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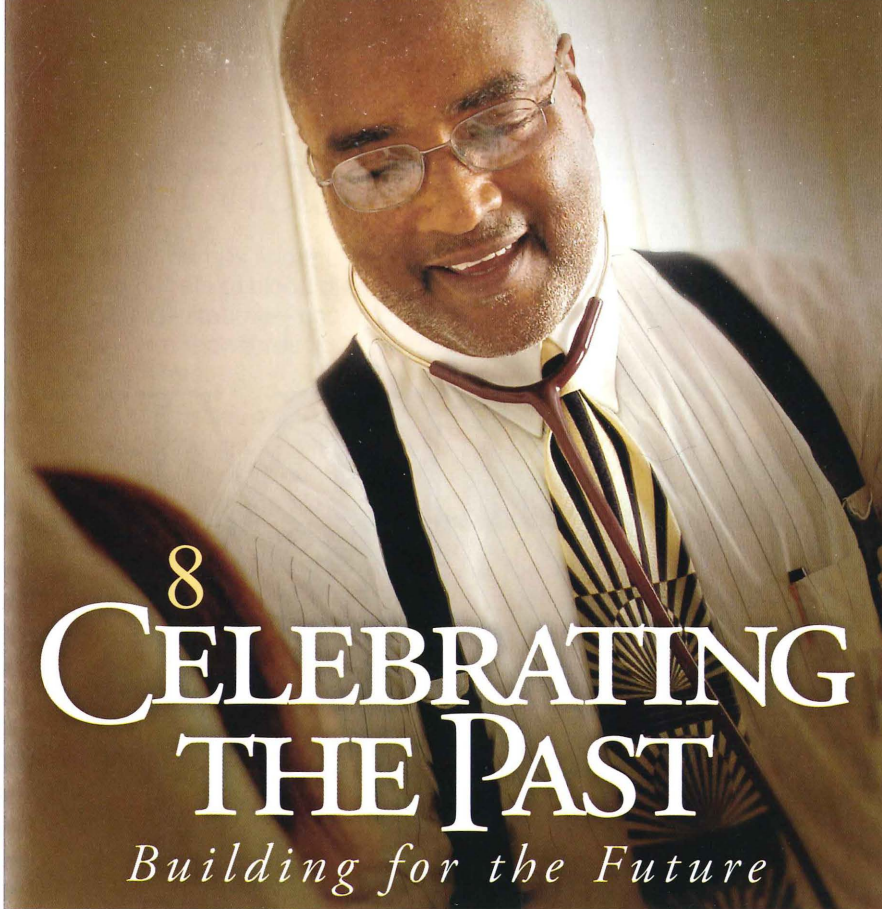
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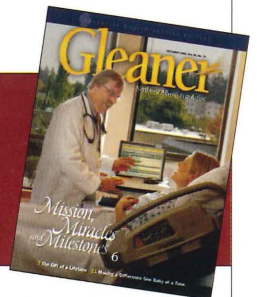
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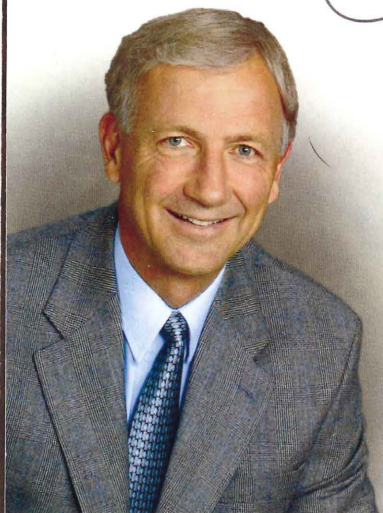
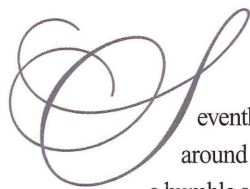
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A DISTINCTIVE CALLING

BY JERE PATZER



Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

Seventh-day Adventist health care has been around for more than a century. What began as a humble sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan, has expanded into a worldwide health system that has touched millions of lives around the globe. As vice chairman of Adventist Health's board of directors, I have the privilege of seeing firsthand how our West Coast hospitals are fulfilling the health care vision of those who came before them.

In our annual issue devoted to health care, you'll be reminded of just how long some of our Adventist Health hospitals have been serving their communities. You'll also receive updates on some of the system's most ambitious building projects—all aimed at providing the best possible care to patients up and down the West Coast. As you read, you'll realize that high-quality health care isn't the only thing our hospitals are delivering—they house a workforce dedicated to the distinctive mission of Christ-centered caring.

Bricks, mortar and cutting-edge technology are all essential elements of running a competent health care business, but it's the people working inside the

walls who set Adventist Health apart from other health care providers. As you read through the following pages, you'll be amazed—as I was—to hear the story of a Portland nurse who donated one of her kidneys to a patient. You'll read about a team of dedicated volunteers in Tillamook, Oregon, who are bringing hope to the homebound. And you'll become acquainted with a social worker in Walla Walla, Washington, who's been called to a very special ministry.

These touching stories, and others like them, reveal that little has changed in the past century. While technology has made record strides, the ministry of Seventh-day Adventist health care is still alive and well thanks to a workforce that has answered a distinctive calling. More than 100 years later, our hospitals and health care providers still believe that healing means caring for the whole person—mind, body and spirit. I'm proud of and thankful for our Adventist Health institutions and the people who help them consistently achieve their mission. •

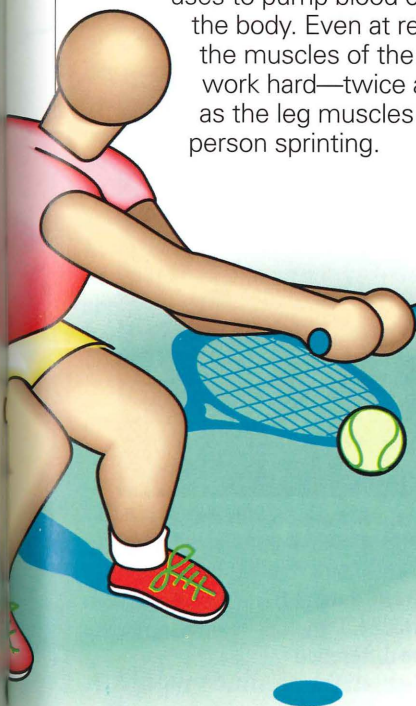
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Did You Know?

Fun Facts

- The heart pumps about one million barrels of blood during an average lifetime—enough to fill more than three supertankers.
- Give a tennis ball a good, hard squeeze. You're using about the same amount of force your heart uses to pump blood out to the body. Even at rest, the muscles of the heart work hard—twice as hard as the leg muscles of a person sprinting.



Your Amazing Heart



Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10 [NIV]

- Put your hand on your heart. Did you place your hand on the left side of your chest?

Many people do, but the heart is actually located almost in the center of the chest, between the lungs. It's tipped slightly so that a part of it sticks out and taps against the left side of the chest, which is what makes it seem as though it is located there.

- Your body has about six quarts of blood. These six quarts of blood circulate through the body three times every minute. In one day, the blood travels a total of 12,000 miles—that's four times the distance across the United States from coast to coast.

- The aorta, the largest artery in the body, is almost the diameter of a garden hose. Capillaries, on the other hand, are so small that it takes 10 of them to equal the thickness of a human hair.

Source: pbs.org/wgbh/nova/eheart/facts.html

- The average adult human heart is about the size of a large man's closed fist and weighs about 11 ounces. This relatively small mass of special cardiac muscle, nerves, coronary vessels, smooth interior lining and valves beats an average of 60–80 times per minute without our even thinking about it. This amounts to more than 100,000 heartbeats per day.

Source: funtrivia.com



Have You Noticed?

On some of the news pages there's a little icon that looks like a tab.



That means that the GLEANER editors received more stories than would fit into the print edition of the GLEANER, so some were directed immediately to the online edition of the GLEANER rather than holding them for another month.

We look forward to having more and more stories in the online edition as more people share what's happening in their churches. We hope it will become a resource of great ideas churches share with each other—stories of community outreach and nurture of members; stories about church groups going on short-term mission trips (with lots of photos)—anything that might be of interest to a wide audience. Check it out!

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Mission, Miracles and Milestones

BY DONALD R. AMMON

At Adventist Health, we have recently been reminded of our past and inspired by our future. The common thread? An unwavering mission that challenged us then and challenges us still to make a difference in our communities: to minister to the whole person—mind, body and spirit.

Historic Milestones

This mission has been evident at many of our facilities for decades—and in some cases for more than a century. In a year marked by historic milestones, Paradise Valley Hospital celebrated 100 years of service in San Diego County with a gala and golf benefit. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital also doffed its hat to history with a 75th anniversary party in the rural town of Willits, California. Meanwhile, hospitals from Paradise to Portland launched building projects and expanded services to meet the growing needs of their communities.

As we look to the future and the mission that guides us, we too have turned over “fresh dirt” as we prepare to deliver even better care to those we serve. While no bulldozers were involved, there was no shortage of heavy equipment.

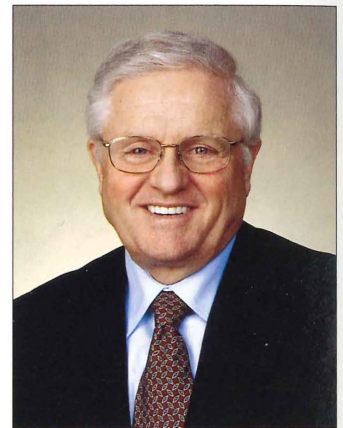
Project IntelliCare

Five of our 20 system hospitals have installed a state-of-the-art clinical information system—with Adventist Medical Center in Portland leading the pack. This exciting new technology, known as Project IntelliCare, promises to revolutionize the health care experience for those we care for and those who deliver it.

In all we have done—and continue to do—our mission comes first. And with it

comes a distinctive brand of Christian caring. To help those we serve better understand our mission, we recently published an informational brochure explaining Adventist beliefs and the history of Adventist health care.

As this new publication demonstrates, Adventist Health has a long history of mission and miracles. And this past year was no exception. Whether it was a second chance at life or a home for the homeless, our dedicated family of employees pulled together again and again to offer hope where there was heartache. I invite you to read on and rediscover the difference we’re making, one patient at a time. •



Donald R. Ammon, Adventist Health president and CEO

Donald R. Ammon writes from the Adventist Health corporate headquarters in Roseville, California.

Fast Facts About Adventist Health

- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- 20 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- 16 home care agencies offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Three joint-venture retirement centers
- More than 18,300 employees
- More than 3,100 beds
- 121,256 admissions annually
- 430,813 emergency room visits annually
- 2,052,672 outpatient visits annually
- 31,446 home care visits annually
- 46,216 hospice visits annually
- Provided more than \$206 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2003

For more about the organization, visit www.adventisthealth.org

The GIFT of a LIFETIME

BY HEATHER PRESTON WHEELER

If someone were to introduce you to Barb Hathaway, you'd immediately notice her ready smile and bubbly personality. Stick around long enough, and you'd learn that she's a wife, mother of two boys and nurse at Adventist Medical Center (AMC). You might even hear about her love of soccer. Pretty normal stuff, until you get to the part where she donated a kidney to one of her patients.

"People did think I was crazy when I offered to donate one of my kidneys to a patient," laughs Barb. "But it was something that I think was meant to happen—that's why I never questioned my decision."

A Match Made in Heaven

While working in the short stay unit at AMC's Portland facility, Barb became acquainted with Deborah Donnelly. A single mother, Deborah was diagnosed with kidney problems when she was a teenager, and after the birth of her daughter she began experiencing complications.

She was a regular in the short stay unit where she received Procrit shots to increase her red blood cell count and boost her overall health. Eventually, Deborah's kidneys started to fail, and her only options were dialysis or a kidney transplant. During one of Deborah's many trips to AMC to receive treatment, Barb offered to be tested for transplant compatibility.



Deborah Donnelly (left) received the gift of a lifetime when AMC nurse Barb Hathaway donated one of her kidneys to the ailing patient.

"I was completely shocked when Barb offered to give me one of her kidneys," recalls Deborah. "I really thought she was joking."

But it wasn't a joke, and as it turned out Barb was almost a perfect match. On June 20, 2003, doctors performed the kidney transplant at Oregon Health & Science University. The procedure was a success. A year later, Deborah is in excellent health and Barb has no regrets.

"A lot of people are amazed by what I did, but I don't really dwell on it," Barb says. "All I can say is that I just gave Deborah a gift, and hopefully she'll have a better life because of it."

A New Lease on Life

Life has indeed become better for Deborah. She's no longer a "regular" at the hospital and now has more time and energy—thanks to a functioning kidney—to spend with her daughter Brittany.

"I can't even find words to express the gratitude I feel toward Barb," she says. "How do you thank someone for saving your life?"

How would you thank someone for doing what Barb did for Deborah? According to Barb, that part doesn't really matter. Giving is a way of life, not something you do for recognition.

"I want my children to know that in this life we give to others without expecting anything in return," says Barb. "If I want them to really understand this, it is important for me to do and not just say."

Barb's story is even more remarkable when you realize how humble she is. In her mind, she really didn't do anything spectacular. But for Deborah, Barb's gift is nothing short of amazing.

"What Barb did for me has completely changed my life," Deborah explains. "It's given Brittany and me a future."

As an employee at AMC, patients often ask Barb if she's a Christian. "I'm working on it," she'll quip in typical Barb fashion. To Barb, Christianity is a journey, something she takes one day at a time. Along the way, some days are better than others. Some days can even be extraordinary—and June 20, 2003, was one of those days. •

Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health communication coordinator, writes from Roseville, California.

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CELEBRATING THE PAST

Building for the Future

Over the last year, Adventist Health marked major milestones—inspired by its past as well as its future. While some facilities celebrated significant anniversaries, others built new hospital wings and installed breakthrough technology. In every instance, quality patient care and a Christ-centered mission guided the way.

As the oldest continuously operating Adventist hospital, St. Helena (California) Hospital celebrated 125 years of service in good old-fashioned 1880s style. During the course of several days, Napa Valley residents were treated to horse and buggy rides, a historic parade entry and a special service at Elmshaven Church.

Meanwhile, Paradise Valley Hospital turned 100 with much fanfare including a “Babes of Paradise” party that drew more than 400 of the 80,000 babies that have been born at the South San Diego facility since it opened in 1904. Rural Howard



Like many physicians at White Memorial Medical Center, Leroy Reese enjoys the convenience of having the latest patient vitals and lab results available at the bedside.

Memorial Hospital, of Seabiscuit fame, celebrated 75 years of excellence in Willits, California.

Ramping Up Technology

Just over a year ago, Adventist Medical Center (AMC) piloted a state-of-the-art clinical information system in Portland. Four more hospitals have since followed suit, and today clinicians across the health system can instantly access lab results, patient vitals and pharmacy support—all online.

“While it’s still a work in progress, Project IntelliCare already offers a lot of added convenience,” explained Adventist Health board member Wes Rippey, a surgeon at AMC. “I’ve shaved 24 hours off a vascular report I used to dictate, and now I can review patient data online from my home, office or even while traveling—without ever making a phone call.”

Very popular with young recruits who have come to expect computerization at

BY REGINA ERICKSON

every turn, the new system is as much about safety as convenience. With a variety of built-in checks and warnings about medications and treatment protocols, caregivers are now armed with more information so they can, in turn, make better decisions.

Just up the highway, Tillamook County General Hospital recently brought big-city technology to Oregon's rocky north coast. A new six-chair dialysis center offers area residents convenient service close to home, and a mobile MRI has been replaced by permanent imaging equipment that provides magnetic resonance angiography. The latter takes highly detailed pictures of blood vessels inside the body, which are used to detect blood clots and heart disease. The hospital also has introduced a vestibular rehabilitation program to assist patients with vertigo and other balance issues.

