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Fog and freezing temperatures made for wonderful conditions as Albert H. Russell captured God's handiwork on a Ponderosa pine near Camp Sherman, northeast of Sisters, Ore. He used a tripod-mounted Nikon F5 camera, Nikon 200 mm macro lens, and Kodak E100VS film.

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Still ON THE Cutting Edge

BY JERRE D. PATZER

I had the recent privilege of meeting with some key Christian community leaders. They wanted to know what was happening in the Adventist Church. I told them about the new DVD initiative for reaching people with a knowledge of Jesus and His biblical truths.

After the meeting, one of the top executives of the Billy Graham organization was so impressed, he asked if I would share a copy with him. Of course, I did.

I realized from that conversation, once again, that Adventists remain where we have always been—on the cutting edge of evangelism. The new DVD series is merely the latest attempt to use modern technology for the Lord.

Let me tell you why I believe every one of the hundreds of series conducted this year in the Northwest was a huge success.

Seeds Were Sown

First, seeds were sown, the fruition of which may not be reaped until the future. The logical, biblical truths were supported by state-of-the-art graphics. The fresh presentation of gospel truth was a grounding process for all who saw and heard.

The second benefit came to the presenters themselves. Presenting a biblical concept oneself makes a greater impact than merely hearing someone else's. I can personally attest to this, each time I preach an evangelistic series.

I can relate to Jonathan DeBard, a Gem State Adventist Academy student, who preached on baptism. At the end, when the script called for a decision, he raised his own hand and said he wanted to be the first to respond, as he had never been baptized!

Long-term Results

One lay person, commenting on the fact that their particular series has not produced huge results from a human perspective, used this powerful illustration: It's like the man who asked God what He

wanted him to do. God said, "Do you see that big boulder over there at the bottom of the hill? Push it to the top."

The man began pushing with all his might, but to no avail. He tried from every angle but was unsuccessful. He retried the next day and again was unsuccessful.

Each day for weeks he returned to struggle with the boulder, with the same lack of results. Finally in frustration he said to God, "It's no use. All that effort for nothing."

And God said, "It wasn't for nothing. Look at you. See how much stronger you are now than before. You are better prepared to serve me the next time I need you."

Yes, being involved in sharing one's faith builds spiritual muscle.

As I was leaving a DVD evangelistic meeting one evening at my home church, a lay person came up to me enthusiastically: "Can we get more sets?" he asked. "We now have six more people who want to do a series."

Just today, I learned of a Northwestern church that had 19 simultaneous DVD meetings conducted by lay people. This is how the DVD initiative will grow. So wonderfully simple to deliver, yet professional and profound, these programs will be used by the hundreds in homes, churches, and auditoriums. We'll not only grow as a church, we'll be a stronger church, too.

Thank You

While some recent series realized seemingly minimal results, every one was a success. To the hundreds of pastors, lay leaders, and young people who participated in one of the approximately 400 DVD Northwest evangelistic series, we say "Thank you." More importantly, so does the Lord, because you have made an eternal difference.

If you would like to share your faith through this miracle of modern technology, contact your local conference ministerial department or the North Pacific Union Conference ministerial department. •



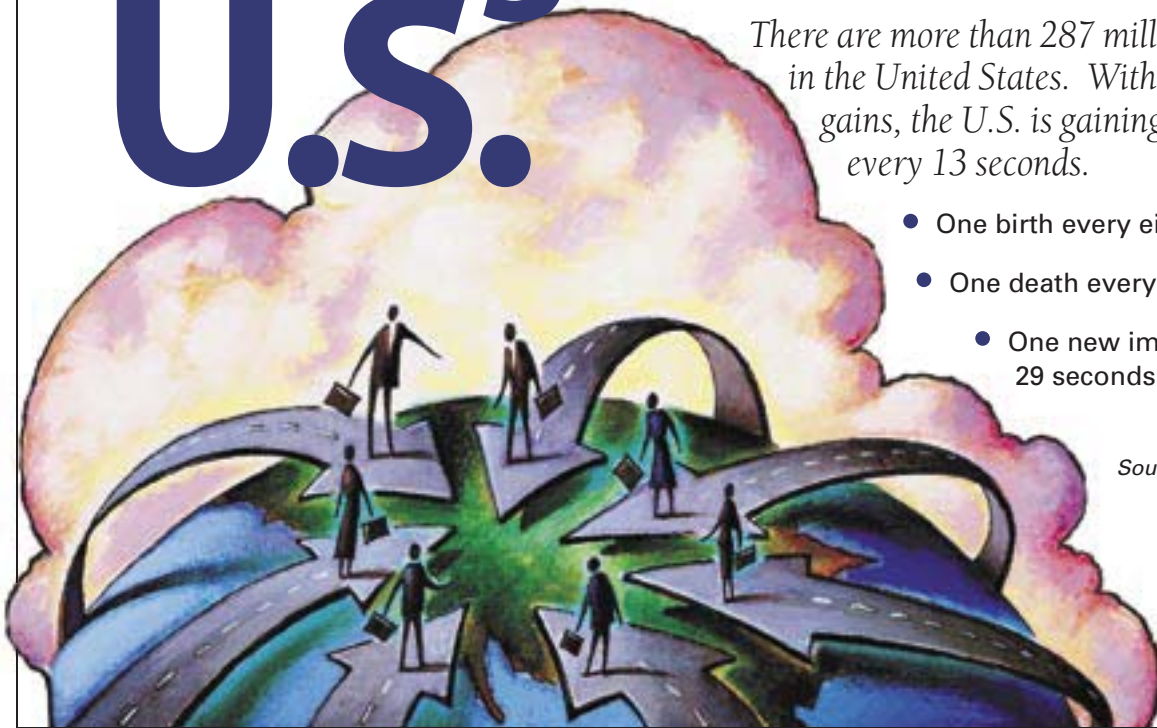
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Population Changes in the U.S.

There are more than 287 million people in the United States. With losses and gains, the U.S. is gaining a person every 13 seconds.

- One birth every eight seconds
- One death every 13 seconds
- One new immigrant every 29 seconds

Source: Census Bureau



This month in history...

- Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was born in 1821
- The first radio program is broadcast in 1906
- The United States declared war on Japan, Dec. 8, 1941
- Ellis Island opens to all immigrants on Dec. 31, 1890
- Thomas Edison conducts the first public demonstration of the electric light bulb in 1879

Source: Encarta

A THOUGHT TO PONDER...

*"Christmas
is the
celebration of the
keeping of
a promise—
a saving promise."*

—MICHAEL CARD—





RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE *Have Kissed Each Other*

LESSONS LEARNED FROM “HOPE FOR THE HOMELAND”

SAM BUTLER, 22, was afraid. Afraid “Righteousness and Peace” would collide like mortal enemies. That on or about Oct. 15, “Hope for the Homeland” would give way to a “Cry in the Night.”

You see, Butler had a good thing going in Grand Ronde, Ore. Several non-Adventist visitors had begun attending his “Hope for the Homeland” DVD series, and it looked like baptisms were coming due.

But, then again, so was Sam’s young, pregnant wife, Ana. Though she kept busy, providing special music for the meetings and helping in other ways, her condition was all too apparent. A blessed event was due at any time—ANY DAY!

“My greatest fear was that she would deliver that baby before the series was through,” says her lay-evangelist husband.

“We kept praying and watching. And, wouldn’t you know, we finished the series on Sunday night, Oct. 20. The very next morning, she went into labor, and Crystal was born that evening!”

All righteousness had been fulfilled. And there was peace.

Righteousness and Peace

For the Butlers, the 18-meeting series in the local high school gymnasium was the first set of evangelistic meetings they’d conducted in years. Along with at least 150 other Northwestern Adventist churches, Butler and the Grand Ronde Church were hosting a series of evangelistic meetings, in the wake of the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

“Technically, everything went well, this time,” says Butler. As local personal ministries director

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Little Crystal joined the Butler family just hours after the conclusion of her daddy's evangelistic meetings in Grand Ronde, Ore.

and a graduate of short courses in evangelism at Black Hills Evangelism center, Butler was comfortable with the preaching assignment.

"My greatest fear, actually, was my wife's condition, that we'd be having a baby before we finished the series," he blushes.

"The DVD programs themselves were nicely put together, concise, to the point. They held the people's interest. As a result, we have one decision for baptism and two strong interests in further Bible study."

But Butler has done a lot of thinking in the month since the series ended, and he's determined to do the series again—with improvements.

Hope Beyond 2000

The series began well. On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the church hosted a moving tribute to local police and firefighting personnel. A local Adventist member who works for the school district helped Butler secure use of the local school gymnasium for the program and evangelism to follow.

"Our own members strongly supported both the Sept. 11 'Hope for the Homeland' tribute and the

evangelistic series, itself, beginning Friday, Sept. 13," Butler says.

"Young, old, and in-between, they really pitched in and helped. I received wonderful support. We mailed out brochures and invited our friends—we worked hard. But I can say that the only consistent visitors we had were people we already knew and had invited personally."

Overseas Comparison

Born in Africa to self-supporting missionary parents Dan and Ellen Butler, Sam Butler can't resist comparing his first series in the United States to preaching he has done or heard in third-world countries.

"In Honduras, I preached a series two years ago, and there was a lot more enthusiasm, overall," he remembers. "We didn't have to mail out brochures; the people did the inviting, and when it came time for the meetings, the singing was spirited and the praying was earnest.

"Compared to Honduras, people here in the United States are rushed and preoccupied, and their attention spans are shorter. It's harder to capture





The Grand Ronde “Hope for the Homeland” series also included messages for the children.

and hold their attention.

“In Honduras, a lot of the families were unemployed, so attending a series of meetings like mine was a break from the monotony. But, despite what has happened to our economy since Sept. 11, 2001, we

still live in a country of busy, pressured, stressed people. And that’s going to affect how we plan our next series of meetings, here.”

Similar Stories

Perhaps no other “Hope for the Homeland” series ran neck-to-neck competition with Mother Nature quite the way Butler’s did.

But many faced stiff competition from North American human nature.

Reports from throughout the Northwest show that Sept. 11 tributes were well attended and met with resounding success.

But not many series of evangelistic meetings lived up to the ample promise of the original tributes, and Butler believes he knows why.

“Actually, because of Crystal’s birth, I probably haven’t given as much thought as I would otherwise have given to the aftermath of our series,” he says. “But I’ve given some thought. Definitely. And here are some things we’ll do differently, next time.”

Anecdotal and Relational

While he does plan to use the same DVD-style illustrations next time, he intends to include more anecdotes and personal experiences in the presentational mix.

“Though the presentations were concise and rarely lasted beyond 45 minutes each, any time we went more than a few minutes between stories or anecdotes, some members of the audience would begin to nod off. Then, when another story came along, they’d wake up and listen. Jesus used a story-based approach to preaching. I can still use the DVD illustrations—they are very well done—but I can build more stories into the presentations, and I think that will make them more effective.”

Butler also believes that the secret to attracting visitors to future series will be through personal invitations.

“We spent a lot of money on mailing out brochures for this series,” he says. “We could have used the same money and hired a Bible worker to visit and study with the visitors, during the series. In Honduras, when I did the series there, the members themselves invited the people. I think the same thing can begin to happen here, if we intentionally begin making more friends in the community. Here, we tried to make this one series into a seed-sowing, nurturing, and reaping service, all in one. In the future, we’re going to confine our meetings to reaping. The seed-sowing and nurturing will have gone before!”

Too Impatient

In the aftermath of his series, Butler reflects that perhaps Adventism, as a whole in America, needs to learn the lessons of patience.

“Our members are very efficient, and we live in a fast-paced society,” he reflects. “I have a frame of reference, as a missionary. And it may be that our church’s emphasis on the nearness of Christ’s return has actually helped create a membership that is prone to impatience, that lacks the natural ‘long haul’ mentality of some other groups.

“While it’s a strength that our members want to get things done efficiently and as quickly as possible, we may be forced to back off from our natural instincts and work longer with people, before expecting to baptize them,” he says.

“There may be some that we’ll have to work with for decades, before they join us. Others may be ready right away. We need to cast the net widely, and then work with the people individually. When I was studying evangelism, one thing they told me was that if a preacher doesn’t ‘get the decision’ during the evangelistic meetings themselves, the people may never make the decision to join the church.

Son and grandson of missionaries, Sam Butler used an old missionary’s trick to transform his old yellow truck into an advertising billboard for the series of meetings.



"I disagree with that view, especially in a case like mine where I am a local person who can continue to visit and study with these people. There's no real need to rush people into decision-making, only to have them just-as-quickly leave us.

"I believe in calling for decisions, don't get me wrong! I called for some kind of decision almost every, single night of our meetings. But I believe some of our visitors, frankly, need more time."

Preparation

Though his series brought only one decision for baptism, Butler is by no means discouraged. Now that his wife and healthy young daughter are home, he's making definite plans for future evangelism.

While memory of the meetings remains strong, he's working with local members and their pastor to begin a plan of personal outreach in the area, friendship evangelism in the community, in preparation for the next set of meetings.

Across the Nation

Across the nation, a similar conviction seems to be taking hold. For years, evangelists, pastors, and personal ministries leaders have known that those who attend meetings at the personal invitation of members are the most likely to make firm commitments to the Lord.

And, according to prominent public evangelists such as Mark Finley, author of the recent mass-distributed missionary book of the year, "Satisfied: How God Can Meet Your Deepest Needs," trends in American society make personal, relational outreach more important today than, say 20 or 30 years ago.

While in the past, aggressive promotion and advertising of prophetic themes has been able to stimulate interest in high-profile evangelism, Finley says it's becoming harder and harder to attract and hold audiences in this way.

His new book "Satisfied," now available in Adventist Book centers, talks more about people-problems than world problems, more about the future of the family than the future of the planet, more about personal fulfillment than the fulfillment of the 2,300-day prophecy of Daniel 8.

While the good-old prophetic message of Adventist pioneers must continue to go forward with power, the needs of today's society call for a more relational, personal approach to seed-sowing than has been used in the past.

Making the transition may take effort and practice. But in this Butler and Finley agree:

There's nothing wrong with the Adventist message; nothing wrong with the prophecies of Christ's soon return; nothing wrong with the commission to "go, therefore, and preach the gospel."

The Kiss of Peace

In a sped-up land of impatience and competition, Butler believes one of the strongest messages for our time is the message of peace. Not just peace among nations, but peace in the hearts of stress-filled, anxious people.

Only when righteousness (the central message of a soon-coming Savior) is intimately matched with a message of personal hope and peace can the two come together in a compelling marriage of life-changing force.



Sam Butler presents his very first solo evangelistic series in the United States.

Constant Reminder

Every day, daughter Crystal reminds him how high-tech message-delivery and high-touch, personal ministry, must interact to present a full picture of Jesus to the world.

Butler is eager to preach again. But he's determined to do it differently, next time.

"I want my church members to be ready. They did a wonderful, supportive job this time. But they weren't prepared, yet, to bring a lot of friends and acquaintances to our meetings."

He pauses, reflecting. "The message is good. The DVD illustrations are great. What we need is to bring friendship-preparation into the mix."

When that happens, he says, a message of righteousness and commitment will have met its counterpart of friendship and peace. They will kiss. And there will be joy in heaven, and on earth, goodwill toward preaching men and women of faith. •

Gleaner Arrives Online

Adventist members from throughout the Northwest to outer Mongolia have a new option for the delivery of their GLEANER—GleanerOnline at www.gleaneronline.org.

In January 2001, the North Pacific Union Conference Communication Department initiated a new design for the printed GLEANER magazine. At that time, we also intended to respond to increasing requests for an interactive Web site as soon as possible.

The newly created GleanerOnline is our first step toward achieving that goal.

Each monthly edition of the GLEANER will be available at www.gleaneronline.org before the printed version arrives in mailboxes, giving connected readers—even in outlying areas—a chance to get the jump on their unconnected friends. Certain articles in the printed edition will have special Internet key words and icons prominently displayed to invite readers to the online site for expanded information.

Online, we'll be able to add information about current events on a weekly or even daily basis, if needed. Each time you come to the site, there will be something new on the front page.



Access the sunset calendar by entering a zip code. To view the sunset time for a particular day, simply roll your mouse arrow over the day in the calendar grid. You can also view information for different months.

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The calendar of events provides an organized way of viewing important events currently published in the *Gleaner*. The home page of the site lists the three most current events. Click on one to view detailed information. You can also navigate the calendar to view all the events posted as well as search the database for the event you are interested in.

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Click on the Keyword icon () anywhere in the site to access the Keyword Search.

