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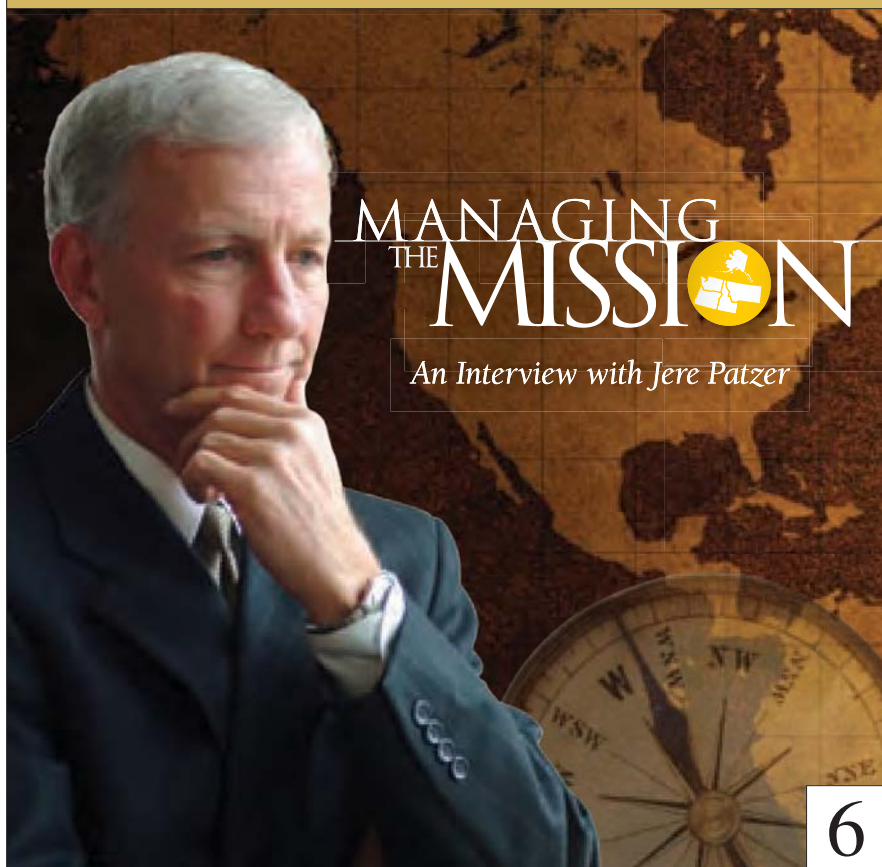
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*Pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit.*  
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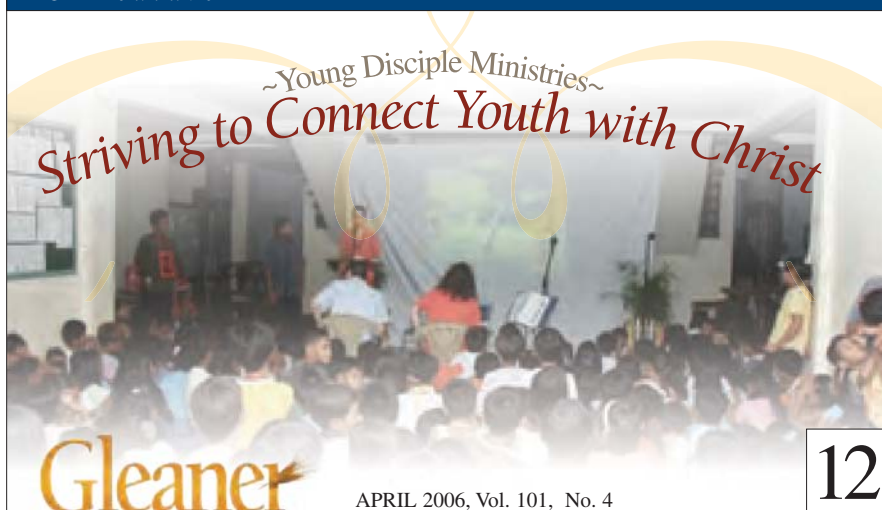


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# To Praise *Or* Not to Praise

PART I

## Music: The War Department of the Church

BY JERE PATZER

An evangelical pastor once quipped, “If I were to change my theology, I’d lose 10 percent of my members. If I changed the music style in my church, I’d lose 50 percent.”

