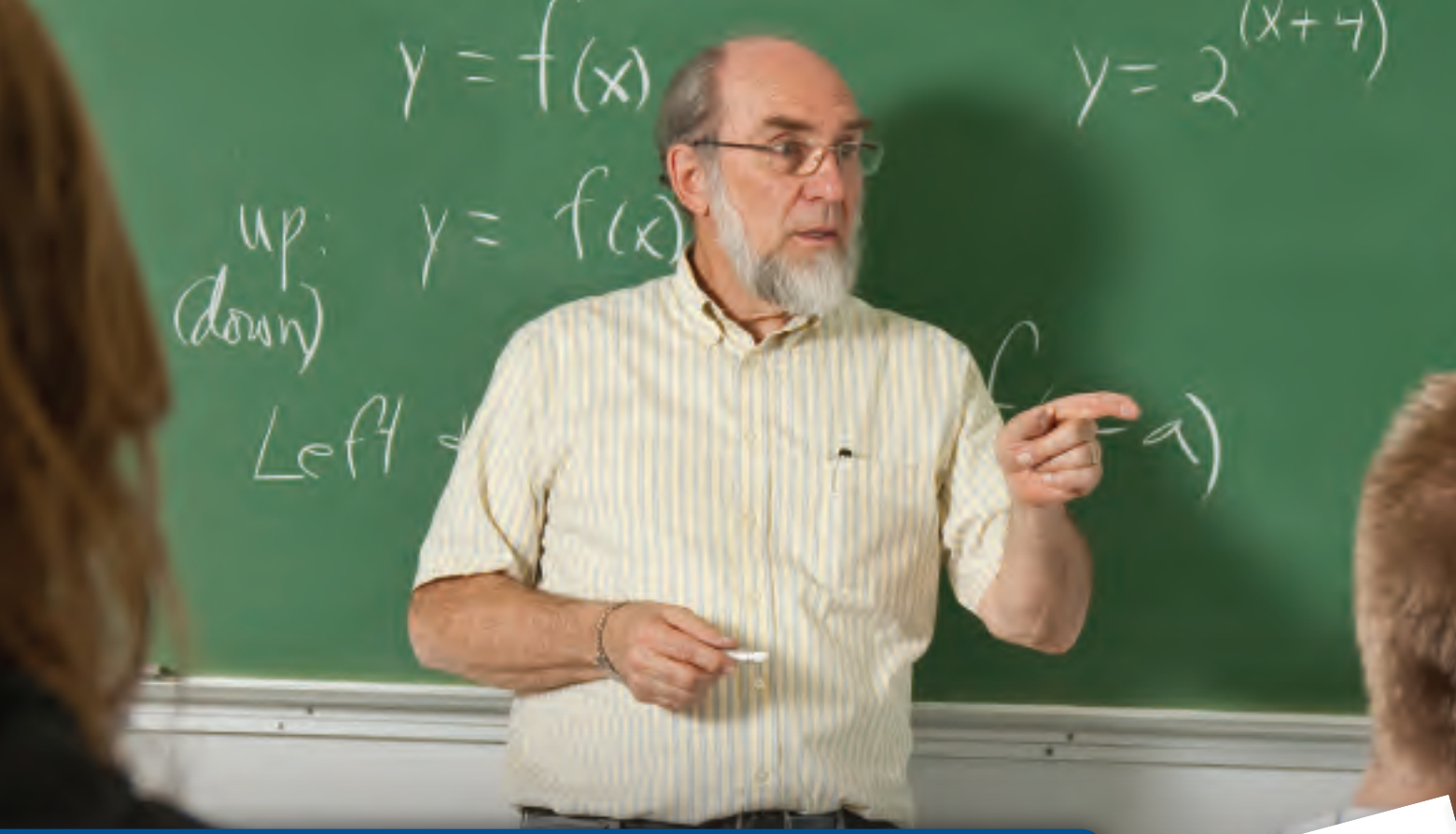


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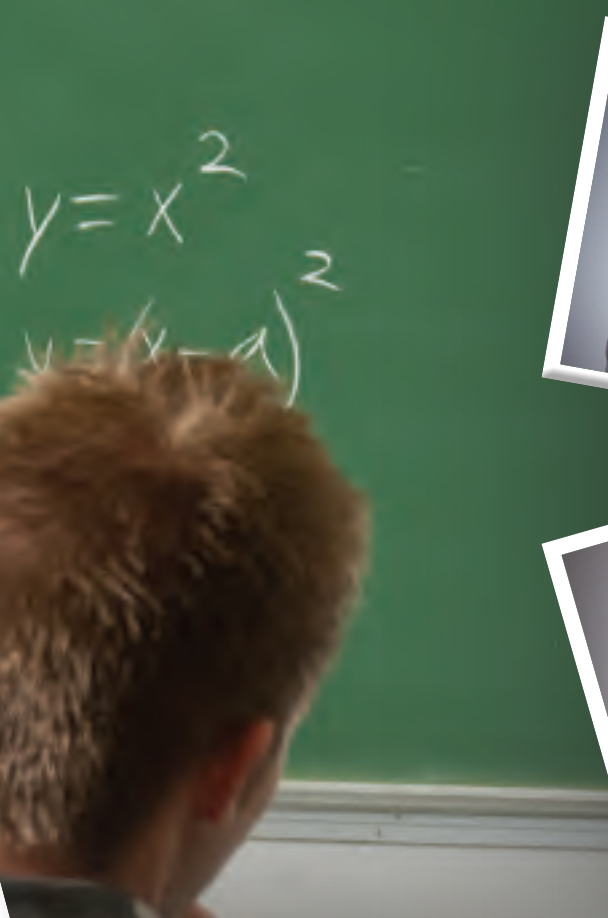
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Megan Cleveland researched the long-term results of language study abroad and its lasting effects on proficiency.



“Providing Effective Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder: Are Providers Equipped?”
Estée Pummel analyzed the readiness of social work graduate students to treat clients with this disorder.



“Murder, Lies, and Wartime Allies: The Katyn Forest Massacre, the OWI, and Realpolitik in the USA”
James Mayne studied a tragic World War II incident and the years of cover-up and propoganda that followed.

TAKE NOTE
Congratulations to these students—and 22 others—who presented at the 2013 Undergraduate Academic Symposium, an annual event showcasing the best of the year’s research studies and creative projects. See the presentation list at wallawalla.edu/symposium

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Heart and Soul of Mission Excellence

Defending the cause of the weak and fatherless ...” (Psalm 81:13) is the personal philosophy that drives Richard Westermeyer, a soft-spoken, quiet-mannered anesthesiologist who practices at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore. Opportunities to serve in developing countries ignite his passion for service.

Westermeyer was recently selected from more than 115 nominated physicians as the Physician of the Year for Missions by LocumTenens.com. The award honors physicians who donate their time to help

