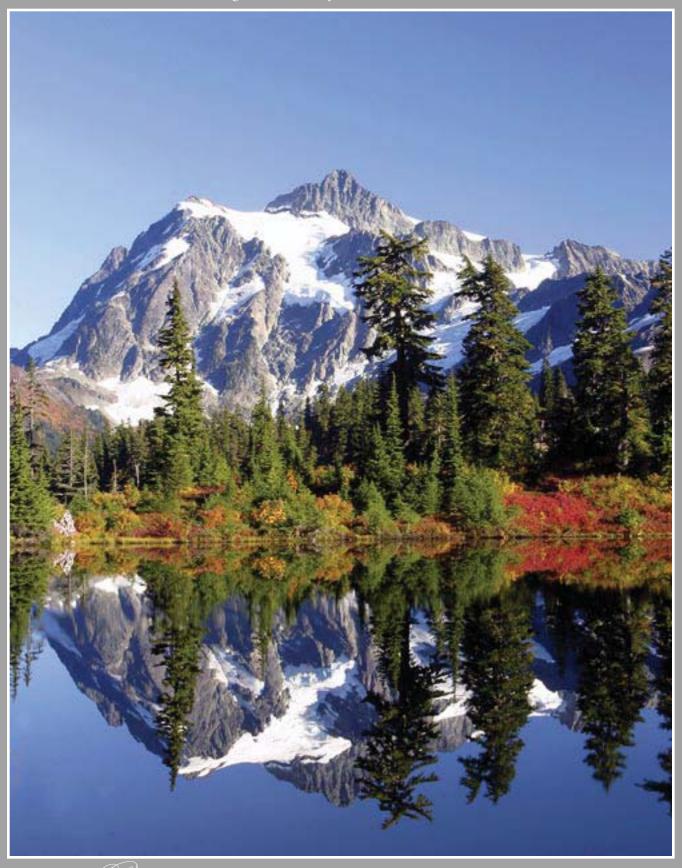
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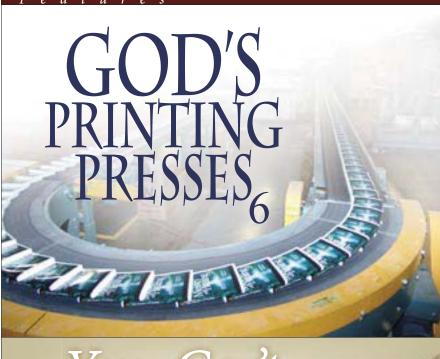
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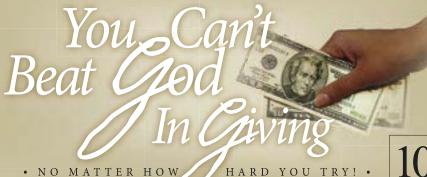
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Pressmen Ken Carter and Merle Stutheit stand on Pacific Press's new sheet-fed press ready to print inspirational books, magazines and sharing materials. Photo by Matt McKain of Welsh Studios.



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The Seventh-day 6 Adventist Church APPOINTENT

BY JERE PATZER

find myself thinking about this editorial as I return from our Church's 2004 Annual Council. Attending were world leaders representing the organized Seventh-day Adventist work in 204 of the 230 countries of the world.

It may be fruitful to contrast the Adventist Church today with the disenfranchised, disoriented, disorganized, and disappointed Advent believers who faced the bleak cold New England winter of 1844—160 years ago. Of these 50,000 Adventist believers, only 50 remained as the nucleus that would eventually become the Seventh-day Adventist Church we know and love. Only through the eyes of a visionary teenage girl could that small "Remnant" even partially fathom how God would use them in the future.

When Ellen White predicted that the humble leaflet they were soon to produce would be distributed around the world, they could not have imagined the size and impact of the Pacific Press Publishing Association as we know it today. (See page six.) Incidentally, that first tract was printed on credit and paid for by contributions only three months after it was mailed out—a step of faith we might consider presumptuous today.

Thirty years later, J. N. Andrews, whose wife had just passed away, sailed with his teenage son and daughter for Switzerland. Foreign missions work had thus begun. Now more than nine out of every ten Adventists live outside of North America. When my parents were born, there were 185,450 church members. By the time I was born, there were 598,683 Adventist members. As of the third quarter of this year, there were 13,666,497 Adventists around the world, with a weekly church attendance of more than 25 million.

When you go to bed tonight, 2,715 people will have been baptized since you went to bed last night. It's an incredible fact that on the average two new members are baptized every minute. And to give them a spiritual home, eight new churches are planted every day.

Sometimes members will cynically say that people are being born faster than we can baptize them. This may be true, and we know we will never baptize everyone. We aren't supposed to. But we are to tell everyone the good news of salvation. It's the work of the Holy Spirit to help the honest in heart respond, and indeed, they are doing just that.

Notice how the ratios have changed since the Seventhday Adventist Church was organized. At that time, there was only one Adventist for every 367,143 people living in the world:

1863	1:367,143	1990	1:794
1880	1:92,871	1994	1:669
1900	1: 24,342	2004	1:468
1950	1.3 322		

Ron Watts, the Southern Asia Division president, has told me that in India, the Church baptized 100 people each year. However, Ron recently mentioned that seven years ago his division had a membership of 250,000. Today the membership is more than 800,000, or an average of 78,751 baptisms per year. Yes, as we look back at our inauspicious beginnings, we can see that God has blessed this Church, its organization, and its people phenomenally.

As we end this year, I want to personally thank you for what you have done for the Lord and His Church. The growth I have described here does not happen without sacrifice, commitment, and faith. (See page 10.) Thank you for the time, money, and energy you have unselfishly shared. May God richly bless you, and may you have a happy holiday season and wonderful New Year. And whatever challenges, disappointments, suffering, or loss you may experience, face it knowing that His coming is much closer than it was when we first believed.

Yes, in reality, **The Great Disappointment** points us to **The Great Appointment**. And I believe that appointment is very soon. •



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







Fun Facts Pacific Press:

- Prints approximately 3,700,000 paperback books and 300,000 hardback books a year.
- Prints more than 15,000,000 magazines a year.
- Prints in excess of 5,000,000 sharing booklets a year.
- Prints and mails more than a million Adult Sabbath School Quarterlies a year.
- Ships more than 3 million pounds of mail a year, making Pacific Press the largest bulk mailer in the state of Idaho.

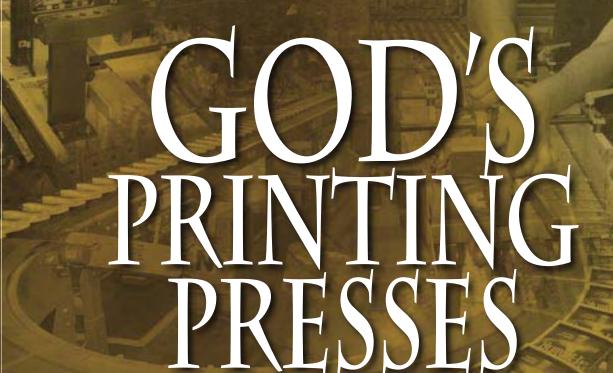


- Uses more than 5,600,000 pounds of paper in their web press, and more than 3,200,000 sheets of paper in their sheetfed press in a year.
- Runs 15,000 sheets an hour on their sheet-fed press and 30,000 magazines an hour on their web press.
- Publishes materials in 16 languages.
- Is owned and operated by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and employs 140 Adventists at its Nampa, Idaho location, as well as more than 120 Adventist Book Center staff and publishing field leaders.
- Serves 250 literature evangelists.
- Operates 24 of the 67 retail Adventist Book Center stores in North America.
- Is located on 61 acres in a building the size of three football fields, or 180,780 square feet.

Pacific Press Stores Tinished products In their Warehouse.

PACIFIC PRESS

Moving the Gospel Commission Forward for 130 Years





Pacific Press Publishing Association, located in Nampa, Idaho, offers tours Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

t is 7:30 a.m. The employees in each department of Pacific Press gather to start the day with worship and prayer. Several people make prayer requests—for a sick mother, for the safety of the workers in the plant, for Adventist Book Center employees and literature evangelists in their ministry to the community. After prayer and a few moments of sharing, everyone returns to his work area.

Devotional time begins a typical day at Pacific Press—a Seventh-day Adventist publishing house located in Nampa, Idaho. Many people are not aware that Pacific Press is located right here in the Northwest. Of course, that wasn't always so. In 1874, James White started a publishing house at his home in Oakland, California, using a manual printing press on his dining room table. A lot has changed since then.

Press today—to lift up Jesus

to be a source of light via the

materials that it publishes; it

also strives to be a source of

and to publish the news of salvation and Christ's soon return. Pacific Press strives

MISSION

Pacific Press now sits on 61 acres, and its worksite is the size of three football fields. The company uses state of the art technology; not much is run manually anymore. But the same mission established by James White still drives Pacific

PERIODICALS PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHES

Produced In-house:

Adult Sabbath School Quarterly Our Little Friend

(for children 0-5) Primary Treasure

(for children 6-9) Revista Adventista

(Spanish Adventist Review)

Printed for Other Organizations:

Adventist Woman (Association of Adventist Women)

Elder's Digest (Seventh-day Adventist

Ministerial Association)

(Adventist Frontier Missions)

Gleaner (North Pacific Union Conference)

Inside Report (Amazing Facts) Literature Evangelist (General Conference Publishing Department)

Celebración (resource for Spanish Sabbath School leaders) Gente Joven (for Spanish youth)

Signs of the Times (a sharing magazine)

(Spanish Signs of the Times)

Ministry (Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Association)

Outlook (Mid-America Union Conference)

Record (Southwestern Union Conference)

The Journal (Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Association—

Women's Intuitions (North American Division Women's Ministries)

Shepherdess International)



Bill Legg

The Acquisitions Committee, comprised of editorial, sales, and marketing staff, meet to vote on new manuscripts.

inspiration via the music and multimedia it distributes.

Pacific Press celebrates 20 years in Idaho and the North Pacific Union this year. In 1984, the press moved from Mountain View, California, to Nampa, Idaho, to avoid the high cost of operation in the Silicon Valley.

In its 130 years, Pacific Press has had its share of challenges—earthquakes, fires, struggling economies, and world wars. Yet despite the challenges, its dedicated employees, sound business principles, and commitment to God's mission have sustained the publishing house for more than a century.

PACIFIC PRESS Moving the Gospel Commission Forward for 130 Years

PACIFIC PRESS MILESTONES

Pacific Press, started in Oakland, California by James White, begins publishing Signs of the Times.

1884 First Ellen G. White book printed.

1889 First printing of the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly.

First printing of *Our Little* Friend.

1904 Pacific Press moves to Mountain View, California.

1906 Severe earthquake and fire damage to buildings.

First issue of *El Centinela* printed. First book in Spanish (The Great Controversy) printed.

International department for printing non-English materials is officially organized.

1955 Chapel Music becomes a part of Pacific

First printing of Primary Treasure. 1957

1984 Headquarters moves to Nampa, Idaho.

1998 AdventistBookCenter.com website is launched.

2001 Special printing of 9/11 sharing booklet, Where Was God? 3.5 million distributed.

2004 Purchase of new sheet-fed press costing \$1.9 million.

The management team at Pacific Press, from left: (front row) Martin Ytreberg, vice president of finance; Bob Kyte, president; Susan Harvey, vice president of marketing; (back row) Dale Galusha, vice president of sales; Russ Holt, vice president of product development; and Chuck Bobst, vice president of production.



Angelina Slade operates the ink jet

machine that sprays addresses on magazines to be bulk mailed.

PEOPLE

If you ask the president, Bob Kyte, he'll be quick to tell you that its employees are Pacific Press's most important asset. Their dedication enables Pacific Press to print the life-changing materials that spread the gospel. On the first Monday of each month, the employees gather together to dedicate the press's products, asking God to bless the printed words. Many of the employees have spent their careers working for Pacific Press, knowing that their work is furthering God's kingdom.

But each employee at Pacific Press is also a member of the North Pacific Union, and each contributes in his or her own community and church as well. For instance, there's Carlos Morales, who works in the finance department. For five years now, Carlos has been holding a worship service and Sabbath School

> at the Snake River Correctional Institution—a prison ministry which has resulted in more than 20 baptisms.

SALES

Carlos loves to tell the story of an inmate from Pendleton, Oregon: "He told me his mother had been a literature evangelist. Over the years his mother had tried

Roberto Chavez makes the final adjustments for binding the hard cover of a book with its inside

to give him materials, but he was never interested—until he was put in prison. There he read the literature and began to evaluate his life." It was that literature (published by Pacific Press) that inspired him to begin attending Carlos'church service.

Literature evangelism has touched countless lives. In fact, Pacific Press now directs literature evangelism programs in four union conferences. In addition, Pacific Press owns and operates 24 retail Adventist Book Center stores. "We want to ensure that the materials we publish reach those who need them," says Bob Kyte, "Sometimes that means managing literature evangelism programs and Adventist Book Centers that conferences no longer have the personnel and budgets to operate. However, we do appreciate those unions and conferences which continue to operate Adventist Book Centers, and those which continue to provide the leadership support for literature evangelism programs."

Pacific Press uses many avenues to get printed materials into people's hands. For example, in 1998 Pacific Press (in partnership with the Review and Herald Publishing Association) launched AdventistBookCenter.com, an online store providing access to thousands of Adventist books, magazines, sharing materials, music, and multi-media anywhere in the world. Most church members don't live near an Adventist



Book Center, including many members right here in the North Pacific Union.

LANGUAGES

Another aspect of Pacific Press's ministry is to provide books and resources in other languages, a service which is constantly expanding. Pacific Press currently publishes materials in 16 different languages, and is considered the official Spanish publisher for the North American Division. They currently offer a large number of printed materials and music in Spanish; they also publish

Thousands of copies of The Ministry of Healing make



El Centinela, the Spanish equivalent of Signs of the Times. Pacific Press plans to launch a Spanish version of the AdventistBookCenter.com website in 2005.

PRODUCTION

Every published book represents a myriad of preparatory details and much hard work. Have you ever stopped to wonder how a writer can author a book and have it end up in your hands? Here's a little of what happens behind the scenes.

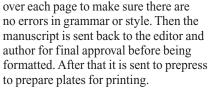
It is 10:30 a.m. The acquisitions

committee is ready to meet. There are four new manuscripts on the table for the committee to evaluate. Prayer is offered before discussion begins. Hundreds of such manuscripts come in every year, and each must be evaluated carefully.

After a manuscript goes through the acquisitions committee and is edited, it is sent to the proofreading room where copy editors will go

The employees of Pacific Press are dedicated to the Lord's work through printing books and magazines.