Why is this topic such a lightning rod for so many saints? Well if it’s any consolation, controversy over music isn’t a new phenomenon.

- In the early third-century Christian church, instrumental music was generally forbidden due to its association with immorality. The lyre was connected to prostitution.
- By the next century, Bishop Ambros of Milan replaced biblical poetry by introducing metrical hymns into the church. He was severely criticized because they were composed by “heretics.”
- By the seventh century, individuals began singing solos in the church. The response by some was, “I came to worship God not man.”
- 13th-century choirs graduated from single melody to four-part harmony, evoking a denunciation for bringing chaos into the church.
- In the 1500s, John Calvin hired two secular composers to put his theology to music. The Queen of England was so infuriated by these “vulgar tunes,” she referred to them as his “Geneva Jigs.”
- The 16th-century debate was over congregational singing of sacred songs. Some felt that to have mere lay people singing would profane the holiness of worship.
- When George Fredrick Handel wrote the Messiah in 1741, it was condemned as “vulgar theater” by religious leaders and criticized for its repetition of nearly 100 hallelujahs.
- The 17th century was a turning point for Christian music as many were outraged by the introduction of the new “tool of the Devil”—the organ.
- 18th-century song writer Isaac Watts is revered today for producing the first hymnal in the English language. He wrote such great classics as “O God Our Help in Ages Past” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” Yet in his day, one critic wrote of the hymnal, “There are several reasons for opposing it. One, it’s too new. Two, it’s often worldly, even blasphemous. The

new Christian music is not as pleasant as the more established style [and] there are so many new songs, you can’t learn them all. This new music creates disturbances, making people act indecently and disorderly. [Besides] the previous generation got along without it.” Somehow that last statement has a somewhat familiar ring, doesn’t it?

- And then in the 20th century, when the potential of radio was discovered, ministers began religious programming with preaching and music. Many were criticized because the airwaves were considered the domain of Satan.
- And lest we laugh only at those before us and their “narrow” views of worship music, let me remind us of something that happened at the Oregon camp meeting last summer. Sabbath afternoon featured a concert by the original Wedgwood Trio, who played to a large, appreciative audience in the main tent. Some didn’t remember that when the trio first toured with H.M.S. Richards Jr. in 1967, they were forbidden to play in the main tent on the grounds. And Richards was severely criticized for bringing this radical, modern music to camp meeting.

So what do we do about this historic dilemma? We are thankful that musicians with various styles persisted in composing and performing. If not, we would not only be without some of the great hymns of the church, we would never have thrilled to the strains of the majestic *Messiah*.

Furthermore, we might never be blessed in worship by the sounds of a pipe organ or a guitar. And, oh yes, the witness of the Christian radio stations never would have aired.

So what is the answer? What can we learn from the past? Obviously, if there were a single solution, the controversy would have been resolved centuries ago. The fact that music has divided churches for a thousand years and is still splitting churches today should teach us something.

Next month we’ll look at some practical ways to make the worship music in your church not only pleasing to God but also bring harmony (in every sense of the word) to your congregation. •



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

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# What's an ~~Esdeeday~~ ?

The term "SDA" as a short form of Seventh-day Adventist is an ingrained part of the church's subcultural lingo. Church leaders, however, are now encouraging members and church organizations to instead use the single word "Adventist" as the only appropriate abbreviation for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Here are three important reasons why "Adventist" is a better abbreviation for the church's name:

- "Adventist" conveys one of the central beliefs of the church, that Jesus is coming again soon. The initials "SDA," in themselves, do not convey any message.
- The initials "SDA" can be easily confused with other entities.
- The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide entity, communicating a message in more than 800 languages. In many of those languages, the initials are different. For example, in Spanish, "SDA" would be "IASD." In Japanese and Chinese, "SDA" does not translate at all.

So in practical terms, the abbreviated form for the Parkdale Seventh-day Adventist Church would not be Parkdale SDA Church, but rather Parkdale Adventist Church. Likewise a Seventh-day Adventist minister would not be described as an SDA minister, but rather as an Adventist minister.

