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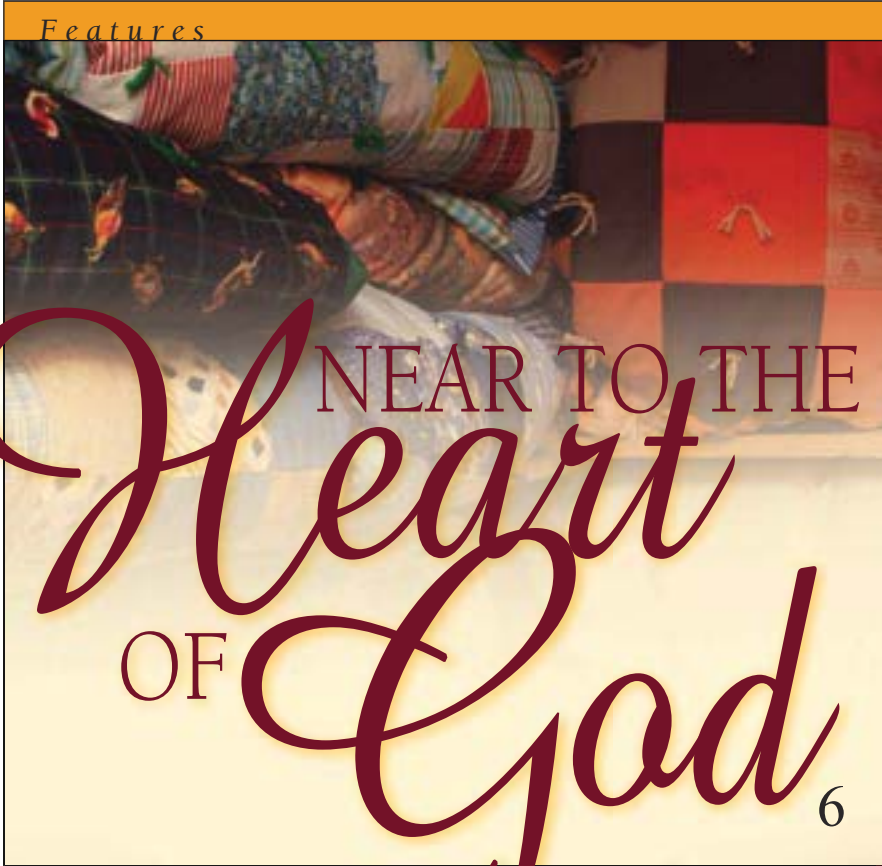
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“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”

ISAIAH 52:7 (KJV)

Jeffrey L. Torretta, of La Grande, Oregon, shot this photo in Stevens Canyon in Rainier National Park, Washington. Fresh snow on the upper portions of the Tatoosh Range contrasts with vine maples bedecked in their autumn colors. He used a Nikon FM2 camera, Fuji Velvia 50 film, and a Nikkor 28mm lens.



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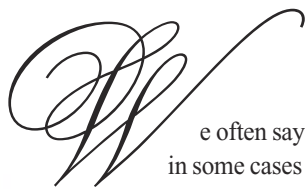
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GOOD NEWS IS... NO NEWS!

BY J E R E D . P A T Z E R



We often say, “No news is good news,” and in some cases I suspect that is true. Recently, however, I have become increasingly disgusted by the news media and the seeming obsession with exclusively reporting what’s wrong with the world. It’s downright depressing. From the terrorists bombings to hate crimes. To the growing child sex slave trade to AIDS. To drunk driving to spousal abuse. Murders, robberies and hurricanes and tornados. And all this woe with a negative if not cynical bias. As someone quipped with the election rhetoric gearing up, “Some of these people are more critical of our president than they ever were of Sadaam Hussein.”

And if one survives the nightly news and tries to find a family entertainment program, it’s either some supposed “reality show” (which thankfully isn’t like any reality most of us have experienced) or some cop show reexamining the seedy side of America. And then there are the sitcoms, which are blatantly explicit and increasingly interspersed with profanity and the use of God’s name.

I realize that the real reality is that wholesome, inspiring news wouldn’t sell advertising, which may be further indication of America’s taste for the extreme, bizarre and macabre.

It’s true, when a couple honors their marriage vows for 60 years, it doesn’t make national news.

Or when hundreds of our academy and high school students go on short-term mission trips, no one does a reality show about it. When Adventist teachers dedicate 40 years to training, modeling and loving students, no one gives them a red carpet or golden award. When community service workers and Pathfinder staff, church leaders and lay elders contribute millions of dollars worth of donated labor, few on Earth take note. But these things are happening and making a profound difference.

This is Good News

One such quiet, good news happening is the successful program at our own Cookie’s Retreat for mothers and children at risk. No, you probably won’t hear about it on national news or see it visited by a reality TV crew. But I can tell you, it is reality, and it is making a phenomenal impact. (See page 6.)

So if you’re also frustrated with the lack of good news being reported, why not start your own boycott? Spend less time with the media and more time with wholesome, uplifting, inspiring enterprises.

Paul wrote a long time ago whatsoever things are true, and right, and pure and lovely, think on these things. I suspect this may not have been only for the Philippians. The world needs some good news today too. And who better than Adventists to give it to them! •



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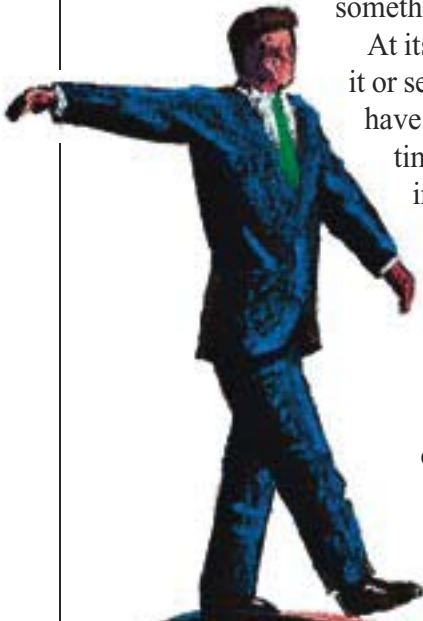
Did You Know?

How Time Works



Time's Origins

Webster's *New World College Dictionary* (fourth ed.) defines time as "a period or interval, or the period between two events or during which something exists, happens or acts."



At its core, time is fairly elusive. We can't see it or sense it—it just happens. Human beings have, therefore, come up with ways to measure time that are totally arbitrary and also fairly interesting from a historical perspective.

The day is an obvious starting point for time. A day consists of a period of sunlight followed by night. Our bodies are tuned in to this cycle through sleep, so each morning we wake up to a new day. No matter how primitive the culture, the concept of a day arises as an obvious and natural increment.

We use clocks to divide the day into smaller increments. We use calendars to group days together into larger increments.

Measuring Time

The measurement of time covers an incredible range. Here are some common time spans, from the shortest to the longest.

- **1 picosecond** (one-trillionth of a second) – This is about the shortest period of time we can currently measure accurately
- **1 nanosecond** (one-billionth of a second) – 2 to 4 nanoseconds is the length of time that a typical home computer spends executing one software instruction
- **1 millisecond** (one-thousandth of a second) – This is the typical fastest time for the exposure of film in a normal camera
- **1 decisecond** (one-tenth of a second) – A blink of an eye
- **1 second** – An average person's heart beats once each second
- **60 seconds** – One minute; a long commercial
- **60 minutes** – An hour; about as long as a person can sit in a classroom without eyes glazing over
- **8 hours** – The typical amount of sleep a person needs every night
- **24 hours** – One day; the amount of time it takes for Earth to rotate one time on its axis
- **40 days** – About the longest a person can survive without food
- **365.24 days** – One year; the amount of time it takes for Earth to complete one orbit around the sun
- **75 years** – The typical life span for a human being
- **5,000 years** – The span of recorded history

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Marshall Brain

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Have you ever expected to see a story published in the GLEANER, and it never was? Look for it on GLEANERonline, www.gleaneronline.org.

Every month the GLEANER receives more stories than fit into the print version. Look for them on the Web.

When time-sensitive announcements arrive too late to get into print, look for them in the Event Calendar on the Web.

When late-breaking news comes in after the issue has gone to print, look for it on the Web.

There are many new things happening on GLEANERonline; look for them on the Web.

Make GLEANERonline a regular habit and look for it on the Web!

NEAR TO THE Heart OF God

BY KIM BRYAN

“There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God.”

Imagine waking up in a place of peace and safety when all you’ve ever known is fear and pain. Imagine finding out what real love feels like with warm hugs and safe touches when all you’ve known have been betrayal and heartache. Imagine finding out that you deserve to be happy and content and you are God’s most valuable jewel after you’ve been told you will never amount to anything and that no one cares how you feel. This is what you will find, near to the heart of God, at Cookie’s Retreat Center.

Endorsed by the Upper Columbia Conference and North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC), Polly’s

Place Ministries Inc. opened Cookie’s Retreat Center in December 2002. Our mission is to provide a safe and temporary retreat, Christian

counseling, and support services for women and their children who are dealing with domestic violence, abuse and other women’s issues.

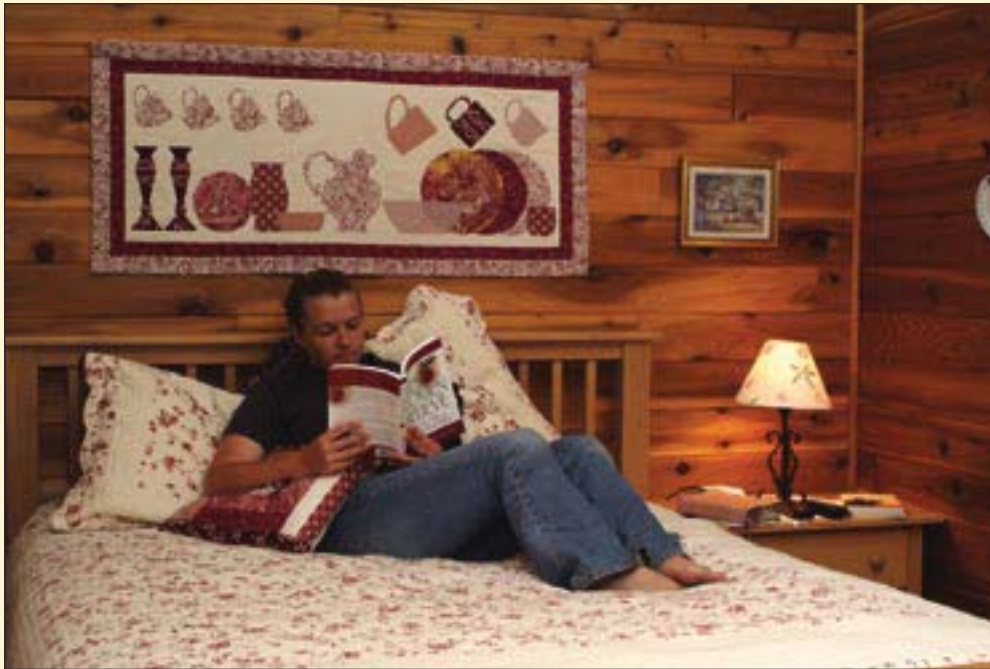
A Place for Healing

Cookie’s Retreat Center has had the privilege of sharing the healing touch of Jesus with women from all walks of life. Ranging in ages from 18 to 84, with all income and educational levels and many different faiths, these women come to us from all areas of the United States. Each woman finds her needs met at the foot of the cross as she opens up to His healing love.

A 30-something professional writes, “I felt my life was not worth the living. I just wanted to die. In fact I told my husband that it would have been easier if the Lord had let me die from my cancer a few years earlier than to live with him now. We had been married more than 20 years, but my life was falling apart. I couldn’t take the abuse anymore.



Mable Dunbar provides counseling in a safe and caring environment at Cookie’s Retreat Center.



Client bedrooms were tastefully decorated by sponsoring churches and individuals.

Between a good friend, a counselor and, most important, the Lord's leading, I ended up at Cookie's Retreat Center.

"The place was warm and quiet. I felt the peace as soon as I arrived. After a few days of getting to know the schedule, I began to love it here. I slept most of the first couple of days. I didn't realize how exhausted I was. Then I started the individual and group counseling. There are such wonderful people here that actually cared about me. It felt so good to not be afraid.

"My life changed. I will never be the same. My husband is in counseling, and we may be able to continue our marriage. But if he is unable to make the necessary changes, I know that I must not stay in the situation any longer. Cookie's Retreat Center gave me the tools to learn how I can stand up for myself. I want to thank the Lord and Cookie's Retreat Center for giving me back my life."

Comforter Ministry
Our "Comforter Ministry"

welcomes the women and their children into this warm family environment. They are taken to the quilt closet, and each one is allowed to choose a beautiful, handmade comforter to keep with them at the center and take with

grounds for walks, gardening and quiet meditation, they are allowed to thrive in the peace and quiet of God's love. They share in chores and enjoy the friendships that are developed at the family mealtimes in the inviting dining room. With a



The quilt closet contains many beautiful, handmade quilts. On arrival, each client is given a quilted comforter to keep as a reminder of the warmth and safety found at Cookie's Retreat.

them when they leave. This is just a small reminder of the warmth they learn to accept from our heavenly Comforter. With private rooms, a sunny hobby/playroom, exercise equipment and spacious

beautiful prayer loft looking out over the pine trees there is always a place for personal meditation close to God's nature, even on rainy days.

The women and children stay at Cookie's Retreat

STRENGTHENING *Adventist Families*

The North Pacific Union Conference is working to gain a broader understanding of abusive relationships among its membership in an effort to bring healing to Adventist families. Thirty churches have responded to the call to contribute to the "Strengthening Adventist Families" research ministry. Union leaders are eagerly awaiting 70 more churches' positive responses to participate.

Early results from this project indicate that the rates of physical abuse are about on par with the larger population in national studies with both men and women experiencing abusive behaviors from intimate partners. The findings bring to light many ways people can help themselves in difficult situations such as praying, talking to others and reading self-help books. In spite of attempts to get help, church members are often distressed by the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of abusive relationships and would like to get assistance, if possible, within the church. Preliminary responses also indicate church members would most likely use programs that educate children to prevent abuse, attend church-sponsored seminars and talk to pastors who are trained in abuse issues.

These findings are still preliminary, and this union-wide study needs many more responses to improve confidence in the results. If you are willing to help strengthen Adventist families, please respond by filling out and returning the survey when you are offered the opportunity to participate. •

Rene' Drumm is the key investigator of the study and writes from Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn.



Kim Bryan, Cookie's Retreat director and Mable Dunbar, counselor, enjoy some quality time with clients and friends.

"I praise God for the ministry and work of Cookie's Retreat Center. Their ministry has been God's instrument in the dramatic healing for one of our church members."

Center for up to eight weeks. While here, they receive Christ-centered individual and group counseling, community resource advocacy and educational workshops on topics such as budgeting, nutrition, interpersonal skills and parenting. Cookie's Retreat Center wants to provide services for all women regardless of their financial resources. Therefore sponsorships have been made available through the gifts of caring individuals and organizations with a passion for this ministry.