Click on the current issue and you enter the online version of the printed *Gleaner*. Here you will find all the rich content you've come to appreciate in the printed version, plus at times extended content on a subject and links to referenced points of interest in articles. Give us your feedback by clicking the [share your thoughts](#) link at the end of each article.



If our regular printed GLEANER is bulging with too much news to fit in 48 pages, we can add additional information, online.

In short, we hope GleanerOnline will eventually become a “go-to” site for a growing number of Adventist members and friends who wish to see the latest things that God is doing among us. It will become a place for us all to discuss Northwestern issues and opportunities.

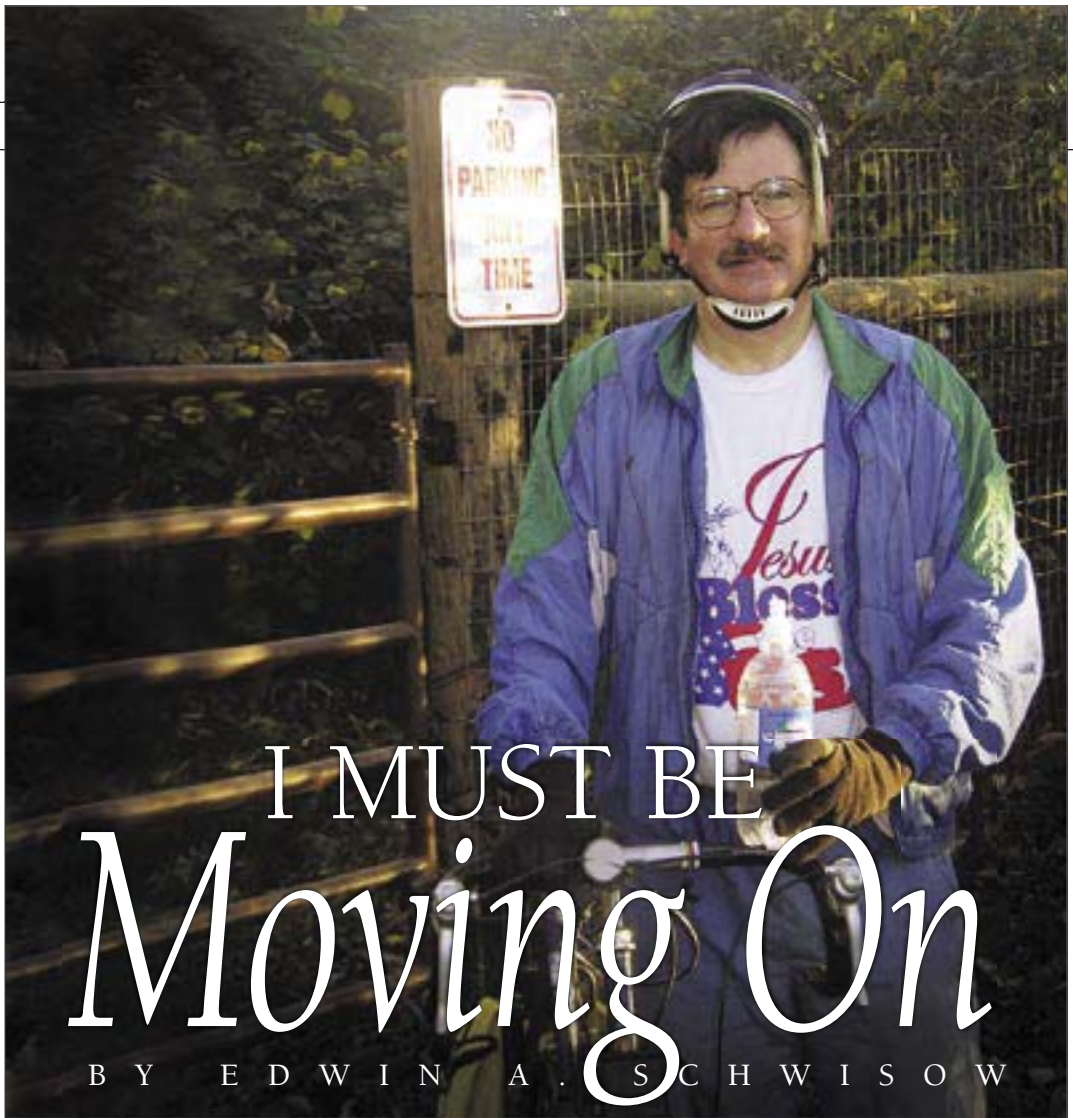
Our goal is to have 30 percent of our current print readership also accessing the Web site within 12 months. And, we hope that we can gain the interest of some of our other members who don't currently read the GLEANER on a regular basis, but who may be intrigued with the daily activity at GleanerOnline.

In this world, where people are becoming increasingly isolated from each other, perhaps GleanerOnline will help us develop a growing sense of community and greater understanding of our collective mission as church members.

So take a visual tour right here on these pages. And then fire up the computer and give GleanerOnline a real test drive.

Remember: This is just the first step. As we plan for the future, we're eager to hear how GleanerOnline can become an effective and valuable service to you. Please email your comments directly to us at gleaner@npuc.org or use the feedback section on the web site. •

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I MUST BE Moving On

BY EDWIN A. SCHWISOW

Edwin A. “Ed” Schwisow, congenital cyclist and GLEANER editorial staff member for 25 years, leaves the magazine with some great memories—and some relief: “The commute to the North Pacific Union office from The Mountain is killing me,” he says. “It’s time to work closer to home for awhile, pedal away those extra pounds.” One immediate project is to help his wife, Cherie’s, parents complete a home they’re building near the Schwisow home. “My body’s softer, but I miraculously still have my marbles,” says Schwisow. “And did I tell you, I’m going to pedal away those extra pounds. I did tell you, didn’t I?”

Some Adventists “stay put” longer than others. God doesn’t mind stability—of that I’m certain. My Prussian ancestors would still be in Germany today, but for Kaiser Frederik Wilhelm.

You see, those Lutheran Schwiesows (original spelling) were happy farmers, pacifists all. But one by one, as 10 brothers came of military age between 1835 and 1870, they bought tickets to America rather than add their sabres to the Kaiser’s sword-rattle. Permanence is good. But tides change and winds shift.

On September 9, 2001, the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee voted to seek a new editor for the GLEANER. I had told my colleagues at the North Pacific Union Conference that I was willing to continue serving as editor, but would be comfortable stepping aside after some 25 years in this office.

During those years, the GLEANER has developed from a part-color to full-color magazine, from a bi-weekly to a monthly, and from an average of 28 pages per issue to one of 48 or more.

And during these 25 years, I’ve been guided by

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three strong convictions. First, as a strong advocate of the reliability of Ellen G. White's counsel for our Church, I have tried to broaden the subject matter in the GLEANER (even to controversial topics), believing that Adventism encompasses all personalities, all age groups, all intellectual levels, and is destined by God to be a thought-leading culture in the world.

Second, I believe one of the greatest hazards of an institutional paper is irrelevance—to be seen as packed and narrowed by forces of personality, preference, and agenda. Yes, the GLEANER has a mission—to glorify God for His wonderful blessings to His Northwestern Adventist people. But within that mission statement lies an almost infinite horizon of possible content. Only to the extent we cover all or most manifestations of this movement will the GLEANER remain relevant.

And third, I'm conscious that far more than half of our readers are either non-attending Adventist members or non-Adventist family members. So, we've edited this publication with a heavy emphasis on reaching tone-deaf Adventism—the "non-choir crowd." And we have heard of many readers who trace their entry or return to Adventism to the content of this magazine.

As a musician from a musical family, I love the unity of choirs! But most Adventists in the Northwest are by no means compliant joiners. Some are independent-minded soloists and zeal-driven composers of new Adventist tunes and melodies (stick with the 27 fundamental key signatures of Jesus Christ and His end-time message, and more power to you!).

Of every article in the GLEANER I have asked, "Does this material have a slant or angle that in some small way could nudge an inactive or non-Adventist reader closer to the centrality of Adventism? What can we do to help this article urge an uncommitted reader to drink confidently from the wellspring of the Advent faith?"

As I Leave

There's always the question, "Well, Ed,

what's next for you?" And my response is pretty much the same as it was 27 years ago when I was a Walla Walla College senior: "You know, a writer is never underemployed!"

I've been talking to the General Conference folk about some special projects. As a bilingual, I'm interested in multicultural ministries. And I have quite a list of independent writing projects I really need to complete. Ditto-laugh with me if you must, but someone has helpfully suggested I might do well as a radio talk-

show host. Oh, Brother!

What I can say is that I'm extremely comfortable and confident that the road ahead will be a rewarding trek.

It's been a grand tour these past 25-plus years. I thank you, my mentors, critics, helpers, fellow writers, columnists, assistants, photographers, and advertisers, for the wonderful scenery and wealth of personal milestones you've provided along the way.

I wish you Godspeed. And now, excuse me, please. I must be moving on. •

H I S L E G A C Y S P E A K S V O L U M E S

Often a person and a product become so intertwined that identity lines blur and we associate one automatically with the other.

For Seattle Mariner fans, it's Edgar Martínez. For GLEANER readers in the past decade or so, it's been Ed Schwisow.

We've been blessed by Ed's commitment and journalistic skill. He is a consummate writer, a craftsman with words. I have never tired of watching him, as editor, breathe life into otherwise awkward phrases.

For the past 25 years, Ed has measured and shared the pulse of Northwest Adventism, not as one carrying out a job, but as one who fulfills a mission—a calling, if you will.

He has served as GLEANER editor for nearly 12 years; before that he teamed with editor Morten Juberg for 13 years, first as assistant editor, and later associate editor.

But Ed will be leaving us ere long. He will remain on staff with us through the end of December, but following that will embark on several of his own projects.

As Ed wraps up his longtime position as editor, I look on with mixed emotions. Our incoming editor, Dick

Dower, will do a wonderful job. He is respected throughout North America and will enhance the development of the GLEANER as a credible news voice for our Northwest members.

But, simply put, one does not immediately replace the experience, the skill, or the unique personality and vision of Ed Schwisow. We will miss him. A lot.

Ed will be juggling projects from near the base of Mt. Hood, east of Sandy, Oregon, where he and his family make their home. You can reach him there by email at eachwisow@hotmail.com.

I encourage you to send a special note of thanks to Ed. You may use our GLEANER email address: gleaner@npuc.org, or send cards to Ed Schwisow in care of The GLEANER, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver WA 98687.

Ed says he must be moving on, but he leaves behind a legacy which speaks volumes about his dedication and purpose in life. Thank you, Ed. Godspeed. •

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Fresh Start

But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31, NRSV).

Waiting does not come naturally to most of us. I hate to wait. I don’t like it when my telephone conversation is interrupted with, “Oops, I got another call. Can you wait a second?” I don’t like waiting at the airport. I don’t like being at a stoplight sitting behind some accelerator-challenged driver when the light turns green. Waiting is not my spiritual gift.

Yet much of life is about waiting.

There’s the waiting of the single person to see if God might have a partner in mind for him or her.

There’s the waiting of a childless couple, who yearns to start a family. There’s the waiting of somebody who longs to have work that seems to matter.

There’s the waiting of a deeply depressed person to wake up one morning with a desire to live. There’s the waiting of the kid who feels so hopeless, trapped in an abusive home. There’s the waiting of an elderly person in a nursing home for the mercy of death.

Lewis Smedes, in his book “Standing on the Promises,” puts it like this: “Waiting is our destiny as creatures who cannot by themselves bring

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about what they hope for. We wait in the darkness for a flame we cannot light. We wait in fear for a happy ending we cannot write. We wait for a ‘not yet’ that feels like a ‘not ever.’ Waiting is the hardest work of hope” (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1998, 41-42).

As Hope for the Homeland evangelism draws to a close throughout the Northwest, we are reminded that sometimes

we must wait for what it is we’re hoping for. As heralds of hope, we must never forget our hardest work—waiting. So we wait for people to make their final decisions to join God’s church. We wait for our homeland to be renewed by God’s Spirit. We wait for Jesus to come. It’s hard, but we wait anyway.

Not only do we wait corporately, we must wait personally. In Henri

Nouwen’s book “Sabbatical Journeys,” he writes about some of his friends, the Flying Rodleights, who are trapeze artists in the circus. They told Nouwen about the special relationship between the flyer and the catcher on the trapeze. The flyer is the one who lets go, and the catcher is the one who catches. It’s real important relationship—especially to the flyer. When the flyer is swinging high above the crowd on the trapeze, the moment comes when he must let go. As he arches in the air, his job is to remain as still as possible and wait for the strong hands of the catcher to pluck him from the air. This trapeze artist told Nouwen, “The flyer must never try to catch the catcher. He must wait in absolute trust” (The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1998, viii). The catcher will catch him, but he must wait.

Perhaps you feel entangled in a life that makes no sense. Maybe you’re burdened by busted relationships. Is your heart stressed? Are you fatigued? Do you feel hopeless?

Then wait. Wait upon the Lord. •

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ALASKA SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Remember 9-11

With Americans across the nation, Alaskan Adventist schools and churches paused this fall to reflect on the events and aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.

Adventist churches and schools hosted a number of commemorative events. Lorraine Carpenter, Dillingham Adventist Elementary School head teacher, reports that her students “prepared an appreciation dinner for local police, firefighters, and ambulance crews.”

After the dinner came a special Prayer Service, conducted by the School, which offers the only alternative to public education in the rural Alaskan town of 2,250, about 370 air miles southwest of Anchorage.

Anchorage

Students at Anchorage Junior Academy (AJA) attended a city-planned “Remember the Heroes” service at Anchorage’s Town Square. They were impressed by speeches given by the governor and mayor. Ellen Robertus, head teacher, said that one of the parts she liked best was “when the crowd applauded the loudest for our Lord and Savior, Jesus, for being our ultimate rescuer.”

AJA is the only school group known to have attended the service.

The Hillside O’Malley Adventist Church opened its doors for a Community Prayer Service. State Troopers Tom Shepherd and Paul Kosto were guests of honor, and Anchorage Pathfinders provided a color guard. During a sharing time, Heidi Lubke, who was stationed in Germany with her husband and four children at the time of the attack, said, “It was wonderful to be home again and to experience fully the personal freedoms that the US military works so hard to protect.”

Robert Martínez, pastor of the Northside Adventist Church, was quoted by the local “Anchorage Daily News,” “We believe in the Second Coming of Christ, and that’s what is going to fix things. It’s not God’s fault. God has given us all liberty to choose our pathway.”

An offering raised at Northside’s special, Sept. 11 prayer service, is being used by the Anchorage Fire Department to purchase a lifesaving thermal imaging device to peer through smoke-filled rooms.

Martínez encouraged the community, “We won’t be able to do this alone. We



Anchorage Pathfinder Color Guard members Daren Joseph and Tony Cameron stand with Hillside O’Malley Community Prayer Service honored guests, Officer Tom Shepherd of Alaska State Troopers and Officer Paul Kosto of Alaska State Troopers Wildlife Protection Division.



Anchorage Pathfinder director, Vern Osborn, leads a Pathfinder color guard as part of the Hillside O’Malley Adventist Church Community Prayer Service, Sept. 11. Shown, from left, are Daren Joseph, Tony Cameron, Sam Dobbins, and Simon Levy. Osborn stands in back.

need the community to help with this.

DVD Evangelism

Several churches took advantage of the community exposure offered by the prayer services to promote DVD

evangelistic series that began Sept. 13, some in homes, one in an airplane hanger, another in a dental office, and others in church buildings across the state. •

John Kriegelstein

IDAHO WOMEN'S RETREAT

Features Carolyn Sutton

This year's annual Idaho Conference Christian Women's, held at Camp Ida-Haven, was full of laughter, tears and fellowship.

Author Carolyn Sutton, of the Grants Pass, Ore., area, was featured during the weekend event. Sutton has written two books on her own ("Journey to Joy" and "No More Broken Places"), co-authored a junior devotional book, and edited "Guide" magazine.

Speaking on the theme "Journey to Joy", she explained how to discover one's own value, based on how much Christ values each person, and rise above life's tragedies, large and small.

Illustrating how changed perspectives can open up new possibilities, she interspersed humorous vignettes of how her husband attempts to evangelize telemarketers.

Retreat participants were

able to shop for books and supplies from the Idaho Conference Adventist Book Center, at on-site displays of books and music, between meetings, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning.

The natural beauty of Camp Ida-Haven's lakeside campus added to the restfulness and peace the women felt as they returned to their homes, determined to face their daily frustrations with courage.