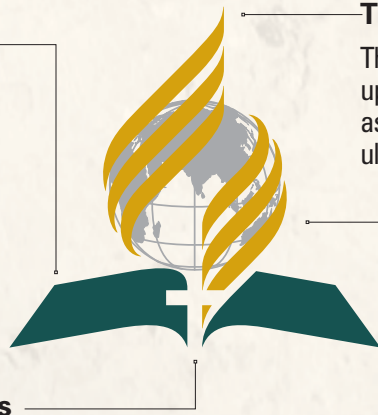
Church leaders hope the effective use of the "Adventist" abbreviation will not only provide better name recognition but also immediately portray a significant element of the Adventist message.

## The Logo of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

*This logo is a simple picture of the foundation of Adventist beliefs and values. It is the official symbol of the Adventist Church and its message to the world.*

### The Open Bible

The Bible forms the base of the design and represents the Biblical foundation of our beliefs. It is portrayed in a fully opened position suggesting a full acceptance of God's word.



### The Upward Momentum

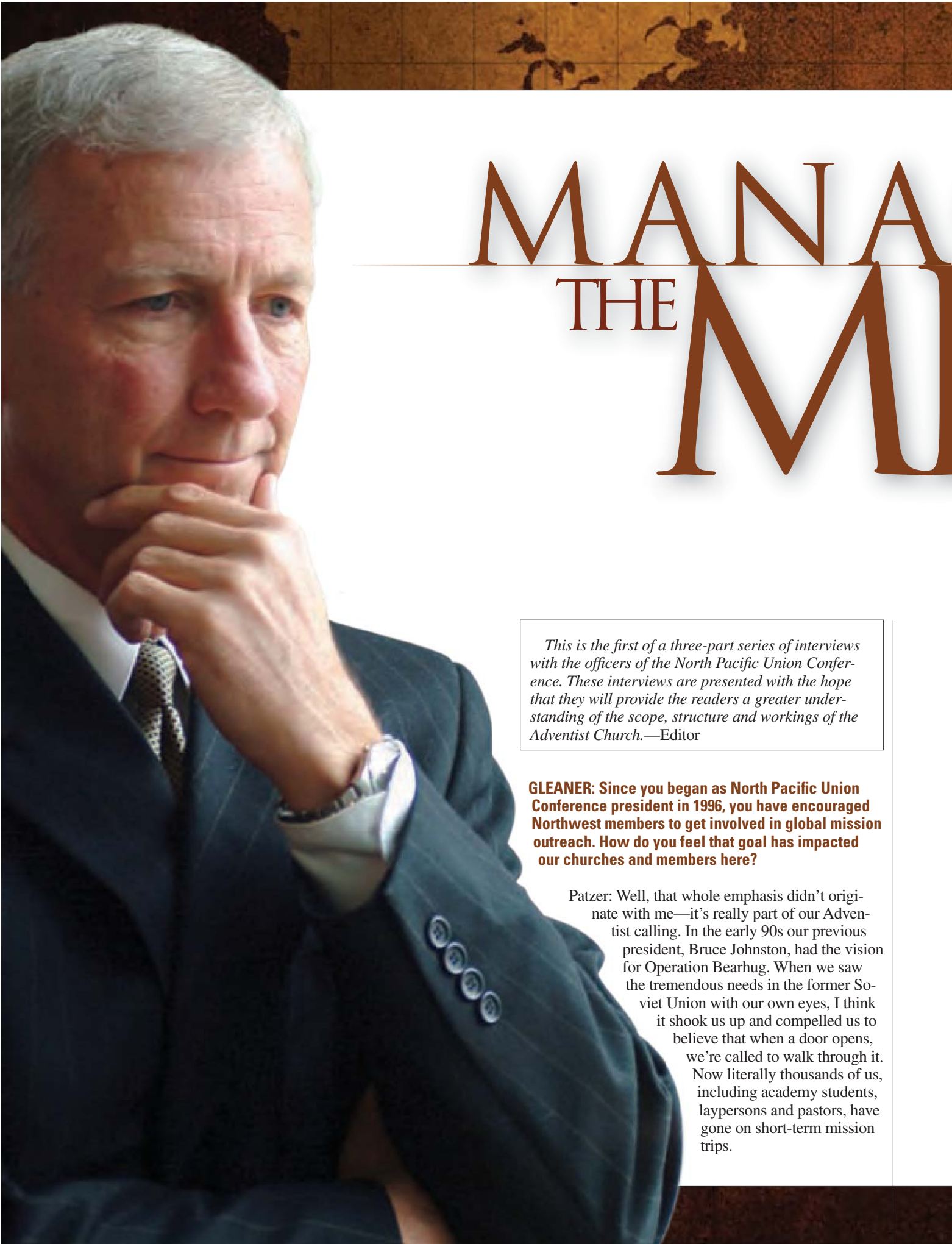
The lines at the top of the design suggest a continued upward momentum symbolizing the resurrection and ascension to heaven of Christ's second coming—the ultimate focus of our faith.