Cookie's Retreat a Resource

Cookie's Retreat Center is becoming a valuable resource for pastors, school administrators and other church leaders to turn to when they find a family in crisis.

A pastor serving in one NPUC conference wrote, "I seek to reach out to whomever the Lord brings to our ministry. Many of the people I work with have great spiritual, emotional, physical and relational challenges facing them. Often, our church

ministries are able to meet their various needs. However, occasionally we encounter women who have experienced severe damage through neglect, abuse and unhealthy relationships. Many of these struggles require more time and skill than I have to give.

"I praise God for the ministry and work of Cookie's Retreat Center. Their ministry has been God's instrument in the dramatic healing for one of our church members.

"Kari* faced some of the most horrendous abuse. She endured physical, emotional and sexual abuse at the hands of her ex-husband for years. During counseling, we came to the point that I could not help her deal with these issues. The issues were so acute that it required counseling skills way above my expertise, and Kari needed the care and guidance of other women. A colleague told me about Cookie's Retreat Center. I called the center and spoke with the director, Kim Bryan. She described the ministry at Cookie's and gave me all the information. There was an opening for Kari and a sponsorship.

"I credit the ministry Kari received at Cookie's Retreat Center for opening the door and helping her move forward in her life spiritually, emotionally, relationally and physically. I could not thank the staff at Cookie's enough for the love and healing they brought to her life."

How You Can Help

There are many ways you can be involved in this awesome ministry. First and foremost we need prayer partners. The center is dedicated to the Lord on a daily basis. Positive Life Radio and many Pathfinder clubs have done food drives. Some churches have a "cookie jar" in their lobby to collect change, and some have put on benefit dinners, plays and auctions so they could send a gift of support. Some share their talents of quilting for the "Comforter Ministry." Others are feeling the blessings of being faithful monthly sponsors. It is caring individuals like you who make it possible for the healing to happen.

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Refresh Fair

A Unique Experiment

BY JON DALRYMPLE

Imagine a county fair-type event, attended by thousands of community friends and church members alike, where everything that happened focused on the Bible and Jesus Christ. Imagine these thousands enjoying fun activities and events all sponsored by the Adventist Church. Imagine recouping part of the expenses through entrance fees, concert tickets and concession sales.

This dream became reality in the Upper Columbia Conference on July 23 when the first ever Refresh Christian Family Fun Fair opened its doors for five days at the Spokane County Fairgrounds.

Spokane's city newspaper, the *Spokesman Review*, gave the event a front page headline and featured the story at the top of its "Region" section.

"My dream for Refresh was to create an event that would follow the counsel of Ellen White to reach the large cities of America with camp meetings and the use of recreation to get the attention of the multitudes," said Kevin Wilfley, Refresh coordinator and Spokane Linwood Church pastor. The fair combined the wholesome aspects of a county fair with the educational and spiritual aspects of a camp meeting.

"This kind of evangelistic camp meeting has the advantage of providing opportunities to learn using all of the senses," says Max Torkelsen, Upper Columbia Conference president. The fair engaged the senses with Christian concerts, evangelistic sermons, trade show-type ministry booths, youth and

children's activities, and a vegetarian food court.

Each night featured a concert by such well known musicians as Steve Green, Michael Card and Wintley Phipps. The concerts were followed by evangelistic sermons by Ron Halverson.

"We came to see the baseball game next door," said one non-Adventist family, "but that was sold out, so we came over here to see what was happening, and we were delighted to find out that we could hear Michael Card in concert."

In the exhibit hall more than 65 ministries set up booths. Fred Hardinge, Bibleinfo.com director, was surprised at how many non-Adventists he encountered that were thrilled to learn about Bibleinfo.com. Adventist Health offered several health-related informational booths and also provided health testing.

"One of the most amazing stories happened in the Garden of Eden exhibit," said Gordon Pifher, Upper Columbia Conference executive secretary. "It was amazing because one family (which included three generations: daughter, mother and grandmother) said, after they had been almost all the way through the exhibit, that none of them had ever really heard the story of salvation before."

One of the main attractions for youth was the "Pilgrims Progress" obstacle course designed by Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder and family life director. One part of the course was a climbing wall where participants



Ron Halverson Sr., evangelist and author of *Prayer Warriors*, preached every evening after the concerts, explaining the difference Jesus makes.



Contemporary gospel artist Michael Card presented one of the evening concerts. A Sabbathkeeper, he respects Adventist beliefs.



Billboards advertised this unique event in the Spokane valley.

took a backpack full of water balloon “burdens” to the top of “Mount Zion” and shed them at the cross. “Teamwork is what most kids said they learned about the Christian walk,” said Wayne, “but they also said that unloading their balloons at the top of the climbing wall was a very good illustration of how we should unload our burdens at Calvary.”

On Sabbath those who attended got a special surprise: entrance and meal tickets were free to emphasize the blessing of the Sabbath and give volunteers opportunity to share why the Sabbath is a special day for Adventists.

Kevin estimates that 25 to 30 percent of the 8,000 attendees were non-Adventists. Families came from all over the Northwest and Canada.

Jim Kilmer, Upper Columbia Conference church growth director, coordinated the tabulation of the response cards distributed through exhibits and activities. He reported that 1,340 cards were collected, including 184 requests for Bible studies, 132 requests for information about how to commit one's life to Jesus, nine requests to prepare for baptism, and many other requests for prayer and information. “It has to

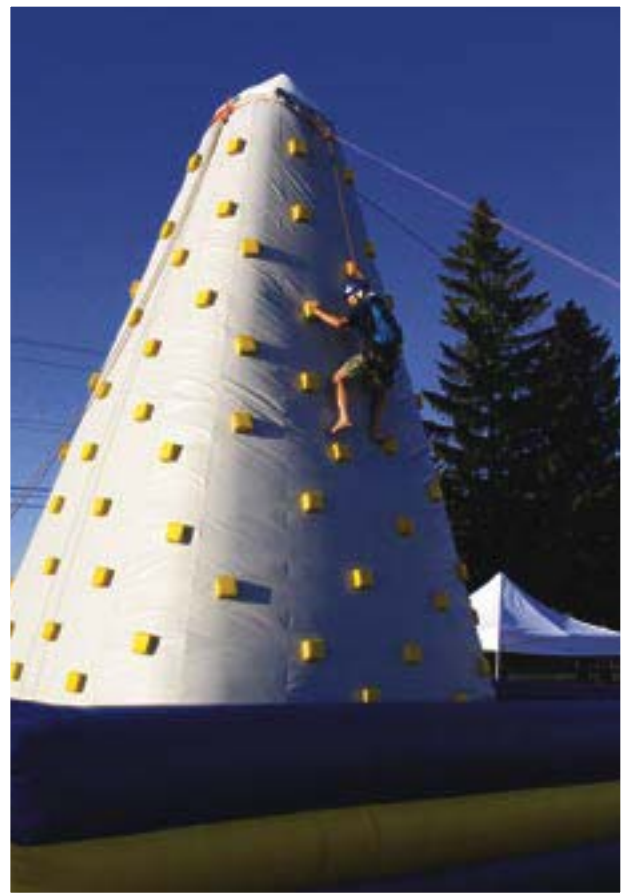
who responded to each card within five days. In addition, the committee planned three area seminars specifically to meet the needs of people responding. A directory of area Adventist churches with a listing of upcoming events was also provided.

“I was initially hesitant to undertake the expense of the Refresh fair,” said Max Torkelsen, “but after working with Kevin Wilfley and discussing Ellen White’s counsel on the purpose of camp meetings and the methods she suggests for reaching people, I was convinced that we needed to do this.”

“Jesus often used recreational settings to give his teachings,” says Kevin, “and Ellen White has a lot to say about how we should conduct camp meetings and evangelistic events. In volume nine of the *Testimonies*, she writes, ‘In the cities of today, where there is so much to attract and please, the people can be interested by no ordinary efforts. Ministers of God’s appointment will find it necessary to put forth extraordinary efforts in order to arrest the attention of the multitudes.’”

In her writings, Ellen White refers to people setting up health food booths and tent meetings at large city events like county fairs and circuses. In 1877 the ladies of the Women’s Christian Temperance Movement borrowed the Michigan Conference’s camp meeting tent (which could hold 5,000 people) and set up a health food café next door to “Barnum’s Great Menagerie.”

Refresh may be a one-time event. Max explains, “It really was a miracle that the fairgrounds were even available this



“Mount Zion” was climbed by the participants of the Pilgrims Progress activity for teens.

year, and there are no open dates in the near future. Our only option at this point would be to take some of the booths and activities and pay to conduct them at the actual Spokane County Fair.”

Evangelism was the winning point of the event. “Some people may say that the expense of the event, while there were lots of neat stories, wasn’t really worth the number of converts that were produced,” says Max. “But what we have to realize is that evangelism is a process....Refresh was just one of several ways to introduce people to Jesus and help them develop a relationship with Him.” •

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Steve Green was another of the famous Christian artists who helped to draw a crowd for the evening meetings.

be one of the greatest events our church has ever sponsored in Spokane,” he said.

The follow-up committee organized a network of ministers and lay people

Fresh Start

A Trip that Changed the World

In 1999, Miami attorney O. Frank Valladares reluctantly consented to tag along with his wife on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. He figured the trip would be a needed vacation to escape the stresses of work and catch a little scuba diving. What happened when he got there changed his life.

A doctor friend of theirs invited them to meet him at an orphanage. Frank was not prepared for what they were about to see. Listen to how Frank describes it: “I had never experienced such deplorable conditions in my life. The first thing that hit me as I walked into the orphanage was the stench of human excrement and urine, which permeated all of my clothing and even my skin, and made breathing an arduous task” (from “The Trip of a Lifetime” by O. Frank Valladares in *PROJECT Childhelp*, June 2000).

The building had no running water, no air-conditioning, no working toilets, exposed electrical wiring, broken windows, deteriorating walls and leaky ceilings. Here, 75 deformed, dehydrated, abandoned, starving orphans were housed.

Frank focused on an eight-year-old boy they nicknamed Cappuccino (nobody knew his real name). Naked, the boy was locked in a three-foot-by-four-foot cage.

“Why is he imprisoned in there?” Frank asked.

“Well, because he is hyperactive, and that’s the only

way to control him,” a staff person answered.

Meanwhile, his wife Lourdes watched a little boy afflicted with cerebral palsy dragging himself along the filthy floor with his elbows and knees. It was the only way he could move.

Frank describes that moment as a time when “God grabbed our hearts.” No longer could Frank justify his cushy life of ease and still claim the name of Christ. He was captured by a calling to act.

Following the mission trip, the Valladareses established a nonprofit Christian organization headquartered in their garage called Project Childhelp. Their mission is to provide humanitarian help to the orphans in the Dominican Republic. Frank recruits doctors, nurses and everybody he can to visit and help the children. Every time Frank has a vacation, he spends it taking 5,000 pounds of medicine, food and clothes to “the forgotten children.” American Airlines heard what Frank was doing and offered to ship all the supplies for free. And now

there are kids who eat three times a day (rather than once every other day) and who get bathed every day (rather than once a month—if at all). They get touched and held and loved.

And it’s all because

somebody opted to

love—not just in word but with actions.

Frank and Lourdes were willing to have their hearts broken open by things that break the heart of God.

How about you? How willing are you to love? Not to pay lip service to love, but life service? Will you obey the invitation of scripture? “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

If Frank’s story teaches us anything, it tells us this: one person can make a big difference. Never underestimate the power that God’s love can have in your life. You really can change the world through His love.

So what are you waiting for? •

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



Family Reunions

Editor's note: While family reunions are notable events to family members they are not usually of interest to the entire GLEANER readership. However, last summer, two large, Northwest-based Adventist families held notable reunions. It is our hope that as you read the stories of these two families, you will be filled with longing for the great heavenly reunion soon to come.

Dad and Mom Herr (pronounced "her") married in 1915 and settled in McClusky, N.D, a community of about 800. By 1935, they had 10 strong, healthy children. They worked hard and worshipped together at the Evangelical Reform Church. The oldest, Ted, enjoyed a special closeness with Dad.



Mom and Dad Herr.

One Friday evening, two teenaged girls, members of the McClusky Adventist Church, invited 16-year-old Ted to sing hymns with them. He accepted, and they met for several weeks. One of the girls suggested they sing at their church.

After they sang for the service, Walter and Alma Kruger asked Ted to join them

for dinner. During the meal, Walter asked, "Ted, why do you go to church on Sunday?"

"It's in the Bible."
"Where?"

Promising to find it, Ted returned home and read every verse about the first day of the week, including Matthew 28: 1: "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week..." Like a lightning bolt, the Bible's clear distinction between the Sabbath and the first day of the week hit Ted. He showed his mom, who assured him they worshipped on Sunday to honor Christ's resurrection, but Ted never found the verse to confirm it.

Finally one Sabbath, Ted took a deep breath and spoke. "I've decided to keep the Sabbath."

Dad's face flushed with anger, and he replied, "As long as you put your feet under my table, I'll be responsible for your religion." Ted walked out of the house.

Soon, resentment and discord replaced harmony in the family. Ted was accused of being lazy. After one Sunday service, Dad broke down and cried. The new doctrine that thrilled Ted's heart had become bitter poison to Dad.

MUSIC + THREE TEENS = 130 BAPTISMS

As time passed, Mom became sympathetic towards Ted's conviction. Two sisters began keeping Sabbath, and even John avoided work on Saturdays. Finally, in protest, Dad declared, "I'm not going to work on Saturday if no one else does."

At 17, Ted yearned to attend an Adventist boarding academy. Seeing a chance to rid his family of the Adventist influence, Dad readily agreed. But weekly letters from Ted detailed the Sabbath sermon. Dad read each one.

After graduation, Ted and siblings Lydia, Elsie and John convinced Mom and Dad to take their first vacation in 26 years by visiting family in Jamestown, N.D, strategically during the week of an Adventist camp meeting. Ted prayed Dad would attend the meetings, but upon their return, Dad

didn't mention anything.

Soon, Ted left to work selling Adventist books door-to-door. Months later, the news he'd only dared to dream about came from his sister: "Come home. Dad and Mom are getting baptized."

For 37 years, Dad remained a zealous member of the Adventist church. All 12 of their children (2 more arrived after Ted went to college) were baptized and went to Adventist schools. Eleven graduated from Union College, four became pastors, two entered the medical field, one became an Adventist teacher, while another worked as a Book and Bible House manager. Today, 130 family members have been baptized as a result of two girls' invitation and one boy's conviction. •

Maureen Dowling, Sequim Church communication leader

The Herr family gathered for a reunion in Sequim, Wash., in July 2003, from left: (front row) Ted, Sequim, Wash.; Elsie Lehmann, Minneapolis, Minn.; John, Keene, Texas; Helen Rice, Avon Park, Fla.; and Ben, Lincoln, Neb.; (back row) Lenora Copey, Avon Park; Lloyd, Salem, Ore.; Jim, Keene; Darlene Rouse, Avon Park; and Shirley Andersen, Durango, Colo.