Matt McKain of



Meanwhile, the book cover is being prepared. First, the title/cover committee determines a title for the book and gives direction for the cover design. Once a concept for the cover has been agreed upon, it is sent to a graphic designer, who will bring the concept to life. Then the cover is sent to prepress and the plates are sent to the pressroom.

The cover and inside of the book are printed separately and then bound together. The pages are trimmed and the book is shrink-wrapped before it is delivered to inventory. Meanwhile, the marketing department is deciding how to best promote, publicize, merchandise, and advertise the book.

DELIVERY

It is 4:30 p.m. Out at the loading dock, boxes are loaded on a truck for delivery. Some are cases of Spirit of Prophecy books bound for an Adventist Book Center in Oregon; others are brimming with Adult Sabbath School Quarterlies for churches in the Northwest: and then there are the boxes full of Doug Batchelor's new sharing book, Broken Chains, on their way to pastors' meetings. Eventually, each will reach a soul in need of understanding and encouragement.

Whether it is publishing Bible and science textbooks for Adventist schools, making sure *Our Little Friend* and *Primary Treasure* are available for children's Sabbath School classes each quarter, supporting Adventist musicians through Chapel Music, or offering affordable printing to Adventist organizations, you can sense the strong dedication to God's

Nicole Batten, Pacific Press publicity director, writes from Nampa, Idaho.

Beat Cloal In Cliving NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY!

o you trust God? Do you believe in His word? God's word suggests that you can't beat Him in giving, no matter how hard you try. Do you really believe that? If so, try Him, and trust His word." With this call for the offering, a young woman challenged the congregation: "Give God all the money you have in your pockets or purses."

Deborah Turner, along with her husband Louis, a pastor from Bellingham, Washington, were attending their son's graduation ceremonies at Oakwood College on Sabbath, May 8, 2004, when this unusual challenge was made. She thought about the money in her purse and her plans to buy something for herself with some of it. Almost instantly the Holy Spirit touched her heart, impressing her to "give God a try." She accepted the challenge and gave all the money she had with her.

The next day, graduation Sunday, her son told her he was to receive a refund for an overpayment on his student account. On Monday they went to the student finance office and were amazed to receive a check in the amount of \$2,100. Of this amount, \$800 was their money, the amount they had overpaid. "You tell me, says Deborah. "Can you beat God in giving. No! No! No! No matter how hard you try."

The next weekend, during the Regional Convocation held near Auburn, Washington, Deborah told the audience about her experience at Oakwood College. She challenged the audience to give all the money they had with them. The Holy Spirit was working in the auditorium in the same way it had worked the week before. Needless to say, when the offering was counted, it was the largest offering the convocation had ever received.

The Rest of the Story

Mattie Carrington and her husband Andrew, from Renton, Washington, were in the audience at the Regional Convocation that Sabbath. At first Mattie was reluctant to give all the funds she and Andrew had brought with them. However, after hearing Deborah's

BY RICHARD DOWER

testimony, she changed her mind. They pooled their cash and gave \$72. Later that night, they joked with the Turners about not having any cash to spend on the items which were being sold in the gym.

On Monday she went to the mailbox and found two checks. One was for \$40 and the other for \$152.22, but she thought nothing of it. On Tuesday she went to the mailbox and found a money order for \$300. On Wednesday she received a letter from the bank indicating that their account was being credited in the amount of \$50. She called the bank to ask why and was told that the money order she had deposited was for \$350 and not the \$300 she had noted on the deposit slip. On Thursday she went to the mailbox and found a refund check from their insurance company for \$20, apparently an overpayment.

She still did not connect these windfalls with the offering she had given at the Convocation until she called the person who had sent them the \$350. When she asked why the money had been sent, the response was, "You can't beat God's giving, no matter how you try." At that point it all became clear to her. By the very next Sabbath, she and her husband had received a total of \$562.22, all of which was unexpected. "We had emptied our pockets of all the cash we had and

God blessed us with more than seven times what we gave," Mattie says. "God's math is different from ours. He just wants us to step out in faith and prove Him. Indeed, we cannot beat God's giving, no matter how hard we try."

Another Story

Derrick and Linda Foxworth from Portland were also blessed at the Convocation in a way they weren't expecting. Linda was on the stage singing with the praise team and Derrick was in the audience, sitting with Linda's parents. When Linda returned to her seat, he asked her if she had the checkbook. She said she had left the checkbook at home.

Half listening to Deborah's challenge, Derrick and Linda quickly tried to figure out what to do. Since they had only their "traveling cash" with them, they had to make a decision between giving the twenties they had or just a five dollar bill. The Holy Spirit impressed them to empty their wallet and give it all. They gave the twenties, the five, everything.

The following Tuesday when Derrick opened the mail, he called, "Linda!" She came into the room and saw Derrick staring at the mail. There was a check for \$800, an insurance refund they did not know was due them. Derrick said,

"Remember, the lady said we would be blessed. She said she couldn't promise that we would be blessed in the same way she had been blessed, but we would be blessed."

The next day it was Linda's turn. She opened the mail and found another refund check, this one from their dentist for \$200, an overpayment. Linda says, "The Lord blessed us with \$1,000 in one week merely for giving everything we had. While the monetary portion is nice, we have had a greater spiritual blessing by seeing what the Lord can do if we obey and do His will." Linda also says that they will remember to take their checkbook to next year's convocation.

Deborah concludes, "Please do not misunderstand. The miracle was not in the amount of money received, but in the individual blessing each person received by trusting God that particular morning. The yielding to the influence of the Holy Spirit and the peace that came with a complete surrender was life changing. I am sure others were changed as well. You can never beat God in giving, no matter how hard you try!" •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor, with Deborah Turner, Mattie Carrington and Linda Foxworth.



the World

Revolves

hey were often dubbed the Three Stooges. But if you talked to them, they would claim to be the Three Messiahs.

Leon, Joseph and Clyde were three psychiatric patients at a hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Their clinical diagnosis was "psychotic delusional grandiose disorder." Put more simply, each one thought of himself as God. Each one believed he was the central figure around whom the universe revolved.

Psychologist Milton Rokeach wrote the book, *The Three Christs of Ypsilanti*. In it he describes his attempt to rescue these men from their world of delusion, and to teach them to be just Leon, Joseph, and Clyde. For two years Rokeach labored with them. But it appeared that they couldn't live without being the gods they

experiment. He cloistered the three men as one group. For two years they had to share a bedroom, eat together, work together, and meet daily for

group therapy. Rokeach reasoned that if each of the three lived with other would-be messiahs, his self-deception would be diminished. The threesome would constitute a sort of messianic, self-directed 12-step recovery group.

Eavesdropping on their conversations, however, proved both sad and comical. "I'm the messiah, the son of God," one of them would say. "I am

on a mission. I was sent here to save this earth." "How do

"How do
you know?"
Rokeach
would probe.
"God told
me."
Immediately
one of the other
patients
would
interrupt
with "I
never told

you such a

thing."

Occasionally Leon would exhibit a flicker of reality. He even eventually conceded that he wasn't married to the Virgin Mary after all, but that she was his sister-in-law. But all progress was marginal, and the light of reality never shone very bright or for very long.

While I don't like to think about it, I believe we all suffer from a messiah complex. It may not be severe enough to land us in Ypsilanti, but it's just as serious and irrational as was Leon's, Joseph's and Clyde's condition. This delusion originated in the Garden of Eden, when the serpent tempted Eve: "When you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God" (Genesis 3:5). We've been clamoring to take God's place ever since.

But Jesus gave us the perfect prescription for a messiah complex. When he was here on earth, He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Jesus calls you and me to serve. And service reminds us of our humanity. •

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



North Pacific Missionaries

Testify at Maranatha Convention

The inevitable rustlings of a crowd of more than 600 people dissolved into silence at the words of Ken Lauren, family practice physican from Redmond, Wash.

"I think I represent a significant number of people who had left the Adventist Church and were really loved back into the Adventist Church through the love of Maranatha."

In a brief, but poignant interview on stage, Lauren, a Maranatha volunteer, shared his personal testimony during the Sabbath afternoon program of the 2004 Maranatha Volunteers International Convention at the Gladstone Conference Center in Oregon. He revealed his former cynicism about Adventists, told us how he drifted away from his church, discussed the resulting problems in his personal life, and told us about the trip that ultimately changed his life.

In 2000, someone invited Ken and his wife Linda, on a Maranatha mission project to Nepal. "I went for a strictly selfish reason. I thought it'd be a great way to see an exotic country," said Lauren.

But it was no ordinary vacation. As Lauren worked with his fellow volunteers, the walls he had managed to build over the years started to crumble. "I began to really see people for who they were. They were ambassadors for Christ. They were loving Christians. It really opened my eyes to the Adventist experience," he said.

When the project ended, he recalls telling his wife that the mission project was "probably the closest experience to heaven that I've ever had."

After going on more mission trips, last year Ken and his wife were accepted back into the fellowship of the very church where he was baptized as a boy.

"Your wilderness experience ended for all practical purposes—" the interviewer began.

"—with Maranatha," finished Ken.

His spiritual journey encapsulated the theme of



Pastor Melchor Ferreyra, president of the Peru Union (left), with his wife and friends from Peru. Maranatha is building 100 places of worship in Peru. Ferreyra said, "Maranatha is Adventists with a purpose and a vision. We have a lot of church members, and they are waiting for you."

Maranatha's convention, which focused on answering God's call to serve. From Oct. 8–10, volunteers and church leaders stepped forward to share uplifting stories of how missions are changing people's lives.

Throughout the weekend, keynote speaker Dick Duerksen, Florida Hospital assistant vice president of mission development and host of *Maranatha Mission Stories* television show, shared the stage with Adventist leaders from the Dominican Republic, Peru, India, Cuba, Ecuador, and the United States. Each guest offered a powerful message about how Maranatha is helping to establish the Gospel in his country and the world.



Maranatha Convention Project: Big Lake Youth Camp

More than 100 volunteers occupied Big Lake Youth Camp in Sisters, Ore., Sept. 22–Oct. 7 for the Maranatha Convention mission project. Volunteers, who stayed in RVs or camp cabins for the duration of the project, worked on renovations throughout the campground. Among the many tasks completed were replacing cabin roofs, painting building exteriors, rebuilding sagging porches, and redesigning a building as a ranger residence. Volunteers also started working on rebuilding the docks for the waterfront. •

Union News



Carissa Patzer along with her parents, Sue and Jere, told the story to Dick Duerksen about how she helped raise the money for a Maranatha church in Guatemala City where her birth parents are members.

Guatemala City where her birth parents are members.

Joanne Fjarli (center) and her husband Merlin talked about their Maranatha experience building churches and coordinating Bible meetings in India.

Programs also featured several stories of Maranatha volunteers, most of whom were

from the Pacific Northwest. Kevin Ford, 17, a Columbia Adventist Academy student, talked about what it was like to preach for a congregation in Peru during a mission trip. Like his favorite heroes in the Bible, Ford said he was reluctant to preach at first but found he could not resist God's call to face new challenges.

Jere and Sue Patzer's daughter, Carissa, shared the touching story of how she met her birth mother in Guatemala during her father's evangelistic meeting. As a result of the meeting, Carissa's birth mother began studying the Bible with local Adventists.

Carissa took it upon herself to raise funds for the construction

Kevin Ford (center) from Battle Ground, Washington, went on his first mission trip on the urgings of his grandparents, Ken and Joyce Casper, from Rogue River, Oregon. Kevin, a junior at Columbia Adventist Academy, says that seeing how God works on mission trips, what He can do and how He uses people, has been incredible.

of a new Maranatha church for her birth parents' congregation. In September, Carissa and her family returned to Guatemala for the church dedication service.

Also highlighted were the mission efforts of the Fjarli family from Medford, Ore. Merlin and Joanne Fjarli and their son, Bruce, have been working in India for the past three years. They have helped to coordinate six Maranatha 50-village church construction and evangelism efforts in India. (They left for their seventh and eighth efforts in mid-October.) The Fjarlis

recruit volunteers, raise funds for churches, and hold largescale evangelistic meetings in targeted areas of India.

"I've been blessed to preach

over there six times. I'm going back for trip seven, and it truly does change your life," an emotional Bruce Fjarli told the audience. "I was very afraid on the first trip, but our heavenly father is there. And I have the most awesome guardian angel on the face of the earth . . . they will comfort and guide you, and you get the peace that only the Holy Spirit can give."

During his interview, Bruce challenged everyone in the audience, closing with a statement whose Aramaic translation defines Maranatha: "Our Lord come!"

"I encourage all of you not to stay at home if you're afraid. I encourage all of you to go if you are afraid. [Going to India] was the most wonderful experience of my life—to cry out to the Lord and have Him touch me. Then I had the blessing of going and meeting these people," said Bruce. "Someday, someone is going to tell the last person on earth about Jesus. And then we get to go home." •



Fast Facts

- The 2004 Convention celebrated the 35th anniversary of the organization.
- Maranatha was founded in 1969 by John Freeman, then a resident of Berrien Springs, Michigan.
- Over the years, Maranatha has mobilized 55,000 volunteers in 61 countries.
- In 2004, more than 2,000 volunteers will have participated on a Maranatha project in Peru, India, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and the United States.
- In January 2004, Maranatha launched the "1,000 Churches in 1,000 Days" program, an effort to construct one place of worship each business day for the following 1,000 days.
- Half of Maranatha's active volunteers are under the age of 20.
- There are nearly 600,000 Adventists in Peru in 3,926 congregations and only 1,529 church buildings. Maranatha is constructing 100 places of worship in Peru to help fill this urgent need.
- Since 1998, Maranatha has constructed 750 churches in India and plans to construct 750 more. Adventist Church membership in India has grown from approximately 225,000 to more than 850,000 in just six years.
- One hundred percent of a donation to a specific project goes towards that project.
- Maranatha is the only Seventhday Adventist organization that specializes in filling the worldwide need for churches and schools.
- A donor can sponsor the construction of an entire church for as little as \$5,000.
- Maranatha's \$10 Church program, which asks its members to donate only \$10 a month, funds at least one church a month. To date, the program has sponsored construction costs for more than 130 churches.

Tentmaker Wanted

Native Americans Embrace Adventism

It was a cold and windy day with almost freezing temperatures when Rick Binford, pastor of the Savoonga, Gambel, and Selawik churches, conducted a baptism outside the little Adventist church in Savoonga,



Happy smiles light up the faces of the newly baptized members of the Savoonga Church, from left: Rick Binford, pastor, Dylan Iya, Jolaine Annogiyuk, Duane Madsen, Cindy Gologergen, Derek Seppilu, and Audrey Kulowiyi, Brian Bechthold, evangelist, with Miranda Okoonealingok and Shirley Ikonokinok kneeling in front.

a village of 800 people situated along the Bering Sea on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Eight Siberian Yupik native people gave their hearts to the Lord after a crusade held Sept. 24-Oct. 9 by Brian and

Denise Bechthold, Gospel Road Evangelistic team. The Bechtholds are evangelists for Native Ministry for Canada and the Pacific Northwest.

