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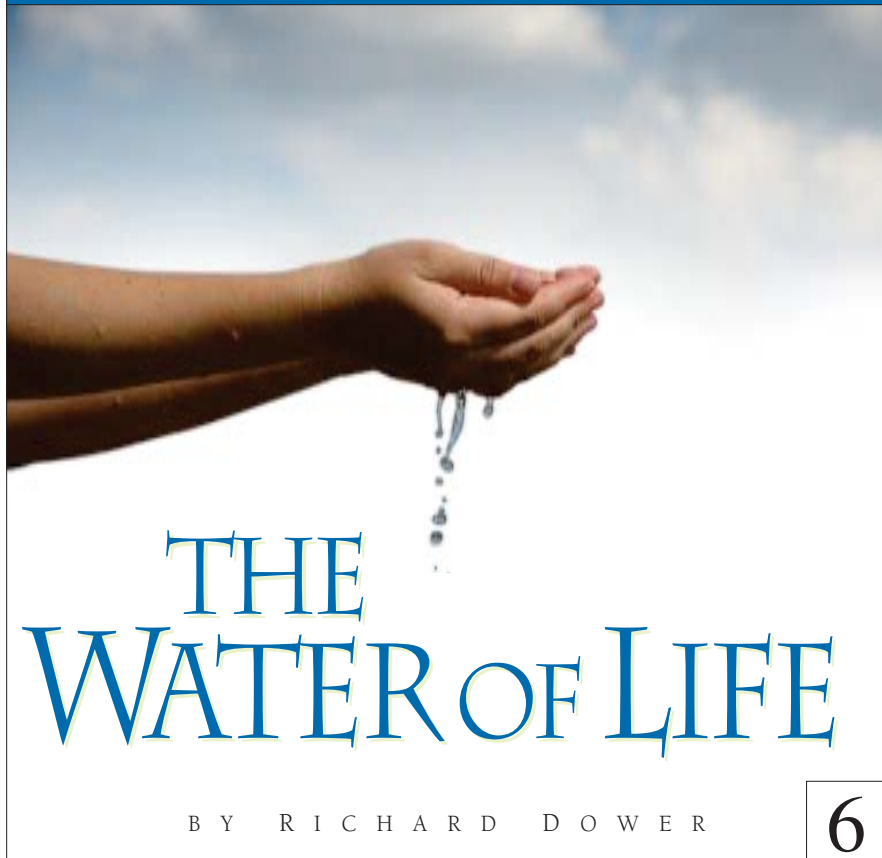
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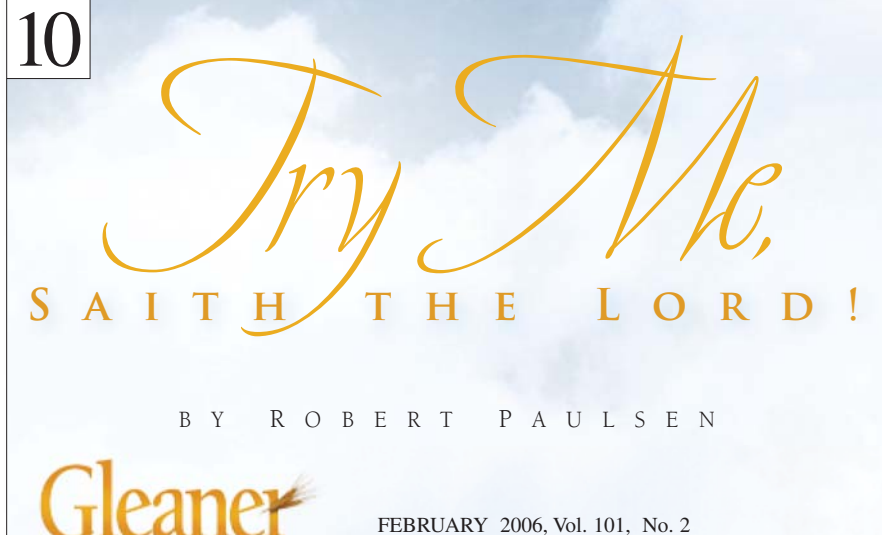
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W the innable War

BY JERE PATZER

One of the most familiar texts to Adventists in the entire Bible is Matthew 24:14, “*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all generations and then the end shall come.*”

Ron Watts, president of the Southern Asia Division, has an interesting take on this verse. He points out that the devil claims to be the ruler of this earth. Even Christ called him the “prince of this world” (John 14:30). Therefore, if any part of the world has not been given the opportunity to hear the message of salvation, Satan can still claim rulership of that area and Christ cannot return. God’s forces are fighting a war against the prince of darkness. This is indeed the great controversy. His stranglehold must be broken.

This is why it is so exciting to be involved in global missions. It is hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. There are casualties, there are losses. Occasionally we even lose some battles, but praise God the final victory is assured.

Winner Takes All

Currently it is obvious that the devil is desperate. Conversely, God’s forces are embedded worldwide and gaining ground in what was once non-contested territories totally under the control of the enemy. Areas of India, Africa, and the 10/40 Window had never even heard the name of Jesus. Now the arch enemy is on the run. But he will not accept defeat readily. He is resisting valiantly. And if he can distract, discourage, or disinterest God’s forces, he believes he may be successful or at least delay the inevitable. As you read in the *GLEANER* the inspiring first-hand accounts of victories gained by our troops, you will be blessed.

Some would question why we need to support missions with our physical presence. Wouldn’t it be best to take the money we spend on traveling expenses and send it to the mission fields? Ron Watts, who is experiencing the great controversy

first-hand in India, differs strongly with that philosophy.

Last year when we were in India with a number of our Northwest members, Watts drove 12 hours to thank us for coming. I asked him whether he would rather we just sent money. He emphatically replied, “No, it’s *you* we want!” While I don’t understand all the dynamics, there is a certain affinity toward Americans that many citizens of the world have. We are able to attract crowds of people, and the nationals are responding in unprecedented ways. And this is true not only in India but many places in the world.

Additionally, we receive a blessing. In fact most short-term missionaries will readily tell you that they are not sure who benefits more—those from America or the nationals who welcome us. Ellen White wrote: “The prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off” (*Gospel Workers*, pp. 465–6). By investing overseas, we strengthen the work here.

Spoils for the Victor

So this year, whether you’ve participated in a short-term mission experience or have never gone before, I’d encourage you to step out, do something outside your comfort zone. You can join the thousands of Northwest Adventists who are actively fighting the war. And if you can’t travel, then you can pray and support financially those who can. (For more information on just one of the initiatives, go to www.npuc.org/BoliviaHarvest2006.)

If you do become involved, you can claim the promise of Daniel 12:3, “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heaven and *those who lead many to righteousness like the stars for ever and ever.*”

Yes, this war is winnable, and victory is imminent. It’s almost time for the soldiers to start the victory celebration. •



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

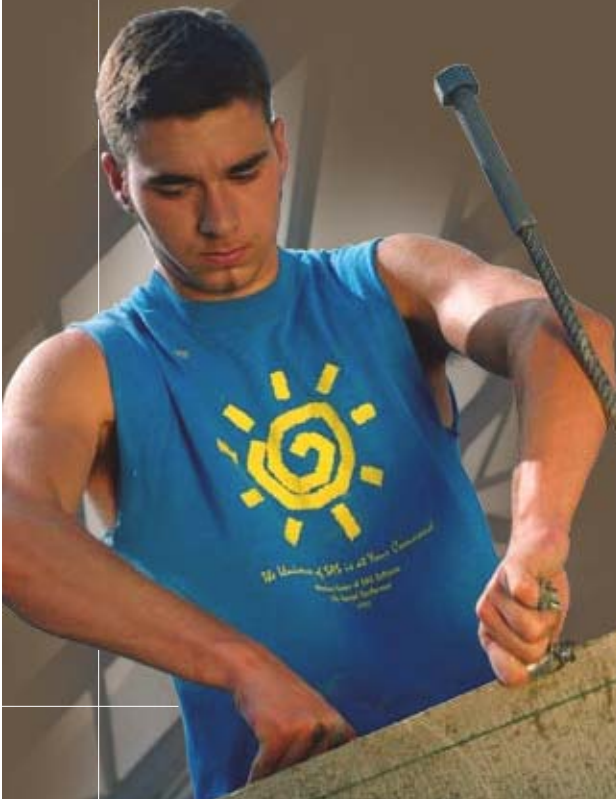
Did You Know?

M i s s i o n

Short-term Missions

Short-term mission trips provide opportunities for many people to make service a part of their lives. People may journey to countries outside the borders of North America or stay closer to their homes. These trips are often life-changing events for the travelers as well as the people who receive a new church or school, see a physician or are invited to accept the saving grace of Jesus.

The spirit of volunteerism is alive in the hearts of Northwest Adventists. Students from our schools go on trips as do members of our churches. Organizations such as SAGE and Maranatha Volunteers International sponsor many building and evangelistic journeys. Below is a sampling of how many volunteers traveled and where they went during 2005.



Maranatha Volunteers International

Approximately 3,000 volunteers from across North America went on various projects to Canada, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, India, Mexico, Peru and the United States.

SAGE

- 45 to Peru
- 50 to four week-long work bees at Sunset Lake Camp, Auburn Academy and Poulsbo Adventist School.

Walla Walla College

- 196 students served in Pohnapei, Thailand, Costa Rica, Denmark, India, Ecuador, Korea, Guatemala and Palau.

The following numbers are for students only:

Auburn Adventist Academy

- 18 to Philippines
- 57 to Peru
- 4 to Pohnapei
- 13 to Mississippi

Columbia Adventist Academy

- 20 to Appalachia
- 2 to Thailand
- 6 to Gamble/Savonga, Alaska
- 2 to Peru.

Gem State Academy

- 20 to Encinada, Mexico
- 13 to Waveland, Mississippi

Livingstone Adventist Academy

- 18 students and staff to Wapato Indian Reservation in Washington
- 2 to Peru

Milo Academy

- 40 to Acapulco, Mexico
- 49 to Bluefield, Nicaragua

Mt. Ellis Academy

- 35 to Guachochi, Mexico

Portland Adventist Academy

- 15 to Iquitos, Peru
- 4 to Thailand
- 4 to India
- 15 to Pipeline (Portland, Oregon)
- 10 to Holbrook Indian School
- 8 to Fiji (Nooequest)

Puget Sound Adventist Academy

- 34 to Waveland, Mississippi

Upper Columbia Academy

- 41 to Borneo
- 6 to El Salvador
- 5 to Africa

Walla Walla Valley Academy

- 6 to Guatemala
- 10 to Africa

Photos: Special thanks to Maranatha Volunteers International.

THE WATER OF

How one ministry changed a

Rod and Jennifer Bartholomew answer questions about the Guatemala well-drilling project during the 2005 ASI Spring Fellowship convention.



The thump-thump of the well drill could be heard all over the International Children's Care (ICC) campus. Sixty times a minute the heavy drill bit was lifted and dropped, slowly sinking a well deep into the limestone bedrock of Guatemala. After working steadily for about two weeks and reaching nearly 350 feet, they hit water—water that was clean and pure.

Within seven weeks during January and February 2005, four wells had been drilled with more than enough capacity to supply the needs of the 700 people who live on the campus.

Gary Bartholomew is a native of Spokane. He and his older brother Lynn grew up helping their father Daryl with his well-drilling company. Gary graduated from

Upper Columbia Academy, attended Walla Walla College, and finished a biology degree at Eastern Washington University. After his army service, he returned to Spokane to drill wells with his brother.

Today, instead of drilling wells, Gary has a pump system service company. Lynn owns Northwest Hydrofracturing, which uses a special process to increase the water flow in wells.

Gary and his wife Angie are members of the 140-member Countryside Church near Spokane, where Gary has been the head elder for many years and is a Sabbath School superintendent. Angie is a deaconess and works in the Sabbath School divisions. This church's members are mission-minded. In the 27 years of their existence, 75 members have been involved in 89 mission projects in 66 locations.

Twenty-one years ago, Gary and Angie adopted Rosita, a 6-year-old girl living at the ICC orphanage at Los Pinos (The Pines) in Guatemala. Then 10 years ago, Ottis Edwards, a



Gary Bartholomew installs and services pump systems in Spokane, Washington. He was inspired to use his knowledge to drill wells and install a water system for the ICC school and orphanage in Guatemala.

retired minister serving as assistant to the ICC president, called his brother Oliver, who lives in Granger, Washington, and is Angie's father, to go to the ICC campus to do some much-needed electrical work. Oliver

BY RICHARD DOWER

PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY ROD & JENNIFER BARTHOLOMEW

LIFE

generation.

invited Gary to go with him, and each winter since, Gary and Angie have been going down to do small jobs on the campus, like building furniture, putting in water and sewer lines, doing electrical work, and now drilling wells.

The idea for a well-drilling ministry began several years ago when Gary and Ira Nation, ICC project manager for the *Instituto de Capacitacion Adventista del Peten* (ICAP), an Adventist secondary vocational school operated by ICC, met and prayed together in Guatemala City. At that time he began to realize the tremendous need for clean water but did not know how it would become a reality for the ICC campus. His family began to raise funds to hire a local well driller to drill on the campus. That well took several months to drill, never provided clean water, and is now abandoned.

The Bartholomews decided that since they had well-drilling experience, they would drill the wells for the orphanage themselves. When that task was completed, they expanded their idea to include drilling wells for



Pure clean water for the orphanage and school at Los Pinos in Guatemala is all the reward necessary for the well drillers.