LIBBY ROUNDUP

Only a few times in a family's history do memories and reality interface and create a moment never forgotten. One of those times was Labor Day weekend, when more than 90 Libby family members gathered at the remote and peaceful Granger Butte Ranch in Indian Valley, Idaho. They came from as far away as Alaska, California and England for four relaxing days of laughter bouncing through small groups, rejuvenated relationships and new friendships.

Verdene Libby Meyer and her husband, Mickey, hosted the event on their family ranch. The cowboy theme was reinforced by 1,500-pound hay-bale tables, calf roping irons,

The Libby family reunion combined hugs, tears and laughter throughout the weekend. "It was a taste of what heaven will be like," said Verdene Libby Meyer.

a 70-person hay ride with Grandma Deenie at the wheel, hay harvest, horseback training, a corn roast and hearty home-cooked meals.

As much fun as everyone had, many would agree the essence of the reunion came toward the end of a spectacular Sabbath filled with heartfelt memories and authentic worship. The sunset met bonfire ambiance to spur the sharing of values, dreams and what God is doing in each life.

Family patriarch Ralph Libby was the son of Ashbel



Displaying the treasures in their father's trunk are (from left) Dale, Vernon, Ken Rowland and Ruth Libby Gowing.

Cram Libby, a Wells Fargo stage driver, and his wife, Sarah Barrett, a nurse and member of the first graduating class from the St. Helena Sanitarium.

When Ralph was 16, he began to wonder if his mother's religion was really true. Was it for him? His mother seemed to sense his questioning and one evening set out for a friend's home for an earnest season of prayer for him.

That same night, as Ralph lay sleeping, he woke to a bright light in his room. What appeared to be an angel sat at the foot of his bed. He shook his brother, Ray, and told him to look, but Ray couldn't see anything and told him to go back to sleep. But he wasn't dreaming. He watched as the angel moved to the hillside and joined a group of angels until they faded into the darkness.

That experience made him a believer. He eventually

become an ordained Adventist pastor and evangelist in Washington.

At the reunion, the four living of the nine original Libby siblings explored the contents of Grandpa Ralph Libby's antique evangelistic-meeting trunk. They found Daniel and Revelation banners from 1912 and other treasures he created as a Walla Walla College graduate and evangelist-pastor. Ralph's children reached through time to recall how his love for them and his dedicated pastoral heart influenced their passion for God and their life callings.

Among this family of third-, fourth- and fifth-generation Adventists are doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, preachers and many other professionals. Young and old inspired hearts with stories of dedicated efforts and mission adventures and made plans to join extended family forces to continue the advancement of God's kingdom "just like Grandpa did."

Eighteen years after the last Libby reunion, heritage came alive, and dreams of working as a family to reach people for God took on new passion. What better use of family relationships could there be? •

Shelley Meyer Gienger



Driving a really big tractor, Grandma Deenie (Verdene Libby Meyer) gets ready to take the family on a hay ride.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION



Chad Bigelow meets William Wilhite at his level to welcome him as a new Pathfinder.

ALASKA TO OSHKOSH

Pathfinders, atten-huh!" Following a summer of camporee and campouts, Alaska Pathfinders fall in for a new year of activities.

First order of business for most is the induction service during which both new and continuing Pathfinders light a candle as a symbol of their commitment to adhere to the Pathfinder pledge and law.



Adam Stevens lights his candle of commitment as staff member Joe Hess looks on.

Proud parents and friends of Anchorage Pathfinders recently gathered for this service. Only the captains and staff were in full uniform as the club is bursting at the seams with more than 40 Pathfinders. Though they have a good supply of uniforms, they are too small for this group. Someone at the service

was touched to provide the more than 25 needed uniforms.

Anchorage, Fairbanks and Palmer Pathfinders are eagerly jumping hurdles to reach the Oshkosh Camporee, including fund raisers for airline tickets and expenses. Luggage will be another challenge with the airline limit of 50 pounds per bag; the required tents, sleeping bags and cooking equipment accumulate quickly! Clubs are hoping to find sponsor clubs "outside" to help provide some of the bulky and weighty items. Directors are determined to make this dream come true for their Pathfinders.

Camporees are an extra challenge for Alaska clubs. The long distance and expense make union camporees unfeasible, and even the local conference camporee is a challenge. All but three clubs would have to fly to their local conference camporee because they are not on the road system.

Oshkosh is coming, and Alaska Pathfinders expect to be going! •

Jenienne Kriegelstein

DILLINGHAM ENJOYS NEW CLASSROOM

Twenty-seven Dillingham Adventist School students were welcomed to the new school year on August 25 by three teachers and a new classroom. The 1500-square-foot addition to the school provides a new primary-grade classroom, an inside hallway to the gym and a much-needed storage room. The student capacity has been increased by 50 percent and a third teacher hired.

Like many remote Adventist schools, Dillingham is operated as a mission school with 83 percent of the students coming from pre-Adventist homes. Dillingham is an environment with no local Home Depot or roads to get to one. Preplanning is essential since supplies are ordered from Seattle and the barge makes port on its own schedule.

Despite these handicaps, the teachers and church members forged ahead. Larry Goodhew, who, along with his wife, Jacque, helped build the original building 20 years ago, returned to

help frame and enclose the addition. The trusses were donated by Rowland Trusses of Washington and shipped by Dave Gladden. Rick Pearson's electrical skills were applied, and Dave Jewell and helpers did the drywall. The remainder of the work was done by the teachers, community volunteers and church members. The carpet and cupboards were installed hours prior to the beginning of school.

The project benefited from private cash donations in addition to materials and manpower. The school board is looking for ways to pay off the remaining balance.

"It is so nice to have the additional space," said Lorraine Carpenter, Dillingham's head teacher. "We are waiting for the Lord to show us how He is going to 'increase our territory.'" •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference education superintendent and communication director

After a very busy summer working on building a new classroom, Lorraine Carpenter, head teacher, enjoys teaching in it.



GEM STATE ACADEMY Welcomes New Faculty

Finding good help is a challenge in any industry. The bar is raised even higher for work in Christian education, so Gem State Adventist Academy staff was thrilled with the addition of two

she and her husband Kurt served on the task force team at Platte Valley Academy. She was librarian, taught some computer classes and did substitute teaching. Drechsel brings a love for culture, language and art that will challenge Gem State students. Her dedication, energy and enthusiasm are an inspiration.

David Iwasa is the new boys' dean. He grew up in Payette, Idaho, and graduated from Gem State in 1984.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from WWC. His background includes serving as treasurer, boys' dean, math teacher and vice principal at Thunderbird Academy, as well as positions in the accounting field and administrator of assisted living facilities. His wife Kathy and their two children, Kaily, 6, and Dawson, 4, are also part of his team. Iwasa says, "It's great to know that we're exactly where God wants us to be." •

Stephanie Drechsel is teaching English and Spanish this year at Gem State Adventist Academy.



David Iwasa is the new boys' dean at GSAA.



talented members to the family this year.

Stephanie Drechsel, a recent Walla Walla College (WWC) graduate, is the new English and Spanish teacher. Last year



Even before they became an organized church, the members in Middleton, Idaho, were reaching out to their community.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Even before the Middleton (Idaho) Church was organized in February 2002, the members had a desire to be a presence in their community. In November 2001, some of the church members wanted to help a few families with food baskets over the holiday season. Sylvia Jarrett was asked to organize the project because of her knowledge of the community. The director of the Middleton Food Bank gave Jarrett the names of six families, which grew to ten families who received Thanksgiving and Christmas

food baskets that year.

Then last year the church members again expressed a desire to help those in the community who were in need, and the deaconesses led out in putting together food boxes to be distributed. Requests came from five families who were having a difficult time financially, and on the Sunday before Thanksgiving church members organized and delivered food to them. •

Sylvia Jarrett, Middleton Church assistant communication leader

Money Raised for Gymnasium

Who thinks of school in the summer? Three students at Boise Valley Adventist School—Kaili Moore, Sarah Wilder and Lisa Newby—raised money for their school's gymnasium during summer vacation. Each Thursday and Friday, they sold water and soda to the public in Eagle, Idaho. On the first day of school, they presented to their principal, Allan Sather, a jar containing \$180. Boise Valley Adventist School plans to begin its building project in the spring of 2004. •





Jason Beddoe and Becky Sevison, Walla Walla College sophomores, depicted Joseph and Mary.

Last year, more than 1,400 visitors enjoyed the Meridian (Idaho) Church sixth annual drive-through, live nativity from the warmth of their vehicles or by parking and walking.

Church members spend months preparing for each year's event: sewing new costumes, building new sets, painting old sets, and collecting and making realistic props.

Students from Boise Valley Adventist School, Gem State Adventist Academy and Walla Walla College joined church members as actors in the scenes to bring to life the story of the birth of Christ.

As visitors enter Bethlehem, they are met by Roman soldiers and given two pennies to use to buy goods from the marketplace or to give to the beggars running through the streets. One of the beggars was overhead to say, "No, no, ma'am. You don't have to give me a dollar. I'm just begging for pennies. You can have this back. You don't want it back? Okay!" The little beggars helped collect more than \$700 in donations.

In Bethlehem, the census-taker greets each carload of visitors, who are next

greeted by the carpenter with samples of his handiwork for their inspection. Next comes the marketplace filled with baskets, pottery, candlesticks, various food items and other necessities. Caleb Agee, a Gem State Adventist Academy sophomore, was the vivacious merchant, bouncing from car to car, offering samples of his finest bread from his bakery to anyone who would accept.

Visitors encounter Mary, seated on a donkey named Whoopsie, and Joseph, trying to obtain a room at the inn. Next comes the stable scene, where visitors can pet a cow, sheep, goats and another donkey named Babe.

As visitors continue their journey, they see the angels as they appear to the shepherds with their sheep. They also see the temple where Anna and Simeon finally saw the Christ Child when He was brought before the high priest.

The final scene, and the one that attracts the most attention, is the wise men with their live camel, Clyde. Clyde's owner, Gary Drake, and his daughter, members of the local community, volunteered their time to participate in the live nativity.

On the way out, visitors are serenaded with Christmas music played by the Resounding Brass ensemble, based at the Nampa (Idaho) Church and made up of members from various Adventist churches, including Meridian.

Each year, the live nativity attracts more and more people,

LIVE NATIVITY AT MERIDIAN CHURCH



Emily Schultz and Amanda Bowron, Gem State Adventist Academy students, depicted the angels who announced Christ's birth.

many of whom are return visitors. One woman, who came alone two years ago, returned last year and brought her entire Girl Scout troop with her. Two years in a row, local television stations came out and broadcast the event on the nightly newscast.

Plans for this year's live nativity include more

A manger scene boasts live animals.

extensive advertising and refurbishing existing scenes, as well as sewing additional costumes and streamlining the lighting for fewer power outages, which has been a problem in the past.

Anyone who would like more information on this program can contact the Meridian



Local residents Gary Drake and his daughter brought their camel, Clyde, and depicted the wise men.

Church at P.O. Box 297, Meridian, ID 83680; (208) 888-7171; MeridianSDA@sda.net. •

Linda Sevison





Police officers Cory Reeves and John Sowell and firefighters Ken Downs, Jamie Jackson and Charlie Butler were recognized for service to their community by George Boundey, Great Falls pastor.

GREAT FALLS CHURCH

Recognizes Five First Responders

The Great Falls (Mont.) Church used its church service on Sept. 13 to recognize and appreciate those police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel who put their lives on the line for the community every day.

The special worship service, organized by members Joyce Lund and Joy Miles, honored and recognized Jamie Jackson, battalion chief, and Charlie

Butler, captain, of the Great Falls Fire Department; John Sowell, sergeant, and Cory Reeves, senior police officer, of the Great Falls Police Department; and Ken Downs, NREMT/P, of the Great Falls Emergency Services.

The church presented to each a "Certificate of Gratitude" along with a book of Bible promises.

The spouses were recognized and presented with carnations and scrolls printed with the Aronic Blessing (Numbers 6: 22-26). George Boundey's sermon, "No Greater Love," focused on service and encouraged others to find ways to serve their community. •



From left: Jamie Jackson, Charlie Butler and George Boundey, pastor.

Sharon Ann Ashton

THE GATHERING OF MEN

The Gathering of Men men's retreat was held the first weekend of August at the Adventist school near Ronan, Mont., when forest fires forced a location change from the Glacier Park area.

The Kalispell (Mont.) Church members served great meals, including flathead cherries that were in season. David George, Missoula (Mont.) Church pastor, was the moving force behind the get-together and Mark Cox, Ronan Church pastor, hosted at the school. Ron Halversen Sr. was the guest speaker.

On Sabbath afternoon the group went in boats across Flathead Lake to Wild Horse Island for a time of prayer and sharing. While there, the men separated into pairs to pray for one another and to get better acquainted.

John Bilbro was chosen as the 2003 Montana Man of the Year. Originally a barber,



Boatloads of men head out to Wild Horse Island for prayer and sharing.

Bilbro became a literature evangelist and, eventually, a lay pastor in the Jordan area. Bilbro stands out in his faithful love and support of his wife, Shirley, his continued concern as a father and his involvement in missions.

For more information about the 2004 gathering, call Don Mattson at (406) 285-0642 or Ernie Wallen at (406) 675-8973. •

John Bilbro and David George



Omer Stickney (right) tells a story at the retreat.



Christie Carson washes Lyndsi Hersey's feet as they both sing in humble reverence of the significance of the act of foot washing.

We're off to a great start this year at Milo Adventist Academy with an enrollment of 168 students, up from 138 last year. This includes 94 new students, and applications continue to arrive.

Milo hosted a spiritual emphasis week during the second week of school. Every evening all the students came together in the church for a

spiritual high they would never forget. Throughout the week, different staff members and students shared the message, and always the audience left deeply touched. The theme for the week was "We're on a Journey," but the focus was "We're Not Home Yet."

Carl Wilkens, pastor, felt impressed to make the call for commitment on the first night instead of waiting for the last evening. When he invited the students to pledge their lives, everyone stood without hesitation and came forward. People crowded the aisle as they moved to the front, and six students requested baptism. At the end of the service, as the pastor's wife played the postlude to quietly dismiss the students, most chose instead to remain and

sing. For more than an hour, the church was filled with the worship and praise of an unannounced afterglow as some sang and others broke off into groups for prayer.