Binford pastors these small congregations in addition to his responsibilities with the Nome Adventist Church and school. The logistics and expense of air travel between the communities limits the time Binford can spend in each place. The village needs someone who would be willing to move to the area and encourage these new Adventists for up to twelve months.

Growth in Adventist Native Alaskan churches is best accomplished through extended relationships with strong Adventist "tent makers" who are willing to live and work side by side with the people in their villages. "We have several remote communities in Alaska that would benefit immeasurably from the presence of someone willing to become a "tent maker" in order to lift up our Native people," stated Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference Secretary. •

Denise Bechthold

Pastor Rick Binford baptizes one of eight Native Alaskans who braved near-freezing temperatures to be baptized in a tank set up as a baptistry just outside the door of the Savoonga Adventist church following evangelistic meetings.





Some of the retreat attendees enjoyed a brisk ride back to the road in an open skiff after the Aleknagik Women's Retreat.

Retreat attendees prepare for the boat trip to the island lodge for the fifth annual women's retreat held near Aleknagik.



Cheri Peters Speaks to Women and Youth

he fifth annual Aleknagik Women's Retreat was held Sept. 24–27 on Aleknagik Island, which is accessible only by a boat ride from the mouth of Lake Aleknagik. "God feels very close out there away from the noise and people of the town," reported Bev Moody. "The big brown bear who swam across to the island the night after we left must have known we would not have appreciated his company, so he timed his appearance carefully."

The retreat featured Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) staff member and author, Cheri Peters. Peters' passion for teens has driven her to take many risks for Him as she tells kids and adults that "God is crazy about you." Peters came early and stayed after the event in order to give her encouraging message to the youth of the Dillingham and Aleknagik area.

Upon her arrival in Dillingham, Peters was interviewed by a reporter from KDLG radio. There was a special introduction to

"God feels very close out there away from the noise and people of the town."

the youth and parents of the Dillingham and Aleknagik communities. After the retreat, Peters visited both public schools and the local Adventist school with her message to avoid at-risk behaviors. Holding the attention of the students with her message did not seem difficult: At least one student exclaimed, "We know you. We have seen you on 3ABN*."•

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

*The Dillingham church maintains a tower to rebroadcast 3ABN for reception in the Bristol Bay area.

IDAHO

Praise in the Park,

An End-of-the-Summer Outreach—Oasis Style

"Why not have church in the park some Sabbath?" thought a father as he ate lunch with his daughter in the park. A few months later, that father was working as the youth director for the Oasis Church in Boise. He presented the idea to the church as an "end-of-the-summer outreach event." The church board was enthusiastic and gave approval, but weren't sure how to fund it.

Five months later, Praise in the Park Summer 2004 happened as a result of teamwork. The Oasis Church family worked together harmoniously, and six local businesses donated money or merchandise to help defray expenses. To top off this generous spirit, the planning team for Praise in the Park decided to make this event a fundraiser for the Community

House homeless shelter in

By 7:30 a.m., Ann Morrison Park was swarming with Oasis team members in their yellow Praise in the Park t-shirts. The team set up the stage and sound equipment, and warmed the griddle for the pancake breakfast. The weather was perfect. By 10 a.m. the Breakfast Team was serving pancakes to the first of nearly 300 guests who came to the park that day. The Emmett Pathfinder Club came to provide cool water and remove trash. A team of ten from Gem State Adventist Academy provided activities for the smaller children.

Free blood pressure checks and lifestyle analyses were offered by a health screening team. Four times during the day, there was a drawing for a free subscription to *Vibrant Life* magazine. Captivating the

crowd, old and young alike, the Hands-4-Him puppet team from the Kuna Adventist Church performed for both the young and the young at heart. Former Heritage Singer, Pete McLeod from southeastern California, used illusions to illustrate the gospel. Youth from the Emmett Church presented two skits with Benny and Bo, the smallest members of their youth group. Melissa Andregg and Jaime Thietten concluded the day with their concerts.

No charge was made for any services that day. No baptisms were held in the fountain pool. But seeds were sown and lives were touched by the message of Jesus' love and soon return. The donations to Community House exceeded \$800, and thanks to the generosity of so many, costs for Praise in the Park were all but covered.



Jaime Thietten shares her gift of music and ministry during the Oasis Church's end-of-thesummer outreach event.

Plans are already being made for Praise in the Park 2005. Plan on coming to the fountain on Sabbath, Sept. 3, 2005. Bring your appetite... and a friend! •

Bruce Biggs, Oasis Adventist Church youth director

Blessings at Idaho Conference Christian Women's Retreat

Approximately 100 women were blessed at a wonderful Christian Women's Retreat at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall, Idaho, Sept. 10–12. The featured speaker was Cathy Ireland from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Cathy shared insightful and encouraging messages from her own life experiences involving emotional abuse. Her genuine

warmth and ready acceptance made each feel like her longtime friends.

Lori Gray from La Grande, Ore., and Eve Rusk from Caldwell, Idaho, held morning devotionals. Cheryl Wallace from Cookie's Retreat near Spokane, Wash., presented a special feature which identified what abuse does and how it can be prevented. Cathy Ireland, from Toronto, Ontario, shared her personal journey out of emotional abuse at the Idaho Women's Ministries retreat.



The mission project this year was to benefit Christian Element, a gospel group from the Nampa (Idaho) Church. The group shared touching testimonies which were spiritually encouraging, then gave a delightful Sabbath afternoon concert. •

Joan Green, Idaho Conference Administrative Assistant

Mount Ellis Academy Food Drive Impresses the Community

Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) girls' club recently hosted a food drive at local grocery stores for the Gallatin County Food Bank. Students decorated boxes, created signs, and made flyers requesting that customers purchase nonperishable items to contribute to the food drive.

An afternoon activity for the boys' dorm, girls' dorm, and village students, the food drive was organized by the girls' club officers. Despite the chilly weather and an unexpected number of student volunteers, the students' spirits were high. Jessica Dickerson, MEA senior, said, "We got to help sweet old ladies, and we weren't in the dorm all day."

Besides benefiting the local food bank, the event provided an opportunity for students to interact with the community. "We got a chance to promote the school a little bit because people asked us what Mount Ellis was," said Kelly Ree, MEA sophomore and girls' club public relations officer. Students gave the community a great impression of MEA with their polite and gracious demeanor. One participating grocery store requested the students' help for a food drive they are hosting in November. •

Keri Newell, MEA girl's dean

Why Olivia is at Mount Ellis Academy

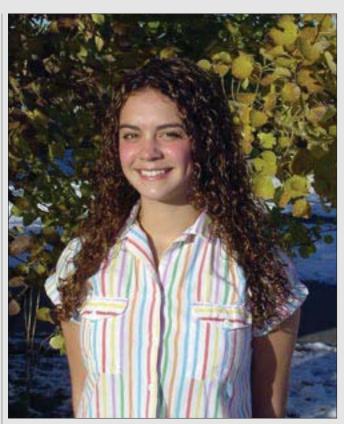
I have to admit that at the end of my eighth grade year, Mount Ellis Academy was the last place I ever thought I would be. I'm so glad that I listened to God when He told me to come here. I love Mount Ellis. I see so many teens like myself changed by this place.

I've grown closer to God these last two years. Not without help, though. Darren Wilkins, our principal, is always there to listen to my problems and just talk with me. He wants to see the students happy because of their love for God.

The teachers care about our spiritual walk with God. I remember one time when a teacher stopped class just to ask us why we loved God. These special teachers let me know that I am in a place where I'm never far from someone to pray with.

My walk with God has been especially strengthened by the school trips. This year I was privileged to go to the Bible Conference, where 20 teens from each Adventist academy in the North Pacific Union Conference gathered to learn more about God. While there, I finally realized that Jesus died just for me, and that He still would have died if I had been the only person on the planet. That realization actually moved me to tears of joy.

I love this school but it isn't perfect. Sometimes I get



Olivia Courser is a Mt. Ellis Academy sophomore from Kalispell, Mont.

stressed out or don't make time for God. But every night I return to reality because of the evening worships in the dorm. They help me get into a focused state of mind so I can do homework.

I cannot wait to continue my walk with God each day. I love being where God wants me to be, and I love being with people who help me each day. When I forget to turn my problems over to God, I usually soon realize that life is better when God is where you leave your troubles. Please don't think me a saint in the least. I'm just an ordinary teen who is enjoying all the experiences, good or bad, that God has given her. •

Olivia Courser, MEA sophomore

OREGON

One Baptism, Five New Students at Prineville Church

As its missionary outreach this year, the Prineville Church decided to sponsor 10 kids to go to Big Lake Youth Camp. Afterward, one of these kids, Tyler, 14, announced his decision to be baptized.

Carlyle Raymond, Prineville Church pastor, baptized Tyler in the Prineville Reservoir on Aug. 14. Carol Adkins, who had been attending Prineville Church for two years, was also baptized.

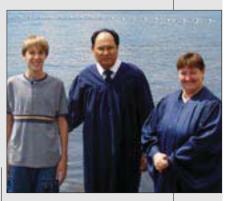
Tyler had attended public school all his life, but now he felt it was important for



The Prineville Church sent 10 kids to Big Lake Youth Camp. As a result, one was baptized and five of them are in school at the Gibson Adventist School in Madras, Ore.

him to experience Christian education. The Prineville Church board met and prayerfully considered helping with Tyler's expenses at church school. God provided for the church to sponsor not one, but five kids at Gibson Adventist School in Madras. Tyler and his sisters, Samantha and Makayla, and friends Vale and Robert, who had all attended camp, are now enjoying their new school. The whole church has rallied to support them.

"They're the best kids I've ever been around," says Miles



Carlyle Raymond, Prineville Church pastor, baptized Tyler Bates and Carol Adkins in the Prineville Reservoir on Aug. 14.

Matthews, who drives 30 miles each way to take these kids to school. Prineville Church prays that their investment in these kids will be blessed by new addresses in heaven. •

Yollie Jahn, Prineville Church communication leader

How a "Nobody" Became a "Somebody" in Christ

God loves to take nobodies and make them Somebodies. I was a nobody. This is my story.

It was December, 1999. We'd planned a Christian New Year's Eve event for the churches in our area. My wife asked me if she should invite the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church to the event. Instantly and emphatically I replied, "Oh, no!" and left for a meeting. Upon my return home, she informed me that she had spoken with Marvin Clark, the pastor of the Grants Pass Adventist Church.

Soon after, I received a request to share music at the Grants Pass Adventist Church. I accepted the invitation and was thoroughly surprised by the warmth

of its congregation. As the doors to my Sunday ministry providentially began to close, Clark continued to keep his door open for my wife and me. I found myself with him at least once a week, sometimes laughing and sometimes crying, but always being taught truth.

Clark gave my wife a copy of the 27 Beliefs. Everywhere I turned it was there—on the table, on the chair, on the counter, everywhere. One day in secret I began to read it. Opportunities began to open: interviews, television, and music at Adventist churches. Although I hadn't been back to Sunday church, I still wasn't convicted. However, my wife seemed to

discern the source of these opportunites, and the love and truth that accompanied them:

Donald and Cindy Cobbs were baptized in Medford, Ore., Dec. 21, 2002, and continue to share their testimony of God's leading in their lives.



the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Eventually we were surrounded by a "multitude of counselors" whose faith never wavered, and whose love shone bright. God had sent us angels to lead me to the truth. These people of God *never* said "believe *me*;" rather, each one pointed me to *God's word*. On Dec. 21, 2002, my wife and I were bapized in the Medford Adventist Church, and I became a Somebody in Christ. •

Donald Cobbs

Note: Donald Cobbs is an Oregon Conference approved speaker. To schedule him to speak, please contact Lee Haynes at (503) 652-225

OREGON

Puppet Parade

from Grants Pass Goes World-Wide!

A locally produced children's show is going world-wide! The Hope Channel asked KBLN Better Life Television in Grants Pass, Ore., for episodes of the children's Bible-based show "Puppet Parade," which they are now airing internationally.

Ron Davis, KBLN Station Manager, says, "It's Mr. Rogers Neighborhood meeting the Muppets, with a solid Bible theme in every episode." The 30-minute show features "Grandma Sing-A-Song" interacting with puppets who tell Bible stories and sing original songs.

Neila Moore plays the character of "Grandma Sing-A-Song" and says, "It was a calling from God to do this show, because my whole life is music, and I wanted to share with children that God's plan can be fun."

The colorful puppets tell Bible stories from "The Garden of Eden" to the "Parables of Jesus." Each episode teaches that moral responsibility is about doing what God expects of us and what He wants us to do.

What's unique about "Puppet Parade" are the volunteers: the main puppeteers are Jake Lockman, 16, and Molly Sumpter, 14. KBLN tapes two episodes every month with help from an all-volunteer staff of camera operators and helpers.

The production includes Larry Gibson, Gateway Christian Fellowship pastor, doing the voice of a singing monkey. The main

characters are Baby Bird and Jasper, who live in a treehouse and talk about problems that face them. They get help from Grandma Sing-A-Song, a frog, a bear and a singing country hen. Each show features

the four Emmons sisters,

9–16, playing musical instruments and singing original songs. Every

Baby Bird and Jasper, who live in a tree-house, talk about problems that face them.



Neila Moore, Grandma Sing-A-Song, says that she wants to share with children that God's plan can be fun.

episode shares the wonderful plan of Christ's salvation in an uplifting and sometimes humorous fashion. KBLN has produced 50

KBLN has produced 50 episodes and runs them 4 times a week throughout southern Oregon and northern

California. The Adventist Hope Channel selected "Puppet Parade" as one of the shows they want to air worldwide starting in mid-November on Sabbath mornings. For more information, go to: www.puppetparade.tv. •

Gary Davisson, Puppet Parade co-producer



The Emmons sisters, Christina, Stephanie, Victoria, and Natalieon are featured on the Puppet Parade.

CAA Senior Receives National Merit Commendation

For His Academic Excellence

Jolumbia Adventist Academy (CAA) senior, Caleb Woodruff, has been named a Commended Student in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program. Caleb is the son of John and Carol Woodruff of White Salmon, Wash. He joined CAA's student body his junior year, after attending Mid-Columbia Adventist School his freshman and sophomore years. A Letter of Commendation will be presented by Berit von Pohle, CAA principal, on behalf of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program.