Loaded on a low-boy trailer, the donated well-drilling rig along with tools and supplies begins the long journey. Many instances of divine intervention accompanied its safe arrival at Los Pinos, Guatemala.



Happy to help, students from ICAP haul the 20-foot, 460-pound well casings to the well-drilling site.

God wants his people to share what they have learned in a practical way.

the villages around Los Pinos as an outreach. So in 2004, they began to gather the supplies they would need to take with them to Guatemala, while ICC played “banker” for their fundraising.

They found a cable tool drill rig for sale in Idaho that included all the tools they would need. It was a simple machine they could repair themselves, and, besides, they had used one like it for years. This rig has finally been purchased and is waiting to ship to Guatemala. With many other drillers interested in the project, this rig will double the output of each winter’s efforts.

The Bartholomew family used their trade organization’s newsletter to raise funds and solicit equipment from friends and Northwest well-drilling associations, and soon donations of equipment began arriving.

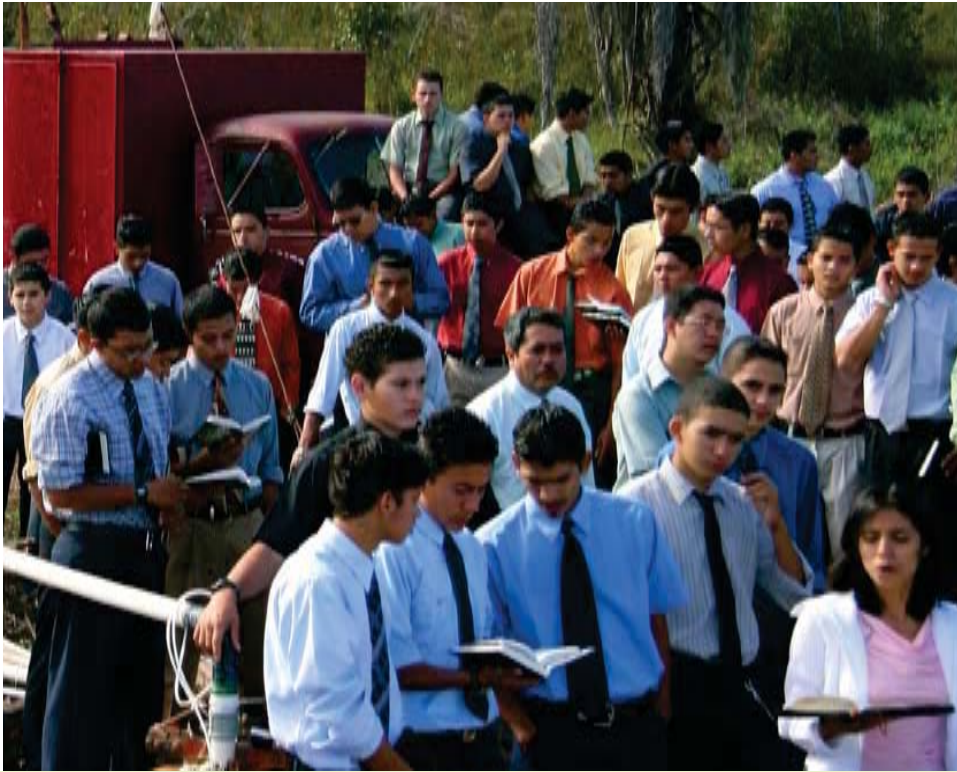
These trade-organization newsletters piqued the interest of the Stadel family, a large, well-known Mennonite well-drilling family in Silverton, Oregon, and Gary took an interesting call at 10:30 one Friday night. “Hi, this is Dan Stadel,” the voice said. “Could you use a Bucyrus Erie, 22-W cable tool rig for your project?” Gary said they would be happy to have it.

The story of how the heavy well-drilling rig and the accompanying equipment was able to go from the Northwest to Guatemala is a story of one miracle after another and the intervention of the hand of God. Money and people showed up just when they were needed to take the next step, and the rig got to Los Pinos the day before the Bartholomew crew arrived to start the drilling project. The drilling began on time.

When the well had been completed, a list of items needed to hook it to the water system was made for Berny Leonardo, ICAP financial director, to pick up on his next eight-hour trip to Guatemala City, which was still two weeks away.

That day, Gary and Angie’s son Rod and his wife Jennifer cleaned up a storage area where the parts and equipment were stored. As they did, they discovered they had every item on the list.

Immediately they started hooking up the new well and were almost finished by supper time. During supper, Bernie came and said that the transformer that supplied electricity to pump water from the river had failed, and there was no water! “When will the pumps [for the well] be hooked up?” he asked.



Students and faculty from ICAP visited the well site on Sabbath morning to dedicate the first two wells and to give thanks for the clean water they produced.



Beginning to drill a well, Glen Frachiseur, a well driller from Priest River, Idaho, steadies the drill as Rod Bartholomew operates the rig.

Rod replied that it was all hooked up, and all that was left to do was to turn on the switch. "I think the angels kept those old transformers running until they were no longer needed," he says.

Gary says that going on mission trips has brought a new dynamic into his personal and church life. "When in the life of a church, business as usual goes on and on, the church hits a plateau. Missions breathe new life into a church," he says. Why does he do all this? "It reboots my computer."

"We see destitute millions down there," he continues. "While we eat lunch, 14,000 people around the world die from the lack of or from contaminated water, and beyond that, people need the Water of Life."

Gary is a hands-on kind of guy who wants to minister in a

practical way more than from the pulpit. "God wants his people to share what they have learned in a practical way," he says. "Something happens when we put into practice all the things we have learned."

The Bartholomew family goes to Guatemala in January and February because it is a slow time in their business. Although Gary and Angie were gone for seven weeks in 2005, they have never had higher sales in the first quarter of any year. "The Lord continues to bless in ways like that," Gary explains. "Miracle after miracle, God gives a custom miracle to share with anyone who asks about the project."

Thanks to their willingness to use their skills in a unique setting, the Bartholomews have inspired increasing interest in ministering to the Los Pinos

area. During this winter of 2006, Gary and Angie and eight other members of their mission-minded church are drilling a well in a village near Los Pinos, holding evangelistic meetings in that village, and building two concrete water reservoirs on the campus. In

March, the Upper Columbia Conference youth department will follow up by sponsoring a trip to build a church in that same village. •

Richard Dower, Gleaner editor, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

These heavy bits are lifted and dropped about 60 times a minute to drill a well.



Try Me, S A I T H T H E L O R D !

BY ROBERT PAULSEN

I remember well the very first time I attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 12. My mother had been given a copy of the *Signs of the Times* magazine by a colporteur who told her about the little Adventist Church in Orting, Washington.

It wasn't long before I went to junior camp, then church school in Puyallup for eighth grade, and on to Auburn Academy. I soon became aware of the extensive outreach of our church and how it extended around the world. I think back to that first time in the little Orting Church, and I am amazed that we don't take more offerings.

I don't know when I first became aware of the tithe and offering plan that the Lord had instigated, but I know it was early in my Christian experience, because by the time I was married at 19, my wife Carol and I determined that we would pay tithe on all we made, plus a percentage of our income for church expense. We gave to all the other needs of the church as the Lord continued to bless.

As our children grew up, we tried to teach them the same principles. They listened and



Bob and Carol Paulsen taught their children, from left: (front) Dawn and Diane, (back) Doug and Dean, the blessings of being faithful in their tithe and offerings.

followed the same plan. Our family has been blessed above and beyond anything we could have imagined.

Early in my married life, I worked as a commissioned salesman, which meant if I didn't sell any product, I didn't get paid. I became fairly good at sales, but many times I was tested as I got near the weekend and hadn't closed a deal. The Lord would bless as I went out on my appointments Thursday evening, and I would sell one or two nice jobs.

I remember clearly one Thursday evening I had not sold anything for the week, and we had bills that were due. Carol said, "I think I'll go with you tonight." I had three appointments, and as I came back to the car after each appointment, I wouldn't say anything to her whether I had sold a job or not. After the last appointment, she said, "You sold all three jobs, didn't you?" I smiled at her and asked, "Yes, how did you know?" She answered, "Because I was praying."

In the early 70s, we started a little business called Action Awning Company. We sold patio covers, deck, carport and window awnings. I always said I felt like Paul—I was in the tent and awning business.

Operating your own business is not always a bed of roses, but we continued the plan God set forth in the Scriptures about being faithful in our tithes and offerings.

In the early 80s, I started going overseas one or two

times a year for short-term mission service, helping to build schools, churches and orphanages in several countries. Being gone so much takes a toll on a small business, but the Lord always comes through with extra business just before I leave for overseas. Sometimes the jobs that come in at the last minute are the largest of the year.

I have seen over and over the promises in Malachi 3:10 fulfilled. God has opened the storehouse of heaven and poured out a blessing larger than we could receive. If you haven't done so yet, try Him this year. •

Robert Paulsen, a business owner and ASI member, writes from Milton, Washington.



At the beginning of their marriage, Bob and Carol Paulsen determined to be faithful tithe payers.



H a r r y O r c h a r d
AN ASSASSIN WHO FOUND GOD
BY DOUG JOHNSON

Tucked away in the mountains of northern Idaho is a beautiful valley that hid for many years one of the richest silver deposits in the world. In the mid-1880s, gold miners discovered this bonanza and the Coeur d'Alene River valley was transformed into a major mining district.

Around the turn of the century, frustrated miners in this area hijacked a Northern Pacific train and traveled to the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines. Here they burned and blew up buildings and equipment worth half a million dollars. Eventually Frank Steunenberg, the governor of Idaho, sent in federal troops who put the out-of-control miners in a temporary prison. This action stabilized the situation but enraged the lawless miners who had counted on the governor, who had won re-election with backing from labor, to ignore their violent behavior.

In 1901, Frank Steunenberg, who had served as governor of Idaho for two terms, returned to his banking business in Caldwell, Idaho. Three years later his wife, Belle, left the popular Presbyterian Church, where she had been one of the founders, and joined the small, recently started Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1905, Harry Orchard, a brutal miner who had ties with the miners' union, attached a bomb to the gate of the Steunenberg's home. When Frank opened the gate, the bomb exploded and the ex-governor was killed. Carlos Schwantes, author of *In Mountain Shadows: A History of Idaho*, suggests that the trial that followed was "the most sensational trial in Pacific Northwest history."

The trial captured the nation's attention and involved two of the most talented and well-known attorneys in America. In the trial Harry Orchard claimed that top leaders of the miners' union hired him to kill Steunenberg as payback for sending in federal troops in the Coeur d'Alene mining district.

The jury acquitted the union leaders but sentenced the man who killed the former governor to hang. In time, Harry's punishment was reduced to life in prison.

In later years, Harry wrote an autobiography with help from LeRoy Froom. In this book he tells an interesting incident that took place on the day he was sentenced to hang. He wrote,

"Julian Steunenberg, son of the former governor whom I had murdered, asked Warden Whitney if he might see me a minute The warden came in and told me of the request and also said that young Steunenberg had a package in his pocket that looked like a gun. He suggested that perhaps I had better not see him. After a moment's thought, I told the warden that I felt I should see him, and that if he wanted to kill me, I guess, from a human standpoint, he had a right to do so.

"He (Julian) came up to me and put out his hand, which I took reluctantly, as I felt that I was too much a moral leper to shake hands with him. His 'gun' proved to be a roll of papers and tracts which he said his mother—the wife of the man I had assassinated—had sent to me with the request that I read them and turn to God for forgiveness and the salvation of my soul."

Belle Steunenberg began sending letters and books to Harry in prison. In 1909, she asked Harry if she could visit him. He wrote back and said, "I am so unworthy and overcome with grief when I think of meeting you face to face." In time Harry did visit with Belle. Eventually Harry accepted the Lord and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. •

Doug R. Johnson, Upper Columbia Conference executive secretary, writes from Spokane, Washington.

Fresh Start

Go out Like a Light

Recently, I saw a clip from the movie, “About Schmidt.” Although I haven’t seen the movie and can’t endorse it, I understand that Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a man leading a life of quiet desperation. He retired as vice president of an insurance company, but as he reflects on his life, he is plagued by the realization that it has been meaningless.

Then Warren sponsors a 6-year-old orphan named Ndugu in Tanzania. He faithfully sends letters along with \$22 a month. In his letters Warren shares his inner angst:

“I know we’re all pretty small in the scheme of things, and I guess the best you can hope for is to make some kind of difference. What difference have I made? What in the world is better because of me? I am weak, and I am a failure. There’s just no getting around it. Real soon I will die. Maybe 20 years—maybe tomorrow—it doesn’t matter. Once I am dead and everyone who knew me dies, it is as though I never existed. What difference has my life made to anyone? None that I can think of.

“Hope things are fine with you.

“Yours truly, Warren Schmidt.”

The movie ends with a scene of Warren coming home to an empty house—an apt metaphor for his empty life. He enters his home with an armload of

junk mail. Then he spots a letter from the orphanage.

It’s from a nun who works where Ndugu lives. She explains that Ndugu cannot read or write but that he thinks of Warren every day and hopes he is happy. Enclosed is a picture drawn by Ndugu for Warren—two stick people smiling and holding hands. Warren is overcome with emotion as he realizes that he has indeed made a difference.

