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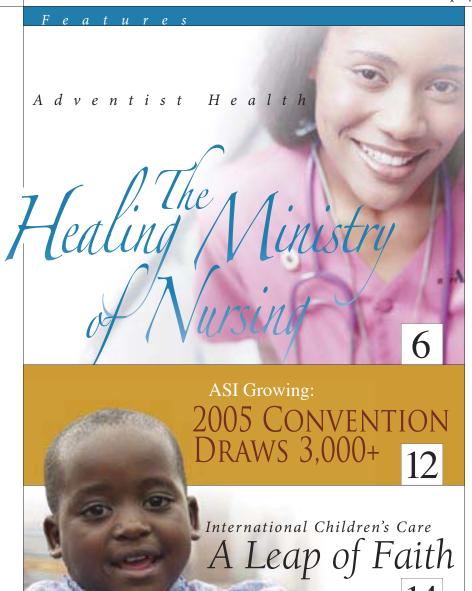
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# The Heart of Health Care

BY JERE PATZER

urses are at the heart of health care.

They are the warm smile in the morning and the comforting touch at night. They have the uncanny ability to create calm in chaos and settle the nerves of jittery patients. Indeed, they are the very reason hospitals can offer care around the clock.

My daughter-in-law, Renee, is a nurse, and I've had the opportunity to witness first-hand the dedication and compassion she has for her patients and their families. To Renee, her work is more than a job, it's a ministry. And with that attitude she is an incredible blessing to the many lives she touches. Nursing truly is a calling, and those who do it well not only minister to the body but also to the soul.

As vice chairman of Adventist Health's Board of Directors, I have the privilege of being part of an organization that employs thousands of dedicated nurses across the West Coast. After all, our hospitals wouldn't exist without them! However, recruiting and retaining nurses is not

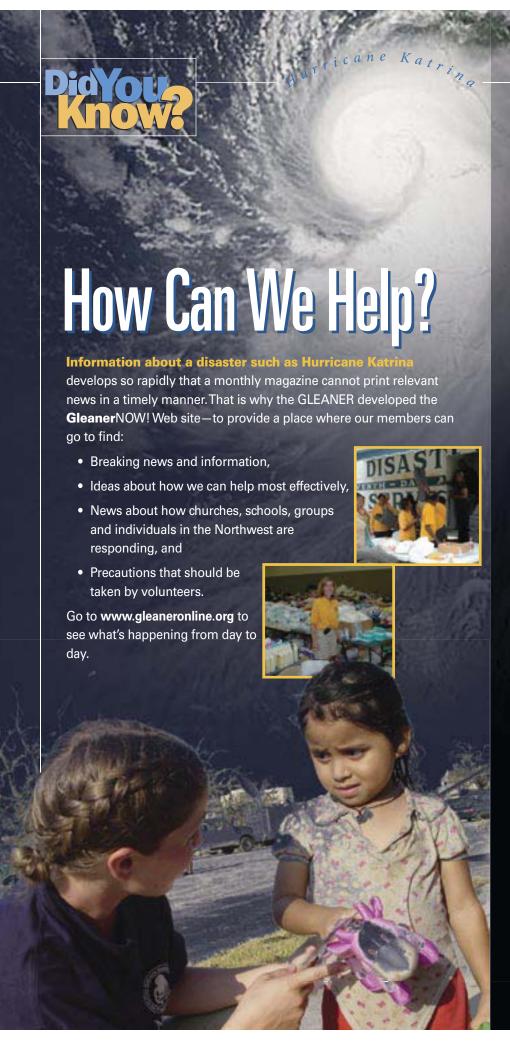
without its challenges. Faced with a national nursing shortage, our hospitals are always in search of clinicians who are committed to carrying out Adventist Health's distinctive mission. In particular, the system is currently looking for qualified, Seventh-day Adventist nurses to fill a variety of managerial roles. If you or someone you know is interested in joining a faith-based employee family, I encourage you to read on for more information about career opportunities within the system.

As you explore the following pages, you'll also have the opportunity to meet some of the nurses that work in our Northwest hospitals and become more familiar with what Adventist Health is doing to enhance the skills of its nursing workforce. Throughout this special health-care edition, you'll be reminded—once again—of the incredible service that our hospitals deliver to their patients and families every day.

Remember, it's not just a job, it's a ministry! •



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



### **Adventist Community Services**

The question on everyone's mind in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that has devastated our Southern coastal states, is, "How can we help?" If you would like to help support the work of ACS immediately, you may donate online at www.adventist.communityservices.org.

You will also find on that ACS Web site:

- A List of appropriate items to donate,
- **Numbers** to call if you wish to volunteer to help, and
- Locations where donated items may be delivered or shipped (There is no pick-up service available.).

### Hope TV Helping Adventist Churches and Schools

While funds donated to ACS must be used to help anyone who needs help, the HopeTV Channel (the Adventist Church channel) is airing special broadcasts to help raise funds to aid in the rebuilding of Adventist churches and schools in the Gulf States and Arkansas-Louisiana conferences. You'll find their broadcast schedule and streaming video of the broadcasts on their Web site at www. hopetv.org.

### **Help Rebuild Adventist Institutions**

The North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee has voted to request all Northwest churches to take a special offering Sabbath, November 26, that will be designated specifically to help rebuild Adventist churches and institutions in the devestated area.

### **Keep Up with Northwest Adventist Response**

Northwest ACS leaders, pastors, volunteers who have been there, and leaders of groups who are collecting needed supplies or finding other ways to help are *urged* to submit a story and photo to **Gleaner**NOW! for immediate publication online.

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# Healing / Linistry Hursing

BY DONALD R. AMMON

YEAR AFTER YEAR, nurses are overwhelmingly ranked the most trusted professionals in a Gallup survey that measures the public's perception of honesty and ethics. When you're in the business of caring, as Adventist Health is, this perception must translate to reality, because we're entrusting the lives of our patients to these dedicated men and women day in and day out. As a result, we're committed to putting the right people at the bedside, in the operating room, even in patient homes.

In looking around our system, I believe we have gotten it right. As the following pages will demonstrate, we have an amazing group of nurses who believe in what they do and the mission that guides us to "share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing."

While it's true that most of our nurses spend their days at the bedside, you will discover that health and healing can take many forms. For instance, you will read about a psychiatric nurse who enjoys listening to those who have no one else to talk to. You will hear about a nurse executive who takes great joy in mentoring her fellow professionals. And you will learn about a home-care nurse who prays for her patients on the way to work each day.

To ensure that this caring continues and that we meet increasingly stringent staffing requirements, we are constantly on the lookout for new nurses. Not only are we actively recruiting qualified individuals, we are working to create an environment where nurses feel valued and opportunities abound. So you also will read about mentoring programs and on-site training options conveniently designed for working adults.

In all you read, I hope it will be obvious that we take our mission seriously at Adventist Health. That our nurses—like all of our employees—care enough to make a difference. •



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

# BOUT OPTIONS and MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BY REGINA ERICKSON

f you asked Rick Duffield, RN, why he would recommend nursing, he'd tell you the same thing his aunt told him 40 years ago. It's all about options. In fact, out of curiosity, he recently made a list of all the things a registered nurse could do, and more than 50 possibilities soon filled the page, ranging from computer expert to professor to magazine editor.

"The good news is that very few involve bed pans," explains Rick with a laugh.

Now a nurse coordinator in Adventist Medical Center's (AMC) adult psychiatric services unit in Portland, Oregon, Rick has personally explored a number of avenues along a winding career path that has always been inspired by a desire to listen and understand.

### The Journey Begins

It all began in junior high where Rick remembers wondering why his classmates thought and acted the way they did, so he began pouring over stacks of library books in search of answers. He ultimately took his aunt's advice and enrolled in the nursing program at Loma Linda University. His first clinical rotation took him to Patton State Hospital, where he discovered psychiatric nursing. "I knew immediately it was what I wanted to do," recalls Rick. "To this day, I love trying to figure out

where my patients are coming from. It constantly stretches my mind."

After graduating, Rick went on to earn a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from UCLA. He soon grew tired of the Southern California smog and headed north where he spent the next eight years teaching psychiatric nursing at Oregon Health and Science University. Each summer, he'd brush up on his clinical skills at a local hospital.

"Textbooks can only teach so much," said Rick. "I always enjoyed using my experiences to bring a dose of reality to the classroom."

A desire for more reality in his own life inspired him to accept a position at AMC in 1980. Twenty-five years later, he supervises more than 100 nurses and mental-health therapists whom he refers to as a big family. While he occasionally returns to the floors when things get busy, these days his well-honed clinical skills are often used to resolve conflicts and build team spirit among staff members.

### Finding Sanctuary

Throughout his career, Rick has most enjoyed the daily opportunity to sit down with patients and simply listen.

"I just let them share and hope that my actions and deeds will display the healing ministry of Jesus," explains Rick. "Our mission allows me to pray with



Rick Duffield, RN, enjoys spending one-on-one time with his psychiatric patients in Portland, noting that many have no one else to listen to them.

my patients, refer them to a chaplain and address their spiritual as well as mental and physical needs."

These days, Rick is especially excited about Dr. Sandra Bloom's "Sanctuary Model" that aims to create a safe and caring sanctuary for healing that is free of the stigmas often associated with mental health. By creating a more sensitive, homelike environment, Rick has seen a drastic reduction in power struggles between patients and staff.

"While our units are locked, we want patients to forget about the white walls and realize that we're here to help, not judge," says Rick. "It's all about making a difference." •

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

### Fast Facts about Adventist Health

- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- 20 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- 16 home-care agencies, offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Three joint-venture retirement centers
- More than 18,800 employees
- More than 3,100 beds
- 123,474 annual admissions

- 414,065 emergency room visits
- 2,095,443 outpatient visits
- 217,563 home-care visits
- 62,114 hospice days
- Provided more than \$291 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2004

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

# BY HEATHER PRESTON COMM MUSCS



Tina Souders, RN, an ER nurse at Hanford Community Medical Center in central California, graduated from Pacific Union College's LVN to RN program. This convenient option allowed her to pursue her degree a few days a month while maintaining a full-time job.

**AT ADVENTIST HEALTH,** we know how important nurses are to our business. That's why we're committed to finding topnotch clinicians and providing them with the tools they need to deliver excellent patient care and succeed in their careers.

### Teaming Up for Clinicals

Across our four-state system, numerous Adventist Health hospitals partner with local colleges and universities to provide clinical rotations to student nurses. Not only do these collaborations benefit students by providing real-world learning experiences, they enable hospitals to scout for new talent.

Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) in Walla Walla, Washington, serves as a clinical site for nursing students at Walla Walla College (WWC) and Walla Walla Community College.

According to Marj Simons, BSN, MS, vice president of patient care services at WWGH, the collaboration is a benefit to both the students and the hospital.

"Partnering with our local colleges gives us a chance to get to know the students and gives them the opportunity to become familiar with our culture and mission," Marj said. "By the time graduation comes around, many of them are very interested in working at our facility because of their clinical experience here."

Likewise, Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Oregon, partners with seven area schools for clinical rotations.

"Each year, more than 350 students work in our hospital as part of their nursing education," stated Carol Kunau, BSN, MBA, vice president of patient care services at AMC. "It's a wonderful way for them to enhance their clinical skills and to learn about our distinctive mission."

### New Grad Programs

According to Wynelle Huff, RN, PhD, vice president of delivery of care for Adventist Health, each of the system's 20 hospitals offers some type of new graduate orientation/training for new nurses.

At Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) on the Oregon coast, new graduate training is offered as needed. The hospital's program—which is similar to others throughout Adventist Health—runs for approximately three months and consists of approximately six days of classroom education and 10 to 12 weeks of supervised care giving under the guidance of an experienced preceptor or nurse mentor.

"This program is a wonderful way to help our new grads become independent," stated Donna Bechthold, RN, BA, vice president of patient care at TCGH. "It gives them the opportunity to become acclimated to their new jobs and helps orient them to day-to-day patient care under the guidance of an experienced clinician."

Likewise, AMC's graduate nurse internship program orients a host of new nursing graduates each year. Designed to be flexible so that the program can be adapted to each new grad's needs, competency assessments test critical-thinking skills to determine how much orientation and mentoring each new nurse will need.

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### Continuing Education

In addition to on-the-job training, many system facilities partner with various schools of nursing in order to enhance career opportunities for students and give them the chance to pursue educational advancements.

AMC has a very special relationship with WWC. In fact, the WWC School of Nursing and dorm are located right on the hospital's main campus!

"It's a win-win situation for both the students and the hospital," said Carol Kunau. "Not only is it a wonderful recruitment opportunity for the hospital, some of the students are hired as nursing technicians while they are still in school."

Lucille Krull, RN, PhD, FNP, dean of the School of Nursing at WWC, echoes Carol's sentiments about the relationship.

"Having our nursing program on the hospital campus is definitely an advantage," said Lucille. "We have access to many of the services the hospital provides, such as their cafeteria, maintenance department and

Walla Walla College student nurses Winda Sitanggang and Lindsey Lawson take part in a lab exercise.



security. In addition, the hospital employs students as CNAs and provides a wealth of experts that the college can call upon for support."

In California, Pacific Union College's LVN to RN program, a partnership with Hanford Community Medical Center (HCMC) and Ukiah Valley Medical Center is another example of a successful educational collaboration. The 18-month program, which to date has graduated 153 students, offers on-site classes at both hospitals, designed specifically for working adults.

"The LVN to RN program is a huge benefit to our employees," stated Carol Hasselbrack, vice president of patient care services at HCMC. "It allows our nurses to pursue professional growth while meeting other job and life obligations. For many, it's the only opportunity to further their nursing education."

In addition, many Adventist Health facilities offer free continuing education credits and a variety of other professional-growth opportunities to nurses, including tuition reimbursement programs. Adventist Health also helps fund Seventh-day Adventist nursing programs, and many hospitals offer scholarships to nursing students.

"We are always exploring creative ways to collaborate with educational entities in order to produce the best possible outcomes for the schools, our facilities and our nurses," stated Wynelle Huff. •

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

### Come Share Our Mission

As a nurse, we know you have a lot of choices when it comes to selecting a workplace. So why choose Adventist Health? Because we're not like everyone else.

