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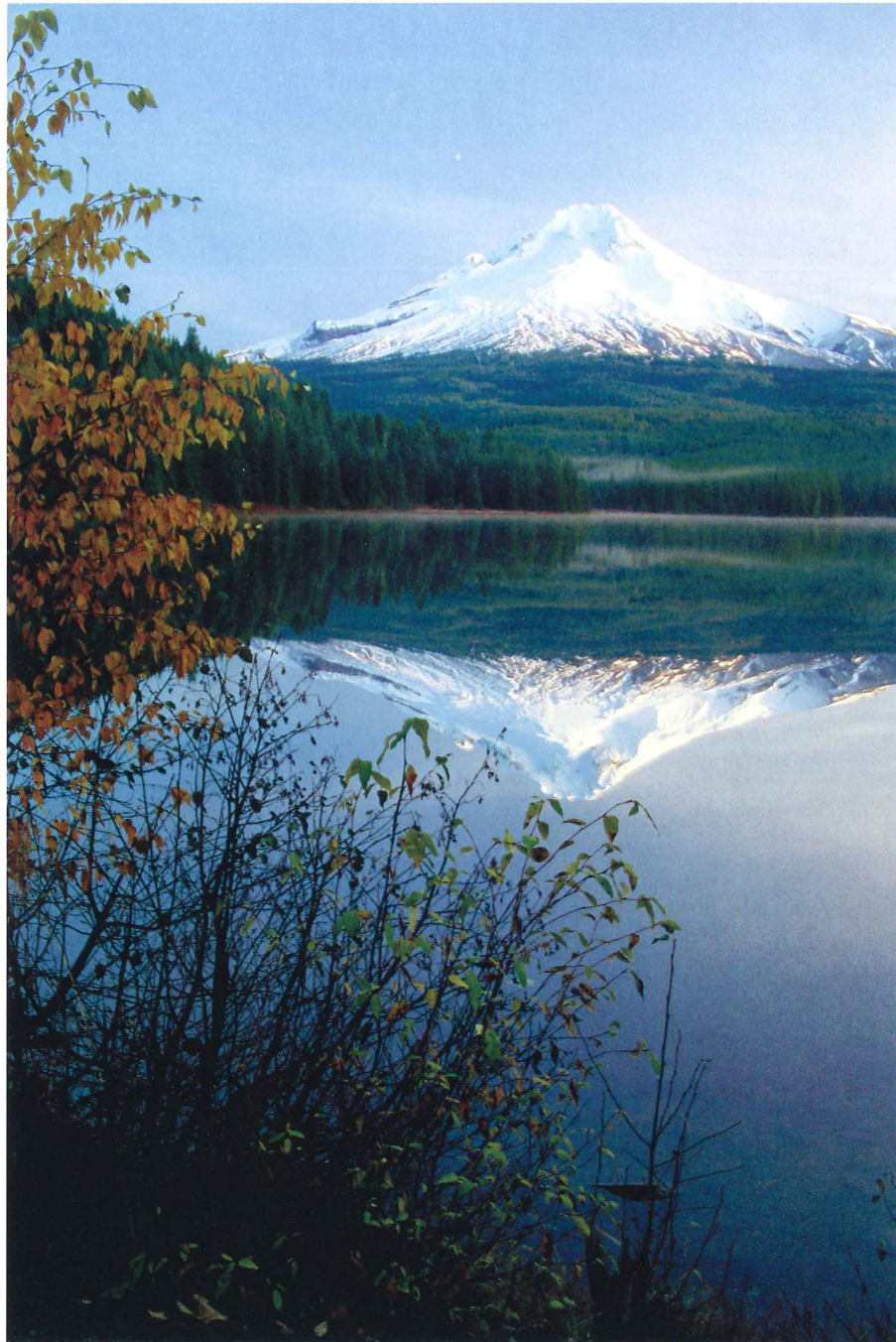
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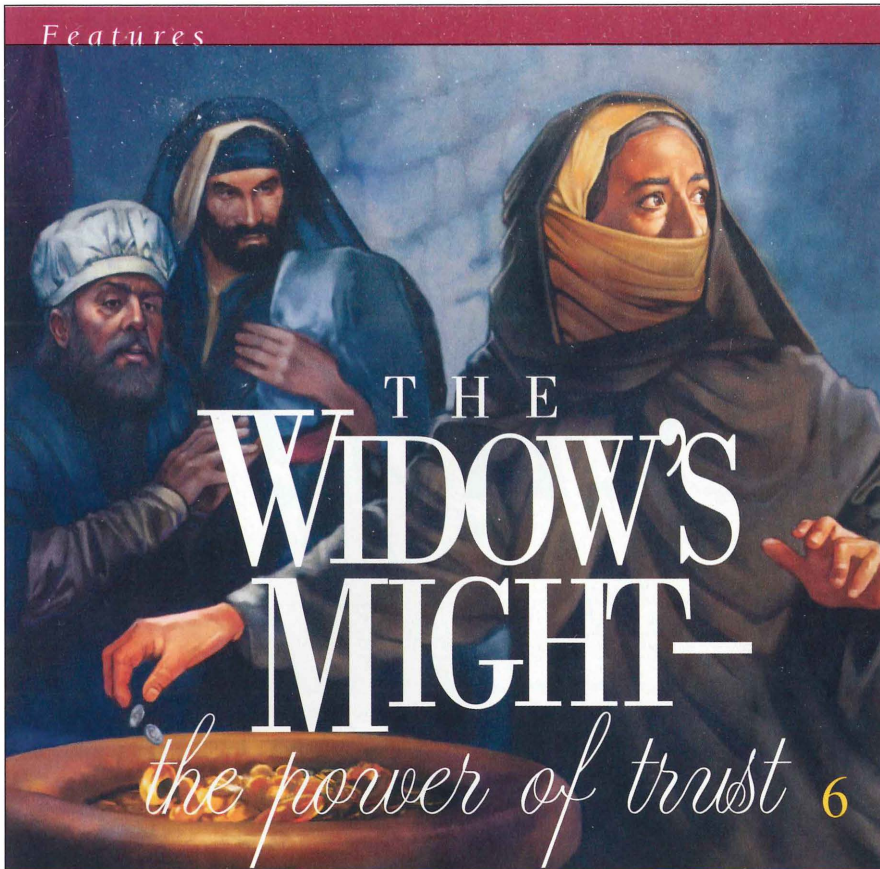


"As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man."

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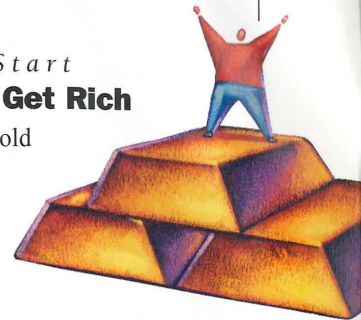
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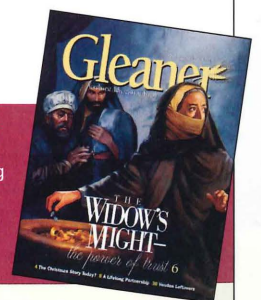
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The Christmas Story Today?

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

I used to believe that poor Mary and Joseph had it pretty tough. You know, walking and riding on a donkey 80 miles to Bethlehem all so they could pay taxes. Then finding no place to stay birthing their Son in a stall and cradling Him in a manger.

And then I got to thinking. What if they had lived today? Would that have been better?

When angels appeared hovering over the stable, someone would have certainly protested claiming that, after all, angels are generally regarded as religious symbols. And Mary lovingly laying the babe in a manger that resembled a nativity scene would certainly be totally unacceptable to the ACLU.

Possibly if Joseph could have rounded up some reindeer to stand with the sheep and the donkey, they might have avoided a legal hassle, but then the SPCA might have stepped in to accuse them of human dominance incarcerating animals against their will in a penned environment. And if that weren't sufficient, possibly a snowman could have been conspicuously placed among the bales of hay—or was that a snow "person"? But even then the real troubles would

have begun when the wise men showed up. They were certainly not gender inclusive, to say nothing of the lack of multicultural representation.

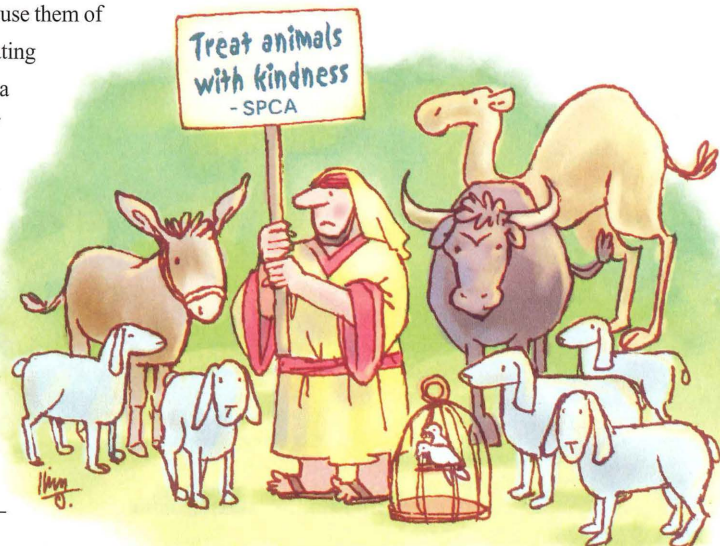
And what about Mary? A virgin having a baby? Right! Come on Joseph. She could have just had an abortion and saved all the fuss. After all most people would probably only remember the event by having big office parties and giving spendy presents to each other anyway. No, Mary, maybe you gave birth to Jesus just at the right time, just when you should have. At least I'd like to remember it that way.

On behalf of all your friends at the North Pacific Union Conference, I'd like to remind you that among the tinsel and candy canes the true meaning of Christmas is still wrapped up in swaddling clothes. Merry Christmas!



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Let there be recorded in the heavenly books such a Christmas as has never yet been seen because of the donations which shall be given for the sustaining of the work of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom.

ELLEN WHITE, THE ADVENTIST HOME, P. 483

Christmas Fast Facts

- During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute within the U.S.
- To solicit cash for a charity Christmas dinner in 1891, a large crabpot was set down on a San Francisco street—the first Salvation Army collection kettle.
- In France, Christmas is called Noel. This is derived from the French phrase *les bonnes nouvelles*, which means literally “the good news,” referring to the gospel.
- Postmen in Victorian England were popularly called “robins” because their uniforms were red. Christmas cards often showed a robin delivering Christmas mail.
- More than three billion Christmas cards are sent annually in the U.S. The average family will send out 28 cards each year.
- Puritans forbade the singing of Christmas carols.
- A Gallup poll shows that 29 percent of Americans find the Christmas holidays more stressful than enjoyable. Those with lowest incomes are most likely to find the season stressful, perhaps reflecting an unfortunate focus on the commercial, gift-giving aspects of the holiday in American culture.
- According to the National Christmas Tree Association, Americans buy nearly 40 million real Christmas trees each year.

Source: www.coolquiz.com



Giving A STATE OF HEART

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

—WILLIAM JAMES—

Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?

—MARTIN LUTHER KING—

We can do no great things; only small things with great love.

—MOTHER TERESA—

As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled.

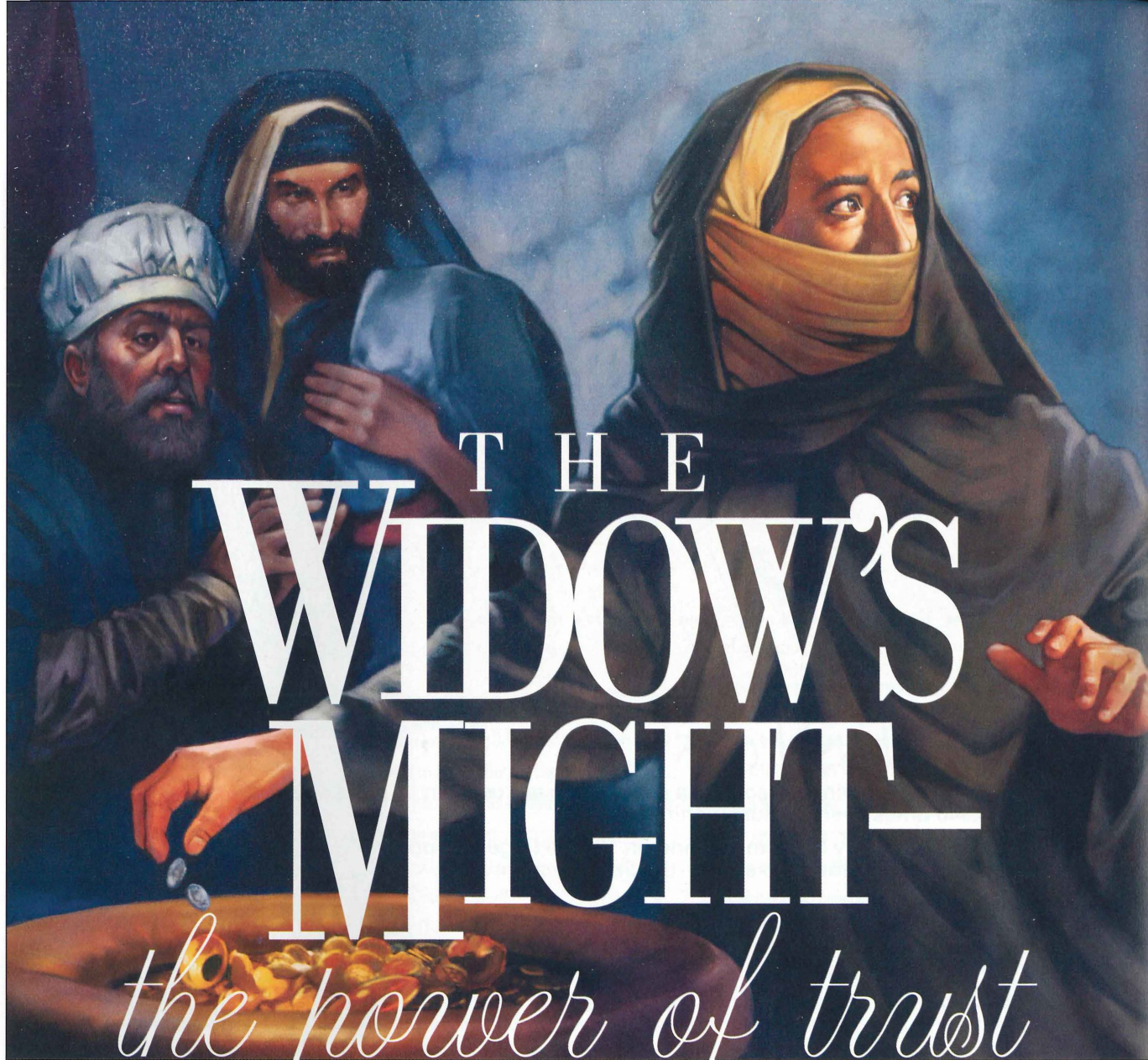
—VICTOR HUGO—

If you give money, spend yourself with it.

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU—

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

—KING DAVID —
(1 CHRONICLES 29:14)



THE WIDOW'S MIGHT—

the power of trust

BY KEN CRAWFORD

IT'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON,

Jesus has spent a difficult day in continual conflict with Jewish leaders. Walking through the crowd at the temple for the last time, Jesus observes the long procession of worshippers dressed in finery and moving slowly toward the contribution chest to drop in their offerings as announcers shout the amount given.

The disciples grew up with this as an accepted part of their culture. As they watch, a widow enters the scene. She

steps into line feeling alone and inadequate. All eyes watch her move through the line. She would sooner be anyplace else, but she is drawn here to somehow show God how grateful she is.

She drops her two mites and turns to slip away. There is no grand announcement, and the next person is already pushing for a turn. But Jesus knows the real meaning of her humble act: "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They

all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on" (Mark 12:44).

A Great Experiment

It is a biblical fact that God is the owner of all He created. He makes us the treasurer of His assets, of all His time, talents and possessions. All He asks is a faithful tithe on each.

I have come to the conclusion that this principle of stewardship is a great experiment of trust. If you

haven't figured that out, you are missing one of the greatest joys in the Christian experience. Ellen White explains, "Our heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 404).

I want to share with you four principles that I feel are essential to good stewardship.

John Wesley, that great 18th-century evangelist, promoted these principles throughout his life. These principles come from a God who understands the natural propensity of the human heart towards selfishness and therefore offers a practical means to carry out the principle of faith in Him.

*Principle One:
Make all you can!*

God's directive to His created beings was the ethic of work. In Genesis 1:28, God said, "Go out and subdue the land, and have dominion over it." Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, David and Solomon are all examples of the enterprise of this principle.

Ellen White notes, "The physical, mental, and moral well-being of man makes a life of useful labor necessary. 'Be...not slothful in business' is the injunction of the inspired apostle Paul" (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 400).

This principle of "make all you can" is one of the most dangerous there is. It is so subject to abuse that James addresses the perversions of it, including hoarding, cheating, lying and murder (James 5:1-6). But there are some Biblical guidelines for the implementation of this principle:

1. Is it honest gain? Honesty is vital to the integrity of getting all you can.
2. Is it productive gain? Do you offer value for what you get?
3. Is it building people and society?
4. Does it bring balance in your life in the areas of spiritual growth, health, marriage, family or emotional health?