Warren is no different than you or me, is he? Deep within every human spirit is a desire to make a difference. God created us with this soul hunger for purpose. He wired every child with a desire to impact the world. Then Jesus came to this earth and challenged us to live on purpose when He said, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

I like Malcolm Muggeridge’s take on the text:

“‘I am the light of the world,’ the founder of the Christian religion said. What a stupendous phrase! And how particularly marvelous today, when one is conscious of so much darkness in the world! ‘Let your light shine before men,’ he exhorted us. You know, sometimes ... someone asks me what I most want, what I should most like to do in the little that remains of my life, and I always nowadays truthfully answer—and it is truthful—I should like my light to shine, even if only very fitfully, like a match struck in a dark, cavernous night and then flickering out.’”*

In a world full of shadows, sometimes it is difficult to believe that we can make a difference. Our lights can seem small compared to the overwhelming darkness that engulfs us: terrorism, abortions, carjacking, graffiti, date rape, deadbeat dads, crack cocaine ... But take heart; in a thousand dim arenas of need around the world, the light still shines in the darkness—and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

So go, and do the light thing. •

* Muggeridge, M. (1969). *Jesus rediscovered*. New York: Doubleday.

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



Northwest Members Give \$269,000 for Katrina Relief

Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our minds to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others. —Barbara Bush

Trouble brings out the worst in some people, and the best in others. Last year's hurricane and flood disasters in the southern states brought out the best in Northwest Adventist members. While images of the mounting damage flooded the media, many Northwest Adventists heeded Barbara Bush's advice and got busy.

In the first wave of offerings specifically for the hurricane disaster relief, Northwest members dug deep, contributing more than \$216,000 through their local churches. And that's not all.

During the special NPUC-wide Nov. 26 offering to aid in rebuilding churches and schools, Northwest Adventists gave an additional \$53,000. Much more may actually have been given, for these figures do not include donations given directly to relief organizations or via the Internet.

Adventist Community Services leaders such as NPUC ACS director, Dennis Olsen, and Oregon's Marilyn Renk, organized on-site relief efforts. Adventist educators and their students also mobilized to help where possible.

Northwest Adventists have often led the way in giving both time and money to worldwide missions. That same spirit was evident as members throughout our local churches recognized these

domestic disasters as another kind of "mission" and rose to the challenge.

Challenges still exist for our friends in the South, and we do not yet know what other events 2006 will bring. We do know God promises when we give, "it shall be given, pressed down and running over." And, somehow, in the process of giving, growth happens. As Ellen White said, "The only way to grow in grace is to do the very work Christ has enjoined upon us to do—interestingly engaged to the very extent of our ability to be helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them" (*My Life Today*, p. 103). •

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication

Dear Northwest Members:

I want to personally tell you how much I appreciate your unselfish response to the recent disasters faced by our brothers and sisters in the South.

I am convinced that God has given us in the Northwest material blessings that we can share with those in need here in the United States and overseas. As I like to say, "We have been led to lead, fed to feed, and blessed to be a blessing."

So again, I say "thank you" on behalf of those who may not have that opportunity until we meet in heaven.

Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
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Southwestern Union

Dear Dr. Patzer:

On behalf of the Arkansas-Louisiana and the Southwest Region conferences, I want to thank you for the very generous offerings your members have given to assist with the impact of hurricane Katrina. When a disaster such as Katrina strikes, we are indeed blessed to be a part of a church family that comes together and helps those who have suffered great losses.

We appreciate the initiative that you and your fellow officers took in asking your members to support the churches and members affected by the storm. The response has been overwhelming, and we wish we could thank each donor personally. Please express our sincere thanks and appreciation to your members who gave so generously.

May the Lord bless all of you and reward you for your giving.

Sincerely,

Max Trevino
Southwestern Union Conference president

Arctic Missions Adventure Update

Annual Northwest Alaska Missions Offering: Northwest members gave more than \$33,000 for the Alaska Conference mission outreach to the native villages. Praise God for the blessing of God through His people. These offerings have helped to support the salaries of church school teachers and the high cost of outreach in the Alaska native villages.

Togiak Church: This year due to the blessing of God we plan to invest in the long-hoped-for Togiak multi-purpose building project. The proposed building in Togiak will house a worship center, living quarters, and children's ministry space. Funds will be added to the \$44,000 in hand for the \$100,000 cost of this project. The materials must be ordered in February for delivery by ocean barge to Togiak by early June.

The frame-up is scheduled for July 25 to Aug. 25.

The Goal: To create a vibrant ministry in a number of Alaskan villages by volunteers who are trained in native culture and who are committed to making an eternal difference.

Want to help? Contact Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference, 6100 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507; (907) 346-1004; www.alaskaconference.org. •

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary

The Togiak Adventist Church, founding on the tundra, is slated for replacement this summer. Togiak is one of the targets for Alaska's Arctic Mission Adventure effort to re-establish an active presence in a number of native Alaskan villages.



Ross Prevo

AJA Presents "Storybook of Jesus" Christmas Program

Anchorage Junior Academy broke from their traditional Christmas program and presented a walk-through "Storybook of Jesus" in eight chapters. As family and friends lined up in the entrance eager to begin, little angels made last-minute trips to the restroom, the drummer boy announced he'd already been standing there for 18 hours, and Mary's head piece slipped again.

Students guided guests through the eight "chapters," including the angel's announcement to Mary, the stable scene, shepherds and wise men, boy Jesus in the carpenter shop, the crucifixion and the resurrection. The characters in each scene were portrayed by students from grades K-2. Each chapter began with a proclaimer holding a scroll who spoke the story lines. The chapters, or scenes, were set up in the hall and the assembly room.

Guests were then invited into the gym where the choir and hand chimes, under the direction of Linda Porter,

and piano students of Janelle Dixon, provided Christmas music as pictures of school life were projected on the wall.



Kodi Browning played the part of Jesus as a boy in the carpentry shop.

Home and School provided hot drinks and cookies. The volunteer efforts of many people made this unique program possible.

"The program was wonderfully received by the community. We anticipate this program growing and becoming a family tradition for our community," stated Ruth Farnsworth, AJA principal. •

Jeanie Kriegelstein, AJA teacher

Knitting Frenzy

Students in grades six to eight at Anchorage Junior Academy began knitting hats on looms to give to the children at

Kid's Kitchen during the Christmas season. Yarn donations, and some hats made by younger students, enabled the AJA students to personally distribute 101 hats to the needy children at Kids' Kitchen.

Kids' Kitchen, a program providing free suppers for

children in a community recreation center in Anchorage, is completely dependent on community donations. •

Jeanie Kriegelstein

Sam Dobbins shares his knitting technique with Jordan Ness.



Honoring Thelma Clark



Thelma Clark, 87, was recently honored by the Vale (Oregon) Adventist Church as she retired from 54 continuous years as church clerk. She was presented with a special plaque made for the occasion.

Thelma came to the Vale area with her parents at about age 20 in 1938. They lived between Vale and Ontario at that time. In 1941, she married Robert Clark, and the couple raised cows and sold milk. In 1947, they moved to a farm west of Vale

where they established the Clark Dairy, which they operated until after Robert's death. Thelma still resides in her home, which she shares with her daughter Elsie and son Roger. Another daughter, Lillian Thompson, lives just down the road.

Thelma is a charter member of the Vale Church, organized in 1938, which she still attends faithfully. •

Sylvia M. Ellis, Vale Church communication leader

Thelma Clark, 87, of Vale, Ore., is presented with a special plaque by Vern Pritchard in recognition of her 54 years of continuous service as the Vale Church clerk.

Youth Conference Inspires Students for the New Year

In the few final days of 2005, I had the opportunity to meet with youth my age at the 4th annual General Youth Conference (GYC), held in Chattanooga, Tenn. While enjoying lectures and workshops from various authors and evangelistic speakers such as Mark Finley, Samuel Pipim, and C.D. Brooks, I learned many new and exciting things about Jesus Christ. I learned that in any situation Jesus has a thousand ways out, and all you have to do is put your trust in Him to provide for you and lift you up in your darkest hours.

The GYC has impacted my life in an awesome way. It has helped me see my need for personal devotions with Jesus each day and has put a desire in me to spread the Word of God to my peers, my teachers, and my church family.

During my time at the conference, I was able to attend workshops held by Samuel Pipim, called "Faithful unto Death." Pipim brought up key issues important in our society regarding the topic of ethics and spirituality. Ethics and spirituality are dependent on each other. They are the legs of holiness, and without one we are crippled as Christians.

On Sabbath, approximately 2,000 attendees went out to the homes of Chattanooga and knocked on more than 9,000 doors, offering free Bible studies. By the end of the day, almost 900 households signed up for the Bible studies to be mailed to their homes. One experience that impacted me was seeing how many people wanted to know more about Jesus as their personal savior. Out of the seven doors



Gem State Adventist Academy students Jazmine Martin and Jessie Michel talk with Mark Finley, General Conference vice president for evangelism.

that I knocked on, all seven households said that they would love to receive Bible studies.

Hearing the talks given by Mark Finley, C.D. Brooks and others challenged me

to trust in God for strength and guidance in my personal ministry. •

Jessie Michel, GSAA senior

Now He Walks with the Lord *Gospel Concert Leads to Baptism*



When Connie Batiuk became good friends with Jeff Strait, she tried to think of a good way to introduce him to her church, the Stevensville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since the first Sabbath of each month Stevensville has an evening concert, and since Strait likes

Jeff Strait was introduced to the Stevensville Adventist Church by member Connie Batiuk.

music, she thought a concert could be just the perfect first step.

Strait loved the concert and felt very much at home in the church with the other concert goers. When the idea of having a cowboy camp meeting at Stevensville began to unfold, he stepped right in and helped with the advertising and the logistics. He greatly contributed to the success of the camp meeting.

As the summer wore on, Strait began studying with Barry Curtis, Stevensville Church pastor, and Ken Reiber, church elder, before prayer

meeting each Wednesday evening. On one such evening in October, Strait met Reiber at the door with a blank baptismal certificate in his hand and said, "Ken, I'm ready."

During his baptism, Pastor Curtis read from Col. 2:12, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Strait was truly buried and raised to new life and now walks with his Lord. •

Virginia L. Davis, Stevensville Church communication leader

Mountain View *Students Host Dinner*

The students of Mountain View Adventist School in Missoula hosted the second annual Senior's Banquet in honor of the older, wiser members of our church. We were also privileged to have some of the students' grandparents attend.

Students' parents donated the food, which was then prepared by Jennifer Crider, Home and School leader, and Anita Knapp. The students

set up tables, provided entertainment with poems and memory verses, and cleaned up afterward.

Having the time to sit down together and get to know each other better was a real blessing. Due to the joy it brings to all involved, this is a tradition we intend to keep going for a long time. •

Marty Knapp, Mountain View Elementary School principal

Pastor *Appreciation*

Members of the Lewistown congregation had a pastor appreciation presentation for the pastoral family on Sabbath, Oct. 16, 2005. Karl Johnson, church elder, presented Elmer, Marie, Naomi and Hannah Dow with a handmade card, depicting the church building, and gift certificates for the Adventist Book Center and a family portrait by a local studio. •

Penny Horan, Lewistown Church communication leader



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Ron and Marta Davis are station managers of Better Life Television "Project Oregon," which will uplink conference-oriented programming.

Project Oregon

"Is there anything KBLN Better Life Television can do that 3ABN can't?" This question came to me on Sept. 2, 2005, while I was praying about the future of KBLN and considering what to do next. We had accomplished our goal to broadcast the gospel into seven southern Oregon and two northern California counties. "Where do we go from here?" I prayed.

Recently, with Oregon Conference support, KBLN developed and aired a 32-episode series by Seminars Unlimited with Willard Regester, evangelist. Churches delivered the lessons to more than 400 people. The project was a significant success. "We want to do this again," stated Tom Lemon, Oregon Conference ministerial and evangelism director.

We can do something 3ABN can't.

KBLN could develop specific conference-oriented programming to broadcast throughout the conference. Advancing "Project Oregon" would require visits with Danny Shelton of 3ABN and Tom Lemon. Meetings occurred in mid October 2005, with very favorable results.

"Project Oregon" will uplink to satellite and establish downlinks throughout the Oregon Conference to broadcast 3ABN and KBLN conference-oriented programming.

Many doors need to be opened, and much help is required before this can happen, but we know that God is in control. "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Brothers and sisters, pray for us" (1 Thes. 5:24, 25).

My wife, Marta, and I joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1998 after watching KBLN. We know firsthand the effectiveness of the excellent 3ABN and KBLN programming and are now station managers of KBLN Better Life Television in Grants Pass. If you would like to help with "Project Oregon," please contact Ron Davis at (541) 474-3089 or rondavis@betterlifetv.tv.

KBLN Better Life Television, a Three Angels Broadcasting Network affiliate since 1990, has a network of 19 transmitters broadcasting into nine southern Oregon and northern California counties on UHF channels, as well as cable and satellite providers. View our local programs at www.betterlifetv.tv.

Ron Davis, KBLN station manager

Light Bearers Ministry Celebrates Groundbreaking

Light Bearers Ministry, currently based in Malo, Wash., broke ground on Nov. 8, 2005, for their new headquarters in Jasper, Ore. "We've outgrown our present location," says Ty Gibson, co-director/speaker.

After conducting a national search for property, Gibson says they chose Jasper primarily because of its location. "Where we presently live, we have trouble filling key positions." In addition to providing an

increased population base from which to draw employees, the Jasper property sits near the I-5 corridor, allowing for easier and more economical shipping access. The new facility is expected to be completed in early spring of 2006.

For more information about Light Bearers Ministry, visit www.LBM.org.

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director



Amy L. Schrader

A small group gathered in Jasper, Ore., to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Light Bearers Ministry headquarters.