Our mission and heritage inspire us to care for the whole person—mind, body and spirit. Chaplains are readily available to offer support and encouragement. And it is not uncommon to see staff members praying with patients prior to surgery.

With a strong emphasis on quality, we're always on the lookout for ways to do things better. To that end, we're currently rolling out a clinical information system that allows our staff to complete many common tasks—charting, checking results and ordering prescriptions—online. In addition, our hospitals regularly update equipment and implement new technology.

Wherever you are in your career, we're here to help you be a better nurse. Whether you're looking for internships, preceptorships, mentoring or opportunities for advancement, you'll find them all at Adventist Health.

Our nurse leaders work hard to create an environment where staff feel valued, supported and treated fairly. Above all, we strive to do what is best for our patients, which includes appropriate staffing.

If you're a new grad or an experienced clinician in search of a faith-based workplace, we encourage you to visit www. adventisthealth.org for a list of current openings. With 20 facilities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, Adventist Health has lots to offer. For more information, please e-mail Judy Blair, director of nurse recruitment, at nursejobs@ah.org or call her toll-free at (888) 690-8955.

Adventist Health

ERICKSON REGINA

hen you meet Nina Summers, RN, you are immediately struck by her soft voice and unassuming manner. She doesn't like crowds. Or general chemistry (more on that later). But each day, her quiet strength brings hope and health to patient after patient as she rolls down the roads of southeastern Washington.

As a home-health nurse at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH), the pace is not quite as hectic as it was during her 10 years on the general hospital floors. She typically sees five to six patients a day and spends 30 to 45 minutes with each. Along the way, she tends to catheters, performs assessments and provides skilled nursing care.

"I love having that one-on-one time with no interruptions," says Nina. "It's a privilege to treat my patients in their own environments ... to get to know their families. They're not just a diagnosis."

### A Nurse Is Born

Growing up in Othello, Washington, Nina was initially drawn to nursing by stories of her grandfather, a nurse, who she never knew. The tales of hospital life fascinated her, and by age 10, she was

reading every nursing book she could get her hands on.

Although her general chemistry course nearly convinced her that she'd made the wrong choice, Nina stuck with it and earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Walla Walla College. After graduating, she worked on WWGH's general medical and post-surgical floors and frequently floated to other units such as obstetrics and critical care. When the hospital implemented Ask-a-Nurse, she traded her scrubs for street clothes and spent the next several years providing referrals and triage advice to patients by phone.

The program was eventually closed down, and she found herself without a job. While some would have panicked, Nina saw it as an opportunity to explore a new career path.

"I had always been kind of interested in home care, and they had an opening," Nina recalls. "I was very persistent."

### Persistence Pays Off

Her persistence paid off, and today her supervisor says he would trust her with his life. "Not only are





hen Donna Bechthold, RN, had her first child in 1964, it was a life-changing experience. Not only had she instantly become a parent, but she also realized her dream of someday becoming a nurse.

"I had such a wonderful experience with the OB nurses," recalled Donna. "I realized right then and there that I wanted to be that kind of nurse."

Perhaps the best preparation for Donna's future career was

having three children by the time she was 21. Not only did she get a lot of exposure to obstetrical nurses, she also gained patience and compassion raising her daughters.

In 1974, Donna and her husband, Wayne, moved to Nashville where she started nursing school. Shortly after she graduated with her Associate of Science degree, Donna landed her first job as a nurse—in labor and delivery!

Donna Bechthold, RN, vice president of patient care services at Tillamook County General Hospital, lauds nursing as a field with endless options and encourages young people to take into account its flexibility when debating their career options.

### **ENDLESS OPTIONS**

When a new career opportunity arose for Wayne—a clinical nursing instructor—in Florida, Donna worked as a floating nurse and gained valuable experience in a variety of specialties from the intensive care unit to medical surgical. Eventually, she found her way back to obstetrics and began what she describes as the perfect job for her at the time.

"I was certain I had achieved all my career goals with this job," recalled Donna with a chuckle. "Not only was it my

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Each day, Nina Summers, RN, a home-health nurse at Walla Walla General Hospital, sends up prayers for her patients as she travels the roads of southeastern Washington.

her clinical skills and critical thinking top-notch," says Bernie Hartnell, director of home-care services at WWGH. "She serves as the hands of Christ every day."

One of those days will always stand out in Nina's mind. A 90-plus-year-old patient suffering from cardiac and respiratory problems was rapidly deteriorating. Her physician seemed to have written her off as a lost cause, but Nina was convinced that more could be done. She quietly persisted, and, after repeated phone calls, the doctor finally relented. Now in her late nineties, the woman is still going strong, thanks to Nina and some timely medication.

Nina candidly admits to praying for all of her patients. And this woman was no exception. "I know God leads me to make better decisions than I would on my own," she says. "At the end of the day, it feels good to know that I've been able to help another family through tough times." •



### BY HEATHER PRESTON WHEELER

area of interest, but I was also working part-time on the day shift. The ability to work and still have the flexibility to spend time with my family was such a blessing."

That flexibility is something that Donna encourages young people who are debating their career options to consider.

"Nursing is an ideal career choice if you plan to have a family," asserted Donna. "You can work part-time or at night. There are just so many ways you can make your schedule work around your kids."

Donna also stresses that there

is no end of opportunities in the field. "Not only are there a vast array of clinical specialties available to nurses, you can choose to work in a hospital, a doctor's office, a clinic, a law office or a school. Nurses can be teachers, executives, school nurses, public health workers ... the opportunities and options are really almost endless."

### FROM BEDSIDE TO BOARDROOM

Donna went on to earn a bachelor's degree in health-care administration and today serves

as the vice president of patient care at Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) in Oregon, where she oversees the clinical aspects of the 49-bed facility. In addition to her operational duties, Donna is a mentor and cheerleader to the nursing staff and strives to provide an environment that fosters excellent patient care.

"I feel it is my responsibility to provide a positive, supportive environment for our nurses and give them the tools they need to enable them to deliver the best possible patient care," said Donna. Donna is also passionate about the distinctive mission of Adventist Health and the opportunities and responsibilities that come with working for a religious organization.

"Spiritual care is one of the most important aspects of my job," said Donna. "It's truly an honor to be able to serve the Lord and extend His healing ministry to our patients." •





Newly elected ASI officers, from left: (front row) Viorel Catarama, vice president for evangelism; Leasa Hodges, vice president for youth evangelism; Chester Clark III, general vice president; Debbie Young, president; Barbara Taylor, vice president for finance; Doreen Schmidt, vice president for membership and recruitment; (back row) Harold Lance, Missions Inc. president; Chip Doss, vice president for communication; Ron Christman, secretary-treasurer.

A S I G r o w i n g :

# 2005 CONVENTION

SI members and curious spectators—as many as 3,300 of them—gathered at the Sacramento Convention Center, August 3 to 6, for the organization's annual international convention, themed "Christ's Power ... Our Hands."

Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries, known by most as ASI, is an organization growing in popularity among Adventist business people and individuals alike. "The average church member usually discovers that they, too, can become actively involved in witnessing once they hear the testimonies of others," says Sharon Robberson, convention coordinator. "Hearing all the diverse ways God is working through ordinary business people—well-diggers, artists, bankers, homemakers, educators, health professionals, car dealers, construction builders, media people—is truly inspirational."

ASI has approximately 1,000 members, but many Adventists are not familiar with the nearly 60-year-old organization. ASI's mission is to inspire and train professionals and private sector business people to

integrate their vocations with the gospel commission and ministry. Thus, its motto: "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace."

### Inspiration and Training

"I'd like to join ASI because two of the speakers explained our responsibilities," said Charles Downing of Portland, Oregon. "I contact many new customers. I have opportunities to witness beyond just being friendly. It's nice to network to find how I can share Christ's message with unbelievers. This convention is first-class, very professional."

ASI is an eyeopener to many. People attend the convention, listen to

During the Sabbath worship service at the 2005 ASI convention in Sacramento, California, Sharon and Rick Fleck of International Children's Care, Vancouver, Washington, shared how the offering would benefit their world-wide ministry.

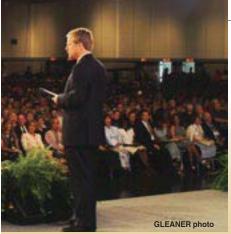
the testimonies, visit exhibits (295 of them this year), and they think, "I bet I could do that, too!" They go home and give it a try. The Member in Action segments where stories are shared are one of the most popular parts of the convention programming.

Five years ago, Harold and Helen Clark of Tempe, Arizona., were church planting, and their efforts have resulted in a thriving group of 80. This year, the Clarks came to ASI for renewal, inspiration and ideas for future projects. "It's neat to see God's work

getting done," said Harold.

"I came to
ASI to see what
new products
are out, to
fellowship
and to meet
people," said
Serita Katz, a
Sacramento
resident. Katz
is preparing
to open



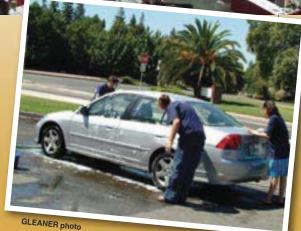


- Randy Roberts, Loma Linda University Church senior pastor, spoke for the worship service on Sabbath.
- The 2005 ASI convention exhibit hall is the place for attendees to see new products, ministries and ministry resources, and to reconnect with old friends.





- Chip Doss of Edgemont Video, Inc., ASI vice president for communication, interviews Janet and Christina Evert of Young Disciple Ministries, Inchelium, Washington, during a Members in Action segment.
- The ASI earliteens held a car wash to raise funds for meals for homeless people in Sacramento. Community service and outreach was a large part of the earliteen's activites at the 2005 ASI convention.



# DRAWS 3,000+

a child-care center, so she and husband Andre strolled the exhibit hall, looking for children's materials. "This is my chance to influence children positively, and I'd love to join ASI after I start the business."

"Seeing what progress has been made through the year and hearing about all the new members and what they're doing is fantastic," says exhibitor Susan Kochenower of Gaffney, South Carolina. "We came with ShareHim, to recruit people for evangelism and to encourage people to get involved."

Young people also embrace the vision of integrating ministry and daily life. Convention programming includes sessions for children ages birth to 18. In addition, the ASI youth evangelism program, "Youth for Jesus," mobilizes high school and college-aged students during the month before the convention. There were 40 youth this year who went doorto-door, giving Bible studies and inviting people to evening evangelistic meetings. The program culminated just prior to the convention, and attendees heard stories from the youth on Friday night. This year

there were 30 baptisms with more than 50 continuing to study.

"The witnessing young people inspire me a lot with what they're doing," said Paul Olm of Sacramento. "When I was growing up [in Brazil], children were seen and not heard. Things have changed!"

### Financial Support

ASI also supports ministry projects of all kinds, all over the world. The Sabbath morning project offering was collected to help finance specific projects during the next year. Totaling more than \$2.3 million, it will be divided among the 40 diverse projects: Calexico Mission School on the border of Mexico will receive \$25,000 to fund new classrooms and a new kitchen; the grant of \$10,000 to the Central Nyanza field in Africa will provide portable fuel generators, public address systems and projectors for remote areas; Gospel Outreach will sustain 10 evangelists for 3 years in the Sunderban Islands off the coast of India with a grant of \$23,000. And the list goes on.

The overflow offering will fully fund It Is Written and Maranatha Volunteers International's joint project, Impact India 2006, at more than \$700,000.

"Stories about witnessing are the best part of ASI," says Ivan Kacarevic of Sacramento. "And during the church service, all the money that was raised—amazing!"

Ivan and Radmilla, his wife, were ASI first-timers. "I have cried many times from happiness," Radmilla says.

"If you're serious about your relationship with Christ and want to give life to the gospel commission, then connect with others that are living that passion, sharing Christ in their marketplaces," suggested Debbie Young, ASI president. "Seeing the excitement people have about sharing Christ with others is my favorite part of the annual convention."

Read about ASI-funded projects and get information on membership, chapter meetings and future conventions by visiting www.asiministries.org. •

Alicia J. Adams, Pacific Union Recorder editor, writes from Westlake Village, California.



# A Leap of Fa

### BY ALCYON FLECK

t was after the devastating earthquake in Guatemala in 1976 that I received a call from Robert Folkenberg, then Central American Union president, in Guatemala. "There are around 5,000 children left homeless. We have received \$40,000 for an orphanage and need a director who has experience with children. Would you help us?"

It was a tempting challenge, but it would mean a radical change in our lives. I asked two questions. "What kind of an orphanage are you talking about, and what about operating funds?"

"We have a mission school with plenty of land. I suppose we would build another dormitory. As for operating funds, just find sponsors for the children."

But when I told him I wasn't interested in that kind of an orphanage, he asked, "What kind are you interested in?"

He knew of my interest in abandoned children during our years as missionaries. I told him what I read in *Welfare Ministry*, that orphaned children should be placed in homes, patterned, as much as possible, on a Christian family. "I would build cottages for ten to twelve children each with Christian house parents, creating a children's village."

He responded, "Let's do it!"

God's providential leading in our decision is told in my book, *A Leap of Faith*, which was published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The rest is history. A group of dedicated laymen from the Northwest later met, and International

Children's Care was born. It has been 27 years. We started with the first house built with the \$40,000, and God has continued to supply the rest.

Our first little girl was dying with the same dysentery that had already killed five of her siblings. We built more cottages as fast as possible, but not fast enough to accommodate the children who began to pour in. Soon the problem was no longer the children from the earthquake, but from the civil war. The northern military base joined the mission school property, and the commander began bringing in the little victims of that war.

One day three little children, 2, 4, and 6, were brought to us. "Their father, a friend of mine, was killed by a rebel, and their mother has been kidnapped," the man who brought them said. "Their neighbors found the father's body and the children alone, and brought them to us. We are friends of the family."

It is hard to describe the grief and trauma the children were suffering. These little victims needed comfort, as well as

Children at each ICC project, like this lovely little lady in the Congo, are encouraged to enjoy life, to laugh and experience a happy childhood.

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Julia wanted to have her wedding at her home, which was The Pines orphanage. She and her new husband, Javiar Pastrana, posed for a picture with their fathers.

homes, food, love, security, and education. But most of all, they needed to learn about their Father in heaven, who is a Father of the fatherless.