Each annual Retreat falls on the weekend immediately after Labor Day, and next year's is scheduled for Sept. 5-7. Women from throughout the Northwest are welcome. •

Jean Coneff



Shown in back row, from left, are Idaho Women's Ministry leaders Sharon States, Jean Coneff, Sharon McPherson, Michelle Kranz, and Susan Robinson. In front are Mary Ellsworth, Carolyn Sutton, and Joan Green.

COVE EVANGELISM

Brings in New Members

Members of the Cove, Ore., Adventist Church have welcomed five new members into their congregation, following evangelistic meetings conducted by Lyle Albrecht. During the same series, four Cove members

recommitted themselves to the Lord through rebaptism.

Jack and Janet Mardis, of La Grande, Ore., and Kayley, Risa, and Tynan Frank, of Union, Ore., were baptized and joined the Cove congregation. Debbie

and Daryl Millman, of Cove; Richard and Lynda Frank of Union, Ore., were re-baptized—all by Pastor Donovan Kack.

The small congregation also welcomed four incoming, transferred members: Rex and

Ellen Beck, from Baker City, Ore., and Andy and Wilma Moore, from Salida, Colo. •

Ruth Barclay

NATIVE STYLE *Prevails at Church Dedication*



Naomi Abbott began praying 17 years ago that someday a Native church would stand in her community.

Native members of the Adventist church in Fort Belknap, Mont., dedicated their new building during a Native camp meeting held this summer in the area.

The service had special meaning, for the now moved-and-remodeled building had once served as a mortuary. A building that had represented death needed to become a “house of life” to the Fort Belknap Native community.

Participants were determined that the service be done in Native style, reflecting their unique ways of expressing reverence and dedication.

After John Loor, Conference president, presented dedication thoughts, David George, Missoula Adventist Church pastor, led the congregation in a unique ritual.

After exiting the building, all worshipers filed back into the church, past Native Elder Naomi Abbott, who stood at

Members prayerfully encircle the church property.

the door. She held dedication oil in her cupped hands, and each worshiper dipped a finger into the oil upon entering the building. Then, with the pastors, each person dabbed the oil onto pews, pulpit, and doors and windows, taking time for a special prayer in each room.

The solemn service made a deep impression on the minds of each adult and child. After dedicating the inside of the church, all filed out, once again dipping fingers into the oil and dabbing a spot of oil on the sole of a shoe. They then walked around the property,



A child anoints the sole of her foot.

single file, silently praying that their new sanctuary would be a powerful witness to all who came onto its grounds.

Though unusual by today’s standards, the service reflects in many ways the ritual Moses and the Children of Israel used to dedicate their tent sanctuary. •

Monte Church



Members of three churches used this fair booth to reach out to the public with good news of salvation and reminders of Jesus’ soon return.

KALISPELL FAIR BOOTH *Does Triple Duty*

Kalispell and Columbia Falls church members in Northwest Montana jointly sponsored a booth at the recent Flathead County Fair, where visitors picked up many copies of *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages* books and filled out religious-interest surveys.

Booth hosts also gave out 325 spiritual “Survival Kits,” with devotional items such as Bibleinfo.com reference cards, “Attack on America” flyers, and invitations to register for Discover Bible School.

The blessings then traveled beyond the Kalispell area. Project coordinator, Gail Metzger, agreed to lend the fair booth display to members of the Eureka Adventist Church, for a fair scheduled in their town the next weekend.

Their display included a Bible Prophecy Chart, listing Bible prophecies fulfilled to date and a time clock that showed the nearness of Jesus’ coming.

The Lincoln County Health Office donated a glucose monitor and blood sugar strips, so Eureka members could conduct some 100 blood tests, as a community service.

Eureka members wrote the test results down in a devotional book, which visitors were invited to keep for reference.

The three churches thank God, who inspires and encourages cooperation among brothers and sisters, and all volunteers who helped make the fair ministry possible. •

Darrell Babb

MONTANA WOMEN

Gather in 12th Annual Retreat

The 12th annual Montana Women's Retreat, held this fall, attracted some 150 participants, including 18 who have attended all 12 of the Retreats.

Such loyalty belies the long distances many have traveled each year to reach Camp on the Boulder, near Big Timber, Mont. Glacier Bible Camp, between Kalispell and Hungry Horse, will host the Retreat next year, Sept. 12-14.



Twelve of 18 women who have attended all 12 women's retreats held in Montana, from back, left, are Betty Harris, Arlene Harris, Jean Ganser, Judy Fowler, Molly Cypher, and June Anderson. In front are Angie Wright, Ellen Green, Wanda Green, Mary Haden, Joyce Barlow, and Iona Smith.

Sandy Jenkins participates in a Saturday-night activity.



differences without putting the other person down. Though married partners may agree to disagree, there can be harmony in the home, she said.

Health

Christina Sloop, OB/GYN from Yakima, Wash., presented a workshop on preventive health. She also conducted a screening for all who wanted to participate, measuring strength, height and weight, blood pressure, oxygen in the blood, and other vital signs.

She stressed that a daily walk with the Lord is vital to health and well-being and demonstrated with her own prayer journal how she daily keeps close to the Lord.

Changes

Winnie West, head elder of the Billings, Mont., Church, had been asked to give a workshop on how to conduct small group Bible studies.

Because she was called to mission service, however, last-minute draftees Gwen Emmerson and Jo Rea took her place.

Fun Times

During a Sabbath hike, leader Cheryl Moore, a plant sciences graduate student at MSU-Bowman, identified different plants that grow around Camp on the Boulder.

On Saturday evening,

Christina Sloop explains the results of vital signs tests taken by many participants.



participants chose crafts to create, including wooden dolls, cards to stamp, dried flower arrangements, boxes to decorate and paint, and candle holders.

They also visited with friends, old and new.

Prayer

The women prayed often for others and for guidance, direction, and help, giving thanks for blessings, healing, comfort, and strength.

They felt that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit were with them during the special weekend, and many turned in their registration and money for next year's retreat. •

Shirley B. Bilbro

Jo Ann Davidson, keynote speaker, attended with her mother, Alberta Mazat, who spoke on family and relationship issues.



Next year's Women's Retreat will be held at Glacier Bible Camp, Sept. 12-14.

Keynote Speaker

Jo Ann Davidson, the first woman to teach in the Theology Department at Andrews University, spoke on her experiences of Sabbath celebrations in Israel.

Davidson has written several articles for church publications and has a column in "Perspective Digest" magazine, "Let's Face It," which gives a woman's slant on theology.

Alberta Mazat, Davidson's mother, gave a workshop on marriage, with ideas on how to keep romance alive in marriage and how to discuss



Parents and family members at an Oct. 13 work day at Milo Adventist Academy, shown standing from left, are Larry Wheeler, Randy Bovee, Deborah Leidig, Nick Leidig, Walter Hough, Larry Smith, Kent Henriksen, Jeanne Henriksen, Tami Stebbeds, Todd Stebbeds, Connie Harmon, Tom Harmon, Jacob Wilson, Brian Wilson, and Monica Wilson. Kneeling front are Shirley Wheeler, Nelda Bischoff, Elaine Hough, Leo Wilson, Arturo Ledezma, Craig Ellison, Carolyn Houghton, John Houghton, and Jim Abbott. Not pictured are participants Noni Ellison, Delores Smith, and Sue Abbott.

MILO FRIENDS AND PARENTS

Support Their School

Parents, alumni, and friends of Milo Adventist Academy in southern Oregon are supporting their school in new and effective ways.

A newly formed group, "Parents for Milo," gathered Oct. 13 to work from 8 a.m. until dusk, roofing a faculty home, painting the inside of two three-bedroom apartments and a faculty home, grooming grounds, and accomplishing many other tasks.

Although students were in classes much of the time, they often worked with their parents during breaks.

Connie Harmon of Coquille, Ore., and Carolyn Houghton

of Medford, Ore., organized "Parents for Milo" and on Registration Day invited parents to sign up if they were willing to help during campus work days or accept supervisory assignments during the year. The response was overwhelming.

The next full campus work day is planned for March 9, next year.

Circle of Friends

Milo's "Circle of Friends" comes from various communities in Oregon, Washington, and California to support Christian education.

The group began when

Milo's Development Department sent a letter and brochure to each Oregon Conference constituent, inviting them to join the Circle of Friends. From that mailing, more than \$10,000 was committed to help make up the difference between tuition received and the actual cost of a Christian education.

Since then, the "Circle of Friends" keeps growing, making a statement of support for Christian education.

Papering the Oval

The oval, Milo Adventist Academy covered walkway is taking on a different look these

days. Dollar-bill replicas seem to have assembled themselves into a hanging chain on the walkway.

The "Papering the Oval" chain is a visual reminder for students, staff, parents, and operating board to help others fulfill their dream of attending Milo.

For each dollar donated to the Friendship Scholarship Fund, a dollar bill replica is hung on the oval. To date, more than \$7,000 has been received. •

Kay Dickey



Diane Pestes, Corleen Johnson, and Romulo Tuballes enjoy Oceanside, Ore.

OREGON WOMEN

Sponsor Filipino Evangelism

Holding up a four-inch celery stick on a fork, Romulo asked, "What do you call this?"

Oregon Conference Women's Ministries Director Corleen Johnson and I had taken Romulo Tuballes to eat at Izzy's in Bend, Ore., after the Oregon Conference Christian Women's Retreat, in October.

We'd first met Romulo when our team of nine women, three men, and one boy traveled to Kidapawan City, Philippines, in March 2000. There, we held an evangelistic series, health clinics, health talks, and family life talks.

We also prayed with many people, held women's ministries meetings, and had an anointing service for two women, who were healed.

Now the Women's Ministries Department of the Oregon Conference had brought Romulo to the United States to learn about evangelism here.

Women's Retreat

We had just attended a women's retreat for 470 women and one man (Romulo). There, Romulo reported with excitement,

"I tell you what your offering last year did for JITA ("Jesus Is the Answer" evangelism)." As a minister, Romulo now calls everything JITA and is proud that every cottage meeting held has a JITA sign.

He reported that in his area, women's ministries meetings are now held each month and help develop interest in cottage evangelism meetings. Every participating Filipino woman has a prayer partner for whom she prays at 6 p.m.

The Oregon Women's Retreat offering in 2001 had purchased a laptop computer, a digital video camera, two mini sound systems, two DVD players, a multimedia projector, and a New Beginnings evangelistic series.

The offering also assisted five students with their expenses at Mountain View College and purchased four horses for visitations in the mountains, where vehicles cannot go. One-hundred-twenty-one have since been baptized in three series, where the equipment was used.

Looking Ahead

In January 2003, Filipino members plan a huge endeavor. This October's Christian Women's Retreat offering of \$5,357 will help sponsor 120 evangelistic series. Relays of five pastors will hold successive two-week series, at a cost of between \$100 and \$300 each.

During his visit to Oregon, Romulo spoke at the Redmond, Cedar Creek, Castle Rock, The Dalles, Vancouver, and Gladstone Park churches—all in one week. He learned "tips" from Alf Birch and met Mary Necker, who had sponsored him as a college student, back in 1972.

One church he visited gave \$1,011 toward the building of a church in Romulo's home city of General Santos. Someone donated five sets of "Matthew" videos, in all five Philippine dialects.

"They will think it amazing,

Jesus is speaking to them in their language," Romulo said.

At the It Is Written Graphic Group's headquarters in Vancouver, Wash., he added, "I would like to be able to edit the New Beginnings DVDs and put in my language."

He was pleased to discover that an international version will be released in 2003 and will allow him to do just that.

Blessings

As we rounded the hill from Oceanside to Cape Meares, he said, "This is a \$10 million dollar experience. America is blessed."

"Yes, we know, and we have a song we sing called, 'God Bless America,'" we replied. "It's a song kind of like a prayer, that God will continue to bless us."

"You are blessed!" he insisted. "Now you have a responsibility!"

Indeed! Lord, please help us to take advantage of our blessings and seize the responsibility to take Jesus to the world. •

Diane Pestes

Dan and Mary Necker, with Romulo Tuballes, whom they sponsored as a college student, back in 1972.



John Rogers, Romulo Tuballes, Corleen Johnson, and Diane Pestes: the Oregon Conference Trust Department receives the Oregon Christian Women's Retreat offering of \$5,357.



REVELATIONS AT A SYNAGOGUE

When Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) Junior Class members pulled into the parking lot of the Synagogue Nevah Shalom, an impressive building loomed before them, as anticipation hung in the air.

Dave Allen, CAA Bible teacher, led the group into the synagogue, where boys were told to place caps, or keepahs, on their heads. A Jewish leader then explained the beliefs and customs of the Jewish faith.

Allen annually takes his junior Bible class to a Jewish synagogue, in connection with the study of the book of Romans. “It helps them to understand Paul’s audience in Rome during the first century. When the students see the emphasis on the law, and how it is central to the Jewish worship service, they better

understand why Paul made statements about the law like he does in Romans 7:4,” says Allen.

Inside the synagogue, the guide opened the Ark, which holds the Torahs—the first five books of Moses, on hand-written scrolls.

He removed one of several large scrolls from the Ark and carefully laid it on the podium, explaining that the Torahs cost about \$40,000 each.

The students then entered a smaller sanctuary, also containing Torah scrolls, used for daily services. Here, their guide sang a Jewish hymn and answered many questions the students asked about Jewish beliefs and practices.

After thanking the guide for his insightful, two-and-a-half hour presentation, the students



A Jewish guide shows the Torah to CAA students.

returned to campus and reflected on their experience.

“Going to the Shalom was a lot of fun. It was really interesting and refreshing to learn what another’s religion is like and the activities involved. I really noticed how dedicated they were to their traditions, and I appreciated their faith. It really opened my eyes to the great diversity

between an Adventist and a Jew. But I am glad that we both love God with all our heart,” said Dana Joy Kenison.

The students learned that though different faiths have diverse views, all are united in their love for God and His love for mankind. •

*Christina Hack and
Christina Perry*

Columbia Junior Class members gather on the synagogue lawn.



PAA'S WONDERFUL SURPRISE



Students Ashley Anderson, Vitna Williams, Ronnie Davie, and Dustin Hunter during Week of Prayer at Portland Adventist Academy.

I believe that there is a hunger among our young people today to take a stand and be counted as fully-committed followers of Christ," said Les Zollbrecht, Portland Adventist Academy's

(PAA's) new chaplain, at his first Week of Prayer series on campus.

His worship team of students and staff had prepared a week of exciting music, song services, dramas, and fun,

titled "Walk the Talk," with messages that called for full commitment to Christ.

"We all got a spiritual high," said sophomore Mathew Sexton. Freshman Jessica Hernández affirmed, "I was truly blessed by it."

At the end of the week came a wonderful surprise: 26 students requested Bible studies and baptism.

"I give students who want to prepare for baptism the materials, and then they give me Bible studies and teach me what they have learned," says Zollbrecht of his Bible study approach. "People remember and apply more of what they themselves teach."

During their baptismal classes, students will learn to chain reference their Bibles so they can give a study on any topic they have covered.

Because so many students

asked for studies, faculty, staff, and fellow students will help Zollbrecht guide them through God's Word. •

Ann Axt



PAA Chaplain Les Zollbrecht titled his week of prayer series "Walk the Talk."

EMERALD THUMBS

OREGON

Emerald Christian Academy 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students help Grass Roots Gardens groom local community gardens for the winter. The gardens provide food for Lane County Food Bank, which offers free dinners at various local churches for needy families.

Shown working in the tomato beds, the students are creating raised beds and

compost piles. They also harvested seed for ground cover, pulled weeds, and trimmed vines for shredding. Even the orchards benefited from a good fall cleaning.

Fourth- and 5th-grade students, in the ensuing two weeks, provided follow-up muscle to attack missed weeds and remaining composting. •

Marcia Roberts



ALBANY HOSTS 9/11 Commemoration

Members of the Albany, Ore., Church threw open their doors on Sabbath, Sep. 14, inviting the community to take part in a special 9-11 commemorative program and recognition ceremony held to honor local safety agencies.