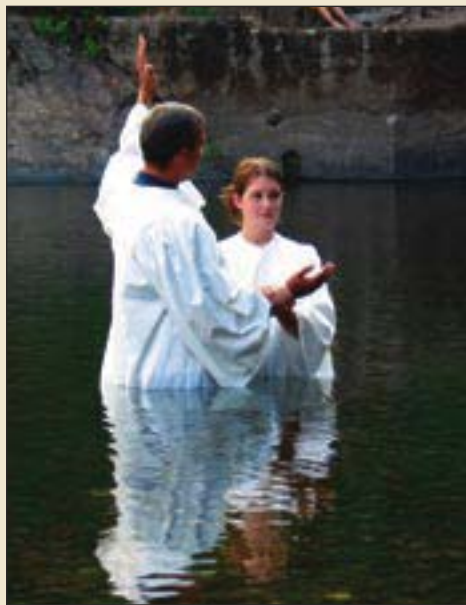
As the week went by, students examined their values and what it is that helps them in their Christian voyage. On Friday night, students

celebrated their pledges in a foot washing and communion service. At the pastor's invitation, nearly 30 students came forward to share their testimonies in front of the entire school. Tears mixed with laughter bonded the students and faculty into a family. A deeply-felt spiritual atmosphere enveloped the church as the familiar scripture was read: "This is My body broken for you. Take, and eat ye all of it."

atmosphere continues. It's not unusual to see a few students praying in the middle of the oval, a group singing praise songs as they walk or friends reading a devotional together. Friendly hellos have replaced shy silence as together everyone strives to be more like Jesus. •

Katie Currier, sophomore

A BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING AT MILO



Carl Wilkens, pastor, and Rachel Hensler prepare for baptism.



Becky Broeckel and Kelli Middaugh bow their heads in prayer after participating in the foot washing service.

On Sabbath evening, a baptism provided the perfect ending to the spiritual week. Students, parents and friends gathered to see Rachel Hensler publicly commit her life to the Lord. As she was lifted out of the waters of the South Umpqua River, the crowd broke into cheers and applause.

Though that week has ended, the spiritual

Young People Needed to Boost Church Near Eugene

A few young people have come forward and volunteered to carry some of the load of the Everlasting Gospel Church near Eugene, Ore., and more are needed.

Originally called the Veneta Church, this 350-seat church was built when the timber and building industries were flourishing. Today, Sabbath attendance has dwindled to about 25 members.

With a large building to maintain and care for, and with all church offices and bookwork falling to so few, there is little opportunity for a change or for rest.

If you are looking for a place to take root, consider the Everlasting Gospel Church—a place where each person makes a huge difference. •

Velma Redmer, Everlasting Gospel Church member

A LONG JOURNEY

Her father was from Spain, her mother from Caracas, Venezuela. When she was just a baby, they traveled by boat to Panama. My grandma, Gilberta, was the oldest of 15 living children.

Grandma was raised a devout Catholic. She married and came to the United States, where my dad grew up. When I was a baby, my parents became Adventists.

Grandma came to live with us in August 2002. One of our agreements was that we would never try to change her religion. She brought her statues and rosaries, and I arranged for someone to give communion to her.

On a trip to the Columbia River, I asked if she would like me to read the story of creation, and she said, "Yes." She was fascinated.

During the winter, I asked if

I could read the Bible stories, starting with the crucifixion, then the birth and childhood of Jesus. Grandma was so interested! She looked forward to the stories every evening. Afterwards I would pray.

Just before her 94th birthday, Grandma said she wanted to change her religion. I was stunned. "Grandma, are you sure?"

She said, "Yes." We asked a pastor, Dan Knapp, to visit.

When Omar, the kind Catholic deacon, came for his usual communion visit, she told him she was changing her religion. He was stunned but said, "Wow! If God is speaking to your heart, it's okay."

I told Omar I had promised never to interfere with her religion. "So this decision has to be totally hers. And she wanted to tell you." We asked

him to visit again.

As he left he said, "I admire her. That was very hard for her to say. I respect her for that. Your grandma was brave."

Grandma and I both cried, glad she was able to stand for her decision. We prayed that the Lord would help us be a witness to Omar when he visits. Grandma said she was at peace.

And so it was that my grandma, Gilberta Hopson, became an Adventist at the



Family and friends greet Gilberta Hopson, who joined the Adventist Church in Pendleton at the age of 94. Her desire is to tell her sisters of her newfound life with Jesus.

age of 94. It has been a long journey for the girl from Panama. •

Linda Ruud, as told to Nadine Messer

TWO WEDDINGS

Jewell married Ronnie Thomas at a quiet ceremony in Prineville, Ore., on Aug. 15. Jewell entered into another relationship on Sept. 13 when she stepped into the cool water of the Prineville Reservoir and Carlyle Raymond baptized her into the family of God.

As a young girl, Jewell attended the Baptist Church and, later, the Church of Christ. At work, she discussed Bible truths with Joanne Craun, a Redmond, Ore., Adventist. Craun loaned



Jewel A. Thomas (left) found a co-worker who could answer her spiritual questions. Joanne Craun (right) discussed Bible truths with her during their breaks.

Jewell the whole taped set of Lyle Albrecht's series from this spring, which Jewell watched at home, looking up Bible text after Bible text.

Before long, Jewell started coming to the Prineville Church where she was warmly welcomed. "After studying the Bible and watching Lyle's videotapes, it

makes sense: the seventh-day Sabbath, the commandments, God's grace and forgiveness, everything," Jewell said.

Now she continues to study in order to strengthen her faith and to be a ready witness to others. "When friends talk to me about religion, I challenge them on their own beliefs. This way they start questioning them, and then they begin to ask me to explain Bible truths." •

Yolanda Jahn, Prineville communication leader



Backpackers from Gladstone Park Church walked a 40-mile trail around Mt. Hood.

GLADSTONE PARK CHURCH Goes Backpacking

Fourteen backpackers from the Gladstone Park Church went on the Timberline Trail 600 around Mt. Hood in August. The group included singles, families, youth and an eight-year-old boy, all of whom trained for the hike by jogging and walking several times a week.

“The idea for the trek originated when my family backpacked in the Grand Canyon,” said Jim Mathis, who organized the trip. “I wanted to relax in nature where God’s creation speaks of His love and there is nothing artificial.

With backpacks averaging 40–45 pounds for the girls and 45–75 pounds for the boys, the group began their 40-mile hike at Ramona Falls. They traveled about eight miles a day.

One backpacker said, “When I was sitting reading

from the book *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, I looked around and in humbleness pictured how God revealed Himself in thunder and lightning.”

“It’s so beautiful being out here in nature—it’s one of my favorite things to do. The flowers were unbelievable,” another hiker observed.

Paul Johnson, Gladstone Park pastor, and his wife, Corleen, related, “We had to ford rivers, there were places where we lost our footing, and we had muscle strains, stiffness and some blisters, but we still enjoyed the fellowship with fellow believers in God’s beautiful creation. But the next time we will all travel lighter.” •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

PAA VIOLINIST Puts Sabbath Above Career

Ellen Cockerham, a Portland Adventist Academy senior, has been selected as the concertmistress of the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) for the 2003-04 season. She was chosen for this prestigious honor through a blind audition by Mei-Ann Chen, orchestra director. She has been a member of this orchestra for six years, starting unusually early at 12 years old.

Cockerham would like to become a professional violinist but realizes that honoring her commitment to Sabbath observance will present problems such as she has experienced in her participation with PYP.

The orchestra practices on Wednesday evenings, but the string group practices on Saturday nights. When sundown is early, Cockerham can attend Saturday night practices without compromising her Sabbath observance, but during the rest of the year she either must arrive late or entirely miss the practice.

When she finished first in the audition for concertmistress, she was urged to attend all practices,

including the Saturday night practices if she wanted this position. This caused a great deal of turmoil for her. She desired this position, but also wanted to be true to her religious convictions. She was given a deadline to decide whether she would attend the practices or refuse the position as concertmistress. When she arrived at practice to give her decision, she was informed that she could be



Ellen Cockerham, PAA senior, has been chosen to be the concertmistress of the Portland Youth Philharmonic for the upcoming season.

concertmistress and continue to attend her practices as she had been doing. She was relieved to have this moral quandary resolved in this way.

Cockerham comes by her music artistry quite naturally. Her only brother, a cellist, was also a member of PYP, and her mother has been a music teacher at Tualatin Valley Jr. Academy. •

Dan Patchin

LIVINGSTONE Adventist Academy Setting Records

The Oregon Conference's newest senior high school, Livingstone Adventist Academy (formerly Livingstone Junior Academy), began its 105th year with an all-time record enrollment of 262 students attending kindergarten through grade 11, surpassing the previous high of 243 set in 1971. "It will definitely be a busy year for us, but I am excited about this class and look forward to spending the school year with them," said Jody Seigal, kindergarten teacher.

In addition to the eager

kindergarteners, Livingstone (LAA) is proud to have 11 eleventh graders attending for the first time. LAA announced their new status of "senior academy" with a booth at the Oregon Conference Camp Meeting in Gladstone, Ore. Barbara Livesay, principal, says of this most recent Livingstone milestone, "We are certainly excited, but more than that, we feel blessed that the Lord has led all of these kids and their families to us. We humbly take on the challenges before us and strive to make Livingstone the best



Teacher Brad Slavens and his sixth grade class prepare for another day.

place for children to learn not only educational values, but Christian values as well."

LAA is located at 5771 Fruitland Road NE in Salem,

Ore. For more information, visit their Web site at www.laa.info.

Ken Magee

OREGON YOUTH CHALLENGE Changing Lives, One Knock at a Time

Hello!, my name is—. I am working my way through school, and I have something special to show you. Please take a look!"

At the more than 26,000 doors Oregon Youth Challenge (OYC) participants contacted, people heard this friendly refrain as the power-packed

team of youth evangelists shared Jesus this summer.

The team of 15 youth ages 16 through 28 prayed with more than 3,000 people, placed nearly 2,500 books and sold more than \$30,000 worth of Christ-centered books.

With their cheerful spirits and prayerful hearts these

young people won the hearts of many people and were blessed themselves by pointing spiritually hungry souls to a loving Savior. Here are two of their stories:

Svetlana Danilich, from Portland, Ore. and originally from the Ukraine, says: "On a street in Roseburg, when I knocked on a door, the lady who opened the door had been crying. She listened to my canvass but told me she didn't have any money, but she would like to get the book later. I explained about the prophecy seminar and personal Bible study that would soon be offered in her community. She signed up without hesitation."

Veronica Trude, from McMinnville, Ore., says: "A woman came to the door

practically in tears. She said it was not a good time because her son had just died. Something told me to ask to pray with her. I asked, and she accepted! As we prayed I could feel that God had led me there and that He was working through me. It was awesome to realize right then and there how God could use me."

Young people, age 16 and older, who would like to enjoy similar life-changing experiences are urged to contact Lorraine Anderson at (503) 695-5329 or land224@myexcel.com for more information.

Lorraine Anderson,
Oregon Youth Challenge
secretary and treasurer

The Oregon Youth Challenge is organized and supported by the Columbia Gorge Church.



COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY STUDENT Nominated for Principal's Leadership Award

Chase Hendrickson, a Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

student leaders based on leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience and academic record. Von Pohle characterized Hendrickson by saying, "Chase is a natural leader. Whether in an elected

position, or in everyday life, students and adults look to him for leadership."

While at CAA, Hendrickson was freshman and sophomore class treasurer and junior and senior class

president. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a church youth group leader. Hendrickson has also served as an outdoor school counselor and has been on mission trips to Honduras and Kentucky. He has balanced these activities by playing on the soccer and basketball teams.

He plans to attend Walla Walla College next school year to study engineering. •

Dave Allen



Chase Hendrickson, senior, was nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award program.

Berit von Pohle, CAA principal, announced the nomination, which places Hendrickson in the national competition. One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

High school principals from across the country could nominate one of their



Duane Rue and David Jones, deacons, and Darren Jones, newly ordained elder, staff a table explaining the responsibilities of elders and deacons.

CREATIVE OPEN HOUSE Trains New Church Officers

The Sweet Home (Ore.) Church held their first open house and orientation workshop on Sunday, June 29, to orient members to the church offices that they had accepted for the new year. It featured booths or tables for each of the primary church functions including worship, children's ministries, Sabbath School, outreach, deacons, elders and deaconesses.

Non-members were welcomed and oriented to church functions and beliefs through materials and visiting with members.

Each booth included job descriptions for that office.

The information table featured materials for several different church offices. From left: Heather Wright, Tawny Sportsman, Sandy Pendergraft, Heidi Ridders and Chare Price discuss event details during orientation.

People that had served in each office were available to talk to new officers and share their knowledge of what the job entails. Visuals and props provided interest and added to the festive nature of the event.

The event was organized by Tawny Sportsman, who recently moved from Alaska with her family. As worship coordinator, she has worked hard to enhance church programs. This event showed the intensity and effectiveness of her work.

Delicious Gardenburgers, relish trays, chips and drinks enabled people to stay and visit and encouraged fellowship. No tables were provided for eating in order to promote mingling among guests and members.

This was a most productive event to usher in the new church year. Members look forward to making this an annual event and encourage other churches to do likewise. •

Becki Knobloch, Sweet Home Church communication leader



FAREWELL TO ILLYA

Seldom is a photograph of an Adventist pastor found on the front page of a regional newspaper. Retired pastor George Rasmussen, his wife Roma Belle, and Ilya Suprun were pictured Aug. 15 on the front page of the *Spokesman Review*, a Spokane, Wash., paper with circulation in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. The paper told of Ilya, a fourteen-year-old boy from Russia, and his connection with the Rasmussen family from Spangle, Wash.



Titkov says that "Ilya's face is always smiling."

Ilya's story started a number of years ago when several Northwest Adventists went to Magadan, Russia, to help in the building of a new church. The Rasmussens, along with many others including Glenn Marsh, a physician from Lewiston, went on the project.

While in Magadan, Marsh met and examined three-year-old Ilya. At 18 months of age, Ilya had received terrible burns on his feet and legs when his blanket fell over a space heater. To save his life, Russian doctors amputated his

legs, one at the knee and one at mid-calf. Marsh could see that the child's legs were not healing and thought he could be helped in America.

Marsh talked to Ted Lutts, Upper Columbia Conference treasurer. Arrangements were made for Ilya to come to Spokane and receive care at Shriner's Hospital. Ilya's first visit lasted for three months. During that time, he and his mother stayed with Lutts and his wife. On his next visit, Ilya stayed with the Rasmussens. Many medical visits followed over the years, and each time he stayed with the Rasmussens.

The son of a Russian police officer, Ilya is an energetic boy with a ready smile and searching eyes. On his first trip to America he was a toddler, on crutches and artificial legs. Now he is a teenager who speaks without hesitation in a new language learned from the Americans who have helped him.

The Rasmussens have frequently taken Ilya to the Russian Church in Spokane.



Every time Ilya came to Spokane for reconstructive surgery, George and Rona Belle Rasmussen provided a place in their home for him to stay.



George and Rona Belle Rasmussen (left) were "surrogate grandparents" to Ilya, a Russian boy who came to Spokane, Wash., for medical treatment. Vladimir Titkov, Spokane Russian Adventist Church pastor, and his wife Svetlana joined them for this picture.

Ilya has made friends with the Russian immigrants who come to worship. For Ilya, meeting with people who speak his own language has been a special treat.

It is difficult to visit much with Ilya in the Russian-speaking church. He politely excuses himself and says, "I must go now and meet the

Russian people."