Morning and evening worship was part of the daily program in the homes, and we soon had a "children's church." It was a typical bamboo shelter, with a pulpit and pews. That original format of a village has become the pattern for every project that ICC has around the world, and it has truly become "International," as we now have children's projects in 19 different countries. The pattern of a family has proved to be the closest to the ideal of a biological family. Children no longer feel like orphans.

People often ask, "How long do you keep them?" We answer, "They leave when



Education plays an integral role in the growth of our children. Where possible, ICC develops its own elementary schools, like this one at the Los Pinos (The Pines) children's village in Guatemala, to better serve the needs of the children who often require special attention.



At our project sites, like this one in Cambodia, children learn practical skills, such as gardening.



Many of the children who come to our projects have been abandoned, abused or neglected. The children crave love, affection and a sense of security.

they are ready to face life on their own, just like a normal family. This is their home."

The first wedding on that campus was a thrilling event. The bride had graduated from college in Costa Rica, and was marrying a theology duste. She insisted that her

graduate. She insisted that her wedding be out in the jungle at The Pines. It was her home. By then there were twelve houses full of children, a four-teacher elementary school, and ICC had assumed the operation of the nearby mission school that provides secondary education to more than 300 students.

When Julia came home for her wedding, the whole village was excited, and the house-mothers helped with the food for the wedding feast. The children all gathered the flowers, ferns and palms to decorate the outdoor chapel.

God has blessed this program beyond our wildest dreams. The affiliation we have with ASI has helped us to spread the message about this mission for orphaned children. Our sponsorship program continues to grow, but we always need new sponsors to help us care for our children.

Requests continue to bring ICC to other countries where children are dying. We recently received a desperate call from the Democratic Republic of Congo. "We have 200 children here and no one to take them!" ICC is now building a village there on an island that offers safety from the war. To start with so many children was a challenge. They had to sleep several to a bed, but they are eating, and smiles and bright eyes take the place of desperation and fear.

A picture is indelibly stamped in my memory. In answer to an urgent request, we arrived at a humble home where a young mother was dying of breast cancer. As we entered the room that consisted of only the bed where she lay, she raised up on an elbow. "Oh, thank God you have come! I couldn't bear to die and not know where my children would go." Her pale, thin face was wreathed in a broad smile. "My last request was that I could be baptized and

that my children could be in a Christian home. Kind friends carried me into the water, and now you have come!"

She was too weak to talk long. After assuring her that we would give her children a home, she asked that we bring her three little children to her. One by one she told them, "Mommy is going to sleep until Jesus comes, but these kind people are going to care for you. Promise me that you will be good and learn how to be ready to meet me when Jesus comes." The radiant smile never left her face.

There wasn't a dry eye among our group. As we walked out to our car, our only comment was, "Now we know why International Children's Care exists." And we know that it was all God's plan.

For more information, call, (800) ICC-PRAY (800-422-7729) and visit our Web site, www.ForHisKids.org. •

Alcyon Fleck, International Children's Care founder, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

This is the front entrance gate of the Las Palmas children's village in the Dominican Republic.



Following ICC's pattern of family homes, this family, consisting of house parents along with their own son and the orphaned kids, occupies the first house of the children's village in Romania.



In Cambodia as at other ICC projects, older children learn practical trades they can use to sustain themselves when they are on their own.



Visiting at "El Oasis" children's village in Mexico, Ken and Alcyon Fleck pose with some of the children.



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aul Harvey shared the true story of a woman who called the Butterball Turkey Company hot line that was set up to answer consumer questions about preparing turkeys. This woman inquired about cooking a turkey that had been in her freezer for 23 years. The Butterball representative told her the turkey would probably be safe to eat but said the flavor would have deteriorated to such a degree that it would not be tasty.

The caller replied, "That's what I thought. We'll give the turkey to our church." [1]

It's time to talk turkey with regard to the church. How often does the church get our stale seconds? Our casual commitments?

In Ephesians 5:25–32, the apostle Paul tells us that God is so committed to His church that "He gave Himself up" for it. The passage concludes by quoting Genesis 2, which describes what happens in a marriage—a man and a woman become one flesh. Then Paul clarifies that the Genesis story refers to the union of Christ with His church. Bottle up all the love and emotions and passion of a wedding and you begin to get a picture of how

Now contrast Christ's heart for the church with the ho-hum attitude you see today. I've heard people say, "Church

God feels about His

church.

A Marriage Made in Heaven

is one of several options on Sabbath morning. Play video games, go four-wheeling, sleep in, go to church—whatever tickles my fancy, I do."

Imagine if I had tried that on my wedding day: "Ah, Cherié, I intend to come to our wedding—as long as my buddies and I are done golfing. But if some of the guys want to go out to Dairy Queen after the round, then I'll be a little late, or perhaps I'll go four-wheeling instead." Had I said that, I'd be a single man.

I suspect Cherié's response would have been just as prickly had I told her, "I have lots of friends getting married today, so I'll just wait and see which wedding I decide to attend. I

hear the Livingstons have a great preacher officiating at their wedding, so I may go there. Or the Ungers have some hot music planned for their wedding, maybe I'll check that out." I could have said that since we had several friends—including the Livingstons and the Ungers—who got married on the same day as we did. But I never considered skipping my wedding to attend another.

And yet how many people approach church with a similar attitude? "I'm going to First Church today because they have a funny preacher from out of town. Next week I'm going to Main Street Fellowship because they have a hot worship band." The result? We're raising a generation of twitterpation junkies that scurry to the most

titillating preacher the next week, never anchoring to any local church. They whine of how the church fails to meet their needs—as if the church exists to cater to the entertainment whims and emotional cravings of narcissistic consumers. Heaven forbid!

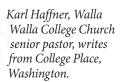
We're not called to be consumers in church but rather communers. We come to church to commune with God. He is the Bridegroom, and attending church is like keeping a marriage covenant.

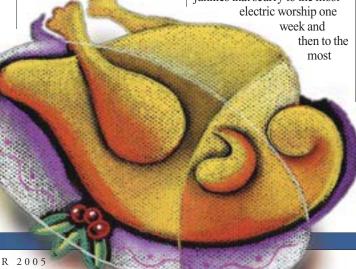
Enough of the casual commitment when it comes to church!

It's time to stop giving fusty turkeys to the church and start showing the same kind of commitment to it that Christ modeled. When cruel death gripped Christ on the cross, all creation froze. Would the Son of God make the ultimate commitment to redeem humankind? And from that crimson beam Jesus screamed in anguish His answer: "I do."

That's the commitment He made to His bride, the church. Will you make the same vow? •

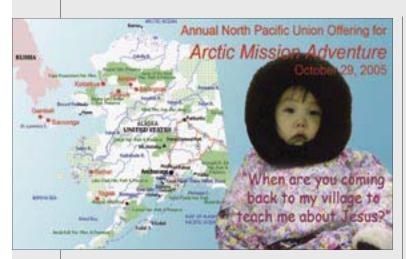
<sup>1</sup> Paul Harvey daily radio broadcast (11-22-95)





### **Arctic Mission Adventure**

Bringing Hope and Heaven to Alaska's Natives



Ken Crawford's voice gets passionate when he speaks of bringing hope, healing and the love of Jesus to the native people of Alaska.

The Crawfords started their ministry 25 years ago as taskforce volunteers in Savoonga, a village on St. Lawrence Island, Now, with his return to Alaska as conference president, he still has a vision for evangelism in villages such as Ambler, Shungnak, Selawik, Kotzebue, Savoonga, Gambell, and Togiak where the work once thrived. Speaking at a recent convocation, Crawford stated, "The people of these villages are pleading for hope and frequently ask when the

Adventists are coming back to live in their villages and teach them about the Bible."

His dream is to see young Adventist couples come to these villages, bringing suicide-prevention and health education, while reopening the doors of the chapels to Sabbath services and teaching about Jesus.

The October 30 Northwest mission offering collected in Adventist churches across the North Pacific Union, will go to help launch this much-needed work. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

## Women of Alaska's Interior Blessed by Retreat

The second annual Alaska Interior Women's Retreat was held at Twin Bears Campground, approximately 30 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, July 29–31. The Fairbanks women's ministry team sponsored the event and invited women from all over Alaska to attend.

The campground facilities, nestled among trees and adjoining a small lake, included cabins, showers, a kitchen lodge, a meeting lodge, and a walkway connecting everything together.

Fourteen campers arrived for Friday night. After supper, we moved

over to the meeting lodge for vespers where we sang praises to the Lord for providing us a wonderful place where we could enjoy each other's company.

Nine more women arrived for Sabbath morning, making a grand total of 23 women who attended. We had two women from Wasilla, three from Delta Junction and one from

Sabbath evening supper, consisting of hot dogs and s'mores, tasted good when roasted over an open bonfire.



Tok. The rest were from the Fairbanks, North Pole area.

Sabbath activities included an invigorating Sabbath School, led by Von Clarneau; a church service with singing and a message by Daphne Keeney; and an afternoon meeting, led Kim Greenlee and Nancy Birkholz.

For supper, we built a bonfire and roasted hot dogs

and marshmallows for s'mores and then returned to the meeting lodge for a warm fire in the pot-belly stove, vespers, fun and fellowship.

We all rose early Sunday morning to



Alaska Interior Women's Retreat attendees enjoyed singing together.

break camp and join together to pray for each other's safe travels back to our individual homes. •

Gail Backlund, women's ministry committee member



# IDAHO

# New Radio Station Launched for the Magic Valley

Recently, Twin Falls community leaders and new listeners filled the Twin Falls conference room at the Shilo Suites Hotel to dedicate a new Christian radio station for the Magic Valley. 88.1 FM, KTFY officially signed on Friday, Aug. 26, at noon. City council members, Chamber of Commerce members, a representative from U.S. Senator Larry Craig's office, as well as Idaho Conference leaders and the station's staff all helped lead the kick-off celebration.

The journey for KTFY started a long time ago with

sister station 89.5 FM, KTSY in the Boise area. When general manager Mike Agee moved to the Boise area, he immediately began talking with Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president, about future plans for expansion. Those plans became a reality in 2001 when KTSY applied to start a sister station called KTFY in Twin Falls.

KTSY has been around since 1990 and has been nominated as the Christian radio station of the year nationwide numerous times by several different organizations. The station was awarded the

"Station of the Year Award" in 2000 and 2002.

Right now the new Twin Falls station rebroadcasts the Boise

signal. Long-term plans call for starting a ministry center in Twin Falls with local studios and a local staff. •

Jerry Woods, KTSY/KTFY program director



From left: a Chamber of Commerce representative; Don Klinger, operating board chairman; Jerry Woods, KTFY program director (kneeling); Rick Roy, Idaho Conference treasurer; Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president; Ty McFarland, KTFY operations manager; and Mike Agee, KTFY general manager, cut the ribbon oficially opening the new radio station in Twin Falls.

### Gem State Academy Beautifies Camp Ida-Haven

In what has become an awesome yearly tradition, buses headed north to Camp Ida-Haven, located on Payette Lake in McCall, to spend time in orientation, service, fun and fellowship. The big service project this year was laying sod along the camp waterfront. The juniors and seniors put the sod down in less than two hours, while freshman and sophomores stacked wood in town and helped in the horse corrals.

"It was amazing to see it come together so fast and completely change the look of the waterfront," said Mike Schwartz, principal. "We have a great group of kids this year who want to share that positive spirit and make a difference." •

Debra McCarver, GSAA GLEANER correspondent

From left: Eun Lim, Crystal Maxwell and others lay sod at Camp Ida-Haven.



### Nampa Church Goes Outdoors

Nore than 50 children, sporting biblical costumes, enjoyed a week at the Jerusalem Market Place Vacation Bible School, presented by the Nampa Church Aug. 1–6.

Many of the children were non-church members and had a wonderful time learning the songs; being divided into various Hebrew "tribes;" participating in marketplace activities like pottery making, herb preparation, weaving and carpentry; and learning what it was like to live in Jesus' day.

The program concluded on Sabbath, Aug. 6, at the church's annual Praise in the Park celebration. "With constant tragedies in the news since 9/11, we wanted to do something tangible to offer solace and comfort to our neighbors," said Ervin Furne, pastor. "The idea of turning the church inside out ... worshiping God without walls by conducting an outdoor praise and worship service, seemed a good way to do this."

More than 200 worshipers, church members and community members, attended the service, which was followed by a potluck dinner.

Randy Maxwell, worship committee member and church elder, said, "We have so much to share and rejoice about every Sabbath, but if we don't find creative ways to share what we have with our neighbors, we will become irrelevant in the community." •

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader

### Climbing for Katrina Mount Ellis Academy Students Climb for Hope

Every labor day since the 1930s, MEA students have climbed Mt. Ellis, and climbing 3,000 vertical feet to the peak this year was no different.

When Hurricane Katrina struck, the decision was made to climb Mt. Ellis again, this time with pledges. More than 50 students from Mount Ellis Academy braved the snow, wind and muddy trails on



Climbing Mt. Ellis for a second time in two weeks, MEA students raised more than \$10,000 to help with the hurricane relief.

Sept. 11 to climb to the top. This time they did not climb for tradition, exercise or entertainment. Instead, they



Alyssa Dearhamer, MEA junior, convinced her sister to participate in the climb.

climbed for the opportunity to make a difference in the world around them. They climbed for Katrina victims.

"I imagined myself in their [Katrina victims] position and would want someone to help me," said Miriam Davis, MEA senior. "It feels like I am actually working to make a difference; climbing a mountain seems like nothing next to losing your house and your family," said Kelly Ree, MEA junior.

The challenge was given to students to obtain ten pledges of \$10 each, in three days. Since 50 students had signed

up for the climb, the goal was set to raise \$5,000. The students began calling friends and family in between classes and work. "You think about how much they don't have and how much you do; ten dollars doesn't seem like very much, but to them, it may be," said Anna Berg, MEA senior.

When teenagers are motivated for God, they can exceed their own greatest expectations. As the climbers trekked through the coarse terrain to the peak, the pledges were counted. They totaled \$10,000. With local newspaper and radio coverage, the total

continues to climb daily.