Sabbath school superintendent John Murray launched the program, emphasizing patriotism in context of the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The program, "We Remember, We Give Thanks; We Prepare" was written and narrated by Curtis Miller and wife Joy, using multimedia imagery, accompanied by off-stage voices of Susan Cantrell, Larry Ridgley, Kelly DeVinney, Geoffrey Woitt, and vocalist

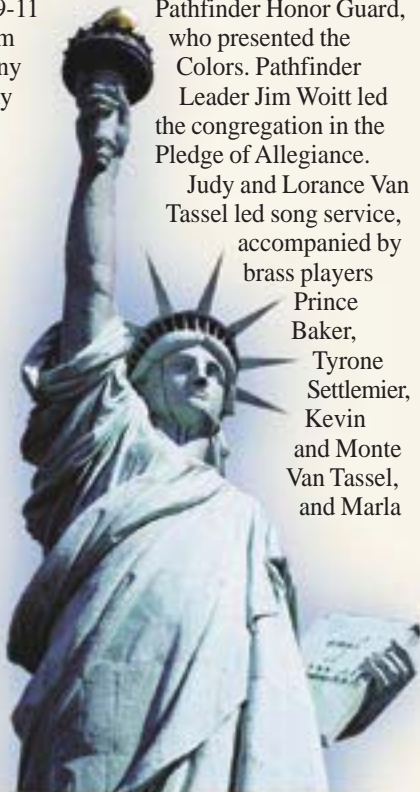
Alice Burgess.

Worship services began with the seating of guests of honor, escorted by the

Pathfinder Honor Guard, who presented the Colors. Pathfinder Leader Jim Woitt led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy and Lorange Van Tassel led song service, accompanied by brass players

Prince Baker, Tyrone Settlemier, Kevin and Monte Van Tassel, and Marla



Severance, with pianist, Gillian Nielsen, and organist, Dan Reed.

After the invocation, Pastor Paul Cole baptized the congregation's newest member, Jonathan Phillips.

Phil Miller and his Shely dog, "Buddy," then demonstrated the concept of "waiting" to a group of children gathered around him. As he balanced a doggie treat on top of Buddy's narrow nose, Phil explained that sometimes God asks us to "wait."

The coveted treat just fractions of an inch from his taste buds, Buddy sat focused on his master, waiting for the designated word of permission.

A highlight of the morning's program came during the presentation of commemorative plaques to Linn County Sheriff Dave Burright, Albany Fire Chief Kevin Kreitman, Albany

Barracks Oregon State Police Sgt. Mike Peterson, and Albany Assistant Chief of Police Dave Shinholster. Though unable to attend, Albany Mayor Chuck McLaren received a plaque, hand-delivered by Pastor Cole.

Members of the local Spanish group also took part in the service, as did the Albany Church choir.

The worship program culminated with the benediction song, "We Have This Hope."

Guests and members then attended a vegetarian/vegan lunch, sponsored by the local health/temperance department.

After lunch, guests explored the church facility and reviewed its ministries at special display stations. •

Reported by Pam Luna and Larry Ridgley

SUTHERLIN MEMBERS Remember 9-11 Heroism

Members of the Sutherlin, Ore., Church hosted a well-attended community program to commemorate the heroism of rescue workers who lost their lives or were injured in the line of duty, Sept. 11, 2001.

Bob Cotterman provided special patriotic musical selections and Donna Mae

Smith (first woman bugler, U.S. Army, 1942) played "Taps" after 60 seconds of commemorative silence.

Tray Williams, Dave Robinson, Dave Nicholas, and Doug Robinson also participated in the program.

Honored during the service were Sutherlin Mayor Joe Mongiovi, Local Police

Chief Tom Boggs, and Fire Chief Barry Hutchings, with his medical response team. Sutherlin members Dave Juler, Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Retired; and Pastor Richard Harbour, Commander, Navy Chaplain Corps, Retired, were present in full uniform to represent those who lost their lives in

the Pentagon attack. Many other veterans also attended.

Pastor Paul Glazner of the Sutherlin Family Church presented reflections on the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Fifteen members of his congregation also attended the service. •

Reported by Shirley Swan

CANBY'S BUG SAFARI

Twenty-six children from the Canby Adventist Church and community buzzed around seven vacation Bible school exploration stations this summer.

Each day at "Bug Safari," the children met in small, mixed-age groups to discover important Bible truths, helped by Chadder Chipmunk and five different Bible bugs.

Arnold Ant told them that though they were small, God can help them with mighty problems. Stilts Stick Bug assured them that God knows them inside and out, though they may look like sticks on the outside.

Angelica Firefly used her light to communicate and stay safe; Betty Butterfly showed

them that God forgives and changes their hearts; Buddy Bee told them that God is a Friend who guides and always cares for them.

The children learned about Bible truths and Bible characters through role-playing, watching Bug Safari videos, singing, creating crafts, enjoying snacks, and playing outdoor games.

In one activity, school-aged children drew self-portraits inside Russian Bible coloring books and sent them to children in Eastern European orphanages, while pre-schoolers prepared Romanian Bible coloring books for children in Romanian orphanages.

Sheryl Evers coordinated the safari; Exploration Station

leaders included Omar and Celia Portillo, Irene Simmons, Paulette Contreras, Marilyn Drake, Harriett Zook, and Elena Rohm.

Walter Portillo, Sinead Portillo, Michael Rohm, and Joan Doty served as Safari crew guides. Safety Officer David Drake helped with games.

Parents and grandparents, like María Dolores Aguayo, provided transportation for their own children and grandchildren and gave rides to community children, too, so all could enjoy learning about their big, awesome, amazing, wonderful God. •

Diana J. Harrold

Each day at "Bug Safari," the children met in small, mixed-age groups to discover important Bible truths.

Leaders, crew, and kids gather at the conclusion of Canby's "Bug Safari."



TENTH YACS CAMP

Meeting Attracts 600

The 10th Annual Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) Mini-camp Meeting, Oct. 4 and 5, this year featured a three-part sermon series, "Images Etched in Your Mind," by Pastor Peter Neri.

Violinist Jaime Jorge shared his story and music with youth on Friday night and again on Sabbath. The All Nations Adventist Center conducted children's church on Friday evening, and members of the Yakima Adventist Church led out in the Sabbath school

Ken Money, a Fairview Adventist Church member in Yakima, shares a story with the children during Sabbath worship.

Participants shared how mission service had affected their spiritual walk.

classes, Sabbath morning. Approximately 150 attended Friday evening services; by Sabbath morning, the crowd of constituent church members and visitors had grown to 600.

The adult Sabbath school program

emphasized Missions, and participants shared how mission service had affected their spiritual walk.

YACS high school students Greg Balmes and Alice Kravig shared their excitement about the ninth- and 10th-graders' upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

After a worship service featuring a message by Pastor Neri and music by Jorge and

Steve Peterson, the YACS Home and School provided lunch for more than 300.

Neri and Jorge combined forces for an afternoon meeting, while attendees favoring outdoor activity took a hike up Cowiche Canyon. Vespers featured music by Jorge and Peterson. After an evening meal, attendees were invited to attend a bake sale and shop at an Adventist Book Center camp meeting outlet.

The Mini-camp Meeting brought area church members together to worship and learn more about their school and its students in service. •

Photos by Wayne Coffey

YACS Harmony Choir performs Friday evening.



Directed by Shirly White, the YACS Choir delivers a Sabbath-morning anthem.



Pastor Peter Neri

OREGON

CONFERENCE READING PLAN

Focuses on Jesus

Members across the Inland Northwest are invited to join Max Torkelsen II, Upper Columbia Conference president, in a reading plan that focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus.

The reading plan will carry participants through the Gospels and four books on the life of Jesus: *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, and *The Desire of Ages*, all by Ellen G. White.

Some may prefer to read *Messiah*, a recent paraphrase of *The Desire of Ages*, by Jerry Thomas.

The "Growing in Jesus" reading plan provides an opportunity for readers to unite with fellow Adventists in



the Conference to learn more about Jesus and grow closer to Him.

On page 83 of *The Desire of Ages*, the author encourages readers to meditate on the life of Jesus: "It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful

hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones."

While the spiritual rewards derived from the reading program are obvious, those who complete the series of books in 2003 will receive a copy of the book, *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*, by Randy Maxwell, compliments of the Adventist Book Center and the Upper Columbia Conference.

More details on the "Growing in Jesus" reading plan will be mailed to churches and can be found on copies of a compact disc (CD) the Upper Columbia Conference will send to each Adventist household in the Inland Northwest in the next few weeks. •

Doug R. Johnson

UPPER COLUMBIA

UCA WEEKEND

Focuses on Parents' Needs

More than 250 parents from 10 states recently came to Upper Columbia Academy for Parent Weekend. While enjoying time with their children and friends, the parents also appreciated a variety of special programs.

Hispanic child preaching prodigy Noé Ortiz, Jr., of Chehalis, Wash., spoke for church. Donna Evans, former UCA faculty member, provided English-language

interpretation.

Sabbath afternoon seminars addressed topics of special concern to parents, including music and last-day events.

An evening buffet and

forum gave parents a chance to interact as a group with UCA administrators. Parent-teacher conferences and a financial aid worship with Walla Walla College also figured in the

weekend's program.

"Parents expressed deep appreciation and strong support for Christian education," reports Ron Turner, weekend organizer.

"Thank-you for loving our kids!" and "Keep lifting up Christ before our young people" were typical visitors' comments. •

Cheri Corder

Parents expressed deep appreciation and strong support for Christian education.



UCA ground school students Shane Schimke and Sally Roth prepare to take complimentary plane rides.

SEVENTEEN AIRPLANES *Target UCA Strip*

Excitement stirred in the little town of Spangle, Wash., as 17 airplanes landed on Upper Columbia Academy's (UCA's) airstrip—all in one morning.

It was UCA's third annual fly-in, an event sponsored by the technology department to encourage interest in the academy's ground school.

The flying machines included a helicopter, a newly refurbished 1927 biplane, a couple of ag planes, a Cherokee-6, 3 Steermans, and several Cessnas.

Pilots included alumni,

parents of current students, and friends of the school. Two pilots from Walla Walla College had made connections with an Alaska Air executive who lives just two miles from UCA. He also stopped by for the event.

All participants were encouraged to look over the planes and visit with their pilots. Ground school students got complimentary plane rides, and all enjoyed a delicious all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria. •

Cheri Corder



TEACHER JOANNE RASCO

Retires



Jim and Joanne Rasco

the 36-year veteran teacher's hallmark reputation for hugs and her personal motto: "Forever Sweet and Kind."

Ted Carcich, her brother, emceed the evening, teasing his sister with

family and school memories. Pastor Dennis Nickel, with his guitar, led the group in singing rousing school songs. Bruce Ham, M.D., and his wife presented a devotional in which they commended Jim

and Joanne Rasco for their spiritual contribution to the School. The Rascos plan to remain in the area, as retirees.

The Rascos team-taught for many years, until he retired for health reasons and recently underwent a successful kidney transplant.

Jim Drake, School principal, welcomed the large group of parents, friends, and students. Darryl Hunt, School board chairman, led out in a memory-sharing time, and children added their voices. Alysia Wresch's lower-grade room presented "Mrs. R" with notes. Wesley Marin, representing the upper-grade room, told her how much she was missed. Then came students from former years.

Three sisters from a non-Adventist family acted out

a skit and told how they still sing songs "Mrs. R." taught then, whenever they travel.

Alberta Jones told how she and her three sisters loved Mrs. R., and Karen Hunt and Katie Nelson represented her former students from Upper Columbia Academy and college with tears of appreciation.

Pat Crew, a former Palouse Hills teacher, closed the program with remarks, titled "One Teacher to Another."

Audience members then crowded around their much-loved teacher to give personal thanks. One visiting family remarked that the Rascos' spirit of love had motivated them to enroll their children in the School. •

Elaine Drury

Memories, hugs, and tears laced veteran educator Joanne Rasco's recent retirement program at Palouse Hills Adventist School, in Moscow, Idaho.

The celebration lived up to

UPPER COLUMBIA

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO FAIR

Showcases Adventist Ministry

An article on the front page of the University of Idaho's "Argonaut" about the University's recent Health and Wellness Fair focused several paragraphs on the health ministry of local Adventists.

The one-day annual Fair, held in Moscow, Idaho, began 14 years ago with strong support of Adventists then on the University's faculty. The Fair continues to grow, and this year was moved to a new location, according to the

bylined story.

Staff writer Diana Crabtree reported that about 50 exhibitors provided fairgoers with written information and food samples.

"One booth promoted alcohol-free food and drink alternatives," she noted. "Ernesto Douglas Venn, a Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, was in charge of the booth.

"One of our focuses as a church is to link a healthy

and balanced lifestyle with religion," he said. The booth included non-alcoholic recipes and free smoothies. The smoothies proved to be a hot item at the fair. One year the church gave away 1,500 smoothies, and this year they estimated they would give away at least 1,000, Venn said."

In follow-up comments, Venn noted that "we served non-alcoholic mocktails to over 1,100 students, faculty,

and staff members... This is another example of how we are sharing Christ with the students at the University of Idaho."

Venn, an Adventist church planter, directs the Adventist Christian Fellowship on campus. •

Reported by Ernesto Douglas Venn

OLYMPIA CHURCH INCLUDES *Community in Grand Re-opening*

Members of the Olympia, Wash., Church, recently shared their joy with the community, inviting neighbors and friends to celebrate the restoration of their Feb. 28, 2001, earthquake-damaged facility.

In the first of three events, members hosted an Open House, on Labor Day. Guides gave tours of the facility and appetizing food was served, amid carnival-type attractions for children, arranged for on the church's front lawn by Jim Bowman.

Then, on Sept. 7, the Sabbath worship service focused on the church's journey from earthquake damage to complete renovation. Members praised God for sending so many workers to help with the project, and all were encouraged to rededicate themselves to personal and

church growth and outreach to friends and neighbors.

Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, challenged members to return to their roots and recapture the Church's high ideals.

He recounted God's blessings, as evidenced by the rapid growth of the worldwide Church in recent years to 12.5 million members.

Then, in a well-attended event especially intended for the community, Olympia members hosted a Hope for the Homeland Prayer Service, Sept. 11, on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the nation.

Members honored uniformed representatives of the military, paramedics, firefighters, and police. Bill McCord, a friend of the church, played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes, and Tom Vatne sang two songs

about 9/11.

With heartfelt thanks, the congregation encircled, laid hands on, and prayed for the men in uniform, including in that prayer those who lead the nation and give of themselves daily for the its safety.

Several visitors expressed appreciation for the service and the invitations to attend it.

"It is such a joy to reach our community with the love of the Father," said Pastor Tom Decker.

"Our church has, in the past, focused too much on self

and internal strife, and it is gratifying to see us reaching out and beyond ourselves to others." •

Ardyce Kegley



A sign in front of the renovated Olympia Adventist Church build invites the community to celebrate special events in September.

MONROE BAPTISM

Members of the Monroe, Wash., Church gathered in late summer on the shores of the Skykomish River for an old-fashioned baptism down by the riverside.

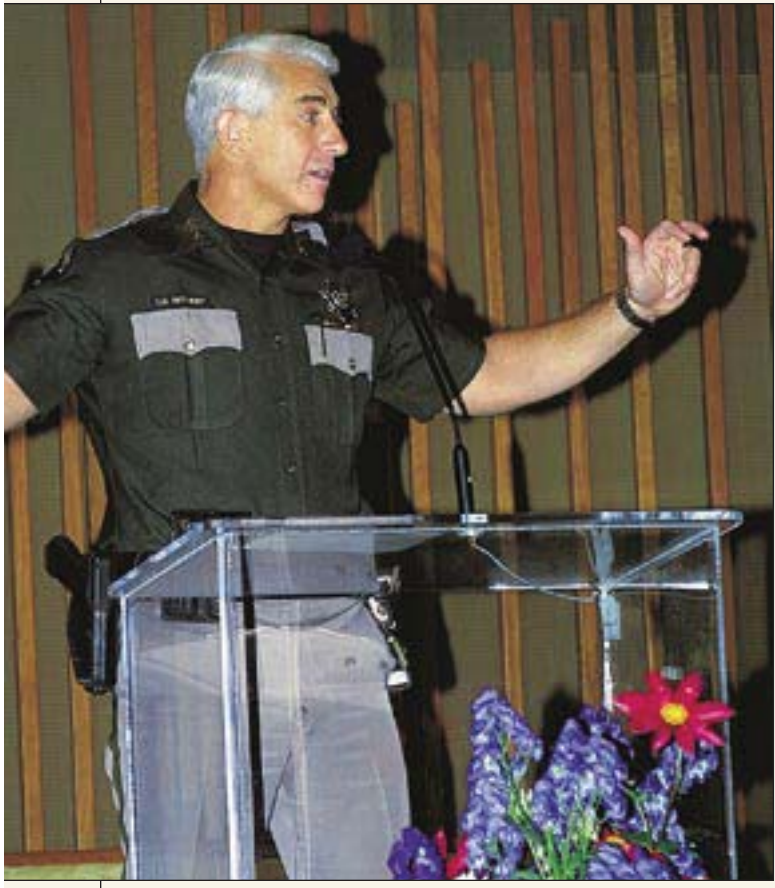
Hot weather and warm water provided ideal outdoor conditions, as 100 church and

family members witnessed the baptism of six candidates who publicly confessed their faith in Christ and sealed their commitment with prayer and baptism, followed by a feast in their honor.

