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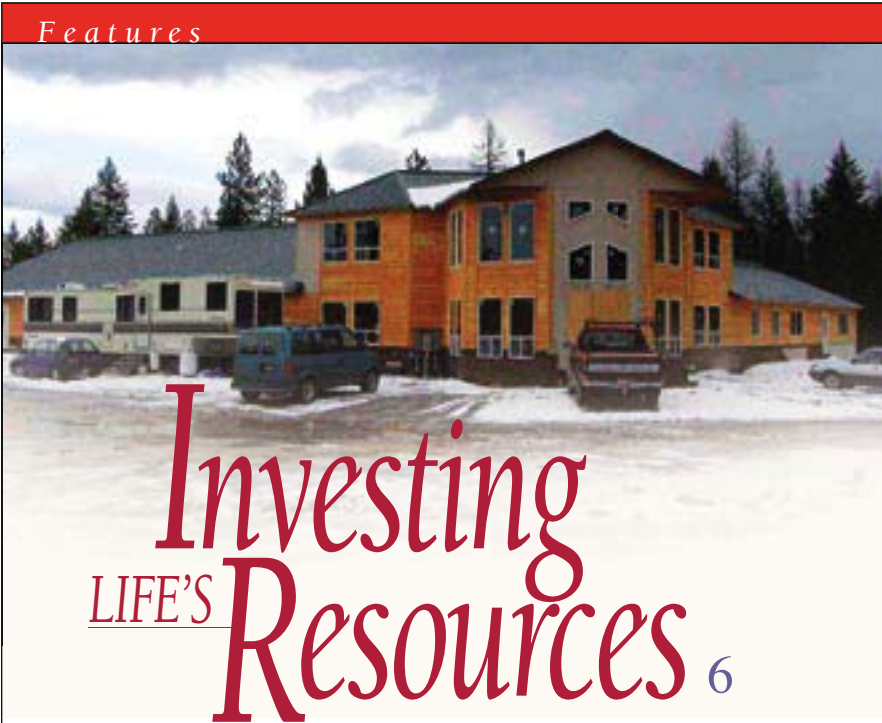
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“... *The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.*”

MATT. 13: 31-32 (KJV)

A cedar waxwing shows Willard Colburn, Eugene, Ore., his handsomest pose near Malheur National Wildlife Reserve in Oregon. The picture was taken with a Nikon FA camera and Nikon 1000 mm lens, using Kodachrome 200 film and a tripod.



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Placing the CRUCIFIXION on Hold

B Y J E R E D . P A T Z E R



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Jesus was dying on the cross in the most mentally and physically excruciating ordeal any man has ever experienced. Our English word “excruciating” comes from the Latin word meaning “out of the cross.” For hours prior to that event Jesus had been the victim of Satan’s unmitigated anger played out in the human administration of:

- Five mock trials
- Four brutal beatings and
- Two flesh shredding scourgings

And this was only the physical aspect. The spiritual dimension was, as incomprehensible as it is to us, even more severe.

Any lesser man would have understandably been totally immersed in self pity, but Christ gave us an amazing example of caring compassion.

An Example of Amazing Love

The eyes of the entire universe were riveted on an old rugged cross lifted between heaven and earth. In a moment of unequalled selflessness the crucifixion was momentarily put on hold. Jesus

saw his bereaved and broken-hearted mother standing at the foot of the cross. And in an act of supreme love He took a few moments to make sure that she would be taken care of. What a model for us today living in the 21st century. Busy, harried, pressured, we can learn so much from His example of how to show loving concern for our mothers and fathers.

Christ gave us an amazing example of caring compassion.

At this time of year when the world stops to send a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day card or to make a phone call, let’s as Christians follow His example and lay aside whatever task we are doing and take time to show our love to our parents. And not just on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day but all year long. •

Did You Know?

The Almighty Dollar



- Although more than 85% of Americans with minor children say having a will is important, 74% do not have one.
- During the spring and summer months, Americans spend an average of 3.8 hours a week working on their lawns and gardens. Nearly a third of adults feel a sense of competition in their neighborhood to have a great-looking lawn or garden.
Source: USA Today
- Because it is not often counterfeited, the one dollar bill has not been given a new look like all of the other paper money in the United States.
- The most widely used U.S. coin in circulation is the penny.
Source: Encarta

Comparative Statement of Tithe in the North Pacific Union Conferences

Conference	Membership	2001 tithe	2002 tithe	% Increase (-Decrease)
Alaska	3,508	2,777,432	2,956,043	6.43
Idaho	6,147	4,549,589	4,694,728	3.19
Montana	3,755	2,569,013	2,629,742	2.36
Oregon	32,345	25,675,877	26,619,494	3.68
Upper Columbia	23,098	18,452,518	18,967,042	2.79
Washington*	17,995	16,554,334	15,734,953	-4.90
Union totals	86,848	70,578,766	71,611,005	1.46

Source: 2002 North Pacific Union Statistics

* The Washington Conference experienced an unusual tithe increase in 2001. The tithe giving in 2002 was closer to the norm which is reflected in the apparent decrease.

A MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHT:

The sphere of the mother may be humble; but her influence, united with the father's, is as abiding as eternity. Next to God, the mother's power for good is the strongest known on earth.

ADVENTIST HOME, p. 240



New Prayer Journal Online

Now prayer warriors around the Northwest and beyond have a central place online to join together for special prayer requests and thanksgiving. Got someone you're praying for—perhaps a service man or woman in the Middle East? Or maybe it's an upcoming surgery or a final test. You can join this online prayer journal in two simple ways:

1. Select names from the online list to include in your daily prayers;
2. Submit your own special prayer request or thanksgiving for answered prayers online using the link at www.gleaneronline.org or via email at gleaner@nw.npuc.org.

Visit the prayer journal at www.gleaneronline.org and become a Northwest Prayer Warrior.

Investing LIFE'S Resources

BY BRYCE PASCOE

*G*od allows us the privilege of managing the resources of time, energy, talent and means, which He has provided. As Dick Ruder and his wife, Sharon, discovered, we can either squander life's resources or invest them in God's mission and His purposes.

Dick and Sharon met in grade school in Spokane, Washington, after Dick's mother returned to the Adventist church. Dick grew up in an unhappy home with an overbearing father and parents who did not share the same faith. His picture of God was not a positive one.

While Dick and Sharon were attending Upper Columbia Academy, a special friendship developed between them. Dick also established a good relationship with Dean Wisbey and enjoyed his school year. Unfortunately Wisbey transferred to Monterey Bay Academy, and the following year Dick enrolled in public school after being asked to leave the academy.

Not wanting Dick to stay in public high school, Wisbey encouraged him to come to MBA. Dick did and completed his high school years there. Following graduation, Dick enrolled at Pacific Union College. Sharon, meanwhile, graduated from UCA and went to Walla Walla College.

While in the Northwest on vacation, Dick met

Sharon again. Their friendship redeveloped, and, shortly after they married, they moved to Olympia, Washington, where Sharon began teaching and Dick began a construction business.

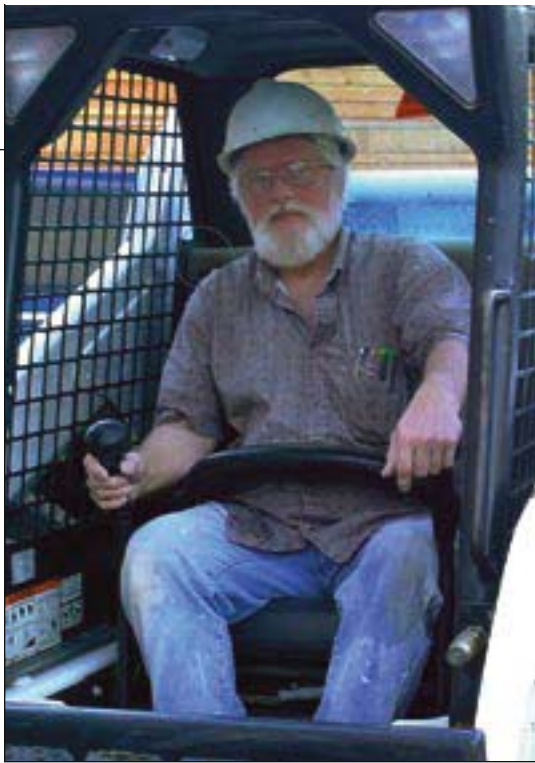
Developing his own company required a lot of energy, and Dick soon found himself consumed by work. While successful professionally, his relationships with God and with Sharon were neglected and soon began to deteriorate. In the end, Dick not only lost touch with God, but he also lost his marriage. Sharon returned to the Inland Empire and began teaching at the Lake City Junior

Dick and Sharon Ruder's lives are fully invested in ministry for the Master.



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Dick is project manager for the construction of the new church in Hayden Lake.

Academy in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Twenty years passed, but Dick had not found happiness. Financial and professional success had come at a great price. One day Dick cried out to God, "There has to be something better than this! Please show me how to find it!"

God heard that prayer, and Dick began attending church in Lacey, Washington, where he met old friends that he and Sharon had once known. These friends welcomed Dick and invited him to their home fellowship group. Before long, he gave his heart to the Lord.

One day talk turned to Sharon, and one of his friends suggested Dick get in touch with her. This friend said she knew Sharon still cared deeply for Dick. That Christmas, Dick found Sharon, their love grew, and within a year they were remarried.

"From the day I gave my heart to the Lord, miracle after miracle has taken place in my life," said Dick. "These miracles continue to this day."

Dick also took some proactive steps. He recognized his business had been all-consuming and had obstructed his relationship with God and with Sharon. So he closed the business, moved to Coeur d'Alene and began work as a project manager for another construction company. He joined Sharon as an active member of the local church and a home fellowship group. Together they began reaching out to friends such as Glen Shafer, who likewise had left the Lord

earlier. Glen's return to active membership and his wife's conversion is another inspiring story.

More evidence of God's leading involves the purchase of a new home in Hayden Lake, just north of Coeur d'Alene. Dick and Sharon's daughter married someone who also worked in construction. His boss had a home that he wanted to sell. Dick contacted him, and he told Dick he would sell it to him for just what it had cost him. While the home was larger than they needed, Dick and Sharon knew the home had a higher value and felt God was leading in its

purchase. They bought the home and waited to see where the Lord would lead them next.

During this time the Upper Columbia Conference Executive Committee invited Wayne Kablanow and his wife to plant a church in Hayden Lake. They encouraged Dick and Sharon to join this venture and before long there was a core group of 26 meeting together. As they prayed about a place to meet, they realized God had provided them a home with sufficient space for the group. It became their worship center for the next six months until the group grew so large they rented a facility.

Today, this group numbers more than 100 and has ventured forward in faith to

acquire 10 acres of prime property just off Highway 95. God led in miraculous ways to open this prime piece of land for the group. Dick and Sharon's lives are fully invested in ministry for the Master as Sharon continues her full-time teaching ministry and Dick is project manager for the construction of this new church plant. They are active in giving Bible studies,



A small fellowship study group meets at Dick and Sharon's home.

and Dick mentors a young elder.

Dick is amazed at the wonderful way God has led in his life: "We have been inspired through the 'Experiencing God' study series at our home fellowship meetings. One of the main principles it teaches is, 'if you want to see God working in your church, see who God brings to the church.' Another is 'if you don't understand where God is leading at the moment, be assured that as you look back you will see that He was leading.'"

Dick and Sharon realize now that even when Dick was out of the church and they were experiencing such heartache, God was at work grooming him with the experience that now is being used for God's glory in the leadership he is giving for this new church in Hayden Lake. They both agree there is nothing quite like investing one's life resources where it counts—for time and eternity. •



A new church is being built just off Highway 95 in Hayden Lake.

TRUST SERVICES

Divine Appointment

BY GEORGE CARAMBOT

As Trust Services Director for the North Pacific Union, I had been invited to present a financial planning seminar to alumni and friends of Walla Walla College during homecoming weekend. My topic focused on “investments.” I stated at the beginning that investment was only one of a number of important subjects to be considered in successful financial planning. Other topics were income management, education planning, insurance evaluation, retirement, tax, and estate planning.

I told the group it was important to remember that every person has limited financial resources and if you fail to plan, you are planning to fail. If financial security was important to them, then financial planning was not optional. Success could be predicted if they had a plan and followed it.