Building for Safety and Service

It has been an especially busy year on the construction front, as Adventist Health works to meet new earthquake safety requirements as well as increasing consumer demand.

A crowd of 3,000 witnessed the grand opening of Sonora Regional Medical Center (SRMC) in January. The all-new, state-of-the-art facility replaced Sonora Community Hospital, which served Tuolumne County, California, for nearly 50 years. Already expanding to meet the growing needs of its neighbors, SRMC boasts the region's largest and most modern emergency department. Adjoining the hospital is a contemporary medical building that houses 15 physician offices, a cancer center, an infusion center and



The walls are up at Gresham Station, where Adventist Medical Center is building a high-tech outpatient imaging center.

laboratory, a health resource center and library, and a women's breast health center.

Head south and you'll likely stumble upon the "new" White Memorial Medical Center, which represents one of the most significant investments in the history of Adventist Health. Necessitated by California's new earthquake safety standards, the rebuilding project provides an unprecedented opportunity to further enhance quality and meet the changing needs of the community.

Slated for completion in 2007, the renovation includes the replacement of the main hospital with a six-story tower that will house key services. Three existing hospital buildings will undergo retrofitting and remodeling as well as major equipment upgrades. And a new medical office building will be constructed to encourage physicians to remain in this highly vulnerable and under-served area.

More than 50 residents already call WheatLand Village home. A joint venture with Generations, LLC, the Walla Walla retirement center will be completed October 15.

"While the White Memorial continues to train physicians, it has also become a hospital that East Los Angeles depends on," says Beth Zachary, hospital president and CEO. "As we approach our 100th anniversary, it seems appropriate to build a new facility that will allow us to continue to carry out the mission that Ellen White began here in the early 1900s."

Meeting Changing Needs

With more and more health care being delivered outside the hospital, Adventist Medical Center is busily putting the finishing touches on a 16,000-square-foot outpatient imaging center. Located in a thriving retail district just five miles east of the hospital, the Gresham, Oregon, center will offer a filmless digital imaging environment and a full range of imaging technology including diagnostic X-ray, bone densitometry, CT, MRI and ultrasound. In addition, mammography services will feature computer-aided detection (CAD), which helps radiologists more accurately detect cancer.

While most services are scheduled to open in December 2004, an affiliated physical therapy clinic will be operational in October. Therapists will be available to treat sports and work-related injuries and to provide post-mastectomy and lymphedema

rehabilitation, as well as massage therapy. The center also provides office space for up to five primary care physicians as well as rotating specialists.

In a nod to the nation's growing roster of retirees, Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) is on the verge of completing WheatLand Village, a joint-venture retirement center located adjacent to the hospital. Landscaping is currently underway, three of the four residential wings are open for business, and units are renting quickly.

"Residents just love it, and we don't even have the putting green in yet," reports Morre Dean, WWGH president and CEO. "We expect to finish up construction on Oct. 15, so it's an exciting time."

When completed, the center will offer a variety of living options ranging from fully independent units to assisted living, making it easy to transition to higher levels of care as needed. Residents also will enjoy a host of high-end amenities including a restaurant, chapel, health club and spa, library, and computer room. For more information, please call (509) 527-9600 or visit www.wheatlandvillage.com.

Regina Erickson, Adventist Health communication and public affairs manager, writes from Roseville, California.



A GIFT OF *Independence*

BY REGINA ERICKSON

Independence is a gift—one that many fail to appreciate, until illness or old age deprives them of their freedom and autonomy. Just ask Minerva or Joan.* Like many others, their lives were touched by Faith in Action. Operated by Tillamook County General Hospital, this coalition of churches, health care agencies and volunteers assists the disabled and chronically ill along Oregon's rocky north coast.

For these two women, it all began with a simple load of laundry.

Thursdays with Claire

At 39, Minerva Kalenandi suffers from multiple illnesses. While most women her age are juggling job, kids and soccer games, simple tasks such as toting a bag of groceries up a flight of stairs can wipe her out for the day.

For the past two years, Faith in Action volunteer Claire Cobb faithfully visited Minerva every Thursday. She helped with weekly chores such as grocery shopping, laundry and taking out the garbage. In exchange, Minerva helped Claire set up a computer. The two—who quickly became close friends—regularly treated themselves to lattes and a movie while the clothes were drying. Because Minerva is mostly homebound, she cherished these hours.

But it wasn't all coffee and *Casablanca*. Claire was there for

Minerva Kalenandi (right), mostly homebound by illness, looked forward to Thursdays, when Faith in Action volunteer Claire Cobb stopped by to lend a hand and a listening ear.

the tough times as well. When Minerva had to travel to Portland for painful medical treatments, her friend was at the ready with a kind word, a heartfelt prayer and her favorite Bible verses. Minerva has since relocated to Portland, but she and Claire still keep in touch by phone.

"I don't know what I would have done if Claire had not been there," reflects a grateful Minerva.

Devoted Until the End

Joan and her old dog were living alone in a cluttered rental when her washer and dryer broke down. As a senior in poor health trying to get by on a fixed income, her options seemed nonexistent—until Mary Welle Sims walked into her life.

A devoted Faith in Action volunteer, Mary immediately offered up her own home in lieu of a Laundromat.

"What's a little soap among friends?" Mary laughingly said.

Through the years, the weekly visits became more about love than laundry. And when Joan's dog, Sam, became sick, Mary and her husband took him to the vet to be euthanized. Afterward, they put his body in the back of their pickup truck and brought him home to be buried in their backyard, where Joan could visit her beloved friend.

Weeks and years of shared dinners, errands and doctor's visits abruptly ended in December 2003 when Mary had to rush Joan to the hospital one last time. She returned the next day to inquire about Joan's condition but was told that information was only available to family members. When Mary persisted, the nurse agreed to check Joan's chart. Apparently, those weekly visits meant a lot, as Joan had listed Mary as next-of-kin. And so the two old friends were able to spend a few more precious hours together before Joan slipped away.

"So many of our volunteers go above and beyond what is required," says Linda Heyne, the hospital's Faith in Action program coordinator. "Like Mary, they become friends, confidants, even family to those they care for." •

* Joan is a pseudonym.



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Tot Spot, a parenting program offered through WWGH and WWCC, offers fun for kids and much-needed support for moms.

Every time Bonnie Wicklund holds her little boy, it reminds her of how precious each baby is. She wants the best for her child and can't imagine not giving 100 percent of herself to ensure his well being. But Bonnie knows that all mothers aren't as prepared as she was to have a child.

First Steps

As a social worker at Walla Walla General Hospital's (WWGH) Women's Center, Bonnie deals with dozens of

mothers who know little about the basics of parenting. Her main responsibility is to work with the hospital's First Steps program, which provides services to low-income pregnant women.

"Parenting begins at conception," said Bonnie. "The goal of the First Steps program is to help women achieve healthy pregnancies and give them skills that will enable them to take care of their child once he or she enters the world."

First Steps provides qualified women with numerous benefits, including transportation to and from medical appointments, free childcare while at these appointments, childbirth education and family planning services. High-risk mothers also receive ongoing support throughout their babies' first year of life.

"A lot of my work is not necessarily rewarded up front, but the small amount of feedback I do get is very rewarding—

to know that I've had a direct and positive impact in people's lives," Bonnie said.

Offering Support

In addition to First Steps, Bonnie also is in charge of Tot Spot, a unique education program designed to help individuals improve their parenting skills. The program—offered through Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) in partnership with WWGH—gives college credit to moms for attending the sessions.

"We try to make it more than just a lecture," said Bonnie, who is bilingual and teaches the class with her own baby in tow. "Sometimes it acts as a support group. The moms are so anxious to learn, but they've never had anybody to teach them."

Twice a week, parents and their children come to a local church for two hours of supervised playtime with an early childhood educator. Later, Bonnie and the mothers interactively discuss the latest in the full spectrum of child-related issues. Everything from brain development and nutrition to car seat safety and disciplinary methods is covered during the time the group spends together.

Some of the mothers in the Tot Spot program have been referred by state child-protective or foster-care officials because of documented abuse or neglect of their infants. Others, from more stable backgrounds, come to Tot Spot simply because they need a break.

"The class brings together parents from all walks of life—from housewives to teenage moms," said Bonnie. "No matter how different their lives may be, they all are dealing with similar child-rearing issues."

According to Bonnie, one of the beauties of the class is that many of the mothers find role models in the other parents that attend Tot Spot. In many instances, she sees marked improvement in some of her younger moms as a result of their interaction with others in the group.

A Special Mission

To Bonnie, work is more than just a job—it's a mission. Born in Brazil as the daughter of career missionaries, she knew all along she wanted to do something different. "I've been raised to believe that part of my earthly mission is to make life better for other people," she said. And for dozens of moms and their kids, Bonnie is doing just that. •

Making a Difference

ONE BABY AT A TIME

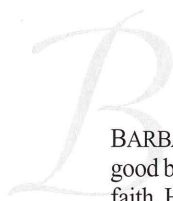
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ASI DRAWS BUSINESS- AND MINISTRY-MINDED PEOPLE

BY CELESTE RYAN



BARBARA TAYLOR BELIEVES in doing good business. She also believes in sharing her faith. Hence, this Copper Mountain, Colorado, Adventist has found a way to do both. “We not only take care of work, we go out as Christians and share Christ,” she recently told a newspaper reporter in Cincinnati, Ohio. The link to a religious Web site printed on the back of her business card sometimes opens the door for witnessing.

Taylor, the president of Between U-N-Me Inc., a men’s sportswear wholesale company, was one of nearly 2,000 people who attended the 57th Annual Adventist-laymen’s Service and Industries (ASI) Convention in August, where more than \$2.33 million was collected in offerings to help fund the projects and ministries of 43 organizations.

Attendees to the convention, who come from all walks of life and parts of North America and beyond, and who represent for-profit and non-profit organizations, have two things in common—they’re business- and ministry-minded Adventists.

Mark Black, a building contractor from Seattle, Washington, looks for any opportunity to witness—carrying his Bible on plane trips, displaying religious books in his office and offering prayer at business lunches. “Not including sending e-mail Bible studies, I give about three to four Bible studies a day,” he says.

Todd Rhoades, the 23-year-old owner of T & T Masonry in Chestertown, Maryland, is a new ASI member who, while still growing in his personal faith, is already finding ways to minister to the needs of others. He volunteers with recovering alcoholics and mentally impaired patients and is working with a group of students to start a public campus ministry at the University of Maryland.

John Chung, a dermatologist from Dalton, Georgia, began giving after-hours Bible studies to his patients several years ago. He now has 20–50 people studying each week.

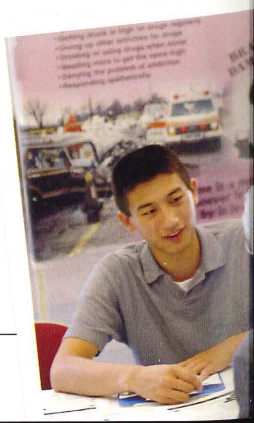
The enthusiasm of these active members, who seek opportunities to minister while doing business, is a common trait of ASI members—very likely what the founders of the association envisioned when they established the organization with the motto “Sharing Christ in the Marketplace.”

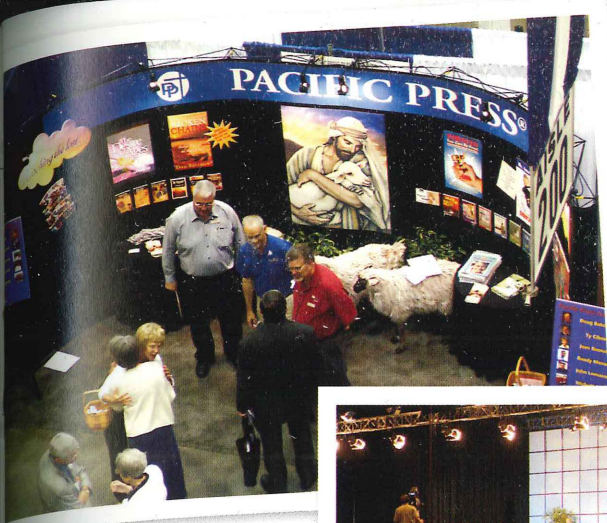
Grassroots Support for Mission Work

It was 57 years ago that representatives of self-supporting ministries gathered in Cincinnati with Adventist leaders to form an organization that would promote missionary enterprises. From the beginning, the annual convention and

Joe Lee, from Ann Arbor, a member of the Michigan Conference Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students, counsels an ASI member on the state of his health.

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The Pacific Press booth was one of several ministry and commercial exhibits from the Northwest.



Shawn Boonstra, *It Is Written* associate speaker, spoke to more than 2,000 people who attended the Sabbath morning worship service.

mission work were critical objectives.

In 1970, the first mission offering, which totaled \$2,017, added a new dimension to the organization. The money went to help a medical clinic, college and ministry with financial needs. The offerings grew slowly until Tom Zapara and Harold Lance challenged fellow members to do better.

Members answered the call, giving \$80,000 in 1981. In 1999, a high point of more than \$4.5 million was collected and used to support mission work around the world. ASI continues to grow and now has nearly 1,000 members with businesses, like Taylor, Black, Rhoades, and Chung, and ministries like Right Arm of Love Ministries, a health outreach founded by Lela and Chris Lewis of Avondale, Arizona; Native American Ministries, operated by Edward and Cheryl Dunn of Westbank, British Columbia; Life Line to Africa Inc., run by Peter Carstens of Jefferson Valley, New York; and Quiet Moments, an online radio program operated from Ypsilanti, Michigan, by ASI president Debbie Young and her husband, Ray.

Their grassroots association continues to grow and thrive. Doreen Schmidt, of the Eastlex Machine Corporation in Lexington, Kentucky, and ASI vice president for recruitment, says that more than 120 new members joined during the last year.

Program Highlights

As August rolled around, those members—new and old—left their homes, schools, jobs, ministries and businesses and came to the convention to network at 275 exhibit booths and over vegetarian and vegan meals. They came to learn through workshops on witnessing, giving Bible studies, customer service and health outreach. They came to hear numerous testimonies of how fellow lay members—young and old—have brought people to Christ and how those receiving funds have furthered the gospel. And they came to worship and be inspired by keynote speakers who, following this year’s theme, called them to

realize it’s really “Christ’s Power...Our Hands” that make the difference.

The Sabbath speaker, Shawn Boonstra of *It Is Written*, encouraged attendees to be ready for a divine appointment to witness for God. “You can’t believe in Bible prophecy without believing that God has put you in His schedule as He moves with certainty towards the second coming,” he preached.

Youth Do Their Part

While the adults were inspired by speakers and testimonies, the youth were not to be left behind. Several hundred from tiny tots to young adults accompanied their parents and enjoyed their own programs and evangelistic activities. Sixty earliteens canvassed the city, selling more than \$2,000 in magabooks while 100 teens conducted a free health expo for city residents.

Columbia Union chapter president Denise Thomas-Ellis says that attending ASI really compels youth to participate in Christ’s work. She points out 21-year-old Rachel Hyman of Atlanta, Georgia, who just finished a summer as a literature evangelist for Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Now she intends to become a full-time Bible worker. “I want to help people who are looking for truth understand the Bible and God’s love,” she says, much to the delight of Thomas-Ellis and other ASI leaders.