The service prompted many others to ask for baptism. •



Shown, from left, are Cameron Dreger, Vanessa Williamson, Asa Henry, Pastor Mike Maldonado, Ursi Williamson, Charlie Williamson, and Deena Waits.



AUBURN CITY HONORS

Public Servants

also few and far between, and officers were simply expected to show how big and tough they were.

In contrast, today's police officers must continuously put

"It is your city," he told the congregation. "It is your Sheriff's office."

After Reichert spoke, Lehnhoff offered a special prayer for Sheriff Reichert,

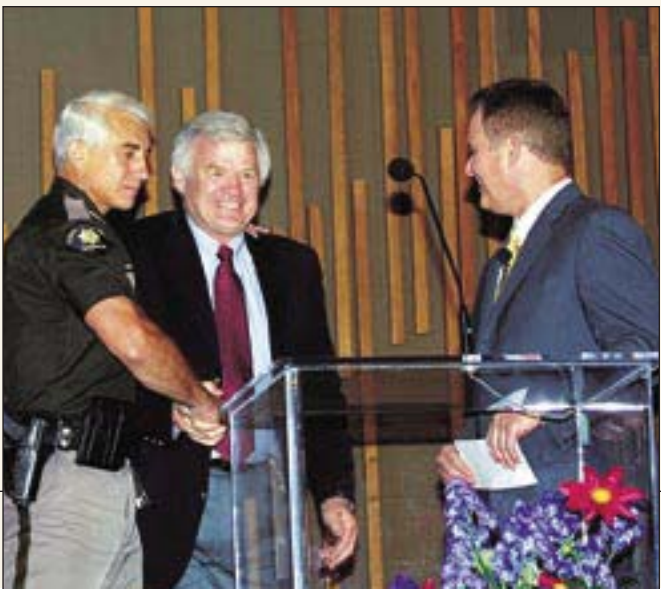
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their lives on the line for the public, and Reichert says he tells his officers to start their service with hearts of servants, displaying teamwork, service, integrity, and leadership.

Mayor Lewis, and Fire Chief Johnson, asking God to lead, guide, and protect them in their leadership. •

Eric Williams

Sheriff Dave Reichert greets Herb Duncan as Pastor Roland Lehnhoff, right, looks on.



WASHINGTON

Sheriff Dave Reichert

Members of the Auburn City Church recently honored King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, a prominent regional newsmaker and potential gubernatorial candidate.

Reichert attended the service, with the Honorable Peter B. Lewis, mayor of Auburn, Wash., and Fire Chief Bob Johnson.

Local member Herb Duncan, who worked closely with Reichert at the beginning of their careers, invited him to take part in the appreciation feature.

During his visit to the Auburn City Church, Reichert received a check for \$1,000

from the congregation, for the family of an officer who recently died in the line of duty.

Roland Lehnhoff, local pastor, told Reichert how much his congregation appreciates the sacrifices of those who serve in law enforcement and fire protection. Reichert, in turn, shared his experiences as a public servant and a Christian.

The world is a different place than it was back in 1972, when he entered the force, Reichert said. Portable two-way radios were not available, and computers in patrol cars were non-existent. Community relationships were

WINDWORKS FELLOWSHIP

Grows Rapidly in Olympia



WindWorks Fellowship, an Adventist congregation recently planted in Olympia, Wash., maintains high visibility and involvement in the community. It recently entered a float, featuring its praise band, in the Olympia Lakefair Parade.

WindWorks Fellowship, a newly planted church in Olympia Wash., was begun by two lay couples. In only two-and-a-half years, what began as a vision has grown from 20 to 95 attendees.

Dennis McKown, WindWorks lay pastor, says, "Music, acceptance of others, and a place for healing are three pieces of DNA purposely woven into the fabric of WindWorks Fellowship. Through these three entities, our goal is to develop a grace-oriented, contemporary, relevant church."

The terms "evangelism" and/or "ministry" are used in the titles of all WindWorks activities, to show the congregation's plan to make every event or gathering evangelistic in nature.

The church seeks to create a safe environment in each ministry so attendees feel

comfortable inviting their unchurched friends.

Says McKown, "We want to meet needs and become friends before we present the truth as we know it, and so far it has been working!"

McKown is one of many church planters who come from all walks of life and are using often-interesting methods to sow gospel seeds.

Women's Ministry at WindWorks, known as "A Circle of Friends," sponsors two retreats a year and many social gatherings for women.

Friends are invited to brunches, take part in a book club, attend a high tea, or enjoy pampered evenings, receiving facials, manicures, or massages.

WindWorks' Servant Evangelism ministry recently sponsored a float in the Olympia Lakefair parade, featuring the WindWorks

praise band performing live music.

During that parade, WindWorks members gave away almost 2,000 bottles of cold water to parade spectators.

WindWorks' Social Evangelism ministry sponsors five softball teams and several volleyball teams, all consisting of half WindWorks attendees and half non-attendees.

After every game, players, with their families and friends, meet for pizza or ice cream and fellowship. Several families and individuals have begun attending WindWorks Fellowship because of these teams.

"The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches," says C. Peter Wagner, author of "Church Planting for a Greater Harvest." Many have taken

Wagner's words to heart by accepting God's call to start new churches.

SEEDS conferences, held every year in various locations in the United States and Canada, teach principles of starting new churches—with the goal of reaching people for Jesus.

SEEDS conferences teach church planting basics and provide resources for church planters and those thinking of becoming church planters. They also serve as conduits for networking, encouragement, and prayer.

The next SEEDS WEST will be held in Modesto, Calif., Feb. 7-9, 2003. More information about the event is available by phoning, toll free, (800) 255-7568 or visiting Web site www.nadei.org.

Judy-Ann Neal

WindWorks Fellowship is gaining recognition within the community through its Social Evangelism ministry.



WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Adds Worship Options

Walla Walla College Hosts Family Weekend

Walla Walla College (WWC) has more Sabbath morning worship options this year than ever before.

One of them, "The Awakening," began last year as a Thursday-evening worship group. This year, its student organizers have expanded their vision and now hope to provide organized prayer, Bible study, and service projects in conjunction with a Sabbath worship service.

Their aim is to create an ongoing, outwardly focused church experience that happens continually, not just once a week.

The Awakening

According to theology major Troy Ahrens, "'The Awakening' is a church community whose main focus is to foster a constant awareness of God's presence."

During fall quarter, Ahrens and fellow theology major Tyrone Bryan are delivering sermons based on the book of Ephesians. Small groups are accompanying the study in their own weekly meetings, based on the upcoming week's sermon.

Meanwhile, senior theology major Jonny Hayasaka is leading a service program to offer ongoing opportunities for community involvement, and an open prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings.

Battleground

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Sabbath Seminar

Several faculty members have created a new Sabbath-morning worship service. "Sabbath Seminar," was organized by English professors Terrie Aamodt and Bev Beem, theology professor

Doug Clark, and engineering professor Larry Aamodt. It replaces the traditional lesson study with a lecture, presented by a faculty member or community lecturer on a subject of spiritual interest, connected to their own professional field of interest.

Seminar topics this quarter have included inspiration, Middle-eastern culture, connections between poetry and prayer, and how religious perspectives influenced the Civil War.

Foreign Language

Several modern language groups on campus offer Sabbath school in foreign languages several times a quarter. The French Sabbath school class uses food to entice students out of bed on Sabbath mornings, with a breakfast of baguettes, jam, croissants, and hot drinks. The German Sabbath school class will have a Christmas-theme service Dec. 7, with carols and refreshments. •

Bradley Nelson

Parents and family members of college students are naturally curious about what goes on at "their" school. Each fall, Walla Walla College invites parents, grandparents, and siblings to experience a slice of campus life first-hand, during Family Weekend. Family Weekend this year begins Friday, Dec. 6.

"Take Your Parents to Class Day," on Friday, offers parents the nostalgia of sitting in on classes, the first of a variety of the weekend's social, academic, and spiritual opportunities.

The College's annual Christmas Concert, Friday evening, is one of the largest concerts of the school year. It will feature selections from Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" and traditional Christmas carols.

Sabbath events will include a sermon in Karl Haffner's "Pilgrim's Problems" series, dinner with the new Walla Walla College president, Jon Dybdahl, and Evensong.

Saturday night will feature varsity basketball games, and the communications department will stage an adaptation of William Shakespeare's classic play, "Hamlet."

Weekend events will conclude at a brunch with faculty, Sunday morning. Those who need more information may phone (800) 377-2586. •

Bradley Nelson

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE





WWGH's Tot Spot helps parents hone their child-rearing skills and gives them college credit, in the process.

Dealing with dozens of mothers who are often heartbreakingly under-aged and helplessly unprepared for the basics of motherhood would test most people's faith. For Bonnie Wicklund, however, such work is a daily reinforcement of her faith. As a social worker at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH), Wicklund works with the hospital's Tot Spot program, designed to help parents improve their parenting skills.

The unusual parent-education plan is offered through Walla Walla Community College, in partnership with WWGH. Parents enroll in Tot Spot through the College and earn college credit for attending the sessions.

Some mothers in the Tot Spot program have been referred by state child-protective or foster-care officials because of documented infant abuse or neglect. Others, from more stable backgrounds, come to Tot Spot simply because they need a break. At Tot Spot, they often wind up learning that they need to break free from erroneous concepts about baby-raising handed down through generations in their own families.

So, twice a week, parents and their children come to a local church for two hours of supervised playtime with early childhood educator Valerie Neuschwander. Later, Wicklund and many of the mothers interactively discuss the full spectrum of child-

ADVENTIST HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER OFFERS HOPE

rearing skills.

Everything from brain development, to nutrition, to car seat safety, to disciplinary methods is covered during the group's time together.

"We try to make it more than just a lecture," says the bilingual Wicklund. "Sometimes it acts as a support group. They're so anxious to learn, but they've never had anybody to teach them."

Though not a parent herself, Wicklund's passion for helping others comes naturally. Born in Brazil, the daughter of career missionaries, she knew all along she wanted to do something different.

"I've been raised to believe that part of my earthly mission is to make life better for other people," she says.

Her efforts to do so have not gone unnoticed. "Bonnie embodies our mission," says Stan Ledington, director of WWGH Community Health Education. "She is restoring peace, hope, and health for these moms, which is the Hospital's mission to our community."

The rewards of doing this work are immeasurable, she says—work that includes

outreach programs for pregnant women, domestic violence case management, and counseling for drugs, alcohol, and depression.

"A lot of my work is not necessarily rewarded up front, but the small amount of feedback I do get is pretty rewarding—to know that I've had a direct and positive impact in people's lives," Wicklund says.

"A lot of the world has been opened up to me that I would never have seen otherwise," she adds. "It makes me more aware of how fragile life is, how much we take for granted, and how blessed I feel that God has provided for me." •



Bonnie Wicklund, social worker at WWGH.

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
*Operation Bearhug/
Magadan?*

WORLD CHURCH

Hundreds of Northwest members traveled to the former Soviet Union during the 1990s, sharing their faith, their talents, and their dollars.

Sometimes, through the inevitable absence of valid reports and rumors of attrition and apostasy, questions are raised as to the validity of these types of initiatives.

Recently, I was with Ivan Khiminets, president of the East-Russian Union Mission, at which time he followed up a previous email to me. Let me share a rough translation of that emailed letter.

Greetings and Blessings

“Dear Elder Jere D. Patzer, greetings and blessings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.... In the first words of my letter, I would like to express our gratitude for the marvelous help you have rendered for the church in Magadan.

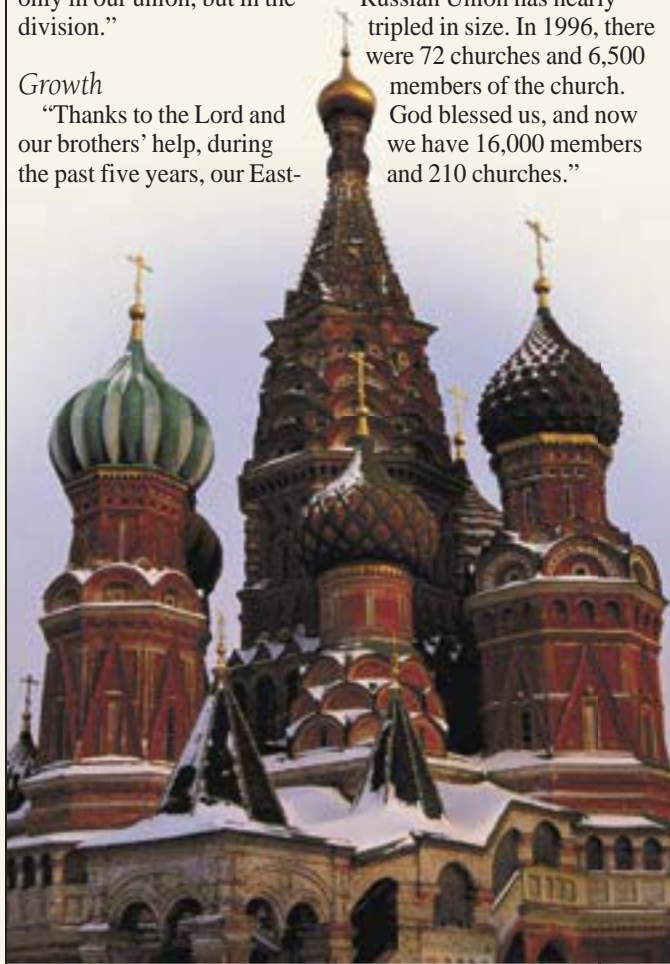
“We are thankful that you keep on assisting in the proclamation of the Gospel in the Magadan area. We are grateful you have constructed the house of worship there. It is the biggest church, not

only in our union, but in the division.”

Growth

“Thanks to the Lord and our brothers’ help, during the past five years, our East-

Russian Union has nearly tripled in size. In 1996, there were 72 churches and 6,500 members of the church. God blessed us, and now we have 16,000 members and 210 churches.”



Russian Orthodox churches, some of ancient vintage, continue to dominate the spiritual landscape in Russia, but Adventism is growing rapidly, challenging the dominance of the ancient spiritual regime.

Reorganization

“As a result of this increase, the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) proposed to reorganize our Union. And we have begun the process of dividing our conferences.

“We have divided already the East-Siberian Mission into three parts. We organized the fields as the Baikalskay Mission, Eniseyskay Mission, and Yakutia Missionary Field.

“In May, we reorganized the Far Eastern Conference and West Siberian Conference.”

Appeal

“Why do I write about it? The reason is that we would like to reorganize the Far Eastern Conference into two missions—southern and northern. There is one important consideration: The majority of churches are located in the southern part. We have only six churches in the north, in three areas—Magadanskay, Chukotskay, and Kamchatskay.

“We want to headquarter our mission in that area in Magadan.... We wish to hold crusades and proclaim the Gospel. Here is my request.

I know you have always assisted northern areas of our union; could you please help support us in this project?

"If you wanted, you could adopt this as a sister Mission. This Mission is too far from us. In other words, this Mission is located closer to you than it is to us.

"We look forward to hearing from you.... As we work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will give us the daily wisdom and courage we need to accomplish His work. Wishing you much of God's blessings each and every day, with Christian love, Ivan Khiminets."

The Impact

As you read this, you can almost sense what the Apostle Paul felt when he realized the impact his ministry had in fostering the growth of new churches. Northwestern members have and are

One of the greatest opportunities, and also one of the greatest challenges, is that we are providing a small house church for each of these newly established congregations.

making an impact around the world for Jesus. I encourage you to renew your support of missions through your offerings, prayers, and on-site visits.

An Appeal

In a separate letter Artur Stelle, ESD president appeals to us: "Greetings from your brothers and sisters in Christ in the Euro-Asia Division. Probably you have heard

about the church planting project that is under way in our territory, called the 300 Lay-driven Churches Project.

"One of the greatest opportunities, and also one of the greatest challenges, is that we are providing a small house church for each of these newly established congregations.