Working with the community to adopt a sister city in Louisiana, MEA piloted the fund-raising efforts. Students have been interviewed live on the local Christian radio station, and news personnel are amazed by the students' caring, generous spirits. •

Keri Newell, MEA GLEANER correspondent



Krista Hays, MEA junior, guides her fellow students, Ciara Bruce, and Kevin Armstead up approximately 3,000 feet to the peak of Mt. Ellis.

### Update on Fort Belknap Adventist School

Things are looking good at Fort Belknap Adventist



The five students enjoy their new classroom above the Fort Belknap Church sanctuary.

School. Church friends helped set up and fill book shelves. We started the school year with five students.

After breakfast, we head into the church for our morning devotion and prayer time. Sometimes Samantha leads us in some praise songs. Jim Jenkins, Fort Belknap pastor, joined us on our first Tuesday morning worship.

Marian enjoys coming to

her "own school." She says, "I like recess and doing math. We read some nice stories." Troy enjoys building with the K'nex toys. He is working hard on his handwriting.

Harry says, "Computers are cool! I like lunches and hearing stories." Samantha agrees about the computers. "Mrs. F" is hoping to soon have a better selection of computer programs for the students.

Feather likes the small number of students but says, "It would be nice if there were more students my age." There are several more students in the process of enrolling. •

Carrie Ferguson, Fort Belknap Adventist School teacher



# Camp Meeting 2005

Traditionally, camp meeting season is "the" time for Adventist family and friends to reunite in one location for fellowship and spiritual renewal. This year was no exception.

In the Oregon Conference, camp meeting season begins with Southern Oregon Camp Meeting at Milo Academy in June. It continues in July with Hispanic Convocation and Gladstone Camp Meeting, both held at Gladstone Park Conference Center. And the season concludes in October with Central Oregon

Convocation at Three Sisters School. The following provides a brief sketch of each of the first three events with a central Oregon report to follow in a forthcoming issue.

Southern Oregon Camp Meeting

Attending Southern Oregon Camp Meeting, held each year on the campus of Milo Academy, is a yearly tradition for many. People come expecting the great fellowship, the inspiring music and messages,

and the fantastic children's programming. And again this year, people were not disappointed.

Programs and classes for all ages were available. The children's ministries team dressed for safari, led children of all ages through Serengeti Trek, "where kids are wild about Jesus." The program featured activity times, singing, Bible stories, and crafts. Smiles on little faces were also abundant. And this year teens enjoyed a special youth festival at Camp Umpqua.

The Wedgwood Trio provided a

As the featured speaker

for the main meetings in the

gymnasium, Karl Haffner,

Walla Walla College

Church senior pastor,

shared what it means

to be a Seventh-day

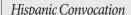
Adventist, which

to a full house of fans.

lively Sabbath afternoon concert

or sense of calling. And while weaving scripture and humorous personal anecdotes seamlessly, he reminded listeners of the privileges and responsibilities of our faith and that Jesus is coming soon. "Jesus has called the Adventist community," Haffner said, "to proclaim the last-day message before Jesus comes again."

As Sabbath ended, camp meeting attendees reluctantly left Milo's gymnasium. "[This] has blessed me more and more and more," said Coral Donavan from Myrtle Creek Church, "until I wish it hadn't ended. When it's over and you wish it wasn't, you know it was good."



Hundreds of families came together for the annual Oregon Conference Hispanic Convocation at Gladstone Park Conference Center. Each year, more and more people come to enjoy the music, dramatic presentations, and special messages. "I have a dream," says Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, "that there will soon be as many here [as at Gladstone Camp Meeting]. It shouldn't take too long.'

Bernardo Rodriguez, youth director for the Inter-American Division, presented the impassioned messages.



Picnicking with friends and family in Milo Academy's oval is a highlight at Southern Oregon Camp Meeting.

His people. "He invites us to be complete in Him and to reflect His character. Even though we sing different national anthems, today we are complete in Him and part of the family of God."

By the last meeting, Rodriguez asked families and individuals to come to Jesus and to be baptized. "Say, 'I will not leave this camp meeting until I am sealed with baptism!"" Four people were baptized and 15 others came forward to indicate their desire to begin baptismal preparations. After the concluding prayer, audience members turned to those next to them and said, "Through the grace of God, I hope to see you in the heavenly camp meeting in the New Jerusalem."

Gladstone Camp Meeting

He reminded the congregation Annually, Gladstone Camp includes a special that the Lord is preparing Meeting draws more than mission This year's camp meetings were a festival of baptisms. In total, 15 individuals publicly sealed their commitment to Jesus through baptism. Pictured: Pastor Carl Wilkens baptizes Chastina Schrader at Milo Academy.

**Gary McLain** 

# OREGON

10,000 people to the campus of Gladstone Park Conference Center. Some, like Lester Kenline from South Salem Church, have been coming for years. For others this is the first year. And for yet others, like Wayne and Shannon Garnick from University Park Church, this is the first time in a long time

Kenline began attending Gladstone Camp Meeting as a student at Laurelwood Academy in 1946. He said, "I don't think I missed very many [since then]." He has seen many changes over the years. He remembers the main meetings used to take place in an old wooden structure with shingles and a balcony that kids especially liked. There were dirt roads and wooden frames for tents with optional electricity. They'd bring a chest of drawers, bed frame, springs, mattress. "It was much more comfortable than now," Kenline says. But this year he believes the people are friendlier than

Wayne and Shannon Garnick attended Gladstone Camp Meeting in 1975 when they were first baptized, but the years passed quickly and their commitment to church faded. However, God continued to call them back, and they were re-baptized Jan. 17, 2004. And this year they are at camp meeting. "It took almost 30 years for us to get back," Shannon said, "but even if we move out of state, we'll be here next year!" •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

### NoeoQuest



This group of students from Portland Adventist Academy, Columbia Academy and Walla Walla Valley Academy and their sponsors traveled to Fiji on a NoeoQuest trip. Jim Campbell, front row, second from right, a business man from Citrus Heights, Calif., and a master diver, taught the SCUBA classes.

Vhen Mark Kooy, fine arts and communication instructor at Portland Adventist Academy, organized some spring break student mission trips, he felt there was something missing. Kooy was concerned that the students came back with only a superficial observation and limited knowledge of the unique cultures they visited. Because of this concern, he met with faculty members from other North Pacific Union academies, and together they developed an organization called Noeoguest.

Their objectives are to enable secondary students to not only travel and experience other lands and cultures, but to go deeper and do anthropological studies to actually understand the basis for what they see superficially. Each student is expected to complete a survey of local individuals and cultures, keep a log of these surveys, write a

paper based on these surveys, and to prepare a video on what they have seen and done. They also study flora and fauna, both land and marine. Successfully completed, each student receives five humanities credits, and as a side benefit receives SCUBA diving certification.

In return for access to the social and religious mores of the indigenous populace, each trip includes the team



Crystal Christianson, Jen Jorgenson, Jeanne Tayler, NQ's writing instructor, and Jessica Chaffey are shown the intricacies of the women's traditional "Hand" dance by a very patient Salome Vosarogo, the wife of the chief's son, in Loa village.

doing a project to improve the living conditions in the local area. For example, the last trip taken to Fiji included building kitchen cabinets in a newly constructed kitchen and dining hall at Vatuvanu Mission School. Noeoquest paid for and provided all of the building materials. It utilized both students and local workers in the project.

The Don Keele Foundation has provided funding to

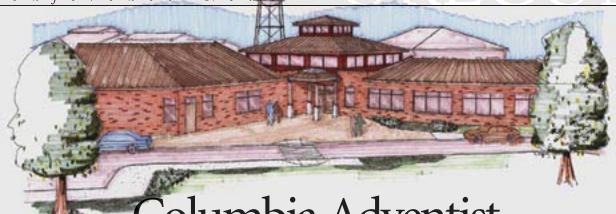


Kusitina, the healing lady from Buca Village in Fiji, shows Jen Jorgenson a natural remedy for bug bites.

help support the Noeoquest activities. All of the students participating in these mission trips with the additional cultural emphasis testify that they have new respect for the cultures they study and for the new friends they have made in these cultures.

Noeoquest welcomes visitors to its Web page at www.noeoquest.org. •

Dan Patchin, PAA correspondent



# Columbia Adventist Academy Expands for the Future New Classroom Building To Be Built



The first vision realized, this photo shows the 1906 campus, staff and students.

olumbia Adventist Academy friends and alumni know that staff and students have dreamed for many years to have a modern, safe, and adequate classroom building. Steps are now being taken to make this dream a reality. On July 14, 2005, the administration met with Clark County Planning Review staff for a pre-application hearing to obtain a conditional use permit for a new classroom building on the CAA campus. The architects are completing the engineering specifications for a 25,000square-foot building based on plans approved by the CAA operating board.

The construction documents will be complete in October. The process of selecting

a contractor and getting proposals from potential contractors was going on in September. Our goal is to break ground next spring and have construction completed in time for the 2007-2008 school year. Currently, CAA has on hand \$2,000,000 of the \$5,400,000 needed to complete construction. The funds have come primarily from investments held for this project over the last 20 years and the sale of two investment properties. We will need to raise the additional needed funds in cash donations, pledges, and gifts in kind.

As one of the Oregon Conference approved building projects, we are counting on the support of all conference members through the academy building-fund offering. We plan a significant fundraising appeal to our alumni and all friends of CAA. We also trust that there will be people who can contribute some of their time or materials to help reduce the actual monetary cost of construction.

One interesting way to participate is through the purchase of a brick engraved with the name of the contributor. These bricks will be used to pave a part of the new main entry to the school. In March of 1989, the CAA Campus Echo expressed the hope that they would see a "Miracle on 198th Street."

Students and staff are praying that with God's help we will finally see the miracle happen. •

Ed Tillotson, CAA vice principal



# Soul Shapers

Soul Shapers" was the theme for Oregon Conference administrators and teachers at the fall in-service meetings. The office of education provided a copy of Soul Shapers, authored by Jim Roy, former Oregon Conference associate superintendent, to all educators present at the meetings. The in-service presentation of "Soul Shapers" by Karen Nicola, Rio Lindo Adventist Academy, highlighted "choice theory."

The spiritual, academic and physical shaping of souls are the key components in the process of shaping students for future service.

Administrators and teachers were left with a positive focus of shaping souls throughout the coming school year. •

Wayne Wentland, Oregon Conference associate education superintendent

# OREGON

### Who's New at Milo?

### Milo Welcomes Its New Staff Members

Milo Adventist Academy welcomes Edwin and Stephanie Johnson from Campion Academy in Colorado. Edwin teaches English and global studies and has already brightened the campus with his dry humor. Stephanie is the new guidance counselor and teaches Bible. servant leadership, and communications for ministry. Stephanie is in charge of the Student Esteem Program (StEP), which is the model for Milo's REACH program. She has already created a student-

friendly atmosphere in the student center.

Ofa Tupou comes to Milo from Southwestern Adventist University where she just graduated



where she just graduated Johnson's teaching duties include English, global studies, Bible and guidance counseling.

with a degree in religion and office administration. Arriving only days before registration, she quickly and cheerfully plunged into her job as administrative secretary, attendance officer, and Bible teacher.

Milo has three new task force workers for this year. Melissa Rau, the assistant girls' dean, comes from Walla Walla College where she is a senior. While growing up in Walla Walla, she developed interests in working with



Ofa Tupou is Milo's administrative secretary, attendance officer and Bible teacher.



for the

Melissa Rau, a task force volunteer, is assistant girl's dean and the choir director.

people and singing. Last year Melissa taught music in grades 1–8 at Valley Christian School in Washington state. She is using her musical talents again this year as Milo's choir teacher.

Daniel Cress, our assistant boys' dean from Virginia Beach, Va., comes from Union College where he is a senior studying physical education. Daniel, who enjoys sports and outdoor recreation, is the sponsor



Daniel Cress, a task force volunteer, is the assistant boys' dean, skating and mountain biking clubs sponsor, assistant soccer coach, and is involved in the Christian Outreach and intermurals programs.

skating and mountain biking clubs and the assistant soccer coach. He is also actively involved in the Christian outreach program and intermurals.

Chris Droze, of Phoenix, Ariz., is the task force worker for StEP. He comes from Union College where he is a senior business administration/pre-dental major. Chris enjoys athletics and outdoor recreation and is assisting Coach Lambie with the sports program. What a blessing to have these new staff members devoting their energies to the students at Milo Academy! •



Chris Droze, a task force volunteer for StEP, also assists with the sports

program.

### Linda Haley, Milo marketing and admissions secretary

## Church Renovation Task Completed



Meeting the challenge of a two-year plan to renovate their church building, the Redmond (Oregon) Church successfully completed the task in July 2005.

Begun under the leadership of Del Greibel, Redmond's former pastor, and finished under Phil Vasseur, the current pastor, the renovation included re-carpeting the entire church, painting the interior and exterior, complete removal of the interior east wall of the sanctuary, creating seating space for 40 more people, replacing the sound system and constructing a sound booth.

The final portion of the project was reupholstering

all the pews. Melody Hale, an experienced upholsterer, directed the project with volunteer assistance from many church members, volunteering close to 100 hours. •

Ben E. Grant, Redmond Church member

### Fuel for Fathers



The bright pink gas coupons were a hit with those fueling up on Fathers' Day weekend.

Tree gas? What's the catch? Are you serious? What do we do?" These questions and others like them were heard frequently on Fathers' Day this past June from 10 a.m. to noon right here in Roseburg. Those holding signs in front of the Chevron station on Garden Valley, waved cars in. "It's REALLY free!" Drivers stopped long enough to ask why, incredulously, while other drivers were willing to accept a gift of the "golden" necessary fuel.

They were met at the pumps by TurningPoint friends and



Participants fueled up with prayer before distributing coupons for free gas.

handed a hot pink \$4 coupon for free gas and a TurningPoint connection card reminding them "God's love is free, just like this small gift!"

Several participating in this event were trying kindness

evangelism for the first time. Their response: it was lots of fun! We met a young mother looking for a home church and had great visits with others who stopped by. The attendants pumping gas flew around the pumps, including a young rookie, her second day on the job. They were happy about the small gift certificates we gave them and reported enjoying themselves despite the frantic pace. •

Susan Woods, TurningPoint's newsletter editor

# New Brookings Adventist Church

Approximately 150 people attended the first worship services held in the newlybuilt church on Sabbath, June 25, 2005. Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, was the guest speaker.