At the close of the presentation, I emphasized the importance of having a plan that produced spiritual and material harmony. Such a plan includes giving a regular portion of your money to God’s work and the needs of others, matching your giving plan with a savings plan, and using the remainder in a joyful and discerning manner to fulfill your highest interests. At the close I asked for questions.

An elderly gentleman sitting next to his frail wife raised his hand and asked earnestly, “How near are we to the second coming of Jesus?” The question caught me by surprise as I thought he might have wanted further financial explanations. The question however was not on material or

temporal gain but rather on the eternal. “How near are we to the coming of Jesus?”

Looking at him I said, “According to Bible prophecy, we are living in the last days of earth’s history, and I believe it is much sooner than we think.” Within a year they both were laid to rest. They were faithful in life and supported generously the church they loved. They each had an estate plan that provided for family and God’s closing work.

Recently I had the opportunity to work with Anne-sofie. Anne-sofie, her mother, and other family members fled the advancing Russian army during the waning months of World War II. Finding sanctuary in western Europe, they lived in a one-room apartment.

One day, Anne-sofie was in the basement boiling sugar beet juice to make syrup when a knock came at the door. Her landlord, Mr. Meier, was not home so she answered. A Mr. Fredriche was at the door selling things. Since she was not interested in buying any of his products, Mr. Fredriche started talking about the Bible.

“I had been reading the Bible every day and had so many questions,” Anne-sofie relates. “He said that he would study the Bible with me and so we set a time to study.”

In the meantime, Mr. Fredriche met Mr. Meier and started to talk about the Bible to him. Mr. Meier invited him to his house to study because, he said, they had a woman living in their house who was reading the Bible every day.

After several weeks of study, Mr. Fredriche gave

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Anne-sofie his copy of *The Great Controversy* to read. It was the only book he had. She read it through and cried the entire time because it affected her so. "I had been searching for something and here, all at once, it was," she said.

At that time she made the decision that if she ever got the money, she would distribute *The Great Controversy* to bless others as she had been blessed.

When the studies in the Meier home abruptly ended, Mr. Fredriche made arrangements for her to continue studying with him at Mr. Meier's sister-in-law's home.

They continued to study for six months and Anne-sofie was baptized in 1948. "It was as if the Lord had provided places for me to study," she said. "I felt it was a divine appointment."

Anne-sofie came to the United States in 1951 and made her way to the Northwest. One Sabbath, as she was greeting at the door of her church, a man walked in and Anne-sofie greeted him. While waiting for Sabbath school to end, they talked. Anne-sofie discovered that his wife had died, and he found out that Anne-sofie had been divorced since the war. Ultimately, they were married and bought a large home in Oregon. They were together for several years, and Anne-sofie says that her husband was a saint.

Just about a week before he died, he made the last payment on their house and paid the income taxes. He had a will that made provision for his children and Anne-sofie.

Soon thereafter, I was invited to make contact with Anne-sofie. I helped her sell the house and

created a plan to distribute the proceeds according to her wishes.

I wrote a memorandum of understanding to help her to accomplish her goals. She wanted to print 100,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* for distribution as well as support native ministries, prison ministries, local and union conferences, *It Is Written*, *The Quiet Hour*, and the other preaching ministries. All that was accomplished.

In addition, she has helped to build churches in the Philippines, put roofs on churches in Africa, and has supported seven Bible workers: two in Russia, two in India, and three in Africa. It is a great satisfaction to her to know that even while she is sleeping, someone somewhere is awake and working for the Lord. She has received reports of thousands of people accepting the Lord because of her generosity. Her support has also gone to many church and national humanitarian organizations.

She has personally shared another 100,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* by going house to house, by mailing them, and by other means. She feels that eventually money will not be worth anything, and she might as well use it in spreading the gospel while it is still good.

Why would she want to give money to evangelize people when her money could be kept for herself? She emphatically replies, "Can you tell me any better place to invest my money?"

She continues, "If I can have a part in hastening Christ's coming, is there anything better? Only in heaven will I be able to meet all of these people that I had a part in sharing with. And when those who read the books tell others and they tell others, it becomes a pretty good group."

Anne-sofie's example has reminded me of what it means to be a faithful steward. We're all born to be stewards—we're given life and the privilege of managing time, talent, and resources. Some choose to be unfaithful stewards, elevating self to the role of Master. I have seen where that leads—empty and desperate lives. Others, like Anne-sofie, make the Lord their Master and manage everything they have for His glory. I have seen the peace and joy that choice brings, and those examples heighten my

own resolve to keep my eyes on eternal values and eagerly look forward to Christ's return. •

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GOD *Still* BLESSES

In Uncertain Times

*T*his morning, as I was preparing for work, a news bulletin came on the television. Another suicide bomber had killed 19 people in northern Israel. Yesterday morning, I heard another news report of an individual who carried out a suicide bombing and killed more people in the Philippines. Each day, the news is filled with examples of the troubled world in which we live. As prophecy said, near the end of time there will be wars and rumors of wars.

Then there is our economic situation. It seems as if every day the Dow Jones, the S&P 500 and other economic benchmarks either stagnate or drop as unemployment increases and recovery remains out of reach.

Even though the whole world seems to be in turmoil, it is comforting to know that God loves and cares for His church family. Through God's blessings, our church members continually support the mission of their church with their tithes and offerings.

Our country's economy certainly has affected our members and their church. Instead of having typical tithe increases, last year we only had a 1.46 percent increase. While this is a substantially smaller increase than the last few years, any tithe gain is truly a blessing in light of the flagging economy and turmoil of our times.

Because of the support of the North Pacific Union Conference members, we were able to appropriate \$845,000 to our six conferences for evangelism. We contributed an additional \$275,000 to help conference evangelists to conduct meetings. In total, NPUC was able to provide

\$1,125,000 last year for evangelism within our territory because of God's blessings and the support of our members.

The North Pacific Union also participated with the Oregon, Upper Columbia, and Washington conferences to establish new church plants with more than \$217,000 in additional financial aid. Our union and its conferences provided more than \$1,000,000 to Walla Walla College for operations. These are just a few examples of what God has done for His church through the dedication of our members.

It is only fitting on behalf of our president, Jere Patzer, and our secretary, Bryce Pascoe, along with each conference president, secretary, and treasurer, that I offer our most sincere appreciation to God for His blessings to His people. Also, it is fitting that we express our appreciation to you, the members, who love their church and their God and support the mission that Jesus gave us. It's because of you and God's blessings that we have been able to move forward in telling people that Jesus is coming. And because of your support, we have a tremendous educational system teaching our children what our church is all about—a Savior who came to save them.

Our church leaders have an awesome responsibility in this troubled world today. Yet when we consider that we have the God of the universe to ask for counsel, guidance, and His blessings, it certainly is a time to be optimistic about what He can do for us. Be assured the same God who fed the children of Israel in the wilderness, and gave them water from the rock, looks after and cares for us. We can truly look forward to the time when He will come and these difficult times will be over. So praise God! •

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Fresh Start

Playboy Bunnies and Stewardship

It was a get-rich-quick scheme. Because our newly-planted church family always struggled to meet expenses, one board member suggested, “We have got to figure out how to pay our bills. So why not sell tickets to a church service? We can do it on Saturday night, combine dinner with a drama, and call it . . . ‘Eats-n-Acts.’”

“But who will buy the tickets?” I asked.

“I’ve already thought about that,” he replied. “KING 5 TV will give free advertising time to nonprofit organizations if they bring a group of at least 30 people to sit in the audience for a taping of their live morning show. If we get everyone in our church to show up, we can make a 15-second pitch for our program.”

The following Wednesday, a group of us shuffled into the studio. It wasn’t until the cameras were rolling, however, that we learned of a special guest being interviewed for that edition. She was a news anchorwoman from Phoenix whose claim to fame was that she got fired for posing for *Playboy* magazine.

I slumped low in my seat, hoping the cameras wouldn’t disclose my whereabouts. I figured my boss at the conference office wouldn’t be too impressed with our stewardship campaign if he saw me there.

But my evasive tactics proved futile. Every time I caught a peak in the monitor it displayed my blushing face larger than life.

Things only got worse. During the commercial break the centerfold was busy signing *Playboy* magazines that audience members had brought with them. Suddenly she looked at me and asked, “Karl do you spell your name with a C or a K?”

Every member of my church (where our stationery read, “Celebrating the *nonjudgmental* love of Jesus”) stared at me. I squirmed. Before I could say anything a stranger sitting in front of me

said, “I spell it with a K.”

Later the elderly matriarch of our church said to me, “Pastor, when she looked up and asked you how to spell your name, I immediately sent up a prayer.”

“Thank you, sister,” I answered.

“I didn’t pray for you,” she said. “I prayed ‘Dear Jesus, don’t you dare come right now, ’cuz I want to see Pastor Karl wiggle his way out of this one!’”

Fortunately, I didn’t have to! It really was a bizarre coincidence—one

that helped us as a church to rethink how we might go about raising money.

Following the fiasco at the studio we unanimously decided: “No more gimmicks or get-rich-quick schemes.”

“What we need,” a wise member reasoned, “is to cultivate generous hearts.” We then made a covenant to invite people every Sabbath to the cross. Every sermon, every song, every drama would in some way highlight the cross of Jesus.

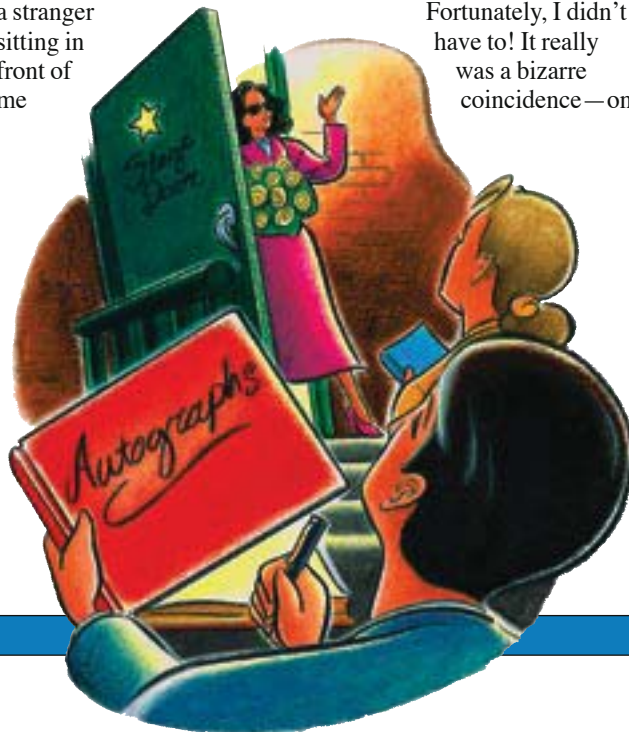
We agreed that as people contemplate the generous grace of God, their hearts would naturally respond in generous grace to God.

That proved to be a life-defining moment. Not only did the experience revamp giving in our church (for the next four years we rarely missed making our budget), it also caused me to do some deep reflecting about my own motives for giving to God.

Really, there is only one reason to give to God, and that is because He’s given so generously to us.

Milo Kaufman said it well: “Christian stewardship most certainly is not a scheme to deprive men of their cash. It is the natural consequence of an experience with God—the natural reaction of the human heart that has been touched by the divine spirit.” •

Karl Haffner writes from College Place, Wash., where he serves as senior pastor of the Walla Walla College Church.



WINTER CAMP MEETINGS TOUR WESTERN ALASKA



Ellen Kvanne, 7, plays the hammer dulcimer during the camp meeting at Dillingham. Photo by John Payne.

From Anchorage to Gambell, from Barrow to Dillingham, this year's itinerary took a variety of camp meeting speakers through snow, wind, rain, fog, and sunshine as the Alaska mobile camp meeting made its way through the wild weather of March.

Don Schneider, North American Division (NAD) president, and his wife Marti, Director of Programs for Global Mission, along with NAD Multilingual Ministries vice president Manuel

Vasquez and his wife Nancy, preached in urban Anchorage, the villages of Gambell and Savoonga, and Nome.

In Bethel, British Columbia native pastor Herb Desjarlais and Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary and pilot, spoke for this part of the circuit. Desjarlais, a guitar-picking, country gospel singing preacher was a hit at each location.