Westermeyer has devoted thousands of hours during the past 30 years to medical missions and charity care, including as a team leader providing disaster relief during humanitarian disasters such as a cholera outbreak among Ethiopian refugees in 1984 and in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. He feels right at home surrounded by people who lack the very basics of life, such as food, clean water, medicine, shelter, safety and a bed of their own.

Through his compassionate leadership, Westermeyer has been involved in treating



(From left) Ann and Richard Westermeyer; Shane Jackson, LocumTenens.com president; and Ron Benfield, Adventist Medical Center chief operating officer.

are overwhelming.

Often seen walking through villages filled with small shacks made of sun-baked mud bricks covered by corrugated tin roofs, the Portland physician responds to the cries of orphaned and abandoned babies.

The Westermeyer family served four times as medical host families for children being brought to U.S. from overseas for advanced surgical procedures by Healing the Children. In addition to the disaster-response work, Westermeyer has volunteered in free clinics or mission hospitals in Africa, Asia and South America.

For Westermeyer, medical mission work is a family affair. He met his wife, Ann, a nurse, in medical school, and the two of them began mission work together immediately after marriage. Ann was raised in New Guinea by medical missionary parents, who subsequently served in Zimbabwe, Africa. There, they established an or-

phanage for children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic. Both of Westermeyer's daughters are nurses who regularly do long-term mission work in underserved countries.