LEGAL NOTICE

Oregon Conference Special Constituency Session

Notice is hereby given by the Oregon Conference Executive Committee that a special constituency session of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Holden Convention Center at Gladstone Park. The session will begin at 10 o'clock a.m., Sunday, April 2, 2006. This session is called for the purpose of reviewing plans and costs of constructing a new conference office and bookstore on the Gladstone Park property and revising the construction cap placed on this project at the regular constituency session in 2001. All church-appointed delegates from the regular session on Sept. 18, 2005, will be delegates to this session. Notification will be given to all individuals serving as delegates because of office or employment.

Don Livesay, president
Al Reimche, vice president/administration

A Different Kind of Christmas

The theme chosen by the students and their teacher at The Dalles Adventist School was “A Different Kind of Christmas.” But when they chose the theme, they didn’t realize how different it would become! The theme encompassed their Christmas program, their party, and reached into the community. It all began with weeks of practice on Christmas chime music and their Christmas play.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 10, the students presented their program to their church family. It started with both chime choirs presenting carols like “Silent Night,” “What Child Is This?,” and “I Wonder As I Wander.” This was followed by the presentation of the play, “A Different Kind of Christmas,” written and directed by their teacher, Patricia Perry.

In the play, the idea was created to reach out to others



The Dalles Adventist School children play a chime concert at the K-Mart store during their celebration of “A Different Kind of Christmas.”

rather than just buying for ourselves. The program closed with three of the young ladies presenting the stories of three real ladies who escaped the genocide in Rwanda 10 years ago. They dressed in costume and told their true story, while an actual picture of the lady was projected on the screen

behind them. The audience was then invited to give an offering to help feed these people. We were delighted that the offering amounted to \$250, which has been turned into the ADRA matching funds to net \$1,750.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, was our party day, and the theme continued as we started out

the day playing a 45-minute concert at K-Mart. This was followed by a shopping spree in the store for 14 names we had received from the Angel Giving Tree. Then we returned to the school to wrap the presents, have our Christmas lunch, and be on the downtown streets by 1 p.m. to sing Christmas carols in front of the businesses and give out almost 100 candy canes with a Christmas message attached.

Tired but happy students arrived at school Thursday morning to discover that we had received a last-minute invitation to play our chimes at the local public high school Christmas program that very evening. It turned out to be a wonderful adventure, and we pray that it was a blessing to those who heard us play. •

Patricia Perry, The Dalles Adventist School head teacher

Christmas Shoe Boxes



Susan Manuel and Karen Williams finish the gifts by adding the Christmas ribbons and bows.

We had a wonderful sharing and giving time wrapping presents for the kids of all 70 Share House residents. Share House provides shelter, food and emergency services through a network of four shelters in Clark County, Wash. The following Tuesday, one of the volunteers at Share House came out to our house, and all of the gifts were loaded into his SUV. He couldn’t believe the huge number of gifts we had wrapped with the child’s name and age on each one.

We sent 30 Oasis Christian Center mugs with candy and candy canes along with the Christmas gifts and toys. Susan Oberst, the Share House volunteer coordinator, took the Christmas gifts to the Elks Lodge where the Elks were sponsoring a Christmas party

for the Share House residents, and where “Santa” would be delivering the Christmas gifts.

Another business in downtown Vancouver helped out by sponsoring some gifts for the needy in our community. Oasis also sponsored a family in Vancouver—a mother and her four children; boys age 2 months and 3 1/2 years, and girls ages 8 and 9. The baby is sick and was in need of a vaporizer and some baby clothes. All the children received Christmas gifts, and the family received four free meal certificates to Sweet Tomatoes restaurant. What a great way to show God’s love in a practical way by sharing and giving his love to others. •

Glennette Miller, Oasis Church community outreach leader

How God Used Cockroaches

Marilyn Atteberry had a problem. She had never had a problem like this before. She was so embarrassed and frustrated. She had awful cockroaches in her house! She called several pest-control companies with no success. Finally she dialed the last company in the phone book, and, much to her relief, the man agreed to come. When Mark Atwood arrived at the house, he sprayed the first treatment for roaches, for which Marilyn was grateful. Then he explained her home would need more treatments.

Atteberry will never forget the look on Atwood's face when she told him she didn't want a Saturday appointment, because Saturday was her Sabbath. He told her that wouldn't be a problem since they were Sabbath keepers too.

Now it just happened that Atteberry's home was a

participating site for Doug Batchelor's Prophecy Code Home Fellowship Seminar. At this point it seemed natural for Atteberry to invite Atwood and his family to the seminar in her home. Since the evening seminar would interfere with the bedtime of their five children, Atwood usually brought two of the older children, and his wife, Carol, stayed home with the younger ones. Once or twice the whole family came. When Carol and the other children saw the seminar, they were as excited by the clear presentations of Bible truth as Mark was.

The first Sabbath the Atwood family showed up at church, Atteberry whispered, "There they are," as she fairly flew over to hug the family and introduce them to us. Mark and Carol and their oldest daughter, Sierra, have officially joined our church. They are a blessing. The



The Atwood family was introduced to the Adventist Church by Marilyn Atteberry (right), who called on Mark Atwood to rid her house of cockroaches.

whole family has adopted Atteberry as a grandma.

And now when Atteberry reflects about the horrors of having dreaded cockroaches, she just smiles through tears of joy, because God used cockroaches to bring a lovely family of seven precious people into fellowship with

our church family. She even praises the Lord for those awful cockroaches! •

Bernice Guptill, Cave Junction Church member

Les Zollbrecht Ordained

The chapel at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) was filled to overflowing on Sabbath, Nov. 19, 2005, as Les Zollbrecht was ordained to gospel ministry. "This is a recognition of what God has already done in Les' life," said Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president. "We're saying, 'yeah, we can see it too!'"

"Les has grown up with the knowledge that he is a citizen of the kingdom," Pastor Henry Zollbrecht said as he presented his son as a candidate for ordination. "In his

ministry for Christ, he wants it to be enjoyable."

During the service, parent after parent and student after student stood to confirm Zollbrecht's ministry as the chaplain and a Bible teacher at PAA. They spoke of his enthusiasm for life, his compassion for others, and his commitment to Christ. "If you spend just five minutes with Les," said Tyson Haynes, a PAA graduate, "your life is that much better." •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director



Amy L. Schrader

Marschelle & Les Zollbrecht

“Prophecy Fulfilled”

Russian Evangelism in Portland

The Russian Group in Portland hosted a three-week evangelistic campaign from Nov. 12 to Dec. 3, 2005, at the Lents Adventist Church’s activity center that featured Kasap Gennadiy, a pastor visiting from Russia, as the main speaker. The meetings included door prizes, health talks, Bible study, and multi-media presentations to accompany Gennadiy’s messages each evening.

On opening night, it was clear that the Russian community is very interested in Bible prophecy: A total of 235 people attended, including 145 non-Adventists. “Every evening we had new people,” says Alexander Sidorenko, Tabernacle Adventist Church/Russian Group pastor, “about



Alexander Sidorenko, Tabernacle Church/Russian Group pastor, warmly welcomed participants each evening.

500 people heard the message in three weeks. People were talking to their relatives, and they came to listen.”

By the end of the meetings, many came to know Christ as their Friend and Savior. “We have a few positive responses

to baptism,” says Sidorenko, “and for them we are creating a baptismal class.” In addition, Sidorenko has continued follow-up meetings twice a week about the book of Revelation. “Our members are very helpful and supportive,” adds Sidorenko, “and are excited to continue these meetings.”

The Russian Group meets at the Tabernacle Church (26 S.W. Condor Way, Portland, Ore.) Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sabbaths at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, contact Sidorenko at (503) 223-0623 or alexts94@hotmail.com. •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

Saying YES! to Dreams

Dear YES Council,

Thank you very much for the funds you provided for our education here That helped me a lot, as my family struggles financially at the moment. I really appreciate that. May the Lord richly bless you!

A Grateful Academy Student

Thirty-three years ago, the Oregon Conference recognized the need for financial assistance for secondary students. A special account for students lacking sufficient funds to attend one of the Adventist senior academies was created. That account is now known as YES! (Youth Educational Scholarship).

Today YES! is still alive through much prayer, organization, planning, and benevolence from the constituents. Because of the gifts of the donors, almost 4,000 students have been granted over \$4,000,000 in scholarships. In addition to realizing their dreams to attend one of our academies, these students have received a solid Adventist education,

preparing them for lives of service.

Just for a moment, consider how blessed we are and how we can become partners with our Lord in returning to Him money for the education of young people. Seventh-day Adventist education is not a “luxury” but a necessity. Only eternity will tell us the entire story of how YES! has made a difference in the lives of our youth.

For more information, contact Glen Davis, YES! coordinator, at (503) 652-2225 or info@oc.npuc.org. •

Glen Davis, Oregon Conference YES! coordinator

Christmas at Milo *Students Adopt Community Children for Christmas*

Children from the community's elementary schools poured into Milo's student center on Dec. 10, 2005, to enjoy games, food, and fun at a Christmas party hosted especially for them by the student association.

On the night of the party, the student center was ablaze with lights and decorations, including a Christmas tree with presents for the visiting children. Each academy student "adopted" a little brother or sister, and the two then spent the rest of the evening participating in games, activities, and fellowship with each other. Katie Currier, a Milo senior, remembers, "I really liked just sitting down and coloring with the kids, talking to them, and making the connection. It meant a lot to me."

When the children first arrived, they had the opportunity to decorate cookies, play ping pong, color, or watch a *Veggie Tales* movie. Parents could be seen

on the sidelines, encouraging their kids to join in the fun. As the evening progressed, the noise level in the room grew louder as students and children warmed to each other, trading stories, and laughing over shared experiences.

At the end of the party, after the kids had received their presents and eaten their cookies, the parents started to take their sleepy, yet happy, children back home. For most, it was a pleasant parting with hugs and waves and promises of seeing each other again next year, but some parents had a difficult time convincing their children to let go of their "bigger siblings."

Students and children alike look forward to another Christmas party next year, where they can create more unforgettable memories. •

Summer Coggins, Milo senior

Katie Beth and her "big sister" Summer Coggins enjoy a special time coloring together.



The Spirit of Giving

The Gladstone Park Church gave to hurricane Rita victims at Thanksgiving and to Salvation Army's needy children for Christmas.

Fifty-five Thanksgiving baskets were given out to families whose names were supplied by local area schools. The baskets were put together by church members Saturday evening, Nov. 19, and given out the next day at the Adventist Community Services center.

One family of 11, who was displaced by hurricane Rita in Mississippi, received baskets of non-perishable food items. The father of the family said, "Our family is very thankful that your church was able to help us out at this time."

Laura Simpson, a local church member who coordinated the assembly of the Thanksgiving baskets, also contacted the Salvation Army to send a representative to the church on Sabbath, Dec. 3, to explain how the Angel Tree helps needy children.

"A tree is decorated with tags that give children's



Laura Simpson interviews Major Betsy Kyle, Salvation Army tree coordinator who tells about the Angel Tree for needy children.

names, ages, and gifts they wish for Christmas," said Major Betsy Kyle, Salvation Army tree coordinator. "We are appreciative for your members who take these tags and go out and purchase gifts and place them under the tree.

"Then we take your unwrapped gifts to the places where these needy children live and give them hope in the Lord. God bless you, and I'll be sure to come back next year." •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

Convocation Kicks off Depression-recovery Program

Instead of functioning as a mini-camp meeting experience, the 2005 Central Oregon Convocation was designed as the kick-off event for a community outreach program.

Neil Nedley, M.D., as the main speaker, presented information about brain health and depression. According to Nedley, more than 20 million Americans suffer from depression, and half of the people with major depression don't even know they're depressed.

At the end of the Friday evening session, Bend area community and church members were invited to participate in Nedley's eight-week depression recovery program. •



Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

God Works Miracles Through Bonners Ferry Team

A team of 10, seven from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, two from Clark Fork, Idaho, and one from Denver, Colo., joined with the Fjarli Team #10 in India. In cooperation with Maranatha Volunteers International, more than 60 people in seven groups had the joy of participating in evangelistic meetings prepared for the people that the Indian Gospel Outreach workers had been sharing the gospel with during the previous four months. One hundred Hindu villages had invited them to come and teach them about our loving God.

Every night villagers came on chartered trucks to the seven meeting sites to see and hear the gospel of salvation in their language, Telegu. On the closing night, about 60,000



Visiting with her team in one of the villages, Tammy Onstott prays for an Indian lady and then gives her a Telegu book about Jesus.

people came to see the Jesus film. During those weeks in November, 18,606 Indians, mostly from the lowest class, gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized. Churches are

being built in each of the 100 villages, and the Gospel Outreach workers will continue to live in each village for three to five years.

The team leader, Jay Lantry, tells how God poured out His Pentecostal power. "At two different times in different villages, two women came asking for prayer. As I began to pray, the first one crumpled to the floor with wide-opened glassy eyes. I recognized demon possession, laid my Bible on her and pleaded with God for the evil spirits to depart, using the name of Jesus frequently. An Indian

Villagers of a low caste ask Jay Lantry to pray and bless them.

pastor joined me. After three to five minutes, she arose with an expression of peace and thankfulness. She looked at me as if she were seeing someone above and behind me. Was it a light or a person she saw?

"After the close of one of the meetings, a team member sent word for me to come immediately. I ran to her, and she held a woman whose head was on her shoulder. She looked as if she had fainted, but again it was the devil. Four of us were praying, and again God intervened. She opened her eyes, her face wreathed with joy. Then gazing intently, she also seemed to be looking at something. Was it an angel?"