From Bethel, the group descended on Selawik in

a snowstorm, then moved to Barrow and Dillingham. Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference Native Ministries director, joined the team to bring a blessing to a scattered flock. People hungry for fellowship and a word from the Lord were found at each and every stop.

Revival is breaking out in the Alaska outback. God be praised! •

Jim Kincaid

COLD, CLEAN FUN

With warm hearts, heavy coats, and insulated boots, a group of nine students and three sponsors bucked the spring break migration of scores of Adventist students on mission trips to warmer climates to work in frigid Fairbanks, Alaska. Admittedly, the students from Richmond Academy and Tappahannock Junior Academy in Virginia and Tualatin Junior Academy in Oregon were drawn by the lure and mystique of America's last frontier—gold mines, the Alaska pipeline, dog sleds, and the beauty of intricate ice carvings under a tapestry of northern lights.

However, this was not their only motive for coming north. The students were kept busy sharing their love of Jesus in programmed witnessing and practical work. They

presented daily worships for Golden Heart Christian School and Vacation Bible School programming for the preschoolers of the Fairbanks

Church. They also painted the church's kindergarten room, mother's room, and men's restroom. They joined the local Adventist school

students for recess and in presenting a program for the elderly residents of Pioneer Home.

Reactions were predictable. One Fairbanks student excitedly stated, "I like playing recess with the academy students because they are fast and it puts more challenge in the game." One of the visitors said, "I can't believe these kids go outside to play when it is down to 20 degrees below!"

Leader Karen Wolcott reported that it was just wonderful with students joining together from opposite sides of the country to share their witness and skills with new friends. As one of the kids stated, "This was cold, clean fun." •

John Kriegelstein



Raymond Moore is fed by blindfolded Dustin Elsberry as an object lesson to learn trust.

WEISER MARANATHA CHURCH

Sponsors New Church in Madagascar

Idaho's Weiser Maranatha Church members sponsored a Global Mission Pioneer worker to begin a new work in a remote, predominately Muslim, fishing village on the northwest coast of Madagascar. The six-month project, which began in February 2001, has energized the Weiser congregation to do outreach at home as well as abroad.

Weiser members Don and Jeanne Oltman went to Madagascar in January 2000 for a five-month building project. Native Adventist

worker Luc Raveloharmisy led the team to provide roofing for an Adventist hospital, several schools, and more than 600 bush chapels.

During this trip, Don and Jeanne learned of an opportunity to sponsor a local Pioneer worker to raise a church in a village without an Adventist presence. Upon their return, they brought the matter to the Weiser congregation, which adopted and extended the project.

The location chosen for the venture was Ananalava, a fishing village on

Madagascar's densely wooded coast. Despite opposition from local religious leaders, the worker conducted two evangelistic series, hosted a third with the aid of 54 Adventist youth, and built a small church, which the Weiser members funded. The new congregation of 85 members is already outgrowing the current facility.

The project encouraged Weiser members to reach out at home as well. They distributed 15,000 pieces of Adventist literature during last summer's Fiddler's Festival to visitors from across America. They also conducted a house-to-house petition drive to encourage the local cable provider to carry Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

While the new Madagascar congregation offered prayer support, twelve members made the major evening presentations for a "New Beginnings" DVD seminar in February. The seminar served as a training ground for Weiser members, who hope to send their own team to Madagascar to visit the daughter church and to evangelize.

The need for workers in Madagascar is great according to Luc, featured speaker for a "Missions Abroad and at Home" weekend held



From left: Don Oltman, Luc Raveloharmisy, and Jean Oltman worked together on a large Madagascar building project, which resulted in the opportunity to support a new daughter church.

recently in Weiser. District pastors routinely serve 15-20 churches, and there is a goal to begin Adventist schools in all nine of the island's major population centers. The Weiser congregation sponsors three Madagascar seminary students-in-training, and have supplied urgently needed Sabbath School materials.

Our members' support for the work in Madagascar is directly connected to our enthusiasm for reaching those close at hand. In the end, none of us are going anywhere until the final gospel message is preached everywhere. •

Skip Johnson, Weiser Maranatha Church pastor

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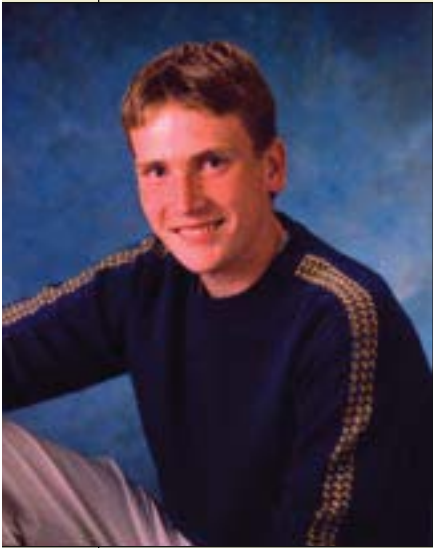
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MT. ELLIS ACADEMY SENIOR

Becomes Legislature's Worker Bee



Jeff Clark recently served as a page in the Montana legislature.

Recently Jeff Clark, four-year senior at Mt. Ellis Academy, had an opportunity to be a House of Representatives page in Helena, Mont. The pages are the worker bees of the capitol, keeping open the lines of communication by carrying messages to all four floors of the building, as well as performing the occasional odd task.

"Without the pages, I don't know what we would do," said Darlene Ramage, the House assistant sergeant-at-arms in charge of pages.

"During the week I was there, I learned quite a bit about the governmental

system," Jeff said. "I was able to see what a legislator is, what he/she does, and how all the legislators work together to try and better the State of Montana.

"All of a sudden, a lot of things I've studied in government class made sense because I saw them with my own eyes," he continued. "The capitol building and governmental process was very interesting but not nearly as interesting as the people who make it work.

"I got to know several of the legislators and senators, and found that they were no different than most of the people that live in my home

community. Most of the legislators were good, God-fearing Christians. Before every session, the entire assembly would pray that God would lead in the day's work and in the future of the state of Montana. I found it very comforting to see God at work in our capitol and to know that He is very much in control of our lives on every level."

Each house will have eight or nine pages who work for a week so as many students as possible can have the experience. •

Juanita Starkebaum, MEA administrative assistant

CHOTEAU CHURCH

Honors 50-year Treasurer

The Choteau, Mont., Church recently honored Margie Nelson for 50 years of service as church treasurer and hailed her dependability and accuracy in keeping records up-to-date. The congregation greatly appreciates Margie, who has also served as Sabbath school secretary and

superintendent and who actually drew the plans for the church itself. Margie remains an active member, playing the piano, working with Adventist Community Services, and assisting the current treasurer, her son Dan. •



Arlene Harris, Choteau church clerk

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GOD THROUGH ME

Share the Warmth

Oregon Conference Women's Ministries recently held "God through Me...Share the Warmth" events at the Santa Clara, Sunnyside, Grants Pass, and Astoria churches using the theme of Colossians 4:4-6 NLT:

Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity.

Let my conversation be gracious and effective so that I will have the right answer for everyone.

As Corleen Johnson, Oregon Conference Women's Ministry director, said, "Many times it is the very talents and interests that are already within us that could be used to influence others for God. God needs every one of us. At the last supper with His disciples,

after thinking about all the miracles that had happened, all the preaching and teaching, Jesus promised them, 'Greater things than these will you do'" (John 14:12 NLT).

recently re-dedicated my life to the Lord, and I am feeling so blessed and at peace. Now I am looking for a way to serve Him, and this seminar could not have come at a

Everywhere we went we met people that needed encouragement and those who were ready to move forward.

At these events, we found Your Turn discussion time was surprisingly effective. "The prayer time at the end was so precious," Ione Richardson reflected later. "We had five in our group. One lady was hesitant — 'I'm not good at this' — but proceeded to pray a beautiful prayer for the lady on her right."

Martha reported, "I have

better time." One lady, the head elder of her church, found our presentation on postmodernism helped her better understand her pastor.

Sharon said, "Thank you for sharing about how beneficial 'behind the scenes' people are. I accompany my husband during his presentations doing research for him, and I had forgotten just how important I am."

"Thank you for allowing me to come," shared a man, referring to the fact that men were invited. Another man, inspired by the spiritual gifts presentation, plans to conduct a seminar at his church using an *AdventSource* resource called "Connections."

Everywhere we went we met people that needed encouragement and those who were ready to move forward. One attendee said, "I have a ministry of videotaping sermons. I take them to small churches that don't have pastors. The video of Mike and Diane Jones, videotaped at the Sunnyside event, called, 'How to Create a Velcro



Giny Allen, a nurse from Vancouver, Wash., spoke about how to nurture yourself while doing ministry.

Church (where your visitors stick),' would be beneficial to those small churches. May I have a copy?"

"Oh sure, here take this one," I said, handing her the one we brought.

"You don't need it?" she asked.

"Apparently God had us make the tape for you," I replied. "Go bless others with it."

We were privileged to be evangelists to the "evangelists." We praise God for so many divine appointments that happen because we are willing to let God use us. He has promised, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us..." (2 Corinthians 5:20). •

Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference Women's Ministries secretary



A drama in four parts highlighted the theme, "Share the Warmth," for the recent Oregon women's ministry meetings.

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CAA FRESHMEN

Make a Difference

The Columbia Adventist Academy freshman class divided into two groups in February, for an all-day community service experience. Fourteen students bundled up in rain gear, ready to help their community and have a little fun. It had been raining all morning, and they were prepared for the worst. They went to a park bordering a residential area in the town of Orchards and began clearing Scotch broom. The park service wanted it removed because Scotch broom is not a native Northwest plant, and it also was providing a secluded place for illegal drug activity, which worried the nearby residents.

By the time the freshmen arrived it had stopped raining. A woman from the park service met them at the park to give them their jobs—pulling Scotch broom out by the roots. By the lunch break they had filled a dumpster. After lunch they moved to a different area near another empty dumpster where a lot of junk was lying

around: pillows, blankets, clothing, and trash. By the end of the day, the second dumpster had been filled.

Though the freshmen worked hard, they did have fun. They did some exploring, and there was a competition among some of the boys to see who could pull out the most Scotch broom. Dirt was literally flying the whole time, from both the work and the occasional mud fight. They returned to school muddy and tired, knowing they had made a difference in their community.

Thirteen other freshmen went to a humane society in St. Helens, Ore. The staff at the shelter was appreciative that the students had come to lend a hand in caring for the cats and dogs. They cleaned cages, washed food dishes and cleaned litter boxes. Holding and grooming the cats and dogs was the favorite activity for all the students on this community service project. Several students took the dogs for a long walk—rather the dogs took the students for a

walk because they were so anxious to get out, they pulled the students down the path.

Some students reported that the best part about their day

was the good feeling they got from helping others. •

Anya Davis and Eric Hansen, CAA freshmen

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LUMBERJACK PREACHER

People of all ages—from 17 to 84—have joined our four mission trips to India. We have found something remarkable about people of any age: When they are willing to put

can read reasonably well, you can do it.” So, after selling his four-wheeler and some other items to raise money for the adventure, and after practicing a DVD sermon on a neighboring church, he was ready.

Friendly, outgoing and with a great sense of humor, Rohlf was a natural, loving the village people and being loved in return. His daughter, Irlene, gave the health talk each night and his granddaughter, Stacy, told the children’s Bible story. They saw more than 1,500 people baptized from their meetings alone. “It was a life-changing experience,” Rohlf said, and Irlene and Stacy echoed that sentiment.

But the story doesn’t stop there. There is a “reflex influence,” said Ellen White, with work that is done for the salvation of souls in far off lands (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 27). People on mission trips carry their cameras and camcorders, capturing the sights and needs. When invited, they give an enthusiastic report, and the spirit that comes back not only impacts the person coming home but also touches those who hear their report.

Sensing a great need for church buildings to enfold the Lord’s many new “lambs,” Rohlf asked permission

to make a low-key appeal for funds in his Medford, Ore., Sabbath School class. An unbelievable response netted \$40,000, which, when matched four ways, resulted in funds to build 16-20 churches.