Along with being named Physician of the Year, Westermeyer was awarded \$10,000, which will go to Africa Orphan Care. Founded in 2011 by family and like-minded friends such as Ron Benfield, AMC chief operating officer and African Orphan Care board president, the nonprofit organization will support several orphanages in Zimbabwe. “Dr. Westermeyer is a person who sees a need and does something about it. His purpose in life is to make a positive difference for others, and this drives his day-to-day agenda,” says Benfield. “It’s hard to picture anyone more deserving of this honor.”

Judy Leach, Adventist Medical Center marketing and communication director



The children of Africa Orphan Care will benefit from a monetary award granted in Westermeyer's honor as Physician of the Year for Missions.

underserved patients in the United States and abroad gain access to critically needed health care services. “His work is creating positive change in our local and global communities,” says Tom Russell, AMC president and CEO. “He’s truly demonstrating the human expression of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.”

massive outbreaks of bubonic plague, severe malaria, rampant AIDS and poisonous snakebites, in locations where facilities and supplies were limited. “The challenges are immense, as are the rewards,” Westermeyer says of an environment where doctors and nurses are in extremely short supply, disease is rampant, and health needs

Kramer 50th

Helmut "Herb" Kramer and Betty Jean Post met at a small country church in California while they were very young. They sang in the church choir, and their families enjoyed yearly camping trips to Yosemite Park. Herb's sister married Betty's foster brother, but it was not until Betty went away to La Sierra College to become a nurse that Herb began to realize what he was missing.



Betty Jean and Herb Kramer

Herb was working for an architect in Sacramento, Calif. When they began dating they worked together in literature evangelism and gave Bible studies. They were married in Sacramento on Dec. 30, 1962, and made their first home in Richmond, Calif.

They were called to full-time missionary service in the denomination in which they grew up, serving on the East Coast, in eastern Canada, California and Colorado. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1983. They were called back into the ministry in Casper, Wyo. After a year at Andrews University, they returned to team ministry in the Rocky Mountain Conference, where they served in two districts and then pastored in the Upper

Columbia Conference. From there they retired to southwest Oregon in 2003. During their ministry they conducted evangelistic series in Romania and in Peru.

Herb and Betty have enjoyed several different and fun activities to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary. In August 2011, they took an Alaskan cruise along the Inland Passage, enjoying the wonderful meals, seeing the many glaciers and touring the ports-of-call, plus a day bus trip through Denali Park. In August 2012, they were thrilled to spend four days with their family near Mount Rainier in Washington, where they were honored by their three children, their children's spouses and three grandchildren.

Their family includes Herb and Karen Kramer of North Bend, Wash.; Melody and Kerwin Raske of San Diego, Calif.; Ted Kramer of Lorton, Va.; and 3 grandchildren.

Herb and Betty have been spending their retirement years helping out in the local Coquille (Ore.) Church. Herb enjoys his hobby of cabinet/furniture and other building, and Betty enjoys helping women organize their homes and offices.

Logan 90th

The sounds of laughter and happy visiting filled the room as the five children of Margie Carr Logan and their families celebrated her 90th birthday on Sabbath, Sept. 29, 2012, at Somerset Assisted Living Center in Gladstone, Ore. In addition to her children, the festivities included almost all of Margie's 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren;

her best friend since Walla Walla University days, Virginia Hopper; and her brother Bob from Salem, Ore.

After eighth grade graduation in 1936, Margie moved with her family from Toma, Wis., to Gaston, Ore., near Laurelwood Academy, where she graduated in 1940. In 1946 she married Homer Logan, a neighbor and former classmate. Homer died Feb. 9, 2007.

The Logan family includes Linda and Ron Johnson of Grand Junction, Colo.; Marvin and Pam Logan of Otis, Ore.; Marvin and Victor Hays of Grants Pass, Ore.; Alan Logan of Roseburg, Ore.; and Marilyn and Bill Glassford of Pine Ridge, S.D. Marvin and Marvis are twins. Margie's daughter Verna Starr died July 13, 2008.

Margie has lived for seven years at Somerset, where she enjoys looking down on the picturesque Gladstone campgrounds. Camp meeting played a major part in the lives of her family. They used the same family tent location for more than 40 years with wall-to-wall beds, children, friends and later grandchildren. In the early days Margie's mother-in-law, Dorothy, brought the family cow with them to camp meeting, tethering her behind an Army tent they pitched on the grounds near where Somerset is now located.