Easily seen from Highway 101, which is also the main street in Brookings, the tall building has "curb-appeal" in its central downtown location. The two-story, balconied structure has the distinction of being the largest church in Curry County.

For more than 10 years, the Brookings Church family has been saving towards a new church. They had considered buying property in a different location to build on, but finally decided that the most cost-effective plan would be to tear down the old structure and



The new sanctuary is well-lit, open and spacious.

build on the same site.

The lower level of the church, besides housing a facility for future community health-education projects, also has room

for an elementary school. Members voted to sell Cape Ferrelo Adventist School. located several miles north of Brookings, prior to starting building in order to consolidate funds for the new church, since the plans included incorporation of a school within the church building.

The Brookings-Harbor is a southern Oregon coastal community that has become known for its spectacular scenery and "banana belt" climate. It is

currently experiencing a surge of population growth, and we are organizing to meet the needs of that community. •

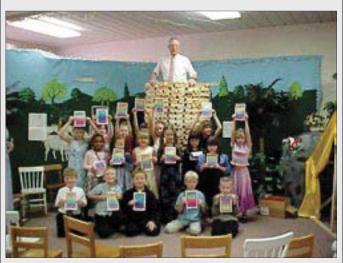
Charles Shultz, Brookings Church pastor

A large covered entryway is perfect for rainy climates.

Gary McLain



# Conference



George Wright stands in the tower he built for the Walla Walla City Church primary one division. The tower had all the memory verses and lesson themes for the quarter printed on it.

# Sabbath School Leaders Build Strong Tower

We started building the tower the first Sabbath in January 2005, in the Walla Walla City Church primary one division. We told the kids we were going to build the "Tower of Babel." It was built with 2 x 4 blocks, each 8 inches long.

Each Sabbath we added four layers of blocks. The first and third layers were blank, the second layer had the lesson theme printed on the blocks, and the fourth layer had the memory verse printed on the blocks. During the week, Barb and George Wright went back and screwed the blocks down solidly, so the tower wouldn't collapse if a kid tried to climb

George stood in the tower as the kids handed him the blocks, after they found the right blocks and put them in order. When the tower got

waist high, they asked, "How will he get out?" Somehow he managed to climb in and out every Sabbath. The kids loved it—especially if he placed a block upside down or in the wrong order, they caught it right away! Little human figures were placed along the tower ledges.

The last Sabbath of the quarter, the 6.5-foot tower was finished with all the quarter's memory verses and lesson themes printed on it. We renamed it the "Strong Tower."

A flier with Bible texts. referring to the Lord as our "Strong" or "High Tower," was given to the children. They were asked to take them home, tape them to their mirrors and read them every day. •

George and Barbara Wright, Walla Walla City Church members

# Pasco Riverview Church Helps Community Christmas Project Turns

Dreams into Reality

**B**etty Cummings is a member of Riverview Church in Pasco, Wash. She works as a public-health nurse for the Spanish community in the Tri-Cities area, and has seen firsthand the needs of families with disabled children. She thought how wonderful it would be if her local church could provide food and gifts to these families for Christmas.

Betty and fellow church member LeEllen Bradshaw, **Adventist Community Services** director, planned a food and toy drive for these families with special needs. Betty went to visit each family and made a list of every family member, including age and gender.

Larry Swisher, a dentist and Pathfinder club leader, donated his and the Pathfinders' time to repair 15 second-hand children's bicycles, many donated by the local police, fixing them up so that they looked almost new.

Participants Teddy Shupe, Pasco Riverview Church pastor, Betty Cummings, Bob and LeEllen Bradshaw, Mike and Jan Iriex, Bernie and Heff Haman, Montel Engeberg, David and Gail Dickerson, and several deacons packed boxes of food to be given along with the donated toys, bicycles, and Christmas trees to the families.

Cummings had given every family a number and time to come and pick up the items at the church, planning ahead for smooth delivery. On Dec. 19, 2004, at 3 p.m., with the help of many active church members who were eager to participate and Shupe's leadership, the Riverview Church turned a dream into a reality, donating much-needed and appreciated items to more than 20 families in the Tri-Cities area. •

Emma Lutz, project participant

Teddy Shupe, Riverview Church pastor, and Betty Cummings along with Monte Engeberg put food and a Pathfinder-rebuilt bicycle in a client's vehicle.





# Conference



Nicholas Clement was baptized in Silver Lake on July 2, 2005.

# From Depression to Joy in Jesus

Nicholas Clement grew up in an Adventist Christian home. As a child, a lot of what his parents taught him about the Bible he either didn't understand, or it scared him.

As he grew older, Clement went into a serious state of depression. His parents were puzzled, and he perceived their efforts negatively. It got to the point where Clement wouldn't even talk with his parents. He withdrew into his room, spending most of his time alone. His depression led to suicidal thoughts. But something inside of him caused him to live just one more day.

Clement's depression led to an unhealthy Internet addiction. Lost in an unreal world, he developed addictions books.

One thing Nicholas is thankful for is that he still prayed on a regular basis. Years later, with a little encouragement from his sister, Jennifer, he began attending the Four Winds Adventist Church.

As he began reading his Bible, God changed his heart and his life. Freed from his addictions. Clement was baptized and has now started a Bible study group in his apartment complex. He can't sit still nor keep from telling others of the changed life he has with Jesus Christ. •

Eileen Mallinson, Four Winds Church communication leader

to video games and comic

e's Alive Television recently received a direct answer to prayer. The staff had been perplexed for several months about how to solve a problem. The station needed quality programming but didn't have the proper equipment or the funds to buy the equipment. Potential donors offered to donate funds but only after the program

quality improved.

Then the College Place Village Church donated three cameras. The He's Alive Television staff members were excited, but with blessings often come challenges. In order to be fully functional, the cameras needed various equipment estimated to cost \$6.500.

At the next board meeting, the members decided to step out in faith. They voted to spend \$6,500 to make the cameras production-ready, even though they didn't have the funds. "I know that God

will provide," said Kathy Marson, a board member.

Unknown to the board members, someone had applied for a grant for the television station, and they received \$5,000 in grant funds. The same day, Joe Stanfill, station manager, went to buy a piece of equipment that he estimated would cost \$3,000. He found it for \$1,000. Since that time, he has been able to make that \$5,000 stretch for all the equipment needed to make two of the cameras productionready.

The He's Alive Television board members prayed together and thanked God for His faithfulness and generosity. He's Alive Television is looking forward to discovering how God will bless His television ministry in the future. •

Geneva Mertens, He's Alive Television GLEANER correspondent



Joe Stanfill, station manager, and Yvonne House, board member, are grateful to the Lord for helping them stretch the available money to purchase the needed video equipment.

## Miracles at He's Alive Television



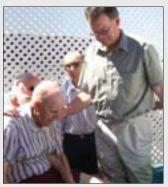
Paul Lundgrin, Four Winds Church pastor, and Jennifer, Nicholas Clement's sister, were big influences in his decision to be baptized

# Conference News

# Baptized in a Spa!

Elaine Kubler became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian 30 years ago. Ever since, she has prayed for her husband, Howard Kubler, but Friday night ball games were too important to him.

Two years ago, Howard was debilitated with a severe stroke on his right side. Elaine prayed and prayed for a miracle for



Because of his physical condition, Howard Kubler was baptized in a spa.

her then 78-year-old husband, who was told that he would never get out of his bed and leave the nursing home. But Elaine would not accept this verdict and kept working with Howard's paralyzed arm and leg.

Still debilitated, but able to walk with a walker and Elaine's help, Elaine cares for him at home. Howard has now given his heart fully to the Lord and requested baptism.

Because it wasn't possible for Howard to be baptized in the church's baptismal tank, his friends arranged for him to be baptized in a spa by Pastor Warren Blanck and retired Pastor Vernon Chase.

Don't give up on your loved ones that need the Lord. Keep praying! •

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader



The Little White Church in Athol, Idaho, is the church home to an active Adventist congregation.

# God's Leading in Athol Church

For the past four or five years, our faithful group of worshipers has been sharing the Little White Church in Athol, Idaho, with another protestant congregation. We longed to have a church of our own, and began purchasing land on highway 95 in Athol, not realizing that a new highway would be going through part of our land.

Just recently, the protestant congregation we shared the Little White Church with disbanded, and the Methodist Conference gave us permission to continue renting this little church, with the option of purchasing the property. We are now in negotiations with these fine people.

Our church members have been excited about cleaning, painting, and manicuring the property grounds with weed-eaters and all kinds of garden equipment. One of our members built a beautiful pulpit that now graces our sanctuary. We also have three pews donated by the Hayden Church, since all the other furniture belonged to the previous congregation.

We have enjoyed holding a cooking class, a discipleship workshop, and a religious concert in the park recently, with musicians from the Edgemere and Athol churches participating. We also held a "New Beginnings" evangelistic series in September and October of this year.

It is amazing how our wonderful Heavenly Father and Friend works. We know He will continue to lead us according to His promise in Jeremiah 33:3. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." •

Nancy Smith, Athol Church communication leader



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# Conference News

### UCA Student Leaders

### Launch School-Year Theme

Using Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," Upper Columbia Academy student leaders have chosen "No Limits" as the school theme for this year.

"There are two messages here," says Cody Lonning, ASB president. "One is that there's no limit to what God can do for you, but another one is that you shouldn't limit yourself when God's calling you to do something. It challenges people to think about how far they are willing to go with God in areas such as money and tithing or even in career choices."

Student leaders, including dorm RAs and ASB officers, arrived on campus several days ahead of registration to do some serious planning and praying for the new year. Choosing a theme for the year was a new idea for UCA. Students believe it will help create a sense of school spirit and expand opportunities to explore the never-ending supply of God's love and power. The theme also gives opportunities to look at "contrast" ideas, such as the need for setting appropriate limits or boundaries.

The theme was introduced to the new student body during the worship that began the traditional "Welcome Back Bash." Students' enthusiasm over the idea was strengthened by a catchy theme song, written by senior Kevin Riffel. Along with quality student leadership, the Lord is blessing UCA with climbing enrollment and extremely high staff retention this year.

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

First semester's ASB officers have brought extraordinary enthusiasm to the new school year. Shown as they are setting up for the Welcome Back Picnic, from left: Kati Winkle, Ashley Brito, Kristen Milligan, Cody Lonning (president); Briana Guthrie and Katie Schlehuber. Not shown: Nolan Kinne.



## Walla Walla Valley Academy Expands Its Curriculum

"I want to provide

students with

a broader horizon."

Gail Redberg

During the new school year, Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) is expanding its curriculum in the English, math and science departments. The added courses will help "cover a full spectrum of

student needs," says Jim Eiseman, vice principal for academics. A total of 12 new classes will be offered, and

some of the older classes will receive new formats.

The math department will add Advanced Placement Calculus to their varied selection, which already includes Pre-Algebra, Algebras I and II, Geometry, Advanced Data Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Consumer Math.

The science department will add four new classes: Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Marine Biology, Earth Science, and FAST, a new freshman science class. These classes will supplement the current science curriculum of Biology I and II, Physics, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, and Environmental Science.

"I'm really excited," says Gail Redberg, WWVA science teacher. "These are topics students have expressed an interest in and are ones that I enjoy teaching. I want to provide students with a broader horizon."

The English department will add Shakespearean Literature, Bible as Literature, Themes in

> Literature, Northwest Authors and Young Adult Literature. These courses will add to the existing classes

of Writing 101, English
I, American Literature,
British Literature, World
Literature, Public Speaking,
Drama Literature, Advanced
Placement Literature and
Advanced Placement
Language.

Introduction to Sociology will also be offered for the first time this year, and will be taught by Celina Veverka, WWVA counselor. "In this class, students discuss controversial issues and topics, develop critical-thinking skills, and practice tolerance of differing viewpoints," explains Veverka.

These exciting new options will help maintain WWVA's tradition of academic excellence. •

Jaci Toews, WWVA student GLEANER correspondent

### Sunset Lake Touches Lives

Every summer camp experience has its defining moment. Mine came at the end of a tough week at Sunset Lake Camp. Day after day there had been an endless parade of people and problems to deal with. At times I wondered how we could ever impact these campers for Christ. But every morning the staff prayed for God to work through our weaknesses.

floating dock in the middle of the lake, I sensed God working in a special way.

That's when it happened. A young girl approached with several of her friends. It was obvious they had all been crying. Without saying a word, she gave me a hug and then with tears in her eyes said, "Thank you." As she walked away, I knew that God had answered our prayers. I don't

not our own. Time and time again we saw God at work in powerful ways. He brought our staff from all over the country and bonded them together as a tight-knit family. When our water system went down during the first week of camp, He kept the camp open and food on the tables. And time and time again He allowed us to participate in the amazing process of changing lives for Him.

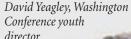
This summer with close to 800 campers in attendance, we rejoice that God has blessed us with 154 decisions for baptism. Each of these individuals is being worked with through the off-season. And we pray for a rich harvest in the weeks and months to come

If you and your family have never experienced the difference that Sunset Lake can have in your lives, I invite you make plans to be with us



All kinds of fun activities are important ingredients for campers at Sunset Lake.

new camps and exciting new activities, but above all else, there will be one thing that will never change. Sunset Lake will always be a place where you, your child, or your grandchild can make Jesus their forever Friend. •





Jesus is making an impact on campers' lives.

Now it was Friday night, and the camp was quiet. I stood on the shore of the lake and watched as clusters of young people and their counselors gathered around the water's edge. This was the moment we had worked and prayed for all week, as campers were given the chance to accept Christ as their Savior. In the darkness, I saw the glow of more than 100 candles set adrift on the mirrored surface of the water—a symbol of each camper's decision for Christ. As the prayers of the staff mixed with the sounds of music being played from the

know all that was behind her words. I don't know what struggles this girl faced. I don't know what pain she had experienced. But I do know that God reached down that night and touched her life in a real way. Despite our fears, we had made a difference.