"As I write this letter, we have already purchased 121 of them, and we have funds in

hand for perhaps 50 more. The poor economy in our territory has made buying these houses incredibly inexpensive—some for as low as \$5,000.

"However, that is changing quickly, especially in Russia. Real estate prices are beginning to go up, and we are feeling the pressure to move quickly, before the situation becomes impossible for us."

President Stele goes on to appeal for help in purchasing one of these house churches.

If you would like to be involved with the former Soviet Union and help in this Phase II initiative, please phone our North Pacific Union Conference Office of Global Mission, at (360) 816-1430.

Praise the Lord we have and will continue to make a difference—a difference for eternity. •

Jere D. Patzer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elects New Treasurer, Editor

In actions taken by the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee in September, Norman Klam was elected as treasurer and Dick

Dower was approved as GLEANER editor.

Klam will fill the vacancy left by the

departure of Benny Moore, who recently took a position at the Voice of Prophecy in Southern California. Klam, who was Oregon Conference treasurer from 1986 to 1992, is currently treasurer for the Lake Union Conference, with headquarters in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Dower will step in to replace outgoing GLEANER editor, Edwin A. Schwisow, who has edited the magazine

for nearly 12 years. Dower's wife, Nadine, will also join the communication department, as GLEANER managing editor.

The Dowers currently serve the Lake Union Conference, directing the communication work there.

Klam and the Dowers will transition into these positions this month. •

Steven Vistaunet



Dick Dower



Norman Klam



The Mission Field of Corporate America

B Y D E L O N A L A N G B E L L

Her voice lacked its usual confidence. It was the end of the week, and I would have been happy if it had been a routine client request.

But as she talked, I could hear that something deeper was at stake. “Listen, DeLona,” the voice in my soul said. “She’s in a spiritual struggle.”

There I was, in one of the hundreds of moments of decision we all face every day. Would I respond to the prompting of the Spirit? Or would my own focus for the day prohibit me from listening—really listening—to a colleague who was deeply troubled?

I realized that the gift I could best offer her was my presence—my complete and attentive presence at that moment. As I did, she began to open up to me. She was in the valley of despair over complex

personal issues and business challenges. “Just once,” she said, “I wish every day wasn’t such a struggle.”

Her words helped me realize how many opportunities for extending the “healing” ministry of Christ we face in business each day. Yet, how many times we miss those opportunities through lack of spiritual attentiveness.

There’s a great need in the business world for the ministry of Christ. How important it is that we as Christians stay tuned in to this work—a work that is just as important as any mission work.

A Different Jungle

Some are called to be missionaries in other countries. But my mission field is characterized by suits, laptops, Palm

Pilots, and deadlines—the mission field of corporate America. What we find in this modern-day mission field is a plethora of needs—needs often buried under the required masks of self-sufficiency demanded in this fast-paced world.

Through our business dealings, we have the chance to reach out to people who may never set foot in a church. We are asked to remove our blinders and open our hearts to the promptings of the Spirit. Where we once saw a successful young corporate vice president as a client, we now see a person struggling with her own spiritual journey. Where we once saw a seemingly invincible young entrepreneur, we now see as a soul shut off from a faith community.

By giving way to the work of the Spirit, our eyes can be opened and we can see

what Jesus sees—a world in need. It is then that we can do our real work of tending the human soul.

Practicing God's Presence

It was Brother Lawrence, a humble monk, who changed my view of work. He wrote simply and eloquently about “practicing the presence of God” in work—however humble or distinctive the task might be. For him, the lines between sacred and secular blurred, and as he performed the most menial of tasks, he learned to do it in the name of Jesus.

Brother Lawrence helped me move from seeing work as a livelihood to work as a path to ministry. Where I once separated my life into work and faith, I now see a convergence. I now see more clearly the sacredness of work as a holy venue for carrying out the work of Christ.

Creating Sanctuaries

The human desire for spiritual sanctuaries is not new, but it is in need of repackaging. The idea of “sanctuary” can become a reality in a Christian work place, as we find new ways to create places where people can find safety, fairness, and nurture.

The workplace is ripe with opportunity and begging for visionary leadership. Many spend more time at work than they do with their families. On the weekly canvass of time, the Christian leader can paint experiences that restore hope, infuse meaning, and model principles that stand to change the lives of others. It may be in creating practices within the company that ensure fairness and equity. It may be in offering a word of hope to a discouraged heart. But each of these types of work is holy, because it offers the chance to impact the life of another.

A look at the life of Jesus shows that,

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indeed, this was His model of work. His vocation was a means of reaching people at a deeper level, a door that brought Him into places of need.

The impact of this intentional, purposeful approach to work and faith will touch those in our circle of influence, as well as ourselves. When we do cross the bridge to understanding that our work is sacred, we begin to create wholeness in our own lives and in the lives of those around us.

The Quiet Model

I have had the good fortune to be in the company of Christian business people who have taught me far more through their quiet, faithful actions than anything I've read in a business journal.

Their daily decisions and wise handling of issues of money, politics, and people showed me how to live in a secular world. They taught me how to be relevant, yet faithful; integrated, yet unswerving in principle. By watching them, I was forever inspired to raise the bar higher in my own work and life.

In a world of corporate upheaval and scandal, there is something we can do to

restore hope. We can live our lives with purpose and integrity.

Here and Now

On those days when I am tempted to feel despair about the scope of human need and my own inability to make an impact of any significant size, I am reminded that my mission for this moment is my circle of influence—my clients, my suppliers, my employees, my family, my immediate neighbors. This is where I am called to serve—at least for today. My job is to make myself available to the work of Jesus, set aside my own agenda, and move in harmony with the quiet nudging in my soul.

When I do that, I find that He is present. Like a silent business partner, He motions to me to set aside my plans and listen—really listen—to an employee's personal struggle. To offer a word of encouragement to client who is harried, tired, and empty. To create words that heal and inspire, instead of destroy. To be generous with someone in need.

By entering your work day—whatever it is—with a centered and quieted soul, God will provide you with opportunities to relieve human suffering. Sometimes you will see the results, and sometimes you will not. But always, there will be opportunity if you quiet yourself to receive it. •

DeLona Lang Bell and her husband, Michael, are entrepreneurs in the Walla Walla Valley. Their latest venture is the development of a Web site to help Adventist professionals find jobs within Adventist organizations: www.AdventistJobNet.com.

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Barnhill 95th

Fleta Barnhill, of Moses Lake, Wash., recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Born June 17, 1907, in Summerville, Ore., she lives part time at home and the rest of the time with her younger sister, Oma Graham, 93, of St. Helens, Ore.

A Moses Lake resident since 1942 and a charter member of the local Adventist congregation, she says she is waiting for the day she will meet Jesus.

She has one daughter, Lois Hastings of Soap Lake, Wash.; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Collings 50th

Elvin and Velma Collings, of Wenatchee, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 10, in the fellowship hall of the Valley View Adventist Church.

Their four children, Elaine Dreger, of Gold Bar, Wash.; Janice Jones of Windsor, Calif.; son Dave Collings of Bath, Maine; and Ann Collings of Steamboat Springs, Colo., planned the celebration.

Eight of the couple's nine grandchildren also were present and participated.

The Collings were married Aug. 10, 1952, in St. Helens, Ore., and have lived in Oregon, California, and Washington. They moved to Wenatchee in 1995.

Now retired from construction, food service, and cabinetmaking careers, Elvin gardens, remodels the family home, and serves as local head deacon.

A retired registered nurse, Velma keeps busy weaving, gardening, and volunteering.

Both participate in small-group Bible studies.

Colvin 65th

Alva and Ruth Colvin, long-time residents of Astoria, Ore., have celebrated the 65th anniversary of their 1937 wedding.



Their children hosted an open house and buffet-style lunch at the couple's home.

Alva met Ruth Epping while picking strawberries in 1936, and their June 30, 1937, wedding was the first ever performed in the Vernonia, Ore., Adventist Church. Alva is a life-long Adventist; Ruth was baptized as a teenager.

Avid gardeners and dairy farmers, the Colvins had six children: James Colvin of Astoria; Leslie Colvin of Chinook, Ore.; Kathy Cosenza of Pueblo, Colo.; Judy Wendt of Pullman, Wash.; and Nancy Moore of Salem, Ore.

Alva continues to garden and work with wood, and Ruth plays the organ, sews, and knits. Both like to travel and in 2000 drove their motor home to Colorado to visit their daughter.

Dana 90th

Gladys Weatherford Dana, of Sutherlin, Ore., celebrated her

90th birthday, Oct. 3. One of 13 children born to M. C. and Lottie Simmons Weatherford, she is the mother of one son and 11 stepchildren.

For the past 20 years she has been married to Howard Dana, formerly of Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Her first husband, John Walter Ansell, died in a plane crash while the couple was living in Juneau, Alaska. They had one son, Craig, during their 15-year marriage.

She and Peter Hassing of Kirkland, Wash., were married for 25 years, until his death.

Because of her many stepchildren, she says her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are "too many to count." She enjoys hobbies and corresponds with friends in Alaska, California, and New Mexico. Always helpful, she has held many church offices while living in the Alaska, Washington, and Oregon conferences.

Harris 50th

Melvin V. Harris and Peggy Curtice Harris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 31, at an after-church fellowship dinner, hosted by family and friends in Beltsville, Md.

They married at Auburn Academy Chapel in 1952 and lived in the Northwestern towns of College Place, Wash., Bremerton, Wash., and Auburn, Wash., until Mel was drafted into the army near the end of the Korean War.

After army service, they moved to Pacific Union College, where Mel became the head of the Planning and Design Department and designed Rio Lindo Academy and many churches and schools in the Northern California Conference.

In later years, he worked for Kettering Hospital and General Conference Risk Management, performing institution inspections and fire-prevention training. He is now retired.

Peggy manages her own insurance agency, writes books, hosts biblical hospitality seminars, and chairs W.A.S.H. Board (Women and Men Against Sexual Harassment and Other Abuses). They live in Burtonsville, Md., and have two children and two granddaughters.

Kurtz 100th

Born into a German family, Nov. 11, 1902, in Russia, Walter Kurtz and his family immigrated to the United States in 1904, through Ellis Island.

He spent his childhood in Spiritwood, N.D., and at age 16 moved to Hardin, Mont., where he farmed sugar beets. In 1924, he married Christine Dick. They had four children.

They sold their farm in 1944 and moved to Bozeman, Mont., so their children could attend church school. In Bozeman, they operated a large dairy and wheat farm; in 1968 they moved to College Place, Wash., where Christine passed away in 1989.

Walter enjoys an active, independent life and plants a tomato garden each spring.



A long-time member of the Village Adventist Church in College Place, family and friends gathered at the church to celebrate his birthday.

Letcher 50th

Robert and Winona (Slater) Letcher were married in Burlingame, Calif., Sept. 21, 1952, and this year celebrated their 50th anniversary with family and friends at the East Salem Adventist Church, Sept. 29.

Bob, an Adventist minister, and Winona, a teacher, moved from California to Oregon in 1956 and pastored a number of churches in Oregon, until their retirement in 1987.

They now live in Scio, Ore., and enjoy traveling, gardening, and involvement in their home church in Stayton, Ore.

Family members involved in the anniversary celebration were son David (and wife, Linda) of Gold Bar, Wash.; daughter Sharon Turner of Kaunakakai, Hawaii; and

two granddaughters. (An older daughter, Teri Force, is deceased.)

Stayton Adventist Church members also assisted with the celebration.

Rasmussen 60th

George and Roma Belle Rasmussen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 16 with their family at their home in Spangle, Wash.



Now retired from the Adventist ministry, they continue to give Bible studies, help with Maranatha and SAGE volunteer projects, and share produce from their large garden.

Schroader 50th

Wendell and Jean Schroader recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives, hosted by their children in Spokane, Wash. They were married June 29, 1952, in the Chehalis, Wash., Adventist Church.

During their marriage, they have lived in Washington, Alaska, and New Mexico and are now retired in Washington.

They have four children: Shirley (married to Steve Terry) of Spokane; Kathy Keys, of Battle Ground, Wash.; Tim Schroader of Fairbanks, Alaska; and Pam Ogren (married to Tom Ogren) of Battle Ground. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stoneman 60th

Caldwell, Idaho, Adventist Church members Lowell and



Lois Stoneman have celebrated the 60th anniversary of their Sept. 18, 1942, wedding.

Before his retirement, Lowell was a farmer and truck driver; Lois was a cook and kitchen supervisor in a Ukiah hospital for 25 years. They have lived in Oregon, California, and now Idaho.

Their one daughter, Verl (married to Dave Giese), two grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, all live in Ukiah, Calif.

Mabel E. Richards 1899-2002

Mabel E. Richards, 103, widow of Voice of Prophecy founder H. M. S. Richards, died Oct. 25 at Heritage Gardens in Loma Linda, Calif.

She is survived by daughter Virginia, sons Kenneth and Jan, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Son Harold Marshall Sylvester Richards, Jr., died in April 2000.

Born in Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 15, 1899, she

graduated from high school and became a schoolteacher in Canada. In Ottawa, she met her future husband, Harold Marshall Sylvester Richards, then pastoring his first church district. They were married April 14, 1920.

In 1926 they left Canada to conduct evangelistic meetings in California. Pastor Richards founded the Voice of Prophecy radio ministry, Oct. 19, 1929, in Los Angeles, just six days

before their son Harold, Jr., was born.

After the Richards children were grown, Mabel began traveling with her husband on his speaking itineraries. After his death in 1985, she remained at their retirement home in Ventura Estates until her 101st birthday, when she moved to Heritage Gardens.



Family

B I R T H S

BUTLER—Crystal Adina Butler was born Oct. 23 to Samuel and Ana (Stefan) Butler, Grand Ronde, Ore.

CLANCY—Michael Allan Clancy was born Oct. 26 to Tim and Julie (Harrison) Clancy, Portland, Ore.

CLARK—Caleb Robert Clark was born Oct. 28 to Bob and Lisa (Van Skike) Clark, Lynnwood, Wash.

CLAY—Ryan Mark Chase Clay was born July 22 to Bryan and Jill (Settemier) Clay, Monroe, Wash.

COOTZ—Christine Mary Cootz was born Oct. 17 to Ray and Tere (King) Cootz, Portland, Ore.

DAVIS—Eryn Cassidy Davis was born

Sept. 20 to Brian and Ruthie (Dennis) Davis, Puyallup, Wash.

ERSKINE—Kellen Alexander Erskine was born June 7 to Kristopher and Marla (Gregg) Erskine, Syracuse, N.Y.

FISH—Madelyn Frances Fish was born Oct. 30 to Daniel and Sharlene (Wren) Fish, Portland, Ore.

GESCHKE—Annika Marie Geschke was born Oct. 10 to Grant and Cecily (Williams) Geschke, Clackamas, Ore.

KRIEGER—Tori June Krieger was born Oct. 9 to Kent and Karryl Krieger, Salmon, Idaho.

LISTER—Chance Gabriel Lister was born June 10 to Frank and Debra

(Johnson) Lister, Scio, Ore.

MEEKS—Bauer Copeland Meeks was born Aug. 7 to Matthew and Tamera (Bauer) Meeks, Bellevue, Wash.

MORTON—Zoie Penny Morton was born Sept. 25 to Zachary and Katherine (Smith) Morton, Cornelius, Ore.

MUNDALL—Moses Wesley Mundall was born Aug. 31 to Marcus and April Mundall, Melbourne, Australia.

OPP—Dylan T. Opp was born Sept. 15 to Randy and Kari (Sheldon) Opp, Puyallup, Wash.

PIERSON—Presley Jordan Pierson was born Oct. 11 to Jeff and Pam (Jordan) Pierson, Gresham, Ore.

SALTSMAN—Allyssa Florence Saltsman was born Sept. 10 to James and Tamara (Bliven) Saltsman, Portland, Ore.

TSCHOEPE—Dawson William Tschoepe was born Sept. 27 to David and Merryl (Hinds) Tschoepe, Spokane, Wash.

VIETZ—Jessica Jeannine Vietz was born May 9 to Rodney and Machelie (Reynolds) Vietz, Auburn, Wash.

WRIGHT—Keoni Mathias Wright was born to G. Hanela and LaVonne (Jones) Wright, Tillamook, Ore.

YOUNG—Elizabeth A. Young was born Sept. 11 to Chris and Cielto (Almeda) Young, Olympia, Wash.

Family

W E D D I N G S

ALIKIN—Katie Yvonne Farthing, George Dimitry Alikin, III., Sept. 15, Gresham, Ore. They now make their home in Prescott, Ariz.