"Moments later a man with a withered right arm and a badly twisted hand asked for prayer. I prayed, 'Lord, if it is to Your glory, please grant his request for healing immediately.' It happened! As I watched, I saw his arm slowly straighten out and extend to match the other one. Then, like time-elapsed photography of an opening flower, I watched his fingers reshape themselves normally. Gradually he began to wiggle each one of his fingers simultaneously. Then he waved his hand and arm, while jumping for joy and praising the Lord."

We praise God for the privilege of seeing these simple, low-caste Indians trust in the God they have just learned to love. What a joy to see Jesus do again what He promised, "According to your faith be it unto you." •

Eileen Lantry, Bonners Ferry Church communication leader



Georgia DeHart, her sister Karen Oberkramer, and Tammy Onstott give the Indian children crayons to color pictures of Jesus.



Youth Give Up Christmas Vacation to Serve Survivors of the Gulf Coast Hurricanes

Three months after the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Gulf States are still in chaos. Despite efforts of Federal Emergency Management Agency, local governments, and countless volunteers, the amount of work that needs to be done is still staggering.

The Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University, working under funding from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, is actively coordinating groups of young people from all over the country to travel to the Gulf area and assist with disaster relief. In December 2005, a group of 28 individuals from all over the Upper Columbia Conference gathered together and traveled across the country to spend their Christmas break working and witnessing for God.

On the site each day, CYE workers coordinated groups to do debris removal, demolition in New Orleans, and supply distribution. Participants were given many opportunities to



Elliott Pevida

The UCC students, who went to Waveland, Miss., to help hurricane victims, pose for a photo shoot on the last work day.

witness first-hand the destruction and the ensuing struggles of the residents of the affected areas.

On Friday, for an activity called "Random Acts of Kindness," the group went to Wal-Mart and purchased an assortment of Christmas gifts and then went out into several communities to meet the people and bring them a little Christmas cheer. For many families, living in FEMA trailers while trying to salvage and rebuild their lives, the gifts came as a surprise and a blessing. The youth and their gifts were accepted with open arms. Residents were eager to share their experiences from the hurricanes. Many of them, despite their disasters and personal tragedies, exhibited a strong faith in God and a

Carol Corbin, one of the leaders on the YMA mission trip to Mississippi, shows a few of the kids how to make a fish out of a blade of grass.

determination to rebuild what was lost.

To many, it seemed strange that young people would be willing to give up their Christmas break to serve in such a distasteful setting. But the experiences and blessings

were very real. Even while the youth were touching others for God, their lives were being touched as well. •

Carol Corbin, Upper Columbia Conference youth department task-force worker



From left: Kris Wilson, Christina Silver, Chuck Cross, and trip leader Tyler Morgan work hard removing clay mud from a family's yard in Slidell, La.

UCA's Music Building Is Named "Lange Hall"

In honor of Jerry Lange's 38 years of teaching music at Upper Columbia Academy, the student council initiated a move to name the music building "Lange Hall." The announcement, which came as a surprise to the Langes, was made during the final Christmas concert of the season before an enthusiastic audience of more than 400 people. Members of student council presented Lange with a plaque in honor of the occasion and presented his wife Harriet with a dramatic Christmas bouquet.

UCA's music department put on three Christmas concerts this year. The first two were sacred choral concerts, conducted by Curtis Anderson, and also included Wafia Kinne's UCA piano students and the Spangle Adventist Elementary School's bell choir, directed by Paul Jenks. They

were held in the church this year to take advantage of the worship-inspiring atmosphere and the improved acoustics in the recently remodeled sanctuary.

The final concert, which was a more general concert held in the gymnasium, also included numbers by UCA's choral groups, but it featured the concert band, directed by Jerry Lange. In another surprise to Lange, his two-year-old grandson, Quinn, was presented to assist in conducting one of the band's numbers.

"At first, we thought we'd make the announcement during alumni weekend (May 5-6), when we knew Mr. Lange would be honored," said David Mack, the member of student council who presented the idea. "But we were afraid we couldn't keep the secret that



Harriet and Jerry Lange take in the news that UCA's music building will now be known as "Lange Hall." Student council member David Mack is making the announcement. Other student council members pictured are, from center to right: Tommy Poole, Tana Armitstead, Chris Nelson and Steven Williams.

long! This way, Mr. Lange can be involved in the design of the lettering that will go on the side of the building, and we can still have the official ceremony during alumni weekend."

"I am very proud of this student council," says Jeff Bovee, principal. "They aren't coming to us with trivial requests. They are working on

more meaningful issues—like this one."

Lange and his wife, Harriet (business ed.), will retire from full-time service after this year; however, next year he will serve as UCA's contract keyboard instructor. •

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent



This Inn Always Has Room

The Spokane Central Church members of women's ministries shared their blessings with the less fortunate this holiday by giving gift bags filled with much-needed items to the homeless women of the area. In response to the extremely cold weather the city of Spokane was experiencing, the gift bags contained scarves, hats, socks, and gloves as well as toiletry items, and were delivered to Hope House just in time for Christmas.

Hope House is the only emergency shelter for homeless women in the Spokane area, housing 38 guests a night in warm, safe dorm rooms, where no one is turned away. Extra guests are allowed to sit in the lobby or TV room out of harms' way until morning. This inn always has room. •

Andrea Parenti, Spokane Central Church women's ministries leader

Spokane Central Church members Alma Shea and Joan Fernish prepare gift bags for delivery to the Hope House Women's Shelter.

Destination: Peru

Mission Trip Is Life-changing

Peru trip 2005 enabled our group of 16 youth and adults from Life Sources Community Church in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, to join forces with a medical team from Tennessee in Pucallpa, Peru, where we built a church, ran medical clinics, and hosted a Vacation Bible School. The heat, high humidity, and bugs were just some of the things we had to adjust to while on this life-changing mission trip to South America.

Our first Sabbath there we rode in "peki-peki" to a village where we conducted our first service. The ride was long, but it was beautiful, just like the pictures in *National Geographic*.

Most days started at 4:30 a.m. We were very tired, but looking forward to new experiences and new friends. While some worked in the 105-degree heat, pounding nails into the extremely hard mahogany, others passed out medications like Tylenol and antibiotics to the many destitute people who came to our clinic. Over the course of four days, we were able to help over 2,000 people, and still we had to turn people away. We were able to complete the



Team members worked in 105-degree heat to put the mahogany siding on the church.

church, all but the screen for the windows and the door.

The most fun part of our day, though, was playing simple games with the children. Watching our own soccer players get creamed by the local barefoot, 7-year-olds was even more fun! The village children preferred their jump ropes, made of strips of banana stalks with the "flip flop" tied into them, to the ones we'd brought them from the United States, but the excitement of gold star stickers and a few

balloons kept us all busy for several hours.

After a dusty drive home in over-crowded taxis, we went swimming, showered, and headed to the local church for an evening of Bible stories, singing and crafts. A church from Tennessee had donated two trunks of crayons, construction paper, glue, sequins, etc. that we

all had fun with. The creativity of these people amazed us all. Their ability to take something so simple and common to us and have so much fun with it is something we will always admire.

While there, we were able to visit an orphanage, a zoo of native animals and reptiles, and the town square, where we went shopping and tried Peruvian ice cream. It was very different from ours!

What we experienced in Peru was different from anything we could ever experience in the United States. We've all decided that nothing is better than giving up our time to help the less fortunate. Our goal is to carry this on into our own neighborhoods. Experiencing the love of Christ in action is something we will not soon forget. •



The youth team held an impromptu VBS with some local children.



Tiffany Weakly gives little "Teddy" some attention and love at the Pucallpa orphanage.

Kryshell Bermel and Toni Weakly, mission trip participants

LEGAL NOTICE

Washington Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 58th Regular Session of the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Auburn Academy Church, Auburn, Wash., on Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of conference activities since the last Regular Conference Session; to elect officers, departmental directors, Conference Executive Committee members, and the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium; for strategic planning; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in the session. The large committee will meet on Feb. 12, 2006, to elect the Nominating Committee for the session, and the Nominating Committee will begin meeting on March 5, 2006.

Instructions have been sent to the pastors, clerks and first elders of each organized church concerning delegate selection and other preparations for the conference session. •

*John Freedman, president
Doug Bing, vice president for administration*

Sharing the Good News

Forks Church Supports Friendship Evangelism in Queets



Friendship evangelists Ron and Delphine Dame made friends for Jesus by living in Queets on the Quinalt Indian Reservation.

The Dames—Ron, a steam engineer, and Delphine, a psychiatric nurse—aren't trained as evangelists, but they have a heart for people.

This missionary-minded couple first teamed up with the mission-oriented Forks (Wash.) Church in 2004 to build a Native American ministry on the Quinalt Indian Reservation in Queets, Wash.

Reaching Out

A small fifth-wheel trailer home didn't prevent the Dames from having an open-door policy and interacting in the community. Neighborhood children loved to play games with Ron and make crafts with Delphine. Neighbors called out friendly greetings to the Dames when they walked around the village. The Dames even made friends with the neighborhood dogs by offering dog biscuits.

"In God's own way," Delphine said, "I believe He

made the size of our home an asset rather than a hindrance to our ministry."

On many evenings, church member and Queets resident Steve Sansom joined the Dames to discuss sharing the good news of the gospel and Jesus' second coming.

"His easy-going manner and quiet wisdom guided our steps and prevented us from shooting ourselves in the foot by acting too aggressively," Delphine admitted.

To make additional community inroads, Delphine volunteered at the village preschool while Ron worked to bring loads of firewood for seniors.

The Next Step

Finally it was time to plan a religious event. Ron invited gospel singer Herb Desjarlais to present a concert. "The concert was just the right thing to deliver the gospel message to people who may never go to hear an evangelistic sermon," Ron said.

After the successful concert, planning for an evangelistic series began. Evangelists Brian and Denise Bechtold soon arrived in Queets to begin meetings.

One couple who attended the adult meetings, Marjorie and Fernando Sanchez, wanted to trade their spiraling life of partying, drinking, and drugs for a relationship with God. Circumstances—including loss of child custody and a loss of Fernando's job—strained this family. It was time for a change. Both Marjorie and Fernando were baptized.

The immediate results after six months of friendship evangelism efforts led to three adults and two children being



Marjorie and Fernando Sanchez were baptized as a result of the outreach in Queets and the evangelistic meetings held by Brian and Denise Bechtold.

baptized. Forks members are continuing to share the Good News by offering a Bible Story Hour and children's activities in Queets. •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

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Blessed Beyond Measure

Record Giving by AAA Committee of 100



Members of the Auburn Adventist Academy Committee of 100 have made it their goal to share their blessings with the next generation of God's followers. At a recent meeting, the committee decided to fund every project on the academy's wish list, for a total of \$48,369.

The committee had a total of \$21,775 to spend this year (not

Diana Heinrichs plays the newly purchased harp given by last year's Committee of 100.

including 10 percent reserved for a special trust fund for large projects). Members had the opportunity to fund a wish list beyond their first financial commitment. Taking the challenge, members within minutes funded every project.

Funded projects include three maintenance golf carts, teaching equipment for Miller Aquatic Center, a 50-inch plasma HDTV, a baritone saxophone, a SMART Board for the Bible room, and an outdoor meditation garden.

AAA's Committee of 100 began in 1994 as a fundraising organization. More than 50 members are currently part of this group. Over the past 12 years, the Committee of 100 has raised nearly \$890,000. It plans to continue growing and giving to further benefit Auburn Adventist Academy, not just with monetary support, but, more importantly, through the example of their lives. •

Ryan Gratias, AAA student body president

Maggie's Mystery Box

When Maggie Arnett, 8, saw the suffering and destruction from Hurricane Katrina, she heard God's call to help.

Maggie began her fundraising efforts at her front door with a little wooden keepsake box and a carefully hand-lettered sign. The appeal was simple: "Put mony for herycan cucheanha here."

When funds in the box weren't building up as fast as she would have liked, Maggie and her mother decided the church foyer would be a more visible location. With permission from the head elder, her box and sign were placed in the Marysville (Wash.) Church foyer.

People wondered where the box had come from, but it remained a mystery. Finally, Maggie and her mother explained the mysterious box

to their church family. By that time, Maggie's initial donation of \$1.50 for ADRA had grown a whopping 100 percent to \$15.00!

The congregation gave even more gifts after hearing Maggie's story. ADRA received a total donation of \$51.05 as a result of one little girl's determination to make a difference. •

Maggie and her mother Renee Arnett explain the mysterious box.



Evening of Reading

Skagit Adventist School students in grades K-4 brought their families to a special evening of food, fellowship, and listening to good books.

The evening—with pizza, games, crafts, and stories—promoted literacy in preparation for an upcoming book fair. The best part of the evening for students and parents alike was the option to come in their pajamas and slippers.

The children particularly enjoyed listening to their pastor, Pat Grant, read. •

Lisa Dills, Skagit Adventist School second-grade teacher

Health Lectures at Tacoma Korean Lead to 10 Bible studies

Health lectures at Tacoma Korean Church served as the gateway to Bible studies for 10 people. The week-long evangelistic series in early December 2005 featured Sang-Ku Lee, health specialist and international speaker.

“The human body cells respond to the will of the owner,” Lee said. “Each cell needs a spark (power) to ignite the consumption of nutrition to generate energy (like burning of gasoline in a car engine), and that



Typical attendance at the Tacoma Korean Church health lectures averaged between 60 and 100 non-members.

power is the “breath of God.” This “breath of God,” Lee explained, is available

through love, hope, peace, beauty, goodness, truth, and faith.