“Thank you for being committed to your youth and giving them the opportunity of sharing Jesus Christ with the hearts and homes of Cincinnati,” said Chester Clark III, an academy teacher from Arkansas. Clark is ASI’s vice president for youth evangelism and coordinator of the ASI-funded Youth for Jesus evangelism effort recently conducted in Cincinnati. “It’s truly amazing to see God using young people,” he told the audience while giving a project report. Clark and his team of 28 reported that during the past year, they had reached out to 400,000 people and invited them to take Bible studies and attend an evangelism series preached by teens as young as 15. To date, evangelistic series were conducted in seven churches, 90 people were baptized, and 40 more are studying.

At the close of the weekend, when the reports from youth, members in action, exhibitors and evangelists had ended, Young challenged members to take their experience home. “Walk away with the inspiration and motivation to share Christ in your marketplace,” she said.

Next year’s ASI convention will be held August 3–6 in Sacramento, California. •

Celeste Ryan, Columbia Union Conference communication director, writes from Columbia, Maryland.

“I want to help people who are looking for truth understand the Bible and God’s love.”





CATCHING THE ASI SPIRIT

BY CHRISTY REICH

NO LONGER IS MARK BLACK content with just going to church and paying his tithe. He has caught the ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries) spirit and is exuberant about sharing Christ in his daily life.

It wasn't always this way. At a young age he became disillusioned with the church. Looking at people and criticizing became his excuse for not dealing with his own problems, and he quit attending. But Christ still had His plan for Mark.

Mark's father taught him to do his best at whatever he did—to faithfully give a full day's work. He began as a carpenter in his early 20s. When a co-worker left for a job with a commercial builder, he suggested Mark come and work for the same company as a clerk. Mark realized in a dream one night that this was his opportunity to get an education and work at the same time.

He accepted the job and took with him his faithful work ethic. Despite having no formal training, Mark was asked to take over a major project when his new supervisor left the job. At the end of the project, he was promoted to superintendent. Without him even knowing, the Lord was blessing his faithfulness.

In 1989 Mark began his own business, which in 1995 became Advantage Construction Management LLC. His company does the general contracting for commercial licensed-care facilities.

Mark and his wife, Barbara, went on a mission trip with Maranatha—their first

experience with mission-minded people. Then they attended the national ASI convention in Sacramento, California, where they caught the vision of ministry.

After that first convention they recognized their personal need to be involved in mission and became ASI members. Whether close to home or abroad, the commission to "go into all the world" became personal. They now spend their family vacations serving Christ or attending ASI seminars which equip them for service.

A New Peace

After Mark's exposure to people on fire for Jesus, a new desire has risen in his heart. He shares, "I see who I am in relation to what God has called us to be. We are His witnesses, and this is the focus of my life now, whether at work or play, at church, or studying the Bible with someone. That's who I am—I am Christ's witness! So I've gone from being critical and cynical about the church to being one who prays for unity when I see problems in the church. It's made me more tolerant, and God has given me a love for people in the church. It has helped me see that all my criticism was just an excuse for my own condition. I pray that God will lift up a standard in me that I can be help and light to other people."

Mark's days used to be filled with stress, anxiety and conflicts—not to say there are

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no problems now. But now he has a new source of strength to deal with the difficulties he faces. Each time as Mark goes into a difficult situation knowing people are waiting for him to solve a problem, he knows that Christ is sending him to be a witness and that He is with him, no matter what the outcome.

Into All the World

Today Mark takes that commission seriously and carries it out daily. As he flies back and forth across the nation, he pulls out his Bible and a spiritual book. More times than not, the person sitting next to him will start a conversation about what he is reading. And the door is open to share.

At times he notices surrounding people tuning in to the conversation, and at the end of the flight they often catch him and ask more questions or inquire where they can get the book he is sharing from. If someone is struggling with something in life, he always asks, "May I pray with you?"

After one special experience, the gentleman he was sharing with expressed his appreciation, saying, "God put you on this plane. I really needed this."

Mark asked, "What kind of work do you do?"

The man responded, "I'm a pastor."

Confessing Christ

When Mark goes to lunch he may be accompanied by employees, project managers, superintendents, attorneys, building

professionals or bank inspectors. He is convicted that as Christ's witness, praying with these people and for them is his privilege. ASI has helped Mark understand his identity in Christ as His witness.

Scripture says, "If you deny me before men, I will deny you before my

With the plans under his arm, Mark heads out to check on the progress of a construction project.

Father," and, "If you confess me before men I will confess you before my Father." Mark wants to confess Christ. In his prayer he asks God to bless his colleague and the project they

are working on and to help them be a blessing to the community. He asks God to help them do their best and to give them wisdom.

Often they then ask Mark about his religion, and he gets to tell them about his commitment to Christ and the peace and joy he has in living for the Lord.

He has continued to study with many of these people nearly every time they meet. They ask more questions, and he shares more of the word of God, the plan of redemption and the gospel.

In the Office

Mark's offices across the country would be better described as havens. In them he offers literature to help in specific areas of life. His employees and work associates have learned that because of his connection to Christ, they can trust him. They will often open up with him and share the trials they are facing. Once again he is given the privilege to pray for them on the spot.

Others come and ask for a book that a co-worker got from Mark. Nobody wants to miss out on the blessing.

Mark feels that his involvement with ASI has taken him forward by leaps and bounds in his personal growth with Christ. It has really inspired him and strengthened his faith in what God can do. It has helped him realize that the Lord wants us to be willing servants.

The ministry of ASI can be a blessing to you also. The Northwest Chapter ASI Spring Fellowship will be held April 14-19 at Eagle Crest in Oregon. Anyone is welcome to attend. Just contact the North Pacific Union Conference for information at (360) 816-1400. •

Christy Reich, ASI Northwest vice president for communication, writes from St. Maries, Idaho.



This construction project in Tennessee is one of the many projects that Mark Black manages across the nation.



Wherever he is, whether in his office or traveling, Mark feels that he is a witness for Jesus and looks for opportunities to share with the people that he meets.

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Fresh Start

\$50,000 Worth of Integrity

The headline could have proclaimed “Martha Stewart Becomes Pope,” and I would have been less shocked. I stared at the front page of the *Seattle Times* in disbelief.

“Snohomish, WA—Lisa Thorpe of Lynnwood passed the Good Samaritan test Sunday when she found \$50,000 cash in a roadside ditch—and gave it to police.

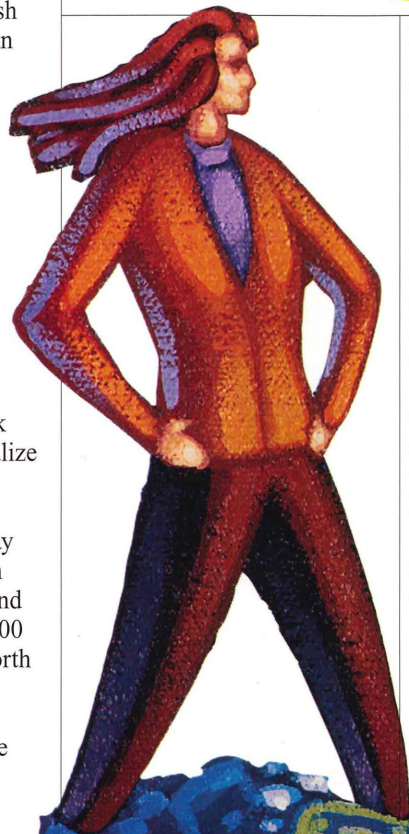
“According to Snohomish County sheriff’s spokesman Elliot Woodall: A Snohomish man, 65, withdrew the cash Saturday, planning to deposit it in another bank.

“But first the man, who recently had a death in his family, drove home and became distracted, leaving the money bag on the running board of his pickup truck.

“Later he drove the truck on an errand and didn’t realize until early Sunday that the money was missing.

“Thorpe was on a Sunday drive with her family when she noticed a money clip and money on the road in the 200 block of Dubuque Road north of Snohomish. When she stopped to investigate, she found the bag of cash in the ditch.”

The story hit me like an avalanche of rocks. Coincidentally, I had driven on the 200 block of



Dubuque Road that Sunday and had whizzed by \$50,000! The question still taunts me: What would I have done with the money?

Captivated by the story, I set out to contact Lisa Thorpe. Fifteen phone calls and an hour of frustration later, I had Lisa on the line. “Hi, um, Lisa?” I stammered. “You, ah, don’t know me, but I read about what you did last week, um, with the \$50,000 and all and I, um, want you to know that what you did was a very honorable thing.”

“Thank you,” she replied modestly. “I appreciate the call.”

“Um, one question,” I blurted out before she could hang up. I had to ask her the burning question. “Were you tempted to keep the money?”

“No, not really.”

“Why not?”

“Well,” she said, “you may not understand, but

have you ever heard of the Ten Commandments?”

What Adventist minister hasn’t heard of the Ten Commandments? A fourth-generation Adventist, I could recite the Ten Commandments before I could say my full name.

“Yes,” I assured her, “I’ve heard of the Ten Commandments.”

“Then you know about the one that says not to steal?”

“Yep.”

“Then you know why I...”

“Yes, I know.”

Her final words cut like a surgeon’s scalpel: “As far as I’m concerned, my integrity is worth far more than \$50,000.”

What about you? What is your integrity worth?

Integrity is the primary ingredient of a successful life. It is the cornerstone in the foundation of success—living honestly when no one’s watching.

You can drive a Corvette, get a degree from Harvard, vacation in Australia, golf with an even handicap and sing like Celine Dion, but you’ll never be truly successful unless you live the same in public as you do in private. Only when truthfulness is deeply imbedded in your character will you taste the heady potion of success.

So, what is your integrity worth? •

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.

Traxler Ordained

Brad Traxler, Kenai-Homer district pastor, was ordained on July 31 in the Kenai (Alaska) Church. The service was well attended by members of both Kenai and Homer churches. Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary, and Neil Biloff, Alaska Conference ministerial director, attended.

Brad and Cheryl Traxler, Kenai Peninsula pastoral team



Traxler felt a life-long call to ministry. He says he first felt God calling when he was only 7 years old. "I realized very young that God was calling me to be a pastor, but it took until I was 39 to begin full-time ministry," he explained. "God opened doors by sending us more than \$55,000 over three years of college."

After working in Alaska as a literature evangelist in the early 1990s, Traxler went back to Southern Adventist University for a bachelor's degree, worked for a time in the Iowa-Missouri Conference and then came back to Alaska at the first opportunity. •

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary

Birthday Baptism

Don Kuhn was baptized Aug. 16 on his 72nd birthday in celebration of his new life in Jesus. He invited his non-Adventist family and neighbors to come to the special Monday-night celebration at the Hillside-O'Malley Church (Anchorage).

Kuhn's wife, Mary, joined the Fairbanks Church in the early 1980s and has been praying for this day ever since. After moving to Anchorage, Kuhn occasionally joined his wife at the newly planted Midtown Church. Early this year Midtown member Denise Fouts started studies in the Kuhn home, and soon Kuhn requested baptism. •

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary



Laurie Cummings' students enjoy the merry-go-round as trusses are placed on the large school addition to the Palmer Church.

Palmer School, Korean Church Under Construction

Someone has said that there are two seasons in Alaska—construction and winter. Since the fireweed has finished blooming, buildings under construction are being closed in for winter. Two major conference building projects within Alaska are progressing close to schedule. The Palmer Church is building a school, and a church is being built by the Korean membership in Anchorage.

The Palmer Church is building a nine-classroom multistory addition to their church to house their plans for a growing church school. Immediately following camp meeting in June, a group of Maranatha volunteers arrived to frame the addition, which is attached to the newly completed church. The plans allow for a future addition of a gymnasium. Located adjacent to the popular Alaska State Fair grounds on the Glenn Highway, the church and school receive major exposure

to motorists as they travel to and from Anchorage.

The 88-member Korean Church has long waited for the move from the conference office meeting room to a facility of their own. That dream is becoming a reality as they construct their 12,000-square-foot church located in the midtown area of Anchorage. There are approximately 7,000 Koreans in Anchorage. "Many of those have heard about the building project," stated Andrew Kim, Korean Church pastor. "Some have volunteered to help and have expressed an interest in studying to join the church."

Through the hard work of the Korean members and the generosity of the Korean fellowship throughout the United States, they have already paid approximately 25 percent of the projected cost of their new facility. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

ALASKA

Middleton Celebrates River Baptism

Jamie Alwes was baptized on April 24 in the Payette River between Horseshoe Bend



Sylvia's Design Photography

Rodney Dale, retired pastor, baptized Jamie Alwes in the Payette River with assistance from Alvin Schnell (left), Middleton Church elder, and church member Michelle Cady, who anchored the group in the swiftly flowing river.

and Banks, Idaho, by Rodney Dale, retired pastor. In his determination to follow Jesus example, Alwes chose to be baptized in a river despite the water's chilly temperature.

When Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) brought the show *On the Road* to Caldwell, Idaho, the hosts met Alwes and interviewed him on live television. He told how he had started watching 3ABN and then found his way to the Middleton (Idaho) Church.

As a result of Alwes' testimony, other non-Adventists who attended the rally decided to visit local Adventist churches.

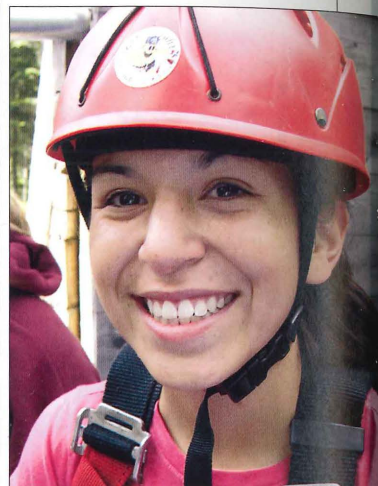
When the Ken Cox meetings were held in Ontario,

Ore., Alwes faithfully attended those meetings, and they were barely over when he began attending Lyle Albrecht's meetings in Eagle, Idaho.

Alwes truly was hungering and thirsting for the word of God, but he was also sharing it. One night after the meeting, he was observed witnessing to a young lady, explaining some of what they had heard in the meeting.

Members of Alwes' family and some of his friends with whom he has been sharing his new faith joined members of the Middleton, Kuna (Idaho) and Eagle churches for this special baptism. •

Sylvia Jarrett, Middleton Church communication secretary



Students like Katie Clay braved the challenge course with complete protective gear.

Retreat Begins Gem State Year

Nervous excitement filled the air as Gem State Adventist Academy students unloaded at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall, Idaho, for a two-day work-and-fun retreat. Students worked hard to expand the camp amphitheater and also enjoyed boats, tried the challenge course and played beach volleyball.

"With so many new students, it is important to start our school year with a spiritual emphasis, bond as a school and give the kids a chance to make new friends," said Mike Schwartz, principal. "With a considerable increase in enrollment this year, many students who may not know anyone will go back to school feeling at home."

Student team-building activities and worship time also gave kids a chance to get to know each other and remember what Gem State is all about—helping kids see Jesus. •

Debra McCarver, GSAA GLEANER correspondent

New Pastor for Elgin-Enterprise District

The Enterprise district welcomed new pastor Steve Gilmore in July.

Gilmore and his wife, Merrilou, who has worked at Walla Walla College for 10 years, are excited about the future of this district. Through several miracles, the Lord has shown them clearly that this is where He wants them to be. Steve's business sold the first week it was advertised. The Gilmores put their home up for sale, and the first prospective buyer purchased it within 18 hours.

They marvel at all the miracles and blessings that

have come in order for them to make this transition in their lives. They are looking forward to ministering together with the Enterprise and Elgin church members to make these communities ready to meet Jesus.

The Gilmores went to Walla Walla College in 1983 with four children. Upon completion of college they served in the Upper Columbia and Nevada-Utah conferences. They took a leave of absence for their family and parents' health issues, but even during the leave Steve shared his

love for the Lord with others through evangelistic meetings and preaching where needed. •

Donna Fincher, Elgin Church communication leader

Steve and Merrilou Gilmore are excited about the future of the Elgin-Enterprise district.