BELL—Jennifer Rhodes, Roger Bell, Aug. 25, Springfield, Ore. They now make their home in Eugene, Ore.

BUSKE—Lynne Boyle, Thomas Buske, Aug. 2, Stevensville, Mont. They now make their home in Ukiah, Calif.

CAREY—Jennifer Tetz, Christopher Carey, Sept. 15, Chehalis, Wash. They

now make their home in Centralia, Wash.

CARR—Cheri Tupper, Dan Carr, Sept. 8, Lakewood, Wash. They now make their home in Mossyrock, Wash.

DELLOSA—Heather Spring Busby, Michael L. Dellosa, June 22, Walla Walla, Wash. They now make their home in Nampa, Idaho.

FARTHING—Candyce Sue Kintner, Christopher Arlin Farthing, July 21, Snohomish, Wash. They now make their home in Newburg, Ore.

GLADDEN—Rachel Butler, Matthew Gladden, July 5, Salem, Ore. They now make their home in McMinnville, Ore.

GREGG—Maiko Onda, Alex Gregg, July 18, Berkshire, England, where they now make their home.

LONG—Rebecca (Becca) Renee Nutter, Joseph (Josef) Ivan Long, Sept. 15, Washougal, Wash. They now make their home in Colton, Calif.

MCCOY—Laura Nutter, Matthew McCoy, June 23, Pleasant Hill, Ore. They

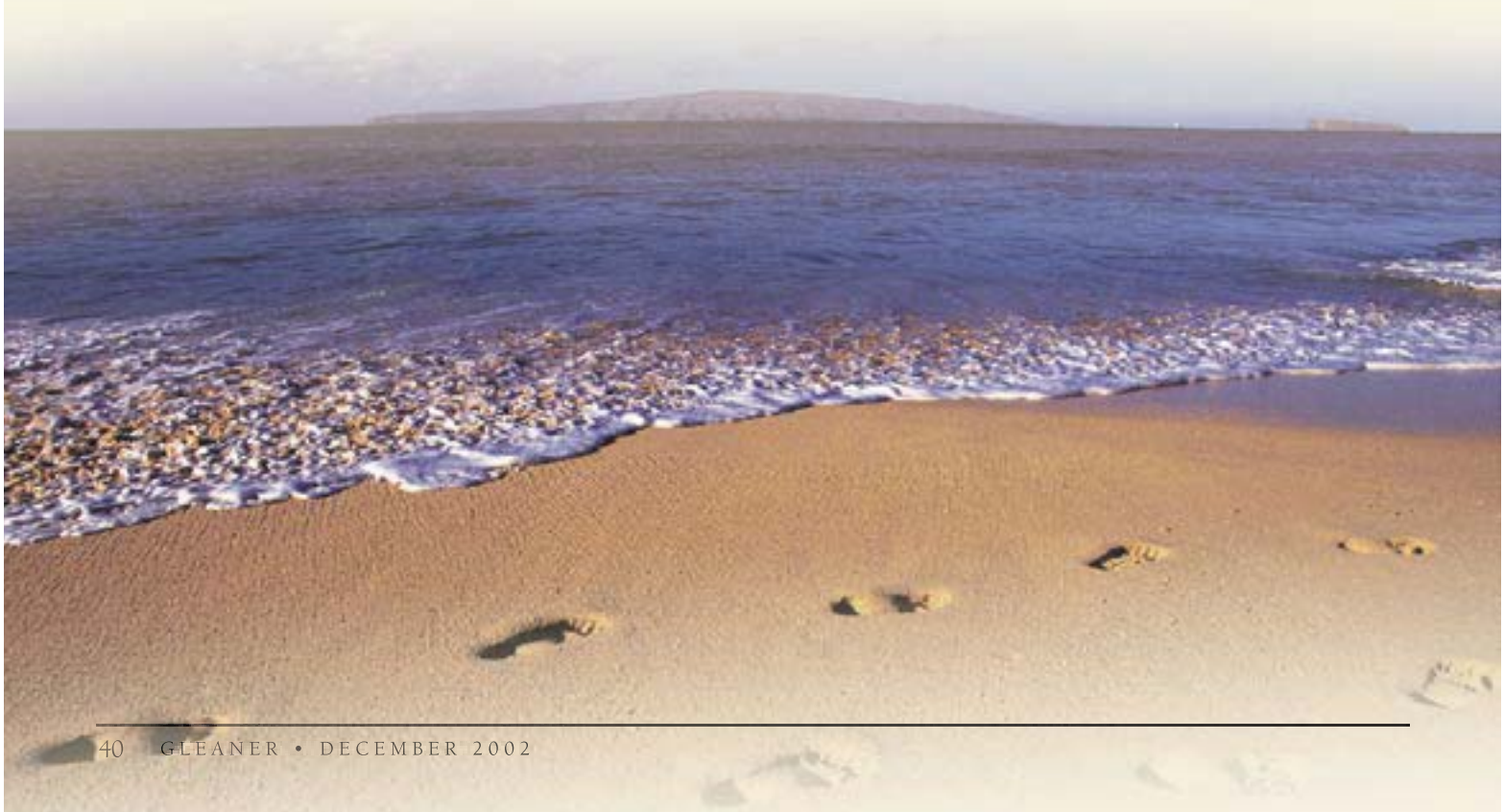
now make their home in Portland, Ore.

MCGEE—Amy Lynn Locati, Patrick D. McGee, Sept. 15, Sun Valley, Idaho, where they now make their home.

MILER—Amanda Bowker, Jon Miler, Sept. 14, Boise, Idaho. They now make their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

TODD—Ginger Michelle Marriott, Brian Todd, Sept. 15. They now make their home in Oregon City, Ore.

WINNING—Melanie Wright, Ryan Winning, Oct. 13, Chehalis, Wash.



BECKER—Rosmary, 80, born May 25, 1922, Bloomfield, Colo.; died Aug. 8, Florence, Ore.; Surviving: husband, Claude Becker, Florence; children, Duskin Becker, Mary Katherin Coburn, and Judith Jepson; sisters, Marilyn Brown, Roberta Eisner, Evangeline Gerald, and Bonnie Kaizer.

BOLDEN—Jeanette G., 75, born Nov. 16, 1926, Oakland, Calif.; died Nov. 4, Sweet Home, Ore.; Surviving: husband, Floyd Bolden, Sweet Home; daughters, Cindy and Nancy; son, Tom; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

COLEMAN—Corinne Brenton, 90, born June 26, 1912, Glenwood, Iowa; died Aug. 27, Yakima, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Betty Cox, Sumner, Wash.; son, Robert Coleman, Tigard, Ore.; sister, Dorothy Christiansen, Glenwood; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

COURTRIGHT—Eugene R., 37, born April 3, 1965, Caldwell, Idaho; died Oct. 7, Caldwell; Surviving: wife, Neta Courtright; son, Alex Courtright; parents, Gerald and Betty Courtright; sisters, Geraldine Courtright and Cathy Gale; brother, Wade Courtright.

CROSS—Edward F. "Prof.", 93, born Nov. 16, 1908, New York City; died Sept. 28, College Place, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Marilyn Cross Karlow, Riverside, Calif.; son, Carlton Cross, College Place; four grandchildren.

EYLER—Perry F., 68, born April 28, 1934, Torrington, Wyo.; died Sept. 18, Stevensville, Mont.; Surviving: wife, Kathleen Eycler, Stevensville; daughters, Corilyn Eycler and Marilyn Eycler-Abney, both of Clarkston, Wash.; four grandchildren.

GAUSTED—Verona, 70, born Sept. 12, 1932, Johnstown, Penn.; died Oct. 26, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: son, Corey Swales, Pendleton, Ore.; brother, Ray Rose, Valencia, Calif.; two grandchildren.

GIMBEL—Bette, 72, born Dec. 3, 1929, Berwyn, Alb., Canada; died June 28, Seattle; Surviving: husband, Courtney Gimbel, Chehalis, Wash.; daughters, Colleen Grabo, Beiseker, Alb.; Gwenda Harrison, Burnaby, B.C.; Angie Kwon, Lacombe, Alb.; sons, Loring Gimbel, Calgary, Alb.; Sterling Gimbel, Maple Ridge, B.C.; mother, Loretta Oliver, Kelowna, B.C.; sister, Barbara Rottacker, Kelowna; brother, Bill Oliver, Kelowna; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

HALL—Norma Wallita, 91, born Dec. 23, 1910; died Aug. 30, Anchorage, Alaska; Surviving: two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

HAMLIN—Olive Marie (Nelson), 90, born Sept. 22, 1912, Griswold, Iowa; died Sept. 27, Tillamook, Ore.; Surviving: daughters, Olive Bryant,

Yakima, Wash.; Hope Smith, Tigard, Ore.; son, R. Donald Hamlin, Moxee, Wash.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren.

HEINTZ—Eveline E., 87, born Feb. 14, 1915, Pettibone, N.D.; died Oct. 17, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: husband, Sam R. Heintz, Walla Walla; sister, Hazel Berthelsen, Walla Walla; one grandchild.

HOLDERBY—Harland William, 86, born Jan. 7, 1916, Mansfield, Wash.; died Oct. 3, Palm Desert, Calif.; Surviving: wife, Ellen Holderby; daughters, Anita Cotton, Cheryl Davis, and Michelle Ferguson; six grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Edgar Isaac, 90, born March 18, 1912, Logan, Utah; died Sept. 26, Woodland, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Esther Johnson; daughters, Edryn Kast, Joanne Gulbranson, and Rochelle White; sons, Carl and Don Bauer; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Richard H. "Dick", 78, born July 11, 1924, Portland, Ore.; died Oct. 3, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Arlene Johnson, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Debi Axford, Yakima, Wash.; Carolyn Wolters, New Market, Va.; sons, Doug Johnson, Spangle, Wash.; Rick Johnson, College Place; brother, Robert Johnson, Lewiston, Idaho.

KELLEY—Anna, 85, born Feb. 2, 1917, Everest, Kan.; died Oct. 23, Caldwell, Idaho; Surviving: sons, Larry Kelley, Clinton, Tenn.; Len Kelley, Caldwell; Les Kelley, Pasco, Wash.; Lyle Kelley, Sparks, Nev.; sister, Agnes Christensen, Sonora, Calif.; brothers, Oscar Torkelson, Green Brier, Tenn.; Ted Torkelson, Monmouth, Ore.; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

KNIGHT—Ivan D., 101, born March 25, 1901, Tillamook, Ore.; died Oct. 19, Canyonville, Ore.; Surviving: daughter, Julia Knight Lassley; son, Edward Ivan Knight; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

MCCARTNEY—Lawrence "Larry" J., III, 52, born Dec. 24, 1949, Cheyenne, Wyo.; died July 14, Springfield, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Sherri McCartney, Springfield; daughters, Carrie McCartney, Atwater, Calif.; Tammie McCartney, Citrus Height, Calif.; sisters, Mary Lynn Collier, Lincoln City, Ore.; Patty Lou Crowell, Bakersfield, Calif.; Denise Dennis, Nix, Mo.; brothers, Bobbi McCartney, Coon Rapids, Minn.; Jimmy McCartney, Calif.; Richard McCartney, Wash.; five grandchildren.

MCCHESENEY—Robert, 83, born Mar. 17, 1919, Arpin, Wis.; died Sept. 19, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Rose McChesney, Walla Walla; daughter, Dianne Larsen, Spokane, Wash.; sons John McChesney,

Escondido, Calif.; Robert McChesney, Keene, Texas; sister, Roselyn Edwards, Fletcher, N.C.; brother, Norman McChesney, Montello, Wis.; six grandchildren.

MCGUIRE—Charles F., 87, born Dec. 19, 1914, Giltner, Neb.; died Oct. 2, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Bessie McGuire and daughter, Florence Randall, both of Milton-Freewater; three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

MCREYNOLDS—Velma P., 90, born June 16, 1912, Mont.; died Sept. 19, Raleigh, N.C.

MEEHAN—Myron, 82, born Nov. 18, 1919, Ore.; died Sept. 28, Williams, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Betty Jo Meehan, Williams; daughter, Sharon Clary, Clackamas, Ore.; son, Randall Meehan, Grand Terrace, Calif.; sister, Dorothea Bom, Medford, Ore.; Janson Hanson, Portland, Ore.

MEHLING—Mae Rutan, 75, born Nov. 18, 1926, Estacada, Ore.; died Oct. 1, College Place, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Ann Knutson, Quincy, Wash.; sons, Fred Rutan, Port Orchard, Wash.; Ken Rutan, Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Lucille Nemece, Roseburg, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

OCAMICA—Zelma Bryant, 79, born Jan. 1, 1923, Little Rock, Ark.; died Sept. 7, Nampa, Idaho; Surviving: daughter, Jeanie Freeman; sons, Joe and Richard Ocamica; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RABIDUE—Frank A., 87, born Jan. 2, 1915, Port Huron, Mich.; died Aug. 30, Goldendale, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Cheryl Cole, Goldendale; son, Jack Rabidue, Jenneson, Mich.; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Rabidue was a life-long Adventist church school teacher.

REDBURG—Opel T., 90, born Nov. 9, 1911, Fall City, Ore.; died Sept. 22, Ellensburg, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Vera Turpen, Reno, Nev.; son, Harold Redberg, Ellensburg; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren.

ROSS—Ruth O., 90, born March 26, 1912, St. Maries, Idaho; died Sept. 17, Spokane, Wash.; Surviving: daughters, Charlene Blackwell and Beverly Dawe.

RUZICKA—Lee, 69, born Feb. 22, 1933, Orofino, Idaho; died Aug. 30, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Victoria Glenn, Lewiston, Idaho; sons, Karl Ruzicka, Kennewick, Wash.; Mike Ruzicka, Dixie, Wash.; sister, Sharon McGregor, Milwaukie, Ore.; brothers Joseph Ruzicka, Vancouver, Wash.; William Ruzicka, Napa, Calif.; five grandchildren.

SAMPLE—Vernon R., 77, born April 28, 1925, Falls City, Ore.; died Sept. 22, Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Phyllis Sample, Milton-

Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Jeanie Billington, Redding, Calif.; LaRose McCluskey, Spokane, Wash.; sons, Jack Sample, Milton-Freewater; Russell Sample, Roseburg, Ore.; sisters, Rosemary White, Grants Pass, Ore.; Willeta Graves, Lake Elsinore, Calif.; brothers, Kenneth Sample, Salem, Ore.; Milton Sample, Dallas, Ore.; 11 grandchildren.

SHELMAN, Sr.—Walter L., 62, born Oct. 16, 1939, Asotin, Wash.; died July 7, Hood River, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Donna Shelman, Hood River; daughter, Dena Echart, Cleveland, Tenn.; son, Leroy Shelman, LaGrande, Ore.; father, Arthur Shelman, Asotin; sister Geneva Pierce, Brush Prairie, Wash.; four grandchildren

STINSON-FIELD—Marge, 87, born May 31, 1915, Big Valley, Alb., Canada; died Sept. 28, Forks, Wash.; Surviving: son, David Stinson, Sumner, Wash.; sisters, Eva and Dolores; two grandchildren.

TADEJ—Violet Patzer, 76, born Dec. 4, 1925; died Sept. 30, Spokane, Wash.; Surviving: husband, Peter Tadej; daughter, Yvonne Karnes, Yakima, Wash.; Joycelyn Johnson, Boring, Ore.; son Greg Patzer, Wenatchee, Wash.; sisters, Lila Jaeger, Fairfield, Wash.; Bonnie Schulke, Libby, Mont.; brother, Ben Patzer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; one grandchild.

TERRY—Verl A., 77, born Nov. 12, 1924, Hagerman, Idaho; died Aug. 27, Portland, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Ivy Terry, Portland; daughters, Dorice Brown, Sherwood, Ore.; Denise Ham, Salem, Ore.; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

WALKER—Edith M., 83, born Sept. 10, 1919, McClusky, N.D.; died Oct. 22, Hermiston, Ore.; Surviving: husband, Woodrow, Walker, Stanfield, Ore.; sons, John and Stephen Walker, both of Stanfield; Richard Walker, Hermiston; sisters, Bernice May, Rockaway Beach, Ore.; Julie Krantz, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Ruth Goodman, Texas; Vida Edgcomb, Maple Valley, Wash.; Virginia Ball Bagley, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

WATSON—Charles W., 98, born Aug. 28, 1903, Clearlake, Wash.; died Aug. 22, Redmond, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Vera Watson, Redmond; daughter, LaDonna, Redmond; son, Terry, Sisters, Ore.; one grandchild, one great-grandchild.