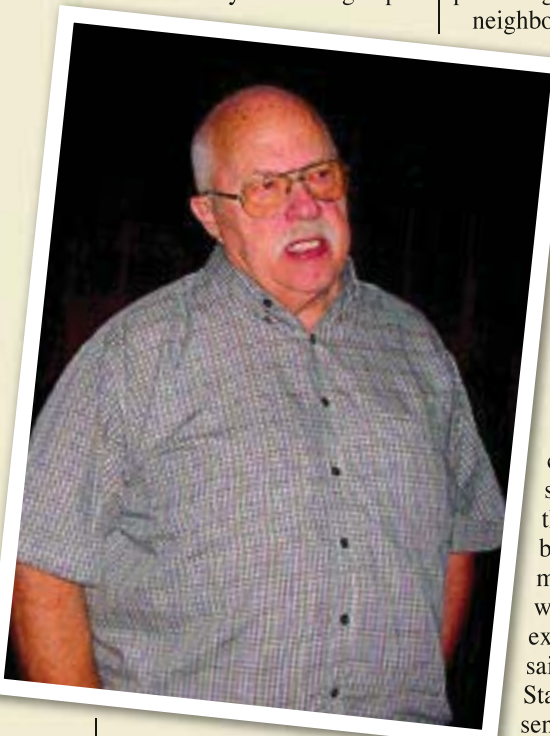
When the children of the church raised \$500 for church buildings in India, a member, inspired by the children’s enthusiasm, said in Rohlf’s hearing, “I have a check for \$1,000 in my pocket that I will give if you can get someone to match it.” He passed the word around and soon there was \$1,000 more. Then he attended a class reunion in

which \$50,000 was donated for churches in India.

Rohlf volunteered for another series in India and, though retired, drove a school bus all year to raise the money for the trip. Only a broken foot kept him from going the second time.

The “reflex influence” has been spilling on a host of people whose awareness of our mission and its needs has been heightened and whose concern for the finishing of God’s work at home has been deepened. •

Bruce Johnston



After going on his first preaching mission trip, Blondie Rohlf, 72, a lumberman, continued to raise money for church building in India.

themselves in God’s hands, it is amazing what God can do through them.

Take for instance Blondie Rohlf, 72, a man who worked in timber and mills most of his life. He had never preached a sermon when he volunteered to go as a speaker to India. He was willing and could read “reasonably well.” I was busy recruiting for a 10-team, 50-village mission in Andhra Pradesh, India, and said, “If you are willing and

Young Blood

Cassandra Lemke participated in the first blood drive at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School, Gladstone, Ore. on Feb. 28. Cassie, who turned 17 just a few days

before, was so excited that she was finally old enough to give blood. A 2000 graduate of Rivergate, Cassie is now a junior at PAA. “I would do it again,” Cassie says. •



PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY NEWS NOTES



The PAA Chorale, directed by Linda Neel, was invited to sing for the opening session of the Oregon State Senate in Salem. After that performance the group gave a short lunchtime concert in the lobby of the Capitol.

- Since 1997, PAA has awarded \$1,425,000.00 in personal scholarships to help students needing financial assistance.
- For the student week of prayer, student speakers

shared experiences from their personal walk with the Lord. They can be booked for speaking appointments in churches by contacting chaplain Les Zollbrecht at (503) 255-8372.

- Of the 30 students studying for baptism, Brittany Martin and Svetlana Danilich have already been baptized. More students are planning for baptism.
 - More than 50 percent of the seniors who took the national ACT test in the fall scored in the 80th percentile or above.
- In January Ellen Cockerham, junior at PAA, played in the Bach "Concerto for Three Violins" with the Portland Chamber Orchestra at Reed College. The trio was also featured on the KATU television program "AM Northwest."
- Chris Spellin, sophomore, sang the national anthem for a Portland Trailblazers game.
- Tyson Haynes on the alto saxophone and pianist Ronnie Davie took first place in a local solo competition which qualified them for the State Solo and Ensemble competition.
- The PAA Drama Club has been presenting a dramatic production of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at several Adventist elementary schools and is available for performances elsewhere. •

Les Zollbrecht

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KEEPING STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Upper Columbia Conference Kids Educational/Endowment/Scholarship Program (KEEP) committee continues to balance the rising cost of church school tuition with a growing number of students who desire a Christian education.

A recent survey commissioned by the committee and conference development director Patsy Wagner revealed only 44 percent of the children of active Seventh-day Adventist members are currently

enrolled in Adventist education. Even more significant, approximately 72 percent of Hispanic children are enrolled in public education.

That means more than 1,500 Adventist children cannot hear the name of Christ spoken with love and reverence at school. They cannot share their prayer requests openly with their teacher and fellow students. These children cannot feel the Savior's touch through the hands of a God-loving teacher.

To change these numbers, KEEP plans to attract 500 new students to Adventist schools by the year 2010. Most will need financial assistance. Is Adventist education worth it? Yes, these precious kids are worth every cent.

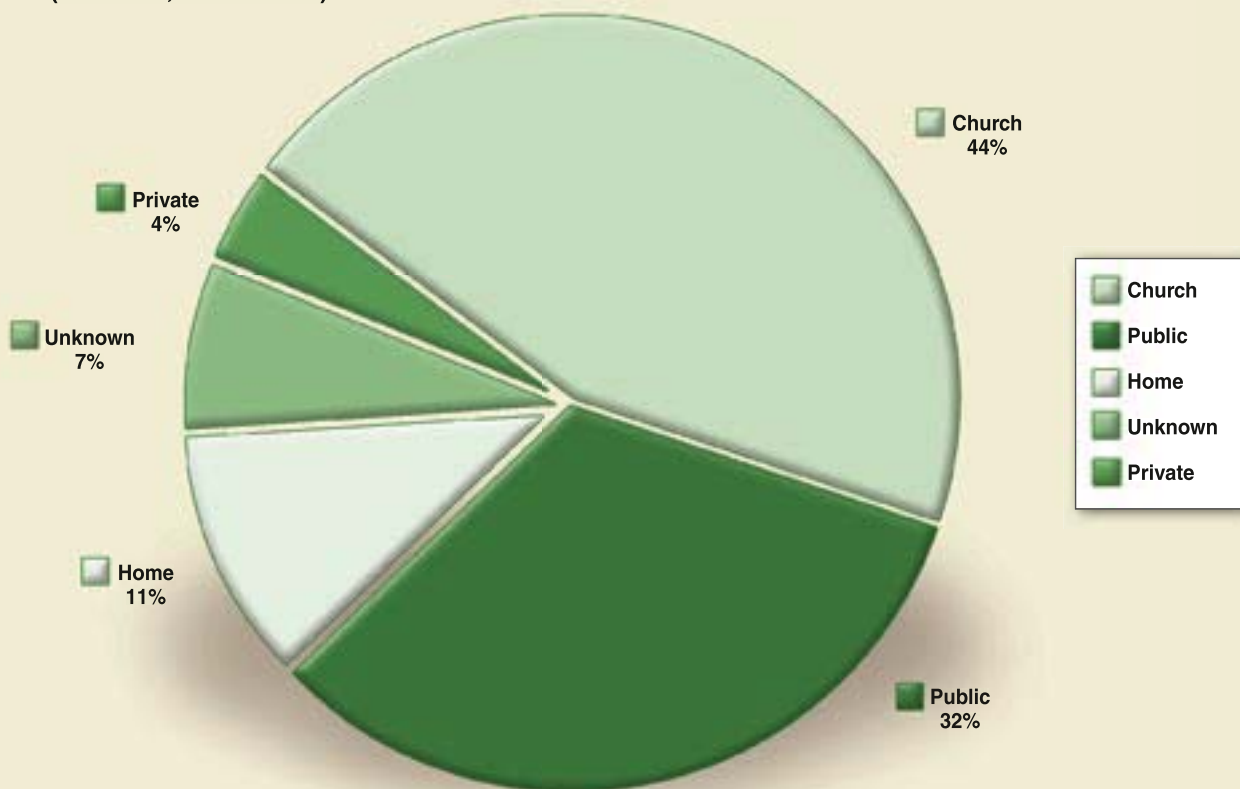
In the past two years, KEEP distributed \$22,000 to students throughout the Upper Columbia Conference. We estimate that by the end of 2010—or when we reach our goal of 10 million dollars, whichever comes first—we might distribute anywhere

between \$250,000 and \$500,000 each year. Imagine the satisfaction of ensuring a Christian education for 500 children!

Can you think of a student who should be in Adventist education, but can't afford it? Then give liberally May 24 for the next regular Upper Columbia Conference KEEP offering and stay tuned for more miracles! •

Shelley Bacon, KEEP committee member, Colville, Wash.

UCC School Attendance for Children of Active Members (Total of 3,401 children)



UCA STUDENTS TAKE SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Nearly 90 Upper Columbia Academy students spent spring break serving the Lord on overseas mission trips. Through the tremendous donations from 1,000 people totaling \$82,000, 59 students went on school-sponsored trips to Belize.

Evangelism Trip

Thirty-six students, six faculty/staff sponsors and two medical personnel served in the swamp district of Belize City where people live in shacks built over swamps. Various street ministries and medical clinics supplemented the main evangelistic focus of the trip.

During the day, witnessing bands went house-to-house, singing for the people and playing instruments such as guitars and saxophones. They also conducted a "Loaves and Fishes" ministry, distributing rice, beans, potatoes, onions, and cooking oil to homes surrounding the crusade tent. As students made friends with the people, they shared literature, prayed with many, and invited them to the meetings. Many came to the meetings and have started Bible studies. Students also took care packages to an orphanage/halfway-house for abused and abandoned children.

Using the *New Beginnings* DVD sermons and visuals, eight students presented the evening sermons. Other students presented special



Student Lauren Stingl assisted her dad, Dr. Dan Stingl, with eye surgeries in Colorzal. Her mom and sister are also pictured.

music, led song services, provided intercessory prayer, and gave testimonies for evening meetings as well as Sabbath school and church services.

During the meetings, students held vacation Bible school for as many as 90 children with singing, Bible videos, stories, skits, crafts, and other goodies.

Because the evangelistic crusade was sponsored and arranged by *The Quiet Hour*, part of the money raised by UCA students hired two local Bible workers who had worked in the area since January. Their meetings were still in progress when the UCA group left.

"The people there could not carry a tune!" reported the students when they returned. "And they would sing so loud that it was painful! But they were so excited to praise God,

and that made their singing beautiful."

Students were convinced that the devil was trying to prevent them from preaching the gospel when they encountered a number of difficulties, such as the power going out just before a meeting and the bus breaking down. But they found that as they took these situations to God in prayer, He was faithful in making it possible for His Word to be proclaimed.

"One of the most inspiring things about the trip for me," reported one student, "was getting up early in the morning and seeing so many of my fellow students up and praying or having their devotions. It

was a really faith-building experience for many of us."

UCA students assisted John Schilt, dentist and parent to UCA students, to provide a dental clinic in the church's preschool. They even made a few house calls. John Moore, nurse and UCA parent, also provided medical services to needy families.

Building/Evangelism Trip

A team of 23 students, four faculty/staff sponsors, four physicians, and eight others served in Colorzal, Belize. The group, along with others from Okanagan Academy in British Columbia, took on several construction projects, conducted evangelism and operated medical clinics.

One of two primary projects added three college classrooms to an existing building. This involved intensive physical labor just to get building materials from the ground to the second-story work site. Because daytime temperatures approached 100 degrees with nearly 100 percent humidity, the group started at 5 a.m. and took an extended midday break. When the nearby elementary school let out for recess, the team had an



Rebecca Burke hugs one of many adoring children in Belize City who wanted their pictures taken.



Sixteen people were baptized in Colorzal (shown), many more are expected to join the church both there and Belize City.

additional 40 pairs of helping hands.

A second project created a house for the principal from a 16-year-old unfinished bakery. After a day clearing four inches of topsoil that had collected inside, the group put in plumbing, poured the floor and built the trusses. Students also scraped two buildings and painted one.

A number of students were able to assist teachers in the elementary classrooms. They were amazed at how little there was in each classroom and yet how happy and eager to learn the children were.

Students assisted the team's doctors in eye screenings and surgeries for approximately 450 patients and gave out more than 200 pairs of glasses. "I can see! I can see!" cried one delighted woman through translator Melissa Wickenberg, a UCA senior. Students also helped dentists fill cavities and pull teeth.