On Ilya's last Sabbath in America, the pastor of the Russian Church, Vladimir Titkov, took special notice of Ilya. He thanked the Rasmussens for taking care of Ilya. George Rasmussen retold the story of Ilya's journey to America. Rasmussen expressed his wish that someday Ilya would become an Adventist pastor like him.

Ilya is now in Russia. He has made his last trip to the United States. Perhaps, God willing, Rasmussen's dream will come true. Is it too much to hope? Maybe someday, deep in the heart of Russia, a visitor from America will hear a young Russian pastor politely excuse himself and, in perfect English, say, "I must go now and meet the Russian people." •

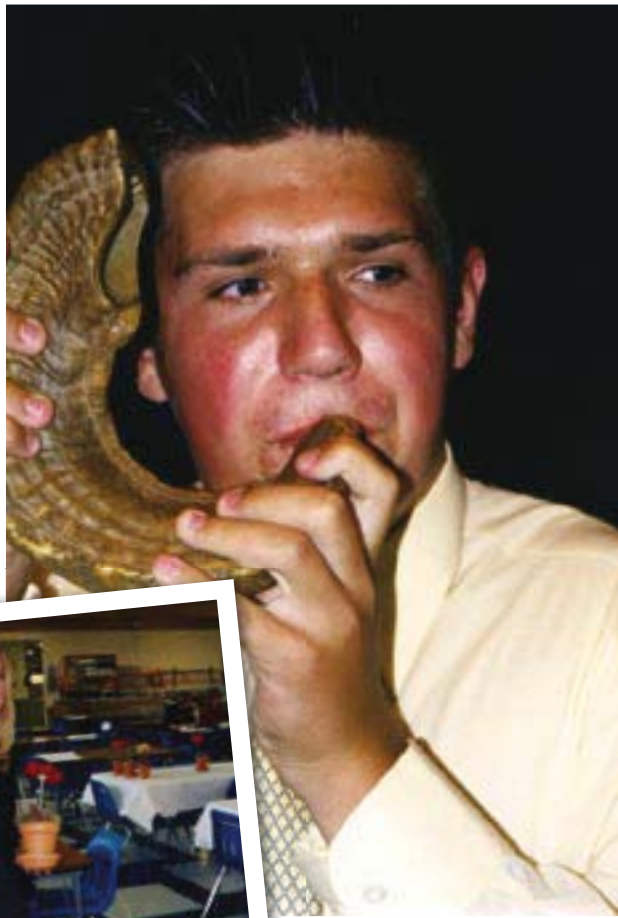
Duane N. Rasmussen

DAVIDSONS GIVE NEW MEANING TO SABBATH

At Upper Columbia Academy

After a year of planning, Upper Columbia Academy was delighted to be able to host Richard and Jo Ann Davidson, professors from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, as guest speakers for the first weekend of the school year. During their three presentations, students and faculty alike couldn't help but be drawn into the warmth and personal enthusiasm the Davidsons obviously have for God's gift of Shabot (Sabbath).

Living in Israel for several months gave the Davidsons a rich opportunity to experience Sabbath as the Jews celebrate it. In Israel, businesses close down at noon on Friday, and they frequently saw the husbands and fathers rushing home with Sabbath bread under one arm and carrying fresh flowers for their wives in the other. They were invited into the homes of their Jewish friends and were able to experience first hand their Sabbath customs. They both fell in love with Sabbath and have continued to incorporate many of those Jewish customs into their own family, particularly those of welcoming and ending the Sabbath.



One of the UCA Sabbath customs begun last year and continuing this year is the use of tablecloths and special decorations for Sabbath dinner in the cafeteria. Heidi White is one of the students who helps with these special decorations.

Student Dustin Kelley blows one of the Davidsons' shofar horns, a reenactment of a Jewish custom for welcoming the Sabbath.

For example, in welcoming the Sabbath, the husband and wife bless each other. During Friday night vespers, Jo Ann read a special scripture to her husband, thanking him for all he does for her and for their family. He did the same for her. Then they invited

the students to come up and break off a piece of the challa bread and take a cup of grape juice back to their seats. They blessed the students as parents would bless their children. As they all raised their glasses, Richard toasted the Sabbath in Hebrew, and everyone said to their neighbors, "Shabot Shalom!"

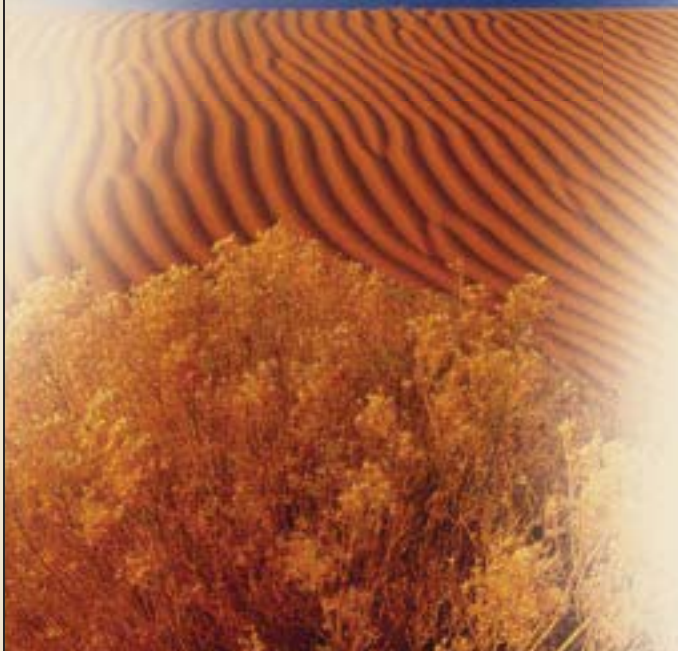
The special series concluded at sundown Saturday evening when Richard looked at how Jesus spent Sabbath. He pointed out that most of the healings Jesus performed were on Sabbath and most of them involved people who could have been healed just as well on the day before Sabbath or on the day after. He believes Jesus wanted to illustrate that the Sabbath is about healing us—healing us from our stress, our anxieties, our sin, the frantic pace at which we try to earn our own salvation when He is offering it to us for free.

The Davidsons presented Sabbath as a huge, joyful celebration to prepare for, look forward to and delight in—an opportunity to spend time with God, nature and family. Many students had never been exposed to these concepts before and are very excited about the new meaning this gives their Sabbath experience. •

Cheri Corder, Upper Columbia Academy outreach and communication director

*“O God, you are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.”*

PSALM 63:1



MORTGAGE SHREDDING

at North Cascade Church

The North Cascade Church members joyfully shredded their mortgage during a special dedication service on Sabbath, Sept. 6.

Construction began on the present church building in 1997 on five acres just east of downtown Burlington, Wash. Sabbath worship services began a year later in the newly completed structure. Five years later, the loan was completely paid off.

Several former pastors and conference members took part in the services. Phil White, who is now pastoring in Calhoun, Ga., had a major role as the pastor when the transition was made from Sedro Woolley to Burlington. He worked right along with all the other members during the construction and, in the process, created a very entertaining video of the building process. The construction manager, Tex Ladish, was already an Adventist and decided to stay

on and join the new church along with his wife Alline and their two sons.

The congregation dates back to 1896 in Sedro Woolley, just a few miles east of the present location. A small church was constructed in 1913, and a larger one was built in the same town in 1948.

The current pastor, Gary Fogequist, has been at the church for four years. He and fellow pastor Pat Grant continue to lead an active church in reaching the community for Christ. Recently the church instituted a second Sabbath service to better provide for the many people that attend each week.

Through the many outreach activities that are planned each year, the congregation continues to fill both the church and the school with people seeking a fuller relationship with Jesus Christ. •

Pat Mehler, North Cascade Church communication leader

Auburn Adventist Academy Student Named National Merit Finalist

It's not a small thing to be named a National Merit Scholarship finalist, so Auburn Adventist Academy is proud that it has turned out its share. Those who attain this title join an elite group, which comprises less than one percent of each state's high school graduating class.

Destiny Woods, 2003 graduate and Auburn's most recent National Merit finalist, saluted her alma mater, saying, "Auburn was the perfect school for me." The daughter of Doug and Donna Woods of Auburn, Wash., Destiny has decided to continue her education at Andrews University where her tuition will be paid in full. •

Amber Serns, AAA public relations intern



I HEARD GOD'S VOICE

at Sunset Lake Camp

Every once in a while, if you listen really carefully, you can hear the voice of God. It doesn't happen often, but if you hear it, you'll never forget it.

This summer at Sunset Lake Camp, I just happened to be listening when God spoke. No, He didn't speak in the thunder that threatened the Friday afternoon swimming competition, and He did not speak through the small campfire that almost became a big campfire. He spoke through a beautiful little camper whose name I don't even remember.

It was a hectic Sabbath afternoon. Counselors and kids were gathering at the banks of the lake for a baptism when I spied a group of campers who were not properly dressed to observe a baptism. Somehow the counselor had not gotten the word. The campers came dressed in swimsuits, and no doubt planned to swim after the ceremony. Well, I was going to stop them in their tracks.

After years of working as a wrangler at camp, I have this little way of addressing

campers as "partner" or "cowgirl" as the case may be. "Say there, cowgirl, why ya dressed in your swimsuit for the baptism?" I asked.

She replied in an indignant voice, "You know why, Pastor Craig!"

The truth was I didn't know why, or at least I hoped I didn't know why, so I pressed the matter further.

"Are you dressed for the afternoon hike?" I asked, hoping that maybe this was the reason for the swimsuits.

In an impatient tone, the precious little camper said, "Pastor Craig, you know why we're dressed in our swimsuits. We're going to be baptized today."

That's when I heard the voice of God say, "...and a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

This precious group of campers had heard me say that we would have a baptism that afternoon. All on their own, five little kids from Michelle Itschner's cabin decided then and there that they wanted to be baptized. They all came dressed in swimsuits to be baptized. They heard the voice



Checking out a text, campers carefully study their Bible together.

of God, and they obeyed. That was it. No muss, no fuss. They heard the voice of God, and they obeyed. It was as natural as breathing.

There is something almost magical about the way kids respond to the call of God at camp. Take away the TVs, computers and Walkmans, and all of a sudden kids can hear and feel the still, small voice of God with clarity.

This summer 1,077 campers came to Sunset Lake Camp, and 160 made the decision to be baptized. Eighteen of them just couldn't wait and were baptized in the lake, right there at camp.

The camp staff is

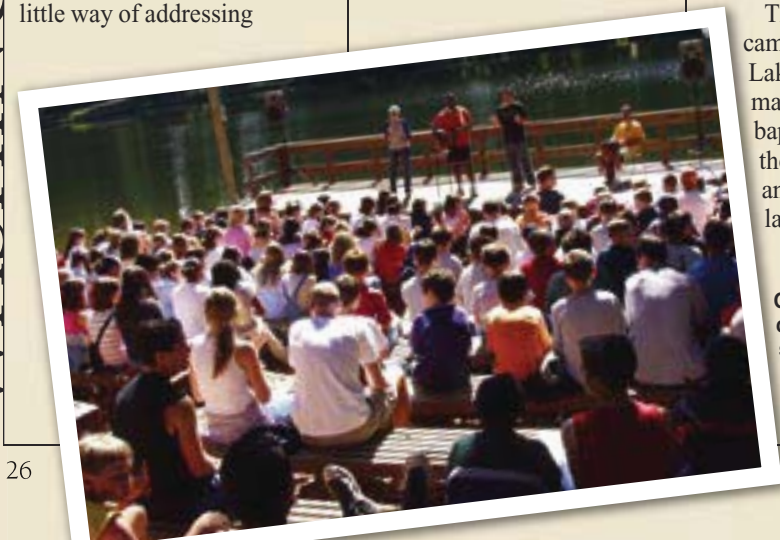
On a beautiful summer day, the Sunset Lake staff leads worship.

making sure that each young person who made a decision for Christ this summer gets hooked up with a local pastor and church. Which brings me to the most amazing statistic of all.

We keep track of "unchurched" kids who come to camp. This summer we had very close to 40 percent non-Adventist or unchurched kids in attendance. Eighty percent of the unchurched kids who filled out a decision card indicated they wanted to give their heart to Christ. Amazingly, 50 percent of those kids asked to be baptized.

God is very much alive—and audible—at Sunset Lake Camp. •

Craig Heinrich, Washington Conference youth director



URBAN YOUTH IMPACT

Urban Youth Impact (UYI) is a student literature evangelism ministry dedicated to mobilizing young people to spread the gospel in the cities. This ministry, sponsored by the

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Washington Conference and North Pacific Union Conference regional affairs offices, was started by Kevin Rogers, Mount Tahoma Church pastor, about six years ago. This summer, UYI experienced explosive growth to include 23 students and two groups.

This summer the teams contacted more than 30,000 homes and businesses in

Washington, offering 1,254 prayers and receiving 569 requests for Bible study. “I feel that the Lord used me because I’ve been able to pray with people as I went door to door, and I was also able to get Bible study requests for those that were interested,” explained Dorcas Kimbowa. The team also distributed hundreds of books and received thousands in donations.

The first group was a team of six Oakwood College students who worked for 10 weeks in North Seattle and Everett. Under the leadership of the theology student Reginald Alexander, this group visited homes and businesses to assist in the laying of ground work for a new church plant, Light House Christian Fellowship, in Everett.

The second group worked in the greater Tacoma area under the leadership of Robert Roland, senior theology student, and Naomi Samuels, senior communications major at Oakwood College.

The ministry not only benefits the community, but also the students involved.



From left: Robert Roland, Naomi Samuels and Reginald Alexander.

“Working in Urban Youth Impact is the opportunity of a lifetime. Being in the program, meeting people in the community, making good friends with group members was the best experience of my life. The benefits are unparalleled,” said Byron Pollard.

Students earned educational scholarships ranging from \$1,500–\$5,000. But the benefits extended beyond the financial. Nicole Sharper described the change this ministry made in her life. “This summer, my faith and basically my whole relationship with God has grown,” she said. “Everyone seemed so excited about God that now I think of Him as more of a friend than a big ruler guy....I didn’t think that I would be able to pray with any strangers because I didn’t pray very well, but no matter how bad I thought I prayed, I was able to touch several people with my prayers.”

Arielle Richland echoed Sharper’s sentiment. “My work...affected me spiritually because before I joined, my relationship with God wasn’t really where it was supposed to be, but I know I depend on God a lot more now, and my faith has increased tremendously.”

We praise the Lord for all that He has done through—and for—college and high school students. “This summer I learned that I am a child of God and He has my back in my quest to being more than a conqueror. Also that if you don’t seek to do great and mighty things for God, then you will get bored doing the same old thing. More importantly you will learn that prayer and obedience are more powerful than the power of suggestion,” said Victor Samuels. •

Kevin Rogers, Urban Youth Impact director



The Urban Youth Impact team contacted 30,249 homes and businesses in Western Washington during the summer.

GOODBYE TO ORIGINAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Hello to a New Era at Walla Walla College

After 111 years of service to the college, the original Administration Building, affectionately known as the Ad Building, will be completely removed by the end of November.