Money is not evil, yet the unhealthy pursuit of it can be. A number of years ago, one of

my closest friends, Ray, had entrepreneurial gifts and used them with amazing success. Over the next several years, I watched the game of "make all you can" consume him. His motives were always pure, but the love of the capitalistic game caused his methods to

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The more I give, the more He blesses me."*

become increasingly suspect. In the end, he lost everything, including his life.

Make all you can, but love thy neighbor as thyself.

*Principle Two:
Save all you can!*

We Americans love to pamper ourselves! An economic report in *Time* indicated that from 1990-1997, personal spending among Americans soared by almost 58 percent, yet personal savings declined into the negative. Americans under the age of 35 seem to be most susceptible, boasting personal credit card debt above \$3,000 per household.

Adventists should be markedly different from non-Christians in this area. My mother set an example even though she didn't enter the work force until she was in her late 40s. In the next 20 years, she saved enough to carry her expenses through old age while continuing to give generously to the church.

*Principle Three:
Give all you can!*

Here is the great difference between people of the world and Christians—and many times the difference between nominal and living Christians.

One of the richest people of the 20th century was John D. Rockefeller. His personal wealth peaked at a billion dollars when a dollar meant way more than it does now. Someone asked him, "How did you amass such wealth?" He said, "The principle is

simple. I give 10 percent, I save 10 percent, and I live on the rest." He went on to say, "If you can't save 10 percent and you can't give ten percent, you're spending too much money. You need to reduce your lifestyle."

Last week, a member of my church said, "In my 40 years of experience with God, I have found that I cannot out-give God. The more I give, the more He blesses me." He paused and then continued, "I have given an average of 25-30 percent of my income every year for most of my career. Some years I have looked back and asked, 'How could I have given so much? Where did it come from?' Yet God has continued to bless me. It is an amazing journey to be in partnership with the Creator."

Some of you are thinking that there are others who can afford to give much better than you. But let me share with you another biblical principle: God works on percentages. He demands "not equal giving but equal sacrifice" (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 398).

*Principle Four:
I Surrender all!*

While there is a significance difference between Christians and the world in the first three

principles, there is a crucial difference between Christians themselves in this area, and I believe this sets apart those who live by faith and those with divided hearts. In my perspective, this is not about the church at all. It's about spirituality.

Let me be honest with you. In this area of "I surrender all," many of you just don't get it. You neither understand the journey of faith and trust nor the blessings of being a good steward. While the Adventist Church enjoys one of highest per capita giving ratios in the world, I would make an educated guess that less than 30 percent ever return more than a token amount of tithe to God, let alone free-will offerings in support of the church and missions. Yet every month so many of you struggle and have nothing left over to give to God.

The Power of Trust

This is where the life of trust in God comes into active play. This is where the "widow's might" starts. The power of her simple story is the power of trust. It is a statement of the might of complete surrender, of trusting God with childlike innocence.

Even now, some 2,000 years later, God will take a devoted follower of Christ, who surrenders all to Him, and He will honor that trust by pouring out a blessing such as we cannot contain.

Only one question remains. How much do you trust Him?

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Partnership

BY TOM JAMES

A Lifelong

A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP began on January 1, 1937, when wedding vows were exchanged between Lloyd and Gertrude Canaday. Other vows were taken that day also. Promises were made to never go to bed angry, to have both morning and evening worship, and to always remain faithful to their heavenly Father in tithes and offerings. This was not done out of obligation but because it defined their relationship, to each other and to God.



When Lloyd and Gertrude were married they made a promise to never go to bed angry, to have both morning and evening worship and to always remain faithful to their heavenly Father in tithes and offerings.

Stewardship was not an obligation or a way of life. It defined the relationship. It was not dependent on prosperity, convenience or on promises of great wealth. Their faithfulness had no strings, loopholes or golden parachutes. It was based on the promise that God would never leave or forsake His family.

Too often we look at stewardship stories as a ship about to come in or a positive turn in fortune. This is not usually the case. Stewardship in the Canaday family is not about money, it's about relationship. Their story is about faith that saw them through many hardships and heartaches as well as the rewards and abiding joy in the Lord.

Farming was a way of life to many families in western Washington in the mid-1940s. Lloyd and Gertrude were blessed with a young family of four boys and a girl. A tragic accident happened on the farm that caused the death of their three-year-old son. God does not shield us from heartache. He only promises to be there with us and remind us of His promise that He will not let us face it alone.

As time went by, an opportunity to move to Rochester opened up. The family moved there and continued to raise their

family. Tragedy struck again as their house caught fire and burned to the ground. The Adventist churches in the area were quick to help. Church members brought baby bottles and diapers before the fire department left the house. God often works through His churches to bring relief to those in need.

Realizing that farming would not support a family committed to Christian education, Lloyd reluctantly went to work as a welder at the Bremerton, Washington, shipyards, driving back and forth every day in a carpool before it was in style. The work was hard and the days were very long, but their children received a Christian education.

As the years went by, land prices went way up and the farm provided for the family in ways they never knew were possible when they bought it. There have been real financial blessings along the way. But the greatest blessing has been the path, safe to follow, that this family has walked. Their life of faithfulness and generosity is one that can be pointed to as an example of how to live a successful life.



Lloyd and Gertrude Canaday based their entire life on the promise that God would never leave or forsake His family.

Gertrude celebrated her 90th birthday in October. They have been married 67 years. A fitting text to describe this family is Psalms 37:25: "I have been young and now I am old, but never have I seen the righteous forsaken or her children begging bread."

Tom James writes from Centralia, Washington, where he is the pastor.

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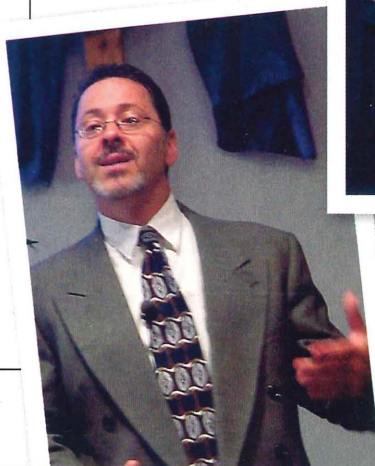
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

BY BRYCE PASCOE

"UNLESS THE LORD relinquishes me from my current obligation, I cannot move in another direction." This is the statement Rod made while considering an opportunity to engage in missionary work for a small church in Glasgow, Mont. A lifelong Adventist, Rod Nazari was a hard-hitting director of worldwide recruiting operations for Lucent Technologies, a high-tech company headquartered on the east coast.

About four years ago Rod and his wife Rosemary visited Montana and felt at peace there. Asking the Lord to guide them as they looked for a place to raise their growing family away from the hustle and bustle of Northern California's Silicon Valley, they settled in Livingston. Then last year, when Lucent Technologies was downsizing and it was suggested that Rod move to the east coast in order to save his job, he decided to stay in Montana. "I was not willing to give up my location for a job that was not fulfilling me spiritually," he said.

Rod Nazari said that the pastor asked him to preach one Sabbath, and he has been involved in one form of ministry or another ever since.



After leaving Lucent, he joined a friend who had previously started a business recruiting sales executives and vice presidents of sales in the high-tech arena. He said, "I did not like dangling dollars in front of someone's face to get them to make a move from one job to another. The more I did it, the less it seemed right. As Christians we make job moves based on the Lord's leading in our lives, not dollar figures." At the end of four months he left that business.

One day, Rod encouraged a father to visit his son who was being held at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility (YCDF) in Billings. That visit was the beginning of an ongoing prison ministry. Joining the Billings Heights group, a church plant started two years ago by lay leader Glen French and others, Rod worked with church members to create a warm and inviting

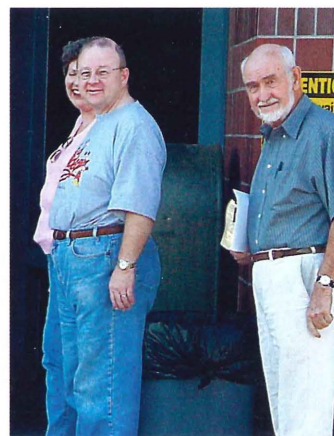
environment for former inmates. Five people who have been released from YCDF attend the Billings Heights church. Rod is preaching at the church on a weekly basis.

Today Rod and five others are traveling 125 miles from Livingston to Billings each Sabbath to speak to and visit with the inmates. They hold services in each of the five wings of the jail, counsel with the inmates, and share Bible study materials. Rod says that these people have a lot of time on their hands and are voracious readers, and why not make these life-changing materials available to them? Rod is also actively involved

in training members from the Billings churches to minister to these prisoners.

Rod says that the whole experience in Montana has been life changing. "I went from moving up the corporate ladder in the business world to not caring what happened to my corporate career path. I have been involved in one form of ministry after another, and the prison ministry in particular has only continued my growth in sharing the Lord with others."

While his family continues to benefit from the settlement package from Lucent, Rod says that God has provided adequately for them. They are so grateful for his leading that they even tithe their withdrawals from savings which had already been tithed once. As their ministry continues to flourish and lives are deeply touched by the Spirit of God, the Nazaris continue to depend on God as their trusted Partner.



Glenn and Jenny French and Bill Whitney volunteer at the Yellowstone County Detention Center.

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Northwest Spirit



JUST GO AND GET IT DONE

ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS 14, Glenn Walters decided that he did not want to clean cow barns for the rest of his life. That decision would affect the rest of his life and the lives of countless other people.

Glenn's Adventist parents were dairy farmers. His father milked 16 cows every morning and evening and gathered eggs from 200 chickens daily. Despite their hard life, Glenn's mother insisted that her children go to church school.

After his graduation from Laurelwood Academy in 1944, some time in the Navy and a try at college, Glenn went back home to work with his father on the farm. And then he met Viola.

Viola was born in a cabin to a forest ranger family. Between her sophomore and junior years, she began working for the Hillsboro *Argus* newspaper and worked her way up to circulation manager and assistant to the bookkeeper.

When Glenn and Viola met at the skating rink and started dating, his father was not too happy about his son's relationship with a non-Adventist girl. "My father said to me one day, 'Say, boy, you are not planning on marrying that girl are you?' Well, I said, 'I'm thinking about it.' 'Well, if you do, get on that road out there, and you go down it and you don't come back.' Viola was not an Adventist, and those old timers had their ideas about people. So I said okay, but it did not deter me. I kept seeing her, and one night I said to her, I want to make a nursery here in Oregon. I want the biggest and best nursery there is. I said, 'I need some help, will you help me?' She said, 'um-hmm.'"

"That is how he asked me to marry him," Viola laughs, and they were married in 1948. Later Glenn's father said, "I don't care if she is an Adventist or not, she is the best daughter-in-law we've got."

Viola joined the Adventist church after the birth of their son, Clifford, when the couple decided they were going to raise him as an Adventist. The Walters later added a daughter, Shirley, to their family.

Glenn's love of plants began at age 14 when his mother gave him gladiolus bulbs to plant. When they bloomed in the spring, he began to dream about growing plants to sell.

Walt Blehm, a rose grower from a nearby farm, asked Glenn to come and help him. Glenn worked for him for three seasons and worked five years for another rose grower. He didn't earn a great wage, but he was learning the nursery business.

Then he got a job with Mr. Teufel, a nationally-known holly grower. Glenn remembers that tall, tough, old German. "I said to him, 'I would like to learn your business.' He said, 'I don't teach anybody my business, but you can go to work here and keep your eyes and ears open and learn what you want.' I said, 'I'll accept that.'" Glenn worked for Teufel for 10 years. Viola worked there for five years as well.

In the meantime, they built a little greenhouse on their land. They couldn't afford lumber to put over the greenhouse for shade, so they would go into the woods and cut tree limbs for shade. "That's how we got started, a little bit at a time," Viola remembers.

In 1967 the Walters bought 80 acres, their first farm. "Boy, did we go to work," exclaims Glenn. "I would tell Viola, 'Make me a thousand rhododendrons of this color,' and she would go out at four in the morning and turn the sprinklers on. She would put her rain clothes on and go in there and pick these cuttings. Boy, you talk about a faithful helper. Then she would put those cuttings in the sand. The next thing I knew, she would not have one thousand, she would have 1,500 or 1,800

B Y R I C H A R D D O W E R



Through the years of owning a nursery, the Walters were known for their honesty and the quality of their plants.

cuttings. I asked her, 'Why would you put 1,500 in when I asked you to put 1,000 in?' She said, 'I wanted to make sure I had enough for you.' So then I would have to go buy another farm someplace." Ultimately they owned 300 acres all in one spot.

Viola remembers, "Back then the greenhouses were real glass. Glenn would bring home the lumber after work, and I would put three coats of paint on it, and we would work into the night to build the greenhouses."

Glenn delivered his plants to garden centers after work. "Fred Meyer was one of our first customers there in Raleigh Hills. I built a good rapport with people. They all knew that they would not get any plants on Saturday," Glenn explains. "Never in all that time did we ever give it a thought that we would be missing sales. We would just thank God for keeping us alive and healthy so we could do our work."

Glenn and Viola specialized in outdoor plants, first rhododendrons and azaleas and later adding a lot of different plants for household landscaping. They learned from trial and error, and Viola kept complete records on their experiments. What was good they kept and what was bad they discarded until everything that they grew they could sell.

"We had a good reputation," Glenn says. "People would buy from our catalog and over the phone. We always saw to it that we treated our people right, we sold number one stock, we treated our customers fairly and gave them a good price."

Most of their business was done with a handshake. Glenn says, "My reputation in this valley and across the nation was that you don't need a contract with Glenn. All you need is his word. And that still prevails today."

They treated their employees the same way. "At one time

we had 850 Spanish-speaking people working for us," Glenn says. "We recently found out that one boy, William, was only 14 when he started. He is still working for our company, and his kids are now through college."

Glenn and Viola chose to be supportive of Adventist churches and schools throughout their lives. They helped their community by providing a fire truck for the Cornelius Fire Department and helping to fund projects for the Hillsboro City Public Library, the Cornelius City Public Library and the Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro.

Whenever they had a little excess money, they would look to the church to spend it, perhaps giving a major donation for a medical missionary launch for the Amazon River, providing a paved parking lot for the Lincoln City (Oregon) Church, or funding an addition to the Tabernacle

Church in Portland, Oregon.

After they sold their business, paid the taxes and tucked the rest away in the bank, they said, "Let's do something for our employees." And for the past several years, their passion has been to build or buy church buildings for Hispanic congregations. "We just wanted to give them a little something to say thank you for what they've done. We hope that we will see them in heaven."

Glenn says, "God was on our side. In spite of the little hardships that came along, in spite of the hurts, He always opened the pathway for us. Our whole life has been this. Get it done! You can't worry about what anyone else will do, you just go and get it done. That is one of the major things in our life. You just go and get it done."

*Richard Dower,
GLEANER editor, writes from
Vancouver, Washington.*

Fresh Start

How to Get Rich

A fable is told in India of a poor beggar who lived in a state ruled by a maharaja. The beggar had no home but slept on a mat in a homeless shelter. On frigid evenings he covered himself with a treasured collection of tattered rags. Having no means of earning a livelihood other than begging, he ventured out every morning. He would sit by the sidewalk with his beggar's bowl as passersby threw some grains of rice or copper coins his way. Usually he got enough rice for two meals a day. When he hit the jackpot, he'd also score enough money to buy sticks for a fire and a few vegetables, fish or dhal for curry.

"If I had known, I'd have given it all to him."

One day he heard that the maharaja would be coming his way on the following day. The beggar's spirit soared, for he reasoned, "The maharaja will not give me a handful of rice or a copper coin, but nothing less than

gold." The next day he awaited the maharaja's arrival. All day he blistered in the sun, anticipating his good fortune. At sunset, the regal chariot arrived.

Stepping into the road, the beggar brought the chariot to a standstill. He approached the maharaja and begged for alms. Instead of giving him gold, however, the maharaja extended his hands and asked the beggar to give him something!

Extremely disappointed that a wealthy ruler would filch from the poor, he counted five grains of rice from his bowl and placed them angrily in the hands of the maharaja. "Thank you," said the ruler and continued his journey.