Because of the serious nature of the condition of six children he saw, Romeo Pavlic, cardiologist and UCA parent, arranged for them to go to Spokane for heart surgery. He also negotiated with the government of Belize for land on which to build a clinic so he can return a couple of times a year to provide medical assistance.

In the evenings, UCA students Cheryl Williams,

Michelle Jahn and Kathilee Davidson, as well as Canadian students and local youth, held evangelistic meetings. Joedy Melashenko from *The Quiet Hour* helped coordinate the meetings and other projects.

While the adults met, children enjoyed Vacation Bible School where attendance climbed from 130 the first night to 300 at the end. The children loved the singing, Bible stories, skits, and crafts. Having children's meetings during evangelistic meetings was new to the local people.

On the first Sabbath, the UCA group divided into smaller groups to provide special music and give talks in eight of 11 local churches. In the afternoon, they distributed clothing and toys to the neediest families.

Because *The Quiet Hour* sponsored the evangelistic meetings, some of the student-raised trip funds paid eight local Bible workers for three months prior to the meetings. As a result, a number of people were already studying the Bible and 16 people have been baptized. Two UCA students were rebaptized.

To see additional photos from these mission trips, check UCA's web site at www.ucaa.org. •

Cheri Corder

IRRIGON CHURCH KEEPS BUILDING

As wind played havoc with existing shingles, Irrigon members talked of the need to put a new roof on the church. The funds were available, but there were not enough hands to complete the job in a short time. The problem was presented to Seniors in Action for God with Excellence, who arranged to help. Ted Lutts, SAGE project manager, viewed the project a few days before SAGE arrived, and he and church member Joel Stahl replaced the well house roof.

Helmet Goltz, a roofing contractor from Moses Lake, donated his time, and former pastor, Darayl Larsen, left his Moses Lake congregation to lend a hand. Other helpers included Paul Weigley, SAGE president, local members and many others who came from far and near to remove the old shingles and replace them with the new.

With the sale of the former community service center, Irrigon members decided that the new facility should also house a fellowship hall where classes and seminars could be held. Thus it was that the congregation gathered Sept. 7, 1997, for the groundbreaking ceremony.

This project was "pay as we go" and involved a number of volunteers in plumbing, heating, cooling, and floor covering. The first phase was completed and the second was begun in the fall of 1999.

The building was completed in late October, and on Nov. 3, the congregation held a special service and reception to celebrate their achievement. Members now look forward to another full and active year and the anticipation of a growing congregation. •

Norma Stahl



Ted Lutts and Joel Stahl install new roofing on the well house.

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ZILLAH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Practices Servant Evangelism



Zillah members Mina Beth Halbert and Verlene Hartwig pumped gas and washed windows for motorists as an outreach to their community.

Touching the hearts of your neighbors in a relevant way can be a real challenge. Doing so in a new way each month adds a layer of complication that the Zillah Community church overcame by focusing on parts of modern society that always need attention.

Sunshine in the Pacific Northwest quickly brings out smiles and dirty autos, so Zillah church members arranged with the owner of the local car wash to supply quarters, buckets, brushes and drying towels for free car washes. For two hours one sunny Sunday morning in February, members rolled up their sleeves

and applied liberal amounts of “elbow grease” to dozens of cars.

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of the event was the large sign, which read, “NO donations accepted.” Some would-be patrons had difficulty accepting the fact that receiving a clean car was totally a matter of grace, which provided a strong parallel to consider as they drove away.

In March, Zillah members took advantage of the escalating price of gasoline and pumped gas, washed windows and handed out envelopes with two-dollar cash “instant rebates” at a busy Chevron station. Once again, the concept of church members doing good works at no charge to help emphasize the nature of the gospel required explanation and convincing for several patrons.

Sign-toting “marketers” for the event ranged from Sarah Mann, 6, to Dick Coder, 74, who was recuperating from two recent surgeries and worked from a roadside chair. Mina Beth Halbert, 80, washed car windows and pumped gas as well.

Members strolled through town in April to remind residents to set clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time and to give away nine-volt batteries for smoke detectors. Another special community event was a live reenactment of the Last Supper.

In 2002, the Zillah church tried a novel approach at community relevance via the Internet. For several years, a local businessman ran an Internet site at www.zillah.com, which specialized in community news and items of interest. In order to increase revenues, the site became a portal for adult entertainment for a short time, resulting in considerable uproar.

After city council members rejected an offer to buy the domain name for \$5,000.00, the site was removed from the Internet. After quiet negotiations, the Zillah church acquired the domain for less than \$200.00 and re-created the site as a family-friendly information source. The change was so striking that a regional newspaper published an article about the transformation

from “naughty to nice.”

Additional new sections of the site have been published for local municipal organizations, including the police department, chamber of commerce, city council, mayor’s office, church locator, and public schools, resulting in a favorable standing in the community. The Zillah congregation heartily endorses



Providing a free car wash, this Zillah church crew hoped to make friends for Jesus.

this idea to other Adventist churches.

Routine blood drives by the American Red Cross at the church and an active television ministry at www.steeple.tv help to round out the life of this busy church. •

Joe Mann

BORNEO 2003—Mission to Mentu

Forty-seven students and adults from Spokane and from as far away as Georgia and Canada took a mission trip in March to Borneo. They arrived in the remote jungle village of Mentu to construct a church, hold evangelistic meetings, and provide dental and medical services to the area.

Before their arrival, a crew of Sarawak Mission pastors and local members prepared the site and put up a framework and trusses for the new church. The Spokane workers hand mixed cement for the floor, sidewalks, and steps, as masons

Don Blue of Lincoln, Neb., and Randall Allen of Calhoun, Ga., led in laying approximately 8,000 bricks. In just five days, the church was completed and the first service was held.

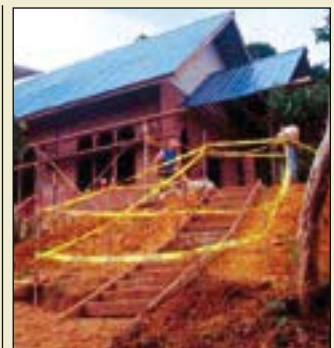
An extensive medical program was conducted by the group’s doctors, who saw hundreds of patients in clinics held in Mentu and even more remote villages. Marvin Gee, a Spangle, Wash., dentist, also held clinics with the assistance of his wife Karen.

In addition to the medical and building work, nurse Cindy Fuller

and student Laura Grinnell from Spokane conducted a nightly Vacation Bible School for the village children, while Mark Cox, Ronan, Mont., pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings.

Even though war broke out during their stay, the group felt safe in their jungle location, encountered no indications of anti-Americanism, and were always treated with courtesy as they stayed in village homes and learned the Eban way of life. •

Olin Peach



A beautiful new church replaces an old, termite-infested structure and serves the 16 Adventist families of Mentu, Borneo.

PSAA MISSIONARIES

Build and Teach in Costa Rica



Work on the block walls of the classroom advances as PSAA students enjoy a break in the torrential rains common during their mission trip to Baatan, Costa Rica.

Tropical rainstorms, flooding and high humidity were just a few of the aspects that made the Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) mission trip to Baatan, Costa Rica, so memorable. Thirty-five students and 22 adults spent Thanksgiving vacation building a 40 ft. x 80 ft. concrete block addition, onto an existing church for three schoolrooms. The project included exterior and interior walls, wiring, a metal roof, and painting.

Work began with a human chain moving 50,000 pounds of cement blocks onto the very muddy worksite. Rigging large blue tarps across the

work area was the only way to keep it dry enough to lay block. Pounding rain even made communication difficult.

“You just had to accept the fact that there was no way to stay dry,” said Pam Tait, PSAA English teacher. Some students even took mid-day showers in the rain because it had better pressure than the local showers.

The first Sabbath the group awoke to waist high water in some areas. After gathering soaked belongings, the senior girls and faculty ladies had to be evacuated from their living quarters. “My shoes just floated away right before my eyes,” said Becky Rode,

PSAA senior. But even the flood could not dampen their spirits.

On four consecutive evenings, the PSAA students held a basketball clinic outreach for more than 40 youth from a nearby banana plantation. After worship talks on subjects of discipline, attitude, teamwork, and faith, the teens would proceed through four basketball skill stations. When the coordinator of the Vacation Bible School program became ill and couldn’t join the group, Danielle Luce, PSAA senior, took responsibility for directing the four-night program for more than 30 children.

On the last workday, all the VBS children and teenagers came to exchange autographs

with their newfound friends. As Puget Sound students boarded their bus, the names of the children and teens covered their shirts, jeans and hats.

“All in all, even with the trials we faced, I’m really glad I went to Costa Rica and met all the people, especially the kids. I hope they will take the love of Jesus we left with them and use it to better the lives of other people,” concluded Danielle Luce. •

Alyssa Rieswig, Alisa Valles, Danielle Luce, Becky Rode, Cindy Koyama and Shota Taniguchi, PSAA seniors



The PSAA mission crew poses inside the completed building in Baatan, Costa Rica.

NEW MONROE CHURCH *is Latest SAGE Building Project*

Who says seniors can't rough it? Leaving at midnight, Jan. 11, on a red-eye flight from Seattle, 32 SAGE members arrived in hot, humid Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, the next afternoon. From there they were bussed to Camp Joyland, a Christian camp on the outskirts of the city, where they found rickety beds, cold showers, and a delicious dinner of haystacks prepared by Bev Grant.

Fortified with the cooking crew's delicious meals and chaplain Fanny Ulsch's inspiring devotionals, these young-at-heart "golden oldies," whose ages ranged from 58 to 82, not only had the church finished except for plaster and paint by Tuesday of the following week, but also painted two other churches and built 19 pews.

Taking a break while the Maranatha crew did the plastering, SAGE members



Al Griffone from Arlington, Wash., keeps the block layers supplied with mortar.

flew to Cuba to take part in the dedication of a church, for which SAGE had contributed \$10,000, and to enjoy a little sight-seeing in Havana. They returned to Santo Domingo on Sunday and put in a marathon effort to finish painting and landscaping the church in time for its Monday evening dedication. They arrived back in Seattle with hearts full of rejoicing, tired and aching

bodies, and memories to last a lifetime.

In the eight years since SAGE Washington was started, members have built nine churches and an orphanage dormitory as overseas Maranatha projects. Many extras, such as pews and landscaping, have been included. SAGE has also given substantial help on 12 church or school building programs within Washington Conference and completed numerous projects at Sunset Lake Camp.

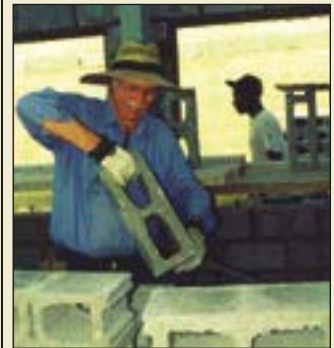
Union-wide SAGE Project

Recently the Oregon and Upper Columbia conferences have started SAGE organizations that have already proved their usefulness. SAGE announced plans to sponsor a special, union-wide building project to frame the new Monroe Church in Washington Conference. Workers from around the union, including pre-

SAGE-age friends, are invited to make plans to join in the fun June 30 through July 18. There will be room for RVs and tents at the building site, or workers can "camp out" at nearby Sky Valley School.

If you are interested, please contact project director Larry Goodhew, (509) 522-2387; lgoodhew@clearwater.net. •

Carrol Grady



SAGE member Stanley Ray of Kirkland, Wash., worked on the block brigade.

BENEFITS *of My Christian Education*

I have been in Christian education all my life. I have also always been involved with the Adventist Church programs. While growing up, I always attended Sabbath school. When I was 10, I was baptized. I joined Pathfinders as soon as I could.

As for educational benefits, Christian education is a huge advantage. The schools are private and have their own academic program. They aren't required to put up with drugs, sex, and homosexuality. The standards

are a lot higher. And after attending a Christian school, the sense of accomplishment is much greater. You go into the world prepared for more. Not just more knowledge, but more guidance and security from the Holy Spirit and a closer relationship with God. Christian education might cost more, but it's pretty cheap "life insurance." You will not find religious benefits in any public school.

One of the most important topics in the entire question of educational benefits is

the benefit of women. It is undeniable. In Christian schools, the girls have higher morals, love the same God I do, and are usually on the right track. And if Christian schools can produce women with quality personalities then they've already made my life better without my even stepping inside the door.