### The Flame

The shape is formed by three lines encircling an implied sphere. The lines represent the three angels of Revelation 14 circling the globe and our commission to take the gospel to the entire world. The overall shape forms a flame symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

### The Cross

The symbol of the cross, representing the gospel of salvation, is positioned in the center of the design to emphasize Christ's sacrifice, which is the central theme of our faith.



# MANANA THE M

*This is the first of a three-part series of interviews with the officers of the North Pacific Union Conference. These interviews are presented with the hope that they will provide the readers a greater understanding of the scope, structure and workings of the Adventist Church.—Editor*

**GLEANER: Since you began as North Pacific Union Conference president in 1996, you have encouraged Northwest members to get involved in global mission outreach. How do you feel that goal has impacted our churches and members here?**

Patzer: Well, that whole emphasis didn't originate with me—it's really part of our Adventist calling. In the early 90s our previous president, Bruce Johnston, had the vision for Operation Bearhug. When we saw the tremendous needs in the former Soviet Union with our own eyes, I think it shook us up and compelled us to believe that when a door opens, we're called to walk through it. Now literally thousands of us, including academy students, laypersons and pastors, have gone on short-term mission trips.

# MISSION



## *An Interview with Jere Patzer*

There's no doubt in my mind that these experiences have changed us for the better. We've certainly given a lot with countless hours of donated time along with millions of dollars to build churches, hold evangelistic meetings and bring medical assistance. But each time we go, we bring back new appreciation for our brothers and sisters in other lands who are on fire for the Lord in spite of huge challenges. They inspire us to renew our own commitment to the work God has given us right here at home.

### **But is all the time and effort dedicated to global evangelism helping or hindering local evangelism right here in our own Northwest churches and communities?**

One of my favorite statements from Ellen White is that the best way to strengthen the home field is to invest in foreign missions. While our Northwest members continue to lead the North American Division in per capita tithing and mission contributions, I believe the investment she refers to is more than just money, and it's not just short term. The long-term effect will be greater than we now realize. For example, our academy students who have spent time on a mission trip in a different culture come back with a renewed focus that will positively affect their choices and connection with our church's mission for years to come.

But, having said that, I am disappointed that the enthusiasm for global evangelism has not transferred directly to local evangelism here at home. God has called us to be just as active in working and praying for new conversions here

in the Northwest as we are abroad. A healthy church should expect to grow by at least five percent each year, whereas here we are averaging less than two percent.

### **Do you believe that is a trend we can change?**

Absolutely. People in the Northwest may be unchurched, but they are still looking for answers; they're looking for hope. I know some of our members and even pastors feel that public evangelism or reaping meetings are outdated and don't work. I disagree. When churches do evangelism, when they have a long-term commitment to outreach, and do it regularly, people respond. And I don't mean just the pastor—it takes every member learning to make evangelism a lifestyle.

This spring we were on a short-term mission trip with many of our Northwest members to Bolivia, where they talked about Evangel-Living. That's their theme, and it says it all. We need that same mindset here in the Northwest. Our local conference presidents agree, and together we are working on some specific plans that I hope will give new momentum to our churches and members in the near future.

### **Speaking of our local conferences, some members don't understand the difference between their local conference and the union conference. How would you explain the differing roles?**

Good question. Ultimately the entire organization of the Adventist Church is focused on making sure support and funding is sent where it is needed most. Obviously

the local church is best able to understand and respond to the immediate needs of its own community. But there are some things that require more resources or coordination than what a local church can easily provide—for instance running a boarding academy or a youth camp. And so they join together in what we call conferences, which help coordinate support services directly to their churches, pastors and members.