With a sore heart, the beggar returned to the shelter, took out his winnowing fan and began to clean his rice for supper. As he did so, a small glittering object attracted his attention. Picking it up, he saw that it was a grain of gold. Laying it carefully to one side, he went on winnowing until he found another glittering

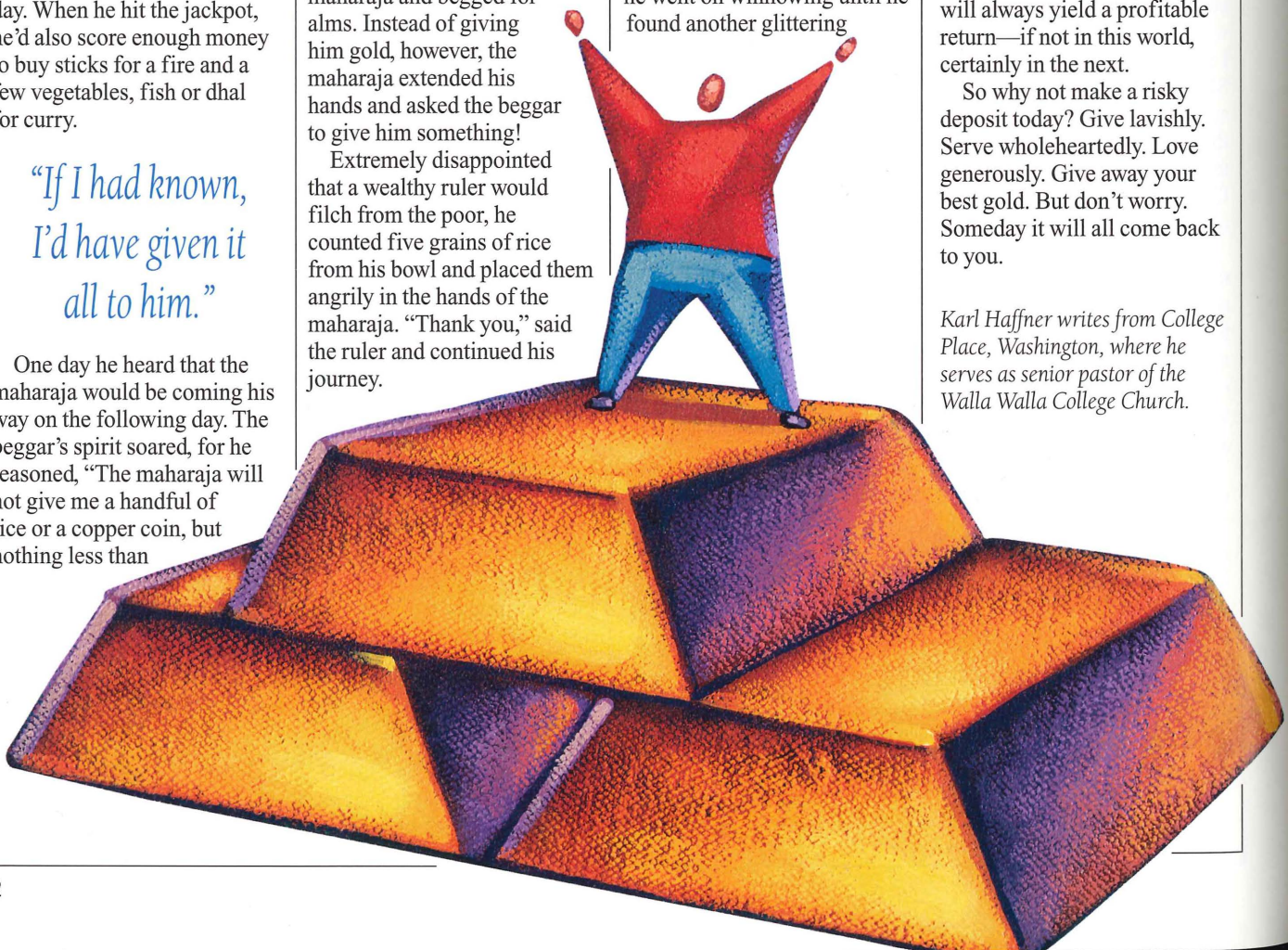
golden grain, then another.

That's when the truth hit him. Five grains of rice given to the maharaja had brought him in return five grains of gold. "What a fool I was!" he exclaimed. "If I had known, I'd have given it all to him."

Jesus once taught a similar parable when he urged his followers to invest in the treasures of heaven rather than earth. Jesus reasoned that worldly treasures are easily swiped by moths or rust or enterprising thieves. In contrast, heavenly treasures will always yield a profitable return—if not in this world, certainly in the next.

So why not make a risky deposit today? Give lavishly. Serve wholeheartedly. Love generously. Give away your best gold. But don't worry. Someday it will all come back to you.

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



ACADEMY BIBLE CONFERENCE

Helps Youth Face the Real World

This year's Academy Bible Conference brought academy, home school and public high school students from across the North Pacific Union Conference for an October weekend of spiritual enrichment at Camp Berachah near Auburn, Wash.

The theme for the weekend was "Download—Uplink" to emphasize downloading a spiritual relationship with Jesus and uplinking by sharing your faith with others. Larry Unterseher, Montana Conference youth director, challenged the students to have a practical working relationship with Jesus that will help them in their daily walk with Him and prepare them to spend eternity with the Lord. At the end of the main Sabbath service, many students came up for special prayer recommitment, including four students requesting baptism.

Dwain Edmonds, *Insight*

magazine editor, shared with the students how to download Jesus for themselves and discussed the ongoing battles that young people are facing regarding sexual immorality, pornography and how these issues can affect their relationship with the Lord. The workshops opened the eyes of the students to the real world that they will face when they graduate from high school.

Debbie Craft from Straight Talk Ministry in Paradise, Calif., gave a moving testimony about her life growing up in the Adventist Church and her battle with drugs, alcohol and gender identification. She shared some of the troubling problems that lead to teen suicide. Having attempted suicide, Craft has first hand knowledge of the subject. She appealed to the group to seek help, even if it means breaking a promise

to someone that is talking about taking his or her life.

Six students shared testimony on how going on an overseas mission trip changed their lives and gave them a new perspective of the Adventist Church and its place in the world. Mark Weir, Auburn Adventist Academy Bible teacher, appealed to the students to give mission trips a try.

Good music filled the weekend with praise worship led by Auburn students and students from other academies. One of the special features was the music

ministry of Chosen, a male quartet from Walla Walla College. Shelea Frazier, a Christian recording artist from southern California, inspired and moved the audience with her beautiful, melodic voice. The highlight of her concert was when she shared a beautiful song the Lord had given to her after the passing of her grandmother, which moved this young audience to tears.

Saturday night was a time of fellowship, recreation and cultivating new friendships. The weekend finished with the academy students presenting two hours of drama and music displaying each school's and student's unique talents.

This weekend was a special time for the young people to meet and develop lasting friendships with other students from around the union.

Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union youth ministries director and Patric Parris, his administrative assistant

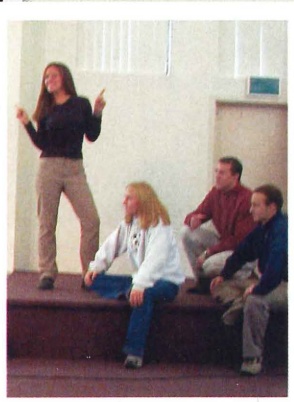


Larry Unterseher, Montana Conference youth director, was the main speaker.



About 145 students and sponsors attended the 2003 North Pacific Union Academy Bible Conference.

On Sabbath afternoon, academy groups presented skits on issues that young people face today.



NORTH PACIFIC UNION

PORTLAND HOSTS ADVENTIST LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share... so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

The Adventist Leadership Convention, "Growing a Family of Grace," was held in Portland, Ore., Oct. 16-19. More than 450 people attended the convention, which featured specific ministry tracks and more than 120 seminars tailored to fit the needs of the Northwest.

The energy in the seminars was dynamic with quality trainers and speakers. Many pastors brought their church ministry leaders with them to learn together as a team and

to take the inspiration back to their home churches.

Sherri Uhrig, Oregon Conference children's ministry coordinator and seminar trainer, said, "The seminar participants [were] able to take hands-on materials home with them as well as skills and creative ideas."

The training seminar, which was advertised throughout the North American Division (NAD), was hosted by the Oregon Conference and the NAD, in partnership with

AdventSource, North Pacific Union, Pacific Press and Review and Herald.

Debra Brill, NAD vice president for ministries, said that the NAD has been providing this kind of training since 1997 when the GraceLink curriculum was being introduced into the division and around the world.

*Richard Dower,
GLENER editor*



Rhonda Whitney, Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) director, presented a seminar about food distribution through Community Services.

Willy Oliver, North American Division family life director, was a presenter at the Adventist Leadership Convention.



Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church pastor, opened the convention by speaking on the "Church as a Community of Grace."

PATHFINDER MISSIONARIES

Visit Alaska Villages

Twenty Pathfinder missionaries from the Iowa-Missouri Conference descended on the isolated Alaska villages of Togiak and Bethel in June for a week-long presentation of Jesus through friendship evangelism and Vacation Bible Schools. This was the second summer for the group to be in Togiak.

"These Pathfinders recognize that Alaska is a vast mission field right in our

own country where it is safe and close," remarked Mike Hansen, one of the organizers of the trip. "We have been invited to two additional villages next summer." There are more than 200 villages that could be served.

Togiak is a fishing village of approximately 900 people, mostly Yupik Eskimos, a generally warm, friendly people. They have depended on fish and local game for their subsistence for centuries.



Pathfinder missionaries from the Iowa-Missouri Conference presented a Vacation Bible School for the kids of Togiak, Alaska.

Being cut off from the road system, the only way they receive outside supplies is by barge and small plane.

To see more photos of the trip, go to <http://www.>

tagnet.org/iamopathfinders/mission-trips/.

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Youth Ministries director

ALASKA OFFERS MANY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

To be involved, to get wet, to get one's hands dirty and to be a participant rather than merely an observer are the driving forces behind bungee jumping, extreme sports and the huge upsurge in interest in short-term mission trips around the world.

To participate in a mission trip can be a life-changing experience. "We are experienc-

ing an increase in the number of requests from youth groups in the 'lower 48' to join in our mission," stated Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference secretary. "They will be doing VBS programs, building projects, evangelism or all three." Groups from California, Oregon and Washington have requested trips for the 2004 spring and summer.

The harsh weather and lack of someone to watch over the facilities in some of the villages have taken their toll on the buildings. Money is being raised to refurbish the Togiak Church and parsonage. The villages of Shungnak, Selawik, Bethel, Gambel, Savoonga and Nome also have building needs. A group going to each of these villages could also present a Vacation Bible School or other evangelistic activity.

Alaska's three camps depend on the generosity of outside assistance in meeting the structural needs of each facility. Only two or three of the approximately 60 campers attending Camp Polaris near Aleknagik this past summer

were Adventists. This remote, primitive camp must be entirely packed away each fall. Only the shells of three or four small buildings and the outhouses remain to endure the icy blasts and snow of winter.

While it is exciting to think of travel to far-off places with exotic reputations and balmy temperatures, the people of Alaska would like to be remembered. They too have a heart for God and a receptive mind to receive Him and you, as His messenger.

For mission trip possibilities, contact Jim Kincaid at (907) 346-1004.

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Youth Ministries director

The Togiak (Alaska) Church and parsonage, showing obvious need of repair, is a mission project waiting for volunteers in 2004.



CREATIVE FIELD TRIPS

Inspire Desert View Students

Imagine feeling the heartbeat of a hummingbird in your hand and then listening to the tiny sounds as the bird is put up to your ear. Then experience complete amazement as the bird takes flight from your hand. That is what students at Desert View Christian School in Mountain Home, Idaho, were all aflutter about on their first field trip of the year to watch Stacy Peterson catch and band the tiniest birds in Idaho.

Peterson, a member at Mountain Home Church, is one of two licensed hummingbird banders in Idaho. The students spent

the morning in pastor Dave Shasky's yard where Peterson has been catching and banding the tiny birds for the last three summers. The children were fascinated to learn of hearts that rest at 250 beats a minute and then speed up to 1,200 beats in flight.

The children were very attentive as they watched Peterson catch, measure, identify, weigh and band the three varieties of birds found in Idaho. Megan Fesler helped record the data, and Mindy Troutfetter discovered she was a "bird whisperer" when a bird rested quietly in her open hand for 10 minutes before taking flight.



First graders Kierianna Chavez looks on as Sierra Ferrier gets ready to release the newly banded hummer.

On their second field trip several weeks later, the students got really dirty following the journey of the famous Idaho potato from the field to the platter. Students combined learning and "Share Your Faith" when they visited Andy and Lorna Johnson's farm to glean potatoes for the food bank. The students bagged potatoes and rode in the tractors and potato trucks.

Perched on the digger, teacher Danna Birth joined the field workers and tried her hand at sorting potatoes.

The students then visited the Simplot potato cellars in Hammett, Idaho, and saw how they are stored for later distribution. The next day they feasted on baked potatoes for lunch.

Sylvia Shasky

CHURCH IN THE PARK

Emphasizes Friendship

A few weeks before the Sept. 11 tragedy, Nampa, Idaho, members determined to reach their community through friendship evangelism. Their plan was to "turn the church inside out" by conducting an outdoor praise and worship service. After "prayerwalking" the neighborhood, the big day came and more than 200 worshippers attended, including more than 20 non-members. Since then, Praise in the Park has become an annual event.

The third annual Praise in the Park community worship service was held this

year on Aug. 2. After more than a week of triple-digit temperatures, God provided cooling cloud cover—an answer to prayer three years in a row. This year, however, the prayers included a request to hold back the rain even as sprinkles began to fall. Once again, God blessed. The more than 170 who were present, including numerous guests from the non-Adventist community, sat in cool, dry comfort under the trees.

The service featured fine music, testimonies from two recently baptized young men, a Vacation Bible School



Ervin Furne, left, interviews one of the young adults who gave his testimony of what Christ means to him.

graduation and a brief message by Ervin Furne, pastor.

A potluck lunch served in the parking lot gave the congregation further opportunities to meet and fellowship with their guests and neighbors.

Furne said, "This 'outside the box' event has ministry implications that could not be realized in a traditional church setting. More churches are thinking about such an event."

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader

MONTANA CONFERENCE OFFICE MOVES

To Quieter Location

After 44 years in their Bozeman, Mont., office, the Montana Conference has moved into temporary housing until a new office can be built.

When it was new in 1959, the conference office was located a little west of town in a country setting. Bozeman has expanded, and today the office is almost in the center of town. The building has no air conditioning, and, when the windows are opened for ventilation, the noise and smells of the street are distracting. The front door is virtually unusable since Main Street was widened some time ago. Additionally, it would be prohibitively expensive to update the building to today's standards.

According to John Loor, Montana Conference president, "It is hoped the office will be built on several acres of Mt. Ellis Academy property located near an exit of I-90. Our new building and sign will be visible to people traveling the interstate and will represent the Adventist Church well."

A five-bedroom mobile home has been purchased to serve as the temporary office until the new building is completed. The new office will be financed with the proceeds from the sale of the old building as well as the completed sale of conference-owned property recently zoned for high-density residential housing.

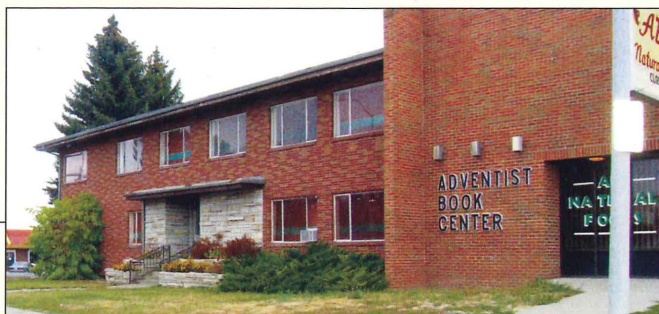
"Since we wanted to have the money in hand before we started building, we are just now beginning to apply for the needed permits," Loor stated, "and we hope to be in the building within two years or less."

The Adventist Book Center is also moving and will be located in temporary quarters at Mt. Ellis Academy.

All correspondence should now be addressed to Montana Conference, 175 Canyon View Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715, phone: (406) 587-3101, fax: (406) 587-1598.

Richard Dower

The old Montana Adventist headquarters building situated between a high school and a McDonald's restaurant has been sold. The office has been moved closer to Mt. Ellis Academy.



MEA students pose at the 100-year-old entrance arch near Mammoth Hot Springs.

MT. ELLIS STUDENTS

Visit Yellowstone

Mt. Ellis Academy (MEA) has long been known for its stunning natural setting and tremendous outdoor recreational opportunities. This fall, the mountains of western Montana have served not just as a playground but as a classroom.

In September, MEA students enjoyed three days of outdoor school in Yellowstone National Park. The National Park Service partnered with the school to provide field learning experiences in the areas of geology, geothermic phenomena and wolves. Students also gained extensive knowledge about the history of the park by studying the journals of a father and daughter who traveled through it on horseback in 1872. Other activities including pH and

temperature testing of hot springs and geyser pools.

Days of learning gave way to evenings of worship as week of prayer speaker, Tim Gillespie, led in praise and testimony to Jesus around the campfire. What a blessing to worship together as a school family in a place of such beauty.

The students recaptured some of the experience of the early visitors to the park by sleeping in tents and enduring below-freezing nighttime temperatures and even a bit of snow. Despite these minor hardships, students and faculty had a great time learning together and growing closer to Jesus and each other.

Darren Wilkins, Mt. Ellis Academy principal

MONTANA

BATTLE GROUND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Announces CAA Senior Officers



The traditional announcement of senior class officers is always an exciting proclamation at the beginning of the year for Columbia Adventist Academy. This year's class wasted no time in letting their fellow schoolmates know who they were, and they made sure to do it in style!

While the rest of the school went to the chapel for their morning devotional time, the officers stayed back

to surprise the rest of the student body as chapel let out. To make a unique and fun announcement, the officers enlisted the help of a local fire station.