Margie enjoyed being Sabbath School superintendent for years; being a regular blood donor, donating more than 12 gallons of blood; and canning more than 1,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables each summer for her family.

She spent many happy hours singing as she worked and sewed dresses for their

four girls and later for her grandchildren. She was a Dorcas leader for years and continued making warm quilts for anyone who needed one. As her eyesight has dimmed she has had to give up crocheting, but many people were blessed by her beautifully designed blankets.

Parker 60th

The celebration of Dolly and Stan Parker's diamond jubilee started last August with a cruise to Alaska with daughters Lori, Linda and Sandra Shirley, plus their sons-in-law, and granddaughter Evelyn. The family surprised them with a book of pictures of all the girls and their families.

The celebration concluded with a trip to Costa Rica recently to visit their granddaughter, Marilyn; her husband, Clint; and their children, Brandel, 10, and Bethany, 8. Marilyn and her family were taking a week of rest and relaxation from their mission station in Tronquera, Nicaragua, where Clint flies medical transports (wingsovernica.org).

Dolly celebrated her 80th birthday in January and is in good health a year after her knee replacement. Stanton celebrated his 80th birthday in May and also enjoys good health.



Dolly and Stan Parker

BIRTHS

BALANCE — Anne Elisabeth was born April 7, 2013, to Jared and Ruth Marie (Bridge) Balance, Kent, Wash.

GALLAGHER — Sofia Renee was born April 28, 2013, to Cory and Alisha (Grinwis) Gallagher, Spokane, Wash.

HENRY — Elliot Niles Tebrány was born Feb. 4, 2013, to Bryan D. and Beáta (Dzurboba) Henry, Angwin, Calif.

KANDLER — Dawson Charles was born Feb. 22, 2013, to Brian and Jennifer (Schlaman) Kandler, Yakima, Wash.

MORGAN — Greyson M. was born Aug. 15, 2012, to Bret and Erika (Bonham) Morgan, Arlington, Wash.

NORMAN — Desmond Liam was born Feb. 27, 2013, to Andrew and Crystal (Bitton) Norman, Nine Mile Falls, Wash.

AT REST

ARMSTEAD — Lester Stiles, 78; born Jan. 15, 1934, Bellingham, Wash.; died Jan. 6, 2013, Longview, Wash. Surviving: sons, Alan, Kelso, Wash.; Rick, Cantonment, Fla.; Rodney, Oakley, Calif.; daughter, Pam Tourville, Angwin, Calif.; brothers, Richard, Cave Junction, Ore.; Mike, Redding, Calif.; Bruce, Toledo, Wash.; Patrick; sister, Barbara Neher, of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CLARK — Lois LaVerne (Williams) Waldron Pederson, 83; born Aug. 21, 1929, Seneca, Neb.; died Oct. 30, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Mike Waldron, Port Angeles, Wash.; James Waldron, Connell, Wash.; Eric Pederson, Lyle, Wash.; Curt Pederson, Airway Heights, Wash.; daughter, Kaye (Waldron) Winona, Kalispell,

Mont.; brother, Chuck Williams, Prineville, Ore.; sisters, Doris Brownhill, Sherwood, Ore.; Norma Stiles, Sandy, Ore.; Fran Kilmer, Spangle, Wash.; Cathy Garrett, Portland; Lela Markwell, Karen Rathjen and Mari Nielsen, all of Sandy; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, a step-great-grandchild and a great-great-grandchild.

CRAIG — John Layton II, 82; born Feb. 22, 1930, Arlington, Mass.; died Sept. 10, 2012, Buckley, Wash. Surviving: sons, John “Jack” III, Aptos, Calif.; Wayne, Tujunga, Calif.; daughters, Brenda Parker, Buckley, Wash.; Sheryl Craig and Carol Craig, both of Enumclaw, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DAVIS — Patti C. (Kurtz), 67; born Nov. 4, 1944, Forsyth, Mont.; died Jan. 7, 2012, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Michael; son, Greg, Washougal, Wash.; daughter, Shonna Scollard, Snohomish, Wash.; sister, Eillamae Carr, Woodburn, Ore.; and 6 grandchildren.