As a Commended Student, Caleb joins other scholars who have placed among the top five percent of the more than one million students who entered the 2005 competition by taking the 2003 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Caleb enjoys reading, an activity which has rewarded him with knowledge in a wide



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range of areas. This exposure is very evident when you see him in action at practices or during competitions as a member of CAA's varsity Knowledge Bowl team. Challenging himself academically, Caleb has also chosen to take Advanced Placement English this year, which offers him the opportunity to

take a college level course while still in high school. He may also take the advanced placement exam in Literature and Composition in the spring. Caleb states that he especially enjoys math and science, however.

We are proud to have Caleb as a member of CAA's student body, and to recognize "[the] outstanding academic performance for which [he] is being honored" by being named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship program. •

Virlys Moller, CAA English teacher and Knowledge Bowl coach

A Day With Hyveth Williams Sponsored by Women's Ministries of Your Bible Speaks Church

Your Bible Speaks (YBS) Church (Portland) women's ministries, sponsored a oneday worship and fellowship meeting at the Oregon Conference office on Aug. 21. The featured speaker was Hyveth Williams, Loma Linda Campus Hill Church senior pastor and Loma Linda University adjunct professor of religion.

The day included a special presentation ceremony honoring the women who have tirelessly dedicated their time and talents to women's ministries throughout the year. Especially honored were Jan Bishop (YBS women's ministries leader), Teri Jarmon (YBS), Joyce Jones (YBS), and Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference women's ministries office secretary.

Williams' presentation, "Speaking Up with a Holy Boldness," was insightful and dynamic as she led the congregation through an indepth study of the theme Bible text. Her humor and teaching style once again confirmed her popularity as a speaker both in the U.S. and abroad.

Before speaking again in the evening, Williams held a question and answer session

that permitted everyone to hear about some of the opportunities God has placed

Hyveth Williams, Loma Linda (Calif.) Campus Hill Church senior pastor, was the featured speaker for the Your Bible Speaks women's ministries day.



before her to witness and share the gospel.

The event was attended by men and women from the Portland Metro area, as well as many who traveled from the Oregon coast and southwestern Washington. One attendee was overheard saying, "I've only been an Adventist a short time, so I haven't been able to attend many gatherings planned especially for women. I really enjoyed the program today. I hope there'll be more of these!"•

Alex Platonov

Oregon Doctor Witnesses Miracles Amid Uncertainty

Stephen Hyland, a U.S. Army Captain and family practice physician, lives every minute in uncertainty. But with that uncertainty, comes opportunity for the miraculous.

Stationed in Tikrit, Iraq, Hyland says, "I've seen situations where vehicles were destroyed in explosions, but soldiers walked away with only bits of shrapnel in their arms.' He recalls a time when a car bomb exploded at the entrance to his base leaving a five-foot deep crater. "There should have been more than a hundred Iragis lined up for services,

but on that day fewer locals were there. Thankfully, several Army medics were close by. Only three civilians were killed and 18 people had non-lifethreatening wounds. It could have been so much worse."

Miracles don't just occur outside the gates either. Some have happened very close to home. States Hyland, "The day before I was scheduled to move into a housing unit on base, it was blown up in a mortar attack. Two medics should've been there at the time, but instead they were working at the clinic."

Having grown up in a missionary family, Hyland is accustomed to adventure. After graduating from Milo Adventist Academy in 1988, Hyland continued to serve as a student missionary to Thailand. In 1994, he graduated from Walla Walla College, and for about ten years he has continued to serve others via the Army.

Hyland always welcomes cards and mail from back home. If you would like to send a note to him, please address your correspondence to: Stephen



Captain Stephen Hyland receives a hug from his mother, Patty, during a recent vacation from

Hyland; E-CO 701st MSB OIF2; FOB Speicher; APO, AE 09392. •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director



Horse Sense

Milo's First Annual Gymkhana Games

IVI ilo Adventist Academy's horse club hosted the first annual Gymkhana Games on Sept. 25. The events included barrel racing, jousting, barrel weaving, and even an obstacle course. Kirk Haley, the boys' dean, timed us, and his wife, Lynda Haley, kept each rider's personal score.

Since the first Gymkhana Games were such a success, club sponsor Haley is planning to make them a regular part of the horse club program. The club was founded in 1997 when the first two horses were received from Big Lake Youth Camp to board during the winter months. The stables now include a number of

Big Lake horses, in addition to several privately owned horses. Besides providing a recreational activity for students, horse club is a learning experience.

By working with horses, I have learned responsibility.

Lyssa Rumble, MAA junior, led all the other riders in total points.



I can't just put off feeding and exercising the horses until tomorrow: I have to be consistent.

I have learned that no matter how I feel, I cannot take it out on the people or animals around me. If I were to take my frustration out on a horse, that horse would lose trust in me and no longer want to be my friend. Once I lose the trust of a horse, it might take up to three times as long to regain the horses's trust as it did in the first place.

God works through all different kinds of people, and even animals, to show us how



Morgan Edwards, MAA senior, rounds a turn in the barrel races during MAA's Gymkhana.

much he loves us. Horses are one type of special messenger for God. •

Danita Rasmussen, Milo student

OREGON

Finnish Power Walker Baptized in the Willamette

Student Shares His Zeal for PAA...and God

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) rejoices in the baptism of Derek Lange, a Finnish exchange student who attends PAA. Lange's trip to Portland actually began 20 years ago when his mother, Brigitta Rantanen, traveled from Finland to spend her senior year at the academy. During

From left: James Lee, PAA senior, Chaplain Les Zollbrecht, and Derek Lange prepare for Lange's baptism.

that year she met and later married Jack Lange, also a PAA student. They established their home in Finland.

Lange says that he has wanted to attend PAA for several years. Using the argument that his mother had done the same thing previously, he was finally able to convince his parents to allow him to attend for his senior year.

Lange had been thinking about being baptized for some time, but spending the weekend at this year's Oregon Conference Bible Camp, and studying about God's saving grace with Les Zollbrecht,

PAA's chaplain, brought him to this decision.

His baptism was performed by Zollbrecht in the Willamette River. Since he is from Finland, Lange thought nothing of the Willamette's water temperature in late October, considering it only a mild inconvenience as he publicly revealed his commitment to the Savior.

Lange brings a unique accomplishment to PAA. He holds the Scandinavian record for power walking for his age group. He states that if he had competed here in the US, he would have beat the US record by two and one half minutes.

Lange would like to continue studying here in the U. S. He would study chiropractic and then return to Finland to establish a practice. •

Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Two Students Baptized at Hood River Church

Two students who attended Mid-Columbia Adventist School have recently been baptized and voted into membership at the Hood River (Ore.) Church. Steve McHan, former Hood River Church pastor, came from Sonoma, California to officiate.

Brittny, a tenth-grader at Milo Academy, shares how she came to her decision: "We had class discussions at school; that's what triggered my serious thoughts about getting baptized.

"I had been thinking about it for a long time. It's not that I wasn't ready to commit my life to God; I wanted to. I just didn't think I was good enough yet.

"My mom, [Dale] Milam, [school principal and class teacher], with Pastor Pat Milligan, showed me that that's not what it's all about. It is not just about loving God and striving to be a better

person with His guidance and help. As your relationship with God grows, so will your willingness to follow His commandments."

Brittny was baptized June 26. Dylan chose his 11th birthday, Aug. 23, for baptism. He did not want to wait any longer to publicly announce his decision to "live his life for Jesus."

Dale and Darla Milam knew their son was ready. Dylan had listened very intently when Eric, his older brother, had studied with their parents and the Randy Hill family many Friday evenings the previous year. He had wanted to be baptized even then.

Now serving as junior deacon, Dylan plays an active role in the church service, often doing the scripture reading. •

Joyce E. Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader

UCA's Technology Lab Gets Updated

For Today's Students

Thanks to the continuing generosity of future-minded alumni and several private foundations, Upper Columbia Academy's technology department has recently undergone some dramatic changes. In addition to remodeling the technology classroom, the school was able to develop a state-of-theart technology lab, installing eleven specialized work stations with sixteen new computers. Two additional computers were placed in other areas of the department. Previously, the department had had only a make-shift lab with a handful of fourth generation computers.

Each of the eleven new stations features at least one of the flat-screen computers, selected for their ability to run the latest in technology programs. The computers offer specialized learning modules which take students through a somewhat self-paced tutorial program under the teacher's supervision. With each topic taking approximately three weeks to complete, every student will be able to choose at least six areas to complete during a semester. Two students can work simultaneously at each station. While the department has been able to offer computer-aided drafting for some time, they are now able to offer training in eleven additional areas of technology:

1. Desktop publishing, 2. Structural engineering and design, 3. Industrial pneumatics, 4. Computer-aided drafting, 5. Forensic science, 6. Digital photography, 7. Home design, 8. Digital electronics, 9. Robotics, 10. Drafting and 11. Hydraulics.

The technology building's classroom is utilized for the classtime portion of courses such as welding, woodworking, exploring tech, basic car care, auto CAD (computer aided design), and photography and fabrication technology. The brick walls were insulated and sheetrocked, the ceiling dropped and insulated, and the electrical wiring replaced and updated. In addition, new windows, new carpet and a new heating/air conditioning unit were installed.

"The difference in the atmosphere of the new classroom is just amazing!" says grateful technology teacher Chuck Paulson. "The students have a whole



Andy Peters, student, and Chuck Paulson, technology instructor, explore the pneumatics station in UCA's brand new state-of-the-art technology lab.

new sense of pride in the department and a much higher level of respect for technology as an academic discipline when they see what's been done here. But the real thrill is to see them *using* all of this new technology and getting excited about it. They get a vision for how it might be part of their own future." •

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Youth Take Up Body Building:

Building the Body of Christ

Northeast Washington youth learned all about "body building" at the Northeast Washington Camp Meeting at Fruitland July 28–31. Marvin Thorman, Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) math and Bible teacher, led out in the youth department. He used classroom and challenge course activities to teach principles of how to build up and work together as the body of Christ.

After each challenge course activity, Thorman discussed

with the class what they had learned. The group learned that just like a human body needs to breathe, eat, exercise,



and rest, the body of Christ needs to "breathe" (pray), "eat" (study), "exercise" (witness), and "rest" (socialize) together. They learned that being a "body" means making sure that everyone in the group makes it through; when one member

Working together to solve problems, youth class members navigate the challenge course's "devil's web" while Marvin Thorman, UCA's Bible and math teacher evaluates the result. hurts, everyone feels it; when one person does something, it affects everyone in the group.

Several adults participated in the Sabbath afternoon session; by being "handicapped," they learned to trust the kids and let them do many of the tasks. Many participants were eager to take these principles back to their own church and youth groups. •

Rusty Hottal

UCA's New Foundation Funds First Scholarships

"What you have just been given is both a privilege and a responsibility," Terry Finney was saying. The 20 Upper Columbia Academy students listening to him were a little wide-eyed, having just been handed a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to be distributed by UCA's new foundation.

"It is a privilege for you to receive these funds so that you can enroll in a school like UCA. It is also a responsibility—the responsibility to do your very best, to study hard, and to take full advantage of the opportunities this school offers you, so that one day you will be in a position to contribute and bless others as you are being blessed today."

At a private dinner for scholarship recipients and

foundation board members at UCA's Power House, 20 students received between \$1000 and \$2000 each. These first scholarships were funded through donations of board members and other interested parties. Beginning next year, however, the scholarships will be funded by the interest from the fund established by the foundation. Even though the effort is only a few months old, more than *one million dollars* has already been raised!

Each board member has a story to tell about *why* he or she is involved in the Foundation, as well as one to tell about *how* he or she became involved. For example, Terry Finney, a judge, had been invited to speak for alumni weekend in 2002, the year there was a

scholarship recipients and in 2002, the year there was a

Eighteen of the 20 UCA students who received foundation scholarships show off their certificates. Several foundation board members are standing behind them.

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patriotic theme. The alumni officers thought they were inviting someone from the 50year class; however, it turned out that Finney had graduated only 49 years before. Providentially, the mistake gave him the opportunity to experience UCA up close. He was so impressed with what he saw on campus that he was evangelistic about getting his classmates to attend their reunion in the spring of 2003. As a result of his enthusiasm, Bob Larrabee, Finney's old roommate, attended the reunion and also caught the UCA vision.

In the fall of 2003, Davis and Linnea Torkelsen (UCA's Alumni and Development Director) invited a small group of alumni, including Finney and Larrabee, to a special meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm about how to strengthen the school's development program. Torkelsen and Davis came prepared to present a wide variety of options, but instead opened the meeting to suggestions.

"Let's start a foundation!" was the unanimous consensus of the members present. Foundation board members, including former roommates and dynamic duo Finney and Larrabee, are excited about working together to make funding possible for students whose futures will be changed by a Christian education—a legacy they hope will continue. The combined expertise and commitment of the board is astounding. Susan Davis serves as the foundation's executive director and Linnea Torkelsen, UCA alumni and development director, is the foundation's liaison with the academy.

Although the foundation is governed independently of the school, it exists solely for its benefit; its primary purpose is to provide student scholarships. For more information about this exciting new foundation, contact Susan Davis, Executive Director, UCA Foundation, PO Box 31382, Spokane, WA 99223, ucafoundation@hotmail.com, or (509) 747-0955. •

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

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"Reading Puts Ideas In Motion"

Propels Principal on 299-Mile Bike Trip

Donald Bryan, Spokane Junior Academy principal, launched a 299-mile bike trip at a "send off" assembly in the school gym on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Bryan had promised to ride 100 miles on his bike for every 30,000 pages read by students during the summer.

Awards were given to star reading students. Together they read 89,626 pages to send their principal on the extended bike ride.

Christian Robins, a seventh grader, was the top reader with 40,344 pages. As the summer's top reader, he received the "Reading Puts Ideas in Motion" trophy.

Five other students were awarded medals with red, white, and blue ribbons for their reading accomplishments. They are:

- · Brennan Stanyer, 5th grade, 11,567 pages
- · Emily Gobel, 4th grade, 7,293 pages
- · Braden Stanyer, 3rd grade, 6,320 pages
- · Morgan Stanyer, 1st grade, 5,358 pages
- · Andrew Durnford, 3rd grade, 2,290 pages.

Other participating students received "Reading Puts Ideas in Motion" t-shirts.

The idea came from a spring, 2004 staff discussion on ways to keep students engaged in learning over the summer months. "Reading Puts Ideas in Motion" grew out of the discussion. Families signed up for the program and

weekly reading sheets signed by parents were turned in over the summer.