IDAHO

Eureka Launches Radio Station

With Leaps of Faith

The small Adventist congregation in Eureka, Mont., experienced firsthand that God's time is not necessarily the same as their time. What started more than three years ago as an impression on the hearts of two church members finally culminated in the Aug. 20 groundbreaking for Eureka Adventist Radio, a low-power station located at 107.7 FM. It was a journey so full of providential happenings that it was clearly a project that would be completed due to God's will and not man's.

Consider:

- The FCC gave a very small window in which to submit application for a low-power FM station. Two members who also were ham radio operators moved out in faith and submitted an application in June 2001.

- When differences of opinions and visions threatened to shelve the project in February 2002, God's healing presence was felt during a special meeting and unity was restored.

- It was decided to move the tower from the original application site. A new site had to be found no more than two kilometers away to meet FCC requirements. Much legwork, phone calls, mailings and personal visits failed to turn up anything. When the church called out to God for His help, a parcel of land big enough to fit the tower, building and one parking space was offered out of the blue, exactly 1.98

kilometers away. Best of all, it was affordable.

- The tower will sit right along the major highway, giving great exposure and extending the range of coverage.

- The tower company sold out—and the Eureka tower was already paid for but not delivered. The new company didn't have the equipment to make the tower. Again, prayers were answered and an upgraded tower, with a \$2,000 increased value, will be delivered to Eureka for the same price as the old one.

- Over the last three years key members moved away, but new members moved to Eureka with just the talents needed for the next phase of the project.

- Neighbors vowed to block the construction, but prayer warriors were at work and hearts softened.



Lifting shovels during the ceremonial groundbreaking for their new radio station were (from left): Rick Mædje, Montana State representative; Marty Hirshkorn; Bill Patterson, board president; Sam Jenkins, board secretary; Glen Hanley, board treasurer; Donavon Kack, Eureka Church pastor; and John Loor, Montana Conference president.

- Rebar totaling \$1,200 was donated three days before construction began.

- A congregation of only 20 active families has raised more than \$29,000.

As you can see, God is truly working in Eureka. Progress did not come through any one person's efforts but through every single member. If things seemed to stall, they prayed for guidance and asked God, "What would you have us do? What is your will?" and amazing things happened. This radio station is quite possibly the single most important evangelistic effort in the history of the Tobacco Valley.

Once on the air this fall, Eureka members will be ready to reach out personally with Bible studies, build a new church and whatever else God leads them to do. It will be a leap of faith, but they have seen how God can take faith and build a radio tower. •

Catherine Patterson, Eureka Church communication leader



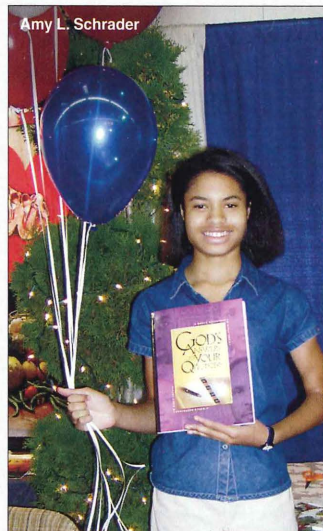
The children of the Eureka Church congregation had a hand in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new radio station.

Vancouver Churches Experience Miracle in County Fair Preparations

Miracles happen in three days. Jonah was delivered to his mission field after a three-day journey in a large fish (Jonah 1:17). Jesus rose after three days (Mark 8:31). And in three days, the Vancouver-area churches created a fair booth.

Historically, the booth at the Clark County Fair has been a joint outreach project of the Vancouver, Wash., churches. An organizer is selected, and the churches provide volunteers and funds. This year seemed to be following tradition until the original organizer contracted viral encephalitis right before the fair began and was unable to fulfill his duties.

Melissa Watts, Ridge Dell Church youth group member, offered balloons and books to passersby.



Amy L. Schrader

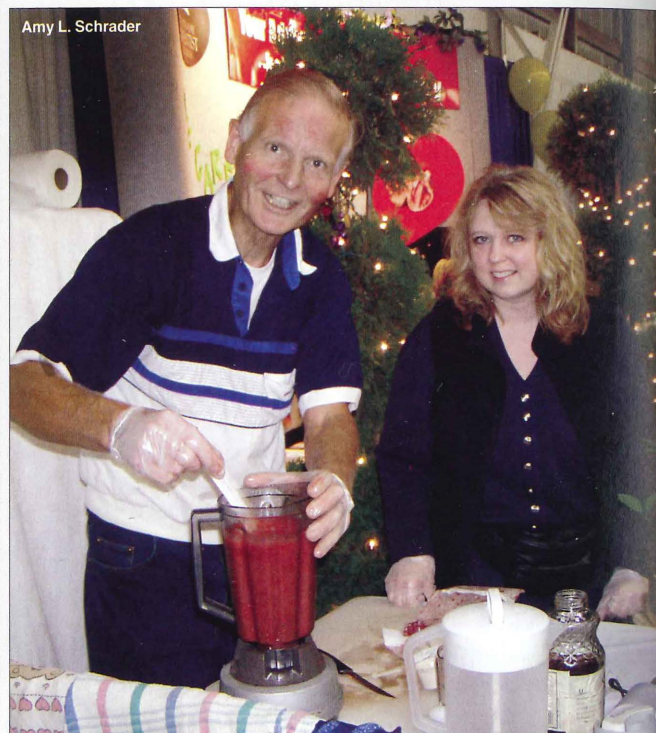
Without a leader, the fair booth project floundered. Congregations were torn between wanting to make the most of the outreach opportunity and seemingly not having enough time to pull together a presentation that would be done “decently and in order.” So, with just three days until the fair would open, it seemed there would be no Adventist booth.

Then Ridge Dell Church members stepped forward to assume leadership.

“At first I was overwhelmed,” admitted Bernhard Ruppel, Ridge Dell fair booth coordinator. “But then my wife [Emily] said, ‘This is not our work. This is the Lord’s work. Let Him handle it.’” And with that, they went forward.

In just three days, the Ridge Dell team had pulled together a theme, decorations, displays and volunteers of all ages. When the fair opened on Friday morning, they were ready.

This year’s fair booth reflected a strong health emphasis and promoted the CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program) seminars in local churches. The booth also featured interactive displays, literature and free samples of strawberry smoothies. “Every time a person received a smoothie, a contact was made. Once you get them to stop, you



Bernhard Ruppel and Lisa Merklin prepared and distributed more than 6,000 strawberry smoothies at the Clark County Fair.

have opportunity to share,” said Ruppel. “We want them to know that Seventh-day Adventists care about their hearts, both physically and spiritually.”

“It was very attractively designed. Even from a distance it caught your eye,” said Marilyn Renk, Oregon Conference health ministries, community services and disaster response director. “As I observed, I could see people stopping and not just looking but getting involved and

asking questions. It was very interactive.”

“People were very interested in the hands-on things like the five-pound glob of fat and seeing the plugged artery,” Ruppel explained. “One lady came over and excitedly said, ‘You have the best booth in the whole place!’ It was really neat. We made so many contacts.” •

*Amy L. Schrader,
Oregon Conference
communication director*

For the strawberry smoothie recipe used at the county fair booth, visit the Oregon news section at www.gleaneronline.org

PACS' Whitney Named Woman of the Year

The Association of Adventist Women (AAW) has named Rhonda Whitney, Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) executive director, Woman of the Year for Community Life.

When Rhonda Whitney became the PACS executive director in 1994, she redefined "community service" and revolutionized the delivery of care to the needy. She took a \$60,000-per-year organization and transformed it into a \$2.3 million operation with a food warehouse, a thrift store and a free health clinic utilizing the services of local physicians, nurses, a local hospital and a nursing school. PACS now serves 174,000 people a year.

Whitney developed a new food delivery system that preserves the dignity of her clients by providing them with nutrition education and allowing them to choose their own food from a supermarket-type facility. The thrift store provides clients with clothing and household items in emergencies

and is a low-cost shopping facility for the community of the working poor. It generates up to \$14,000 a month to support community services.

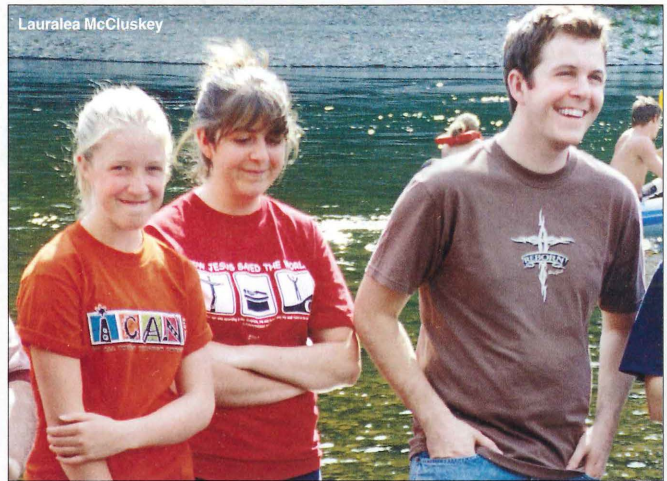
This organization has become a model for other programs in Oregon, and Whitney is recognized as a resource person who serves on boards and committees across her state and the nation. She is a past member of the Oregon Food Bank governing board and a member of the North American Division community services steering committee.

Whitney served previously as the medical staff education coordinator for Adventist Medical Center in Portland.

Whitney is a member of the Tabernacle Church in Portland, where she serves as an elder.

For the complete list of award recipients, visit the October World Church section at www.gleaneronline.org. For further information on the AAW and its annual conference, visit the AAW Web site at www.aaw.cc.

From left: Marilyn Renk, Oregon Conference health ministries and community services director, Ted Kulongoski, Oregon governor and Rhonda Whitney, PACS executive director, attended the Harvest of Hope Breakfast held Oct. 13, 2003. This year Rhonda Whitney was named Woman of the Year by the Association of Adventist Women.



Each of the young people at one baptism selected a T-shirt with religious artwork and a Christian or Bible message to wear. From left: Jacqueline's reads, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ." Jessica chose, "How Jesus Saved the World." Nick's message says simply, "Reborn."

Hood View Enjoys Variety in Baptisms

So far, this year's 24 Hood View Church (Boring, Ore.) individualized baptisms included many ages, from children to middle-age adults, and have taken place in interesting locations like the ocean, rivers, lakes and hot springs and on a rock-climbing trip.

Hood View's pastors support unique desires about baptism. One young man, Jason Loud, phoned Luke Porter, Hood View youth pastor, after an evening sports event. "I've decided to be baptized," Loud said.

"Great! When?" Porter asked.

Loud answered, "Right now." So his baptism took place at 11:00 p.m.

Baptisms at Hood View are sometimes family-wide events. Shirley Wilmot saw all four of her children baptized together more than 30 years ago. She

witnessed the baptism of six of her grandchildren at the same time on Aug. 14 in the Clackamas River with Hood View pastors officiating.

Often these baptisms are generated by the kindness of the church members themselves. After 40 years out of the church, a friend's comment spurred Ted Hilde to consider his spiritual condition. Greeters warmly welcomed him one Sabbath morning at Hood View and invited him to their home for dinner. Consequently he joined the church through baptism.

Denise Smith invited her co-worker, Rosemary Loum, to church with her. Loum liked the services, attended the CHIP health seminar and was later baptized.

Lorraine Juberg, Hood View Church communication leader

Cooperation Develops Unique Sermon Series

Pastors Chuck Burkeen and Monte Robinson developed a special 12-week series of sermons with the worship team of the Springfield (Ore.) Church to define who Jesus identified Himself as.

The first sermon focused on the names that God called Himself, such as El Shadai, Yahweh and El Hoim. The familiar stories and verses in which Jesus said, "I am..." were linked to bring out the characteristics that Jesus wanted His followers to realize about Him, His Father and the Holy Spirit. The pastors alternated preaching the series in Springfield and her sister church in Junction City.

The worship team presented songs, skits and children's stories around the



Chuck Burkeen (left), Springfield Church pastor, preached as artists like Diane Cromwell painted a mural of Jesus as the great "I Am."

topic and found artists to illustrate each week's sermon on a large board. The artists painted while the sermon proceeded. At the end of the series, a beautiful collage was finished and presented to

the collegiate classroom for permanent display.

Some members had been studying with Jehovah's Witnesses who claim that Jesus is not part of the Godhead. This series answered

those questions squarely and firmly.

Other members and visitors expressed a further and renewed understanding of Jesus' character. The worship team, the artists and the other participants in the worship hour grew as they contemplated and studied the meaning of the part they would play in the worship. Their enthusiasm spread to the congregation.

This cooperation of the pastors, the worship team, church artists and other participants further illustrates how God's kingdom works together to create beauty and harmony in the universe. •

Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader

Adventist Education Leads to Korean Baptism

Yeon Ji Kim, a recent graduate of Portland Adventist Academy (PAA), was born in a small town in South Korea to a nominally Christian mother and Buddhist father.

When Kim finished the Korean equivalent of grade school, she asked to either go to Seoul or to the United States for high school. Her parents only agreed that she could spend one month at a U.S. high school.

Kim's English teacher had studied at Adventist Language

Institute. He relayed Kim's desire to his former teacher, Robin Griffin, who arranged for Kim to spend January 2001 at Laurelwood Academy in Gaston, Ore.

After much pleading, Kim's parents let her return for a full year, during which Kim took Bible studies and was baptized.

When she returned to Korea, her mother accepted the news of her baptism satisfactorily, but Kim fully expected her father to

physically attack her. But after his anger lessened, he requested only that she not tell her Buddhist grandparents.

Yeon Ji Kim of South Korea, a recent PAA graduate, joined the Adventist Church through baptism.



Due to Laurelwood's closure, Kim completed her last year of high school at PAA.

Kim's decision to become an Adventist is certainly the result of all those who support Adventist education, including Griffin, who probably did not expect that his time teaching English in Korea would ever result in the baptism of a young Korean he had never met. •

Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent

New Staff Members

Give Milo Great Start to Year

Milo Adventist Academy welcomed several new staff members this fall, including Randy Bovee, the new principal.

Bovee has previously been a teacher, vice principal and interim principal. A graduate of Milo Elementary as well as the academy, Bovee has a master's degree in administration. After 17 years of teaching, Bovee's experience, spiritual emphasis and knowledge of the school will make a positive impact at Milo.

Alex Federowski is the new vice principal for student affairs and teaches oral



Randy Bovee, Milo's new principal.



Alex Federowski, Milo's new vice principal, and his wife Barbara Federowski, new administrative secretary.

expression and algebra. He comes from Tulsa Adventist Academy, where he was principal. Already his calm, patient wisdom has been a blessing. His wife Barbara teaches American literature and also became the administrative secretary when Teresa Wilkens moved to the accounting position. Barbara has a special talent for putting people at ease and getting them get the help they need.

Becky Rae, part-time English teacher last year,

was hired full time to fill the position vacated by Jeff Bovee. Her caring and friendly spirit enables her students to talk to her whenever they need



Nic Owens, Milo's new science and math teacher.

someone to listen. Milo also hired Nic Owens from Minnetonka Christian Academy in Minnesota to teach science. Owens' fun-loving nature and desire to connect with the students have won him the affection of all the kids on campus.

Academics is not the only area in which Milo acquired new staff. Girls' assistant dean Elizabeth Blackerby and REACH coordinator

Dustin Young were hired from Southern Adventist University in Tennessee. Mike Young is the new pastor's assistant, and Kevin Vernier is serving as the boys' assistant dean. Both come from Union College in Nebraska. During his academy years, Vernier worked as a part of the grounds crew, and he has delighted everyone with his renewed efforts to beautify the campus.