EISEMAN — Herman, 84; born Feb. 8, 1929, Colfax, Wash.; died March 29, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Devora Yundt, Potter Valley, Calif.; Janet White, Sacramento, Calif.; brother, Fulmer, Puyallup, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

EISENMAN — Albert Louis August, 99; born May 31, 1913, Glenham, S.D.; died Dec. 15, 2012, Republic, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bertha; daughters, Donna Hartenstine, Silverton, Ore.; Crystal Kronner, Roseburg, Ore.; DeEtta Burr, Evergreen, Colo.; Lititia Coleman, Cleveland, N.M.; Aldine Klein, Republic; Joanne Rae, Calimesa, Calif.; Robin Howard, Greeley, Colo.; sister, Elsie Binder, Sedalia, Mo.; 21 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

EISNER — Donald Kenneth, 76; born Jan. 12, 1937, Ayer, Mass.; died Jan. 19, 2013, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Roberta.

FELTON — Marilou, 77; born Feb. 25, 1936, Seattle, Wash.; died April 3, 2013, Seattle. Surviving: sisters, Yvonne Hendricks, Mercer Island, Wash.; and Donna Mazzone, Kent, Wash.

GRABLE — Kenneth “Kenny” Gilbert, 44; born Sept. 9, 1968, Payson, Ariz.; died March 10, 2013, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Heather Grable and Heidi Grable, both of Loma Linda; father and stepmother, Ken and Patricia Grable, Kennewick, Wash.; mother, Sharon (Moses) Cooney, Loma Linda; stepfather, Marvin Cooney, Benton City, Wash.; sisters, Lori (Grable) Hinger, Benton City; Joanne (Grable) Pangelinan, Pasco, Wash.; and Julie (Grable) Garner, Benton City.

GREELY — Alice Ovidia (Kvale) Roberts, 91; born May 10, 1921, Content, Mont.; died March 21, 2013, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, Jason Roberts, Vancouver; daughters, Connie (Roberts) Armstead, Ocoee, Fla.; Donna (Roberts) Butler, Vancouver; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

HAMMOND — Ivan E., 83; born Nov. 10, 1929, Culdesac, Idaho; died March 30, 2013, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alice (Stotts); daughter, Karri Forker, Poulsbo, Wash.; and sister, Eva Mae Smith, Boise, Idaho.

HARTBAUER — Ray “Doc” E., 88; born April 20, 1924, Grand Forks, N.D.; died March 25, 2013, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: son, Craig, Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, Christine Hartbauer, Eugene, Ore.; Kit Satre, Yucaipa, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

HICKMAN — Albert Lester, 86; born Feb. 10, 1926, College Place, Wash.; died Feb. 3, 2013, Richland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Millie (Vinnard) Kurtz-Hickman, Pasco, Wash.; son, Albert M., Pasco; daughters, Sherri Gerking, Auburn, Wash.; Mitzl Lundberg, Richland; stepson, Richard S. Kurtz, Walla Walla, Wash.; stepdaughter, Kathleen (Kurtz) Heydt, McDonald, Tenn.; 8 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

IRWIN — Elinor (Headley), 88; born Oct. 21, 1924, Durham, N.C.; died Feb. 22, 2013, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Gregory and Mark, both of Boise; Brent, Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter, Rinda, Boise; sister, Frances Low, Bethesda, Md.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON — Jocelyn RaNae, 61; born Aug. 14, 1950, Walla Walla, Wash.; died May 26, 2012, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: brother, Greg, Maple Plain, Minn.; and sister, Yvonne, Yakima, Wash.

KELLOGG — Dorothy M., 92; born Jan. 15, 1921, Baltimore, Md.; died March 14, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Donald, Walla Walla; Richard, Spokane, Wash.; David, Walla Walla; daughter, Kathy Grellmann, Beaverton, Ore.; and 7 grandchildren.

KELLY — Betty (Colson), 85; born May 28, 1927, Orchard, Idaho; died Sept. 16, 2012, Cambridge, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Brian and Jim; and twin brother, Ben Colson, Weiser, Idaho.

KERN — David A., 48; died Dec. 28, 2012, Chula Vista, Calif. Surviving: son, Wolfi, Chula Vista; and daughter, Chanel, Chula Vista.