Current students, faculty, staff and local alumni said goodbye at a ceremony on October 7 and celebrated the beginning of a new era at the college by pledging their support to "Faith in the Vision: The Fund for Walla Walla College." This \$18.5 million campaign was launched to fund a new administration building, as well as to renew other areas of the campus through renovation. An architect's rendering of the new administration building was unveiled at the event.

The new administration building, which will occupy the same central position on campus, will be in a similar style to the original building. It will include the entry portico and will also incorporate some original architectural features lost to fire and previous renovations. One of these is the bell tower, which will

When completed, the new administration building will be a modern structure with the feel of the historic Ad Building.

house the original bell.

The new building will also include computer ports and tools that harness technology for learning, and it will be accessible for students with disabilities. The end result will be a modern building meeting today's standards, with the feel of the historic Ad Building.

Departments formerly housed in the Ad Building have been relocated to interim locations across campus. Construction on the new building is scheduled to begin as soon as all the necessary funds have been pledged. The \$18.5 million project will be financed by gifts from alumni, businesses and charitable foundations. More than \$10 million has been raised toward the goal. For more information on the campaign or to view plans for the new building, visit www.campaign.wwc.edu.

Tara Jeske

DESIGNING WITH AN EYE FOR SERVICE

Students Work Free for Non-profits

This past year, Helpline, a social service agency in Walla Walla, Wash., received a new promotional look thanks to a new graphic design club at Walla Walla College (WWC). Students organized the club, named Design In Style Today Always (DISTA), so they could gain real-world design experience. Members provide free graphic design services to non-profit organizations. The club maintains a list of job requests that students refer to, taking jobs when they have time.

"The team at Helpline just can't stop saying enough good things about WWC students and especially the design club. They've been a huge blessing to us," says John Cress, Helpline's board chair and Walla Walla College Church associate pastor. The club is working on plans for Helpline's first Web site.

"Nothing compares to working on real projects," says Linda Nelson, technology department chair and club

advisor. "The skills and techniques that are gained in the classroom, when applied to a real project, become all the more clearly

understood."

Through this volunteer work, students have developed contacts leading to design jobs and cooperative education work. "This experience enhances their professionalism with client and customer service. The print and Web pieces they produce dramatically improve their portfolio. They have a real opportunity to give back some of what God has given them," says Nelson.

The club has also organized tours to the design wing at Nike world headquarters in Oregon and to Coffey Communications in Walla Walla. Future tours are planned to Color Press and MCM Design Studio, both in Walla Walla, and another trip to Nike is in the works. Through these tours, Nelson says, "the students get to experience the environment of a 'real' designer."

Future club goals include bringing in more design work and turning the graphic design lab into a more creative environment by improving lighting and painting the walls.

For more information, contact the WWC technology department at (509) 527-2712 or visit <http://homepages.wwc.edu/student/greene/dista/>.

Tara Jeske



MEMBERSHIP VOTES CHANGES TO ADVENTIST HEALTH'S GOVERNANCE

Adventist Health's membership voted changes for the organization's governance at its annual membership meeting on Sept. 15. A series of actions appointed a new board member, reappointed two board members and named one new representative to the membership, a self-perpetuating legal body that controls the corporation's governance process.

The membership voted to appoint Steve Herber to Adventist Health's board of directors to serve a three-year term. Herber, a plastic surgeon, practices at St. Helena Hospital in California.

"We appreciate the many years of service that Art gave to Adventist Health..."

Herber's appointment is a result of the rotation of physician representation. Arthur J. Brinkerhoff has served on Adventist Health's board for four terms, a total of 12 years, and his many years of experience as a physician have provided him with a unique perspective

and thoughtful insights regarding the advancement of clinical care throughout Adventist Health. While he is retiring from the board, he will continue to practice as a physician in Paradise, Calif., with privileges at Feather River Hospital.

According to Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president and Adventist Health's board vice chairman, Brinkerhoff was a dedicated board member throughout his lengthy tenure. "We appreciate the many years of service that Art gave to Adventist Health," stated Patzer. "He brought a wealth of experience and invaluable insights to his position, and we wish him well in his future endeavors."

The membership also voted to reappoint Lynn Creitz and Meredith Jobe to three-year terms on Adventist Health's board. Creitz is the vice president of operations for MML Diagnostics Packaging Inc. a contract manufacturer of medical devices based in Portland, Ore. In addition to his service on Adventist Health's board for the past three years, Creitz also sits on the board at Adventist Medical Center in Portland. Jobe is a partner at Jobe & Stoterau Law Firm in Glendale, Calif., and has been a member of Adventist Health's board for three years. He also serves on the board at White Memorial

Medical Center in East Los Angeles.

In addition to these board reappointments, the

reappointed and/or elected at the organization's annual membership meeting through a process that is intended to



From left: Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president and Adventist Health's board of directors vice chairman; Arthur J. Brinkerhoff, physician; and Donald R. Ammon, Adventist Health president and chief executive officer.

annual meeting produced two modifications to the organization's membership. The outgoing representative is Duane Montgomery, one of the membership's 14 lay representatives, who recently resigned from his post. The incoming representative is Jobe, who was appointed to finish the remaining two years of Montgomery's five-year term.

Adventist Health's board members and membership representatives are

ensure that Adventist hospitals are operated in keeping with the Adventist Church's philosophy. Designed as a body to represent a cross-section of church membership, the group includes six union representatives, nine local conference representatives, two Adventist educators, four corporate executives, three hospital or regional presidents, three physicians and up to 14 lay representatives. •

Heather Preston Wheeler

NOSTALGIA FOR THE FUTURE

150 Years of Sabbath School

Looking around at our small town Sabbath School in Ronan, Mont., I've often wondered, *Where else do we have discussions about important spiritual topics like faith and salvation but in Sabbath School?* The most important business meetings in the world never deal with the critical issues we pick up every Sabbath morning!

Sabbath School has been around for a long time, but it has always been about studying and discussing the most important issues that we ever face—what God has to say about how to live our lives.

James White published the first Sabbath School lessons in the *Youth's Instructor* in 1852. Sometimes he would write out the lessons while he and his wife were traveling about encouraging the small groups of believers scattered across the northeastern states. Ellen White described how they would stop at some grassy, shady spot for lunch, and as the horse grazed and she rested with their small son, her husband would use the top of the lunch box or his tall, stovepipe hat for a writing desk. Then he would put his papers in the lining of his hat and put the hat back on his head for safe-keeping as they traveled on.

In 1853, only a few years after the first group of Sabbathkeeping Adventists was formed in Washington, N.H., James White organized the first regular Sabbath School in Rochester, N.Y. From this beginning, Sabbath School membership has exploded from a handful of believers in upstate

New York to an estimated 14 million today.

Early Sabbath Schools were not as organized as we've come to know them. Study groups would choose their own topics. Often these topics included the books of Daniel, Revelation or others of the Bible. Sabbath School members would study six or seven verses and discuss them. They would search other areas of the Bible for verses that related to the areas they were studying and bring these to the rest of the class for consideration. Many of the early lessons included questions and answer blanks. Students were urged to read the lessons several times and memorize the answers to the questions.

Betty Toews of Ronan remembers when the lesson quarterly format changed to a more open format in the 1970s. "Instead of filling in the blanks, we were asked to think the questions through and come to our own conclusions," she says. "Some older members would ask, 'How do we know the right answers?' They were used to being told what to write in the blanks." This urging to think for ourselves has had wonderful consequences for many, however.

"I left the church for 20 years," notes Trica Aloise of Polson, Mont. "When I came back, I found that instead of just talking about whether we should wear lipstick, our Sabbath School discussions

now are much more open and relevant. Now we talk about how to have a real relationship with God. This is really where the rubber meets the road."

Another important element of Sabbath School has always been fellowship. Dian Jenkins of Ronan describes returning to the Missoula church as a young mother and finding the same Sabbath School teacher she had as a young girl still teaching in the children's divisions. "It gave me such a sense of security to find her still there. Folks thought she would want to be relieved of some of her responsibilities as she got older, but she had never had children, and she told them, 'How could I leave? These are my children.' I began

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WRITING GUIDELINES

Who can submit stories to the GLEANER?

Anyone can. But we want only stories that accurately represent your church, school or other church-related group. You should be either the designated spokesperson for your organization, or have permission from the pastor, principal or leader of the group to submit an article. This protects you as the writer, the group you represent and of course the credibility of the GLEANER.

News stories the GLEANER editors are particularly looking for:

- Stories that have ideas to encourage church growth that other Northwest churches can try. What unique programs or ideas have you recently tried at your church?
- People's conversion stories that will cause readers to say, "I could do that!" Instead of a photo of a person or group that was baptized described in a cryptic caption, write a story that focuses on relationships. Why was someone attracted to this church? Who encouraged them to become a member and how did they do it? *Example:* see "A Long Journey" and "Two Weddings" on page 19 of this issue. A photo of the individual or family the story is about with the person who brought them to Christ would be appropriate.
- Stories that support Christian education at all levels.
- Stewardship stories that illustrate the blessings that flow from trusting one's entire life to God. These stories might deal with Sabbathkeeping, health, relationships, tithing, freedom from addiction or many other topics.

How to write news stories for the GLEANER

- **Give the most important information first.** Answer the questions Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? within the first two paragraphs.
- **In the body of the story expand on the first two paragraphs.** Make it interesting to the whole NPUC, not just your local area. Ask yourself, "What would someone who was not here want to know about this?"
- **Stick with the facts.** Do not sermonize, editorialize or use your story to thank people.
- **Use action words.** Adjectives and adverbs should be used sparingly. Avoid using forms of the verb "to be" as much as possible. Write in active voice rather than passive voice. *Example:* rather than writing "the church was painted by the members," write "the members painted the church."
- **Identify each person by first and last name in the first mention.** *Last names* are used in further mentions (unless two names are used with the same family name). In all GLEANER stories, social and professional titles are not used (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Prof., Eld., Pastor, etc.).
- **Identify the role or title of each person you've identified** to show their connection to the story. The name comes first, then the institution/organization they're connected with, followed by their title within that organization. *Example:* Monte Torkelsen, Oregon Conference youth ministries director; Myrtle Mitchell, Green Lake Church head elder; Don Schneider, North American Division president.
- **Be brief.** Limit news stories to about **350 words**. To save space, dates and states are abbreviated

following *The Associated Press Stylebook* style—not the two-letter postal abbreviations.

- **Identify the story's author.** Place contact information at the end of each article. Provide the author's name as it should appear in print, the e-mail/ mailing address and a daytime phone number the GLEANER staff can call when clarification is needed. If the author has a title that directly relates to the story (including church communication leader) please include it. *Example:* Richard McIntyre, Hood View Pathfinder Club director.

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

Selecting your photos

Vibrant photography adds an important element to your GLEANER story. Acceptable photos will:

- Help the reader understand the story better.
- Be clear, sharp, attractive and colorful.
- Illustrate some kind of action in the story.
- Avoid portraying subjects in unflattering poses (such as with wet hair after a baptism).
- Always have a full-sentence *caption* describing 1) what is happening in the photo, 2) who the people are (unless the group is too large) and 3) why they're in the photo.

The best photos show *action*, so try to avoid submitting photos with rows of people smiling for the camera. Baptismal tank photos should be avoided because they're so overused. And, because quality is more important than quantity, please limit the number of photos you submit to your three best photos per article.

Writing photo captions

- **Online**—write the caption in the space provided when linking your photos. This is the best way to submit your high res JPEG (.jpg) photos.
- **E-mailed**—number each photo you're submitting by changing the photo's file name to the name of the story followed by the photo number, starting with 1.
- **Mailed**—Use a return address label and write the photo number on the label (starting with #1) then stick it to the back of the photo. At the end of your story, make a list of the photo numbers with their captions. Printouts of digital photos do not scan well. If you can't submit them online or by e-mail, send them on a CD in Windows-compatible TIF or JPG files, following the above procedure for file names and captions.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

How to submit news stories

There are three ways to submit news stories. They are listed in order of preference:

- **Online** at gleaneronline.org. (You will find the directions online when it's available.)
- **E-mail** to gleaner@nw.npuc.org. Microsoft Word documents can be attached to the e-mail, or the story can be copied and pasted into the e-mail message area if another word processing program was used.
- **Mail a hard copy** of the double-spaced, *typewritten* story to *GLEANER Stories, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687*. Plain solid black type should be used (no decorative type) on plain white paper, free of hand corrections, so that a scanner with optical character recognition (OCR) software can correctly interpret the words. Be sure your printer

is working properly and forming complete, clearly visible letters. Scanners cannot recognize type that is broken or otherwise defective or too light.

Handwritten stories cannot be scanned and are unlikely to be published due to time pressures and difficulty of ensuring accurate interpretation of handwriting.

How to submit photos with stories

Photos should be linked online right along with the story, e-mailed as *attachments* with the story (not *embedded* in a Word document) or prints mailed to the GLEANER office accompanied by a hard copy of the story—even if the story has already been e-mailed. (Enclosing a hard copy of the story in the envelope ensures the proper matching of photos with story.) Photo credits will be published if the photographer's name is included. Credit the original source of any photos that are being republished.

If submitting photos taken with a **digital camera**, ensure that your camera captures at least two megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its "highest-quality" mode and is on "largest size." For **scanned images**, scan at 300 pixels-per-inch with a minimum size of 4 x 5 inches. Please do not use CMYK mode; use RGB mode instead (most scanners' default). Virgin JPG files are acceptable if they're saved at the highest possible resolution. Avoid degrading the image by re-saving a .jpg file to the same filename.

How to submit announcements

GLEANER publishes announcements about upcoming events and opportunities for involvement as a service for NPUC churches, schools, organizations and institutions at no cost to the organization. Announcements may be placed free-of-charge the first time but are considered classified

ads for any further placement.

Announcements that contain dollar figures for entrance fees or other references to cost are considered classified ads. Announcements for organizations outside the NPUC are placed as space is available. Announcements are submitted in the same manner as news stories.

How to place paid advertising in the GLEANER

To place an advertisement, please refer to the GLEANER Advertising Policy that is published in the advertising section of most issues. Call the GLEANER advertising coordinator at **(360) 816-1483** if you have any further questions.

How to obtain FAMILY forms and how to submit them

Go to the **GLEANERonline.org** to submit Family information or contact your local church or conference communication director's office for GLEANER Birth, Wedding, Obituary, Anniversary or Birthday forms. The information may also be submitted by e-mail. Always include the submitter's name, daytime and evening phone numbers and e-mail address for clarification purposes.

How to send a letter to the editor for possible publication

Letters should be addressed to gleaner@nw.npuc.org or to GLEANER Letters, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687. All letters printed must bear the name of the writer and his or her resident city and state, and preference will be given to letters originating within the NPUC territory. Please limit your letter to 150 words. Letters critical of personalities will not be used.

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teaching in the children's divisions along with her," Jenkins adds. "She and her husband were wonderful influences in my life."

There've been some changes in Sabbath School goals over the years. Some of those in charge of early Sabbath Schools, for example, were unsure it was appropriate to collect offerings during the meetings. In 1878 the secretary at the first annual session of the General Sabbath School Association reported that, though there was a difference of opinion

in regard to receiving penny contributions on the Sabbath, "Sister White thought it would be proper."