The meetings attracted 60 to 100 non-members, with more than 60 people attending at least four times. A five-minute Bible study preceded each main lecture. Ten people are now continuing Bible studies.

We are very thankful for God’s blessing in spite of many adverse elements. All of us are encouraged by the successful series and more committed than ever to evangelism. •

Randy Lee, Tacoma Korean pastor

Tastes of the World LCAS Holds Unique Fundraiser

Guests of the Lewis County Adventist School (LCAS) cooking class learned the secrets of cooking curry dishes from around the world. Nyantara Leno, a native Sri Lankan and mother of two LCAS students, kept her audience of community and constituent members entertained with childhood stories and “curry” tales from afar.

The aromatic and savory food samples, served by LCAS students, transported the guests to Vietnam with fresh spring rolls, to India with delicious mango lassis, and to Thailand with drizzled peanut sauce on their tasty gourmet samples. The group visited Sri Lanka via a flavorful pumpkin soup and zesty mock chicken curry. A lovely pansit took them to the Philippines, and a soothing Watalapan coconut custard concluded the curry cooking event. A spice marketplace conducted brisk business at the conclusion of the class.

Sponsored by the LCAS Home and School Association, *Authentic Curry—East to West* had two purposes: pique community awareness of the school, and raise funds for the school’s operating budget. •

Earlene Wohlers, LCAS secretary



Dan Baker, LCAS principal and ninth- and 10th-grade teacher, and Olivia Fontana, fifth-grader, help prepare for the curry cooking school.

Seeking the Spirit 2006 Spanish Lay Congress

Nearly 350 Spanish-speaking members assembled on Dec. 3, 2005, in the Puget Sound Adventist Academy gymnasium for an outreach training session with speaker Jose Angel Fuentes.

The annual Spanish Lay Congress session, sponsored by the Washington Conference, is designed to give additional outreach tools to the fastest-growing segment of the conference.

“We want all members to continue to grow in their ability to reach people for Christ in the coming year,” said Jim Leon, pastor and congress organizer.

Fuentes challenged his audience to actively participate in outreach. Looking to Jesus Christ, he said, provides the motivation for outreach.

Before the meetings

began, Julio Maldenada shared his expectations. “I expect to receive spiritual motivation to continue to work for the Lord,” he said.

As the day ended, that was certainly what happened. The Spanish-speaking members of the Washington Conference are looking forward to a great year of soul winning in 2006. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference Spanish coordinator



Jose Angel Fuentes challenged the attendees to fully witness for Jesus.

Chamber of Commerce Honors Pedrito Maynard-Reid

for Years of Outstanding Community Service

Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Walla Walla College vice president for spiritual life and mission, was recognized for his outstanding community service at the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet.

Maynard-Reid is known for his enthusiasm, flashy ties, and hearty “amens” on the WWC campus, but he also spreads that energy and helpfulness around the community. Besides leading out in WWC’s annual Service Day, he has served on the local newspaper’s advisory board, as vice president for the United Way, and as chair of the Rotary Club’s international service



Pedrito Maynard-Reid stands with his wife Violet after receiving an award for his outstanding community service from the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce.

committee. He is also involved in numerous church-sponsored activities.

“Passionately serving others and reaching beyond the walls of our church has become second nature to me, because it was something my mother and home church in Jamaica instilled in me from a young age,” Maynard-Reid says. “I preach it in my classes every day and strive to practice what I preach in my daily life.”

He was honored for that service with the college’s Community Service Award, which is awarded annually to a faculty or staff member who has shown exceptional service to those in the Walla Walla

area. “We are proud of Pedrito and believe his efforts to build bridges between the college and the community deserve this recognition,” says Jon Dybdahl, WWC president, who presented Maynard-Reid with the award.

Maynard-Reid has been at WWC for 16 years, serving as professor of biblical studies and missiology and, for the last six years, as vice president for spiritual life and mission. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

Distinguished Faculty Lecture

Focuses on Women in Early Adventist History

Beverly Beem, associate professor of English at Walla Walla College, presented the 2005 Distinguished Faculty Lecture in November. The presentation, entitled “My Soul Is on the Wing for Glory: Voices of Early Adventist Women,” focused on the role women played in Seventh-day Adventist heritage and development as recorded in the *Review and Herald* between the years of 1850 and 1881.

Beem and co-scholar Ginger Hanks Harwood, associate

professor of religious and theological studies at La Sierra University, have been studying early Adventist women for nearly a decade. Beem and Hanks Harwood scoured the *Review* page by page, attempting to put the women’s letters into perspective. Hanks Harwood specializes in theology and church history, while Beem adds an emphasis in literary analysis. “We need each other’s skills,” adds Beem. “The heart and soul of scholarship is bringing

in as many approaches and viewpoints as possible.”

The role of women in the early church was counter-cultural at the time, yet distinctive to the Advent movement. Women were called and expected to help spread the Three Angels’ Message. “The *Review* gave a voice to those who had none. It provided them with a forum and allowed men and women to speak equally,” says Beem.

Questioned after the lecture about her views of women’s

roles in the church today, Beem commented that it wasn’t her place to say. “As scholars, our job is to collect the information and present it to others. It’s up to them whether they want to use it.”

Beem has been at WWC since 1976, serving as professor of English, college writing coordinator, and chair of the English department. •

Kristi Spurgeon

Tillamook County General Hospital Secures Funding for Public Safety Agencies

Melody Ayers, development director at Tillamook County General Hospital, recently helped secure significant funding for public safety agencies in Tillamook County. Thanks to Ayers' work, the county was awarded a \$1,122,842 grant from the Oregon State Homeland Security program. The money will benefit the county-wide emergency communications system, emergency planning, mass casualty medical response, Justice Center security enhancements, and community education response teams. •



Walla Walla General Hospital recently opened a breast health center in an effort to offer support, information and resources to area residents.

Walla Walla General Hospital Opens Breast Health Center

Walla Walla General Hospital has opened a new breast health center in an effort to provide information, support and hope to Walla Walla Valley residents dealing with breast cancer. The new center will feature education on prevention, screening,

diagnosis and treatment. It will also coordinate communication between primary-care physicians, surgeons and radiologists. In addition, breast health specialists will be on hand to educate and support patients and their families. •

Adventist Health Hospitals Win Premier Quality Award

Adventist Medical Center and Walla Walla General Hospital were winners of the Premier Quality Award for the treatment of heart failure. Both facilities were given the highly distinguished, nationally recognized award, which honors excellence in quality care and operational efficiency. The Premier Award for Quality program is uniquely based on quality and efficiency indicators, making the award an important benchmark for recognizing clinical excellence in the health-care industry. •

Adventist Medical Center Opens Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Program

Adventist Medical Center recently launched a new wound healing and hyperbaric medicine program to benefit patients with chronic wounds. The new program will be located on Portland hospital's main campus and will feature hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Hyperbaric therapy is effective in the treatment of a variety of wounds and involves patients entering a specially designed pressurized chamber where

they breathe 100 percent oxygen. This leads to an increase in the amount of oxygen delivered to the tissues, which helps the body's response to infection and promotes healing of damaged tissues. The program, which opened in December 2005, is only the second hospital-based hyperbaric oxygen program in the state of Oregon. •

Adventist Health Receives \$500,000 Grant for Nursing Education

Adventist Health recently received a \$500,000 grant from Aetna to provide educational assistance for ethnically diverse nursing students. The educational assistance plan will cover tuition, books and supplies over a two-year period, and recipients will commit to working at an Adventist Health hospital for a minimum of three years after graduation.

Four Adventist Health hospitals were selected to

be a part of the program based on their nurse vacancy rates and their locations in communities with large minority populations. The facilities include Hanford Community Medical Center in Hanford, Calif.; Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, Calif.; San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif.; and White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif. •

Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

Barmore 90th

Mildred V. (Fisher) Whomble Harvey Barmore celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at an open house at her home in Florence, Ore., on Nov. 19, 2005. She is a member of the Florence Church.

Born Nov. 18, 1915, in Wray, Colo., to Milton and Edith (Cox) Fisher Jr., Millie was raised by her paternal grandparents, since her mother died when she was three weeks old. Grandparents Milton and Rosa (Mauer) Fisher had already raised 11 children. She was baptized at age 14. In 1933, she married Charlie Whomble in Wray. In 1939, Millie married Phil Harvey in Minden, Neb. They operated motels in Texas until they moved to Eugene, Ore., in 1956 where Phil sold real estate and Millie worked as a licensed practical nurse. After retirement, they moved to Florence, Ore. Phil passed away in 1984. Millie married Fred Barmore in 1987. They live in Florence and often winter in Arizona in their motor home. Millie has been active in her church and in Adventist Community Services. She loves crocheting, oil painting, reading, doing crossword puzzles, baking cookies and spending time with her family.

The family includes: Betty (Whomble) and Donald Malm of Springfield, Ore.; Joan (Harvey) and Ronald Case of Lacey, Wash.; Carolyn (Harvey) and James Markle Jr., of Florence Ore.; Fritz and Beverly Barmore of Yachats, Ore.; Phil and Judy Barmore of Salem; Warren and Margie Barmore of Prosser, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 8 step-great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Dawes 50th

John and Lou Dawes of Lebanon, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Aug. 6 and 7. They are members of the Lebanon Church.

John Dawes and Lou Ella Koorennny were married by Elder Harold Dawes Oct. 9, 1955, in College Place, Wash. John was a denominational school teacher for 21 years and public school teacher for 11 years. After retirement, he continued to work on call as a substitute teacher. They have lived in College Place, Pleasant Hill, Salem, Medford and Lebanon, Ore.

The Dawes family includes: Gary Dawes of Beaverton, Ore.; Larry and Sheila Dawes of Aumsville, Ore.; Terry Dawes of Grandview, Wash.; Barry and Tracey Dawes of Radcliffe, Ky; and 3 grandchildren.

Dickerson 95th

Wilma Dickerson celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends on Sept. 17, 2005, at the Garden Center in Pioneer Park, Walla Walla, Wash. She is a member of the Country Haven Church in Pasco, Wash.

Wilma Miller was born Sept. 17, 1910, in Kansas City, Kan., to William and Mary Miller, both teachers. She was baptized when she was 13 at the Kansas camp meeting. She attended Southwestern Junior College from 1925 to 1929, then began teaching school in Arkansas and Texas. She married Leonard Dickerson in 1932 in College Place, Wash., and taught in denominational schools in the Pacific Northwest for 10 years. She worked in the Walla Walla College laundry from 1963–76 to help with her children’s school expenses. Leonard passed away in 2000.

The Dickerson family includes: Bill and Beth

Dickerson of Pasco; Leonardine Steinfelt of Denver, Colo.; Clinton and Lynette Dickerson of Milton Freewater, Ore.; Burton and Debbie Dickerson of Bellingham, Wash.; and JoElla and George Harlan of Amboy, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Gober 50th

Dan and Barbara Gober celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20, 2005, at an outdoor party with a 50s theme. They have been members of the Sutherlin and Roseburg churches.

Dan Gober married Barbara Jones on June 19, 1955, in the La Sierra Church. Dan was a masonry contractor and general construction superintendent doing jobs all over Southern California—churches, schools, post offices, medical centers, homes, restaurants and nursing homes. He was also a transportation pilot for a construction company. In 1968, Dan and Barbara moved their family from Riverside to Oakland, Ore., where they bought a ranch and later the Oakland Feed, Seed and Western Shop. After five years of running cattle, sheep and horses, Dan went back into building again as a general contractor. He did many projects in southern Oregon, including remodeling the Sutherlin Church and building their school, and remodeling the cafeteria at Milo Academy. Meanwhile Barbara held a variety of positions from teaching piano lessons to being a bank bookkeeper, a store manager, and secretary/receptionist for a physician. She went back to college in 1989 at Southwestern Adventist University and got a degree in elementary education and came back to teach at Roseburg Junior Academy until she retired in

2004. Dan served as the director of the Sutherlin Pathfinder Club for 20 years and was asked to be the District 6 Pathfinder coordinator for southern Oregon.

The Gober family includes Teri and Bob Beckner of Albany, Ore.; Rick Gober of Roseburg; Scott and Caroline Gober of Roseburg; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Ridgley 60th

Don and Dorothy Ridgley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 2005, enjoying a quiet luncheon at Georgie’s restaurant in Newport with their son Larry Ridgley and



Don and Dorothy Ridgley

daughter-in-law Helga. Donald Ridgley married Dorothy Jones on Sept. 23, 1945, in Loma Linda, Calif. Don worked at the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) for several years, as well as building and operating the church’s carrier-current radio station. He later moved to Kansas to help establish the Shawnee Mission Hospital and Health Center electronics and electrical department. In 1967 he re-located his family to St. Helena Hospital and Health Center in Northern California to create their electronics department, where he worked for several years until called to work at Pacific Union College. In 1976 he accepted employment at Harris Pine Mills in Auburn, Wash., where he had originally worked as a student while attending Auburn Academy. Dorothy received her nurses

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training at Portland Sanitarium and continued nursing at the same hospitals where Don worked. They retired and moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho in 1984, where they were both very active in their small church. In 2004 they moved to Albany, Ore., to be near their son Larry.

The Ridgley family includes Larry and Helga (Erdle) Ridgley of Albany, Ore.; Leland and Sundi (deceased) Ridgley, Boise, Idaho; Susan Ridgley, Rathdrum, Idaho; and 3 grandchildren.