Bryan and his family left early Thursday morning, Sept. 23, for Everett, Wash., to begin the long ride back to Spokane Junior Academy. That evening about 4:30 p.m. Bryan began his bicycle trip from Mukilteo State Park.

His five-day trip took him from sea level southeast along the Snohomish River into Monroe, over Stevens Pass (elevation 4,061 feet), then down through the orchards and vineyards of Leavenworth, Peshastin, and Cashmere, along US Highway 2 through Orondo, and across central Washington.

On Monday, Sept. 27, Bryan rode triumphantly onto the Spokane Junior Academy



"Seventh-grader Christian Robins won Spokane Junior Academy's Top Reader Award presented by Donald Bryan, principal. Christian read 40,344 pages over the summer."

playground. Students were cheering his arrival. That day he had completed the final 41 miles of his long trek across Washington.

"Reading does put ideas in motion, and when families commit to reading with their children, there is no end to what they may accomplish," Bryan concluded. •

David Wallace, SJA GLEANER correspondent



Richland Kids and Families Earn Honors

and Enjoy God's Creation Together

The Richland Orca Adventurers and Eager Beavers spent a weekend camping with their families in God's wilderness at the Tucannon Campground area

of the Umatilla National Forest, near Dayton, Wash., Sept. 24–26.

The Adventurers completed requirements for most of four honors: Trees, Camping,

Friend of Nature and Outdoor Explorer. They went on several short hikes, including one to the fish hatchery for a picnic lunch on Sabbath afternoon. They made collages depicting

Directors, counselors and parents of children in the Orca Adventurer and Eager Beaver Clubs of the Richland Church camp at the Tucannon Campground.

God's nature with the leaves, critters and many other outdoor fun things they found. The children painted leaves with chocolate, sang songs around the campfire, and had a prayer circle. It was a great experience to get closer to their families and enjoy the outdoors. •

Heather Wright, Adventurer Club counselor and event organzer



Conference News IIII



Peter Trzinski (front right) was ordained to the Gospel ministry on Oct. 2, and is flanked by his wife Saundra, conference officers and friends.

Accepting the Call

It is unusual for Peter Trzinski, pastor of the All Nations Adventist Church near Wapato, Wash. to be at a loss for words. But this was the case when he was ordained on Oct. 2. Trzinski was surrounded by family and friends during his ordination ceremony, but only after a pause, was he able to accept the call. Recalling that moment, he said, "The Lord really touched me."

The day was an emotional high for both Peter and Saundra Trzinski because their daughter, Lisa, had traveled from Wisconsin for the event. Two of Peter's brothers were also there to share this special event with them.

The program began with a surprise song, "Thank You,"

planned by Trzinski as a gift to his wife in honor of the day he was baptized and she was rebaptized. Because of Saundra's influence during a crisis, Trzinski had met Christ.

In 1998 they accepted the call to become the Native American pastoral couple for the All Nations Center in Upper Columbia Conference.

Trzinski's background is Catholicism and he is the only Adventist in his family. Peter and Saundra seek your prayers for their adult children, Alicia, Lisa, Amy, Raymond and Michael. •

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication office secretary

WWVA Seniors Survive the Wild

Bonding with Each Other and God

The September air was charged with anticipation when 73 Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) seniors made the five-hour journey to the Idaho wilderness for a course in wilderness survival. For five days they would be at the mercy of the elements . . . and their own cooking.

The goal of this nine-year-old WWVA tradition "is to make students realize they all need God and each other to survive," says John Deming, principal. By creating an environment where the students must work together to survive, teachers hope to instill in students unconditional friendship with each other and with God.

Two Bible teachers, Gayle Norton and Daniel Perrin, along with several other brave adults, volunteered to each lead a group of six to eight students. The resilient seniors withstood four days of rain beneath their shelters of tarp, stakes and twine.

Activities revolved around three classes: wild edibles,

Identifying, gathering, preparing and eating wild edibles taught WWVA seniors how to survive in the wildnerness.





Trusting that their fellow students would catch them when they fell bonded WWVA senior class members together.

which included cricket roasting and eating; survival, which taught shelter building, orienteering, and fire-making; and the notorious "Norton's Challenge," a series of Herculean acts accomplished by working together.

"The last evening, we had a sharing time where people gave their personal testimonies. It was incredibly spiritual and emotional," confides Sydney Boyd, senior. "It was helpful to realize that many classmates have the same spiritual struggles."

These components, along with the honey bucket facilities, made the trip an unforgettable bonding experience. According to class member Jenny Woolever, Senior Survival is "an excellent experience that everyone should have." Judging from their glowing faces, all felt the same way.

Jaci Toews, WWVA sophomore

Breath of Life Church Reaches Out to Community

The Breath of Life Church took the opportunity this year to network within Seattle's White Center neighborhood as they broadened their efforts to reach out to the community.

Some of these activities included neighborhood prayers and witnessing, as well as a booth at the White Center Farmers' Market during the summer. The booth offered free pamphlets and bottles of water to adults, while the children enjoyed sitting at the table for some quality time with crayons. The Breath of Life booth was successful in reaching a number of people with its presence and literature.

Meanwhile, Breath of Life offered a location for the Mobile Women's Health Screening on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The screening was organized by the YWCA Women's Health Outreach in partnership with the Comprehensive Breast Center, Providence Campus, and the Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program. The Health Screening extended health services to women over 40 without insurance,



Elijah Richardson and Carol Riotto take care of the church booth at the community's Farmers' Market

Breath of Life members visit the White Center community with their friendship, prayers, and literature.

or to women who have catastrophic insurance but who were within the income eligibility guidelines. The screening was so positively received by sponsors and patients that it may be repeated next year. •

Darren McPherson, Breath of Life Church communication leader

Four AAA Seniors Recognized

For Top Awards

Successful, hardworking and intelligent—words befitting certain chosen students at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA). This year AAA has four seniors who have been recognized for their academic achievements.

Jonathan Campbell, who plans to major in religion and

eventually be a teacher, commented, "I'm very thankful because I will get



more scholarships from it." Campbell is one of 16,000 semifinalists who have a chance of making one of the 10,000 finalists for the National Merit Scholarship.

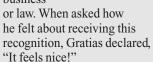
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Preston Perry, who was awarded by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, says, "I feel great,

and [I] give God all the glory." Perry is one of 3,000 students who scored in the top five percent of more than 120,000 Black Americans who took the PSAT/NSMQT. His plans are to major in neurosciences and go to medical school.

Eric Clay, who plans to study computer engineering, enthusiastically stated, "I'm excited, because I get more scholarships for college!"

Clay was recognized as a Commended Student for the National Merit Scholarship program. Brandon Gratias, another Commended Student, plans to pursue business



AAA is blessed to have dedicated students who deserve to be recognized for their hard work. •

Dasha Ko, AAA senior



Conference



Gregg Wahlstrom presents a gift of appreciation to Don and Alice Kirkman in honor of their hard work on

BHAG from and for BHAG

Buena Vista Celebrates Expansion

ave you ever heard of a BHAG? The faculty, staff, parents, students, and constituent church members of Buena Vista School in Auburn have. It stands for Big Hairy Audacious Goal.

Buena Vista recently completed the construction phase of a BHAG with a major addition to its physical plant. Due to increasing enrollment over the past several years, some grades were nearing, or even exceeding, the maximum number of students



Stuart Rich, Buena Vista School Board chairman, gives Pete Lewis, Auburn mayor, a tour.

established by the school board.

It was clear that smaller class sizes were critical to maintaining the excellent learning environment for which Buena Vista is known. As a result, additional teachers had been hired to staff two multi-grade classrooms. The problem was where to put the new teachers. In addition, the music teacher had been sharing space in a modular building with the afterschool care program. This arrangement required setup and takedown each day. Also, the kitchen was too small, and not well-designed for the hot lunch program it now supports.

Much of the school's schedule revolved around the availability of the gym. When it rained, the demand for gym time was exacerbated by the large number of students needing to use it. A new classroom, dedicated music classroom, larger kitchen, new bathrooms, and second gym were completed over the summer.

In celebration, an open house was held on Oct. 16 to allow church members, family and friends to see what their support had accomplished. A short service was held to recount and give thanks for God's goodness throughout the project.

Gregg Wahlstrom, principal, was honored by the school board and parents for his countless 10-12 hour days and six-day weeks during the construction. His servant leadership has been an inspiration to many.

Special thanks was also given to Alice and Don Kirkman for their years of supporting many expansion projects, including this one.

Yes, it is a BHAG. The project is achievable because of an even greater BHAG—our Benevolent Heavenly Awesome

If any alumni or supporters would like more information about the project, contact Gregg Wahlstrom at (253) 833-0718. •

Stuart Rich, Buena Vista School Board chairman

Women's Retreat 2004 New Beach Location a Success

hange can be exciting. This year the Washington Women's Retreat moved to Ocean Shores, Wash., after 20 years in Canada. Apparently the new location in the Washington Conference was attractive. Attendance increased to almost

We had a weekend of gorgeous sunshine, ocean waves, and sandy feet! The theme, "Beautiful Feet," was based on Isaiah 52:7: "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring good

Cynthia Prime from Indianapolis inspired us with messages of God's love and grace, along with a call to use our "Beautiful Feet" for God. Seminar topics included Secrets of Lean Cuisine, Journey to Accountability, Finding Balance in a Topsy-Turvy Life, Morning Joy, Guiding Feet to Walk in His Power, and Climbing Feet.

It was such a blessing to spend time together walking on the beach, getting foot massages, and preparing to use our "Beautiful Feet" to bring the good news of Jesus to our communities. •

Wilma Bing, Washington Conference women's ministry coordinator

Meeting at Ocean Shores, Wash., the Washington Women's Retreat featured the theme "Beautiful Feet."



Skagit Adventist School's New Addition A Volunteer Effort

Skagit Adventist School (SAS) recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new addition to their school building. Dedicated on Sept. 11, this large new addition will help meet the needs of the school now and in the future. During the service the teaching staff were also honored and dedicated for the new school year.

Families from the North Cascade and Mount Vernon churches, and those from the Spanish Church that meets at the school each Sabbath, participated in the event.

Currently SAS, under the directon of Principal Terry Lee, serves children from Kinderschool through tenth grade. The school is located just east of the city of Burlington, Wash.

Students from grades two through four participated in the service, singing under the direction of Malcolm Peterson. Paul Coneff, Mount Vernon church pastor, offered the teacher dedication and Gary Fogelquist, North Cascade Church pastor, offered the building consecration. Kaarsten Lang, parent and chair of the school board, opened the service and later shared a word for those "In His Service."

A great deal of the work on the building expansion was done by numerous volunteers under the able direction of Carl Crawford, assisted by his wife, DonnaJean. Due to the Crawfords' connections with the SAGE and Marantha organizations, volunteers came from many areas to bless us with their dedicated effort, "camping out" at the school over the summer. In honor of their hard work, the school board named the new space the Carl and DJ Crawford Addition. •

Pat Mehler, North Cascade communication leader

From left: Carl and DJ Crawford, Terry Lee, SAS principal, and Kaarsten Lang, Mt. Vernon orthopedic surgeon and school board chair cut the ribbon with the help of SAS students.





During PSAA's Connect retreat at the WWC Marine Station at Rosario Beach, students participated in an Agape feast.

PSAA "Connect" 2004 Spiritual Retreat

Students enjoyed an exciting time at Puget Sound Adventist Academy's (PSAA) annual Connect retreat held at the Walla Walla College Marine Station at Rosario Beach. They had a great time hiking, biking, and bonding as a school.

"It was a good time of chilling and bonding with my friends," said Parnell Ballard of the retreat.

Connect is designed to provide an opportunity to connect with God, build friendships and trust among the students, and offer service to the community.

Marlene Ferreras, Loma Linda (Calif.) Campus Hill Church youth pastor, was the speaker for the retreat. Relating well to the students with her energy and youthful spirit, she spoke three times over the course of the retreat, covering the story of the Good Samaritan.

The retreat ended with students teaming up to help

Connect is designed to provide an opportunity to connect with God...

out around the Puget Sound area. Colleen Brundula, math teacher, brought a group of students to the Union Gospel Mission to help serve lunch, while Howard Munson, history and Bible teacher, worked with students picking up litter along the highway. Another group visited an assisted living facility to give the residents some one-on-one quality time.

Everyone left the retreat feeling "well-connected!" •

Jaimie Abbott PSAA Gleaner correspondent

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Walla Walla College Faculty Members Earn Top Degrees

Being a professor does not mean that your days as a student are over. In fact, quite the opposite. The faculty at Walla Walla College continually further their professional knowledge. Most recently, the following professors earned the title of doctor.

Curtis Nelson, associate professor of engineering in the School of Engineering, successfully defended his dissertation in August to complete his doctoral degree from the University of Utah. His dissertation, entitled "Technology Mapping of Timed Asynchronous Circuits," focuses on investigating methods for implementing clockless circuits using deep submicron technologies currently in use. "Clockless circuits have

the potential for exceeding the performance of today's synchronous (clocked) designs," says Nelson, "which are typically used in highspeed computer systems."

Gregory Dodds, assistant professor of history, successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Curtains of Peace and Charity:' The Humanist Theology of Desiderius Erasmus in England, c. 1550-1650," submitted to complete his doctoral degree in history from Claremont Graduate University. His dissertation examines how the Erasmian theological language of Christian peace, love, and religious tolerance was manipulated by the English church to maintain religious conformity and marginalize those who did not conform.

It also helps to explain how the vitriolic religious controversies in Reformation England eventually contributed to the English Civil War.

Paul Dybdahl, assistant professor of theology, successfully defended his dissertation entitled "The Stairway to Heaven: A Critique of the Traditional Evangelical Gospel Presentation in North America," submitted to complete his doctoral degree in missiology from Andrews University. His dissertation surveys the spiritual viewpoints of contemporary Americans and, using conversion stories in Luke and Acts as resources, suggests ways to more effectively communicate the plan of salvation in North America today.

Marilynn Loveless,

assistant professor of communications, received top marks of distinction for her dissertation entitled "Mrs. Shakespeare: Recovering a Lost Life," which completes her doctoral program in the School of Arts at Griffith University in Australia. Her dissertation is a fictocritical narrative telling the story of how Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, acquired the skills, education and experience to write the works appropriated by her husband. The fifth chapter of her dissertation has been accepted for publication in the "International Journal of Learning." •

Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent

New on the WWC Website: "About Face"

Walla Walla College's Website will soon debut a new feature designed to acquaint members of the college family with people they might not meet during the course of their day. "About Face" profiles randomly selected students, faculty, and educational support members with a short interview and a black and white portrait. A new profile will be added twice monthly throughout the school year.