WILD—Minnie H., 92, born Jan. 26, 1910, Muker County, Minn.; died Sept. 6, Hillsboro, Ore.; Surviving: daughter, Betty Benson, Ashville, N.C.; Yvonne Ferguson, Hillsboro; son, Robert Benson, Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.



I N T E R A C T I O N

Breath of Life

Regarding John Stevens, Sr.'s statement in the August "Letters" that the Bible plainly teaches that birth and breath begin life and personhood: Ellen White indicates that stillborn infants will not be included in the Kingdom to come, because they are not persons until the breath of life is given.

If this is so, then God is ultimately the greater loser. He will never have contact with the aborted or stillborn infant. In reality, what some are doing is taking away a life that God could have had extreme pleasure in knowing in the earth made new....

Robert Rouillard—LAKEWOOD, WASH.

Don't Try This....

I hope we are not expected to endorse the actions of those who used the affectations of "punks" as bait to "test the friendliness of Adventist churches." (November 2002 GLEANER editorial). Jere Patzer, in his "Call for Thoughtfulness," tells us that the reception of the youth group that dressed up like "street kids...could have been better."

No doubt.

My husband, a sheriff's detective, might refer to this sort of activity as "entrapment." For sure, the venture was a less than noble aspiration, leaving me with some questions.

Did spiked hair and "punk" attire detract or enhance the spirit of worship? Did the group, when finished with their "testing," thank God that they are not "like other men" (e.g. robbers, evildoers, foyer snobs)?

Did they leave the members of their test-tube churches in a better frame of mind to receive hope and truth from the pulpit? Having exposed the "hypocrites," were they, themselves, thus more impressionable to divine truths?

If ever there was a time to drop all such nonsense, it is now. The mental picture of Jesus participating in such baleful caviling just does not focus. He instead pleads, "Press together, Press together."

Pam Luna—ALBANY, ORE.

Editorial Response: Absolutely! In an imperfect world, where you look for the negative, you'll usually find it. May all of us be so caught up in God's service, we'll have no time left to catalog the faults of others. E.S.

Student Writers

I really like the fresh new look to the GLEANER. You are all doing a great job! It is one of the magazines I have to peruse immediately when I receive it in the mail. Thanks for the good work. I would love to see the academy students take ownership of the GLEANER, as far as submitting articles about their missions experiences, campus outreach activities, etc. It would bring a viewpoint from one of the most active groups of the total church population in their outreach.

Jill Clay—MONROE, WASH

OREGON

Friday-evening Services

As part of its "Catch the Vision" theme, Salem Central Church members have launched Friday-evening worship service/Sabbath school programs, through Dec. 13. Special programs are planned for Dec. 6, 7 p.m.; Dec. 7, 11 a.m.; and Dec. 13, 7 p.m. More information is available by phoning (503) 364-4626.

Klamath Missing

Members of the Klamath Falls, Ore., Church are seeking the whereabouts of these fellow members: Audra Allen; Naomi Barkhurst; Joann, Lori, and Charles (Jr.) Blackwell; Jack and Peggy Blanchard; Diana, Jesse, and Desiree Galloway Cantrell; Flora Cary, René Cortez; Todd Curtis; Sid Dyer; Thomas and Sheila Edeliant; Diane Ensign; Lisa Harvey; Cheryl Ireland, Robert Ireland; Ramiro and María Mendoza; Gary Miltimore; Michelle Mitchell; Sharon Moody; Suzy Potter; Gina Reich; Jennifer Sconce; Walter Spink; Carrissa Stacy-Parrot; Marlena Tilstra; Carisa, Christina, Martina, and Ronnie Turner; Ron and Kim Turner; Margaret (Laurie) Watson; Deena Webb; and Jacki Williamson. Those with information should write or phone Klamath Falls Adventist Church, 1735 Main Street, Klamath Falls OR 97601, phone (541) 882-2466.

Love Takes Time

A Love Takes Time marriage retreat is scheduled at Central Oregon's Inn at Eagle Crest, Feb. 14-16. Marriage-and-family educators Harvey and Kathy Corwin will lead participants in study of God's plan for oneness in marriage. Couples will learn how to fight against the natural drift that leads to loneliness and isolation in marriage and how to be intimate friends, lovers, and allies. More information is available by phoning the 24-hour Family Life Line, (503) 654-6054.

Singles' Christmas

A Christmas party for adult singles is



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

planned in Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 21, 6 p.m., at the local Adventist church's Better Living Center, 1360 NE 9th Street.

Planners have selected a Mexican theme and encourage Mexican-style dress. Participants are urged to bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift to exchange during a game. More information is available by phone from Marilyn Mathews, at (541) 479-1788, or Connie Noel, at (541) 471-6094.

Singles' Events

The Oregon Conference Singles' Ministries is planning to participate in the following events this month: Dec. 7, "Follow the Star," Gladstone, Ore.; Dec. 13, Vespers at Sunnyside Church; Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m., volleyball - at Tualitin Valley Jr. Academy; Dec. 20, Vespers at Beaverton, Ore.; Dec. 21, 12:30 p.m., potluck, afternoon and evening activities at Beaverton Church; Dec. 21, Dinner in Clackamas, Ore.; and Dec. 21, Christmas party in Grants Pass, Ore. More information about OCSM events is available at www.orsingles.org, email singlesevents@juno.com, or by contacting Sarah by phone at (503) 803-0571 or email at sbacklun@msn.com.

Sunnyside Events

The Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market St., in Portland, Ore., will host five inspirational concerts this month: Saturday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m., Brass and Handbells, featuring Solid Brass, Advent Trombone Choir, and Ring of Fire; Saturday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., Portland Adventist Academy music organizations, directed by Linda Neel; Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., Twenty-first Annual Family Christmas Program, featuring various vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles and participatory "Hallelujah Chorus" with audience members who bring music; Sunday, Dec. 22, 4 p.m., Handel's "Messiah" with full orchestra; and Tuesday, Dec. 31, 7 p.m., Community New Year's Eve Program, for reflection, music, and prayer.

More information is available from the church office, by phoning (503) 252-8080, or from Tom Tavasci at tavasci@attbi.com.

UPPER COLUMBIA

History Needed

Historical research on Adventist education in the Yakima, Wash., area is ongoing, and GLEANER readers with knowledge and/or photographs related to the North Yakima School (later Brookside Junior Academy) are urged to contact Susan at Yakima Adventist Christian School, 1200 City Reservoir Road, Yakima WA 98908, phone (509) 966-1933, email Sbailey@yacns.net.

Research so far shows that a committee formed on Feb. 15, 1902, to establish a school, and North Yakima School is mentioned in the 1904 "Adventist Yearbook." Yet to be determined is the School's actual opening date.

WASHINGTON

Kirkland Christmas

The Kirkland, Wash., Adventist Church is hosting a Christmas Evensong with music for the season, Dec. 21, beginning at 4 p.m. The church is located at 6400 108th Ave. NE and can be reached by phone at (425) 822-7922.

New Year's Eve

Youth in the Seattle area are invited to take part in a New Year's Eve gathering at the Cypress School gymnasium for games, food, fun and music by a local Christian band, "With Him." More information is available on Web site www.WithHim.s5.com.

WORLD CHURCH

Union College Homecoming

Alumni, friends, and former faculty of Union College in Nebraska are invited

to Alumni Homecoming, April 3-6, honoring classes of 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, and 1993. More information is available from the Alumni Office, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln NE 68506, phone (402) 486-2503, email alumni@ucollege.edu.

Battle Creek Centennial

Former patients and employees of the original Battle Creek Sanitarium (1903-1943), Percy Jones Hospital (1943-1954), or Federal Center (1954-present) are invited to send memorabilia and/or attend a centennial reunion celebration, May 31, 2003.

More information is available from Stanley Cottrell, P. O. Box 1414 Battle Creek MI 49016-1414, by phone at (269) 965-3000 and (269) 209-2915, and by email at swcottrell@juno.com.

Kingsway Alumni

The centennial celebration of the founding of Kingsway College in Canada will be held on Alumni Weekend, May 2-4, 2003. More information is available from Wally Wasyluk, director of alumni affairs, at Kingsway College, 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa, Ont., L1K 2H4, phone (905) 433-1144, email wasyliukw@kingswayCollege.on.ca.

Young Professionals

Young Professionals Ministry, an association of single, young adults, is hosting a retreat in British Columbia, Canada, Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2003. The retreat will feature dynamic messages by Mark Ferrell, fun, snow, food, warm fire, hot drinks, new friends, and cross-country skiing and is expected to attract young adults from across North America. More information is available on the "Events" page of the organization's Web site, www.yp4him.org.

Relationships Web Site

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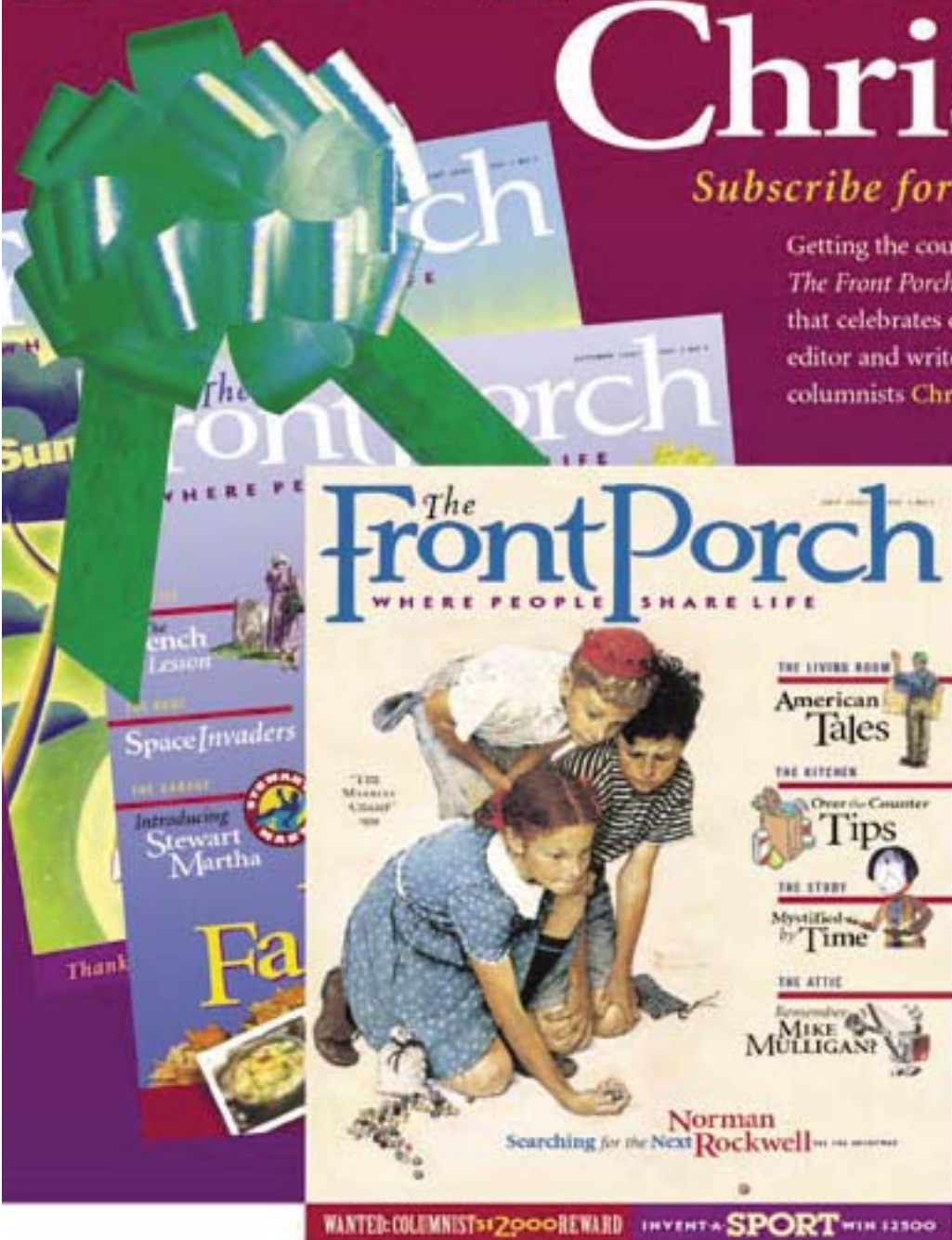
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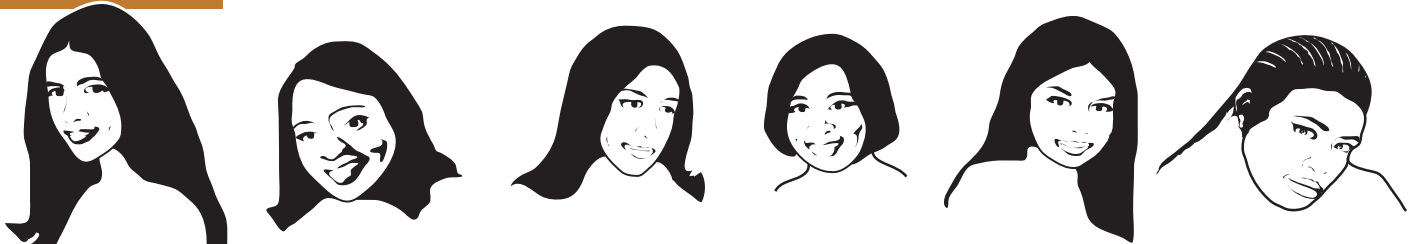
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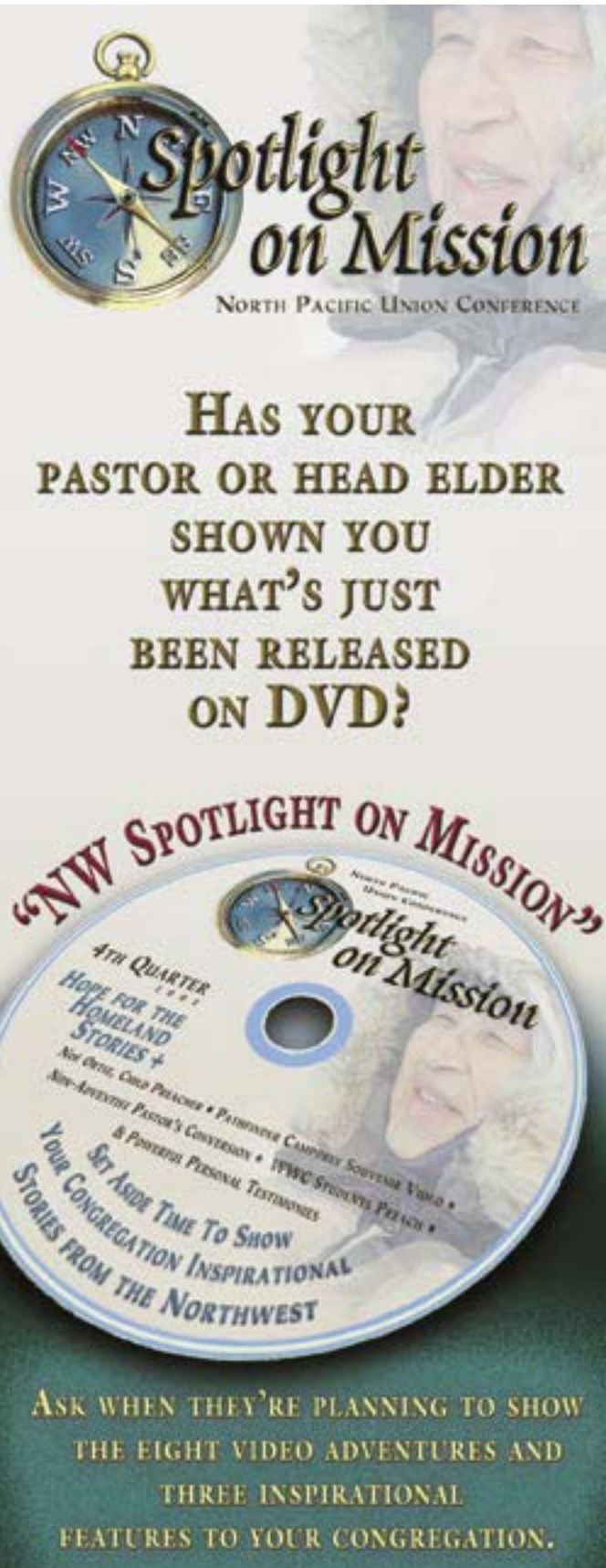
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