It was just one small victory, but for me it defined our summer experience at Sunset Lake Camp. This was a year of new beginnings—a year of transitions. From the moment our staff first gathered, we readily acknowledged that if victories were to be won, it would be up to God's work and



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### Winlock on the Move

What happens when a small church seeks to be empowered by the Holy Spirit? Ask anyone at the Winlock Church. The church is situated on 14 beautiful acres of land overlooking SR 306 just north of Winlock, Wash. The Winlock Church awakened to the simple realization that it must become significant in the community or just fade away. This wonderful small, but very willing congregation set to



The beautiful tree-lined setting is perfect for spiritual contemplation.

praying and seeking the Lord's will for their lives and their community outreach.

One of the first ideas was to create a spiritually committed, Christ-centered attitude. Then WIN (Winlock Institute for Newness) was started. This health series is held at the first of each year, starting in January and continuing through April. The third idea was to host an environmentally sound summer camp meeting. This was to give visitors a chance to commune with God and grow spiritually in the beauty of the Winlock Church's natural surroundings.

The first two years, a huge tent was rented to meet in. Now a new log lodge is being built that will serve as a meeting place for the church's many different programs.



Dave Wolkwitz, Washington Conference trust services director, shares a message in the tree catherdral.

Students at Mission Creek School blazed paths through the trees and created Scripture walks that include topics such as salvation, prayer, forgiveness and heaven.

This year's camp meeting featured Joe Pearles, concert artist from Tennessee, and speakers David Wolkwitz, Washington Conference trust services director; Dan Bender, Rocky Mountain district pastor; Hal Gates, Winlock Church pastor; and Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president. More than 200 people attended this special event. •

Hal Gates, Winlock Church pastor

A new log auditorium is being constructed for future Winlock camp meetings.



# Auburn Adventist Academy Celebrates Increased

Enrollment

Enrollment is up at Auburn Adventist Academy with 317 students filling the hallways and classrooms each day. "I really like Auburn," says Elizabeth Altman, one of the 137 new students at AAA. "I always planned on coming to AAA, since my parents graduated from Auburn. Now that I'm here and have met lots of really nice students and teachers, I am even more excited about high school."

In addition to the students from our own Washington



Elizabeth Altman, from Edgewater, Wash., is a freshman at Auburn Adventist Academy.

Conference, young people traveled from their homes in Florida, Texas, California, Oregon, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Arizona and Alaska to attend AAA. Auburn also welcomes 50 international students to campus from 18 different countries. From northern Asia to South

America, Eastern Europe to Central America, AAA is blessed to embrace such a global community.

With the onset of the 2005-06 school year, AAA is experiencing the vitality that comes with a growing school. Classrooms are bursting at



This sign greets students arriving at Auburn Adventist Academy.

the seams, and hallways are crowded as students race between classes. Auburn is not only excited about its growth in student enrollment, but also about the spiritual and community-service opportunities students have on campus. It is for these opportunities to nurture students in the ways of Christ that we rejoice. •

Iondelle McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondant

# Prayers and Hard Work

Rejuvenate Federal Way Church

For six months, the Federal Way Church was without a pastor. Regularly attending members gathered after services to pray for a new leader, pray for the church, and pray for former and current members and their families. Four months later in answer to prayer, Federal Way was blessed with a leader who shared their same passionate vision.

Since Marvin Humbert's arrival, Federal Way Church members have been very busy. The church was in need of some major repairs, so a redecorating committee was appointed to review the structural and aesthetic needs of the church building and its surrounding property. The list of critical and urgent repair needs was several pages long. It took several work-bees to repair the roof and overhang leaks, power wash the building and sidewalks, weed and trim bushes in the garden areas, fix lighting inside and out, paint the interior, replace the foyer carpet and an assortment of other tasks before the April homecoming celebration.

Homecoming Sabbath, April 23, was a beautiful



**Brad Carpenter contemplates** lighting issues during the church signage repair.

day of rejoicing with former and non-attending members. June brought several Youth Challenge members to Federal Way to reach into the local community. As of July 9, more than 60 homes had received Bible studies—just that previous week! The next week, Vacation Bible School opened up another opportunity to reach the young community children

As a result of all these events, church membership is on the rise. We praise God for answering our prayers. •

Isabelle Page, Federal Way Church member

# Chehalis Spanish Company Formed

hester Schurch, Chehalis Church pastor, along with dedicated church members envisioned a Spanishspeaking church in the Chehalis and Centralia area. The Chehalis Church owned a second church building with a parsonage that they were willing to donate to a group willing to start working among the Spanish people in the region.

Schurch contacted Gregorio Toruno, pastor of the Spanish churches in Tacoma and Federal Way, and offered the church and house to them to be used for planting a new Spanish church. Toruno accepted the challenge in February 2001, and soon work was started to clean and repair the church. By May, a group of people began visiting in Chehalis and Centralia to determine where the Hispanics lived and worked. Many of the Hispanics in that

region are temporary workers, while others have difficulty finding work in the region.

Many prayers were offered. Soon Victor Infante, who served as a Bible worker/colporteur, agreed to move to the area to begin Bible work, visitation and evangelism. In February 2002, the first evangelistic campaign was held, and 11 people were baptized. At the end of the campaign, regular Sabbath services were started. That fall, another nine baptisms resulted from another series of meetings.

Since that miraculous beginning, the group has grown to 53 members with 60 people in regular attendance. The group was formed into an official Washington Conference company on June 11, 2005. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president

**Chester Schurch and Tom** James, pastors of the Chehalis



# Washington Conference Welcomes

New Associate **Educational** Superintendant



enise White is the new Washington Conference associate educational superintendent. White comes from the Northern California Conference where she most recently served as the Pleasant Hill Academy principal.

White has a rich heritage of being educated in the Adventist school system and serving in schools throughout our denomination. She has experience in both elementary and secondary education.

We welcome Denise and her husband Frank, who joined us in July. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president

# Christmas in July Food Drive Raises Hunger Awareness

hristmas came early to nine communities in eastern Washington as Positive Life Radio's "Christmas in July" food drive brought in nearly 17,000 pounds of food and personal care items.

"The last few years we collected about 10,000 pounds, so this is a significant increase," says Kevin Krueger, Positive Life Radio station manager. "The community really got involved with many church groups and businesses holding their own smaller food drives right before ours and then dropping off what they had collected."

More people also donated money this year. "People are busier now and don't always have time to stop and buy food," says Sali Miller, Positive Life Radio office manager. "But they usually have time to drop off money.



PLR morning show host Don Godman and son Gavin weigh food donations.

One woman drove by, handed a fistful of money out of her car window, and drove off." PLR counts one dollar as equal to one pound, but local food banks estimate a dollar

will buy between three and six pounds of food.

During the food drive on July 25, PLR aired Christmas music from noon to 6 p.m. as staff members called in live reports and stories from each location. Food was collected in Lewiston, Spokane, Wenatchee, Moses Lake, Yakima, Pendleton, Leavenworth, the Tri-Cities, and Walla Walla, and will be distributed by local food banks.

The annual "Christmas in July" food drive increases awareness that families struggle with hunger all year long, not just during the holiday season. "It brings the Christmas spirit out in people, and they seem so happy to come give," says Krueger.

Positive Life Radio can be heard on various frequencies in eastern Washington or online at www.plr.org. •

Kristi Spurgeon

A Walla Walla youth group drops off donations from a pre-"Christmas in July" food drive.



# WWC Places in Top Tier in Annual National Rankings

**VV**alla Walla College again ranks among the nation's best colleges and universities according to U.S. News & World Report's edition of "America's Best Colleges."

The magazine places WWC 37th out of 65 other top-tier schools in the category of "Best Universities—Master's" in the western region of the United States.

"We are very pleased to see Walla Walla College

recognized as one of the top universities in the nation," says Jon Dybdahl, WWC president. "It is gratifying to include these results as one of the indicators of our success."

U.S. News & World Report annually ranks the nation's four-year accredited colleges and universities. There were 572 universities in the "Best Universities—Master's" category, and WWC was compared with 124 other

universities in the western region. The magazine evaluated each institution based on several broad categories, including peer assessment, freshmen retention and graduation rates, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, acceptance rate, and alumni giving.

"One of the factors leading to our high ranking is our 13 to 1 student-teacher ratio.

Small classes allow students to interact more closely with their professors, leading to better success in and out of the classroom," Dybdahl says. "Another strong factor is our alumni giving. At 27 percent, we have the highest average alumni giving rate of all the universities in our category." •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

### Fowler 100th

Ray W. Fowler celebrated his 100th birthday on April 20, 2005, with a reception at the College Place Village Church. The reception was given by his foster daughters, Stacia Merickel, who met the Fowler's in 1935 at Sheyenne River Academy, and Vivian Black, whom they met at Auburn Adventist Academy in 1951.

Ray was born April 20, 1905, in Stanley, N.D., to George and Hattie Fowler. After graduating from Union College in 1929, he married Alice E. Carr in



Plainfield, S.D. Rav served the Adventist educational system at Maplewood Academy, in Minnesota; Sheyenne River Academy,

in N.D.; Union College, in Lincoln, Neb.; Auburn Adventist Academy; and Pacific Union College were he was president until his retirement in 1970.

After Fowler retired, he moved to Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., where he taught in the business department for eight more years before retiring the second time in 1978. He was then asked to be the manager of the Blue Mountain Credit Union before retiring for the third time in 1984. After that he worked many years as a volunteer at Walla Walla General Hospital as treasurer for the Auxiliary.

He has also been active in church work, serving on conference committees, hospital boards, and in his local church as an elder and Sabbath School teacher.



### Hanson 95th

Nellie (Robison) Hanson celebrated her 95th birthday with an open house hosted by her children at her home in Brewster, Wash., on July 31, 2005. Nellie was born Aug. 1, 1910, in Buhl, Idaho.

Nellie remembers the thrill which enveloped her and her two brothers when the doctor rumbled up to their farmhouse in Alberta in a CAR! The youngsters, who had moved to Canada with their parents in covered wagons, resisted the urge to climb in, but studied in awe—from a restrained distance—the amazing "horseless carriage" until the doctor swung open the house door and announced they could go in and see their brand new sister! It was 1918, and Nellie was five years old.

Nellie Robison was married to Earl Hanson for 40 years before he died in 1980. A few years later she moved to Brewster to be near family. For 27 years she baked tasty treats for the Omak public school's hungry students and was often greeted warmly by appreciative young friends. She organized and led the first children's department at the Omak Church where she was also a "Dorcas" leader. In Brewster, she was a deaconess and an active volunteer at the Community Service Center.

The Hanson family includes Marion and Kay Hanson of

Brewster, Wash.; Robert Hanson (deceased); 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

King 60th
Jack and Rosalind King were surprised with a fellowship dinner in honor of their 60th anniversary. The event was hosted by their Yoncalla (Ore.) Church family.

Jack King married Rosalind Bailey on June 18, 1945, in England where Jack was stationed in the U.S. Air Force. Jack was returned to the U.S. in October 1945, where he was discharged from the Air Force,

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and Rosalind followed him six months later. They lived in the Sacramento-Angwin, Calif., area, where Jack attended PUC and later became a teacher, while Rosalind was a homemaker. They retired and moved to Yoncalla in 1986, where they are both active in their church.

The King family includes Carol King and Jennifer Rhodes, both of Yoncalla, and a grandchild.

### Wells 60th

James Wells and Sylvia McDonald were married Aug. 18, 1945, in Seattle, Wash. Both Jim and Sylvia were employed by Harris Pine Mills—he for 36 years and she for 34. He worked in assembly and was a branch manager in the Tranquility, N.J., West Brookfield, Mass., and Gaston, Ore., branches, where Sylvia served as secretary/office manager. When they returned to the Pendleton, Ore., branch in



1975, Jim worked in the service station, and Sylvia was partscoordinator for the branches.

In the last 10–15 years, Jim has been a greeter at the Wal-Mart store, and Sylvia has been the Pendleton Church secretary. For most of that time, Jim has served as a church elder and Sylvia has served as the church

The Wells family includes Gary and Charlene Wells of Grand Junction, Colo.; Dan and Donna Wells of Abbotsford, B.C., Canada; and 3 grandchildren.

# W E D D 1 N G S

**ALLEN**—Kaetlyn Darcy was born Feb. 2, 2005, to Jeremy and Nicole (Darcy) Allen, in Walla Walla, Wash.

**CLARK**—Tyler F. was born June 27, 2005, to Don and Stephanie (Reitz) Clark, Walla Walla, Wash.

**DAINO**—Olivia Anne was born Aug. 11, 2005, to Vincent G. and Julie S. (Lyman) Daino, Covington, Wash.

**HALEY**—André Mark was born Aug. 16, 2005, to Eric and Tonya (Wilson) Haley, Albany, Ore.

**HARNESS**—Jedidiah A. was born June 7, 2005, to Brad and Katrina (Wijma) Harness, Springfield, Ore.

IRVINE—Kasandra D. was born May 24, 2005, to Lance and Mindi (Vories) Irvine, Pasco, Wash.

**JAQUE**—Noelia M. was born April 29, 2005, to Jorge and Lynette (Parrs) Jaque, Kennewick, Wash.

LITTLE—Sarah J. was born July 11, 2005, to Charlie and Kimberly (Shaver) Little, Eagle Point, Ore.

LORENTZ—Tamie M. was born July 6, 2005, to Tom and Grace (Rivera) Lorentz, Mount Vernon, Wash.

**SANBORN**—Myles F. was born June 5, 2005, to Brent and Carlie (Glenn) Sanborn, Ridgefield, Wash.

**WOODCOCK**—Joseph Thomas was born July 11, 2005, to Joe and Erin (Carter) Woodcock, Rexberg, Idaho.

**ZORTMAN**—Ellabelle M. was born July 5, 2005, to Lance and Joyce (Harding) Zortman, Battle Ground, Wash.

BIEGEL-WHITE—Carrie
Biegel and Matthew White
were married July 10, 2005,
in Brookings, Ore. The couple
is making their home in Walla
Walla, Wash. Carrie is the
daughter of Robert and Jann L.
Biegel. Matthew is the son of
Patricia and Dale Sexton and
Norman and Pat White.

BREWER-SLOAN—Brookanne Brewer and Curtis Sloan were married July 23, 2005, in College Place, Wash., where they are making their home. Brookanne is the daughter of Mark and Sheryl Brewer. Curtis is the son of the late Louis and Wanda Sloan.