Eventually missions became a focus for offerings. In 1885, the Upper Columbia Conference held a session at Milton, Ore., and voted to give all the Sabbath School donations to missions. It was the first conference to go on record as passing such a vote.

"I remember when kids collected buffalo nickels to put in special cards that had slots to hold them," Jenkins recalls. "Then we got cards that held quarters. I loved to fill up

those cards because it helped me feel that even though I was a child, I had a part in the work in raising money for missions."

Karen Wesslen, a member of the Orchards Church in Vancouver, Wash., describes some of the more recent developments in missions in the North Pacific Union Conference. "Ten to 12 years ago, when Russia opened up to proselytism, Operation Bear Hug organized to send teams into Russia. We've also sent out Global Mission Pioneers, who have donated a year of their lives to give Bible studies

in India and Africa. Children in our Sabbath Schools have raised money for Bikes for Africa."

Bible study lessons, fellowship, community work and missions have rich traditions in our Sabbath Schools around the North Pacific Union Conference and around the world, but we have an even richer future. Our most fervent hope is to have our next Sabbath School at Jesus' knee! •

*Cheryl Woolsey Des Jarlais,
Ronan, Montana*



3ABN REACHES INTO NEW MARKETS

Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has partnered with the North American Division (NAD) ministerial department to reach the 83 million households subscribed to cable TV across the U.S. and Canada with 24/7 Adventist television. Videos, bulletin inserts and posters have been prepared to introduce

3ABN and explain how local church members can participate by sending simple written requests to the cable companies asking that they carry 3ABN. These materials are free and will be sent to every church in the NAD.

3ABN currently covers the globe with four satellites and reaches millions of people across the U.S. and around

the world through hundreds of television broadcast stations and cable systems. In those areas covered by cable and broadcast, reports are coming in every week of people walking into their local Adventist churches requesting baptism as a direct result of viewing 3ABN.

In August 2003, 3ABN Latino, a 24/7 Spanish and Portuguese network, was launched on satellite across North and South America and Europe. Already many cable systems are signing contracts, and as the Hispanic church members contact their local cable companies requesting 3ABN Latino, it will begin reaching the 39 million Hispanics in the U.S., who are in the largest minority and are

the fastest growing segment of the population.

With our common goal of reaching every soul for Christ, 3ABN and the NAD ministerial department invite you to participate in this project by asking your local cable company to carry 3ABN and 3ABN Latino and by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join you in this endeavor. Working together we will fulfill Jesus' commission to take the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

For more information contact: Derrell Mundall, 3ABN, P.O. Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62890; (800) 752-3226, ext. 3101; fax (618) 627-2971; derrell.mundall@3abn.org •

Boepple 50th

Dan and Joann Boepple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a houseboat on Pend Orielle Lake, Hope, Idaho, with their children. Their friends and relatives celebrated the day with a card shower.

Dan Boepple and Joann Schelhorn were married on June 14, 1953, in Twin Falls, Idaho, where Joann was an elementary school teacher. Dan had a drywall business for 30 years. Upon retirement they traveled the world and wintered in Arizona.

The Boepple family includes Glenda and Craig Norris, Hayden Lake, Idaho, Donna and Terry Weichal, Sandpoint, Idaho, Barry (deceased) and Shelley Boepple, Caldwell, Idaho, and 7 grandchildren.



presented them a beautiful bouquet of flowers during the church service.

Corky Evans married Phyllis Cain June 28, 1943, in White Salmon, Wash. They have enjoyed giving Bible studies together for the past 30 years.

The Evans family includes Marilyn and Pat Rowe, Datil, N.M., Denny and Ronda Evans, Spokane, Wash., Bill and Linda Evans, Vancouver, Wash., 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Evans 60th

Corky and Phyllis Evans had a unique 60th wedding anniversary celebration on Sabbath, June 28, at the College Place (Wash.) Village Church, where they are members. In lieu of gifts, their friends sent contributions to 3ABN and Gospel Outreach in their honor and

Pancoast 50th

Donald and Helen Pancoast recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are members of the East Salem Church.

Donald Pancoast married Helen Stump on June 14, 1953, in Phoenix, Ariz. Don graduated from the

College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) School of Dentistry in 1961 and practiced for many years in several states.

The Pancoast family includes Penny Pancoast, Los Angeles, Calif., Paul and Laurie Pancoast, Columbia, Mo., Peter Pancoast, Anchorage, Alaska, Patricia and Peter Pancoast-Roessler, Lake Oswego, Ore., Patrick and Jennifer Pancoast, Lake Oswego, and 9 grandchildren.

Uren 50th

Theodore "Ted" and Fern Uren celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 20, 2003 with a reception at the Umpqua Valley Art Center hosted by their children. They are members of the Myrtle Creek Church.

Ted Uren married Fern Smith April 18, 1953, in Yuma, Ariz. Ted's career has been with the Adventist Church in Hawaii, California, Washington, D.C., and Oregon, while Fern has worked various jobs in Hawaii and California while raising their children.

The Uren family includes Connie and Tom Roberson, Columbus, Ohio, Raylene and Calvin Uren,

Aptos, Calif., Ted and Miki Uren of College Place, Wash., and many grandchildren.

Wilson 60th

Don and Bethel Wilson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in LaCenter, Wash. They are members of the Cedar Creek Church.

Don Wilson married Bethel Craig on July 10, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nev. They served as missionaries in Nicaragua in the early years. Then Don worked as a medical technologist, and Bethel was an operating room nurse in the Portland area until their retirement.

The Wilson family includes Kay and Myrl Johnson, LaCenter, Ann and Len Atkins, Newport, Wash., 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



ADAMS – Elena J. was born June 20, 2003, to Milton and Brenda (Byers) Adams, Waldport, Ore.

ELLIS – Stephen D. was born Sept. 1, 2003, to Steve and Donna (Hepker) Ellis, Kent, Wash.

GIBBONS – Jonah T. was born Mar. 6, 2003, to Tim and Megan (Stenseth) Gibbons, Anchorage, Alaska.

HEINRICH – Andrew C. was born March 23, 2003, to Kendall and Karen (Byrd) Heinrich, Oregon City, Ore.

HERSEY – Bryton W. K. was born July 29, 2003, to Bill and Mindy (Taylor) Hersey, Salem, Ore.

KARKOV – Brandon J. was born Nov. 17, 2002, to David and Kristi (James) Karkov, Tigard, Ore.

MAGNUSON – Benjamin W. was born April 18, 2003, to Warren and Laura (Mundall) Magnuson, Hillsboro, Ore.

OVERLAND – Finn C. was born Aug. 29, 2003, to Arve and Michal (Bietz) Overland, Portland, Ore.

PAINTER – Brooklin M. was born June 27, 2003, to Norm and Cari (Dunlop) Painter, Oregon City, Ore.

ROBINS – Grace H. was born Aug. 26, 2003, to Kevin and Susan (Jackel) Robins, Vancouver, Wash.

SCHMID – Jacob M. was born Aug. 1, 2002, to Joe and Jeannie (Handley) Schmid, Canby, Ore.

SEIGAL – Sean H. was born May 26, 2003, to Jason and Jody (Iverson) Seigal, Silverton, Ore.

STUBBS – Katelyn D. was born June 28, 2003, to Clint and Beth (Gray) Stubbs, Beaverton, Ore.

VAN PUYMBROUCK – Bethany R. was born July 31, 2003, to Richard and Linda (Carlson) Van Puymbrouck, Chehalis, Wash.

WATKINS – Matthew B. was born Dec. 15, 2002, to Brian and Michelle (Smith) Watkins, Spokane, Wash.

YARBROUGH – Leah R. was born June 8, 2003 to Brian and Terra (Fleming) Yarbrough, Vale, Ore.

Family
W E D D I N G S

AKERS – Melissa McGinnis, James Akers, Aug. 31, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

GREER – Ellen Kusiek, Stewart Greer, Aug. 10, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. They are making their home in Hysham, Mont.

HAYDEN – Trinity Josephson, Jake Hayden, July 26, 2003, Reno, Nev. They are making their home in Klamath Falls, Ore.

HERVIG – Suzanne Franzke,

Richard Hervig, Aug. 29, 2003, Kilauea, Hawaii. They are making their home in Hillsboro, Ore.

HOLDER – Lisa R. Luxton, Jason J. Holder, Aug. 31, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash., where they are making their home.

HUFFMAN – Laura McGee, James Huffman, Jan. 3, 2003, Vancouver, Wash. They are making their home in Cornelius, Ore.

JOHNSON – April Horsch, Nathan Johnson, Aug. 24, 2003, Portland,

Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash.

NELSON – Terah Petray, Kevin Nelson, July 20, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. They are making their home in Kennewick, Wash.

SATER – Dawn Hersey, Mark Sater, Jan. 12, 2003, Yachats, Ore. They are making their home in Hermosa, S.D.

SLIKKERS – Heather S. Jones, Timothy L. Slikkers, Sept. 14, 2003, Vancouver, Wash. They are making

their home in Holland, Mich.

VANTASSEL – Dana L. McSpadden, Edward L. VanTassel, Sept. 7, 2003, Brewster, Wash., where they are making their home.

YANKE – Rachel Davidson, Roderick Yanke, Aug. 10, 2003, Boring, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore.

YOUKER – Jennifer Chittenden, Jeff Youker, June 15, 2003, Placerville, Calif., where they now make their home.

Family
A T R E S T

BELKO, Jennie (Vaselenko), 98; born April 10, 1905, Squires, N.D.; died Aug. 18, 2003, Turlock, Calif. Surviving: son, Ivan; sister, Nellie Sowers, Arlington, Texas; 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

BELL, Heber Jr., 80; born June 15, 1923, Pocatello, Idaho; died Aug. 24, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Maxine (Prest); daughter Kelleen Pool, Charlotte, N.C.; son, Doyle, Seattle, Wash.; sister, Billie Rae Mellor, Sacramento, Calif.; 3 grandchildren.

BONIFANT, Cynthia A., 42; born July 1, 1961, Ballard, Wash.; died May 22, 2003, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: mother, Carole A. Cartwright, Bonney Lake, Wash.; half sister, Connie Bailey, Bonney Lake; brother, Michael, Bonney Lake; half-brothers, George Bonifant Jr., Federal Way, Wash., John West, Auburn, Wash.

BRIDGE, Loren F., 85; born April 8, 1918, Gladstone, Ore.; died April 10, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife Katharine (Kroust) Moreno; daughter, Gloria, Lacey, Wash.; stepdaughter, Peggy Krueger, Yakima, Wash.; son, Greg, Gresham, Ore.; stepson, Steve Moreno, Aloha, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BUELL, Norman W., 78; born April 8, 1925, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 31, 2003, McCall, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Betty (Marwick); daughters, Densie Serack and Donna Katsma both of Spokane, Wash., Darla Roe, McCall; son, Daniel Buell, LaFayette, Ore.; sister, Shirley Hall,

Newberg, Ore.; brother, Richard, St. Helens, Ore.; 5 grandchildren.

BUTLER, Marshall O., 87; born Dec. 13, 1915, Springfield, Mo.; died Sept. 3, 2003, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Blanche (Bliss); sons, Stephen, Auburn, Orville, Havre, Mont., Alton, Selah, Wash.; and 7 grandchildren.

CARLOCK, John O., 97; born, Nov. 24, 1905, Livingston, Tenn.; died Aug. 28, 2003, Canyonville, Ore. Surviving: wife, Esther; daughter, Mary Dimock, Bend, Ore.; sister, Edith Freeman, Cookeville, Tenn.; brother Carey, Livingston, Tenn.; and a grandchild.

COLE, Verlyn C., 79; born Dec. 31, 1923, Ephrata, Wash.; died July 24, 2003, Ephrata. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Burress); daughters, Ginger Erickson, Spokane, Wash., Judy Twigg, Moses Lake, Wash., Cindy Kalamakis, Moses Lake; brother, Ivan Cole, Moses Lake; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

FOWLER, C. Elsie (Elwell) Moe, 103; born Feb. 26, 1900, St. Cloud, Minn.; died Aug. 7, 2003, Anacortes, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Alice Clark, Anacortes, Bernice Grubbs, Grants Pass, Ore.; stepdaughters, Marilyn Wheatley, El Paso, Texas, Myrna Lent, Kettle Falls, Wash.; son, Vern Moe, San Juan Island, Wash.; stepsons, Wayne Fowler, San Juan Island, Darrel Fowler, Sequim, Wash.; 21 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

FRY, Wesley M., 89; born Nov. 14, 1913, Bonners Ferry, Idaho;

died Aug. 24, 2003, Sprague River, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Lola Kemmerer, Eagle Point, Ore., Letha Fus, Sprague River; stepdaughters, Janice Palmer, Bonanza, Ore., Louise Davis, Springfield, Ore., Pat Mendoza, Malin, Ore.; sons, Arthur, Sprague River, Larry, La Grande, Ore., Daniel, North Bend, Ore.; stepson Mike Davis, Springfield, Ore.; 28 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

GISH, Tola (Hobbs), 102; born Dec. 28, 1900, College Place, Wash.; died July 20, 2003, McCall, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, T. Nadine Munsey, Riggins, Idaho; son, Elden, Tucson, Ariz.; sister, Eula Johnson, Loma Linda, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

GOODWIN, Emmett W., 89; born Sept. 4, 1913, Bangor, Wash.; died Aug. 5, 2003, Everson, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Margaret Kolberg, Tacoma, Wash.; stepdaughters, Sally Wilkins, Florida, Becky Helmstadt, Oregon City, Ore., Sherry Carmen, Oregon; sons, Robert, Renton, Wash., John, Tacoma; stepsons, Dennis Arntzen, Ferndale, Wash., Jack Arntzen, Everson, Dale Arntzen, Lynwood, Wash.; brother, Donald, Bangor, Wash.

KING, Sarah N., 69; born Aug. 29, 1933, Yucatan, Mexico; died Aug. 20, 2003, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Elizabeth Villogomez, Myrtle Creek, Ore. and 3 grandchildren.

KITES, Daniel C., 68; born April 28, 1935, Salem, Ore.; died

Aug. 21, 2003, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Laurine; daughter, Lynnette Miller, Pendleton; sons, Vern, Vancouver, Wash., Kenneth, Richland, Wash.; brothers, Frederick, Salem, Ore., Melvin, Corvallis, Ore., Glenn, Redmond, Ore., and 3 grandchildren.

LA BLONDE, Eugene R., 68; born Feb. 27, 1935; died Aug. 18, 2003, Auburn, Wash.