Milo has a great new staff that is already making a difference in the campus and the students. The unique blend of people and personalities is sure to make this year a memorable one, and as they learn and grow together, students and staff can expect to have a fantastic school year. •

Summer Coggins, MAA junior

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Russian Group Gains

Five New Members Through Baptism

As a result of an evangelistic series conducted this spring by Alexander Sidorenko, Russian

Group (Portland) pastor, five young people were baptized: Konstantin Malyugin,

Natalia Dumitrash, Miroslav Sidorenko, Lidiya Chepa and Diana Chepa.

"I did the right thing," said Miroslav Sidorenko.

Sisters Lidiya and Diana Chepa agreed, adding, "We always wanted to be baptized together."

The baptismal candidates participated in a thorough Bible course prior to the meetings, which were the culminating event in their decisions to commit

themselves wholly to God. Others are currently in the process of studying toward baptism.

"We are working with people," says Alexander Sidorenko. "It's a lot of seeds planted."

The Russian Group was established in 1994 and meets in the youth chapel at Tabernacle Church. •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication

Recently Diana Chepa, Miroslav Sidorenko and Lidiya Chepa joined Konstantin Malyugin and Natalia Dumitrash (not pictured) in baptism.



Amy L. Schrader

OREGON

Gladstone Park Holds Daniel Seminar

The Gladstone Park Church sponsored a Daniel Seminar from February through March at the Abernethy Center in Oregon City, Oregon. Follow-up meetings were held in the church's fellowship room in April.



From left: Paul Johnson, Gladstone Park Church senior pastor, interviewed Shirley Zwahlen with the seminar's speaker, Leroy Klein.

Leroy Klein, local elder and seminar speaker, said that the average attendance was 80, including church members. He also reported that 14

visitors signed up for baptism, and a visitation program is underway.

Part of the success of the seminar was due to 30,000 flyers mailed to nearby zip codes. When Paul Johnson, Gladstone Park senior pastor, baptized Shirley Zwahlen on July 17, he interviewed her in front of the congregation. "Shirley, how did you learn of Seventh-day Adventists?" he asked.

"About 20 years ago Dorothy Ringering, a local church member, gave me Bible studies. I also took the Voice of Prophecy lessons. Recently I received a flyer in the mail to attend the meetings at Abernethy Center."

"What impressed you the most at the meetings?" Johnson asked.

"The speaker seemed to look right at me. He made the Bible clearer than ever before using history for the book of Daniel." •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader



Conference, church and community leaders broke ground for a new community services building to house Glide Church's Helping Hands program.

Glide Breaks Ground for New Helping Hands Building

The Glide (Ore.) Church broke ground Aug. 1 for a community services building that will house their Helping Hands program.

Helping Hands works with the Umpqua Community Action Network food bank to distribute food in the Glide area and also provides clothing to those who need it. This is a great help to area families who would otherwise have to face the expense of traveling to Roseburg for assistance.

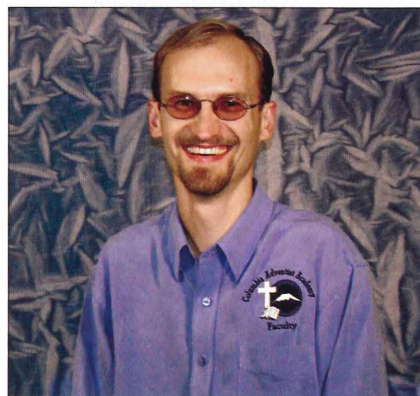
On average, Helping Hands provides assistance

to 100 families each month.

The program has outgrown the space available in the church and needs room to provide help in addition to food and clothing. The Oregon Conference Natural Church Development Team evaluation conducted at Glide in November 2002 also identified this need.

The project has been supported by local businesses, community members and Maranatha as well as the Glide Church family. •

Diana Bishop, Glide Church clerk



CAA Welcomes New Teacher

Columbia Adventist Academy welcomed Keith Kerbs to this year's staff as a religion and U.S. history teacher.

Most recently a teacher at Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska, Kerbs is especially anxious to encourage in his students a desire to know and experience God's unconditional love and understanding. He joins a staff that works to help students feel acceptance and affirmation for who they are so that they will mature into Christian adults.

Kerbs and his wife, Karis, along with their two young children, are looking forward to camping, kayaking, biking, hiking and being part of an active school community. •

Berit Von Pohle, CAA principal

Forum Confronts Men's Issues

The Forum on Domestic Violence and Men's Issues was held July 16-17 at the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC). The forum was sponsored by the UCC family life department to: discuss the causes, effects, intervention strategies and treatment for abused and abusive men; outline an educational program designed to help Christian men understand the dynamics of domestic violence from a male perspective; develop a mentoring program to help men maintain healthy relationships with others; and plan a men's conference in conjunction with Being There, a women's conference on domestic violence that will be held April 1-2, 2005, in Ohio.

The experience was exciting, yet some of us felt vulnerable because of the uncharted territory of abuse issues that are not normally explored when men come together. In our exploration of relational development, we recognized that these issues and other areas of our lives in need of healing and renewal must be addressed.

On Friday evening Steve Nelson, Hope For Survivors president, shared a devotional thought from the life of

Joseph. Nelson emphasized that God is bigger than any tribulation in our lives.

The first presentation was given by Colin Dunbar on "Causes, Treatment and Intervention Strategies for Abused and Abusive Men." Dunbar pointed out that the church runs the risk of being irrelevant at times or failing to meet the needs of its members. We need to be more equipped to address addictive, irrational and dysfunctional behaviors; feelings of inadequacy and lack of self-worth; drug abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence; and more.

On Sabbath morning the forum continued with a devotional talk and prayer with Gerald Hudgens, the men's facilitator for Polly's Place in Seattle. He emphasized that in order for us to effect change, we must maintain a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and rejoice in service, for our ability to reach those in need is based upon the Lord working in us and not the work itself.

Keynote speaker Doug Ammon, Pacific Union College counseling center director, stated that Jesus demonstrated His love by spending most of His time healing. He went on to say that society has an erroneous



Speakers for the UCC Forum on Domestic Violence and Men's Issues were (from left): Colin Dunbar, Spokane East Central pastor; Wayne Hicks, UCC Pathfinders and family ministries director; and Doug Ammon, Pacific Union College counseling center director.

belief system that affects our thinking toward the role of men and women, which in turn determines our thoughts, feelings and behavior.

The forum then separated into three groups to discuss the process needed to educate men to form healthy relationships. They discussed the five ways that men learn: apprenticeship/hands-on instruction, modeling, hitting bottom, experiential (trial and error) and repetition. They further explored Christ's

model of education, which includes unconditional love and acceptance, instruction, and modeling His relationship to God through selflessness and intimacy with both genders.

Some of the suggestions made for developing a men's program included developing corporate vision, sponsoring a core of 40 men to attend a Wild at Heart conference or Promise Keepers, establishing radio programs and a Web site to address men's issues, planning a follow-up meeting for this fall, attending a January 2005 meeting in Idaho, and participating in the Being There conference next year. •

*Mable Dunbar,
Polly's Place Network CEO
and UCC family life educator*



Sponsored by the Upper Columbia Conference, this group attended the historic Forum on Domestic Violence and Men's Issues.

Singles Retreat to MiVoden

Camp MiVoden's Memorial Day Singles Retreat, held May 28-31, was a fun-filled success this year.

Singles from several states came to Hayden Lake, Idaho, for a seminar, "The Five Love Languages, Forgiveness and Service," by speaker Cheri Corder. Corder was both entertaining and insightful as she used wonderful stories to describe her topic.

The central decorating theme by Jeri Hicks showed numerous scenes with people sharing God's love. The weekend of fellowship and new friendships found Adventists and other Christians praying for loved ones and each other. Activities included group games, horse-



People from several states and Canada traveled to Camp MiVoden for the Memorial Day Singles Retreat.

back riding, indoor swimming, hot-tubbing and a wagon ride. The costume banquet of clowns and mimes complete with face painting turned out to be a huge success.

The 80 attendees, aged from the early 20s through

retirement, came from Canada and a number of states including Maryland, Oregon, Washington, California and Montana.

The 2005 retreat, to be held Memorial Day weekend, will feature speakers Colin

and Mable Dunbar. Colin is a pastoral leader in the Upper Columbia Conference where Mable is the family life educator and Polly's Network director.

Please don't let the stigma of being "one of those singles" keep you from attending this yearly retreat. It may or may not result in finding a perfect match, but it is bound to result in members going home with God's blessing of many new friends. Each person there can be a delight to others in return. For information on this fun-filled and spiritual event, contact Terrie Leen, event coordinator, at tleen@yahoo.com.

Susan Varesko, Walla Walla City Church member

U P P E R C O L U M B I A

UCA Hosts Fly-in

The tiny town of Spangle, Wash., and surrounding community recently woke to an unusual number of low-flying aircraft. The planes were landing at Upper Columbia Academy's (UCA) grassy airstrip to participate in what has become a delightful tradition. UCA's fifth annual fly-in, organized by Chuck Paulson, head of UCA's technology department, attracted more than a dozen planes, including one of four Speedmail planes left in the world. Other planes included one that had been designed and built by the pilot, a low-wing Russian YAK, and a restored bi-plane used for crop dusting in the early 1940s.

At previous fly-ins, about

half of the pilots have been Adventists. However, none of the pilots who flew in this year were Adventists or affiliated with UCA in any way. Many of them have participated in the school's fly-in before and have enjoyed visiting with the students and learning more about the school and its mission. This year, one of the pilots just happened to be flying by and,

Pilot Addison Pemberton (middle, front) stands with UCA's Chuck Paulson (front, right) and UCA students (from left) Reuben Rodrigues, David Wheeler, Shondene Griswold and Brittany Woodruff. The bi-plane, meticulously restored by Pemberton, was used in the early 1940s for crop dusting.

when he realized what was going on, decided to land. He was impressed that a school this size could offer such a wealth of opportunities for the students.

One family stopped on their way to Sunday morning church services to see the planes. They enjoyed visiting



with the pilots and the UCA students so much that they just couldn't pull themselves away. "They never made it to church," Paulson noted a little sheepishly.

The pilots put on their own miniature air show, performing hammerheads, loops, smoke trails and several formations. A number of the pilots also gave rides to students.

The fly-in has generated an interest among students in UCA's ground school, which will be offered later this fall. Most importantly, the fly-in gave the school another opportunity make new friends for Christian education.

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Goldendale Celebrates 120 Years

More than 200 members and former members of the Goldendale (Wash.) Church celebrated its 120th anniversary Aug. 6-7.

The homecoming was the result of hard work by a homecoming committee, which invited as many former members as could be found.

Former members and pastors were involved with all aspects of the weekend's program. The weekend started with a Friday night potluck and vespers. On Sabbath morning, Edwin Supit, a former member now living in Guam, presented a slide show and narrative about the problem of diabetes on that island and how this disease can be treated with

God's original diet of fresh fruits, vegetables and grains.

The Sabbath church service included three parts of a sermon entitled, "The Son," presented by the pastor, Warren Blanck.

After church, members and guests shared a potluck meal filled with memories. Pictures and articles from the inception of the church were dug up from the *Signs of the Times*, the local paper, the GLEANER and personal pictures. The memorabilia was placed on the dining tables for members, former members and visitors to peruse. Following the potluck, the children enjoyed a Bible treasure hunt.

The afternoon service featured a church history and testimonies interspersed with music.

Many former members attended the homecoming, including some who had attended the Goldendale Church in the 1940s and 1950s. Two former pastors who attended were William Clements, who helped choose the church's property on Northwest Second Street, and Roy Churchill, who 30 years later had a similar job in selecting the church's Bickleton Road property, where he helped construct the church building.

The special homecoming culminated in the re-baptism



Celebrating 120 years of the Goldendale Church, members and friends filled the sanctuary on Sabbath, Aug. 7.

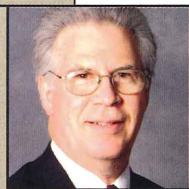
of Lanae Woodruff Johnson by former pastor Larre Kostenko.

As homecoming guests entered the sanctuary for the special celebration, each received a printed history of the church, showing articles from *Signs of the Times* and the GLEANER. It told how a small church was organized in 1884 after evangelistic meetings were held in this part of the Washington Territory.

There were three organizations of the Goldendale Church, in 1918, 1926 and 1947. At least a dozen different pastors have served during the past 120 years.

The Goldendale homecoming was a time for renewing of friendships and offered a foretaste of the true homecoming when Jesus comes. •

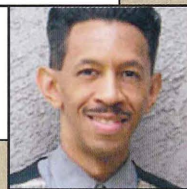
Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader



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UPPER COLUMBIA

All Nations Center Hosts Summer Day Camp

God has blessed abundantly at the All Nations Center (ANC) summer day camp this year, and it was an honor for members to meet new kids and families from the Native American community.

Camp activities included gymnastics, archery, Native beading, pottery, "graffiti busters" community service activities, swimming, mini golf, an obstacle course and group games. The fee was kept low, and need-based scholarships made certain all who desired could attend.

The day camp ran Monday through Friday, with a Family Night held every Thursday evening. On Family Night, the campers put on an informal program to share their new skills

through gymnastics and archery demonstrations, a crafts display and a slide show, which was followed by strawberry shortcake and ice cream for all.

Family Night gave church members a chance to build friendships with the campers' caregivers and family members, learn more of what their families' needs are and take those needs into consideration as they plan the next year's programs and activities.

One grandmother said, "I am just loving this! Your church is the only one I know of on the reservation that is providing



Martina Garcia takes aim during the All Nations Center's summer day camp outdoor activity time.

this kind of camp program for Native kids. They can draw closer to God in a safe, loving place and have a wonderful time!"

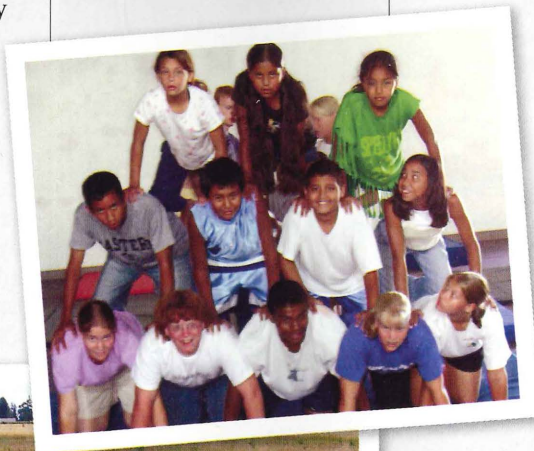
Five youth from the All Nations Center served as staff counselors, working with the campers and showing the love of Christ to them. Peter Trzinski, ANC pastor, shared a Bible story and a life-application principle to start each morning. ANC members Terri Weijohn

and Mark and Lilly Moore joined program director Dean Kravig and his wife, Lorrie, to teach classes at the camp.

The summer day camp has probably done more than any other program to give ANC a reputation of caring for the community. Each family leaves the day camp with the knowledge that their children have been in a safe, loving, nurturing and disciplined environment.

While members want the reputation of the All Nations Center to be a positive one in their community, their greatest desire is that all who attend the camp will see the love of Christ in their lives and choose to know Him as their Best Friend, Savior and Lord. •

Dean Kravig, ANC program director, and Saundra Parker-Trzinski, ANC secretary



The day camp's budding gymnasts learned to build a human pyramid as one of their activities.



Christopher Luke was pulled into the pond when his team lost the tug-of-war game.