LIND — Ora Belle E. (St. John), 89; born Jan. 16, 1923, Thorp, Wash.; died March 30, 2012, Thorp. Surviving: husband, Carroll; daughters, Jan Douglass and Sue Lundquist; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LOCATI — Barbara J. (Stocking) Nickell, 75; born Feb. 16, 1938, Santa Barbara, Calif.; died March 16, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dave; daughters, Lynne (Nickell) Robinson, Troy, Ore.; Carlene (Nickell) Jay, Black Diamond, Wash.; Lisa Lynn Locati, Las Vegas, Nev.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

LYNN — Jacqueline Mae, 85; born May 17, 1927, Kellogg, Idaho; died Feb. 18, 2013, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Daniel, Spokane; 2 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

MCLAIN — Sara Ruthanne, 36; born Aug. 22, 1976, Lewistown, Mont.; died March 11, 2013, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: parents, Bill and Anne (MacIvor) McLain, Bozeman, Mont.; brothers, Ryan McLain and Mark Easton, both of Bozeman.

PAGAN — Carl R., 79; born April 23, 1933, Slick, Okla.; died March 23, 2013, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Darla Tillinghast, Olympia; Carla Warden, Auburn, Wash.; brothers, Clifton Pagan, Sun City, Ariz.; Joe Pagan, Floral City, Fla.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

PETERSON — Lorraine Marie (Winslow), 85; born April 25, 1927, Nehalem, Ore.; died March 25, 2013, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: son, Greg, Hailey, Idaho; daughter, Glenna Nolan, Nampa; and 5 grandchildren.

PIERCE — Allie G. (LaBounty), 88; born March 31, 1924, Keeseville, N.Y.; died March

15, 2013, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, Terry, Bend, Ore.; Dale, Rogue River, Ore.; stepson, David Darrick, Silver Springs, Md.; stepdaughter, Jeanine (Darrick) Loy, Roanoke, Va.; sister, Janet (LaBounty) Rivers, Cadyville, N.Y.; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

REED — A.C. "Cecil," 85; born July 27, 1927, Jefferson, Texas; died Dec. 29, 2012, Waynesboro, Tenn. Surviving: wife, Millie; son, Donald, Riverside, Calif.; daughter, Sharon Chumly, Libby, Mont.; and 6 grandchildren.

ROOSMA — Minne, 93; born Nov. 17, 1919, Hot Springs, Mont.; died Jan. 24, 2013, Hot Springs. Surviving: wife, Chloe (McEvers); sons, Samuel and Dirk, both of Hot Springs; Louis, Walla Walla, Wash.; Thomas, Eastsound, Wash.; sister, Nona Ludeman, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SALADINO — Josephine Marie, 91; born Oct. 6, 1921, in Cuba; died Feb. 25, 2013, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Joseph, Boise; 2 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Mavis Matilda (Gossett), 95; born Aug. 1, 1917, Sedan, N.M.; died March 4, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Dan and Rex, both of Walla Walla, Wash.; Kenny, Central Point, Wash.; Larry, Coos Bay, Ore.; J.T., Strasburg, Colo.; daughter, Loreta (Smith) Guthrie, Burnet, Texas; sisters, Joyce Tankersly, Midland, Texas; Lilly Burress, San Antonio, Texas; Delores Townsend, Apache Junction, Ariz.; 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

SPEY — Marnie Delores (Hauser), 100; born Feb. 28, 1912, Mansfield, N.D.; died Jan. 29, 2013, Roseburg, Ore.

Surviving: daughter, Karen Hull, Roseburg; and 2 grandchildren.

TALL — Jacqueline Myrth (Fedde), 91; born Nov. 10, 1920, Salt Lake City, Utah; died Oct. 27, 2012, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Gordon; sons, Eldon, Dryden, Wash.; Randall, Louisville, Ken.; 5 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

TEEMS — Billy Ray, 76; born Jan. 10, 1936, Icaro, N.C.; died Nov. 9, 2012, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Nancy (Arnhardt) Bryan; stepson, William Henry Bryan Jr., Fortuna, Calif.; a step-grandchild and a step-great-grandchild.