The firefighters arrived right on time, fire truck and all. As chapel ended and the students filed out to return to classes, around the street corner came the firetruck, lights on and horn blazing. It stopped right in front of

Columbia Adventist Academy senior class officers, from left: (front) Heather Tavasci, reunion secretary; Jennifer Vail, historian; Christiana Perry, public relations; (back) Grant Hummel, treasurer; Crystal Kandoll, secretary; Sonja Einerson, chaplain; Brittany Prah, vice president; Chase Hendrickson, president.

the chapel, letting off one by one the eight class officers dressed in fire uniforms as a firefighter announced each name and office on the loudspeaker. After the announcement was over, the senior class gave doughnuts to

all the students as a gift.

With the announcement over, the senior class officers are hard at work to continue to make their senior year one of the best.

Sonja Einerson, CAA senior

FOURTH GRADER DELIVERS

Lunch and New Class Project



For more than a year, fourth-grader Skyler Null has been helping his grandmother deliver "Meals on Wheels." As a home school student,

Skyler Null, his grandmother and a classmate, Ashley, deliver lunch to a Meals on Wheels recipient.

scheduling wasn't any problem. But now that he is attending Portland Adventist Elementary School he was worried about what the people on his route were going to do.

Well, the problem has been solved! Null is going to share his duties with his classmates.

Each Friday a couple of fourth graders will get to go with Null's grandmother to help deliver meals. Now thanks to him, the entire class gets to participate in this activity.

Francie Davidson, PAES fourth-grade teacher

OREGON Sutherlin School Celebrates Loan Burning

A fire was set at the Sutherlin (Ore.) Christian School on Sept. 14. Fortunately the burning was confined to a piece of paper—the loan note representing the indebtedness of the church for the new school building. Thanks to the generosity of dedicated church members, the 10-year note was paid in full within two and a half years! Plans are underway for construction of a new school gym and additional classrooms.

The Sutherlin Church is also anticipating the long-needed replacement of the Better Living Center and the Community Service Center facility. Sutherlin has a prayer-centered church membership that is not afraid to step out in faith.

Shirley Swan, Sutherlin Church communication leader



COLUMBIA SENIORS SURVIVE PARADISE

Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) seniors headed to a spot of private land known as “Pathfinder Paradise” near Colton, Ore., in October for their senior adventure. What they found were spiders, snakes, outhouses, no showers...you name it. When it began to rain as they set up camp, it seemed a far cry from paradise.

The next few days, however, were spent in priceless bonding time. The seniors faced many challenges

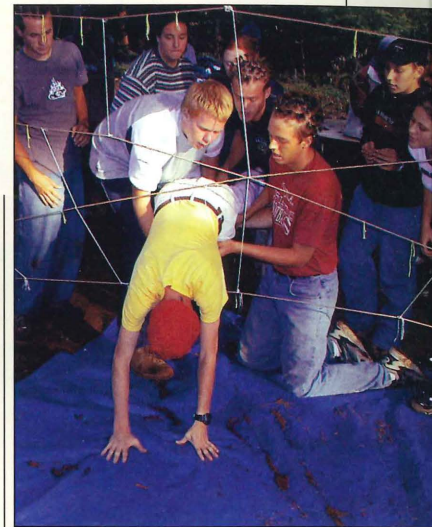
as a class while trying to accomplish team-building activities. “The challenges on senior adventure showed us the problems we need to fix within our class—problems we didn’t even know existed,” observed Grant Hummel.

Evenings were a favorite time for most of the seniors as they shared spiritual time as a class, sang and reflected on the day’s events. At this time people could open up and share what was on their hearts.

A few of the seniors reflected on their adventure. “Who wouldn’t enjoy four days of rain, dewy tents, smelly friends and spiders?” said Dana Kenison laughingly.

It was a trip that will be remembered for the rest of their lives—“the ultimate showerless, wilderness experience, plus prayer,” said Brett Maynor.

*Heather Tavasci and
Brittany Prael, CAA seniors*



Getting the first senior safely through the web without touching any of the strands was the goal of this team-building game.

OREGON YOUTH BRING VBS *To Alaska*

A team of eight youth and three adults flew to the Siberian Yupik village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in June for the 10th annual mission trip sponsored by the Oregon Conference.

The group put on a week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for about 100 children each day, the only children’s ministry offered on the island each year.

Because they were in Gambell over the Fourth of July holiday, group members were able to participate in the Eskimo village’s celebration, including races, learning to “Eskimo dance” and a variety of other community events. The people of Gambell were excited to see that the teens from Oregon were interested in their native Siberian Yupik culture.

In addition to the VBS, the youth hosted nightly teen meetings. About 15 teens came each evening for singing, devotional talks and games. These teens were curious to get to know the group, which made it possible to share Jesus’ love with them.

The Oregon teens were also able to demonstrate that you can have a great time without smoking, drinking or taking drugs.

After being in Gambell for 10 days, the group flew to the other village on St. Lawrence Island, Savoonga.

Again, excited villagers met the plane, and children swarmed veteran visitors. As in Gambell, 75–100 children attended the VBS and even more teens come to the nightly meetings.

The Oregon Conference has been committed to funding this trip each year but, because of St. Lawrence Island’s remoteness, the price of airline tickets is very high. Each team member raised a great deal of money to participate in the trip. There is also no fresh food on the island, so all the food for the team must be shipped, increasing costs. The Oasis Christian Center played a huge role in funding the trip this year, including donation of airline frequent flyer miles and VBS supplies.

Caitlin McNabb, trip participant



The local children were thrilled to enjoy Vacation Bible School, the only children’s ministry offered on the island.

MILO SENIORS SURVIVE WILDERNESS CHALLENGES

Milo Adventist Academy's senior survival location, purpose and activities remain an annual mystery. But this year's seniors found the answers deep in the Umpqua National Forest where they turned a pile of black plastic, sticks and rope into safe, dry places to sleep despite drenching rain.

The first night it hailed and rained so fiercely that they thought their bivouacs would collapse. But the students awoke to a week filled with challenges that turned into blessings. Kim Heggem, a senior from Salem, Ore., explained, "Seniors learned how to work as a team and



Greg Brothers speaks about spiritual survival as the seniors listen carefully.

be the leaders of the school. School spirit has increased. We as a class re-bonded."

Senior survival was a spiritual challenge as well. Studies from Revelation and

awesome morning worships inspired the youth. They began to see Revelation as a book that reveals the character of God in many ways. Zane Bischoff, a senior

from Crescent City, Calif., described it as "almost like another week of prayer, except with just seniors."

Seniors ended the week better acquainted, more tolerant of differences and more aware of others' needs. Jeremiah Bratton, a senior from Medford, Ore., said, "We are more united as a class. Senior survival taught us to work together to solve problems rather than to work as individuals."

So what specifically did they do on senior survival? That can't be revealed. The mystique must continue.

Heather Black, MAA senior

PAA STUDENTS TEST STREAM HEALTH

The Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) biology class spent a recent afternoon ankle deep in Johnson Creek, a small tributary of the Willamette River, to learn how scientists gauge the pollution level of a watershed.

The trip was led by Terry Verlo, PAA biology instructor, with Jon Cole of the Walla Walla College environmental sciences department and Russ Davidson of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

The students divided into several teams to assess

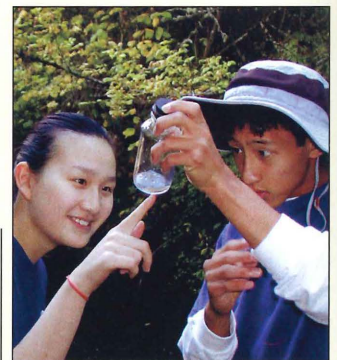
water quality. Their water sample evaluation included pH, dissolved oxygen levels, temperature at various levels of the creek and water flow. Students learned the value of taking global positioning satellite (GPS) readings to pinpoint the location of their studies.

One of the teams also focused on counting the number of macroinvertebrates, such as snails and developing insects, as a measure of the stream's health.

Johnson Creek, a small

but important watershed in the Portland, Ore., area, had been known for its declining water quality. But in recent years, through the efforts of various government and volunteer organizations, it has experienced a remarkable turnaround. Certain areas of the creek may be able to be restored as salmon breeding habitats.

Cindy Goh, a PAA biology student, said, "It was nice to go out and see God's creation and how we can help improve some of the damage that we



Cindy Goh and Paul Yang check out a specimen from the water of Johnson Creek.

humans have done to it. It was interesting to be able to tell the difference between clean and dirty water by studying what and how many creatures are present."

Dan Patchin, PAA supporter

OREGON



Former students attending the Big Meadow School reunion were, from left: (front) Charlie Drury, June Drury Miner, LeAnn Reiber Clarke, Reni Reiber Frost, Judy Littler Zachrison, Dennis Carlson, Nadene Curry Nelson, Rick Lindquist; (back) Royce Nelson, Charles Reiber, Tom Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen Stotz, Eva Lou Carlson Deibel, Dean Whybark, Dick Hart, Ken Hart.

TROY CHURCH ENJOYS HOMECOMING

Precious memories...how they linger at the Troy (Idaho) Church. Former students came from as far as Florida, Minnesota, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California for a country school homecoming on Sabbath, Sept. 13, organized by Eva Lou Christie Diebel, one of the first graduates attending all eight grades.

Big Meadow School, which opened in 1947, operated continuously for 14 years before consolidating with nearby Moscow, Idaho.

Bill Loveless, who pastored at Troy just after marrying Edna Maye, brings back memories by playing his saxophone.



The homecoming included special appearances by former students. The day included a rousing song service, music vocals and instrumentals, mission stories and a delightful sermon. Vespers highlighted the joys of a country school including a history of the school spiced with laughable memories illustrating that graduating from Troy did not deter a successful life.

The Troy Church is now enlarged, with the former school rooms as Sabbath School rooms and the former sanctuary as a fellowship room. The friendly atmosphere through the years has endeared many to this "Church in the Wildwood."

Elaine Drury, Troy Church communication leader

PARENTS EXPERIENCE UCA CAMPUS For Themselves

For the seventh year, Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) hosted Parent Weekend, which is designed to give parents the opportunity to experience what UCA is providing for their students. It also gives parents the chance to interact, individually and as a group, with the school staff and administration.

"My mom really likes to come for Parent Weekend," said Tracy Yaeger, a junior in her second year at UCA. "She's always amazed at the atmosphere here, the difference between these kids and the kids from the public school I used to be in—the UCA kids are so courteous and they're more mature....Being on campus helps her know she did the right thing by sending me here."

This kind of response was repeated over and over as more than 300 parents visited campus. "Jesus shines through the UCA staff," Bob and Linda Spady, parents of student Jeff Spady, said.

UCA music ensembles performed throughout the weekend. For Friday night vespers, parents and students

shared what Christian education has meant to them and to their families. On Sabbath morning, the principal and two students gave tributes and red roses to parents, and Dan Matthews, guest speaker for church, encouraged strong, loving, functional family relationships. Seminars were offered on Sabbath afternoon.

One of the parents' favorite parts of the weekend was the traditional parent buffet and forum held on Saturday evening. "The feedback they give during this time is tremendously valuable to us," reported Ron Turner, weekend coordinator.

Sunday activities included the fourth annual fly-in, a pancake feed and Sunday brunch. Following brunch, representatives from Walla Walla College provided valuable information for families starting to think about how they will finance college. The weekend concluded with men's and women's varsity football games.

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Whether hearing the students while on tour (shown) or during an on-campus performance such as during Parent Weekend, parents love to hear the music ensembles their children are in. And students love to have their parents in the audience!



GOLDENDALE WELCOMES

Not-So-Retired Teachers

Goldendale Adventist School welcomed a new teaching team to its staff this fall. Clinton and Esther Cummings bring with them a wealth of expertise, experience and education. Clinton has taught upper level math and science, while Esther has taught lower grades. The couple responded to an ad for a retired teacher to work at the school. They had recently retired and wanted to move from their home in Utah to be closer to their son in Seattle and other relatives in the Northwest.



Esther Cummings is the other half of the new Goldendale teaching team.

Clinton and Esther were both born in Montana and attended church schools. They first met at Mt. Ellis Academy,

then again at Walla Walla College (WWC).



No longer retired, Clinton Cummings now teaches at Goldendale Adventist School.

After they married and Clinton graduated from WWC, the couple moved to eastern Montana where Clinton taught and Esther completed her degree in education at the University of Montana. After several years of teaching in the United States, the couple taught in Africa and spent time in France before returning to teach in the States.

When Clinton retired from teaching after 41 years, he just couldn't stay away from it. Retirement's loss is Goldendale's gain!

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader



A brass quintet, keyboards and the Mace family led out in energetic song services.

WENATCHEE VALLEY

Holds First Camp Meeting

The Adventist churches of the Wenatchee Valley held their first camp meeting in Wenatchee, Wash. The October weekend event featured adult meetings presented by Des Cummings, Florida Hospital executive vice president, who spoke on the gift of the Sabbath and the embrace of original love.

The youth and young adults were privileged to have Ken Rogers, Southern Adventist University chaplain, as their speaker. Rogers was accompanied by Tim Gillespie, Loma Linda Academy chaplain, who led the worship music.

Sabbath afternoon gave each person a variety of seminars and activities in which to participate. The afternoon

had people doing everything from feeding the homeless in a park to participating in a discussion on how to preserve our religious liberty.

On Sabbath afternoon the Abundant Life Adventist Company of Wenatchee was formed and made official by Max Torkelsen, Upper Columbia Conference president.

The Adventist Book Center book and food sale on Saturday night capped off a well-attended, memorable weekend. Watch for announcements about next year's Central Washington Camp Meeting.

Mark Witas, Wenatchee Church associate pastor

UPPER COLUMBIA

WWVA Seniors Elect Officers

Recently Walla Walla Valley Academy selected the 2004 senior class officers. From left: (front) Sarah Grizzell, spiritual vice president; Rachel Smith, treasurer; Katie Woolever, social vice president; Maranda Norton, secretary; (middle) Tyler Morgan, public relations; Jason Daub, sergeant-at-arms; Harley Green, vice president; Jon Tillay, president; (back) Jon Betz and Aaron Newbold, historians.

Cheryl Wren, WWVA GLEANER correspondent



Eight Hands Bring Spark To Auburn's Pianos

Forty fingers, \$2,000, eight hands, four students, two pianos and one teacher all adds up to the creation of Auburn Adventist Academy's piano quartet.

Auburn welcomed a second piano teacher to its staff this year. Tanya Bradford joined long-time piano instructor Jeanene Miller and will be working primarily with the intermediate and advanced students. The school has made provision to reward and encourage pianists by offering four \$500 scholarships awarded by audition. The four recipients were sophomore Luke Elloway, junior Gift Pattanaprommas, and seniors Julian Nelson and Esther Ushijima.

The students will continue to participate in academy events throughout the school year, such as recitals, special musics and tours to local churches. Their performances demonstrate both their individual skill and their ability to work together as eight hands on two pianos. The quartet performed its first piece, an arrangement of "Sicilienne" by J.S. Bach, at the fall week of prayer.

Amber Serns



Auburn students and staff along with local volunteers help stack sandbags on the Skagit River.

AUBURN STUDENTS FIGHT SKAGIT FLOODWATER

Thirty students from Auburn Adventist Academy loaded buses at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 and headed for the Skagit River. They weren't out for a day on the beach, though they did return with sand in their shoes. Their mission: to protect a neighboring community threatened by floods.

After the area received more than five inches of rain in 24 hours, the Skagit River crested at a threatening 40 feet, well above the 28-foot flood level. The residents of Mt. Vernon, Wash., were desperately fighting the resulting flood waters, and, upon hearing of their struggle, a group of seniors from Auburn volunteered to help.

The students were bussed to a local fire department and then transported with other volunteers to the areas in most



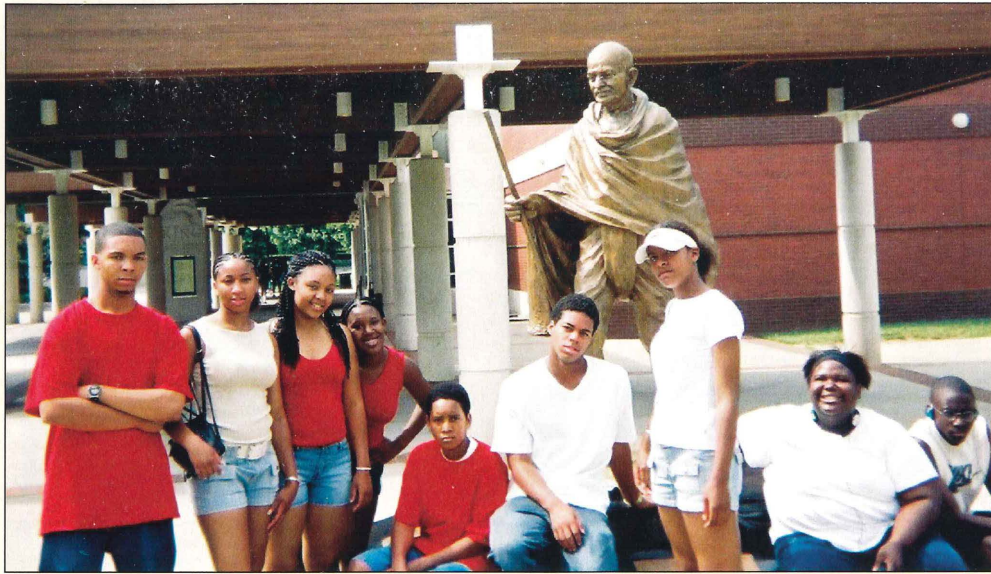
Forming a bucket brigade, Auburn Academy students load sandbags.

severe need of assistance. Filling and stacking sandbags is not easy work, but the opportunity to interact with and help the community made the bags seem lighter. One student described it as "a lot of hard work, but a fun time."