Because Christian schools are more dedicated to the success of

each student, there is more one-on-one interaction. That is a key element in the equation of a successful education. And a successful education is key

to a successful life. Christian education might cost more, but in the long run it is one of the most valuable investments you can make. •

Daniel Rogers, AAA sophomore



Daniel Rogers is a sophomore at Auburn Adventist Academy, Auburn, Wash.

Matthew and Susan Gamble.



Steve and Melissa Leddy.



TWO NEW PASTORS

Welcomed to AnchorPointe

On the first Sabbath of the new year, pastors Steve Leddy and Matthew Gamble met each other and the many members of their new spiritual community, AnchorPointe, for the first time.

Steve has successfully planted three new Seventh-day Adventist congregations in the Midwest. His primary role over the next six to nine months will be to train AnchorPointe members and support Matthew in transition to new leadership. Then Steve will move on to plant yet another new church in Washington Conference. He and his wife Melissa live in Auburn with their three children.

Matthew and his wife Susan are committed to AnchorPointe indefinitely. Although Matthew turned to atheism at age 14 while attending Catholic school, his life is evidence that God works in mysterious ways. Eventually exhausted and weakened from multiple

addictions, he was loved to Christ among Caribbean members of the Berea church in St. Augustine, Fla. He went on to earn an undergraduate theology degree at Andrews University before pastoring in Washington Conference and preaching in countries around the world. He returns to Washington after earning his master of divinity degree.

"It did not take me long after arriving at AnchorPointe to see the dedication of the people that make up this company. I have hardly ever seen so much commitment to one cause," said Matthew. "As some weeks passed, I felt more and more convicted that God has raised up this body of believers to be nothing less than a church of significance here in Seattle. As we are growing together, the vision is coming into focus. God is working here in Seattle, and we are excited about joining Him in this endeavor." •

Caryn Pierce

FROM PORT ANGELES TO ONGOLE

An Evangelistic Adventure

At first was registered when Lynne Scherencel from Port Angeles, Washington, was the speaker for a series of evangelistic meetings in Parchuru, Andhra Pradesh, India. Hosting nightly crowds approaching 2000, Scherencel's evangelistic series, supported by her husband, Rod, Mike and Merilee Krier, Centralia, Sarah Griswold, Port Angeles, and Leroy Fuller, Forks, was part of a 50-village mission



Lynne Scherencel from Port Angeles, Wash., was the speaker for a series of evangelistic meetings in Parchuru, Andhra Pradesh, India.

sponsored by Merlin Fjarli, from Medford, Oregon.

In a male dominated society such as India one might have expected a negative reaction against a woman preacher, but just the opposite was true. People came in large numbers to hear her, graciously but powerfully, present the Gospel message. Using the New Beginnings DVD series she vividly illustrated the messages night by night. Both before and after each meeting and in the surrounding

villages during the day women crowded around her for prayer. They identified with her and felt there was hope for women in this world. Men, too, sought her out to pray for them. Hundreds of both men and women made decisions to accept the Savior that she so magnetically represented and reflected in her love for people.

Her husband, Rod Scherencel, Port Angeles and Forks district pastor, and a three-time leader of an evangelistic series in India says, "I was happy for Lynne to be the speaker. I was curious about how people would respond, but confident that Lynne would win them over. I believe this experience should encourage women to cast aside their reticence to use the gifts that God has given to preach the Word. Women have a power to reach women that is special, but they also appeal to men just as powerfully. I believe the time has come for women evangelists in larger numbers to herald the soon coming of Jesus more widely than ever before."

Three other series were conducted at the same time in the Ongole area and baptisms are continuing on an almost daily basis. •

Bruce Johnston, evangelism leader

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The Walla Walla College graduating class of 2003 elected its senior class officers and sponsors during fall quarter as follows: finance major Chris Santana, from Loveland, Colo., president; business administration major Travis Johnson, from Hammett, Idaho, vice president; business major Sven Tornlov, from Falkland, British Columbia, Canada, spiritual vice president;

elementary education major Jamie Miller, from College Place, Wash., public relations representative; accounting major Heather Dickerson, from College Place, secretary; English and mass communications major Chelsey Ham, from Tigard, Ore., financial vice president.

The Portland campus is governed by co-presidents Treena Card and Sarah Peterman, both nursing majors

from Portland, Ore. Montgomery and Jonna Buell and Rodney and Liz Heisler are the class sponsors.

The senior class was formally recognized during chapel on Feb. 18, where Loren Dickinson, emeritus professor, delivered an address

titled, "Inordinate, That's What It Is."

Graduation ceremonies will take place on the Walla Walla College campus during the weekend of June 13-15. •

Bradley Nelson

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

For more than 100 years, Walla Walla College has been the setting for life-changing experiences. For many students, college is a launching point for a fulfilling career, the start of life-long friendships, and a place where they experienced spiritually defining moments.

Thousands of WWC graduates have helped to shape church ministry

around the world, and many alumni remain in the Pacific Northwest where they are active locally. Some are employed directly by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, some serve lay positions of leadership and counsel, and many contribute financially to the church and each of its schools.

Walla Walla College is strong because of the support and prayers from both alumni and church members throughout the North Pacific Union Conference.

Please watch for a special offering to be collected on May 31 which will help NPUC church families pay for their college education. Without this and other types of financial aid, many NPUC students would find it impossible to attend. •

Bradley Nelson



Officers of the Class of 2003, from left: Liz Heisler, Monty Buell, Heather Dickerson, Travis Johnson, Jamie Miller, Chris Santana, Chelsey Ham, Sven Tornlov, and Rod Heisler



Loren Dickinson addresses the senior class during Senior Recognition on Feb. 18.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE



CELEBRATING SABBATH at Adventist Medical Center

Whether you're a patient, family member, or on-duty employee, Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., strives to make the Sabbath hours a special and memorable time for all. From singing bands to worship services to flowers and Bible verses, employees and volunteers take time to infuse a peaceful and calming Sabbath atmosphere throughout the facility.

Outreach Through Song and Worship

On select Friday nights, Cliff Turner, a long-time employee of the hospital, and other members of his singing band help usher in the Sabbath at AMC by delivering inspirational music right to patients' bedsides. The group is just one of the events that signal to patients and employees that a very special time has come. Likewise, the angelic voices of nurses can be heard serenading new mothers and their babies every Sabbath morning in the hospital's OB unit.

"Our patients really appreciate and enjoy having our nurses sing to them," said Sofia Costas, RN, director of the Family Birth Place. "And for those who are working on Sabbath, it offers a reminder that the day is special and different from the others."



Nurses at AMC's Family Birth Place don't mind doing double-duty on Sabbath morning. They not only care for patients, they sing to them.

AMC also offers Sabbath services in its chapel that typically consist of singing, spiritual thoughts and social interaction. Patients, family members, and employees are all welcome to attend. The hospital also provides worship services on its mental health units.

For patients who are unable to attend these programs, the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church's service is broadcast live throughout AMC.

In addition, hospital volunteers pass out roses and Bible verse cards to every patient every Sabbath. They are ready and eager to offer an explanation about the blessing of Sabbath, pray with a patient, or simply offer a smile or kind word.

Commitment to Sabbath Blessing

Making Sabbath special at AMC is a commitment that begins behind the scenes. It starts with emphasizing the importance of Sabbath to workers, encouraging them to be both creative and diligent in facilitating an environment that brings a Sabbath blessing to others, and giving them the necessary tools to do so.

AMC, like other Adventist

Health hospitals, has established practices for Sabbath keeping and trains its leaders on the Sabbath's meaning, principles for keeping the Sabbath, and creative ways to do so within a health care setting. Each hospital manager receives a copy of the book *Positive Spiritual Emphasis*, which serves as a guide to spiritual culture, practices and beliefs, and highlights specific Seventh-day Adventist doctrines and philosophies. In addition, every new employee receives an introduction to the Sabbath and the hospital's practices via AMC's *The Spirit of Love* video.

"At our hospital, we minister to the whole person—body, mind, and spirit," said Deryl Jones, president and CEO of AMC. "We believe that Sabbath observance is a wonderful way to promote spiritual rest and healing, and that's why we're committed to



Each Sabbath patients at AMC receive a rose with a card that reads, "Enjoy this flower as a symbol of the beauty and peace of Sabbath rest." The card also features the hospital's mission statement and the encouragement and promise of Isaiah 41:10.



AMC's Friday night male chorus, from left: Michael Reese, Mick Turner, Cliff Turner, Ray Ammon, Rob Vixie and Shannon Goodwin.

ensuring that it is a blessing to our employees and patients."

System-wide Mission Education

In addition to each hospital's Sabbath guidelines and practices, Adventist Health has instituted a system-wide Mission Education Program. The program, which has been featured at AMC on several occasions, contains a special section on the Sabbath. The educational unit includes a history of the Sabbath, Biblical teaching about the Sabbath and historical sources for Sabbath keeping. It also highlights guidelines for Sabbath keeping in Adventist Health hospitals and how the day can be a blessing for employees, patients, and visitors.

"Through our Mission Education Program, we continue to promote the wonderful truth that the Sabbath is one of God's greatest gifts to mankind," stated Wayne Judd, assistant vice president of Mission and Planning for Adventist Health. "As Seventh-day Adventist health care providers, we are called upon to share this blessing with all those who pass through our doors." •

Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

Hardy 90th

Ellen Yeatts Hardy was born on Jan. 21, 1913, in Beaverton, Mont. She attended high school in Missoula, Mont. Her older brother was attending the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Calif., and asked her to come there and take care of his child. There she attended meetings held by H.M.S. Richards. Her brother and his wife had just become Adventists, and Ellen gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized in 1931. Three other siblings soon followed their example. Her family includes her daughters, Alice Lewis, Goldendale, Wash.; Ruth Carter, Chehalis, Wash.; 8 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Rockwell 61st

Courtney Pratt Rockwell married Lotus Jewell Perkins on March 1, 1943, in Watertown, S.D. They met while Lotus was a student at Union College and



Court was attending University of Nebraska Dental School. Shortly after the wedding the young couple found themselves caught up in WWII. Court was stationed to numerous army camps and forts throughout the southwest with Lotus following, finding lodging wherever she could. After the war they settled in Sunnyside, Wash., where Court established his dental practice. Lotus, a homemaker, was very involved with activities of Sunnyside Church. Court retired from practice in 1989, and in 1992 they moved to Gresham,

Ore., to be near their children.

The Rockwell family includes: Melody and Faryl Ammon, and Mark and Cindy Rockwell, both of Gresham; Merrily Rockwell and her husband, Jim Johnson, Portland; 7 grandchildren.

Sandvik 50th

Kent and Vivian "Ibbie" Sandvik celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8, 2003, with a reception in their home, hosted by their sons. They have been members of the Palmer, Alaska, Church for many years.

Kent Sandvik married Ibbie Pearson in 1953 in the chapel at Laurelwood Academy where they had graduated in 1951. They made their home in Oregon where their sons were born, then moved to Alaska, where their daughters were born. Kent, an active marathoner, has been a farmer, commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, plasterer, and now owns a gold mine that he opens to tourists in the summer. Ibbie is known as the "flower lady" in Palmer because of the more than 200 varieties of dahlias she grows and sells at a roadside stand and in local stores. Besides providing an abundance of flowers for camp meeting, she shares them with shut-ins. Both are very active in the Palmer Church.

The Sandvik family includes: Charles and Vickie Sandvik, of Auburn, Wash.; Randall and Patti Sandvik, of Puyallup, Wash.; Ronda Sandvik, of Gresham, Ore.; Vonya and Ron Mills, of Palmer; and 10 grandchildren.

Stout 90th and

64th Correction

The Stout family member listing was incorrect in the April issue. It should have read: The Stout family members include Luwayne and Esther Stout, Brewster; Luvon Stout, Wenatchee, Wash.; 3 grandchildren.

CARTER—Zane Thomas was born Nov. 7, 2002, to TJ and Nichole Carter, Rogerson, Idaho.

DAVIS—Toriana Elise was born Feb. 11, 2003, to Greg and Lisa (Knight) Davis, Portland, Ore.

GRAHAM—Katie May was born Mar. 8, 2003, to Roland and Carrie Graham, Klamath Falls, Ore.