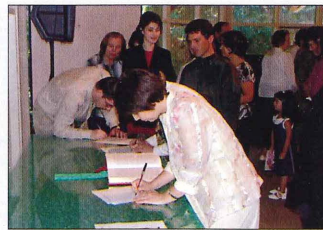
"Graffiti busters" cleaned a wall as part of the community service outreach of the day camp.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Russian Church Celebrates Organization

The Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment in Bellevue, Wash., officially joined the sisterhood of Washington Conference churches on Aug. 28 during a service filled with music, praise and rejoicing as the members reflected on how the Lord has led them thus far.

The Russian work really began in 1993 when Michael Olinick from Russia came to study at Walla Walla College. He held a series of meetings in Kent, Wash., and began a small Russian group. This group was adopted by the Volunteer Park Church in Seattle where Bruce Koch



Members of the Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment in Bellevue, Wash., eagerly lined up to sign the organizational charter.

pastored. Translation devices were purchased to aid during the worship services, and the group continued to grow.

They began praying for the right person to come and continue to lead them in the

work to the Russian-speaking people in the greater Seattle area. God answered by sending Vitaly Olinick.

Olinick soon was speaking in various Russian churches in the region and reaching out through a regular radio broadcast. In fact, each week there are those visiting for the first time who heard about the church on the radio.

Home churches started throughout the region have been instrumental in the congregation's growth. They have targeted all Russian-speaking individuals in the area as well as really trying to reach out to those with an

atheistic background. The name of the church is one that appeals to a broad section of the Russian-speaking population.

Eighty-three people signed the organizational charter. Weekly church attendance is at 150 people. This church is already reaching out to other areas of the conference and is beginning Sabbath services with a small group in Tacoma. Soon there may be yet another church that will proclaim the Adventist message to the world. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president

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Arlington Inaugurates First Mobile Disaster Relief Trailer

The Arlington (Wash.) Church presented their new mobile disaster relief trailer to their community at the Fourth of July town parade.

Marvin Creelman, then the Arlington pastor, with Adventist Community Services (ACS) director Diane Ball, and Shane Larson and Nancy Bellman, both disaster relief coordinators,

dreamed a year and a half ago of preparing their church for any disaster. They took a class on becoming a community emergency response team at the Arlington Fire Department.

The new Arlington Adventist Community Services disaster relief trailer was introduced to the public during the 4th of July parade.

The Arlington fire chief dreamed of getting several mobile disaster relief trailers outfitted to take care of 50 to 100 people each and offered to let the Arlington Church be the prototype.

Classes were hosted at both the Arlington and Marysville churches on how to take care of oneself and family. Thirty-seven attendees graduated, and 100

comfort kits and blankets were put together to supply the trailer.

With the help of the Hope Fund, Arlington Community Services and the members of the Arlington Church, dreams became reality with the purchase of the new trailer. The trailer represented many donations of funds and time, including hours donated by Bartoli Signs to do the lettering and a truck loaned by Greg Raerdon Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Arlington to pull it during the parade. •

Katie Bidleman



Korean Central Church

Celebrates Grand Opening

The Korean Central Church (Auburn, Wash.) recently opened their doors for a grand opening celebration of their new church facility.



Friendly greeters welcomed each one to the grand opening celebration of the Korean Central Church in Auburn, Wash.

The church bustled with energy as members welcomed guests from throughout the region into the brand-new facility built by faith in God's leading. This facility was built from a vision to have space for all age groups in the church. The church is built in a round design with plenty of seating for the current members as well as room to expand as the church continues to fulfill the gospel commission in the greater Seattle area.

The large fellowship hall also serves as a full-size gymnasium that will accommodate the many youth programs that the church holds. The kitchen is a state-of-the-art design that many restaurants would love.

During the grand opening John Freedman, Washington Conference president, challenged the church to continue walking with the Lord and inviting people to worship as Hezekiah did. Not everyone will come to worship, yet there will always be those who will want to learn more of God and will come to the temple. This will be the goal of the Korean Central Church as they continue to be faithful in inviting others to worship. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president



John Freedman, Washington Conference president, congratulated the congregation for the wonderful facility.



Foundations for the new girls' dorm at AAA have been poured and construction is continuing.

Auburn Moves from Flames to Facelift

It has been months since Auburn Adventist Academy's (AAA) girls' dorm and classrooms inside it were destroyed by flames. A facelift following these events is bringing a sense of restoration and renewal to the campus.

Melissa Howell, AAA assistant girls' dean, said that "the same girls that saw it fall are looking forward to seeing a new one [dorm]." Howell added that there was a lot of excitement when the girls saw cement poured on the foundation a few weeks ago.

In addition to the girls' dorm, construction is underway for a new family consumer science and health building to replace the destroyed classrooms.

All the construction on campus has brought the faculty and students together in mutual anticipation. The sense of community connected

to the tragedy has only been heightened by the rebuilding and construction occurring at Auburn.

Though use of these buildings will come later, students have been able to enjoy changes to the cafeteria, Rudolph Hall. The remodeling of the cafeteria was supplemented by the Committee of 100 and friends. The remodeling includes new carpet, tables, chairs, paint and a conference room. The remodeling of the outdoor patio is being finished up with cement tables, benches and lampposts being added to the outdoor barbecue grills provided by the class of 2002.

God has been good to Auburn Adventist Academy, and we will keep sharing his continual blessings. •

Nelita Davamony, AAA GLEANER correspondent

WASHINGTON

Port Angeles Presents

Angel in Chains

Would Christ want His people to care about those who are healing from painful relationships? The Port Angeles (Wash.) Church thought so, and the powerful new 40-minute *Angel in Chains* film provided the perfect vehicle.

Designed for youth and the unchurched, *Angel* deals with forgiveness and life's priorities through the true story of a confrontation of values between renegade bikers and a woman and her young daughter on an isolated Arizona ranch.

Donations at the free showing held May 21 raised more than \$200 for Healthy Families, the local agency for victims of abuse and family violence.

Afterward, the film's message was driven even deeper by a poignant, spontaneous testimony from a Healthy Families client. Another guest plans to use the film in his ministry with recovering addicts.

Produced by Southern Adventist University students and faculty, *Angel* is available through the Adventist Book Center. Information about its production story is available online at art.southern.edu/films/news.

Kathy Nixon



After eight weeks spending every day together, the WWYC group were truly solidified as a team.

Youth Challenge Members Bless and Are Blessed

Twenty-nine young people assembled June 13 in Renton, Wash., to begin a summer of adventure in service to God. Not knowing all that was in store, they followed God's calling to be His hands, His feet, His eyes and His voice to the world during this summer and for the rest of their lives.

Western Washington Youth Challenge (WWYC) has a two-fold mission: to bless the lives of young people through service and to bless those they come in contact with

as a team. A large portion of the students' time is spent seeking to bless the lives of those they meet door-to-door by sharing God's love for them through conversation, prayer and the distribution of high-quality books for healthy living, families and spiritual growth.

One of the primary focuses of the team this summer was 7,500 prayers with people at their doors—2,500 more than last summer. Equipped by God, this team went beyond and shared 9,833 prayers. There were so many stories about lives that were changed because "you took the time to pray with me," as people at their doors would often exclaim. Many times, team members met people who had never prayed before, and they had the opportunity to teach them how to pray.

Team goals were also surpassed when they reached 75,040 homes visited and gave out 3,249 books.

For the past 11 years, Youth Challenge has been a key part of the ministry of the Washington Conference. Hundreds of students have personally accepted Jesus Christ or cemented their commitment to Him and their devotion to following the truths found in God's Word because of their involvement as a WWYC member. This summer followed in that tradition, and four students were baptized or rebaptized on their last Sabbath together.

The team as a whole testified during the celebration Sabbath that they were different people than they were when they joined WWYC. They realized that God is real, He does hear their prayers, and He can use them to make a difference.

WWYC has left and continues to leave a legacy of young people empowered and equipped for ministry. This summer was no exception.

Tara VinCross, WWYC director

A large part of the Youth Challenge ministry is spent meeting people at their doors, many of whom would not be reached any other way.



W A S H I N G T O N

WWC Ranked as One of America's Best Colleges

Walla Walla College (WWC) ranks in the top tier of colleges and universities included in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2005 edition of "America's Best Colleges."

The publication ranks WWC 34th out of the 63 colleges and universities who are also considered top-category schools in the western United States. WWC is included in the 17-state western region in the category of "Best Universities—Master's."

"We're pleased to see Walla Walla College in the top category of western master's-level universities," says Ginger Ketting-Weller, WWC acting president. "While this report is just one of many ways to assess our performance, it is affirming news about the good things happening at our school."

Nationwide, the guide ranks 572 universities in the "Best Universities—Master's" category. WWC was compared with 124 other universities in the western region.

"One of the strong factors brought out in our top-category ranking was our 13-to-one student teacher ratio, providing an environment in which students are more likely to personally connect with their teachers—a strong, positive factor in research on student success. Another notable point in our data is that we had the highest average alumni giving rate of all the universities in our category," says Ketting-Weller. An average of 27 percent of

WWC graduates give to their alma mater.

In addition to alumni giving, other factors taken into consideration are acceptance rate, freshman retention and graduation rate, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, and peer assessment.

Complete ranking information is available at www.usnews.com.

Rosa Jimenez,
WWC college relations director

WWC Vice President Receives Philanthropy Award

Karen Johnson, Walla Walla College vice president for college advancement, has received the Trailblazer in Philanthropy Award, the highest recognition of achievement in Adventist fund-raising.

Johnson was honored by her peers at a triennial conference held July 24–27 in Dallas, Texas, by the church's Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI).

Presented every three years by the North American Division, the award is given to a professional fund-raiser who has lent initiative, creativity and consistent professional leadership on behalf of Adventist philanthropy in

its system of health and/or education.

LuAnn Davis, PSI board chair, and Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrews University and former WWC president, presented the award. Quoting letters of support from professional peers, WWC board members and advancement staff, Davis and Andreasen described Johnson as an excellent leader, strategic planner and mentor.

Johnson has been WWC's vice president for college advancement since 1991. Since then, the advancement office has raised more than \$86 million from alumni, businesses, foundations and private donors. It raises an

average of \$7 million every year.



Karen Johnson, vice president for college advancement

The college is currently completing the \$18 million Faith in the Vision campaign, a campus renewal project that includes the construction of a new administration building.

As head of college advancement, Johnson also oversees the college's alumni and public relations programs.

Johnson serves as president of the Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy and serves on the operating board of PSI in Silver Spring, Md.

Before coming to WWC, Johnson worked in Adventist academies for 18 years.

Rosa Jimenez,
WWC college relations director

Family
M I L E S T O N E S

Brincken 95th

Margaret Wormell Brincken recently celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends at her home in Libby, Mont. She is a member of the Libby Church.

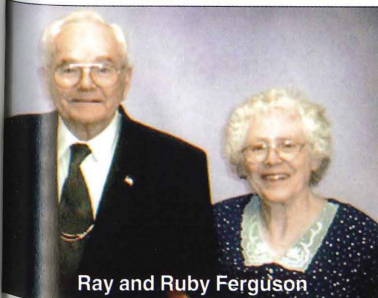
Brincken was born July 9, 1909, in Rosalia, Wash. After teaching for a number of years in small rural schools she married her late husband, Henry G. Brincken Sr., in 1935. She taught in church schools in the Spokane area as well Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She retired from teaching in 1971 after teaching 15 years at the Otis Orchards Elementary School. She presently lives with her daughter, Louise Benitz.

Her family includes Kent and Bette Brincken of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Marian and Kerry Forschler of Renton, Wash., Louise and Alvin Benitz of Libby, 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 18 step-great-grandchildren and 6 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Ferguson 60th

Ray and Ruby Ferguson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family and friends. They are members of the Spokane Central Church.

Ray Ferguson married Ruby Bankhead on June 19, 1944, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Ruby attended Walla Walla College, graduating with a degree elementary education. After the war, Ray worked for



Ray and Ruby Ferguson

Walla Walla Veterans Hospital for 22 years, retiring in 1978. Ruby taught for 39 years in only two Adventist schools: Clara E. Rogers Elementary School in College Place, Wash., and Spokane Jr. Academy.

The Ferguson family includes Stanley and Michelle Ferguson of Meadow Glade, Wash., Sandra Johnson of Spokane, 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mohr 65th

Marion and Gretta Jean Mohr of Portland, Ore., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 27 in Loma Linda, Calif., at a dinner for family and friends hosted by their children. They are members of the Sunnyside Church in Portland.

Marion Mohr and Gretta Jean Rowland met at Walla Walla College and were married June 27, 1939, in Lincoln, Neb. Marion's 33 years of pastoring included time spent in the Washington, Oregon, Montana and Minnesota conferences. Gretta Jean taught at Mt. Ellis Academy for a year before they were married. She later taught in church schools in Dallas, Salem and Portland, Ore., as well as teaching English at Laurelwood Academy. They are now retired and living at CherryWood Village.

The Mohr family includes Lyle and Judy Mohr of Tillamook, Ore., Julene and Benjamin Anderson of Victorville, Calif., 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Nixon 60th

Joe and Glyndon Nixon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends June 6 at the Chehalis, Wash., home of Bill and Ella



Glyndon and Joe Nixon

Hammond. They are members of the Chehalis Church.

Joseph Holmes Nixon and Glyndon Loretta Lorenz were married June 12, 1944, in Riverside, Calif. Glyndon graduated in 1944 with a secretarial degree from La Sierra College. Joe completed La Sierra College's theology degree in 1945 and entered the ministry. The next 36 or more years took them to churches in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Central California, Washington and Oregon.

The Nixon family includes Ella June and Bill Hammond of Chehalis, Wash., Harold and Kathy Nixon of Port Angeles, Wash., Marjorie and Ed Sorrels of Selah, Wash., 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

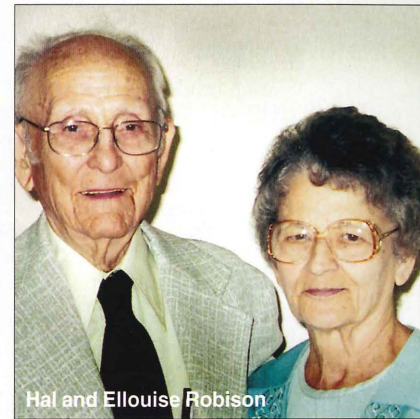
Robison 60th

Hal and Ellouise Robison celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on May 15 at the White Salmon (Wash.) Church fellowship hall.

Halstead Robison married Ellouise Mills on April 10, 1944, in Biloxi, Miss., where Hal was stationed as a medic during World War II. The couple were long-time members of the Hood River (Ore.) Church, but moved across the Columbia River to White Salmon a few years ago to live in a retirement community there. Hal worked for the Hood River city water

department for 23 years and was the foreman for the last six years before retirement. Ellouise worked for Duckwall-Pooley Fruit Co. in Hood River and Odell for 13 years. Hal, 93, enjoys woodworking, quiltmaking and cooking. Ellouise, 81, is well known as a historian, for her interest in genealogy and for her gift of hospitality.

The Robison family includes Julius and Barbara Robison, Maurice and James Robison (both sons deceased), 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Hal and Ellouise Robison

Schaffer 50th

Lloyd and Judy Schaffer quietly celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 25 with their family.

Lloyd Schaffer married Naoma "Judy" Makovsky in Grandview, Wash. After their marriage, they moved to Moses Lake, Wash., working for Earl Cole and later farming on their own as well as 20 years farming for Fisher and Dobias. Lloyd retired in 1995. Judy continues doing tax consulting and accountant work, which she has been doing for 35 years.

The Schaffer family includes Laryl "Buck" and Suzette Schaffer of LaGrande, Ore., Darla Schaffer of Moses Lake, Wash., and 9 grandchildren.

ANDERSON—Easton Cooper was born Aug. 1, 2004, to Craig and Thana (Sample) Anderson, Canby, Ore.