After shoveling sand and passing bags for an exhausting five hours, the tired volunteers

returned to the campus to share with their friends just how rewarding it can be to do something for someone else. Those who went consider it an extremely positive experience. One senior remarked, "I'm really happy that I could go there and help people. It was worth it."

Amber Serns, AAA GLEANER correspondent



The youth pose with a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the Gandhi Promenade at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

BREATH OF LIFE YOUTH TOUR THE SOUTH

Nine Breath of Life Church teenagers and their three adult chaperones left Seattle, Wash., on July 27 for Nashville, Tenn., on a tour of the historically black colleges and universities of the South.

The 10-day Pathfinder tour began with a drive from Nashville to Atlanta, Ga., where the youth toured Spelman and Morehouse colleges and explored the struggles of African Americans at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. The tour then continued on to the Tuskegee Institute and Tuskegee Airmen's historic sites, as well as several universities including Alabama State, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and Oakwood Adventist College.

"I really wanted our African American youth to have an

opportunity to see positive images of themselves beyond the negative or stereotypical ones in popular mainstream media," the tour's coordinator, Atuanya Cheatham, said. "I also wanted them to gain a sense of history, culture and pride in who God has made them as young black people and to begin thinking about how God wants to use their lives now and after they graduate from high school."

Even the tour's adult chaperones, Herb Cheatham and Shirley Mathieu, gained an education during the tour. Both were inspired by the multifaceted accomplishments and courage of early leaders like Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver and W.E.B. Du Bois.

Cheatham explained to the youth that many of the videos and pictures they

viewed at the Birmingham Civil Rights and MLK, Jr., sites were not ancient historic events, but occurred in both his and Mathieu's lifetimes. "A trip of this capacity," he states, "would not even have been possible 20 or 30 years ago—a black man and a white woman traveling together in the South."

After returning home, Atuanya Cheatham beamed with satisfaction. "This trip was my 'walking on water' experience with God," she says, "and now I am inspired to do so much more with my life for Him." When asked if this will become an annual event, Cheatham responded, "We'll see what God has in mind."

*Atuanya Cheatham,
Breath of Life Pathfinder leader*

Washington Women Experience God's Spirit

What an amazing weekend!"

"I could feel the presence of God in this place."

"My life is changed."

These were some of the comments heard after the Washington Conference's fall women's retreat held Sept. 26–28 in Hope, British Columbia. Many women were praying for months before the retreat for God to work in a powerful way, and He certainly did.

The featured speaker, Alicia Patterson, presented dramatic monologues of the women in Luke 8. Along with the portraits she visually painted of the women who were able to minister to Jesus, Patterson helped the participants see their own portrait through God's eyes. After getting a clear self-portrait, it was time to explore what God was asking each person to do for Him.

Personal testimonies, uplifting music and interesting breakout sessions rounded out the weekend. Session topics such as dealing with anger, spiritual parenting, healing from loss and creating true worship gave the women helpful information.

Watching the Holy Spirit draw women into a closer walk with Jesus was the most exciting outcome. Surely God's presence was at this retreat.

*Wilma Bing,
Washington Conference
women's ministries director*



Firefighters contain the fire from a distance as flames rage through Nelson Hall the evening of Monday, Nov. 17.

TRAGEDY & TRIUMPH

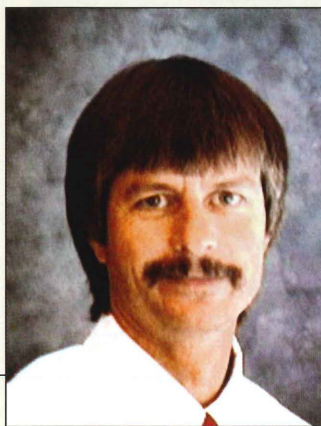
Auburn's Nelson Hall Is Destroyed by Fire

We have lost so much, but there is so much for which to be thankful. Things may not be pleasant, but they could be much worse. And for that we here at Auburn Adventist Academy are continuing to thank God. In times of great loss, it is often hard to see past the pain, but it is clear in this situation how close God is. The head women's dean, Kay Sanborn, having lost much herself, reminded the girls on Nov. 18, the day following the fire, that although many things are now gone the most important things are not. "You are not replaceable," she said. And many others have echoed her words of love and showed in numerous ways their support.

I have been overwhelmed with the blessings we have received on this campus. A resourceful staff, a brave

student body, a loving community and an embracing worldwide church family have all helped to make this time of distress one of thankfulness. As soon as the fire began, generous students from the boy's dormitory began sharing blankets and coats with shivering, "homeless" girls. Teachers shared tears and distributed hugs with those in need of encouragement. Local church members and caring

Keith Hallam



people from the community rallied around the students, and a profusion of personal items poured in for the girls in the days following the disaster. Volunteers appeared out of nowhere and have continued to donate their time to do much needed jobs such as preparing food in the cafeteria, painting rooms in the recently emptied east half of the boy's dormitory, and organizing the abundance of clothing donated to replenish the girls' lost wardrobes.

Although this is a painful process, valuable lessons can be learned from the experience. As Bill Roberts, pastor, told the school during the assembly on the morning following the fire, when you lose everything, you are forced to reevaluate who you really are. We often form our identity by what we have. When all we have is taken from us, as is the

case for many of these girls, we are forced to ask, "Who am I? What is really important to me? What do I have left?" And then we realize that it is not what we wear or what we have or even what we do that makes life worth living. It is simply that we are children of God. We have our family, we have our school, we have our church, and we have our God. It is my prayer that through this experience all of us will gain a clearer view of His love for us, that through this we can once again be reminded that this world is not our home, but, yet as we are here, God is protecting us so that we can share with others the wonder of His love and excitement of how truly spectacular our forever home will be.

Keith Hallam, Auburn Adventist Academy principal

WASHINGTON

NOT A DRILL

The Adventist community soon came out in force, volunteering to house the displaced girls in homes throughout the Auburn area.

Some girls just thought it was a fire drill when on Nov. 17 the fire alarm went off in Auburn Adventist Academy's Nelson Hall, home to 81 girls. They left the dorm with little more than the clothes on their backs, thinking that in just a few moments they would be back in their rooms and ready to go on with their evening of studies. It soon became apparent that the alarms were sounding because there really was a fire. The girls were taken to the school cafeteria and accounted for by the three deans and academy staff. They congregated in the school cafeteria along with the other students to watch the fire and to comfort and reassure each other as they watched the dorm go up in flames.

The fire department arrived on the scene and assessed the situation. It soon became apparent that the firefighters would need to stay out of the building and fight the fire in a defensive stance. The fire quickly turned into a three-alarm fire with more than 45 firefighters on the scene from

both the Auburn fire department and other surrounding communities. The flames lit up the night sky and could be seen from quite a distance leaping from the roof of the dormitory. The ladder trucks poured water on the roof while other crews

to be housed in the homes of these volunteers, while a few were housed in a local motel. The following day donations started to come in to help rebuild the lives of the students. The Washington Conference community



Assistant dean Melissa Howell mourns with and comforts students.

focused on attacking the fire from the ground. They were successful in containing the fire so that it did not spread to the chapel situated behind Nelson Hall.

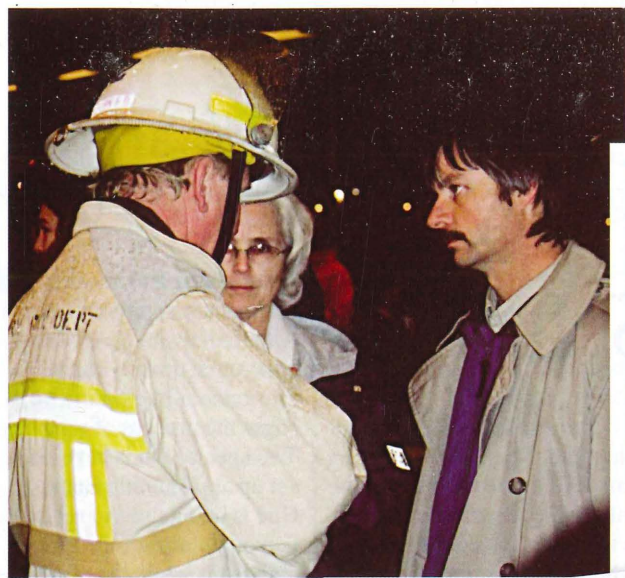
services department was on hand to help with the donated goods. Donations came in the form of jackets for each of the girls, cosmetics, sheets and towels along with clothing to help tide them over until they were able to travel home and begin rebuilding their lives.

A fund was also set up at a branch of Columbia Bank called the Auburn Adventist Academy Girls Dorm Relief Fund. One of the first checks that came in was for \$15,000 from the Muckleshoot Indian tribe, whose land neighbors the academy. A possible future student of Auburn sent her 22 cents from her piggy bank to be placed in the fund to help the girls and

The Adventist community soon came out in force, volunteering to house the displaced girls in homes throughout the Auburn area. Most were able

Students gather in prayer the night of the fire.





Principal Keith Hallam and Kay Sanborn, head girl's dean receive an update from the fire chief.



Displaced dorm girls read the headline story in the local newspaper telling about their lost home.

the academy rebuild. Other donations both large and small have been coming in to aid the displaced girls and deans.

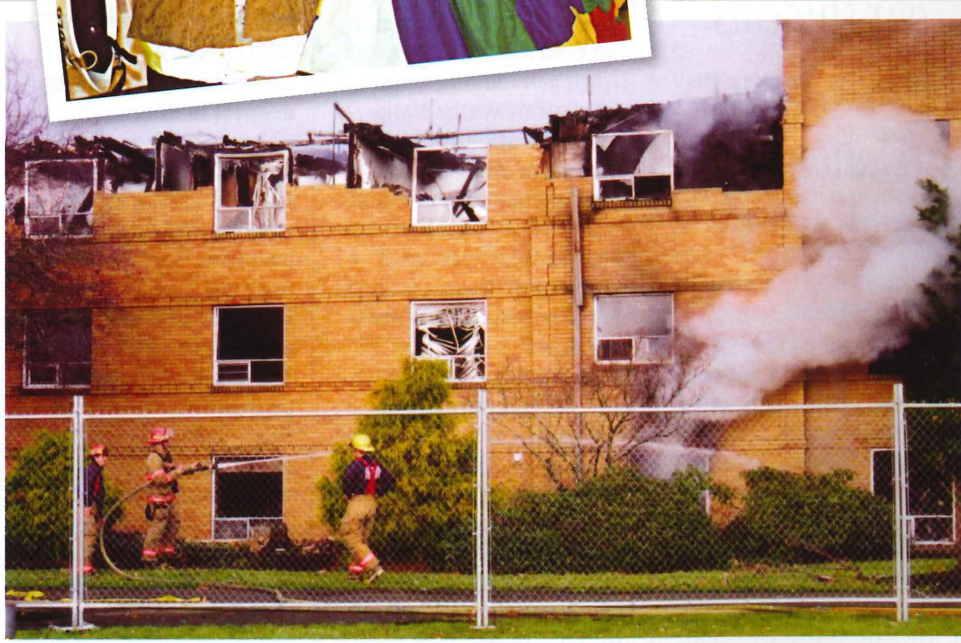
The fire continued to smolder and have flare ups for several days. Engineers along with heavy equipment were brought in to help remove part of the structure so that the firemen could fully extinguish the flames. The cause of the conflagration is still being determined, but investigators suggest it may have started in a basement utility area. The loss is estimated to be in excess of \$3.5 million.

The students were allowed to leave for an early Thanksgiving break and will return to school on Dec. 1. They will be housed temporarily in one half of Witzel Hall, which is being retrofitted to accommodate both the boys and girls of Auburn Adventist Academy.

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president and communication director



Caitrin Clewell, tutor and resident assistant in the girls dorm, visits with a resting firefighter.



The fire continued to burn on Nov. 18, the day after it began.

FROM THE ASHES

Shortly after checking into my hotel room in Walla Walla, Wash., on Nov. 17, Keith Hallam, Auburn Adventist Academy principal, called with the news that the girls' dorm was burning, but everyone was safe. At a moment like that, priorities change. Suddenly I was packing and thanking God for His goodness that everyone had escaped injury.

My prayer is that this will move our students into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The Holy Spirit reminded me that difficulties come to all people. The issue is never the difficulty itself, but *how you handle the difficulty*. Jesus told us that in this world we would face difficult times, but to be of good cheer because He had overcome the world. Jesus is our Deliverer, the Rock on which we stand. He will see us through.

I was extremely proud of the love and concern the academy administration and faculty demonstrated as they worked harmoniously together to care for our students. Parents, pastors and church members arrived to assist wherever needed. Tom James, Centralia Church pastor, arranged for fencing to secure the site. Red Cross care packages were distributed to the victims, counselors were readily available, and assistance was given to replace passports and airline tickets. Each girl received \$50 to purchase needed personal items.

Calls offering assistance kept pouring in. Victor Brown arrived on campus on behalf of Walla Walla College to offer assistance. Academies and colleges across the country offered assistance. A local bank set up relief fund accounts.

Adventist Risk Management sent several specialists to explain our insurance policy. A team will investigate the cause of the fire, and the remnants of the dorm will be demolished.

Our goal is to have a new dorm built for the 2004-2005 school year. Pete Lewis, Auburn mayor, offered his condolences and help with building permits.

Priorities have definitely changed. My prayer is that this will move our students into a deeper relationship with Jesus. To everyone who has offered prayers and



John Freedman, Washington Conference president

assistance, please accept my deepest thanks.

Jesus will one day destroy and purify this earth with fire. Out of the ashes will come a new earth more beautiful than we can ever imagine. Similarly, out of the ashes of the old dorm, a new dorm will emerge. The rooms will smell fresh, and the furniture will be new. The new dorm will become "home" to young women seeking a Christian education, and Jesus will receive all the glory for what He has done.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president

Help Arrives from All Over

Adventist friends and community supporters of Auburn Adventist Academy have acted quickly in the aftermath of the dorm fire to begin the process of recovery. Two special funds have been set up at Columbia Bank: One is being used to replace personal items of the girls and deans while the other is designated specifically to collect donations for the building of a new girls' dormitory.

Some church and community members have also "adopted" individual students to provide new clothes and other valuable items as well as prayer support and friendship during this traumatic time of loss. Sister schools around the Northwest have been calling to offer assistance. In one case Portland Adventist Academy in Oregon contacted several sportswear manufacturers. The Columbia Sportswear Company, headquartered in Portland, donated 83 Bugaboo Parkas™ that were sent by the company for next day delivery.

Linda Blaser at the academy is coordinating the "Adopt a Survivor" program at (253) 939-5000, ext. 211.

Members who desire more information about the relief efforts and help funds can contact Jan Davis, academy development director, at (253) 939-5000, ext. 258, or view the specifics directly on the academy's Web site, www.auburn.org.

Amber Serns, AAA GLEANER correspondent

GRAHAM CHURCH EXPANDS

To Meet Neighborhood Needs

What is a church to do when housing developments are growing up all around it? The Graham (Wash.) Church members believe that you pray for those moving into the area, prepare the church to witness to them and build a bigger sanctuary to hold them.

The congregation gathered in October to break ground for a new 234-seat sanctuary. The church, with more than 70 in attendance, began as a church plant in January 1982. They are well positioned in a great

location to reach into their fast-growing community. The congregation is currently meeting in "phase one" of their building, which was completed in 1986. It includes the educational wing and fellowship hall. The new sanctuary will be attached to the existing structure and will more than double the facility's capacity, hopefully by November 2004.

Shortly after the groundbreaking and fellowship meal, the church held its

first workbee to prepare the ground for foundations to be poured. They plan on many more workbees. Bill Piland, head elder, said his vision was "to see the church filled to capacity each Sabbath with new faces coming and to start planning for a new addition in the future." With that spirit and with God's blessing, the dreams of the Graham Church will be fulfilled.

*Doug Bing,
Washington Conference
communication director*



Bill Piland, head elder (far right), hopes to see the new church filled to capacity each Sabbath.

SHELTON MIXES HEALTH AND GOOD FOOD

Vegetarian cooking classes were held at the Shelton (Wash.) Church every Tuesday night during



September. Leader Nita Dove encouraged participants to follow a healthy lifestyle of good nutrition, daily exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, fresh air, rest and trust in God.

Dove gave informative talks about the benefits of a low-fat, high-fiber diet of nuts, grains, legumes, fresh fruits and vegetables. Nutrition has been a life-long

Nathan and Ashley Manzella blend the ingredients of a healthy recipe.

interest for her, and she drew her information from a variety of experts in the medical and nutrition fields.