Wagg 90th

Blanche Wagg was playfully threatened by her son Lynn with duct-tape tie-up to keep her from doing preparation and cleanup chores at the open house honoring her on her 90th birthday, Dec. 4, 2005, in the fellowship room of the Brewster

Church. "It's just that she's generally in the servant role, and it's hard for her to do the receiving," he explained.

Blanche Cook was born in the Methow Valley, Wash., in 1915. She married her high school sweetheart in 1931, and they spent 69 adventuresome years together gardening, working, camping, and snowmobiling. Blanche was baptized and joined the Adventist Church in the early 1950s and continues to be active as "Mrs. Hospitality" and a deaconess. She also tutors in the public school HOST program.

The Wagg family includes: Lynn and Marlene Wagg of Brewster; Larry and Shari Wagg of Talkeetna, Alaska; Lonnie Wagg (deceased); 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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BAUMAN—Grace Lavonne was born Nov. 8, 2005, to Charles and Jodie (Baartz) Bauman, Walla Walla, Wash.

BYERS—Seth A. was born Nov. 21, 2005, to Mitchell and Andrea (Miller) Byers, Kalama, Wash.

CALLENDER—Kathryn E. was born Dec. 12, 2005, to Sean and Aprelle (Adams) Callender, Klamath Falls, Ore.

COLBURN—Cayden M. was born Dec. 8, 2005, to Glen and Tracee (Balsemer) Colburn, Chehalis, Wash.

GAMMEL—Corianna was born Nov. 28, 2005, to Darrick and Nancy (McFarland) Gammel, Klamath Falls, Ore.

GRUIA—Ava Grace Ecaterina was born Nov. 22, 2005, to Ovidiu "Ervin" and Carmen (Driessen) Gruia, Troutdale, Ore.

LARSON—Danika Joy was born Nov. 15, 2005, to Bryan D.

and Jennifer (Daniels) Larson, Clackamas, Ore.

MITTLEIDER—Dylan James was born Nov. 16, 2005, to Jeff and Andrea (Phillips) Mittleider, Creswell, Ore.

PERRIN—Sienna L. G. was born Dec. 25, 2005, to Daniel J. and Heather L. (Kellogg) Perrin, Walla Walla, Wash.

REINECKE—Elizabeth Danielle was born June 22, 2005, to Robert and Sheryl (Wren) Reinecke, Las Vegas, Nev.

SCULLY—Clara Isabelle was born Sept. 10, 2005, to Brent and Heather (Hoffer) Scully, College Place, Wash.

SHERMAN—Franklin Stanley was born Sept. 2, 2005, to Robert and Melinda (Sharon) Sherman, Wilder, Idaho.

SWENA—Nathaniel R. was born Oct. 12, 2005, to Jerry and Jeanna (Fisher) Swena, Chehalis, Wash.

TERRY—Sophia Isabella was born Nov. 10, 2005, to Mark and Dana (Sanchez) Terry, Lacey, Wash.

WACHTER—Brianna M. was born May 17, 2005, to Paul J. and Michelle D. (Jerde) Wachter, Medford, Ore.

WALLACE—Jack Timothy was born Oct. 3, 2005, to Harry and Kresta (Snyder) Wallace, Albany, Ore.

WOOD—Morgan Gabriel was born April 13, 2005, to Monte and Dallena (Bartell) Wood, Lebanon, N.H.

WRIGHT—Lydia Anne was born Dec. 19, 2005, to Garrett and Heather (Chisholm) Wright, Sweet Home, Ore.

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AGUILAR-BURKE—Charla M. Aguilar and Zachary A. Burke were married Sept. 4, 2005, in Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Charla is the daughter of Jose and Jean Aguilar. Zach is the son of Eugene and Debra Burke.

CAMPBELL-PORTER—Jessica Campbell and Steve Porter were married May 8, 2005, in College Place, Wash., where they are making their home. Jessica is the daughter of Scott and Sheila (Anderson) Campbell. Steve is the son of Gene and Loraine (Hicks) Porter.

HUNT-KRAMER—Denaé Hunt and Jason Kramer were married Sept. 25, 2005, in Moscow, Idaho, where they are making their home. Denaé is the daughter of Darrell and Dixie (Dorner) Hunt. Jason is the son of John and Bonnie Kramer.

LAMBERTON-HARTNETT—Jill Lamberton and Jeremy Hartnett were married Nov. 25, 2005, in Ann Arbor, Mich. They are making their home in Crawfordsville, Ind. Jill is the daughter of Henry and Elaine Lamberton. Jeremy is the son of Dale and Kathe Hartnett.

KIRKWOOD-BISSELL—Karen Kirkwood and Brett Bissell were married Jan. 1, 2006, in Battle Ground, Wash. They are making their home in Hanford, Calif. Karen is the daughter of Steve and Colette (Smith) Kirkwood. Brett is the son of Lee and Janet (Tomanka) Bissell.

MCGEE-FLAIZ—Melissa D. McGee and David B. Flaiz were married Aug. 21, 2005, in Hermiston, Ore., where they are making their home. Melissa is the daughter of Preston and Patricia Mosley. David is the son of Richard and Claudia Flaiz.

UTTECHT-CAMPBELL—Stacy Uttecht and Jason Campbell were married Aug. 14, 2005, in Mill Creek Gardens, Sheridan, Ore. They are making their home

in Bend, Ore. Stacy is the daughter of Gary and Kim Uttecht. Jason is the son of Scott and Sheila (Anderson) Campbell.

WALLACE-HINDS—Sandra L. (Kitchen) Wallace and Quinten Neal Hinds were married Sept. 24, 2005, in Irrigon, Ore. They are making their home in Hermiston, Ore. Sandra is the daughter of Virgil (deceased) and Dollie Kitchen. Quinten is the son of Jack and Joy Hinds.

WATTS-BURDO—Crystal E. Watts and A. Ryan Burdo were married July 30, 2005, in Kennewick, Wash. They are making their home in Seattle. Crystal is the daughter of Loren and Darla Watts. Ryan is the son of Cindy and Jim Brown and Mike and Melinda Burdo.

WILLIS-CORBETT—Sarah Willis and Brian Corbett were married Nov. 20, 2005, in Gresham, Ore. They are making their home in Wood Village, Ore. Sarah is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Willis. Brian is the son of Art and Ann Corbett.

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ALDERSON—Margaret A. (Vantress), 92; born May 3, 1913, La Grande, Ore.; died Aug. 30, 2005, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Barbara Heisler, Highland, Calif.; Betty Woodland, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Beryl Johnson, Niles, Mich.; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

ANDERSON—Kae I. (Yarbrough), 57; born Sept. 29, 1948, Wenatchee, Wash.; died Nov. 12, 2005, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Richard and Ted, both of College Place, Wash.; mother, Vae (Blansett) Yarbrough Harnack, East Wenatchee, Wash.; brothers, Lynn Yarbrough, East Wenatchee; Dan Yarbrough, Wenatchee; and sister, Sally Smith, Wenatchee.

BIGGER—Forrest W., 84; born March 23, 1921, Roseburg, Ore.; died Nov. 19, 2005, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Garnet (McCoy); sons, Darold, Walla Walla; Rick, Corvallis, Ore.; daughters, Carolyn Evans, Laurel, Md.; Sandi Carlson, Seattle; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BLISS—Benjamin N., 80; born Jan. 12, 1925, Rogue River, Ore.; died Nov. 19, 2005, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ellen (Rose), Harrisburg, Ore.; son, Donal, of Alaska; daughter, Thara Bliss, College Place, Wash.; brother, Merrill, Eagle Point, Ore.; sister, Blanche Bliss, Auburn, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

BRAWAND—Darrell J. (Bighaus), 71; born Dec. 30, 1933, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 16, 2005, Gaston, Ore. Surviving: husband, Charles; son, David, Gaston; daughters, Lori Martin, Mount Vernon, Ore.; Gale Stephens, Brush Prairie, Wash.; Cindy Brawand, Oregon City, Ore.; brothers, Tom Bighaus, Bullhead City, Ariz.; Ron Bighaus, Loyalton, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

BRIDGEFARMER—Marjorie L. (Walton), 85; born Sept. 8, 1920, Wenatchee, Wash.; died Nov. 20, 2005, Goldendale, Wash. Surviving: son, Thomas, Cle Elum, Wash.; daughters, Allison Parton and Rebecca Goddard, both of Goldendale; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

BROWN—Gilbert W., 84; born Feb. 22, 1921, Belfry, Mont.; died Nov. 23, 2005, Bridger, Mont. Surviving: sons, Leslie, College Place, Wash.; Gene, Cleburne, Texas; Jim, Bridger; daughters, Susan Dahlman, Lincoln, Neb.; Elaine Adams, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Lois Ferguson, Wibaux, Mont.; Becky Brown, Laurel, Mont.; brothers, Howard and Melvin, both of Belfry; sisters, Josephine Obert, Belfry; Elsie Schultz, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Florence Krum and Minnie Young, both of Billings, Mont.; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

BUCK—Gilbert W., 85; born Jan. 18, 1920, Bozeman, Mont.; died May 22, 2005, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Irene (Hoyt); son, Wendell, Portland, Ore.; daughters, Nancy Lee, Bozeman; Rosemarie Khng, Grants Pass, Ore.; Gladys Morrison, Sequim, Wash.; brother, Fred, Oldtown, Idaho; and 6 grandchildren.

BYERS—Mary (Philmon), 91; born April 20, 1914, Gainsville, Ga.; died Aug. 15, 2005, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Douglas; son, John, Maui, Hawaii; daughter, Joyce Munroe, Chehalis, Wash.; sister, Nell Topete, San Dimas, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

CHURCH—Arthur J., 92; born March 22, 1914, Gresham, Wis.; died, Oct. 13, 2005, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Alvina (Moritz), Lowell, Ore.; sons, Monte, Boring, Ore.; Curtis, Mt. View, Calif.; Mike, Lowell; Patrick, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; daughter, Anita Hayes, Springfield, Ore.; adopted daughters, Eileen

Steiner, Lowell; Jeaneen Brown, Vancouver, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

COVELL—Margaret D. (Andrus), 89; born Jan. 14, 1916, Chetak, Wis.; died Nov. 5, 2005, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: brother, Dean Andrus, Nevis, Minn.; and sister, Dorothea Coyle, Gresham, Ore.

COX—David M., 94; born April 13, 1911, Hooker, Okla.; died Nov. 30, 2005, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: son, William, Yacolt, Wash.; daughter, Sharon Clemmo, Moses Lake; step-daughter, Carol Deda, Moses Lake; 18 grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild, 25 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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ENGELN—Frances G. (Garman), 89; born Nov. 23, 1915, Pasco, Wash.; died Nov. 2, 2005, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: husband, M. John; sons, Richard, Fresno, Calif.; Bill, St. Joseph, Mich.; daughters, Karen Rowley, Auburn; Sandra Worgum, Yakima, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.

ERDL—Robert, 87; born May 9, 1918, Ulm, Germany; died Dec. 11, 2005, Albany, Ore. Surviving: wife, Charlotte

(Stegmann); daughters, Helga Ridgley, Albany; Lisalotte Stark, of California; sister, Martha Hauff, of Germany; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

FRY—Alvin L., 85; born July 4, 1920, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; died Oct. 31, 2005, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Margaret (Tinlin), Hood River, Ore.; son, Doug, Hood River; Ken, Hobbs, N.M.; daughter, Megan Dalby, Portland; 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

GROW—Iris J. (Foster) Rogers, 78; born May 13, 1927, Oroville, Calif.; died Nov. 25, 2005, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: son, Stevan Rogers, Hermiston; daughter, Dianne Morgan, Walla Walla, Wash.; sister, Claire Cox, Oakridge, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

HANSON—Selona L. (Bassham), 87; born April 16, 1918, Leoma, Tenn.; died Nov. 26, 2005, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: son, Walter, Auburn; daughter, Barbara Cilley, Algona, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

HARDING—Ray Waldo, 90; born March 3, 1915, Scotts Bluff, Neb.; died Sept. 15, 2005, Mountain Home, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Steve, Kingston, N.Y.; Barry, Nevada City, Calif.; daughter, Tania Done, Salt Lake City, Utah; Lana Marriage, Mountain Home; and 9 grandchildren.

HATLEY—Dorothy M. (Lewis), 86; born April 20, 1919, Pomeroy, Wash.; died Nov. 21, 2005, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Lyle R., Kendal J. and Brian D., all of College Place, Wash.; daughters, Carolyn Cornelius, College Place; Lucy Mace, Placerville, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

HOUSER—Marjory L. (Mereen) Lile, 93; born Jan. 24, 1912, Gravelford, Ore.; died Dec. 3, 2005, College Place, Wash. Surviving: stepson, Edward

Houser, Eagle Creek, Ore.; stepdaughter, Delpha (Houser) Tompkins, Jamestown, Tenn.; 5 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

JARRETT—Nancy M. (Norman), 70; born Oct. 7, 1935, Pullman, Wash.; died Dec. 21, 2005, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Richard, Electric City, Wash.; son, William, Sebastopol, Calif.; daughter, Deborah L. Buehler, Loveland, Colo.; brother, Robert Norman, Gig Harbor, Wash.; sisters, Phyllis Larson, Walla Walla, Wash.; Julia Darrow, Fall City, Wash.; Mary Delano, Olympia, Wash.; Gina Mooney, College Place, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

LUNDGREN—John D., 88; born May 5, 1917, Buchanan, Mich.; died Dec. 9, 2005, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Glenna (Ludders) Prunty, Chehalis, Wash.; stepson, Larry Prunty, Chehalis; Bob Prunty, Buckley, Wash.; sister, Judy Greer Hessey, Eugene, Ore.; and 6 step-grandchildren.