Faculty member: Rob Frohne, professor of engineering

Describe yourself in three

One fortunate Ethiopian. (Consider the number of children born in Ethiopia, as I was, who have perished from malnutrition and disease, and then compare it to the number blessed with the opportunities I've had.)

Describe WWC in three

Excellence for God!

Rob Frohne, professor of engineering



What do you value? Honesty, trust in God, education, people ...

How has WWC changed your

As a student here, I learned that in school and life, the important thing isn't the grade you get, it is what you learn.

Check WWC's Web site periodically to learn more about the people that make up our college family. •

Tara Jeske

Real People Serving Real People with Real Needs

You walk through the doors of the hospital's imaging department filled with anxiety. You're understandably worried about your tests, and what they might reveal. You need someone who understands your fears, someone who will carefully explain the procedures and offer some well-timed reassurance. At this stressful, difficult moment, one thing is virtually guaranteed: you'll be glad to meet Clint Watson.

Clint has served as a Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) radiographer for four years. He is known and respected by patients and co-workers alike for his compassion, empathy and professionalism.

"When people come in to see me, their apprehension is extremely high," he says. "It's not my job to say everything will be fine, because sometimes it won't be. But I can be a comforter and put them at ease for their exam."

He might interact with upwards of 40 patients on any given day, and if anyone could be tempted to view them simply as faceless names on a never-ending appointment list, it would be Clint. But he says it's the hospital mission that helps keep his work in constant focus.

"This isn't an assembly line—these are real people with real needs," he says. "I'm constantly asking myself, 'Am I treating this

person with respect? Am I trying to restore his physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing?"

He sees Christ as the perfect example of selfless service, a source of inspiration upon which he's built his entire life. "When I keep that in focus, everything else falls into place," he says.

Clint credits that deep sense of spirituality to an experience he wouldn't wish on anyone—eight months in Desert Storm. Undecided on a career path

Clint Watson serves as a radiographer at WWGH where he takes a personal interest in each patient he sees. He credits the hospital's mission with keeping him focused. "This isn't an assembly line—these are real people with real needs," says Clint, who recently won the hospital's Mission Achievement Award.

after high school, he chose to join the army, serving with the 82nd Airborne. More than four years later, he returned from active duty changed forever, and determined to renew his connection with Christ.

"When you take a walk on the dark side, you respect the light that much more," he says. "The Lord definitely preserved me, and now there's nothing that could shake me from my relationship with God. It means everything to me."

Since then, he's married Becky, his high school sweetheart, embarked on a radiography career, had two children—Sarah and Benjamin—and worked at four hospitals. But at WWGH he's finally found a sense of purpose that truly intersects with his own.

"We're actually living the mission here," Clint says. "We aren't looking at patients and thinking, 'What are you bothering me for?' We know they're here because they're sick or in pain, not to support our livelihoods. We're here for them."

Clint has a favorite phrase, one he often repeats to himself: "Be a servant to all, but serve only God." It's a motto that shapes his every interaction, every day. "My job is to help bring people to total health," he says. "If I can just say the right things, or hold the right hand at the right time, I'm serving as Christ did—and living out the mission." •

ONE TUESDAY IN LAST OF TWO PARTS

We were four nights into our evangelistic meetings in Tura, a city of 60,000 in northeastern India, and things didn't look too rosy. We had started with a good crowd on Friday evening, then watched attendance dwindle away noticeably. It appeared that there would be no guests left by the last evening. Our two small congregations back home had not planned for more than a year for this result.

My feelings on the next Tuesday morning as we gathered for prayer, were focused and intense. I have felt a sense of disappointment when outreach activities have not borne fruit. I've seen believers excitedly return from a mission trip, and when no lasting change in their home congregations results, I have felt a similar sense of puzzlement.

It has taken me years to grasp the meaning, but what happened that Tuesday morning gave me hope. God convinced me that He was going to do something in our meetings that we could not do. I believe that God wants to bless us here at home in the same way.

Every morning in Tura, our team gathered for morning devotions. One of us would share a worship reading or thought, and then we would bow together in prayer. That Tuesday morning was no exception. I don't recall who led worship that morning, or what text was shared. But I will never forget the prayer. Whoever prayed first concluded in tears. The same was true of the next person,

Volunteer missionaries often return glowing with the enthusiasm of having seen the Lord change lives in distant places.

and the next. I remember thinking, "I don't feel like crying." I wonder if that will happen to me when I pray.

When my turn came, I began to pray, and I felt the distinct moving of the Holy Spirit on my heart. I'm not a demonstrative person, but the tears came. One after another, each person in the room pleaded with God for His Spirit to be in control of our efforts, and for His will to be done. One after another, each one felt the Holy Spirit wash over him or her. Then our prayer circle broke up, and we went about the day's business with a sense of sobriety and expectancy.

That Tuesday our attendance rose a little. The next night it climbed again. The crowd grew until our closing meeting. I still occasionally hear of baptisms among those who first heard the message on that soccer field. God richly blessed our efforts, and that Tuesday morning was the distinct turning point in the campaign.

Why?

We prayed together in humility that morning, for the Spirit of God to work in and through us. Was that the reason? There was a sense of urgency, but many of us had been praying regularly and sincerely for over a year for just that blessing, so our Tuesday morning prayer was not completely new. We were finally at the site of our meetings, but we had been there for several days, so that was not new.

That Tuesday morning, for the first time, the Indian workers joined our prayer meeting. We had met with the local believers to pray before, but in a meeting devoted mostly to planning and organizing. At morning meetings we had worship and prayer first. On Tuesday, our team was finally complete. We came to the Lord as full partners, with no superiors or inferiors, nobody more or less in need of the Lord's instruction and blessing than anyone else. We approached Him in unity, and He saw fit to touch us and put His seal of approval on our unity.

Volunteer missionaries often return glowing with the enthusiasm of having seen the

BY LARY BROWN

Lord change lives in distant places. The missionaries' lives have often been among those changed. The impact those changes have upon the volunteers' home congregations might be strengthened by being more intentional about the teamwork element.

Each member can have primary responsibility for some part of the work of the mission...

Teamwork involves the volunteers and their home congregation.

An entire congregation should have ownership of a mission trip. Those who send and those who are sent should work in harmony. The home congregation can choose to formally support the mission effort. They can choose the time and location of the mission and approve the broad outlines of a budget. The church can collectively finance the mission so that financial well-being is not a prerequisite to being a mission team member. The congregation as a whole can determine the size of the team and select

to help them prepare.
Church members
can help research the

those who will be sent. They

ministries that will be a part of the mission, and provide training to team members

can help determine the

culture to which the team will travel, provide materials and equipment, and most importantly, organize consistent prayer support. A group of mission volunteers who has seen this kind of involvement on the part of their home congregation are already changed. Even before they leave, they know that their trip is part of the experience of the larger group. They know their church family has a stake in the outcome of their mission, and they know that they are accountable to other believers for their efforts.

Teamwork among those who are sent.

The work of a mission trip should be assigned on the basis of spiritual giftedness. Those who are gifted but not yet experienced should work under the oversight of an experienced worker. Teams that meet regularly before their trip learn how to support one another. Members need to be accountable to a leader chosen by the congregation, but they also need to know that they share in the responsibility and that their perspectives are valuable. They need to train together, and they need to pray with and for one another both before and during their trip. Each member can have primary responsibility for some part of the work of the mission, and be ready to assist in the ministries of others as needed. Perhaps one of the most tangible blessings to result from a unified mission is the experience of its members in working toward a common goal.

Teamwork between those who are sent and workers at the host site.

As we learned in Tura, short-term mission teams truly consist not only of the home congregation and the traveling group, but also of the workers already at the host site. Local workers are an invaluable resource. They can review presentations in advance and suggest better ways to connect with the intended audience. Locals can prepare the field for our work as we can never do. They are often eager, however, to take part in the program. Participation in the effort makes it easier for them to work with the local people afterward. In addition, the local people deserve to see a harmonious working relationship between the members of the body of Christ. Learning to work with the hosts in order to benefit from their way of doing things, can be a valuable asset to bring home to a congregation exhibiting various ways of thinking.

As opportunities to win souls for Christ in distant places present themselves, let us meet them with thoughtful effort and consideration for their effect over the long term. Let us conduct these activities in a way that will serve as a conduit for an extended blessing in our home congregations. Whether your congregation makes a regular practice of mission trips or applies the same principles to

home evangelism, the experience gained by those who are involved in such an effort cannot help but edify your church. •

Lary Brown, Florence-Reedsport pastor, writes from Florence, Oregon.

GUIDELINES

GLEANER Milestones are for 50, 60, 65, 70 and 75th anniversaries and 90, 95 and 100th birthdays. Information to include: date, location and type of celebration; date and location of birth or wedding; women's maiden names; a brief résumé; first and last names of only the honorees' children and their spouses with city/state of residence; total number of grandchildren; contact's daytime phone number. Original color photos or 300 dpi JPG photos (no published pictures) are only accepted for 60 and 70th anniversaries or 100th birthdays. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

Freitas 60th

Bob and Beth Freitas of Sequim, Wash., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children in March.

Bob Freitas and Beth Evans were married in March 1944 in Reno, Nev. After serving in World War II, Bob continued his education at Pacific Union College, where he received a degree in industrial arts and agriculture. Upon graduation, the couple received a call to the Upper Columbia Conference, where Bob began his teaching



career in industrial arts. In 1969, they received a call to the Washington Conference, where Bob again taught industrial arts and Beth worked in the business office at Auburn Adventist Academy. They retired in 1989 and moved to Sequim, where they continue to help with community service work and church building projects.

The Freitas family includes Karen and Mike Hackett of Marysville, Wash., Patti Walker of Olympia, Wash., and Bob and Linda Freitas of Sumner, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.

Gren 50th

Don and Jean Gren celebrated their 50th anniversary with a special recommitment ceremony on Aug. 15, 2004. A reception arranged by their children and spouses was held at the Valley View Church in Medford, Ore.

Donald Gren and Jean Hoefs were married July 17, 1954, at the First English Lutheran Church in Dorset, Minn. In 1955 the couple moved to Medford. Don worked at the Groceteria as manager of the egg candling department. He also worked for his dad in construction for a few years, and then at Medford Corporation from 1961 until he retired in 1993. Jean worked for an attorney in Park Rapids, Minn., for a realtor and an attorney in Medford, and at Jackson County Title until 1996. She is still working part-time as secretary of the Valley View Church, where the couple are members.

The Gren family includes Conrad and Barbara Gren of Clackamas, Ore., Esther and Jim Bryson of Walla Walla, Wash., and Judy and Matt Weber of Tillamook, Ore., 4 grandchildren and 3 stepgrandchildren.



Hooper 60th

Jack and Irmgard Hooper quietly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 10, 2004, with members of their family at their home in College Place, Wash. They are members of the Village Church in College Place.

John Hooper and Irmgard Siemsen met at Walla Walla College (WWC), and on Sept. 3, 1944, they were married at her family home near Winchester, Idaho. They lived in College Place while Jack continued his education and Irmgard taught German at WWC and Spanish at Walla Walla College Academy. After they both graduated from WWC, they were called to Auburn Academy where they began their years of teaching in Adventist academies in Washington, Minnesota, Texas, North Dakota, Colorado and California. Jack set up and managed a cushion/ umbrella sewing plant for Harris Pine Mills on the Rio Lindo Academy campus near Healdsburg, Calif., while Irmgard taught languages at the academy. They later moved back to College Place where Jack finished the requirements for the Respiratory Therapy course. Jack worked at Walla Walla General Hospital and Irmgard at the WWC library until they retired. In retirement they have participated in several churchbuilding projects in Washington and Oregon.

The Hooper family includes Jeanie and Dan Reed of Albany, Ore., Carol and Clyde (deceased) Hooper of Grants Pass, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Rasmussen 60th

Lester and Alice Rasmussen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family at Otter Creek Hideaway on the Oregon Coast.

Lester Rasmussen and Alice Bresee met at Walla Walla College (WWC) and were married in the little white Anacortes (Wash.) Church on Sept. 3, 1944. After their graduation from WWC in 1946. Lester completed his ministerial internship in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference in Canada. He received his master's degree in absentia from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. when the family were en route to Ethiopia. The couple and their children remained in Ethiopia as missionaries for 10 years before moving to the Washington Conference where Lester pastored the Centralia, Kirkland, and Puyallup churches; he



also pastored the Stone Tower Church in Portland, Ore. From Portland Lester accepted a call to the presidency of the Egypt Field. Alice taught in various elementary schools or did secretarial work until the couple retired in College Place, Wash. in 1987.

The Rasmussen family includes June and Fred Christensen, Pasco, Wash., John and Raelene Rasmussen, Antioch, Calif., Paul and Judy Rasmussen, Walla Walla, Wash., Patsy and Glynne Hixson, Milton Freewater, Ore., Linda and Ed Kolar, Yucaipa, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.



GUIDELINES

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ADAMS — Mya Nicole was born July 30, 2004, to Andrew and Renee (Scott) Adams, Dixie, Wash.

ALARCON—Pablo Andres was born Sept. 22, 2004, to Gabriel and Heather (Olesen) Alarcon, Milton Freewater, Ore.

ALVAREZ—Amelia Rose was born Oct. 3, 2004, to Hector and Julie (Hill) Alvarez, Tillamook, Ore.

CASTLEMAN—Conner W. was born Aug. 23, 2004, to Randy and Jennifer (McDow) Castleman, College Place, Wash.

CRAIK—McKenna Lanae was born Aug. 28, 2004, to Jeremiah and Tara (Dahlin) Craik, Trout Creek, Mont.

DAHLIN—Finn William was born Sept. 4, 2004, to Bryce and Gwen (Handel) Dahlin, Mountain Green, Utah.

FONUA—Mirella Poerava was born June 15, 2004, to Ueini and Jeanne (Foliaki) Fonua, Tacoma, Wash.

GOODRIDGE—Jayden Mercedes was born Aug. 11, 2004, to Ben and Esther (Allen) Goodridge, College Place, Wash.

HEIDINGER—Krysta Rebecca was born Sept. 28, 2004, to Wendell and Ronda (Friesen) Heidinger, Klamath Falls, Ore.

LINCOLN —Ella Mary Raquel was born June 13, 2002, to

Keith and Julie (Dove) Lincoln, Portland, Ore.

MEIER—Nathanael Karl was born Oct. 7, 2004, to B. Karl and Wendy (Huffman) Meier, Tillamook, Ore.

O'DELL—Lilyanna Faith was born June 12, 2004, to Lane and Rose (Kinney) O'Dell, Spokane, Wash.

PATCHIN—Calahan Charles was born on June 17, 2004, to Marc and Krista (Waggoner) Patchin, Vancouver, Wash.