Men, women and teen church members gave cooking demonstrations. The first class on breakfasts featured pastor Gary Manzella's delicious, healthy waffles and Tom LePique's scrambled tofu. In the last class of the series, Paul Dove demonstrated how to make macaroni and "cheese" using a cheese made from cashews. All three men seemed to enjoy being in the kitchen and brought humor to their tasks. A light meal was served at each class, giving attendees an opportunity

to taste the food that was demonstrated.

The class song was "A Merry Heart," with words from Proverbs 17:22. Corky Stebbins provided accompaniment with his guitar, and he and Sheree Stebbins treated the class to duets.

Comments after the classes included surprise at how tasty the low-fat dishes were, requests for how to obtain some of the diabetic teaching videotapes, and gratitude from long-time vegetarians that their knowledge and enthusiasm had been increased.

Jeane Christiansen

WASHINGTON

BUENA VISTA BREAKS GROUND

On New Addition

Visit Buena Vista Elementary School (Auburn, Wash.) on a school day, and you will find more than 230 students eager to learn and eager to see the new school addition that will be added



Buena Vista principal Gregg Walstrom (far left) and John Freedman (third from left), Washington Conference president, and other invited guests break ground for a new gymnasium.

soon. Groundbreaking for the new addition was held on Oct. 14 with much fanfare by students, staff, local dignitaries and conference officers. The students marched in a parade to the site, and the local Pathfinder club raised the flag.

The project, valued at \$1 million, will use volunteer labor to help keep the cost down to well below that amount. Students and parents have raised money through coin drives, bake sales, magazine sales and pledge drives. They initially funded a covered play area, plans which grew to instead be a second gymnasium for the upper grades along with two classrooms, rest rooms and



Buena Vista students march in a parade to the groundbreaking location.

an expanded kitchen for the school's hot lunch program. There will also be a covered breezeway added to the facility. The new classrooms will help keep class sizes smaller so that quality education will continue.

Buena Vista is the oldest primary school in Auburn and has a wonderful history of educating students that dates back to its establishment in 1913 by dedicated Christian parents who wanted their children to learn about Jesus Christ in a school setting. The parents, teachers and supporters of Buena Vista

continue to have that same vision of each child being taught about Jesus.

The school was relocated to its current site in 1919. This is the latest of numerous additions for this school. This addition will add 13,000 square feet, increasing the facility by 50 percent. Another addition is already being planned that will help enlarge office space as well as provide more room for additional services for the students.

*Doug Bing,
Washington Conference
communication director*

WASHINGTON

PSAA STUDENTS JUMP

To Help Farmer

The call came on Tuesday morning. Claudia Bahnmliller, a Monroe (Wash.) Church member, contacted Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) with a plea for help. One of her neighbors had just been diagnosed with cancer. He had a wife, an infant, a farm to manage and, with fall ending soon, crops to harvest and get to market. His health condition made it impossible

for him to complete all the necessary work.

Bahnmliller knew that PSAA was active in outreach projects and called to ask for help. The students and staff reacted quickly and with efficiency. That Friday, Doug White, principal, and 23 students traveled to Monroe to assist the farmer. Students helped babysit the infant, cleaned the house, washed windows, got crops

ready for market and made signs for a roadside market.

"Serving the community is a foundation of our mission statement at PSAA," said White. "Our students love being able to give." This "instant outreach" will now become an ongoing ministry to that farmer in Monroe.

*Rob Webb, PSAA GLEANER
correspondent*



Senior In-Soo Han was one of 23 PSAA students who instantly responded to a plea to help a Monroe farmer prepare his crops for market.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

Fall Service Day 2003

More than 450 students, faculty and staff spent Oct. 22 performing community service and outreach programs for Walla Walla College's (WWC) 11th annual Service Day.

Participants kicked off the morning at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and worship on the lawn in front of the Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center. From there, groups dispersed throughout the community to 46 different projects.

The staff of Village Student Life and Rental Properties went to the Blue Mountain Humane Society and lent a hand with landscaping to help the organization finish moving into their newly built animal shelter.

"It was very fun," says Cyndi Jacobsen, a staff member on the Village Student Life and Rental Properties office team. "It was nice getting physical work and getting out in the community and meeting other people. The

Clearing brush was another way students helped on Service Day.



facility is so much bigger. It was really nice to see, and they really have a good program there."

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

The Environmental Science Club planted shrubs and re-seeded grass at Bennington Lake for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of an environmental mitigation project. The Theology Club weeded flowerbeds and spread bark for the Children's Home Society.

For Fall Service Day 2003, Jonny Hayasaka, project



Volunteers edge and clean headstones at Mountain View Cemetery.



Some of the Service Day volunteers did grounds work.

coordinator and WWC community service director, felt the need to end the day by meeting as a group to celebrate. The volunteers gathered together at the end of their projects for an afternoon barbecue on Centennial Green.

Area businesses and organizations provided funding, water bottles and food for the event. Sponsors included Walla Walla General Hospital, the WWC president's office, the Walla Walla College Church, Wal-Mart, Sodexo, Rogers' Cookie Tree Bakery & Café, Positive



Ellen Schrader, financial administration, and Shauna Gifford, president's office, enjoy a pancake breakfast and worship.

Linda Emmerson, WWC philosophy instructor, organized the first all-college Service Day in 1992. Since then, it has become a yearly tradition in which the WWC family gives of their time and skills to a community that has provided a supportive, nurturing environment in which to live and learn.

Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent



Life Radio 91.3 KGTS, Plaza Safeway, anonymous donors and Andy's Market.

Joe Galusha, biology professor, flips pancakes at breakfast.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

THE GIFT OF HOPE:

Bennett Finds Her Role in Health Care Satisfying

Every day, it may look like Lisa Bennett comes to work and does pretty much the same thing. After all, as director of cardiopulmonary services and the sleep lab at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH), some of her tasks are fairly routine.

“Restoring peace, hope, health... Lisa does that.”

She takes care of patients. She connects with dozens of people each and every day—her co-workers, patients, family and friends. She does her work and does it well, and yet there is something more to this person. She is driven by something other than ambition. Her goals reach beyond recognition and success.

More Than a Job

As with most Adventist Health employees, Bennett views her work as more than a job. To serve people in their most vulnerable situations, in the most sensitive times of life, makes what she does a mission. This viewpoint is part of the reason Bennett chooses to work at WWGH. “There is a different spirit here,” she said. “I can feel it, and many people—patients and family—have mentioned it. I can pray with and for my patients and co-workers. I feel good about

that. I hold my head up and say, ‘I work at WWGH,’ with great satisfaction.”

It seems to be a mutually satisfying arrangement. Marj Simons, vice president for patient care, said, “Lisa is an absolutely selfless individual, so totally committed.”

Realizing the Mission

One day Bennett was conducting a stress test, working with a patient who was extremely anxious and nervous. Finding no words to reassure this patient, she started to pray for the woman. Soon after the start of the prayer, the patient looked at Bennett and said, “You’re praying for me, aren’t you?” Bennett acknowledged that she was, and the patient expressed how much better she was feeling.

Something as simple as a sincere prayer made all the difference in the world to that patient on that day.

In many ways, Bennett fulfills the mission of WWGH each day. Said Simons, “Restoring peace, hope, health... Christ was always present when He was needed, interacting with all kinds of people. Lisa does that.”

“Not long ago, a visitor was walking out of the hospital,” recalled Bennett, “her countenance was downcast and obviously grieving. She was staggering. I grabbed her arm to steady her and looked into her eyes to ask if she was alright. She proceeded to tell me her troubles—a dying

friend, a disabled husband, health concerns of her own and more. At the end of our conversation she looked so much better and thanked me for listening. God was there.”

While Bennett’s role truly does save lives at times, on this day she was simply a listening ear. It is, at times, the small things that make the largest impact.

Serving with Joy

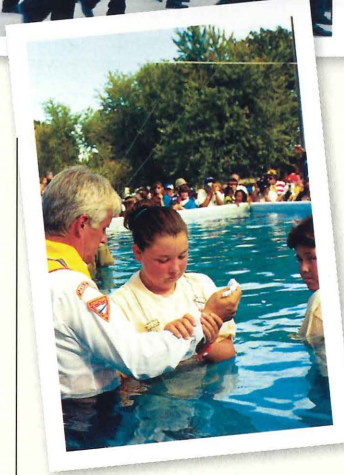
Bennett’s hope is to impart a little bit of peace, hope and a feeling of God’s presence right beside her patients. “Now that isn’t something I can give,” Bennett said. “But I can pray... I can serve with joy. People feel it when you serve joyfully.”



Lisa Bennett, WWGH cardiopulmonary services and sleep lab director, takes time to connect with her patients on a spiritual level.

NAD PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

Heads Back to Oshkosh



North Pacific Union Pathfinders will be attending the largest six-day Adventist youth event in the world from Aug. 9–14, 2004, in Oshkosh, Wis.

More than 20,000 Pathfinders from more than 60 countries will be attending this historic youth event to experience unbelievable fun and spiritual growth.

Each night the powerful life story of Joseph will be presented so all can see how he kept his “Faith on Fire” in the good and the bad times. A special, giant outdoor stage is being designed for this unique Bible story. Two massive Jumbotron screens with a state-of-the-art sound system will make it easy for our “city” of 20,000 to see and hear God’s message.

This once-in-a-lifetime event for many Pathfinders will also include being inspired by some of the best marching/drill teams in the world such as the Hong Kong club, which took first place at the 1999 Discover the Power Camporee. New for the 2004 camporee is a drum core exhibition that everyone will want to see and hear.

Many Pathfinders are preparing to be baptized and invested as Master Guides. Others are planning to collect new and used Bibles to help surpass the 32,000 Bibles collected in the 1999 Discover the Power Camporee. The Faith on Fire Camporee goal is 100,000 Bibles.

Faith on Fire Camporee is an opportunity to let Jesus come close to Pathfinders in a powerful and special way.

For more information about this important and historic North American Division youth event, contact the Andrews University Center for Youth Evangelism: 1-800-YOUTH-2-U or (269) 471-8380 or www.camporee.org or www.AdventistYouth.org.

Ron Whitehead, Faith on Fire Camporee executive director



WORLD CHURCH

VENDEN LEFTOVERS

“CONVERTS JUST DON’T STICK.”

The speaker, critical of the conference spending money on public evangelism, was arguing that there are few lasting results from public meetings and therefore the money should be spent on more worthwhile things. You may, by reading further, see why I disagree.

The Venden brothers—no, not Morris and Louis, but their father, Melvin, and his brother Dan—held evangelistic meetings in Medford, Ore., in the fall and winter of 1933–1934. I, an eight-year-old boy, was among those baptized in the Rogue River that following summer. Did these converts stick? Does any fruit remain? I’ll let you be the judge.

Teenager Helen Schlinsog attended the meetings, stepped out and was baptized, willing to be the “odd one out” in her family. She had a friend, Kenneth Kamberg, whom she interested in Bible studies. He was baptized, and they later married. Eventually her mother and father joined, as did her two sisters and two brothers.

Corabel (Smith) Corwin remembers her father dropping her off at the auditorium and then going to pick up another carload to take to the meetings. Only seven years old, she was baptized later.

James Woods and his wife were baptized with their two oldest sons. A younger son, Jim, was baptized later. One of the boys held a series of evangelistic meetings as a Walla Walla College student during one summer in Wimer,

Oregon. I decided to do the same thing the next summer. That experience was a deciding factor in my becoming a minister. The Woods family became my “foster parents” for a time after I had to leave home. One of the older sons took a break from the church, but I had the privilege of re-baptizing him when he returned to the Lord.



From left: Pearl Bennett, Bruce Johnston, Gertrude Clymer Salmans, Mary Hight Austin and Virginia Hight Pearce were baptized in the Venden brothers’ evangelistic series in the Medford Church 70 years ago.

I was baptized as was my brother Bill, sister Joan and mother. Our children and grandchildren continue to work for God’s cause.

Gertrude Clymer Salmans was baptized. She has three children and “too many grandchildren to count,” she says, but they were all raised in the church.

My initial commitment to Jesus Christ in 1933 gave me the privilege of serving

the church for 46 years as a pastor, college teacher, missionary, mission pilot and conference and union president. I had opportunity, while the Venden brothers were still living, to express my heartfelt appreciation for their leading me to my Savior and a life of service.

But that is not all. Have you heard of Classroom B? (See GLEANER May and June 2003 issues.) It’s the Sabbath School classroom in the Medford Church that has sparked four 50-village evangelistic missions to India resulting in the building of 200 church buildings and nearly 40,000 baptisms in the last two years. Now listen to this: The Venden brothers held their meetings 70 years ago, but six of the converts are members of Classroom B today!

Although church records for that long-ago time when the evangelistic meetings were held no longer exist, some of us have tried to reconstruct the list. Memories fail, but we can account for more than 35 who were baptized at that time and remained faithful, another 44 are children or grandchildren of those baptized and are faithful.

The meetings probably cost about \$3,000. I guess that has been pretty well paid back by now, wouldn’t you think? And who can calculate how many others have been won to Christ and baptized through the influence of their faithful lives and witness? The full story will never be told until we stand on the Sea of Glass before the Father’s glorious throne in the New Jerusalem.

B R U C E J O H N S T O N

Anderson 60th

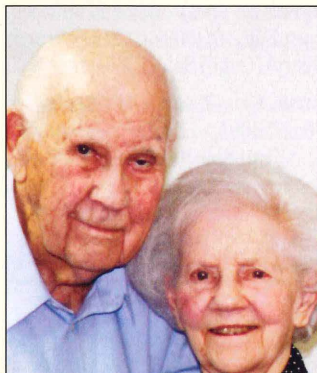
Arnold and Marguerite Anderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 17 at the home of their son, Thomas, in Issaquah, Wash. They are members of the Auburn (Wash.) City Church.

Arnold Anderson married Marguerite Lee on Nov. 15, 1943. They were baptized in 1944 and attended Union College and Walla Walla College by earning scholarships as literature evangelists. Later they accumulated 40 years of service working for Boeing. During this time all four of their children graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy and continued their education at Walla Walla College. Besides teaching school in Alaska and Nebraska, Marguerite has been assistant publishing secretary for the Nebraska Conference and a secretary in the Washington Conference education and youth departments. Since retirement, Arnold's passion is poetry and Marguerite volunteers for Adventist Community Services, while SAGE and Maranatha projects fill their spare time.

The Anderson family includes Karen and Doug Weismiller of Orting, Wash., Thomas and Christina Anderson of Issaquah, Wash., Daniel and Wendy Anderson of Fairbanks, Alaska, David Anderson (deceased), 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bond 70th

Edward and Bernice Bond celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family on July 18.



Ed Bond married Bernice Casey on July 18, 1933, in Washington, D. C. After Ed's graduation from the College of Medical Evangelists and internship at the Portland Adventist Hospital, the Bonds moved to Priest River, Idaho, in 1936, where Ed practiced family medicine for 10 years. In 1946 they moved to Spokane, Wash., so that their son could attend church school at Spokane Junior Academy. Ed continued to practice family medicine with Bernice as his office manager until 1974, after which he taught in the family practice residency program in Spokane for several years. The Bonds are currently residing near the Spokane South Hill Church, where they were charter members.

The Bond family includes Bob and Georgene Bond, Salt Lake City, Utah, and 3 granddaughters.

Cole 61st

Verlyn and Bonnie Cole recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They are members of the Moses Lake (Wash.) Church.



Verlyn Cole married Bonnie Burress on July 8, 1942, right out of high school. Their romance started in the fourth grade when Verlyn began playing the violin primarily so that he could sit by Bonnie in the school orchestra. They were children of pioneer families in the Moses Lake area. Verlyn, a rancher and cattleman, was very involved in the community as well as the church.

Bonnie's life has been centered around her children and their families.

The Cole family includes Ginger and Jack Erickson, Spokane, Wash., Judy and George Twigg, Moses Lake, Cindy and Steve Kalamakis, Moses Lake, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



Dinwiddie 60th

Gilbert and Carrie Dinwiddie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 10 with their family at Old Wheeler Hotel on Nehalem Bay in Wheeler, Ore. They are members of the Village Church in Gresham, Ore.

Gilbert Dinwiddie married Carrie Cooper on Aug. 10, 1943, in her adopted grandparents' home at Laurelwood near Gaston, Ore. Gilbert worked at Portland Adventist Medical Center. Carrie was a church school teacher until they started a family. From the time the last child was in second grade, she worked as a nurse's aid.

The Dinwiddie family includes Julia and Joseph Correa, Portland, Ore., Bill Dinwiddie (deceased), Marilyn and Tim May, Kelseyville, Calif., Roger and Diane Dinwiddie, Portland, and 4 grandchildren.

Hamilton 70th

Orville and Edith Hamilton celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sept. 28 with their family. They are members of the Twin Falls (Idaho) Church.

Orville Hamilton married Edith Spady on Sept. 28, 1933,

in Boise, Idaho, and the next day went to Donnelly, Idaho, where they farmed for 10 years. After farming with Orville's brothers in Salmon, Idaho, for a couple of years, they went to Walla Walla, Wash. They moved back to Idaho and farmed near Meridian for 25 years before moving to Twin Falls and farming until retirement.