GIARDE-BECKER—Vanessa
Giarde and Christopher Becker
were married June 12, 2005,
in College Place, Wash. The
couple is making their home in
Cheney, Wash. Vanessa is the
daughter of Ray and Shirley
Giarde. Christopher is the son
of Rob and Sara Becker.

**GISH-SALERNO**—Julia Gish and Kenneth "Tres" Salerno were married June 26, 2005, in College Place, Wash. The couple is making their home in Sherman Oaks, Calif. Julia is the daughter of Benjamin and Connie Gish. Tres is the son of Kenneth and Vicki Salerno Jr.

GRAYBILL-IVERSON—Karen L. Shogren and David W. Iverson were married July 24, 2005, in Hermiston, Ore., where they are making their home. Karen is the daughter of Don and Joyce Shogren. David is the son of William and Virgia Iverson.

**GULDHAMMER-FREI**—Tina Guldhammer and Will Frei were married July 17, 2005, in College Place, Wash. The couple is making their home

in Seattle, Wash. Tina is the daughter of Henning and Kristy Guldhammer. Will is the son of Patti Pettis and William Frei.

HATLEY-GORDON—Carlie
Hatley and Erik Gordon
were married Aug. 7, 2005,
in College Place, Wash. The
couple is making their home
in Walla Walla, Wash. Carlie
is the daughter of Lyle and
Paulette Hatley. Erik is the son
of David and Lynette Gordon.

### HOLLENBECK-MCCAULEY-

Katrina Hollenbeck and John McCauley were married July 10, 2005, in Pasco, Wash. The couple is making their home in Richland, Wash. Katrina is the daughter of Ron and Joyce Hollenbeck. John is the son of Rodney and Bobbi McCauley.

KLIMECK-FISH—Linda
L. Klimeck and David W.
Fish were married July 30,
2005, in Helvetia, Ore. The
couple is making their home
in Hillsboro, Ore. Linda is
the daughter of Renate and
Jerry King. David is the son of
Warren and Gerda Fish.

MAIER-HIEBERT—Janette
Michelle Maier and Lawrence
Andrew Hibert were married
Sept. 11, 2004, in Nampa,
Idaho. The couple is making
their home in Eagle, Idaho.
Janette is the daughter of
Aeron and Sharon Maier.
Lawrence is the son of Cindy
Craig and Lorence Hiebert.

PEARSON-FEYEN—Betty A. (Swihart) Pearson and Dorsett G. Feyen were married Aug. 7, 2005, in Shelton, Wash. The couple is making their home in Walla Walla, Wash., and Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Betty is the daughter of Art and Edna Swihart, both deceased.

Dorsett is the son of Lewis and Myrtle Feyen, both deceased.

### PHILLIPS-JOHNSON-

Rebekah Ann Phillips and James Thomas Johnson were married Aug. 7, 2005, in Eugene, Ore. The couple is making their home in Oakley, Calif. Rebekah is the daughter of Lowell and Carol Phillips. James is the son of Thomas and Kathy Johnson.

TOWNSEND-BEBEE—Joanne (Worth) Townsend and Les Bebee were married July 24, 2005, in Pateros, Wash., where they are making their home. Joanne is the daughter of Lola Worth. Les is the son of Joanne Leithold and James Bebee.

WISBEY-LOEWEN—Paige
Wisbey and Kristopher
Loewen were married May 26,
2005, in College Place, Wash.,
where they are making their
home. Paige is the daughter
of Carolyn Winter and David
Wisbey. Kristopher is the son
of Sharlene Miller and Greg
Loewen.

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Information to include: couple's first and last names including the bride's maiden name (and previous married name); wedding date and location; full names (including mothers' maiden names) of the couple's parents (and step-parents); contact's name and daytime phone number. Submit the online form or print out a PDF form at www.GLEANERonline.org > Contributor's Information and mail it. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

BALMER—Clara M. (Love), 85; born July 30, 1919, Mountain Home, Idaho; died July 16, 2005, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Karel Knigge-Casebeer and Joann Burnsed, both of Nampa; 5 grandchildren, 13 greatgrandchildren and 3 greatgreat-grandchildren.

BELL—Margaret "Peggy"
Reynolds, 74; born Aug. 7,
1930, Esperanza, Mexico;
died July 4, 2005, Angwin,
Calif. Surviving: husband,
Charles; sons, Michael,
Walla Walla, Wash.; Carey,
Riverside, Calif.; David,
Suisun City, Calif.; sisters,
Virginia Jenson, Vista, Calif.;
Bonnie Helen Johnson,
Calimesa, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

BISCHOFF—Marie (Allen), 91; born Feb. 11, 1914, Caldwell, Idaho; died July 9, 2005, Apple Valley, Calif. Surviving: son, Larry, Riverside, Calif.; daughters, Bonnie Groesbeck, Nampa, Idaho; Joanie Jones, Apple Valley; Susie Tucker, Auburn, Calif.; sister, Louise Keefer, Hamilton, Mont.; and 3 grandchildren.

BISHOP—Harper, 98; born May 11, 1906, Harper, Wash.; died July 10, 2005, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Hazel Marion (Nordstom).

BOND—Mary Christine (Pampaian), 92; born Oct. 12, 1912, Glendale, Calif.; died June 23, 2005, Grants Pass, Ore.

DORGAN—Anna Adel (Surdal), 83; born March 10, 1922, Livingston, Mont.; died July 20, 1905, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: husband, James; sons, Lonnie, Kettering, Ohio; David, Boise, Idaho; daughters, Judy Kamensky, Rogers, Ark.; Hazel Lu, Littleton, Colo.; brothers, Lars Surdal, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Henry Surdal, Lincoln, Calif.; sister, Alice Anderson, Albion, Neb.; and 8 grandchildren.

**GAMMON**—Edward L., 91; born Jan. 15, 1914, Memphis, Tenn.; died May 17, 2005, St. Helens, Ore. Surviving: wife, Kitti Hawk; sons, George E. and David W., Kentfield, Calif.; daughters, Kathy D'Andrea, Newbury Park, Calif.; Mary Mullen, Sandpoint, Idaho; and 3 grandchildren.

**GATES**—Bessie Lucille (Worden), 82; born Sept. 5, 1922, Bellingham, Wash.; died July 24, 2005, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: sons, William, Auburn; Louis, Winthrup, Wash.; Horace "Bud" Jr., Ridgecrest, Calif.; daughters, Alice McCaleb, Rochester, Wash.; Beverly Richardson, Auburn; brothers, Paul Worden, College Place, Wash.: Don Worden, Walla Walla, Wash.; Bruce Worden, Bellingham; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

GENSIL—Karen Ann (Kauffman), 62; born Oct. 24, 1941, Snoqualmie, Wash.; died Aug. 22, 2004, Arlington, Wash. Surviving: husband, Carlton Jr.; mother, Wilma Kauffman, Arlington; brothers, Gary Kauffman, Portland, Ore.; and Richard Kauffman, Bothell, Wash.

GRUESBECK—Clarence
Boothby, 81; born Nov. 16,
1923, Gobles, Mich.; died
July 26, 2005, Walla Walla,
Wash. Surviving: son, Lon,
Puyallup, Wash.; daughters,
KarrLayn Beck and Cherie
Haffner, both of College
Place, Wash.; brothers,
Kenneth, McDonald, Tenn.;
Ronald, Grand Rapids, Mich.;

5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

HISEY—Gertrude F. (King), 87; born April 10, 1918, Molson, Wash.; died July 27, 2005, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Craig, Yakima, Wash.; John, Wenatchee, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 3 stepgrandchildren.

JOHNSON—Paul A., 89; born Sept. 7, 1915, Portland, Ore.; died July 7, 2005, Seattle. Surviving: wife, Genevieve (Bradley); son, Paul Jr., Seattle; daughter, Karen Fasano, Kirkland, Wash.; and a grandchild.

**KAHLER**—R. Edna (Rice), 98; born April 15, 1907, Tillamook, Ore.; died July 8, 2005, Redlands, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Ruby Stahlnecker, Yona, Guam; Maralyn Morgan, Redlands; Miriam Schroeder, Sequim, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**KERR**—Ione F. (Kerr) Ruzicka, 66; born Jan. 25, 1939, Orofino, Idaho; died April 9, 2005, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Darren Ruzicka, Boise; Dana Ruzicka, Nampa, Idaho; Davis Ruzicka, Kuna, Idaho; daughters, Darla Mills, Meridian, Idaho; Aimee Willis, Boise; stepfather and mother, Hank and Frankie (Cooper) Kerr Korman, Boise; brothers, Sam Kerr, Boise; Denton Kerr, Pioche, Nev.; sister, Kandy Compton, Boise; and 4 grandchildren.

LIEN—Ruth M. (Sutherland), 83; born June 15, 1921, Anoka, Minn.; died March 20, 2005, Mount Lake Terrace, Wash. Surviving: stepson, Dale Kammueller, Waukesha, Wis.; daughters, Delgina McCart, Ketchikan, Alaska; Linda Grothe, Bothell, Wash.; brother, Floyd Sutherland, Hoodsport, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

**MEYERS**—Merle Eugene, 79; born Jan. 3, 1926, Springfield, Ore.; died June 22, 2005, Springfield. Surviving: wife, Delaine (Jorgensen); sons, Larry, Gary and Randy, all of Springfield; Charles, Alsea, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

ong—Honorato Sayao, 94; born Dec. 22, 1910, Leyte, Philippines; died May 23, 2005, Honolulu, Hawaii. Surviving: wife, Francisca (Trinidad), Wahiawa, Hawaii; son, Ismael Ong, Valencia, Philippines; daughter, Nita Jane Carrington, Punaluu, Hawaii; 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

SMITH—Gladys L. (McClintock) Cunnington, 101; born Feb. 12, 1904, Orchardville, Ill.; died May 26, 2005, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Chester Cunnington, Arnold, Calif.;

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Information to include: date and location of birth and death; first and last names, including married women's maiden names and previous married names; immediate surviving family members, (children, stepchildren, parents, brothers/sisters, stepbrothers/sisters, half-brothers/ sisters, grandparents) along with the city/state of residence for each; number of grandchildren; contact's name and daytime phone number. Submit online form or print out PDF form at www.GLEANERonline.org > Contributor's Information and mail it. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

### IMAGES OF CREATION 2006 PHOTO CONTEST

### Call for Entries

The GLEANER is pleased to announce the immediate opening of its 2006 nature photography contest. Winning entries will be designated to 1) appear on page two of the GLEANER print edition next year, or 2) be featured for one week on the front page of the GLEANERonline. org Web edition during the year. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005.

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

- 1. Photographers may submit a maximum of **15** *vertical* images.
- 2. Only images of nature scenes taken within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington will be considered.
- 3. Photographers should be prepared to supply model releases for any recognizable people appearing in winning entries.
- 4. Winning entries from past years are no longer eligible for submission.

5. Twelve contest-winning images will be used in the print edition of GLEANER, with payment of one-time-use rights of \$80 per photo.

6. In addition to the 12 photos selected for print, a runner-up photo will appear on the GLEANERonline.org Web edition in low resolution each week during the year, after which the photo may be seen in archival form for four weeks before dropping off to make room for the next featured photo. Any requests for high-res versions of these photos for any other purpose will be forwarded to the photographer.

- 7. Entries should be **mailed** to P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687, or **delivered** to GLEANER, 1498 S.E. Tech Center Place, Suite 300, Vancouver, WA 98683 during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon.
- 8. Slides will be returned by regular first-class postage at GLEANER expense or may be picked up in person by the

photographer during regular GLEANER office hours after the winners are announced.

### **Digital Entries**

- 1. If submitting photos taken with a digital camera, ensure that your camera captures at least four megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its "highest-resolution" mode and the image is recorded at the "largest JPG size."
- 2. Files other than JPG will not be accepted. Virgin JPG files should be saved at the highest possible resolution. Avoid degrading the image by re-saving a JPG file to the same filename.
- 3. Submit photos on a CD that is clearly identified "2006 Images of Creation Photo Contest" along with the photographer's name.
- 4. Use the title of each photo as its filename on the CD to facilitate future correspondence about that image.
- 5. Full contact information should also be contained in a cover letter that accompanies the

entries: name, mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, and e-mail address. Include a typewritten list of all the titles you are submitting.

### **Slide Entries**

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

James Cunnington, Dearing, Ga.; Loren Cunnington, Stevensville, Mich.; Philip Cunnington, Port Orchard, Wash.; stepson, Clyde Smith, Big Timber, Mont.; daughter, Phyllis Lyon, Silver Creek, Wash.; stepdaughters, Betty McClusky, Naches, Wash.; Luella Lithfield, Williams Lake, B.C., Canada; Bonnie Pleier, Sumner, Wash.; Louise Russell, Milton Freewater, Ore.; Dorothy Ford, Auburn, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**WHATLEY**—Eileen (Wettstein), 74; born Feb. 1, 1931, Stettler, Alberta, Canada; died July 26, 2005, College Place, Wash.

Surviving: daughters, Brenda Clifton, College Place; Belinda Schlund, Laton, Calif.; Barbara Whatley, Walla Walla; sister, Hattie Johnson, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada; and 6 grandchildren.

WIELAND—Gertrude D. (Davy) Christensen, 95; born Feb. 9, 1910, Boulder, Colo.; died May 30, 2005, Seattle Wash. Surviving: husband, Howard C., Mill Creek, Wash.; daughter, Ruth L. Christensen, Mill Creek; stepdaughter, Dorothy Russell, Compton, Md.; step-stepson, David Hoskins, Minden, Nev.; 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 6 greatgrandchildren and a greatgreat-grandchild.

WINN—Leonard Royce Sr., 93; born Aug. 9, 1911, Preston, Idaho; died July 28, 2005, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Elva (Perry), Walla Walla, Wash.; sons, Hugh, Honolulu, Hawaii; Ted, College Place; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

wisbey—Millard L., 93; born July 19, 1912, Parma, Idaho; died March 16, 2005, Napa, Calif. Surviving: wife, Doris (Stone); son, Ron M., Napa; sister, Mary Jane Morton, Vancouver, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren.

wister—George D., 78; born Aug. 31, 1926, Victorville, Calif.; died Dec. 20, 2004, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Betty (Penington), Chehalis, Wash.; son, Dan, McKinleyville, Calif.; daughters, Kathy Avery, Tangent, Ore.; Karolyn Garcia, Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Karyn Davis, Sacramento, Calif.; Karla McKee, Eureka, Calif.; and brother, Glen Wister, Pendleton, Ore.

wright—Pearl A. (Colburn), 99; born Aug. 31, 1905, Bruno, Minn.; died July 15, 2005, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, Keith, Elgin, Ore.; daughters, Phyllis Parker, Muskogee, Okla.; Laurine Kites, Pendleton; 11 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.