MASON—Vinna J., 74; born June 25, 1931, Eugene, Ore.; died Feb. 22, 2005, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Vernon; sons, Sherwood and Bion, both of Portland; and sister, Annette Palladyuzuk, Springfield, Ore.

ROCKWELL—Courtney P., 86; born Oct. 15, 1918, Fortuna, Calif.; died Sept. 16, 2005, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lotus (Perkins); son, Mark, Lake Oswego, Ore.; daughters, Melody Ammon, Lake Oswego; Merrily Rockwell, Portland, Ore.; and 7 grandchildren.

ROGERS—Lola R., 93; born March 22, 1912, Anacortes, Wash.; died Nov. 14, 2005, Walla Walla, Wash.

SMITH—LaVerne O. (Venetta), 76; born May 7, 1926, Boling, Texas; died Nov. 19, 2005, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Gary J. Michaels, Okanogan,

Wash.; daughters, M. Janine Smith, Williams, Ore.; Isma C. Brown, Shasta Lake, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SMITH—Perley D., 96; born Dec. 12, 1908, New Plymouth, Idaho; died Oct. 27, 2005, Rathdrum, Idaho. Surviving: son, Leslie D., Spokane, Wash.; and daughter, Susan M. Smith, Rathdrum.

STUART—Lorraine B., 77; born June 9, 1928, Lead, N.D.; died Dec. 3, 2005, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: son, Dean, Hermiston; daughter, Cheryl Blanck, Goldendale, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

WENTWORTH—Olive O. (Ellsworth) Jewett, 102; born Jan. 3, 1903, Red Lodge, Mont.; died Sept. 14, 2005, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: son, Harry D. Jewett, Sweet Home; stepsons, Donald Wentworth, Langley, Wash.; Harold Wentworth, Carmichael, Calif.; Victor Wentworth, Grainger, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

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Special Days

February is Family Life Month. **Feb. 4–25**—Black History Month; **Feb. 12–18**—Christian Home and Marriage Week; **Feb. 25**—Health Ministries Sabbath; **Mar. 4**—Women’s Day of Prayer; **Mar. 5–11**—Adventist Youth Week of Prayer.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events

Feb. 16—Performance by renowned Christian comedian Ken Davis, 7 p.m., Walla Walla College Church. Tickets available at local Christian bookstores or (800) 425-0873. Additional Northwest comedy concerts in Yakima (Feb. 17), Wenatchee (Feb. 18), and Post Falls, Idaho (Feb. 19). **Feb. 18**—Havdalah Vespers: Freedom, 5 p.m., Walla Walla College Church. **Feb. 25, 26**—wwcdrama: Festival of One Acts, 8 p.m. Additional showings **March 2, 4 and 5**. All performances begin at 8 p.m. in Village Hall. Tickets available at www.wwc.edu/drama or 527-2651. **Feb. 26**—International Food Fair, 3–8 p.m., Alumni Gymnasium. A full listing of WWC events can be found at <http://www.wwc.edu/about-wwc/calendar>.

Special Lecture

Feb. 16, 17—The 2005 Distinguished Scholar Lecture will be presented by Philip Jenkins, professor of history and religious studies at Pennsylvania State University. Jenkins is an award-winning author and lecturer, and a prominent scholar of global Christianity

and new and emerging religious movements. His presentations on “The Bible in a Global Community” will be held on WWC’s College Place, Wash., campus. For more information, contact Alden Thompson at (509) 527-2195.

IDAHO

Parma Centennial

March 11—The Parma (Idaho) Adventist Church will be celebrating 100 years of ministry and service. Friends and former members are invited to come share the experience with us. Denny Evans will speak during Sabbath service. Following the fellowship dinner, the Good News Singers from Nampa, Idaho, will have a concert. For information you may call, Pastor Garey Gantz at (208) 288-2727.

OREGON

Concert at Hood View

Feb. 4—The Grace Grove Singers from the Forest Grove, Ore., area will present a sacred music concert at 5 p.m. in the Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Road, Boring, Ore. This ladies’ trio has been singing together for many years and perform traditional and classical Christian music. They will report on their recent trip to aid a Peru orphanage and their mission project in Rwanda. Refreshments will be served.

Retired Workers’ Fellowship

Feb. 7—All retired denominational workers are invited to attend the 12 (noon) potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers’ Fellowship. You won’t want to miss hearing Bill and Venie Osborn tell of their experience with a small-group ministry. They are really excited and “on fire” over the results the Lord has given them through this ministry. This monthly potluck is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at

13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Portland, Ore. Retirees are asked to bring food and your own table service. For information, call Frank Gearhardt, (503) 674-4951.

Adventist Singles Activities

Feb. 18—Singles potluck, 12:30 p.m. Please bring a dish. We will go to a local facility for a sing, 3–3:30 p.m. Then we will serve dinner at the City Team Ministries Mission. Meet at the Beaverton Church (14645 S.W. David Road, Beaverton, Ore.) at 5 p.m. and serve dinner from 5:45 until 6:30 p.m. We will eat at 6:30 and have chapel at 7 p.m. Come support this worthwhile mission outreach. You will be blessed. Maps for the mission outreach will be made available at the potluck. **Feb. 19**—Cross-country skiing at Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center, <http://www.skihood.com/mountain/nordiccenter/default.aspx>. Meet at the Beaverton Church at 8 a.m., and we can carpool to Mt. Hood Meadows. Maps will be made available Sabbath at the potluck and City Team Ministries. Skis and poles can be rented there. Bring a sack lunch with warm drinks (soup, cocoa, etc.) Drivers will need a Snow Park permit. For information about the cost, contact Tom Terry at (503) 684-7971 or tom.te@verizon.net; or Charlotte at (503) 579-9549.

Sunnyside Events

Feb. 18—Evensong for children and youth, 4 p.m. **Feb. 24–25**—Institute of Bible, Church and Culture (IBCC) seminar sponsored by the Walla Walla College School of Theology, “The Phenomenon of Religious Fundamentalism,” presented by Bruce Johanson and Dave Thomas (Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 3 p.m.). **Feb. 25**—Music vespers “Celebrating the Spiritual” featuring Carl Parker, Wanda Vaz, Canticle of Praise, Howard Handley and Lonnie Stephens at 5 p.m. Sunnyside

Adventist Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore.; (503) 252-8080.

Hood River Church Missing Members

The Hood River Church is seeking addresses for the following members. Petra M. Bahr, Becky I. Foley, Monte Wagner, Regina Dillon, Lovella Hansen, Betty Shorts, Theresa McCollam. If you have any information, please contact the church at (541) 386-3220; ptmilligan@gorge.net; or Hood River Adventist Church, P.O. Box 87, Hood River, OR 97031.

Milo Prayer Conference Weekend

Feb. 23–25—Inviting all high school-age young people who are seeking a deeper experience with Jesus. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Bring more meaning to your life and enjoy the boarding academy experience. Call for details at (541) 825-3200; or e-mail carl.wilkens@miloacademy.org.

Forest Grove Concert

March 4—Spring Concert at 5 p.m., Forest Grove Spanish Church, 4021 19th Ave. Featured musicians: Lonnie Stephens, Howard Handley, Wanda Vas, Josh Reyes, Spanish children’s choir, Valley Brass, Marla Danielson and more. Refreshments will be served.

Meadow Glade Centennial

March 11—The Meadow Glade Church invites all members and pastors (current and former) as well as the Battle Ground community to celebrate their 100th anniversary with special services. Formally chartered on March 31, 1906, with 13 members, the Meadow Glade congregation numbers more than 1,000. For more information, contact the church office at (360) 687-2265; or call (503) 234-4077; fax (360) 666-3541; shelljwill@comcast.net; or on the Web <http://www.meadowglade.com/>; 11515 N.E. 186th Circle, Battle Ground, WA 98604.



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

Missing Members

The Grants Pass Church is looking for addresses for the following members: Carrie Eldred, Connie Tillman, Nicole Baxter, James Wick, Kim Brazille, Dennis Eckler. Please respond to Linda Barnes, church clerk, at ronlin@cliffonline.com; or call (541) 210-6189.

WASHINGTON

SAGE Washington

Feb. 12—SAGE seniors Valentine banquet, at 1 p.m., Kirkland Adventist Church (6400 108th Ave. N.E., Kirkland, Wash.). Chet Damron, retired Adventist minister/chaplain from Michigan will appear disguised as “Honest Abe.” For 22 years, he’s been the “Abe Lincoln impressionist” across America and volunteers as “Uncle Dan” on “Your Story Hour” radio broadcast. Enjoy singing romantic songs, delicious vegetarian dining, and fun door prizes. For more information, contact (253) 681-6008; or www.sage-washington.com.

Seeking Missing Members

The Washington Conference Church seeks the following missing members: Paul Combs, Dennis Compton, Kathleen Creech, Frank Cross, Diana Cuervo, Duane Dexter, Leo Doddridge, Karla Dover, Carin Duffield, Leiloa Faitau, Naomis Faletaga. If you know how to contact them, please call Janeth Carnduff at (253) 681-6008.

WORLD CHURCH

Adventist Single Adult Ministries Conference

March 22—Attend the country’s largest training event for single adult ministries leaders at the interdenominational SAM Convention, March 23–25, following the third annual Adventist SAM Leadership Training Conference, March 22. Both will be held in Phoenix, Ariz. Featured speakers are Dr. Hyveth Williams and Dr. Dick Stenbakken, NAD ASAM

coordinator. Contact PlusLine at (800) 732-7587; or go to <http://plusline.org/events> for registration information. The ASAM Web site is <http://www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org/>. Elder Don C. Schneider, NAD president, said: “I am looking forward to thousands of lives being touched for Jesus through Adventist single adult ministries. I encourage EVERY pastor, church, and conference to work together to help ASAM affect lives for eternity.”

Walker Memorial Academy Homecoming

March 25–26—Walker Memorial Academy alumni weekend will be held at the Avon Park, Fla., campus. The speakers for the weekend will be Pastor Rey Descalso Jr. and Pastor Mark Reams. A special tribute will be awarded to William E. Farmer for his 20 years of dedication and service at WMA.

Madison Academy Homecoming

April 21–23—Madison Academy in Madison, Tenn., will host their annual alumni weekend. If you were a student or teacher at Madison Academy and have not received a newsletter this year, then the alumni officers don’t have your address. Please visit our Web site and update yourself at www.madisonacademyalumni.com. If you are not listed or cannot update yourself using the Web, please call the alumni president, Lynn Grundset Reynolds, at (615) 851-0044.

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Fairbanks	4:41	5:05	5:29	5:52
Juneau	4:26	4:43	5:00	5:17
Ketchikan	4:27	4:42	4:57	5:11
IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	5:59	6:09	6:18	6:27
La Grande	5:03	5:13	5:23	5:33
Pocatello	5:46	5:55	6:04	6:13
MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	5:23	5:34	5:44	5:54
Harve	5:21	5:32	5:44	5:55
Helena	5:35	5:46	5:56	6:07
Miles City	5:11	5:21	5:32	5:42
Missoula	5:42	5:53	6:04	6:14
OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	5:32	5:41	5:50	6:00
Medford	5:28	5:38	5:47	5:55
Portland	5:20	5:31	5:41	5:51
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Walla Walla	5:02	5:12	5:22	5:33
Wenatchee	5:06	5:17	5:28	5:39
Yakima	5:09	5:20	5:30	5:41
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	5:11	5:23	5:34	5:46
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- Is it better to grow a bigger church or spawn a new church plant?
- What is more important, nurture or outreach?
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- How can we make our churches and members "visitor friendly"?

NEXT MONTH: March

"If you could ask the treasurer..." Focus your questions for NPUC treasurer Norman Klam on areas of tithe and offering use, systematic versus special-project giving, costs of Adventist education and more.

APRIL

The Revolving Back Door. Why are so many of our recent college graduates and young adults not active in a local church? What should we be doing to reverse this trend?



Is Your Church Dormant?

During this cold, wet and often frozen time of year, those of us who like growing things can hardly wait until spring. In a few short months, those dead, dormant sticks around our homes will leaf out and flower, much to our delight and the culinary satisfaction of an endless variety of deer, bunnies and Northwestern slugs.

Some of our churches seem to be in a prolonged state of dormancy. It's difficult here in the Northwest, they say. This is an unchurched society, not given to spiritual things. The list of excuses is long, as if dormancy is natural, acceptable.

Churches that go dormant, often die.

But churches that go dormant often die. They may have long-winded discussions on style or theology, but they really need a few members to become spiritual spark plugs. Those involved in outreach, in sharing the Adventist message of hope, will find the vitality of the Spirit returning to their churches.

While the global Adventist Church is growing exponentially, here in North America and specifically in the Northwest, true kingdom growth through new baptisms has been modest. While many from our own corner of the world have eagerly joined overseas short-term mission trips, we need to plan similar time, energy and resources to brighten the corner right here in the everyday circle of influence where God has placed us.

What to do about that? I'd like to hear your response to some of the questions posed at the top left of this page. Is there something more our corporate church structure should be doing to motivate growth? Or is this one of those things that can only happen in individual members, from the inside out? Are you a member of a church that used to be dormant, but has come awake and alive? What made the difference?

As we prepare to interview the North Pacific Union Conference executive secretary, Bryce Pascoe, in our May

GLENER, I would like to get your comments or follow-up questions on this topic and more. Choose the Let's Talk button at www.gleaneronline.org, or e-mail me at talk@gleaneronline.org. I'll be anxious to hear from you.

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