The Hamilton family includes Donna and Bill Schoonhoven, Pleasant Hill, Ore., Ronald and Dorothy Hamilton, Twin Falls, 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Hendrickson 60th

Enoch and Pauline Hendrickson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 8 on an Alaskan cruise. They are members of the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Wash.

Enoch Hendrickson married Pauline Quimby on May 8, 1943, in Vancouver, Wash., while Enoch was on furlough from the Army. Enoch served in the infantry in Germany where he received a Purple Heart. After his return the couple lived in Amboy, Wash., for a few years before settling in Brush Prairie, Wash., where they still reside for half the year. They winter in Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

The Hendrickson family includes Carl Hendrickson, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



Hunter 60th

Verne and Mickey Hunter recently celebrated their 60th anniversary at a family dinner in Edmonds, Wash., hosted by their children. They are members of the East Salem (Ore.) Church.



Verne Hunter married Mickey Schrader Sept. 11, 1943, in Sacramento, Calif. Verne retired in 1979 from the U.S. Bureau of Mines as a research metallurgist in Albany, Ore. Mickey is a homemaker.

The Hunter family includes Ted and Joni Hunter, Woodinville, Wash., Corky Hunter, Aloha, Ore., 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Kuhnt 50th

Waldemar and Irmgard Kuhnt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 4 with family and friends. They are members of the Snohomish (Wash.) Church.

Waldemar Kuhnt married Irmgard Rosbigalle on May 9, 1953, in Wolfenbüttel, Germany. Six months later they immigrated to Coupeville, Wash., on Whidbey Island, where Waldemar worked on a farm and Irmgard was a homemaker. Since 1958 they've been living in Snohomish. Walt continued to work on a farm and later in tire shops while Irmgard raised their four children. Both were very involved with Pathfinders. After retirement they have enjoyed participating in SAGE projects.

The Kuhnt family includes Rita and Joe Aqvi, College Place, Wash., Harry and Lillian Kuhnt, Snohomish, Diane and Bert Hefly, Stanwood, Wash., Steve and Wendy Kuhnt, Redmond, Wash., and 3 grandchildren.

Pershall 50th

Bill and Donna Pershall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at

their home during the July 4th weekend hosted by family members. They are members of the Wenatchee (Wash.) Church.

Bill Pershall married Donna Brody June 14, 1953, in Wenatchee, where they have made their home for most of their married lives. Bill taught school for many years and later started his own business. Donna worked in the dental profession until her retirement. They presently divide their time between Bill Pershall Properties, Cascade Christian Academy and African Mission Services.

The Pershall family includes Jim and Tammy Martin of Lake Stevens, Wash., Duane and Kim Eastman of Wenatchee and 2 grandchildren.

Spainhower 75th

Welbie and Goldie Spainhower celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary May 25 with a reception hosted by their children at the College Place (Wash.) Village Church fellowship hall. They are members of the Northside Church in Walla Walla, Wash.

Welbie Spainhower married Goldie Kerns May 7, 1928,

in Albany, Mo. Welbie was employed mainly in carpentry work and retired in 1967. Music has been a lifelong hobby, and at the age of 85 Welbie made a CD singing old-time songs while accompanying himself on the guitar. Goldie was a stay-at-home mom. After her children were grown, she worked as a nurse's aide in California for many years.

The Spainhower family includes Dona and Gordon Klein, Murfreesboro, Tenn., W. Caroll and Teal Spainhower, Edgemont, S.D., Jerry and Laura Spainhower, Enterprise, Ore., Marilyn and Lewis (deceased) Overbaugh, College Place, Rosalie Chamberlain (deceased), 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 6 great great-grandchildren.



Family
B I R T H S

ARNETT—Payton was born July 23, 2003, to Steve and Brigitte (Beaudry) Arnett, Olympia, Wash.

BLACKBURN—Nathaniel O. was born Oct. 3, 2003, to Jesse Blackburn and Kitty Lanning, Walla Walla, Wash.

CASE—Nicole Taylor was born May 11, 2003, to Kevin and Lisa (Merritt) Case, Salem, Ore.

CASE—Wade Garrett was born

May 11, 2003, to Kevin and Lisa (Merritt) Case, Salem, Ore.

GILBERT—Slade Nicolas was born July 16, 2003, to Christopher and Chandra (Kokkeler) Gilbert, Lowell, Ore.

JAMES—Ashely L., June 22, 2003, Jason and Jennifer (Dutcher) James, College Place, Wash.

MATHEY—Amanda J. was born Sept. 6, 2003, to Jim and Denise

(Dana) Mathey, Redlands, Calif.

POGGE—Quinn S. was born Aug. 1, 2003, to Kevin and Taletha (Lange) Pogge, Kent, Wash.

REEDER—Geoffrey John Fredrick was born Aug. 26, 2003, to Gordon and Juanita (Warner) Reeder, Hillsboro, Ore.

SCOTT—Shilo Gail was born Oct. 25, 2002, to Cary C. and Ellen R. (Albacete) Scott, Portland, Ore.

SEIDEL—Haley Marie was born July 21, 2003, to Cameron and Sheryl (Cobb) Seidel, Eugene, Ore.

SEIDEL—Harrison James was born July 21, 2003, to Cameron and Sheryl (Cobb) Seidel, Eugene, Ore.

SOWERS—Kaitlin G. was born Oct. 2, 2003, to Burton and Jannine (Graham) Sowers, Olympia, Wash.

Family
W E D D I N G S

BARDELL—Jayme Bodle, Nathaniel Bardell, Apr. 20, 2003, College Place, Wash., where they are making their home.

HELMSTETLER—Tamara Fischer, Hans Helmstetler, June 22, 2003, Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

HESGARD—Amber Shaughnessy, Joel Hesgard, Sept. 7, 2003, Redlands, Calif. They are making their home in Camas, Wash.

LEE—Karis Fiedler, Matthew Lee, July 19, 2003, Auburn, Wash. They make their home in Vancouver, Wash.

MCDANIEL—Lisa N. Becker, Darren McDaniel, June 15, 2002, Kennesaw, Ga. They are making their home in Caldwell, Idaho.

FISCHER—Laura Renck, David Fischer, Jr., July 20, 2003, Mead, Wash. They are making their home in Diamond Bar, Calif.

GOULD—Renea Samborski, Jason Gould, Oct. 11, 2003, Boring, Ore. They are making their home in Clackamas, Ore.

SCHMIDT—Priscilla Chance, Robert Schmidt, Oct. 4, 2003, Stanfield, Ore. They are making their home in Sonora, Calif.

SCOTT—Ellen R. Albacete, Cary C. Scott, June 16, 2001, Cotabato City, Philippines. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore.

SMART—Ellen Worcester, Kenneth Smart, Apr. 27, 2003, La Grande, Ore., where they are making their home.

SUMMERS—Jordana Turner, Jacob Summers, Sept. 28, 2003, Hood River, Ore. They are making their home in Walla Walla, Wash.

TILLEY—Jessica Ringering, Nicolas Tilley, Aug. 10, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

Family
A T R E S T

AXFORD—John Jay Jr., 66; born April 9, 1937, Portland, Ore.; died March 28, 2003, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Jodee Cairns, Vancouver, Wash., Heidi Axford, Apison, Tenn.; sons, John, Vancouver, Scott, Clearwater, Fla.; brother, Robert, Kennewick, Wash., and 4 grandchildren.

BAGLEY—Laurence E., 94; born March 11, 1909, Madison, S.D.; died Sept. 10, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ruby V. (Sheffield); daughter, Oleta L. Crooker, Olympia, Wash.; son, Harley E., Walla Walla; brother, Harold, Avon Park, Fla.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BULLOCK—Orville D., 88; born Dec. 29, 1915, Portis, Kan.; died Aug. 22, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Hannah (Swanson); sons Larry, Portland, Ore., David, College Place, Wash.

BYARS—Leslie, 95; born May 7, 1908, Cuero, Texas; died Sept. 16, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: stepdaughter, Julie Bourdeau, Grants Pass; stepsons, David Davies, Angwin, Calif., Tom Davies, Clearlake, Calif.; brothers, Joe, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lee, Napa, Calif.

CHAMBERLAIN—Marian R. (Abel) Crumpacker, 64; born March 24, 1939, Husum, Wash.; died Sept. 2, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Charles; daughters, Marilen (Crumpacker) Quinn,

Seattle, Wash., Gayle (Chamberlain) Smith, Kennewick, Wash.; sons, Blair Crumpacker, Walla Walla, Wash., Mike Crumpacker, Seattle, Greg Crumpacker, Leavenworth, Wash., Boyd Crumpacker, Friday Harbor, Wash., Randy Chamberlain, College Place; sisters, Juanita Allen, Prescott, Ariz., Johanna Miller, Danville, Calif.; brothers, Daniel Abel, Prescott, Albert Abel, Seattle.

CLIFTON—Gladys A., 89; born July 29, 1914, Bainville, Mont.; died Oct. 5, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Deborah Smelcer, Walla Walla, Wash., Merna Mobley, Anchorage, Alaska; 2 grandchildren.

CLOUDA—Stella M. (Ulsky), 95; born Jan. 1, 1908, Seattle, Wash.; died Aug. 20, 2003, Bellingham, Wash.

COTÉ—Lyndell L. "Bud," 86; born May 25, 1917, Butte, Mont.; died Sept. 13, 2003, Florence, Mont. Surviving: wife, Frances; daughters, Carol Schreier, Stevensville, Mont., Diane Romero, Los Angeles, Calif., Virginia Rae, Benicia, Calif., Michelle Kuntz, Florence, Mont.; sisters, Leola Yates, Missoula, Mont., Eileen Rosecrans, Cottage Grove, Ore.

DAVIS—Daisy, 86; born May 28, 1917, San Mateo, Calif.; died Sept. 16, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Gail Davis, Aurora, Colo.

DE HAVEN—Winston C., 81; born June 2, 1922, Lakewood, Ohio;

died May 12, 2003, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jeane; daughter, Cherie Pinckard, Chehalis, Wash.; son, Greg, Portland, Ore.; sisters, Cleo Newman, Valera Grundset; 4 grandchildren.

EBNER—Margie M. (Silver), 84; born, July 15, 1919, Seattle, Wash.; died Oct. 1, 2003, Talkeetna, Alaska. Surviving: daughter, Dianne Merrill, Talkeetna; stepdaughter, Juanita Thompson, Tacoma, Wash.; son, Dan Ebner, Talkeetna; stepson, Chuck Ebner, Chehalis, Wash.; brother, Bob Silver, Lacey, Wash.; 34 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a great great-grandchild.

EGG—Edna M., 80; born, Sept. 17, 1922, Bartlesville, Okla.; died Aug. 22, 2003, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Doyle; daughter, Bonna Strange, Olympia; sons, Alden, Portland, Ore., Doyle Jr., Fernley, Nev.; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

FROST—Ronald L., 56; born Sept. 23, 1946, Bellingham, Wash.; died Aug. 17, 2003, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Patricia; daughter, Tammy L., Salem; sons, Tony L., Lafayette, Ore., Paul W., Spangle, Wash.; sister, Carol Eckert, Addy, Wash.; brother, Loren, Spokane, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

GREENLEY—Alline J. (Winslow) Leiske, 72; born Oct. 11, 1930, Birkenfeld, Ore.; died Sept. 26, 2003, College Place, Wash.

Surviving: husband, Bill; daughters, Pam Feigner, Walla Walla, Wash., Twyla Bechtel, College Place; step-daughter, Kate Greenley, Gaston, Ore.; son, J. Brent Leiske, Portland, Ore.; stepsons, Russell, Togiak, Alaska, Tom, Petersburg, Alaska; sister, Esther Wallace, Stayton, Ore.; half-sister, Bobbie Shaw, La Grande, Ore.

HEID—Jodi Ann, 17; born Sept. 5, 1985, Ontario, Ore.; died Feb. 28, 2003, Jamieson, Ore. Surviving: parents Eddie and Charlan (Ferguson) Heid; sisters, Toni, Kandi and Cassi; brother, Fritz; grandparents, Fred and Evelyn Heid, all of Jamieson, grandparents, Art and Peggy Ferguson, Vale, Ore.; great-grandfather, Clarence Ferguson, Jamieson.

IVY—Marcella "Sally" A. (Bullock), 79; born Oct. 21, 1923, Woodworth, N.D.; died Oct. 5, 2003, Brunswick, Maine. Surviving: husband, Wesley, Brunswick; daughter, Anna E. Dalgleish, Brunswick; stepdaughter, Carolyn Comptois, San Bernadino, Calif.; son, James, Oronoco, Minn.; sisters, Ruth K. Darnell, Deer Park, Calif., Edna M. Rue, Gig Harbor, Wash.; brother, Arnold, Oroville, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

JENKINS—Esther M. (Firman) Morris, 97; born, Oct. 4, 1905, Wenatchee, Wash.; died Sept. 21, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, William Morris, College Place, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

LACEY—Hazelle E. (Garrison) Edie, 83; born July 22, 1920, Garrison, Mo.; died Sept. 1, 2003, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: husband, Albert; daughters, Diane Hamry, San Francisco, Calif., Barbara Edie, Seattle; 1 granddaughter.

LEIGHTON—Linwood "Lindy," 83; born July 25, 1920, Ferndale, Wash.; died Sept. 28, 2003, Hawaii. Surviving: wife, Valgene (Stark); daughter, Lynda Redmon, Ferndale; sons, Lindy Scrimsher, Ferndale, Michael Leighton, Las Vegas, Nev.; sister, Shirley Gunther, Tucson, Ariz.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MEHRER—Hazel L. (Cherry), 84; born Oct. 16, 1918, Zanesville,

Ill.; died Sept. 2, 2003, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Shirley Mehrer, Seattle; brother, Merle Cherry, Yakima, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

MILLER—Robert L., 45; born Aug. 17, 1957, Riverside, Calif.; died May 11, 2003, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Jackie, Salem, Ore., Tracey, Stayton, Ore.; sons, Jonathan, College Park, Md., Jeff, Lebanon, Daniel, Scotts, Mich.; parents, Philip and Shirley (Fulcher) Miller, Lebanon, Ore.; sisters, Sherry Larson, Lenexa, Kan., Teresa Peterson, Enterprise, Kan.; brother, Phillip "Lee," Enterprise; grandmother, Lucy Miller, Milo, Ore.; 2 grandchildren.

MUFF—Adrienne E., 88; born May 17, 1915, Buffalo, W.Va.; died Sept. 16, 2003, Sedro Wolley, Wash. Surviving: son, Nicholas, Sedro Wolley; 5 grandchildren.

SHAFFER—Don E., 73; born Oct. 12, 1929, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Sept. 10, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Karen, Lincoln City, Ore.; daughter, Sunny Rae Stiles, Boring, Ore.; son, Don E. Jr., Ridgefield, Wash.; sister, Doris Gurr, Redding, Calif.

SIMONS—Ruth, E. (Hand), 92; born Oct. 23, 1910, Hoquiam,

Wash.; died Oct. 9, 2003, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons Larry, Grants Pass, Stephen, Grand Terrace, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SKON—Hedwig P., 79; born Mar. 17, 1924, Brooklyn, N.Y.; died Sept. 25, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sister, Betty Wangelin, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.; brother, Steve, Ridge, N.Y.

SPAINHOWER—Welbie "Web" R., 94; born Sept. 7, 1908, Denver, Mo.; died June 24, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Goldie (Kerns); daughters, Marilyn Overbaugh, College Place, Dona Klein, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; sons, W. Carroll, Edgemont, S.D., Jerry, Enterprise, Ore.; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

SPENCER—Gladys V. (Vance) Apt, 90; born May 23, 1913, Alamosa, Colo.; died Sept. 22, 2003, Salem, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Julia Apt, Dallas, Ore.; son, Jerry Apt, Thailand; stepdaughter, Janet Ward; stepsons, Lee, Chino Valley, Ariz., and Barry; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

STAMNES—Marion (Leuken), 84; born July 1, 1919, Burnaby, British

Columbia, Canada; died July 9, 2003, Bellingham, Wash. Surviving: sons, Marlin, Bellingham, Robert, Seattle, Wash.; sister, Myrtle Aemmer, Bellingham; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

SHIRLEY—Viola A. (Viebrock) McClure, 89; born July 11, 1914, Pueblo, Colo.; died Oct. 2, 2003, Oakridge, Ore. Surviving: sons, Floyd and Norman McClure, Oakridge, Larry Shirley, Sweet Home, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

STONE—Kristie J. (Glanner), 39; born Nov. 20, 1963, Olympia, Wash.; died Sept. 11, 2003, Olympia. Surviving: daughter, Ariel; son, Phillip; father, Adrian, and stepmother, Donna Glanner; stepfather, Robert and mother Carol Owings; sister, Dawn; brothers, Sean and Alan, all of Olympia.