SCHROEDER—Cooper W. was born Aug. 20, 2004, to Todd and Kari (Berecz) Schroeder, Milton Freewater, Ore.

SIMONES—Sebastian N. was born April 2, 2004, to Bill and Katrina (Fackenthall) Simones, Vancouver, Wash.

ZENITH—Byron James was born Oct. 3, 2004 to Oseas A. and Michelle L. (Huffman) Zenith, Tillamook, Ore.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
3 JOHN 1:4 [NKJV]

Hamily WEDDINGS

BACON-JENKS—Allison Bacon, Aaron Jenks, June 20, 2004, Colville, Wash. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

DEBEAUMONT-FANDRY—Blair DeBeaumont, Keith Fandry, July 17, 2004, College Place, Wash., where they are making their home

DOVE-RUSSELL—Jaclyn Dove, Jonathan Russell, July 18, 2004, Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Ooltewah, Tenn.

DUNCAN-HILL—Dinah Duncan, Daniel Hill, August 28, 2004, Klamath Falls, Ore., where they are making their home.

EICHELE-CALCAGNO

Michelle Eichele, Michael Calcagno, July 2, 2004, McMinnville, Ore. They are making their home in Dundee, Ore.

GOOD-POTTER—Anna Good, Bob Potter, July 11, 2004,

Medford, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash

HAMILTON-WENTLAND-

Gladys Hamilton, Lorin Wentland, Sept. 5, 2004, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. They are making their home in Milton Freewater, Ore.

HILL-CRAIN—Stacy Hill, Jason Crain, July 11, 2004, Boring, Ore. They are making their home in Corvallis, Ore.

JOHNSON-BANNISTER-

Shannon Johnson, James Bannister, Oct. 23, 2004, South Lake Tahoe, Calif. They are making their home in Reno, Nev.

MACE-HARE—Neola Mae Mace, Gordon Hare, Aug. 9, 2004, College Place, Wash., where they are making their home.

PARKER-ELLER—Shannon Parker, Bucklee Eller, Aug. 29,

2004, Wichita, Kan., where they are making their home.

RETZLAFF-TILBY—Michelle Retzlaff, Brandon Tilby, Sept. 26, 2004, Eugene, Ore., where they are making their home.

RIDGLEY-HARTNELL—Martha Ridgley, Bernard Hartnell, Aug. 28, 2004, Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Walla Walla, Wash.

ROBINSON-JAZEK—Brianna Robinson, Richard-Ryan Jazek, Sept. 3, 2004, Astoria, Ore. They are making their home in San Francisco, Calif.

SACHS-WAGNER—Stacie Sachs, Stuart Wagner, Sept. 25, 2004, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They are making their home in Rathdrum, Idaho.

STENTZEL-PANKASKIE-

Debra Stentzel, Karl Pankaskie, May 31, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

WILLIS-SHERMAN—Alison Willis, John Sherman, Aug. 22, 2004, Milwaukie, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore.

WIMER-DIETZ—Elisa Wimer, Jeremy Dietz, Sept. 26, 2004, Portland, Ore., where they are making their home.

GUIDELINES

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A T R E S T

ADAMS—William "Bill," 73; born Nov. 25, 1930, Hitchcock, Okla.; died Sept. 25, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Nieta Rae (Pflugrad); son, Duane, Boise, Idaho; daughter, Diane Adams, San Diego, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 4 greatgrandchildren.

ANDERSON—Lloyd E., 92; born May 17, 1912, Seattle, Wash.; died Sept. 20, 2004, Shoreline, Wash. Surviving: sons, David, Tempe, Ariz., Jerry, Carnation, Wash.; daughter, Nancy Ness, Marysville, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

BEDDOE—Gladys M., 64; born Aug. 25, 1940, Colfax, Wash.; died Sept. 13, 2004, West Linn, Ore. Surviving: husband, Keith L. Ironside; daughter, Valerie I. Meyer, West Linn; brother, Alexander F., Grass Valley, Calif.; sister, Pamela Bullock, Mt. Shasta, Calif.

BLEHM—Walter, 80; born Oct. 13, 1923, Hitchcock, Okla.; died Oct. 5, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Ruud); sons, Randy, Portland, Ore., Ron, Clackamas, Ore.; daughter, Ronda Blehm, Gresham, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

BULLOCK—L. Esther (Adkins) Cody, 91; born May 29, 1913, Gales Creek, Ore.; died Sept. 14, 2004, Albany, Ore. Surviving: son, Jerry Cody, Salem, Ore.; daughters, Janice St. John, Forest Grove, Ore., Joann Sproul, Albany, Judy Lanter, Banks, Ore., Mary Lessley, Olympia, Wash.; stepdaughters, Evelyn Hotchkiss, Woodland, Calif., Vicki Johnson, Portland, Ore., Bonnie King, Mt. Hood, Ore.;18 grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 15 step-great-grandchildren.

CHAMBERLIN—Elsie C. (Bergstrom), 92; born April 8, 1912, Cannole, N.D.; died Aug. 17, 2004, Junction, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Black Feekes, Boise, Idaho, Judy Gilliam, Junction City, Ore., Betty Mattson and Arline Coffelt, both of Springfield, Ore, Kathleen Akerly, Woodland,

Wash., Linda Moss, Battle Ground, Wash., Eleanor Somsak, Issaquah, Wash

CHRISTIANSON—Clifford, 88; born May 15, 1916, Devil's Lake, N.D.; died, Sept. 19, 2004, Cave Junction, Ore. Surviving: wife, Myra (Running); brother, Wallace, Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister Violet Failing, Minneapolis, Minn.

CLARIDGE—Charles W., 85; born Aug. 31, 1918, Lodgepole, S.D.; died March 9, 2004, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: wife, Rosa (Andre); daughters, Karen Van Santen, Salem, Ore., Vicki Nelson, Cle Elum, Wash.; brothers, John Claridge, Falling Waters, W.V., Lawrence Claridge, College Place, Wash.; sister, Betty Schornstein, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

CURNUTT—Victoria Mary (Wormald), 93; born Aug. 23, 1911, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; died, Sept. 18, 2004, St. Helens, Ore. Surviving: sons, John, Madras, Ore., Bill, St. Helens, Russell, Vancouver, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

EISENMAN—Anna Rose, 95; born Nov. 29, 1908, Glenham, S.D.; died, Sept. 10, 2004, Monroe, Wash. Surviving: brother, Albert L. Eisenman, Monroe; sisters, Isabelle Reile, Jamestown, N.D., Lillian Binder, Rapid City, S.D., Minnie Hagele, Loma Linda, Calif., Elsie Binder, Loveland, Colo.

FLEMMER—Fred C., 89; born July 30, 1914, Napoleon, N.D.; died June 29, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lily (Gaf); sons, Clarence, Sioux Falls, S.D., Elmer, San Antonio, Texas., Harry, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Hilda McClure, Lorraine Ferguson, and Karen Flemmer, all of College Place, Wash., Elsie Flemmer, Sacramento, Calif., Gladys Barnes, Hanford, Calif., Sharon Welch, Kansas City, Kan.; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

FULLER—George R. "Rusty," 83; born May 20, 1921, Great Falls, Mont.; died Sept. 9, 2004, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dorothy B. (Masters); son, David, Vancouver; daughter, Faryl Fuller, Vancouver; sister, Helen Blehm, Forest Grove, Ore.; and a grandchild.

GREET—Dorothy (Gifford), 81; born April 18, 1923, Powell, Wyo.; died Sept 16, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, James A. Banning, Calif.; daughter, Elizabeth Stanton, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GREINER—Stephanie R., 21; born April 24, 1983, Renton, Wash.; died Sept 15, 2004,

Seattle, Wash. Surviving: parents, Stephen and Becky (Martin) Greiner Beckfield, Maple Valley, Wash.; sister, Kristen Greiner, Maple Valley; grandparents, Clem and Emma (Humphrey) Martin, Renton, Wash., Martin and Bernice Greiner, Auburn, Wash.; Grant and ShirleyBeckfield, Oshkosh, Wis.

HARRINGTON—Esther L. (Litzenberger-Rudy), 89; born Jan. 20, 1915, Colfax, Wash.; died Aug. 17, 2004, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Jerry, Gresham, Ore.; sister, Catherine Rudy, Spokane, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

HARTER—Lloyd G., 97; born June 16, 1907, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Sept. 9, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Laurence, Spokane, Wash., Richard, Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Terril Johnson, Graham, Wash.; Nickolette Hultman, Walla Walla; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

JORDAN—Marvin H. 80; born Nov. 21, 1923, Yakima, Wash.; died Aug. 21, 2004, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ada (Newell), Olympia, Wash.; sons, Dan, Tacoma, Wash., Daryl and Dwight, both of Olympia, Wash.; daughter, Diane Parent, Olympia, Wash.; brother, Cecil, Tumwater, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

KELLY—Randy S. 50; born Feb. 11, 1954, Seattle, Wash.; died June 15, 2004, Burien, Wash. Surviving: mother, Verna; brother, John.

KIMBLE—Anita May (Hatch), 91; born Oct. 27, 1912, Rathdrum, Idaho; died, Sept. 2, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Bill Kimble, Castle Rock, Wash., Alvin Kimble, Portland; daughters, Anita Ramirez, Auburn, Wash., Jody Rowan, New London, Iowa; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

LASHER—Lydia (Gill), 85; born Oct. 10, 1919, Newberry Township, N.D.; died, July 17, 2004, Kalamazoo, Mich. Surviving: son, Lon Lasher,

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

ISAIAH 35:10 [NKJV]

Portland, Ore.; daughter, Cheryl Hopkins, Portage, Mich.; brother, William Gill, Eureka, S.D.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LENZ—Carl F., 97; born Feb. 20, 1907, Kewanee, Ill.; died Sept. 23, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Viola (Dunham); sons, Albert, Walla Walla, Wash., Ray, Virginia City, Va., Fred, Richland, Wash., Art, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Anita Reid, Loma Linda, Calif.; sister, Geraldine Keller, Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LINDSAY—Shirley M. (Williams), 75; born June 4, 1929, Colorado Springs, Colo.; died Sept. 9, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Curtis; sons, Galen, Las Vegas, Nev., Jerry, Monroe, Wash.; daughters, Alice, Kent, Wash., Eileen, Bothell, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LOOP—Richard E., 67; born July 12, 1937, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; died Aug. 7, 2004, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: brother, Jerry, Caldwell, Idaho; sisters, Virginia Young, Walla Walla, Wash., Judy Loop, Caldwell.

MANNEN—Thomas W., 79; born July 30, 1925, Montpelier, Idaho; died Aug. 25, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Thomas, Riverside, Calif.; stepsons, Verlyn Bullock, Centralia, Wash., Duane Bullock, Spangle, Wash., Travis Bullock, Kennewick, Wash.; daughter, Ruth Pickens, Cascade, Idaho; sisters, Lela Eiseman, Elk, Wash., Pricilla Fuller, Twin Falls, Idaho; and 11 grandchildren.

MERKEL—Juanita F. (Miller), 90; born Sept. 5, 1914, Tampa, Kan.; died Sept. 28, 2004, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Judi A. Donahue, Forks, Wash., Cynthia L. Stout, Coeur d'Alene; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MINER—Carl E., 85; born June 10, 1919, Coffeyville, Kan.; died Sept. 20. 2004, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jewelle

(Wohlgehagen); sons, Ronald, Troutdale, Ore., Duane, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Sharen Kingsbury, Lyle, Wash., Kathy Nysetn, Boring, Ore., Marilyn Moore, Phoenix, Ariz; brother, Donald, Cookson, Okla.; sisters, Alberta Miner, Harrah, Okla., Lilly Hathaway, Pendleton, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

MORLEY—Audreyann N. (Seeley), 97; born Feb. 24, 1907, Woodburn, Ore.; died Sept. 2, 2004, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: sons, Elmer, Salem, Ore., Richard, Stayton, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 4 greatgrandchildren.

NYSTROM—Karl A., 98; born June 29, 1906, Havre, Mont.; died Sept. 28, 2004, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving: son, Clair, Bozeman; daughter, Carol Forshee, Caldwell, Idaho; 4 grandchildren and 6 greatgrandchildren.

PALMER—Elwood E., 89; born Sept. 14, 1914, Crawford, Neb.; died April 8, 2004, The Dalles, Ore. Surviving: wife, Erma (Canaday), Condon, Ore.; daughter, Margaret Gustafson, Pacific, Wash.; brother, Cecil, Quensel, British Columbia, Canada; sisters, Margaret Clinton, Granger, Wash., Laurene Shiedler, Ephrata, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

PARKER—David E., 93; born Aug. 12, 1911, Enid, Okla.; died Aug. 18, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, David L., LaCombe, Alberta, Canada; daughters, Barbara Roberts, Seattle, Wash., Carolyn Hempstead, Albany, Ore., Marie Beck, Milton Freewater, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 18 greatgrandchildren.

SCHOLZ—Francis E. "Gene," 82; born June 19, 1922, Tonasket, Wash.; died June 28, 2004, Tonasket. Surviving: wife, Wanda (Churchman); sons, Jim, Troutdale, Ore., David, Chewelah, Wash.; daughter, Janet Reinking, Uniontown, Wash.; sister, Gladys Rawley, Tonasket; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

GUIDELINES

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SHINE—Lorraine F. (Payne), 78; born July 25, 1926, Emmons County, N.D.; died Sept 4, 2004, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jack; sons, Randy, Gaston, Ore, Valden, Hillsboro; daughter, Jennifer Eddy, Hillsboro; sister, Vina LaFave, Pollock, S.D.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SHRENK—Harold D., 80; born Sept. 17, 1924, Lehr, N.D.; died Sept. 17, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Shaw) Mason, Troutdale, Ore.; sons, Michael, Palm Springs, Calif., Bradley, Lodi, Calif.; stepsons, Michael Mason, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, George Mason, Gig Harbor, Wash., Dough Mason, Anthony, Kan.; stepdaughter, Linda Christensen, Auburn, Wash.; sisters, Eleanor Winkenwerder, Portland, LaVera Youker, Gresham, Ore., Helen Fiechtner, Lehr; 2 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

STAFFORD—Helen C. (McCracken), 98; born March 26, 1906, Overbrook, Kan.; died Sept. 26, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Tom, Battle Ground, Wash., Charles, Ellensburg, Wash., John, College Place; 8 grandchildren, 15 greatgrandchildren and a great-grandchild.

STORY—Aldeen M. (Cooper), 80; born Aug. 23, 1924, Dallas, Ore.; died Sept. 20, 2004, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert V.; son, Steven E., Pendleton, Ore.; daughters, Jeannette Corser, Vancouver, Wash., Vallis A. Frazier, Hermiston, Denise L. Story, Battle Ground, Wash.; sister, Ruby Hartman, Salem, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.