MC INTYRE, Genevieve R. (Yaw), 98; born Dec. 16, 1904, Cherryvale, Kan.; died July 15, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Jean Bell, Walla Walla, June Coleman, Spokane, Wash., Joanna Klinchuch, Cambria, Calif.; brother, Raymond Yaw, Sandpoint, Idaho; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

MEYER, Henry R., 96; born Aug. 27, 1906, Thumbsia, Mo.; died Aug. 23, 2003, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Betty Lehto, Spokane, Wash., Patricia Albert, Woodland, Wash.; sons, Richard, Woodland, Robert, Battle Ground; 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

MILLER, Gertrude T. (Petersilie), 96; born Oct. 2, 1906, Danzig, East Prussia; died Nov. 4, 2002, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Betty J. McBain, Brush Prairie, Wash., Caroline J. Rice, Shirley G. Kuehl and Anita C. Miller all of Vancouver, Wash.; 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

MITTLEIDER, Emil, 88; born Aug. 18, 1915, Blackfoot, Idaho; died Sept. 2, 2003, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Eloise Gatchet, Gresham, Ore., Helen Boyd, Keene, Texas; son, Merle Mittleder, Lynwood, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

PHILLIPS, Randy, 59; born Nov. 18, 1943, Huntingdon, Tenn.; died Sept. 1, 2003, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jewell (Rasmussen), Milton Freewater, Ore.; daughter, Krista Dalrymple, Spokane; son, Greg Phillips, Medford, Ore.; father, Eddie Phillips, Milton Freewater; sister, Mary Coates, Milton Freewater.

RADKE, Edwin, 91; born Mar. 22, 1912, Granum, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 30, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Karen Radke, Buffalo, N.Y.; sister, Stella Bird, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; brother, Emil, Bremerton, Wash.

RADKE, Emil, 92; born Oct. 19, 1910, Granum, Alberta, Canada; died Sept. 5, 2003, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Irma G. (Perrin); son, Wilmer, Bremerton; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

REUBLE, Gustave C., 95; born Jan. 17, 1908, Coupeville, Wash.; died June 22, 2003, Coupeville. Surviving: wife, Betty (Mayer); sons, Ray, Burlington, Wash., Karl, Oak Harbor, Wash., Jerry, Ellensburg, Wash.; stepdaughters, Beverly Read and Marcia Dunham, both of Portland, Ore.; stepson, Jerry Mayer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; sister, Millie Gorski, Raymond, Wash.; brothers, Fred, Mt. Vernon, Wash., Tom, Blaine, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

SHELDRAKE, Leonard, 83; born April 4, 1920; died Aug. 14, 2003, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sister, Florence Tahelot, Hood River, Ore.; brother, Eugene, Hood River.

SHIDELER, Verna R. (States), 80; born Oct. 2, 1922, Wedderburn, Ore.; died July 23, 2003, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: daughters Janet Maruska, Scappoose, Ore., Joan Bitzer, Vancouver, Wash.; sons, Larry, Star, Idaho, Dale, Boise; brothers, Eugene States, Boise, Newton States, Emmett, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

STEBBEDS, Wilbert W., 68; born April 25, 1935, Clearwater Lake, Wis.; died May 21, 2003, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: wife, Frances (Korn); daughters, Wenda Nickells, Cottage Grove, Ore., Cheri Fedusia, Halsey, Ore.; sons, Marc, Bend, Ore., Todd, Vida, Ore.; stepmother, Hazel Stebbeds, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; sisters, Peggy Johnson, Jasper, Ore., Virginia Sunderland, Creston, British Columbia, Canada, Shirley Jack, Eugene, Ore., Barbara Barry, Palm Springs, Calif.; 7 grandchildren.

STRONG, Marjorie I., 89; born Jan. 22, 1914, Hildreth, Neb.; died Aug. 1, 2003, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Marcene D. Zurmuhlen, Placerville, Calif., Georgia M. DeHart, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Karen R. Oberkramer, Sedalia, Colo.; son, Glen A., Pahrump, Nev.; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren and 4 great great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMSON, Zenobia "Nobie" (Pillgreen), 96; born Sept. 7, 1906, Simsboro, La.; died July 15, 2003, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Edith Fletcher, Roseburg; stepson, Vernon Williamson, Houston, Texas; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

WILSON, D. Loraine (Beane), 78; born Aug. 15, 1925, Sutherlin, Ore.; died Sept. 9, 2003, Medford, Ore. Surviving: sons, Gary, Choctaw, Okla., Gayle R., Dallas, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



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

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

The annual GLEANER photo contest deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m. PT, Nov. 11, 2003. See the October GLEANER, page 37, for complete details.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Nov. 1—Martha Mason, associate professor of art at WWC, has a show entitled "Gesture and My World" opening at Pacific Union College in the Rasmussen Gallery. The show features action, figures and still life and runs through December; **8**—Evensong, 4:00 p.m., Walla Walla College Church; **16**—Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Fine Arts Auditorium.

OREGON

Medical Missionaries at Stone Tower

You are invited to hear Thomas

and LaVerne Jackson, medical missionaries, at the Stone Tower Church, **Oct. 31–Nov. 9** (10 nights). Presentations will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. Appointments for consultations can be scheduled through the church. For further details, call Stone Tower Church at (503) 232-6018.

Sunnyside Event

Ring of Fire handbell concert directed by Jason Wells on Sat., **Nov. 1**, 5:15 p.m., at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216; (503) 252-8080.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

Speaker for the Tues., **Nov. 4**, Retired Workers' Fellowship program will be Ed Norton telling of his work with Gospel Outreach and evangelism in India. This monthly 12:00 noon potluck is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the

Oregon Conference office at 13455 SE 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Bring food and table service. For information, call Jubergs at (503) 618-8464.

Parkers Provide Vespers

Carl and Audre Parker will give a vesper program **Nov. 8**, 4:00 p.m., at the Salem Central Church, 1330 Summer St. NE, Salem, Ore.

Protecting Your Richest Treasure—Good Health

Women's Ministries Event at Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Sunday, **Nov. 9**, at 3:00 p.m. Don Hall, DrPH, DHESDr, will present the latest research on key issues concerning women's health. Emphasis is on positive lifestyle practices that determine good health and quality of life. Learn what you can do to cut your risk of breast and other cancers, osteoporosis, depression, obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other common health problems for

women. Learn five ways to cut your risk of dying by half or more in the next 10 years. Learn what young mothers can do to enhance the health of their children. Find ways to build energy levels, keep fit, improve your eating habits, cope with stress and enjoy life. Register by calling (503) 252-8080.

Joe Pearls in Concert

See Joe Pearls in concert on Sunday, **Nov. 9**, 6:00 p.m., at the Rockwood Church, 1910 SE 182nd Ave., Portland. Joe is a Christian recording artist from Nashville, and his sound is easy-listening gospel with just a touch of country. Freewill offering.

Bishop Family Singers

Hear the Bishop Family Singers in a reunion concert, Sabbath, **Nov. 22**, 4:00 p.m., at the Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, Ore. See a display of some of Mark's paintings. Freewill offering.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAGE Sabbath at Seaside

SAGE Oregon is planning a SAGE Sabbath at Seaside Jan. 17, 2004. Come at 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School and worship service presented by SAGE members, followed by potluck lunch and afternoon musical fellowship. At 7:30 p.m. we'll attend the 20th Annual Barbershop Quartet Program sponsored by the Seaside Chamber of Commerce at the Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside. For reservation information call Richard Schwartz, (503) 628-0986. Reservation deadline **Dec. 1**.

50th Anniversary for Stone Tower

The Stone Tower Church in Portland, Ore., will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Sabbath, **Dec. 6**, from 9:15 a.m. until sundown. There will be a special Sabbath School, worship service, fellowship dinner and a Sabbath afternoon musical vespers. Former members, charter members and friends please worship and fellowship with us. For more information contact the Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holladay, Portland, OR 97232; (503) 232-6018.

Follow the Star

You are invited to Follow the Star with the wise men from Herod's Palace to the manger and beyond at the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds, Gladstone, Ore., **Dec. 5-7** and **12-14**. For information, visit www.followthestar.info.

WASHINGTON

10th Annual Men's Convention

Washington Conference Men's Ministries presents their 10th annual Men's Convention at Sunset Lake **Nov. 14-16**. Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Walla Walla College professor of religion, will be the guest speaker, his topic being "Men for Christ: Living a balanced life." Come join us for a great weekend of music, spiritual growth, fellowship and more.

Registration is being handled by Adventist PlusLine: (800) 732-7587; plusline.org. For more information, contact Greg Reseck, (360) 385-0150; greseck@rcia.com.

Jim McDonald Concert

Jim McDonald, internationally known Christian recording artist, will present a musical vespers concert at 4 p.m. on Sabbath, **Nov. 22**, at the Auburn City Church, 402 29th St. SE, Auburn, Wash. Come enjoy Jim's mellow bass voice as he shares his love for God. A free-will offering will be taken which goes to support Jim and Katie McDonald's non-profit ministry. Need more information? Call (253) 833-2560.

WORLD CHURCH

Thursday Night Live

6-8 p.m., PT, **Nov. 6**—Global Mission; **13**—3ABN 19th Anniversary Special; **20**—Behind the Scenes at 3ABN; **27**—Thanksgiving Special. Many visit our churches because they have watched 3ABN. Spread the word, help us get 3ABN on cable in your area. We will help you. (618) 627-4651, ext. 3104.

General Youth Conference 2003

Join young adults from all over the country at the General Youth Conference (GYC) **Dec. 17-21** in Ann Arbor, Mich. With the theme "Higher than the Highest," inspirational messages will revive the vision for ministry and evangelism. Workshops will equip young adults to share the gospel across the street or around the world. Be a part of the generation of youth who will finish the work. Register now and learn more at www.generalyouthconference.org. Questions? Contact Israel Ramos, (734) 973-9894, ramos@andrews.edu.

Sunset Table

Standard Time	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	4:42	4:25	4:09	3:56
Fairbanks	4:10	3:48	3:27	3:08
Juneau	3:55	3:40	3:27	3:17
Ketchikan	3:56	3:43	3:33	3:24
IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	5:28	5:21	5:15	5:11
La Grande	4:32	4:24	4:17	4:13
Pocatello	5:15	5:08	5:02	4:58
MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	4:53	4:44	4:38	4:33
Have	4:50	4:41	4:33	4:28
Helena	5:05	4:56	4:49	4:44
Miles City	4:40	4:32	4:25	4:20
Missoula	5:12	5:03	4:56	4:51
OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	5:01	4:54	4:48	4:44
Medford	4:58	4:51	4:45	4:41
Portland	4:50	4:42	4:35	4:30
UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	4:34	4:26	4:19	4:14
Spokane	4:23	4:14	4:07	4:02
Walla Walla	4:31	4:23	4:16	4:11
Wenatchee	4:36	4:27	4:20	4:14
Yakima	4:39	4:30	4:23	4:18
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	4:41	4:31	4:24	4:18
Seattle	4:43	4:34	4:28	4:22

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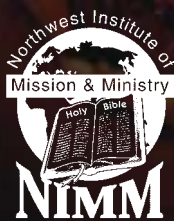
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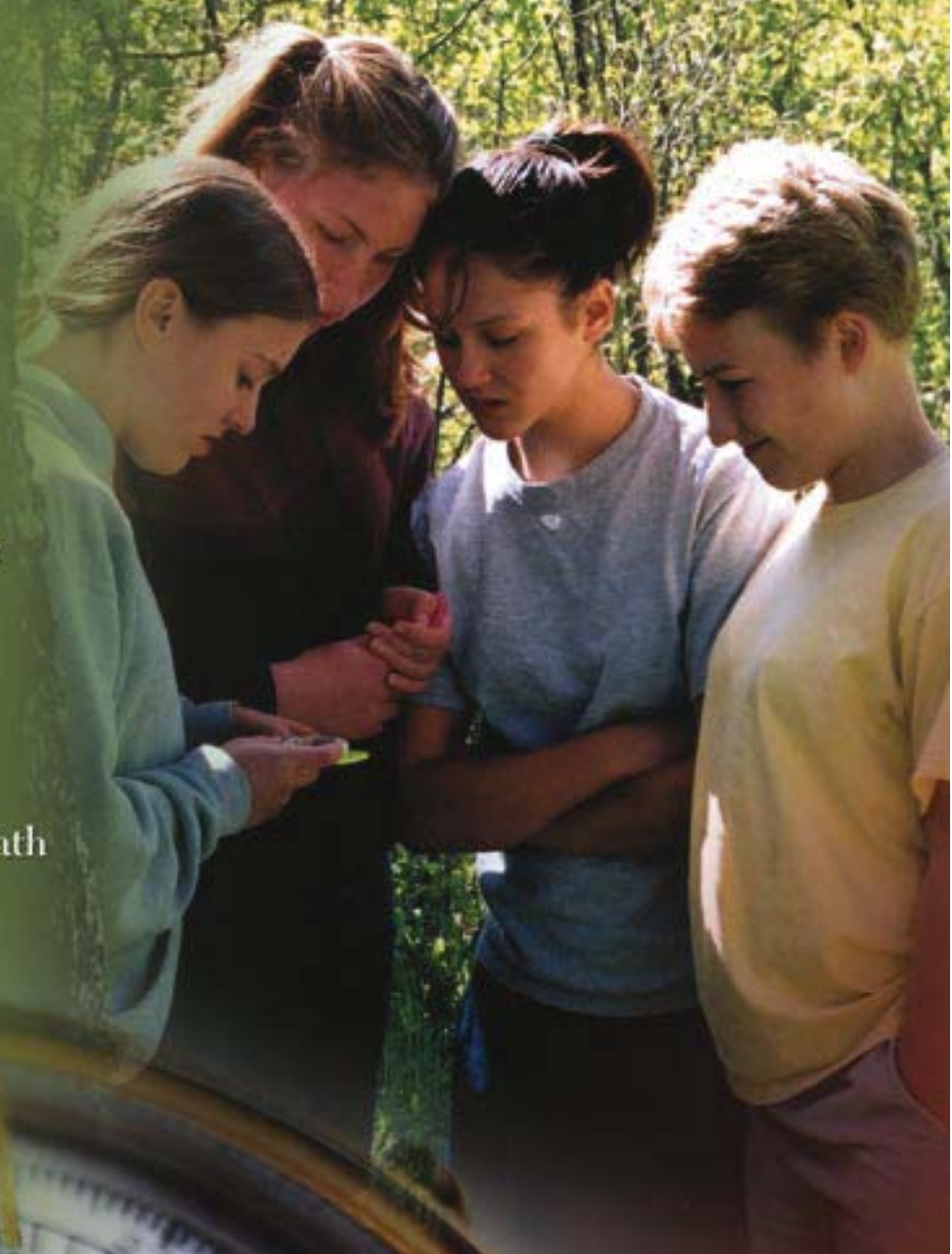
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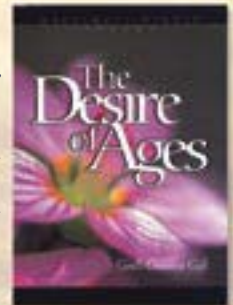
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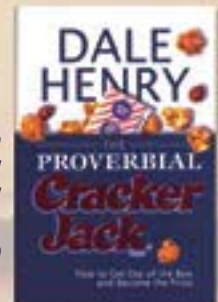
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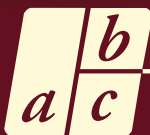
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