KRAMER—Kalani Mei was born Mar. 5, 2003, to Robert and Theresa (Holloway) Kramer, Portland, Ore.

LONDON—Amanda Mae was born Aug. 10, 2002, to Joel and Esther (Weaver) London, McMinnville, Ore.

LORENSON—Christina Gabrielle Rose was born Feb. 25, 2003, to Ronald and Stephanie (Gillham)

Loreson, Portland, Ore.

MAYHEW—James Bernard V (Jamie) was born Mar. 2, 2003, to James B. IV and Susie (Dietrich) Mayhew, Battle Ground, Wash.

MCADAMS—Mindy Faline was born May 9, 2002, to Wayne and Marilyn McAdams, Sheridan, Ore.

PETERSEN—Cort Arnold was born Jan. 16, 2003, to Kevin and Devi (Judd) Petersen, Portland, Ore.

STANCIU—Eli William was born Sept. 17, 2002, to Eli and Jenny (Leiske) Stanciu, College Place, Wash.

WYATT—Jasmine Nicole was born Nov. 11, 2002, to Steven and Melissa (Sergeant) Wyatt, McMinnville, Ore.

BROST—Tami Machlan, Victor Brost Jr., Jan. 4, 2003, Beaverton, Ore., where they now make their home.

FRY—Julia Toribiong, Benjamin Arthur Fry, Dec. 29, 2002, Canyonville, Ore.

HANSON—Rebbie Christensen, Cory Hanson, Sept. 22, 2002, Milton-Freewater, Ore., where they now make their home.

JONES—Mimi Gruia, Irwin Jones, Mar. 2, 2003, Portland, Ore., where they now make their home.

MCCORT—Tammy Jacobson, Josh McCort, Feb. 15, 2003, Burlington, Wash. They now make their home in Bellingham, Wash.

HASKIN—Marilyn Stroh, Gary Haskin, July 14, 2002, Salem, Ore., where they now make their home.

BAKER—Florence M., 95; born Jan. 28, 1908, Wyndmere, N.D.; died Feb. 19, 2003, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Marlys Meridieth, Vancouver; sons, Dennis L. and LeRoy R., both of Vancouver; sisters, Alvina Slaughter, Salt Lake City, Utah; Evelyn Shaw, Hood River, Ore.; 25 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, 9 great great-grandchildren.

BALDWIN—Roger W. "Bud," 67; born Apr. 29, 1935, Colfax, Wash.; died Dec. 22, 2002, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley Ann (Rudy), Aloha, Ore.; daughter, Lisa Halvorsen, Aumsville, Ore.; sisters, Nancy Robanske, Clarkston, Wash.;

Lorna Baldwin, Spokane, Wash.; 1 grandchild.

BATSON—Ronald O., 64; born April 9, 1939, Cobden, Ill.; died Jan. 20, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Marie; daughter, Tina Hammons, Walla Walla; son, Robert, Anchorage, Alaska; father, Orville, Carbondale, Ill.; sisters, Donna Scott, Baker City, Ore.; Brenda Quintero, Pasadena, Calif.

CAVINESS—George L., 87; born Apr. 14, 1915, Silver Spring, Md.; died March 19, 2003, Miamisburg, Ohio. Surviving: wife, Goldie (Raley); daughter, Dorothy Buckman; sons, Malcolm and

Family
A T R E S T

Arthur; brother, Harold; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

COLEMAN—Betty M., 95; born Aug. 30, 1907, Somerset, Ky.; died Mar. 18, 2003, Albany, Ore. Surviving: son, James Coleman; foster daughter, Grace Solas; foster sons, Eddie, Tim, Tony, and Tom Fisher, James and Ray Spackman.

COLEMAN—Emma (Watson), 86; born Apr. 18, 1916, Roos, Okla.; died Feb. 18, 2003, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Marion Boshell, Denver, Colo.; Roberta Loret, Conifer, Colo.; sons, Emmet, Chehalis, Wash.; James, Cleveland, N.M.; brothers, Pete, Lawton, Okla.; Johnny, Mineral Point, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

CORSON—Juanita Ann (Watrous), 43; born June 8, 1959, Villa Rica, Ga.; died Feb. 19, 2003, Lincoln City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jerry; sons, Lawrence and Reuben, Lincoln City; sister, Rebecca Sue Watrous, Charlo, Mont.; parents, Arthur and Clara Mae Watrous, Tonasket, Wash.

CRAIG—Donald O., 83; born Mar. 6, 1919, Selma, Ore.; died Jan. 17, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Helen; daughters, Cheri Hoie, Brookings, Ore.; Vickie Morgan, Salem, Ore.; stepdaughters, Donna Rodgers, McMinnville, Ore.; Phyllis Spechko, San Diego, Calif.; Elaine Lamberton, Loma Linda, Calif.; Jean Butler, Gresham, Ore.; sons, Walter, Jefferson, Ore.; stepson, Thomas Spechko, San Diego, Calif.; brother, Kenith Craig, Cottonwood, Ariz.

DAVIDSON—Cyrus Alden, 73; born, Kinder, La.; died, Jan. 25, 2003, Eatonville, Wash. Surviving: wife, Doris; daughter, Cheryl Terry, Eatonville; son Larry, Tacoma, Wash.; sister, Pauline Haynes, Blairsville, Ga.; 1 grandchild.

DAVIS—Norma J., 63; born Dec. 21, 1938, Spokane, Wash.; died Sept. 24, Aloha, Ore. Surviving: husband, George "Bud" W., Portland, Ore.; son, Jerry L., Hillsboro, Ore.

DICKERSON—Joseph W., 84; born July 7, 1918, Idabel, Okla.; died, Feb. 18, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, LaVolla; daughters, Linda Etling, Fair Oaks, Calif.; stepdaughters, Carleen Jones, Mossyrock,

Wash.; Rosalie McMackin, College Place; sons, Stephen, College Place; stepson, Larry Dickerson, College Place; sister, Edith Haak, College Place; brother, Everett, Clarkston, Wash.

DILLON—L.O. "Bob," 75; born May 8, 1927, Seminole, Okla.; died Feb. 6, 2003, Bend, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lahoma; daughter, Tammy Huber, Bend; son, Steve, Bend; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

FISHER—William L., 89; born Apr. 26, 1913, Mexico, Ind.; died, Sept. 15, 2002, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Dorothy E.; daughters, Kathryn M. Stanley, Roseburg; Julianne Fisher, Salem, Ore.; Claire L. Hart, Corvallis, Ore.; sons, William G.E., Roseburg; David L., Washtucna, Wash.; Thomas N., Connell, Wash.; sisters, Lieuellen Dobias, Morton, Wash.; Mary Lewis, Olympia, Wash.; brothers, Robert, Calistoga, Calif.; Charles, Angwin, Calif.; Richard, New Meadows, Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

GIBBS—Otto Samuel, 82; born Feb. 23, 1920, St. Louis, Mo.; died Feb. 6, 2003, Columbia, Md. Surviving: wife, Dorothy; daughters, Suzette Swanson, Rebecca O'Ffill; sons, Dennis and David; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

GREEN—Betty Jane, 81; born Apr. 5, 1921, Bayard, Neb.; died, Aug. 31, 2002, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Nancy J. Dyer, Marian L. Granger; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

HARPER—Leona R., 88; born Feb. 11, 1915, Orange, Calif.; died Feb. 21, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Gloria M. Haas and Betty J. Erps, both of Grants Pass; sister, Catherine Hyden, Knoxville, Tenn.; brother, Sylvester Rutledge, Grants Pass; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild.

HARTER—Helen Louise, 92; born Apr. 24, 1910, Garden Grove, Calif.; died Feb. 21, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Lloyd; daughters, Terril Johnson, Kent, Wash.; Nickolette Hultman, Walla Walla; sons, Laurence, Spokane, Wash.; Richard, Auburn, Wash.; sisters, Winona Olson, Loma Linda, Calif.; Violet Russell, West Hills, Calif.

JAEGER—Joyce Allyn (Cummins), 74; born Jan. 25, 1929, Glendale, Calif.; died Feb. 9, 2003, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: husband, Pete; daughter, Karen Andregg, Boise, Idaho; son, Rick Jaeger, Auburn, Calif.; sister, Merlo Bock, Banning, Calif.; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

KINZER—Meade N., 79; born Aug. 7, 1923, Venita, Okla.; died, Feb. 22, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Mary Francis; daughters, Kathryn Grosse, Ringwood, N.J.; Sylvia Blanchfield, Churdan, Iowa; Joan Kinzer, College Place; son, Steven, Gresham, Ore.

KLEIN-HOLWEGER—Rose (Bollinger), 96; born Aug. 8, 1906, Tolstoy, S.D.; died Feb. 16, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Myrlene Finch, Portland; Miriam Strobel, Mill Creek, Wash.; Audrey Klein, Monrovia, Calif.; son, Carroll Paul "Pete," Cathedral City, Calif.; sisters, Emma Bovee, Rochester, Minn.; Maggie Bowen, Watertown, S.D.; Martha Christensen, Mound, Minn.; Alma Houghton, Kasson, Minn.; 6 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren.

LOWRY—Jessie Louise (Carter), 83; born Jan. 29, 1920, Waco, Texas; died Feb. 5, 2003, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: husband, Roscoe S.; daughters, Lobeth Johanson, McKinleyville, Calif.; Lyvern Reiswig, Chehalis, Wash.; Priya Lowry, Calistoga, Calif.; son, Carter, Lander, Manitoba.

MANN—Linda D. (Isaacson), 53; born Sept. 9, 1949, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 30, 2002, Everett, Wash. Surviving: sons, Brandon, Bothell, Wash.; Brent, Reedsport, Ore.; parents, Gerald and Gerry Isaacson, Mill Creek, Wash.; sister, Sherry Peterson, Surprise, Ariz.; brothers, Gary Isaacson, Sand Point, Idaho; Terry Isaacson, Camano Island, Wash.; Richard Isaacson, Wenatchee, Wash.; Ted and Chris Isaacson, both of Everett; Jeff Isaacson, Marysville, Wash.; 2 grandchildren.

NELSON—Amos, 76; born Jan. 3, 1927, Brookfield, Ill.; died, Jan. 30, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Eleanor; sons, Anthony, Canoga Park, Calif.; Richard, Tehachapi, Calif.; sister, Amy Darby, Republic, Wash.; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Alberta F. (Paddock), 99; born Apr. 2, 1903, Baraboo, Wis.; died Feb. 8, 2003, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Dorothy McCoy, Yakima; 3 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild.

PATTERSON—Ada L., 102; born Oct. 21, 1900, Burnside, Ill.; died, Mar. 14, 2003, Banks, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Alice Plaster, Banks; son, Robert, Forest Grove, Ore.

RHOADS—George A. Jr., 84; born Apr. 25, 1918, Camden, N.J.; died Dec. 22, 2002, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Louise, Boring, Ore.; daughters, Cathy Fowke, Whitmore, Calif.; Jeanette Pritchard, Portland, Ore.; son, Martin, Beaverton, Ore.; sisters, Eleanor Crane, Haddon Heights, N.J.; Elsa Miller, Stratford, N.J.; 5 grandchildren.

ROTH—Fawn A., 86; born Sept. 23, 1916, Douglas County, Wash.; died Dec. 1, 2002, Canyonville, Ore. Surviving: husband, Alden; daughter, Eloise Weber, Fresno, Calif.; son, Larry, Japan; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

SAYLER—Freda, 90; born Sept. 20, 1912, Endicott, Wash.; died Oct. 29, 2002, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: husband, Alfred; sons, Benny, Longview, Wash.; Clyde, McMinnville, Ore.

SCHLOTTER—Gwen, 91; born Nov. 12, 1911, Luther, Okla.; died Feb. 15, 2003, Eugene, Ore.

THOMAS—Mark Scott, 90; born Mar. 19, 1912, Calif.; died Feb. 7, 2003, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: wife, Merle; daughters, Gloria Matthews, Calif.; Diane Spence, Calif.; son, Lloyd Mark, Fair Oaks, Calif.

WAYBRIGHT—Jack F., 76; born Aug. 4, 1926, Lincoln, Nebr.; died Feb. 28, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Arlene; daughters, Jackie Waybright, Carson, Wash.; Judy Ward, Monroe, Wash.; brother, Jerry, Battle Ground, Wash.