TEEMS — Nancy (Arnhardt) Bryan, 80; born Sept. 7, 1932, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Dec. 9, 2012, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, William Henry Bryan Jr., Fortuna, Calif.; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

TERRELL — Verlain, 80; born June 11, 1932, Lawton, N.D.; died Feb. 16, 2013, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Kenneth, Boise; daughters, Charon Castanon and Christine Hansen, both of Boise; sister, Carol Campbell, Boise; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON — Barbara Jean (Costley), 66; born Sept. 24, 1946, Caldwell, Idaho; died Jan. 29, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Terry Wolfgram; father and stepmother, Jim and Fern Costley; mother, Dorothy (Cody) Trouton; brother, Carl Costley; sisters, Jan (Costley) Cunnington, Cathy (Costley) Cherry, Robin (Costley) Cortinas and Shannon (Costley) Teare; half brothers, Chris Cody and Jake Cody; and half sister, Brenda Cody.

TRAUTWEIN — Richard Rea, 90; born Dec. 6, 1922, Glendale, Calif.; died Feb. 22,

2013, Rogue River, Ore. Surviving: sons, Alan, Portland, Ore.; Ron, Auburn, Wash.; Terry, Grants Pass, Ore.; daughter, Wendy Kessler, Sandy, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

TREACY — Janice M. (Chance), 47; born Oct. 4, 1965, Saipan; died March 28, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Charles, Eugene, Ore.; son, Dalton, Eugene; and daughter, Whitley Treacy, Eugene.

UTT — Robert W., 93; born Feb. 23, 1920, Montrose, Colo.; died March 8, 2013, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Carolyn Farris, Murphy, N.C.; Dana Larson, Bernice, Okla.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

VIPOND — Velma Mae, 84; born June 12, 1928, Oceano, Calif.; died March 29, 2013, Brewster, Wash. Surviving: sisters, Eleanor Entin, Cranston, R.I.; and Maribeth Burns, Brewster.

WEIS — Lydia J. (Albrecht), 97; born July 4, 1915, Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada; died March 8, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Darlyn McGinnis, Troy, Idaho; Yvonne McKendree, Fresno, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS — Betty S., 89; born Feb. 16, 1921; died Dec. 30, 2010, Tehachapi, Calif. Surviving: daughter, Carolyn Holmes, Tehachapi; and several grandchildren.

WOODS — Rose (Welnutz-Allen), 80; born June 3, 1932, Tecumseh, Mich.; died Dec. 17, 2012, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Clare; son, Larry Allen, Boise; daughter, Brenda Reynolds, Kailua, Hawaii; stepson, Jack Piekarek; stepdaughter, Lorie; and 2 grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

July 6 — Local Church Budget;

July 13 — Women's Ministries/NAD;

July 20 — Local Church Budget;

July 27 — Local Conference Advance.

More upcoming events listed online at gleaneronline.com/events

Walla Walla University

July 16 — Alumni Event at Walla Walla Sweets Baseball Game, 7:05 p.m., 509-527-2631;

Aug. 4-9 — Hispanic Youth Exploring Engineering and Science, Edward F. Cross School of Engineering;

Aug. 23-25 — Alumni Rosario Weekend, Rosario Marine Laboratory, Anacortes, Wash.

Oregon

Gladstone Camp Meeting 5K Fun Run/Walk

July 19 — Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to sign up for the annual Gladstone Camp Meeting 5K Fun Run/Walk (3.1 miles). You may pre-register online at orgccampmeeting.adventistnw.org/camp-meeting-fun-run-2013 or at the InfoCenter at camp meeting. Plan to join us at 7 a.m. on Friday, at the start line. Look for the large banner near the plaza. The run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends by 9. Enjoy the beauty of nature throughout the grounds, get acquainted with new friends, and enjoy delicious snacks at the end of the race. This is a free event coordinated by your Oregon Conference health ministries department.

Laurelwood Academy 60th Class Reunion

July 21 — Laurelwood Academy Class of 1953 is having its 60th class reunion at 10 a.m. We will meet at CherryWood Village Retirement Community near Portland Adventist Medical Center to enjoy a brunch catered by the CherryWood chef. Join former class members for good food, fun and fellowship. Call Ken Carr at 503-989-5274 for reservations and directions to CherryWood.