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# **Offerings**

Oct. 1—Local Church Budget; Oct. 8—World Budget: Voice of Prophecy; Oct. 15—Local Church Budget; Oct. 22—Local Conference Advance; Oct. 29—General Conference Session Project; Alaska Conference receives loose offering. Nov. 6—Local Church Budget.

# **Special Days**

Oct. 1—Children's Sabbath; Oct. 2-8—Health Education Week (Vibrant Life); Oct 15— Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath; Oct. 22—Pathfinder Sabbath; Nov. 5— Stewardship Sabbath; Nov. 5-26-Native Heritage Month.

# WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

# **Calendar of Events**

Oct. 1—Kraig Scott organ recital, 7:30 p.m., Walla Walla College Church. Oct. 1 and 2—wwcdrama: Mystery College Theater 5000, 8 p.m., Donnie Rigby Stage. For tickets, call (509) 527-2641 or visit www.wwc. edu/drama. Oct. 3-7—Fall Week of Prayer. Worship will be held every weekday morning at 11 a.m. and during Friday vespers at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12–15—Fall Classic Tournament. Oct. 28-30—Family Weekend

# OREGON

# **Whole Foods Cooking School**

Oct. 4-Nov. 15—Enjoy seven Tuesday nights of food demonstrations and samples, guest speakers, recipes, and door prizes, sponsored by the Riverside Adventist Church (Washougal, Wash.), from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (360) 835-3114 for costs and other details. Bring this announcement for \$10 off!

# **Men's Conference**

Oct. 14-15—Men and their sons are invited to our 2005 "It's All About Him" NW Men's Conference at the Gladstone Holden Conference Center. 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Ore. Friday registration is from 4:15–6:15 p.m., supper 6:30–7:30 p.m., and the first session, "Jesus" with Lee Venden, main conference speaker, begins at 8 p.m. The weekend concludes on Sabbath at 6:30 p.m. Other speakers

include Harvey and Kathy Corwin, Bob Davidson, Larry Day, Al Faatz, John Galindo, Dick Hanson, Tom Lemon, Gerald Miller, Craig Montgomery, Gary Parks and Sherri Uhrig. Please pre-register at www. plusline.org or call (800) 732-7587 before Oct. 4 to receive the discounted price. For more information, call Oregon Conference family ministries at (503) 654-6054.

# **Singles Activity**

Oct. 15—Beaverton Church fellowship dinner, 12:45 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Help us bless the elderly with singing at a nearby facility at 3 p.m. Join us for vespers and then a tractor tour (every tractor you can imagine from the early 1900s) and then jump into the pool with a swimming-pool party at Roger Brown's house. Please bring a dish or dessert for supper. Questions, please contact Tom at: (503) 684-7971; or Charlotte at (503) 579-9549. www. beavertonsda.com/

# **Gospel Concert**

Oct. 15—Carl Parker and Friends will present a gospel music concert at the Hood View Church in Boring, Ore., at 5:30 p.m. Parker, a baritone who performs mostly in the Portland area, is known for establishing the North Portland Community Learning Center for children.

# **Local Church Disaster/ Safety Coordinator Training**

Prepare before a disaster strikes! Presenters include representatives from GC Risk Management, Oregon Conference Risk Management, and Adventist Disaster Response. Training from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be available at the following locations: South—Oct. 16, North Valley Adventist Church (register by Oct. 7); South Coast— Oct. 23, Coos Bay Adventist Church (register by Oct. 14); North Coast— Nov. 6, Lincoln City Adventist Church (register by Oct. 28); North—Nov. 13, Gladstone Park Convention Center (register by Nov. 4). Registration: (503) 652-2225, ext. 413.

# **Disaster Response Planning Session**

Oct. 30—Oregon Conference area disaster response leaders and volunteers are invited to a brainstorming and planning session to be held at Oregon Conference

headquarters from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration: (503) 652-2225, ext. 413, by Oct. 24.

# **Harvest Festival**

Oct. 29—New Life @ Glendoveer Adventist Church Harvest Festival will be held Saturday night beginning at 6 p.m. in our newly completed multi-purpose room. There will be booths with food, games and fun for the whole family.

# **Single Adult Ministries** Conference

Nov. 4-5—"Single But Not Alone" to be held in the Holden Conference Center at the Gladstone Convention Center. Friday: registration, 4:30–6 p.m.; supper, 6:15–7:15 p.m.; first session, 7:30–9 p.m. Conference will conclude with Sabbath evening activities, 7:15-10:15 p.m. Preregister online at www.plusline.org or (800) 732-7587 before Oct. 20 to receive a discounted price. For more information, call (503) 654-6054. (See display ad on page 43.)

# **Health Ministries Advisory**

Nov. 5—Oregon Conference health ministries leaders and others interested in health evangelism are invited to a sharing/networking/ advisory meeting at the Oregon Conference headquarters on Sabbath from 2–4 p.m. Registration: (503) 652-2225, ext. 413, by Oct. 31.

# **Beaverton 30-Year Homecoming**

Nov. 19—All-day event 9:30 a.m. through 9 p.m. Sabbath School and worship service, lunch, afternoon activities, vespers 4 p.m., light meal, evening extravaganza 7 p.m. For more information, contact Helen Fried at (503) 647-2192 or lollypop97124@Yahoo.com.

# **Central Oregon Convocation**

Oct. 7-8—Central Oregon Convocation at Three Sisters School in Bend will feature Dr. Neil Nedley. Call (503) 652-2225 for more information.

# **Pleasant Hill Concert**

Oct. 15—Bob Bennett, Bruce Carroll, and Ashley Cleveland will present a concert at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Adventist Church (4 miles south of Eugene). Admission is free. Bring a friend and enjoy an

unforgettable evening with three of the most beloved and enduring singer/ songwriters in Christian music today. Call Susan Reeder at (541) 744-0650 for more information.

# UPPER COLUMBIA

# **CCA Alumni Homecoming**

Oct. 29—Cascade Christian Academy will be honoring the Class of 1995. Our speaker will be Pastor Dauncey. There will be a fellowship lunch at 1 p.m. CCA will present their Fall Festival and a golf tournament will be held on Sunday morning, weather permitting. For more information, contact the CCA office at (509) 662-2723 or Donna at wrdmp@nwi.net.

# WASHINGTON

# **Burien Church Missing Members**

Burien Church is looking for missing members. If you have any information about the following people, please contact Esther McKain at (253) 631-3974 or estherbob@comcast.net. Adam and Amanda Adams, Ruthic and Shereen Allen, Clarence Blankenship, Kristine Davies, Christine Halldin, Lucinda Heitz, Jenny Haines, Donya Hawkins, J.P. Hall, Rhonda Copley, Shane Linder, Nicole Linder, Arthur S. Hall, Roscoe Hill, Herald K. Johnson, Jerome C. Johnson, Jandi Johnson, Joseph M. Kaczenski, Carrie Kruger, Jed N. Lampe, Sabrina Lehmann, Chervonna Mason-Jones, Mary McElreath, Adam Oh, Regina Pete, Delores Regal, Ailee S. Regal, Heather B. Regal, Ronald Rio, Thelma V. Schwartz, Anna B. Smith, Sarah Tull, Chris Vellinga, Sharon A. Vellinga, James Vert, Lynda Vert, Cynthia Wagner, Christine Watson, Robert Webster, and Erika Wellman.

# **Spanish Brotherhood Day**

Oct. 1-The Washington Conference will be holding a Spanish Brotherhood Day at Kirkland School. This conference-wide event will be a great time of fellowship and prayer. Come Sabbath morning and plan to stay the entire day.

# **Family Recovery Retreat**

Oct. 14-16—The Washington Conference is holding a Regeneration



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Recovery Retreat. Come for a special call David Yeagley at (253) 681-6008 weekend of support, acceptance and confidentiality. This retreat will be held at Fort Flagler. Call Marjie Noll at (253) 681-6008 for registration costs and to pre-register.

# **Wealth Preservation Seminar**

Oct. 15-17—The Washington Conference will hold a wealth preservation seminar at the Edmonds Church. This special seminar features Paul Damazo, David A. Roth and David Duncan. Topics include; proper attitude toward accumulating wealth, essentials of retirement planning and effective tax and financial planning, to name a few. For registration costs and to pre-register, call (800) 732-7587.

# **Revelation Now**

Oct. 21—An evangelistic series of meetings with Jac and 'dena Colon will open in Bonney Lake at the Adventist Church at 11503 214th Ave. E., Bonney Lake, Wash., at 7:15 p.m. You are welcome to come and invite your friends and relatives.

# **Baptismal Retreat 2005**

Oct. 28-29—A retreat for families of children who made a commitment for baptism at camp last summer will be held at Sunset Lake Camp. This family-centered weekend is designed to help prepare each child for this important step. To register,

# Rocky Seminar

Exploring the various styles of attachment, developed in infancy and early childhood and how these styles lay the foundation of our relationships with others throughout our lives.

Oct. 29-30, 2005 College Place, Wash.

Register online at: www.comfortinghope.org For more information, call (509) 522-1438

ext. 2211.

# WORLD CHURCH

# **Health Summit West**

Oct. 5-10—Fourteen Train the Trainer health seminars (sponsored by the North American Division) will be taught by experts at the Holden Conference Center at the Gladstone Convention Center. For details and to register, contact *PlusLine* at (800) 732-7587 or www.plusline.org/events. Contact your local conference health ministry department for scholarship availability.

# **SAC Convention 2005**

Oct. 20-23—The Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) 2005 convention, themed "Give Them Something to Talk About," will be held at the Gladstone Park Conference Center, Gladstone, Ore. SAC is committed to networking Adventists in North America who work in the communication industry such as writers, editors, videographers, Web designers, producers and broadcasters, communication educators and students, illustrators, and many other fields. Don't miss the great schedule of professional-growth seminars, special interest group discussions on topics of mutual interest, plus the gala awards banquet. Presenters include: Terrence Bowen, Bowen's Web

Service, Piscataway, N.J.; Phil and Kathleen Cooke, Cooke Pictures, Santa Monica, Calif., president and vice president; Chip Dizard, Absolute Presence, Washington, D.C., and many others. Register for the convention at www. adventistcommunicator.org. You will find information on that Web site about accommodations.

# **Monterey Bay Aca**demy Class of 1956

In anticipation of our 50th class reunion in April of 2006, I am attempting to contact all living members of our class. Please contact Charlie Roesel at (541) 396-6191; cmax922@peoplepc.com; or 54289 Arago Fishtrap Road, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

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ı	Juneau	6:13	5:54	5:35	5:17					
ı	Ketchikan	6:06	5:48	5:32	5:16					
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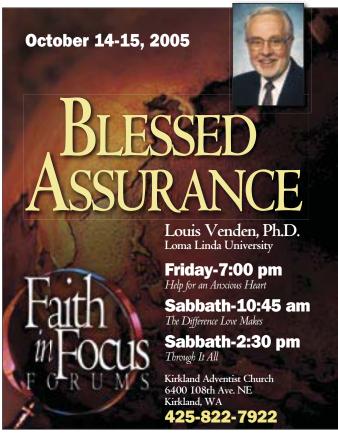
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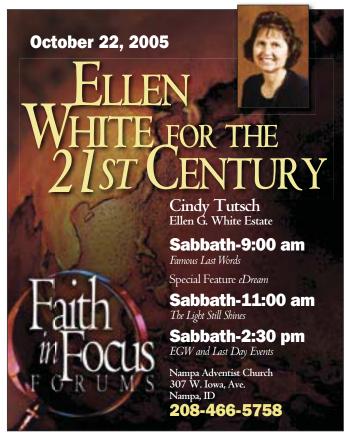
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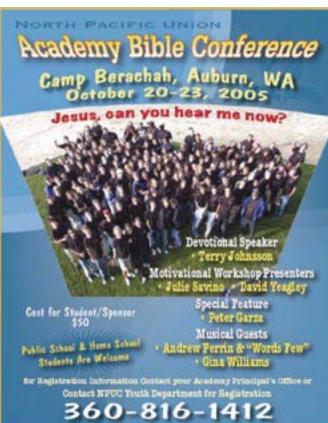
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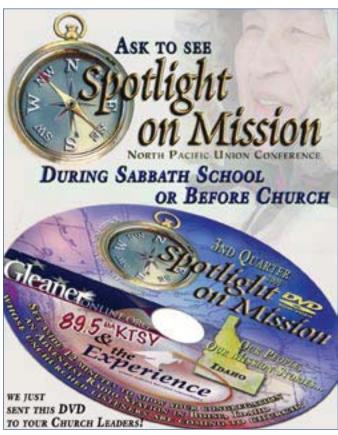
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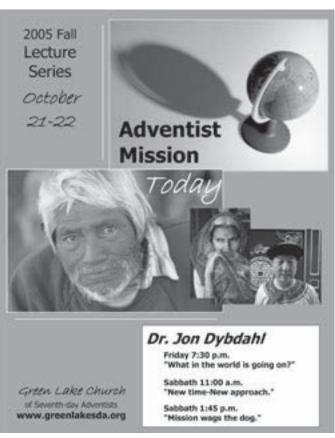
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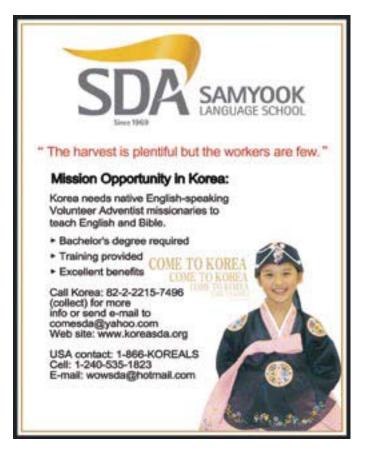
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