BECKER—Joselyn Lauren was born March 26, 2004, to Matthew and Shannon (Young) Becker, Silverdale, Wash.

BIERWAGEN—Alex Spencer was born June 25, 2004, to Darrin and Kathleen (Kohfeld) Bierwagen, Beaverton, Ore.

BOWLBY—Seth William was born June 1, 2004, to Will and Kim (Ryan) Bowlby, Cave Junction, Ore.

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COOTZ—Caroline A. was born July 9, 2004, to Ray and Tere (King) Cootz, Portland, Ore.

DE JESUS-MORENO—Humberto Eric was born Aug. 3, 2004, to Humberto and Erika (Moreno) De Jesus, Tillamook, Ore.

DIETRICH—Shelby Emilia was born Aug. 6, 2004, to Doug and Tonya (Larson) Dietrich, Portland, Ore.

DONWERTH—Ayanna Chanchal was born May 7, 2003, and adopted into the family of Scott and Mayla (Messinger) Donwerth, Aug. 20, 2004, Vancouver, Wash.

HARDIN—Ashton J. was born July 1, 2004, to Matthew and Stacie (Smart) Hardin, College Place, Wash.

HART—Elliana Elisabeth Anne was born July 19, 2004, to Veronica Hart, Portland, Ore.

HENSLEY—Tyler was born June 30, 2004, to Bret and Sherri (Jacobs) Hensley, Port Angeles, Wash.

HENSLEY—Tyson was born June 30, 2004, to Bret and Sherri (Jacobs) Hensley, Port Angeles, Wash.

HODDE—Bridget Deane was born May 3, 2004, to Ben and Tasha (Edie) Hodde, Richland, Wash.

HUALA—Brandon Daniel Robert was born June 19, 2004, to Rob and Carla (Stephens) Huala, Portland, Ore.

HUGHES—Ariana Eun-Hei was born Nov. 15, 2003, to Paul and Sharon (Lee) Hughes, Renton, Wash.

LEWIS—Seth was born May 21, 2004, to Scooter and Stephanie (Callahan) Lewis, Bremerton, Wash.

MCGILL—Micah James was born June 10, 2004, to James and Christina (Bond) McGill, Days Creek, Ore.

MORTON—McKenzie A. was born May 25, 2004, to Zachery and Kathryn (Smith) Morton, Vancouver, Wash.

RICHEY—Jesse Wyatt was born June 29, 2004, to Frank and Brenda (Frost) Richey, Ronan, Mont.

RIVERA—Hannah Rae was born July 25, 2004, to Fabio and Charity (Bishop) Rivera, Klamath Falls, Ore.

SCHOONOVER—Karleigh M. was born May 27, 2004, to Jerry and Penny (Flick) Schoonover, Sutherlin, Ore.

SMITH—Ainsley Brook was born Feb. 3, 2004, to David and Janelle (Denney) Smith, Loma Linda, Calif.

STATEN—Nicholas Lewis was born May 25, 2004, to Chris and April (Lathrop) Staten, Eagle Point, Ore.

WRIDE—Charis McKenna was born June 22, 2004, to Nick and Pattie (White) Wride, Moses Lake, Wash.

BEDDOE-KOCH—Katrina Beddoe, Lorin Koch, July 17, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Salem, Ore.

COMSTOCK-FOSS—Calista Comstock, Caleb Foss, July 25, 2004, Hayden Lake, Idaho. They are making their home in Fresno, Calif.

CORTINAS-RODRIGUEZ—Natalie Cortinas, Carlos Rodriguez Jr., July 18, 2004, Burlington, Wash. They are making their home in Walla Walla, Wash.

GARRISON-ENSLAW—Sonia L. Garrison, Erik M. Enslaw, Aug. 15, 2004, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They are making their home in Post Falls, Idaho.

GNEWUCH-JOHN—Sunshine Gnewuch, Brian John, July 11, 2004, McMinnville, Ore., where they are making their home.

GRISWOLD-PETROFF—Sarah Griswold, Thane Petroff, June 8, 2003, Sequim, Wash. They are making their home in Port Angeles, Wash.

HANSON-MAHER—Dana Hanson, Patrick Maher, June 27, 2004, Hermiston, Ore. They are making their home in Pilot Rock, Ore.

HARMAN-GLOVER—Tammy Harman, David Glover, July 24, 2004, Tacoma, Wash., where they are making their home.

HAYNES-ELLER—Rebecca Haynes, Beaver Eller, Aug. 15, 2004, Apison, Tenn. They are making their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

HICKETHIER-REIMCHE—Cheryl C. Hickethier, Leo A. Reimche, July 14, 2004, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. They are making their home in Portland, Ore.

HOFFMAN-DILLON—Taryn Hoffman, Robert Dillon, July 11, 2004, Puyallup, Wash. They are making their home in Sedro-Wooley, Wash.

KING-PRATT—Kelly King, Dan Pratt, Aug. 15, 2004, Beaverton, Ore. They are making their home in South Sudan, Africa.

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KLEIN-WENTZ—Katrina Klein, Joshua Wentz, Aug. 1, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Seattle, Wash.

MAYO-REDFORD—Angie Mayo, Bill Redford, June 5, 2004, McMinnville, Ore., where they are making their home.

MCQUARTER-SESSION—Isabelle McQuarter, Jesse Session, July 10, 2004, Federal Way, Wash. They are making their home in Kent, Wash.

POND-MUNDALL—Laurina Pond, Eddie Mundall, July 4, 2004, Sunnyside, Wash. They are making their home in Klamath Falls, Ore.

STATES-HERR—Christine States, Michael Herr, Aug. 8, 2004, Sequim, Wash. They are making their home in Alta Monte Springs, Fla.

UNTERSEHER-KING—Kandyce Unterseher, Kyle King, July 15, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home on Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

VAN DORAN-CAMPBELL—Sandra M. Van Doran, Grant N. Campbell, July 31, 2004, Sunnyside, Wash. They are making their home in Auburn, Wash.

Family
A T R E S T

ABBOTT —M. Jane (Morris), 84; born Oct. 1, 1919, Manhattan, Kan.; died June 23, 2004, Nampa, Idaho. Survivors: husband, Forrest; sons, Roger, Homedale, Idaho, Perry, Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Doreen Garcia, Middleton, Idaho; brothers, Harry Morris, Newbeiber, Calif., Charles Morris, Nampa; sister, Virginia Tester, Nampa; 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

BALLANCE —Lenard N., 78; born Nov. 6, 1925, East St. Louis, Ill.; died Aug. 3, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Eleanor (Ledbetter), Dallas, Ore.; son, Jeff, Aurora, Ore.; daughter, Glenda Hounshell, Alberta, Canada; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BISHOP —Louis E., 84; born March 29, 1920, in Missouri; died May 31, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marjorie (Davis); daughter, Billie Duffy, Portland; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BLOOM —Mildred (Thruston), 78; born April 19, 1925, Portland, Ore.; died March 24, 2004, Ketchikan, Alaska. Surviving: husband, Keith, Wrangell, Alaska; son, Willie, Wrangell; daughters, Barb Moyer, Sandy, Ore., Andrea Kizziar, Wrangell; 3 grandchildren.

CATE —Laverne W., 77; born Sept. 14, 1926, Aberdeen, S.D.; died April 1, 2004, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Esther (Johnson); sons, Larry, Eugene and Ron, all of Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Cheryl Reimche, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Maynard, Apple Valley, Calif., Daryl and Wyman both of Gaston, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

COURTNEY —Frank L., 97; born Aug. 27, 1906, Shannon City, Iowa; died March 21, 2004, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, Olga (Ness) Hegstad; son, Floyd, Harlingen, Texas; stepsons, Manfred Hegstad, Eugene, Ore., Les and Byron Hegstad, both of Vancouver, Jerry Hegstad, Seattle, Wash., Howard Hegstad, Loma Linda, Calif.; daughter, Marcella Gearhart,

Gresham, Ore.; stepdaughters, Marilyn Fairchild, Battle Ground, Phyllis Starr, Spangle, Wash.; brother, William, Lincoln, Neb.; sister, Mildred Petersen-Fillion, Rothsay, Minn.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

EDGE —Margaret L., 83; born May 28, 1921, Holtville, Calif.; died July 9, 2004, Milton Freewater, Ore. Surviving: sisters, Barbara Kirchner, Apple Valley, Calif., Jewell Vickers, Crescent City, Calif.

GEER —Gordon A., 89; born Oct. 15, 1914, Ottumwa, Iowa; died July 5, 2004, Phoenix, Ore. Surviving: wife, Margaret (Hammill); son, Gordon A. Jr., Roseville, Calif.; daughters, Christine A. Jenkins, Wrightwood, Calif., Brooke E. Person, Glendale, Calif.; 6 grandchildren.

GODFREY —Marcella G. (Cruver), 92; born May 31, 1912, Palouse, Wash.; died July 15, 2004, Wooster, Ohio. Surviving: son, Charles W., Ravenna, Ohio; daughters, Marlene Anderson and Linda Hilton both of Walla Walla, Wash.; brother, Ed Cruver, Moses Lake, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren.

GYES —Genevieve H., 76; born Aug. 22, 1927, Vancouver, Wash.; died May 12, 2004, Vancouver.

HALL —Vera M. (Stoffer) VanStone Files, 84; born June 13, 1919, Ottawa, Kansas; died June 3, 2004, Prairie City, Ore. Surviving: sons, Charles VanStone, Shephards Town, W. Va., Bill Files, Reedsport, Ore.; daughter, Vickie Waters, Mt. Vernon, Ore.

HANSEN —Kathryn E. (Syvertson), 90; born Sept. 1, 1914, Rhame, N. D.; died April 21, 2004, Salinas, Calif. Surviving: son, James Hansen, Salinas; daughter, Beverly Gaschk, Fife, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

HART —William C., 79; born April 22, 1925, Crawfordsville, Ore.; died June 27, 2004, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: wife, Bethine (Shipley); son, William,

Portland, Ore.; daughters, Melissa Dungan, Creswell, Ore., Susan Carter and Mona Hart both of Portland, Cheryl Vincent, Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Jenny Tully, Salem, Ore.

HOOKER —C. Agnes, 99; born Oct. 2, 1904, Cleveland, Wash.; died July 15, 2004, Sunnyside, Wash.

JAMES —Jacqueline R. (Stewart), 82; born March 2, 1921, Wenatchee, Wash.; died Sept. 27, 2003, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: sons, Larry and Jerry both of Cashmere, Wash.; daughter, Leah Kay Mix, Sammamish, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

KEMPH —John Q., 84; born July 1, 1920, Waco, Mont.; died July 26, 2004, Billings, Mont. Surviving: wife, Lois (Jennings), Custer, Mont.; daughter, Louise Church, Custer; brothers, Robert, Delano, Calif., Joe Q., Custer, Floyd, McLeod, Mont.; sister, Kathleen Hixson, Redding, Calif.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MILLER —Stephen L., 56, born June 15, 1947, Normal, Ill.; died May 23, 2004, Edmonds, Wash. Surviving: wife, JoAnn (Mason); mother, Hazel (Hughes) Miller Nye; stepfather, Jim Nye; stepbrothers, Robert Butler, Seattle, James Nye, Fair Oaks, Calif.,

John Nye, Kirkland, Wash.; stepsister, Susan (Nye) Manson, Bothell, Wash.

REED —Dora, 87; born Oct. 14, 1916, Selma Township, Mich.; died Aug. 5, 2004, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: sister, Frances Vielhauer, Sweet Home.

SPINA —Judith A. (Jacoshenk), 60; born Dec. 11, 1942, Minot, N.D.; died Oct. 8, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Joe, Portland; daughter, Angela Phillips, LaCenter, Wash.; parents, Ray and Ruby Jacoshenk; brother, Gary Jacoshenk, Portland; 3 grandchildren.

SWANBERG —James H., born Sept. 6, 1910, Cedar Creek, Wash.; died May 18, 2004, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Elna (Johnson); daughter, Valerie Spencer, Manzanita, Ore.; 1 grandchild and 1 great-grandchild.

ULMER —Victor A., 79; born May 12, 1925, New Orleans, La.; died June 11, 2004, Eustis, Fla. Surviving: wife, Miriam (Brumfield); Sorrento, Fla.; son, Victor S., Denver, Colo.; daughter, Peggy L. Ruggeri, Sorrento; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WAYMIRE —Dorcas M. (Kleckner), 85; born Sept. 22, 1914, Sumner, Neb.; died March 2, 2004, Zillah, Wash. Surviving: sons, Larry, Granger, Wash., John, Zillah, Leroy, Hardin, Mont., Kenny, Zillah, Phillip, Gresham, Ore.; daughters, Laurel Schmella, Mill Creek, Wash., Polly Johnson, Portland, Ore., Marcene Duim, Outlook, Wash., Tamera Waymire, Granger; brother, Beryl Kleckner, North Platt, Neb.; 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WEH —Erwin, 95; born July 7, 1909, Labenz, West Prussia; died July 8, 2004, Snohomish, Wash. Surviving: son, Herbert, Woodinville, Wash.; daughters, Adele Hann, Mukilteo, Wash., Irma Williams, Marysville, Wash., Ursula Jorgenson, Snohomish; brother, Paul, Germany; sister, Johanna Weh, Germany; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events

Oct. 1—Portland Campus Registration; **Oct. 2**—7:30 p.m., Kraig Scott Organ Recital, College Church; 8 p.m. wwdrama: An Evening With Mark Twain, Donnie Rigby Stage (DRS); **Oct. 3**—8 p.m. wwdrama: An Evening With Mark Twain, DRS; **Oct. 4-9**—Week of Prayer; **Oct. 9**—6 p.m. Havdalah Vespers; 8 p.m. wwdrama: An Evening With Mark Twain, DRS; **Oct. 10**—8 p.m., wwdrama: An Evening With Mark Twain, DRS; **Oct. 16**—5:30 p.m., Evensong; **Oct. 22-23**—Carol Canon Abundant Life Weekend; **Oct. 23**—5:30 p.m., Havdalah Vespers.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

Oct. 2—Local Church Budget; **Oct. 9**—Voice of Prophecy; **Oct. 16**—Local Church Budget; **Oct. 23**—Local Conference Advance; **Oct. 30**—General Conference Session Project, Alaska Conference receives loose offering; **Nov. 6**—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

Oct. 2—Children's Sabbath; **Oct. 3-9**—Health Education Week; **Oct. 16**—Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath; **Oct. 23**—Pathfinder Sabbath; **Nov. 6**—Stewardship Sabbath.

MONTANA

Glasgow Missing Members

The Glasgow Church is seeking contact information for the following members: Yvette M. Burns, Angelica C. Coppolella, Rosa Correa, Joanne Dallas, Angela J. Gavin, Robert L. Gavin, Veronika L. Nyigoscisk, Patricia J. Reddick, Retta Reitz and Neal H. Rioux. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, please contact Ruth Stanton at the Montana Conference Office, 175 Canyon View Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715.

OREGON

Basking in God's Love

Riverside women's ministries presents "Basking in God's Love," featuring Carolyn Sutton, **Oct. 1-3**. This acclaimed author and speaker shares how women can find balance, harmony, peace and power through God's love. Meetings begin Friday at 7 p.m. and conclude with a brunch Sunday morning at the Washougal Community Center. Details are available at www.RiversideSDA.com or by calling the church office at (360) 835-3114. The Riverside Church is at 463 N. Shepherd Rd. in Washougal, Wash.

Jaime Jorge Concert

Concert violinist Jaime Jorge will present the vespers program Sabbath, **Oct. 2**, 6:30 p.m., at the Hood View Church in Boring, Ore. Born in communist Cuba, Jorge began playing the violin at age five. After his family immigrated to the United States he received a Christian education and continued his music studies. He has since traveled around the world many times with his music ministry.