Oregon Conference Regular Session

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-seventh regular session of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Sept. 15, 2013, at the Portland Adventist Academy auditorium, 96th and SE Market in Portland, Ore. The session will begin Sunday morning at nine o'clock. This regular session is called for the purpose of electing officers and members of appropriate committees for the ensuing term, and for transacting other business that may properly come before the Conference. Each organized church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate. An additional four hundred (400) delegates shall be apportioned among the churches of the Conference, prorated on the basis of the third quarter membership report of the preceding year.

Al Reimche, President

Dave Allen, Vice President/Administration

Washington

Bellevue 50th Anniversary

Sept. 13, 14, 15 — The Bellevue Church is planning a big 50th anniversary and homecoming weekend. Former members are especially invited to celebrate a full weekend of events. The Bellevue Church is looking for charter and former members. Please join us at 15 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. For more information, check the church website at bellevueadventist.org or email Beverly Riter at beverlyriter@gmail.com.

World Church

Festival of the Laity Free Virtual Conference

Sept. 11-14 — Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel or hotel expenses! The North American Division adult ministries department is offering free online training for Sabbath School, personal ministries and prison ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival of the Laity. Attend from the comfort of your home, church or office — all you need is a computer with Internet access. All of your church's leaders can benefit these live broadcasts presented by globally respected facilitators. Visit festivalofthelaity.com to sign up.

Oak Park Academy Alumni Homecoming Weekend

Sept. 27-28 — Oak Park Academy will hold its alumni homecoming weekend in Nevada, Iowa. The honor classes of 1963 (50 years) and 1973 (40 years) will lead out in the Friday evening vespers and Sabbath morning worship services. Michael Porter (1971) will speak for Friday evening, Ron Karr (1963) will speak for the 11 a.m. worship service and Teresa Hoover (1973) will speak for Sabbath evening vespers. Jaime Jorge, an internationally known violin virtuoso, will present a concert on Sabbath afternoon. For information, contact Michael Porter at mporteratp@gmail.com or 202-746-0744.

Preparing for Jefferson Academy's 100th Anniversary

We are preparing for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Jefferson Academy in Jefferson, Texas. If you were a faculty member or student, please send your contact information to Jefferson Academy Alumni, PO Box 187, Jefferson, TX 75657 or jeffersonacademyalumni@gmail.com.

Forever Faithful International Camporee Theme Song Competition

The Forever Faithful International Camporee is still looking for submissions in our theme song competition. The winner will receive two free tickets to the Oshkosh Camporee. For rules and regulations visit our website at camporee.org or contact Catrina LeSure at catrinalasure@yahoo.com.

Apply to Perform at the 2015 General Conference Session

The North American Division music committee for the 2015 General Conference Session (July 2-11, 2015, San Antonio, Texas) is now accepting applications from musicians/groups desiring to perform at the 2015 General Conference Session. Applications can be downloaded at the 2015 General Conference website at gcsession.org, click the "Music Application Packet" tab and follow all directions. Applications will be processed through Dec. 31, 2013.

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EMPLOYMENT

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Pocatello	9:12	9:09	9:04	8:58
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Helena	9:24	9:21	9:15	9:08
Miles City	8:59	8:55	8:50	8:42
Missoula	9:33	9:30	9:24	9:17
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Walla Walla	8:47	8:44	8:38	8:31
Wenatchee	9:01	8:57	8:51	8:44
Yakima	8:58	8:55	8:49	8:42
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And therein lies the root of the ritual. Call me a peanut butter bigot, but I eschew the extraneous additives of popular brands. If peanut butter is to be ingested into my inner workings, I prefer that it contain only peanuts and salt. In my fallible opinion, those who who crave their spread done quickly, in a “jif,” are taking the easy way out. My single-minded pursuit of quality requires the methodical application of a sturdy utensil. Opening that pristine container for the first time means vigorously stirring the natural oil into the thick nut paste — a delicate dance, mind you, if one wishes to avoid a viscous mess. It means doing that over and over until beads of sweat spring forth upon the brow. With all the calories this jar represents, it seems only right that I first burn off a few in aerobic endeavors as I labor with lumps.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

Unadulterated peanut butter is worth the time. God did not create it in the first six days. After Adam and Eve bit the mango/apple/avocado, the Lord said we would need to earn our food through the sweat of

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