STOUT—Cecil W. 99; born July 17, 1905, in Missouri; died Aug. 15, 2004, Nehalem, Ore. Surviving: son, Ronald, Valcito, Calif.; daughter, Betty C. Becraft, Tillamook, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 19 greatgrandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

TRYON—Doris L. (Fisher), 77; born Sept. 4, 1926, Gaston, Ore.; died July 11, 2004, Tyler, Texas. Surviving: son, Robert D., Medford, Ore.; daughters, Linda Mason, Tyler, Cindy Scruggs, Spangbahlem, Germany; stepbrothers, Milton Cady, Central Point, Ore., Harold V. Cady, Gridley, Calif.; stepsisters Betty Hayward, Central Point, Edith Miller, Bradenton, Fla.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

wentland—Ernest B., 78; born June 11, 1926, Beach, N.D.; died Sept. 27, 2004, Mill Creek, Wash. Surviving: sisters, May Woods, Boise, Idaho, Violet Wentland, Woodinville, Wash.

wredberg—Walter B. 61; born July 18, 1942, Seattle, Wash.; died, July 12, 2004, Renton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Christine L., Des Moines, Wash.; sons, Walter III, Glendive, Mont., John, Des Moines, Wash.; daughter, Kristina, Des Moines, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

ZOLLBRECHT—John C., 97; born March 17, 1907, Hoboken, N.J.; died Sept. 12, 2004, Monroe, Wash. Surviving: sons, John Paul, Woodinville, Wash., Henry W., Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Margaret Branson, Duvall, Wash.



NNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Open House

invited to a holiday open house A Man For All Seasons, VH; Dec. at International Children's Care headquarters in Vancouver, Wash. All Seasons, VH; Dec. 10–12— Call (360) 573-0429 for more Family Weekend: **Friday**—8 a.m. information and directions or visit Take-Your-Parents-to-Class-Day; 6 www.forhiskids.org.

Offerings

Dec. 4—Local Church Budget; Dec. 11—Inner City; Dec. 18-Local Church Budget; Dec. 25-Local Conference Advance.

Special Days

Dec. 4—Bible Sabbath; Dec. 25—13th Sabbath: Euro-Asia Christmas Vacation. Division

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Event Calendar

Dec. 4, 8 p.m.—wwcdrama: A Man For All Seasons, Village Hall (VH); **Dec. 5**, 9 a.m.—College Board Meeting, College Place; 5:15 p.m.—Distinguished Faculty 11, 3 p.m.—Christmas with Dinner, Kellogg Hall (KH); 7 p.m.—

Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Fine Directed by Linda Neel; **Dec. 18**, **Dec. 2**, 6–8 p.m.—You are Arts Center (FAC); 8 p.m. wwcdrama: 9, 8 p.m.—wwcdrama: A Man For p.m.—Vespers: Christmas Concert; 8 p.m.—Vespers: Christmas Concert; Sabbath, 1 p.m.—Dinner with the President; 4 p.m.—Evensong, College Church (CC); 8 p.m.—wwcdrama: A Man For All Seasons, VH; Sunday, 9 a.m.—Parent/Faculty Brunch; 8 p.m.—wwcdrama: A Man For All Seasons, VH; Dec. 16-Jan. 2-

OREGON

Sunnyside Activities

Dec. 3–5, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Sabbath, 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday -Institute of Bible, Church and Culture (IBCC) seminar by Walla Walla College School of Theology, presented by Dave Thomas; Dec. Portland Adventist Academy

4 p.m.— "A Choral Christmas," Sunnyside Church Choir, directed Party by Travis Hatton; Dec. 24, 7 p.m.-23rd Annual Family Christmas Program. Spend Christmas Eve with family and friends, enjoying Lloyd Westcott's Annual Christmas Program. Refreshments served after the program.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

Dec. 7, noon—All retired denominational workers are invited to attend the potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship. Dick and Jean Hall will show pictures and artifacts and tell stories of their recent volunteer work for ADRA in Yemen and other parts of the world. 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, phone Frank Gearhart, (503) 665-4777.

So. Oregon Singles **Ministry Christmas**

Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.—Singles Ministry at Grants Pass Church hosts a Christmas party with a tropical paradise theme. Bring food and/or punch, and a wrapped gift (\$10-\$12) for exchange game. Dress warmly, wear bright colors if possible and come to the multipurpose room at the back door entrance. Driving directions: take exit 58 off I-5, going straight ahead on 6th street, turn left on Hillcrest, turn right on 9th, turn right at the church and go to the back entry on the left. For more information, contact Connie at (541) 471-6094 or Marilyn at (541) 660-4326.

Grants Pass Missing

The Grants Pass Church is looking for Susan Smith, Allan Gaylord and Irene Hallockson. If you have any information, please contact the church at (541) 476-6313 or email at gpsda@internetcds. com, attn: Church Clerk.

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Milo Concerts

Dec. 11—Roseburg Church service, Chamber Singers; 4 p.m.-Milo Church, Chamber Singers; 7:30 p.m.—Milo Auditorium, Concert Band. For more information, contact Milo Academy, (541) 825-3200, ext. 3322, fax (541) 825-3723, e-mail merrill.barnhart@miloacademy.org or Web http://www.miloacademy.

Oregon Singles Activities

Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m.—Potluck at Beaverton Church; 3 p.m.—We will go to a local facility to sing; Evening—Vespers and white elephant gift exchange: Bring a wrapped gift for a man or woman. Also bring a favorite/special dish or dessert to share. For more information, call Charlotte at (503) 579-9549, visit the Beaverton Church website at www.beavertonsda.com and follow the prompts to the singles section, or call the hotline at (503) 654-6054 opt. 4.

Now & Forever

Jan. 15. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Couples dating, engaged or contemplating marriage are invited to a one-day "Now & Forever" Seminar, at the Oregon Conference Headquarters, 13455 SE 97th Avenue, Clackamas, Ore. Family Life educators, Harvey and Kathy Corwin, will present subjects on lifelong relationships. There is a minimal fee for materials and meals with a cost increase after Jan. 3. For information call (503) 652-2225.

UPPER COLUMBIA **Singles Event**

Dec. 11, 2 p.m.—Fifth Annual Singles Event, Wenatchee, Wash., Christmas Light Festival in Leavenworth, Wash. Meet in the school gym with overnight necessities and potluck food for evening meal and breakfast. Carpooling will be available. For information, contact Melodie DeVaney at (509) 489-3530 or sweetmel 19@hotmail.com.

Othello Reunion

Aug 5–7, 2005—50th year celebration for the Othello Church and school, 736 E. Elm, Othello, Wash. For more information, call (509) 488-5728.

WASHINGTON

Family Life Workshop

Dec. 3, 7 p.m, and **Dec. 4**—"The Christian Home in the 21st Century presented by Pastor Richard O'Ffill at the Auburn City Church, 402 29th St. SE, Auburn, Wash.

Muslim Fear Factor

Dec. 4, 9 a.m.—"Muslim Fear Factor" with missionary guest John McGhee at the Forest Park Adventist Church, 4132 Federal Ave., Everett, Wash. Invite your friends—Adventists, Christians and Muslims. John will answer questions during and after the potluck luncheon. As a former health education advisor to Pakistan's Ministry of Health, John influenced General Zia Ul Huk, former president of Pakistan, to stop smoking. He is the Northern Asia Pacific Division health ministries and Sabbath school/personal ministries director. From 1997–2001, he served as director of the Center for Adventist Muslim Relations in North America.

Singles Ministry

Washington Conference Singles Ministry is offering Bible Studies: Everett, every Tuesday, contact Steve Foster at (425) 268-7621: Centralia, 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., contact Tom and Brenda Reed at (360) 754-6331; Puyallup, 3rd Friday, 7 p.m., contact Tookie Wren at (253) 435-7947. Christmas Banquet: **Dec. 11** in Olympia. Retreats: **Dec.** 31-Jan. 2-New Year's Weekend at Sunset Lake; April 29-May 1, 2005, Rosario Retreat. Contact Barb Smith for information and registration at (360) 620-2287.

Evensong at Christmas

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Jan. 7, 2005 begins "Revelation Now," an evangelistic series of meetings with Jac and 'dena Colon, Centralia Adventist Church, 1607 Military Rd., 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Please invite your friends and relatives.

Sunset Table

Standard	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
Time	3	10	17	24	31
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Anchorage	3:48	3:42	3:40	3:44	3:52
Fairbanks	2:56	2:44	2:40	2:43	2:55
Juneau	3:11	3:06	3:06	3:09	3:17
Ketchikan	3:19	3:16	3:16	3:20	3:26
IDAHO CON	FEREN	CE			
Boise	5:09	5:08	5:10	5:13	5:18
La Grande	4:10	4:10	4:11	4:14	4:20
Pocatello	4:56	4:55	4:57	5:00	5:06
MONTANA (ONFER	ENCE			
Billings	4:31	4:30	4:31	4:34	4:40
Havre	4:25	4:23	4:24	4:28	4:33
Helena	4:42	4:41	4:42	4:45	4:51
Miles City	4:17	4:16	4:18	4:21	4:27
Missoula	4:48	4:47	4:49	4:52	4:58
OREGON CO	ONFERE	NCE			
Coos Bay	4:42	4:41	4:43	4:46	4:51
Medford	4:39	4:39	4:41	4:44	4:49
Portland	4:28	4:27	4:28	4:32	4:37
UPPER COL	UMBIA				
Pendleton	4:12	4:11	4:12	4:16	4:21
Spokane	3:59	3:58	3:59	4:02	4:08
Walla Walla	4:09	4:08	4:09	4:12	4:18
Wenatchee	4:12	4:10	4:12	4:15	4:21
Yakima	4:15	4:14	4:16	4:19	4:25
WASHINGTO	ON CON	FEREN	CE		
Bellingham	4:15	4:14	4:15	4:18	4:24
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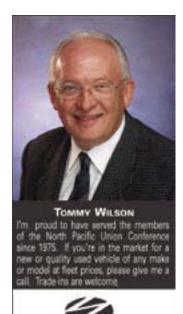
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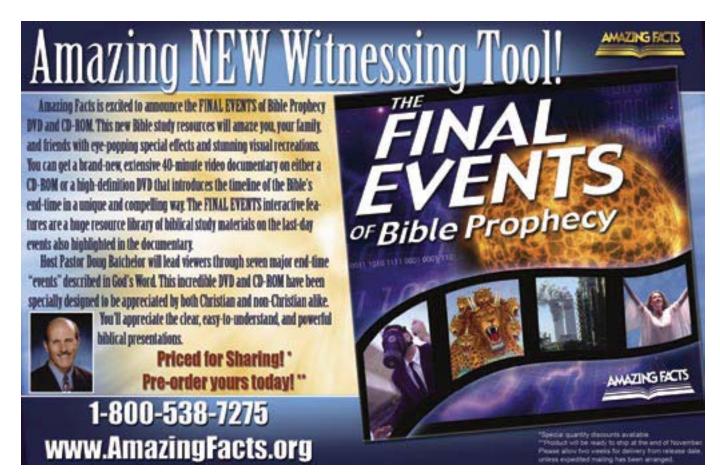
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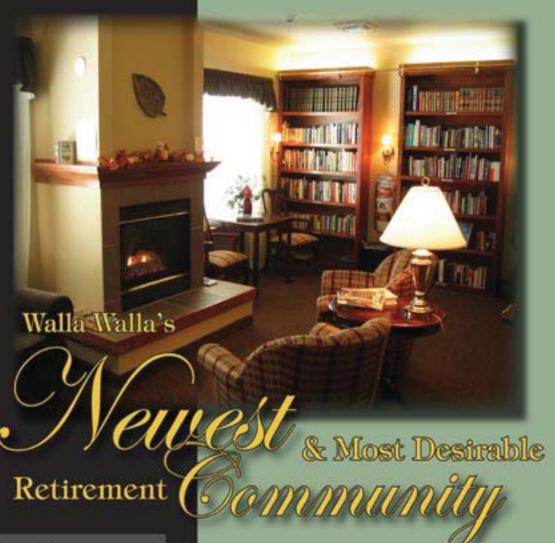
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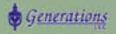
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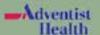


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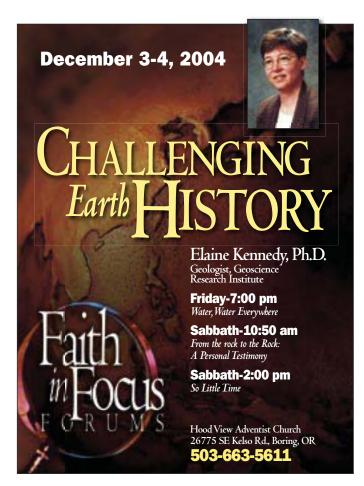
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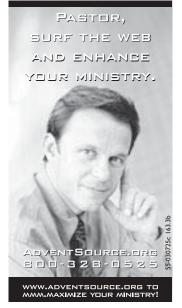
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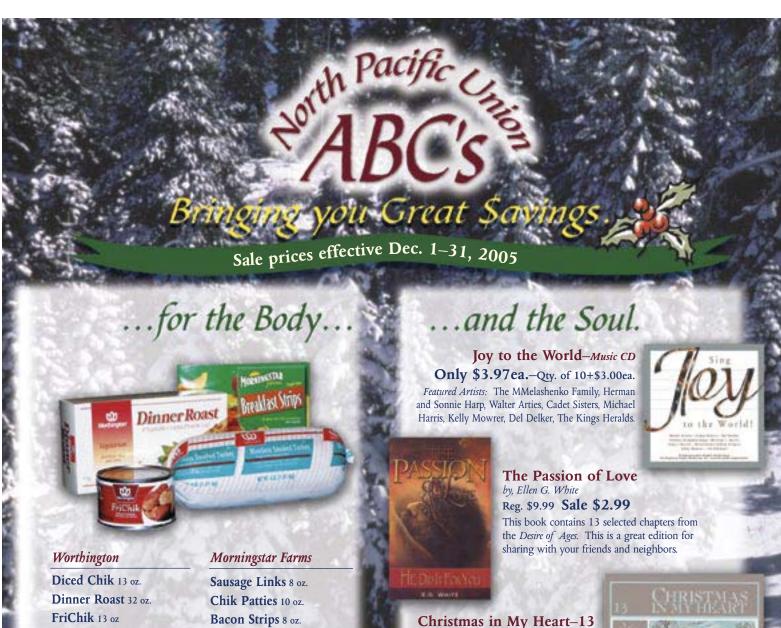
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