Community Outreach Training

Learn to reach out to your community in a humanitarian way on **Oct. 3**, 10 a.m.—5 p.m., at the Gladstone Park Conference Center. Featured speakers include Donna Beegle, a national public speaker with insights and strategies for working with people from impoverished backgrounds, who will present "Interrupting Generational Poverty Barriers;" and Amy Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director, an enthusiastic speaker with a love for evangelism, who will present "Tips to Involve Young People in Our Community Outreach." The event is free and lunch will be provided, but you must pre-register by calling (503) 652-2225 ext. 413 or e-mail Linda.Schrader@oc.npuc.org.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

All retired denominational workers are invited to attend the

Tuesday, **Oct. 5**, noon potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship. We will have the privilege of hearing Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president. This monthly meeting is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Portland, Ore. Bring food and table service. For information, call Frank Gearhart at (503) 665-4777.

King's Heralds Concert

The King's Heralds will be presenting a gospel music concert at the Grants Pass Church, 1360 N.E. Ninth St., Grants Pass, Ore. The concert will be held on Wednesday, **Oct. 6**, at 7 p.m. Invite your friends to come and enjoy this musical program with you. For more information, contact the church at (541) 476-6313.

Local Church Disaster Coordinators' Training

What does a disaster/safety coordinator do? How is a site inspection conducted? How can my church pay less for its insurance coverage? Morning session will cover the specific job description, site inspections, liability issues, organizational structure and procedures. Afternoon session includes an actual walk-through site inspection with time for visioning and planning for future disaster response activities. South workshop, **Oct. 10**, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at Grants Pass Church; North workshop, **Oct. 17**, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at Gladstone Park Conference Center. Lunch will be provided, but you must pre-register by calling (503) 652-2225 ext. 413 or e-mailing Linda.Schrader@oc.npuc.org.

PAA/PUA Alumni Search

Due to a computer failure, the PAA/PUA alumni association is searching for contact information for all who attended or graduated from the academy. If you have contact information for any former students, including yourself, please e-mail it to alumni@paasda.org, call (503) 255-8372 or mail it to: PAA

Alumni Association, 1500 S.E. 96th Ave., Portland, OR 97216.

Events at Sunnyside

Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m., **Oct. 2**, at 3 p.m., and **Oct. 3**, at 10 a.m.—The Walla Walla School of Theology's Institute of Bible, Church, and Culture (IBCC) will be presenting a series of seminars at the Sunnyside Church. The presenters will be Jon Paulien of Andrews University and WWC's Alden Thompson.

Oct. 9—Danny Shelton and the 3ABN music team will lead the worship services (9 and 11:30 a.m.). Shelton's message will be "I Have Reason to Believe in Miracles." There will be a church potluck at 12:45 p.m., and at 2 p.m. the ministry team will share music, miracle stories and demonstrate what churches can do to get 3ABN on local cable television. An offering will be received.

Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.—Carl Parker and Friends Benefit Vesper Concert. An offering will be received for the Community Learning Center.

Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m.—Join us for an Autumn Hymn Festival Vespers with congregational participation directed by Tom Tavasci, Sunnyside Church minister of music, at 10501 SE Market St., Portland, OR 97216-2951; (503) 252-8080.

Wagner Piano and Organ Concert

Ed Wagner of Mariposa, Calif., will present a piano and organ concert, Sabbath, **Oct. 16**, 5:30 p.m., at the Hood View Church in Boring, Ore. Wagner has performed throughout the United States in evangelism and camp meetings, as well as being accompanist for the Belko Brass in various countries. He taught keyboard at Fresno Academy for 31 years.

Singles Activities

Oct. 16, 12:30-3:30 p.m.—Potluck at Beaverton Church: We'll sing at a local facility, then enjoy an evening indoor swim party and a potluck supper at Roger Brown's house. Directions will be available at the noon potluck, or call Charlotte at (503) 579-9549



Images of Creation 2005

PHOTO CONTEST

The GLEANER is pleased to announce the immediate opening of its 2005 nature photography contest. Winning entries will be designated to 1) appear on page two of the GLEANER print edition next year or 2) be featured for one week on the front page of the GLEANERonline.org Web edition during the year. **The deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004.**

The GLEANER will be accepting digital photos as well as slide transparencies, but several contest rules will apply to both media:

1. Photographers may submit a maximum of **15 vertical** images.
2. Only images of nature scenes taken within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington will be considered.
3. Photographers should be prepared to supply model releases for any recognizable people appearing in winning entries.
4. Winning entries from past years are no longer eligible for submission.
5. Twelve contest-winning images will be used in the print edition of GLEANER, with payment of one-time-use rights of \$80 per photo.
6. In addition to the 12 photos selected for print, a runner-up photo will appear on the GLEANERonline.org Web edition in low resolution each week during the year, after which the photo may be seen in archival form for four weeks before dropping off to make room for the next featured photo. Any requests for high-res versions of these photos for any other purpose will be forwarded to the photographer.
7. Entries should be **mailed** to P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687, or **delivered** to GLEANER, 1498 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98683 during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon.
8. Slides will be returned by regular first-class postage at GLEANER

expense or may be picked up in person by the photographer during regular GLEANER office hours after the winners are announced.

DIGITAL ENTRIES

1. If submitting photos taken with a digital camera, ensure that your camera captures at least four megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its "highest-resolution" mode and the image is recorded at the "largest JPG size."
2. Files other than JPG will not be accepted. Virgin JPG files should be saved at the highest possible resolution. Avoid degrading the image by re-saving a JPG file to the same filename.
3. Submit photos on a CD that is clearly identified "2005 Images of Creation Photo Contest" along with the photographer's name.
4. Use the title of each photo as its filename on the CD to facilitate future correspondence about that image.
5. Full contact information should also be contained in a cover letter that accompanies the entries: name, mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, and e-mail address. Include a typewritten list of all the titles you are submitting.

SLIDE ENTRIES

1. Only original 35-millimeter slides will be considered. Slide dupes will be disqualified.
2. The photographer's name must appear on the slide mount along with the photo title to facilitate future correspondence about the image and avoid loss or confusion if a slide gets separated from the rest.
3. Full contact information should be contained in a cover letter that accompanies the entries: name, mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, and e-mail address. Include a typewritten list of all the titles you are submitting.
4. Entries should be placed in a plastic slide page and protected in a large manila envelope.

for more information. For more details and singles information, call the singles' hotline at (503) 654-6054 opt. 4, visit the OCSM Web site at www.orsingles.org or e-mail us at info@orsingles.org.

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Stayton 50th Anniversary

The Stayton Church will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on **Oct. 23**. All former members are invited to this special occasion. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m., with church service at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck Harvest Bounty fellowship meal at 1 p.m. The afternoon program at 3 p.m. will include music and reminiscences. Five former pastors are planning to be present. If you cannot attend and would like to send greetings, address them to the church at 610 Fern Ridge Rd., Stayton, OR 97383.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Revelation Now Meetings

Revelation Now, an evangelistic series of meetings with Jac and 'dena Colon, is coming to Spokane. The meetings will open on **Oct. 22** at Spokane County

Fairgrounds, 404 N Havana, Spokane, at 7:15 p.m. You are welcome to come and invite your friends and relatives.

Cascade Christian Academy Alumni Sabbath

Cascade Christian Academy Alumni Sabbath will be **Oct. 30**. There will be a fellowship dinner following the Sabbath services. Everyone is invited to the CCA students' Fall Festival in the evening. Sunday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m. there will be a benefit golf tournament at the Highlander golf course for Cascade Christian Academy. If you need further information, please call Donna Pershall or Tonia Roemer at (509) 662 6347 or (509) 662-8537 or e-mail wramp@aol.com.

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Knowing Jesus Christ—the Second Adam

On **Oct. 1-2**, E. H. "Jack" Sequeira and his wife, Jean, will be speaking at the Bellevue (Wash.) Church, 15 140th Ave. N.E. Sequeira will be presenting topics that include "The Humanity of Our Savior in the Light of the Gospel," "Christ the Savior of the World," and "Is the Good News Too Good to be True?" Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to this stirring speaking engagement that will begin on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue Busick at (425) 576-9714.

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| Daylight Saving Time | October 1 | October 8 | October 15 | October 22 | October 29 |
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| Anchorage | 7:29 | 7:07 | 6:46 | 6:25 | 6:04 |
| Fairbanks | 7:17 | 6:52 | 6:27 | 6:02 | 5:38 |
| Juneau | 6:30 | 6:10 | 5:51 | 5:32 | 5:14 |
| Ketchikan | 6:20 | 6:03 | 5:45 | 5:29 | 5:13 |

IDAHO CONFERENCE

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| Boise | 7:25 | 7:13 | 7:01 | 6:50 | 6:39 |
| La Grande | 6:32 | 6:19 | 6:06 | 5:54 | 5:43 |
| Pocatello | 7:10 | 6:58 | 6:46 | 6:36 | 6:25 |

MONTANA CONFERENCE

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| Billings | 6:53 | 6:40 | 6:27 | 6:15 | 6:04 |
| Havre | 6:57 | 6:42 | 6:28 | 6:15 | 6:03 |
| Helena | 7:07 | 6:53 | 6:40 | 6:28 | 6:17 |
| Miles City | 6:42 | 6:29 | 6:16 | 6:04 | 5:52 |
| Missoula | 7:15 | 7:01 | 5:48 | 5:35 | 5:24 |

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| Coos Bay | 6:57 | 6:45 | 6:33 | 6:22 | 6:12 |
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| Pendleton | 6:34 | 6:21 | 6:09 | 5:57 | 5:46 |
| Spokane | 6:28 | 6:14 | 6:00 | 5:48 | 5:36 |
| Walla Walla | 6:32 | 6:19 | 6:06 | 5:54 | 5:43 |
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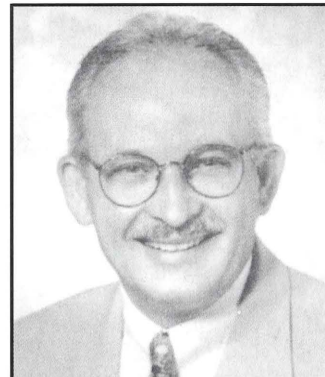
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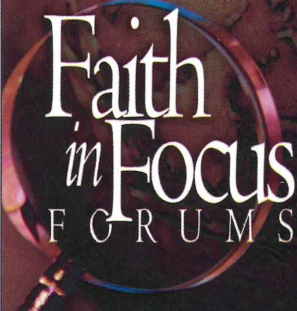
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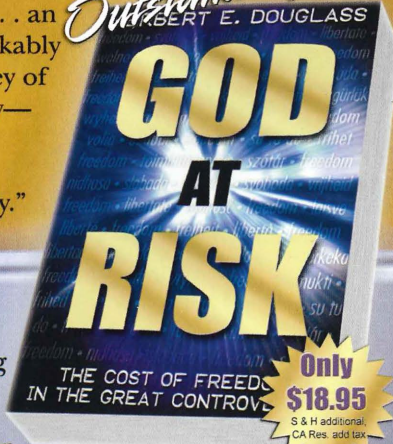


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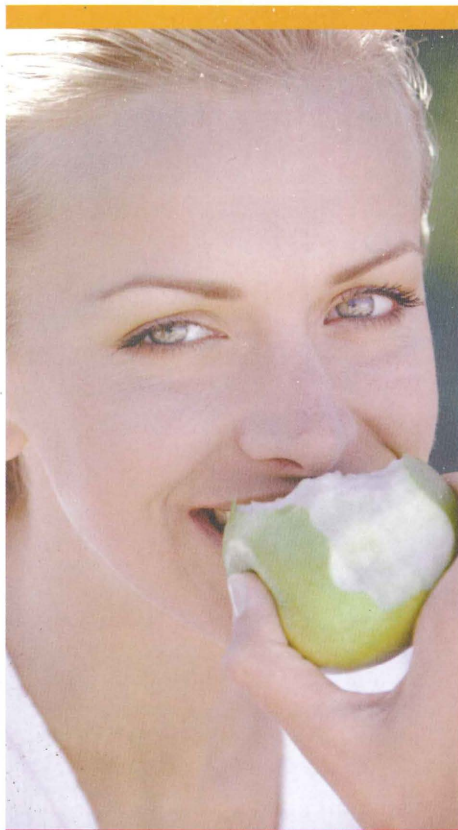
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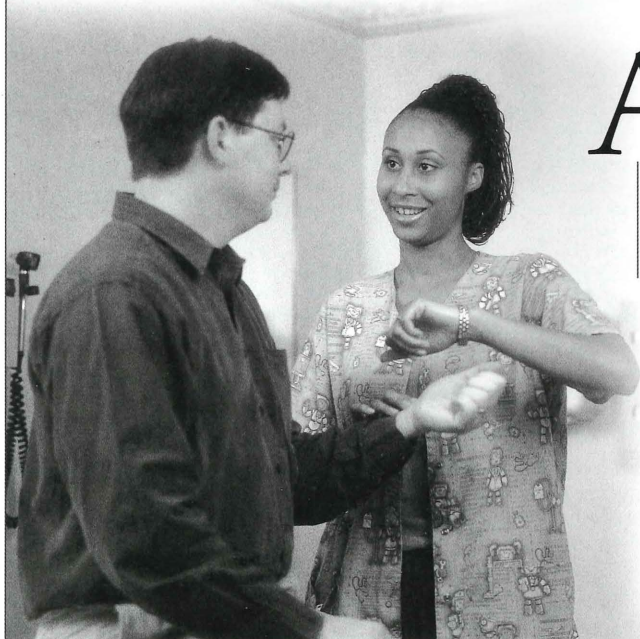
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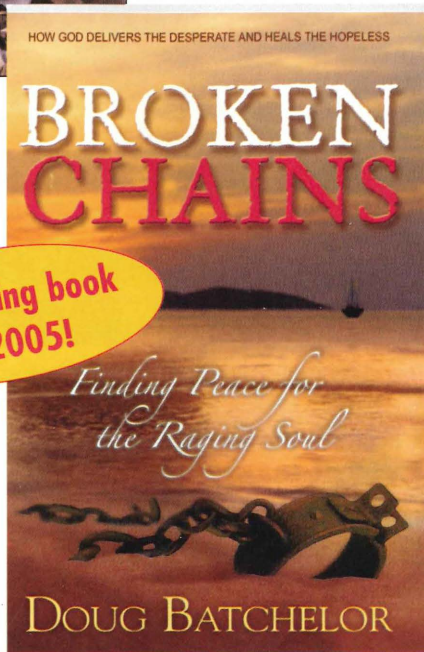
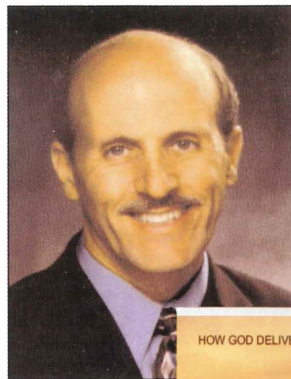
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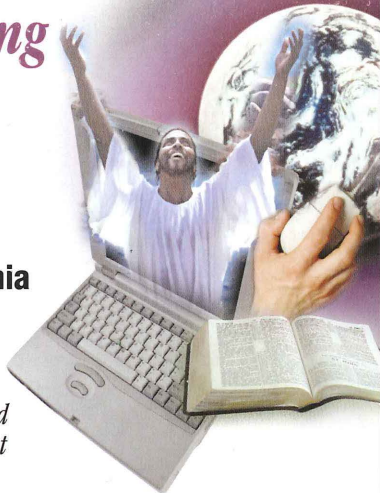
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