WILKERSON—Neva Mae, 94; born, Dec. 15, 1908, Liberal, Kan.; died Mar. 3, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Nadine Tamerius; sons, Charles, Lou, Carl, and Curtis; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 8 great great-grandchildren.



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

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Mike Bishop Concerts

May 3, 6:00 p.m.—The Village Adventist Church, 4501 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham, Ore. **May 10**, 7:30 p.m.—Vespers, Your Bible Speaks Community Adventist Church, 4606 NE 55th Ave., Portland, Ore. Illiana Gutierrez will join him as the guest vocal artist. **May 31**, 11:00 service—Astoria Adventist Church, 300 Nehalem, Astoria, Ore.

North Pacific Union Evangelistic Meetings to keep in your prayers:

ALASKA

Evangelism will continue in the Fall

IDAHO

April 18–May 16, Caldwell, Jac Colon
April 18–May 17, Cloverdale, Eric Brown

MONTANA

April 4–May 9, Livingston, Rod Nazari
April 12–May 17, Lame Deer, John Dilinger
April 27–May 25, Kalispell, NET 2003

OREGON CONFERENCE

April 26–May 24, NET 2003, Junction City, University Park, Dallas, Fall City
April 18–May 24, Sheridan, Steve Cook
May 11–24, Eugene Korean, David Kim
June 6–15, Hillsboro Spanish, Juan Caisado
June 6–21, Woodburn Spanish, S. Balboa
June 7–28, Woodland Spanish, Benjamin Tello
June 14–21, Forest Grove Spanish, Francisco Staut
Aug. 17–23, Portland/Vancouver Korean, Sang Lee

UPPER COLUMBIA

April 19–May 24, Othello, Lyle Albrecht
July 1–15, REFRESH, Spokane Area
Mar. 12–May 14, Hayden, Wayne Kablanow and Dr. Randy Sloop
July 1–Aug. 1, Colville, Doug Pond
July 12–26, Pasco Spanish, David Paczka

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Apr. 12–May 21, Emerald City, EuGene Lewis
Apr. 14–May 20, Spanish Oak Harbor, Jose Pinto
May, North Cascade Spanish, Manual Cabral
July/Aug., Lake Stevens, NW Youth Challenge
July/Aug., North Cascade, NW Youth Challenge
July, Federal Way Spanish, Peter Simpson
July/Aug., Everett Indonesian, Alex Rantung
Aug., Bellingham Spanish, Ralph Orduno
Aug., Chehalis Spanish, Emerald Scott

Oregon Singles May Events

May 9–11—Spiritual retreat at Camp Magruder just south of Rockaway on the Oregon Coast. Speaker: Bill Liversidge. Weekend topic: "Victory in Christ" Liversidge is a world traveler who has just returned from New Guinea and has

many interesting stories to tell. Weekend food theme: "Foods from around the World." Every meal will represent a different country. Talent show Saturday night. Registration is required. **May 16**—Vespers at Beaverton; **May 17**—Beaverton, after-church potluck and afternoon activities; **May 23–26**—Memorial Day retreat at Camp MiVoden; **May 23–26**—Yosemite National Park Memorial Day Weekend.

For more information about the OCSM events listed and additional events visit the website at www.orsingles.org, e-mail us at singlesevents@juno.com, or call the hotline at (503) 654-6054.

Retirees' Fellowship

The Retired Workers' Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month, except January and July, in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office for a 12:00 noon potluck and program.

Upcoming guest speakers from the Oregon Conference are: **May 6**, Dale Beaulieu, former treasurer, about Adventist World Radio; and **June 3**, Helen Smith, communication director.

This group is especially for retired denominational employees, although other retirees are welcome to attend. Bring food and table service. For information, contact Doris Thurman (503) 657-1933; dthurman50@juno.com.

Ashley Cleveland Concert

One of the most distinctive voices in Christian music, Ashley Cleveland will be presenting a concert Saturday, **May 17**, 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill, Ore., Church. Ashley has won two Grammy awards and contributed to more than 300 albums. Admission is free—bring a friend. Call (541) 744-0650 for information.

Sunnyside Music Event

May 24, 7:00 p.m.—Solid Brass Concert, directed by Warren Baker, formerly principal trombone with the Oregon Symphony. Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216-2951; (503) 252-8080.

Ring of Fire Concerts

After their tour of Southern California which includes playing at the Crystal Cathedral, the Ring of Fire bell choir from Tualatin Jr. Academy will have several concerts

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May 14, 7:00 p.m.—First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th St., Vancouver, Wash.

May 27, 7:00 p.m.—Willamette University Hudson Hall, 900 State St., Salem, Ore. Tickets available at the door.

May 29, 7:00 p.m.—Ring of Fire teams up with Steve Green for a concert at the New Hope Community Church, 11731 SE Stevens Road, Portland, Ore. Tickets required. They are available online at <http://www.rof.org>, or call (503) 314-8016.

Oregon Conference Needs Your Help

The following Oregon Conference Church members, have no addresses. Can you help us reconnect with these people? James J. Abney, Don G. Adams, Tamara I. Adams, Danny Adams, Carrie Ahl, Susan L. Allen, Cheryl Altman, Bruce Anderson, Craig Anderson, Thana M. Anderson, Jeromy Garcia, Melinda S. Appleman, Aleris M. Appleman, Mark Armstrong, Joe Barnett, David Barry, Kimberly J. Barry, Chris A. Barthelmas, Wendy A. Bennett, Tina Bevis, Mark Bixel, Randal I. Blehm, Keith Boucher Jr, Wesley T. Bowlsby, A. D. Brown, Kimberly F. Brown, Melinda Brown, Thomas E. Carter, Brenda L. Chadwick, Johonna Clark. Please contact the Oregon Conference Clerk at (503) 652-2225, Ext 461, with any information.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Adventists Behind Bars

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Mike Bishop Concert

June 8, 6:00 p.m.—Pendleton, Ore., Adventist Church.

New Church Plant

Abundant Life Seventh-day Adventist church formed in February and meets at Pioneer Middle School, 1620 Russell St. in Wenatchee. The new church is the offspring of the

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WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Chamber Series Concert

May 3, 8:15 p.m., Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center Auditorium—Canadian soprano Sharon Buck will be featured in the final concert of the 2002-03 Chamber Series sponsored by the Walla Walla College Music Department. Kraig Scott, associate professor of music, will accompany Buck on the harpsichord. A small admission fee will be collected at the door.

John Day Area Theology Seminar

May 10—Walla Walla College Theology Professor, Zdravko Stefanovic, will present a theology seminar—"Surprises In Your Bible: The Rewards of Reading Carefully," in the John Day Area. The seminar will be held in the John Day Church at 110 Valley View Drive, John Day, Ore., and the sessions will meet at 1:00–2:00, 2:15–3:15 (potluck meal at 3:30) and 4:30–5:30 pm. All are invited to come and participate in lively discussions about some of the amazing discoveries one can make by means of a close reading of the Bible. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church & Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology (www.wwc.edu/ibcc).

WORLD CHURCH

NW Adventist Radio Amateurs

Aug. 7–10—The Northwest Adventist Amateur Radio Association will hold its annual retreat at Camp Hope, B.C., Canada. Information: NAARA, 24113 Green Valley Rd, Auburn, WA 98002; www.NAARA.org.

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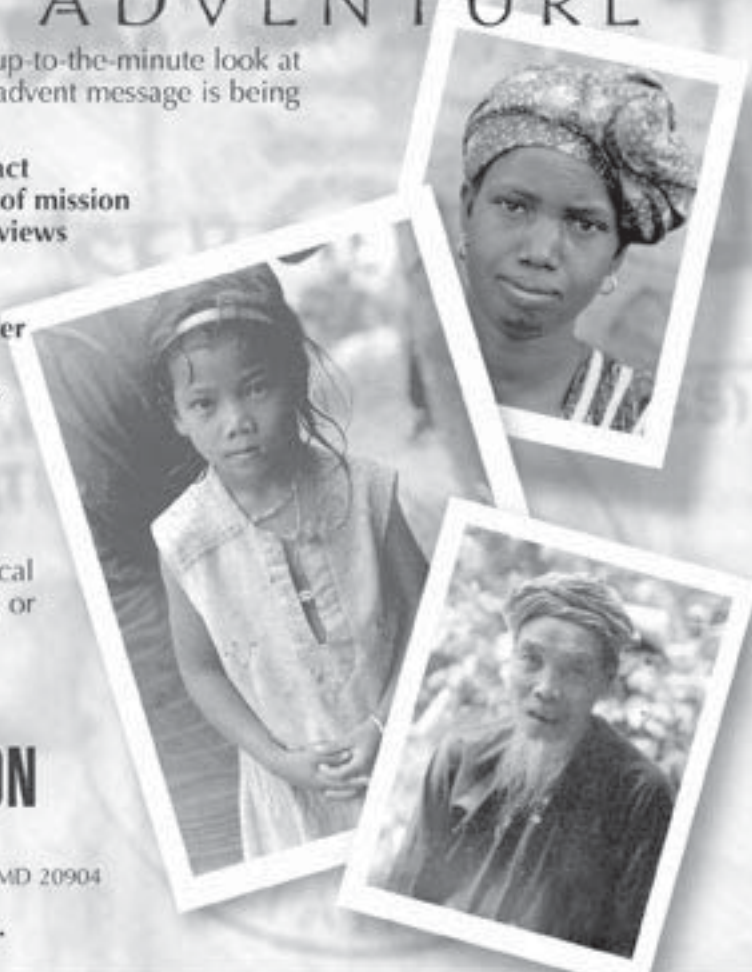
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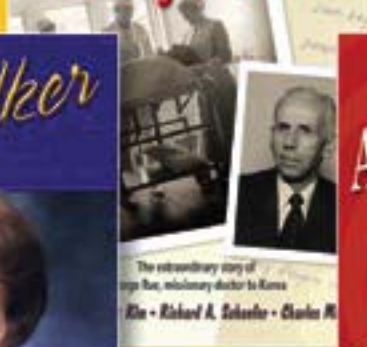
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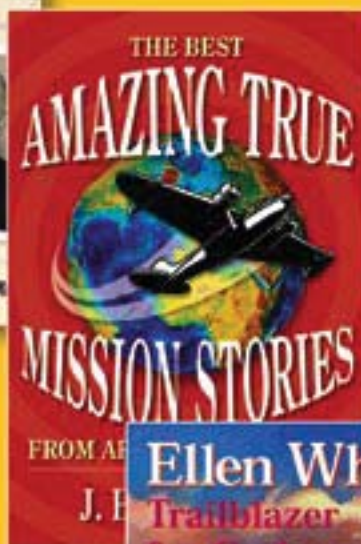


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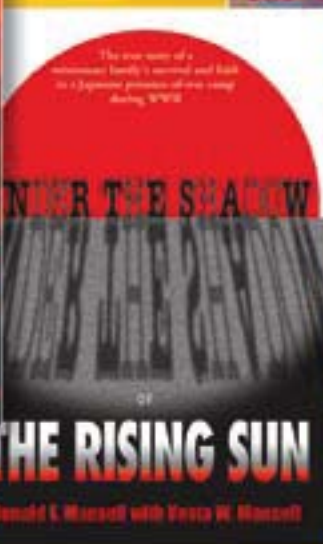
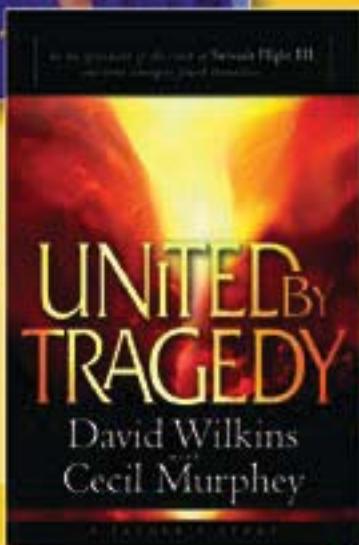
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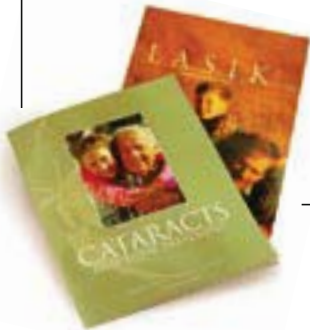


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