WILSON—Minnie P. (White) Skyles, 95; born Sept. 3, 1907, Almena, Kan.; died June 1, 2003, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Erma L. (Skyles) Brown, Salem, Ore.; sister, Naomi "Susie" Goodwin, Lebanon; brother, Paul E. White, Salem; 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

HOW TO SUBMIT OBITUARIES TO THE GLEANER

The Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index [www.andrews.edu/library/ahc/sdapi.cgi] maintains an Obituary Index where anyone can look up names of any Adventist family member who has had an obituary published in any North American union magazine. For this reason, the GLEANER editors do everything possible to see that our At Rest listings are as complete, logical and accurate as possible.

The NPUC church where the funeral or memorial service is held is responsible for getting the family information submitted for publication in the GLEANER in a timely manner. This may be done by the officiating pastor or the church secretary, clerk or communication leader— whoever has been assigned this responsibility. Here's how you can facilitate the process. Type

or clearly print the information just as you observe it done in the GLEANER, remembering to always list women's maiden names and any previous married names (in blended families). Note that only immediate surviving family members are listed, including stepchildren, stepbrothers, stepsisters, half-brothers, half-sisters—but no in-laws, aunts, uncles or cousins—only people in the direct lineage that are still living. Include each one's city and state of residence.

When you're all finished, give it to the designated person in the church. That individual will see that the information is e-mailed to gleaner@nw.npuc.org or will type up the information on a GLEANER Obituary Form and send it to GLEANER Family, PO Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687. If the service was not in

your own church, ask who will be submitting the obituary. If you are submitting an obituary that was printed in the local newspaper, check it for accuracy and be sure to note any corrections that need to be made before giving it to your church office.

When the information is submitted to the GLEANER, be very sure to include a name, address and daytime phone number where information or clarification may be obtained if necessary. Handwritten letters are often very difficult to interpret, so typewritten submissions are most appreciated. If you are uncertain about anything, please call the GLEANER office at (360) 816-1400.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPUC

British Reformation Tour

June 17-30, 2004. For more information contact Sue Patzer (360) 816-1426; sue.patzer@nw.npuc.org. Teachers and pastors: graduate credit and CEUs available.

Walla Walla College

Events calendar: Dec. 5—Christmas concert, WWC Church, SW 4th and SW Bade, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (no late admissions). Information: (509) 527-2561. 6-14—The Diary of Anne Frank, performed by wwdrama in Village Hall. Ticket information hotline: (509) 527-2158. 11—General student recital, Fine Arts Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Information: (509) 527-2651. 16—Cello recital, Fine Arts Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Information: (509) 527-2651. All musical events are free and open to the public.

OREGON

Seeking Public University Students

Oregon Conference Youth Ministries seeks your help as part of the ongoing effort to minister to youth and young people in the Oregon Conference. If you know of a collegian going to school at one of the many public or private universities and colleges in Oregon or SW Washington, we want to communicate with them. An effort is being made to provide information to this sometimes overlooked but greatly needed part of our church family. We need names, phone numbers, mail and e-mail addresses for them. If your church is planning a special meeting (or if you'd like to have a regular meeting) for this age group, let us help you get the word out. Send information to Youth Ministries, 13455 SE 97th Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015; (877) 813-1778; or cheri.wolcott@oc.npuc.org.

Retired Worker's Fellowship

"Life's Extras" showing nature pictures in color, with music, will

be presented by Bernard Penner of Gresham at the Tues., Dec. 2, noon potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship. Also, Paul Coleman of Troutdale on tenor tuba and other musicians will perform a mini-concert. This monthly meeting is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Retirees are asked to bring food and table service. For information phone Mort Juberg at (503) 618-8464.

Sunnyside Music Programs

Sunnyside Adventist Church will be hosting the following musical events in December: Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m.—Portland Adventist Academy Christmas Program; 13, 4:00 p.m.—J. S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* presented by the Sunnyside Choir with soloists and chamber orchestra, Travis Hatton conductor; 14, 7:00 p.m.—*Christmas Gold* with the Salvation Army Band and Sunnyside Brass Ensemble; 19, 7:00 p.m.—22nd Annual Sunnyside Family Christmas Program; Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.—the New England Youth Ensemble, directed by Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, and *Pro Musica* of Columbia Union College, directed by James Bingham. All programs will be presented at Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore.

Oregon Singles Events

Dec. 7—6:00 p.m., elegant, 5-course dinner at "Yvonne's Bistro" featuring Clarissa Worley in concert; 20—Beaverton Church is hosting an after-church potluck and an afternoon activity. Jan 19 to Feb 9, 2004—mission trip to India. Call Michelle at Beaverton Church (503) 646-9828 for more details about these three events.

Plan ahead: Snow Weekend at Big Lake and Magruder Spiritual Retreat Weekend.

For more information about these OCSM events and additional events visit the website @ www.orsingles.org, e-mail us at

singlesevents@juno.com, or call the hotline at (503) 654-6054.

Special Report from Middle East

Ever wonder what the Adventist church is doing in Iraq, Yemen, Sudan or other Middle East countries? This is your opportunity to hear a live, first-hand report from the president of the Adventist work in the Middle East, Michael Porter, his wife Karen (Schwartz), and their two grown children, Andrew and Sarah. Two members of the Porter family were in Baghdad in recent months and will share experiences from that troubled city. Come hear how two brothers narrowly escaped death when bullets passed through the windshield and out the back of their car. You will be thrilled by the experiences shared in word and pictures by this missionary family Sabbath afternoon Dec. 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Forest Grove Spanish Church, 4021 19th Ave. Forest Grove, Ore.

Spoken word will be in English and Spanish. This program is being sponsored by SAGE Oregon. People of all ages are invited.

Now and Forever Seminar

Couples dating, engaged or contemplating marriage are invited to a one-day "Now and Forever" seminar Jan. 17, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., at the Oregon Conference headquarters, 13455 SE 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Family life educators Harvey and Kathy Corwin will present subjects on lifelong relationships. There is a minimal fee for materials and meals, with a cost increase after Jan. 5. To register, call the 24-hour Family Life Line at (503) 654-6054.

Love Takes Time Retreat

You are invited to the Love Takes Time marriage retreat at Central Oregon's Inn at Eagle Crest, Feb. 13-15. Marriage and family educators Harvey and Kathy Corwin will be your guides to renew your marriage commitment, to become intimate friends, to make a good

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Alaska Conference

- Nov./Dec., Wrangell, Vern Snow
- March/April, Fairbanks, Jac Colon

Idaho Conference

- Feb. 19-28, Western Treasure Valley churches (Payette, Weiser, Vale, Ontario, New Plymouth, Weiser Spanish, Fruitland Spanish) at Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Ore., Ken Cox
- Feb. 28-April 6, Eagle, Lyle Albrecht

Montana Conference

- May, Libby, Jac Colon

Oregon Conference

- Jan. 27-Feb. 14, Kelso/Longview, Dave Livermore/Doug Franzke
 - Jan./Feb., Central Point, Lyle Albrecht
 - Feb. 21-March 2, Canby, Gresham, Eugene, Salem, Woodburn, Portland, Milwaukie, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Woodland, Vancouver and Hood River Spanish churches hold meetings, and March 3-6 will come together at the Gladstone Convention Center with Alejandro Bullon, evangelist from the South American Division, for "La Esperanza Es Jesus"
 - Feb. 21-March 6, Woodburn Spanish, Javier Soto
 - March 5-April 10, Astoria, Steve Cook
- ### Upper Columbia Conference
- March/April, Pendleton, Richard Halverson
- ### Washington Conference
- Jan./Feb., Auburn City, Jac Colon

Other meetings are being planned. Check in future GLEANER editions for updates.

relationship great or, if you have a failing marriage, to help you take steps to improve it. If you want to rekindle romance and passion, call today: (503) 654-6054.

WASHINGTON

Men's Chorus Witnesses to Community

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6:00 p.m., the "Men of Kirkland" will present a concert at Bellevue Square Mall, and they will sing again that evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final concert of the season will be their third annual Christmas evensong at the Kirkland Church at 4:30 p.m. on Sabbath, Dec. 20. The Kirkland Women's Chorus, under the direction of Sara Schultz, will also perform at the evensong.

Women's Ministries

You are invited to an exciting weekend getaway **Jan. 17-18, 2004**, at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend, Wash. This training weekend is planned for all women who want to make a difference in their world! Nicolle Brise, a dynamic speaker from Orlando, Fla., will help women discern what God's calling them to do and how to answer. Early registrations received by **Dec. 20** will receive a reduced rate for 1 night's lodging and 3 meals. Meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sabbath and end Sunday afternoon. Contact Wilma Bing, women's ministries director, at (206) 963-7011 for more information.

Friday Evening Café in Kirkland

Kirkland Adventist Church offers a new Friday evening café style worship service targeting young adults. This service meets at **8:00 p.m. weekly** in the Kirkland Church fellowship hall. Current sermon series by Pastor Mike Cauley is titled "Real Christianity in the Real World." This service exists to provide young adults with a safe atmosphere to worship, discover an honest picture of God through the Bible and then share Him with others. Come and bring a friend.

Auburn Adventist Academy Christmas Concert

Plan now to attend the Christmas concerts **Dec. 12 and 13** in the Auburn Adventist Academy Church. There will be a concert Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and another concert Sabbath afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Each will feature different academy musical groups. Come and celebrate the season with us.

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Sunset Table

Standard Time	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26
ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	3:47	3:41	3:40	3:45
Fairbanks	2:53	2:43	2:40	4:45
Juneau	3:10	3:06	3:06	3:10
Ketchikan	3:18	3:16	3:16	3:21

IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	5:08	5:08	5:10	5:14
La Grande	4:10	4:10	4:11	4:15
Pocatello	4:56	4:56	4:57	5:01

MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	4:30	4:30	4:31	4:35
Havre	4:24	4:23	4:25	4:29
Helena	4:41	4:41	4:42	4:46
Miles City	4:17	4:16	4:18	4:22
Missoula	4:48	4:47	4:49	4:53

OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	4:41	4:41	4:43	4:47
Medford	4:39	4:39	4:41	4:45
Portland	4:28	4:27	4:29	4:33

UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	4:12	4:11	4:13	4:17
Spokane	3:59	3:58	3:59	4:03
Walla Walla	4:08	4:08	4:09	4:13
Wenatchee	4:11	4:10	4:12	4:16
Yakima	4:15	4:14	4:16	4:20

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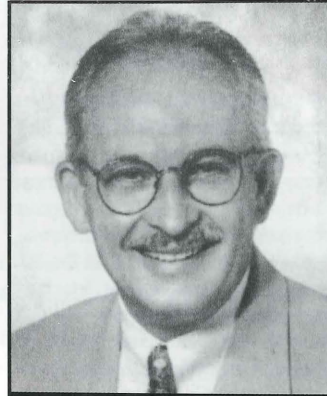
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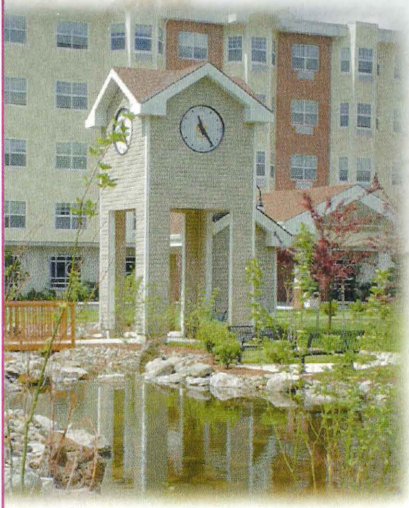
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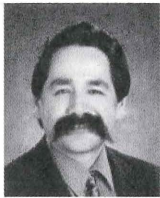


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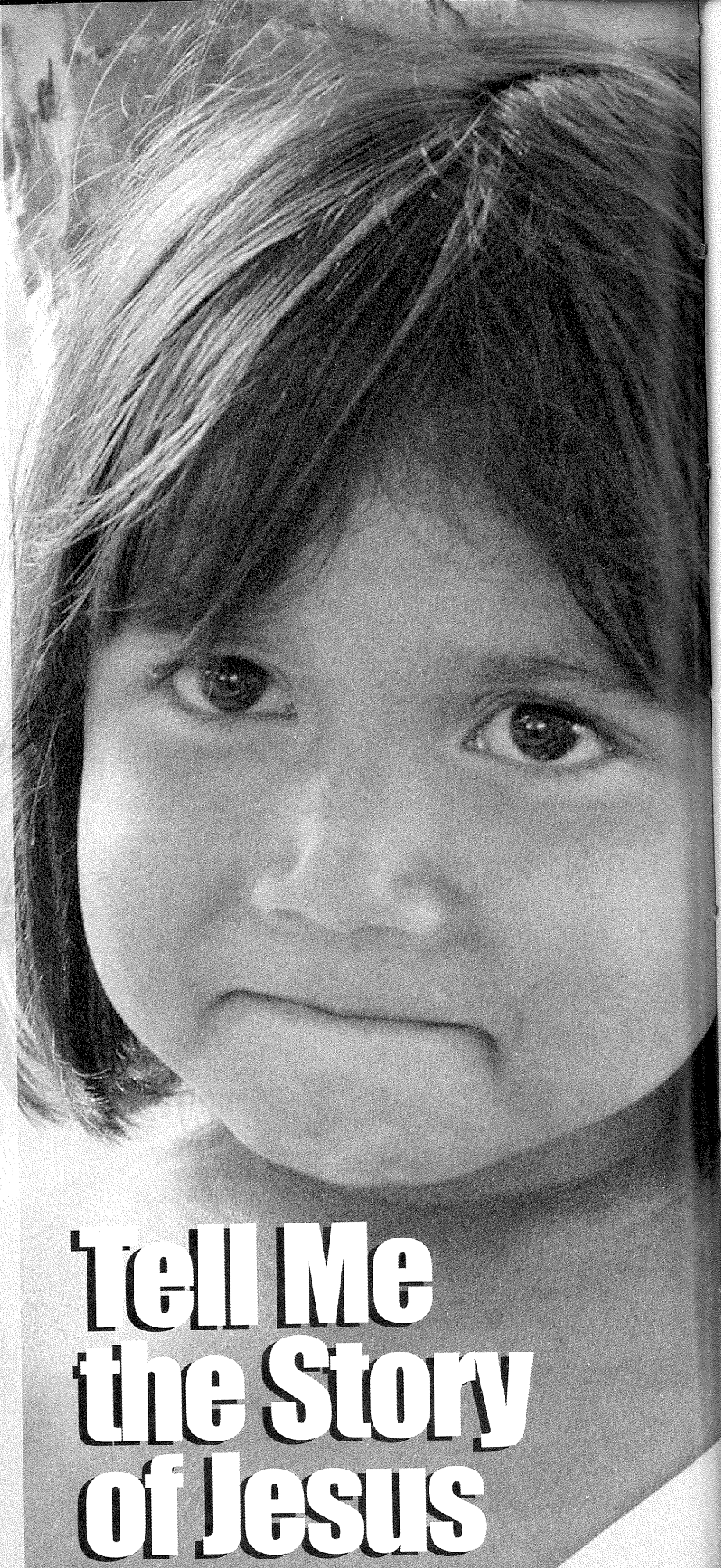
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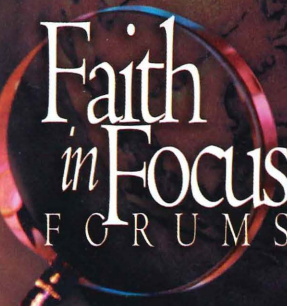
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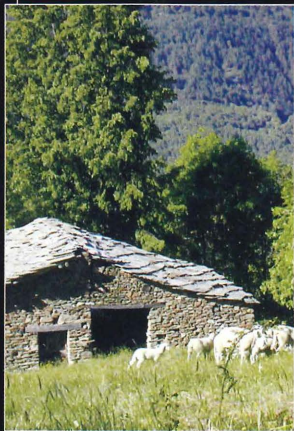
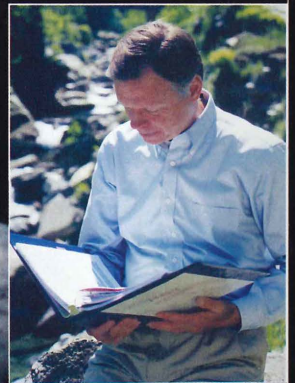


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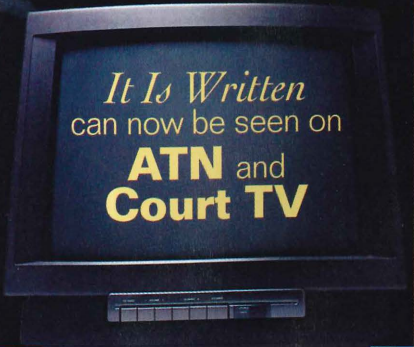


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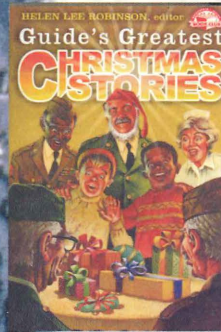
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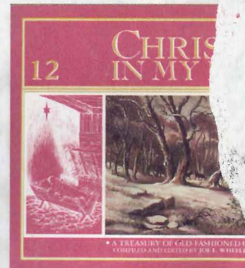
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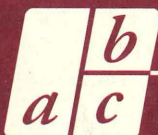
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