**So, then, why do we need union conferences?**

I've worked as a pastor, a local conference youth director and administrator, and now as a union conference president. I've seen all sides of the system and still think it is working. Ideally the union conference ensures that the needs of the smaller conferences, with fewer inherent members and resources, do not suffer while larger conferences flourish. The members in each of our conferences, small and large, receive the benefits of the monthly GLEANER, *Northwest Spotlight on Mission* DVDs that are mailed to each church quarterly, Sabbath work accommodation or labor union help, certified Adventist teachers, loans for church and school building projects, and other services because of the North Pacific Union Conference.

These services are made possible because the union conference territory is large enough to pool sufficient resources, yet small enough to be responsive. The NPUC revolving fund is a great example, in which our Northwest members currently have nearly \$30 million invested. They not only receive a competitive interest rate in return, but those funds are used to provide loans to our local churches and schools.

I remember one time our NPUC executive committee got into a discussion about the education department staffing. Someone said, "Why do we need to hire an assistant in the department?"

One of the committee members said, "Because we need them to help give supervision to our small conferences." To which the person said, "Then why don't a couple of you small conferences hire that person." To which a conference president gave a classic reply, "We have, it's called a union."

That really embodies the reason for a union. Not duplicating but bringing efficiency and expertise in response to the local conference needs.

**What do you see as your greatest challenge as union president?**

Trying to keep communication lines open and maintain unity would rank near the top. I visit churches and camp meetings as often as possible. I am closely involved with all of our local conference committees—

I believe they provide accountability and a chance to hear other viewpoints. Ultimately, I want us all, with our growing diversity here in the Northwest, to move together with a common vision of what God has called us to be and to do. And beyond even our own membership, I hope to communicate something about our church to our larger Northwest community, which is why I maintain a regular presence on the radio with *Issues and Interviews*, carried in most of the major markets.

**Two key areas you have emphasized while president are mission focus and biblical theology. Where do you see those trends heading?**

Well, I'm troubled that some churches have eliminated Sabbath School as a part of their Sabbath services. Sabbath Schools were originally founded to promote three things—fellowship, study of the Word and missions. Most

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churches do well with the first two. However, it's important that we not neglect the mission emphasis. We are a world church, not a national church, and missions both here and overseas are an important part of God's vision for us.

I would hope that every church can find a way to revitalize an exciting home and foreign mission emphasis. I recommend doing it each Sabbath for a few minutes after everyone has reconvened in the sanctuary.

This is the main reason that our quarterly *Northwest Spotlight on Mission* DVD was created. These programs are filled with great stories and testimonies from our own Northwest members. Every quarter two copies are sent free to each church. I am disappointed that some churches still aren't using them.

**And, in the area of our beliefs and theology?**

Well, yes, according to Adherents.com, our worldwide Adventist Church is now the eighth largest international church and growing exponentially. Yet, with this growth, how do we make sure our belief system stays firmly connected to biblical truth? How do we effectively pass the

torch to new generations and new members?

Our church is pretty open to allowing individual members the right to hold their own views theologically within certain parameters. But when it comes to key doctrines such as the biblical creation account and our understanding of inspiration and revelation, we need some basic agreement. And particularly, I believe, the vast majority of our membership expects that those who teach in our

schools or preach in our churches will not only articulate but personally believe the fundamentals of our church.

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# OUR CHURCH ITS FOUNDATION & ITS FUTURE

During the October 2005 Annual Council at the Adventist world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, delegates voted to create the Commission on Ministries, Services and Structures. This group of 100 people, including representatives from the world church and local church regions as well as lay members and pastors, is commissioned to research the effectiveness of current denominational structure, propose adjustments, outline an implementation strategy, and determine membership response to major proposals for organizational change.

This process engages a structure with roots that go back to a biblical example. When Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, once visited the camp of the Israelites, he noticed that Moses was spending most of his day settling disputes among the people. Jethro advised Moses to get some help. "Let me give you a word of advice," he said, "and may God be with you.... Select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten.... They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace" (Exodus 18:13-26, NLT).

Ellen White wrote in *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1, p. 652, "[God] designs that we should learn lessons of order and organization from the perfect order instituted in the days of Moses for the benefit of the children of Israel."

The Adventist Church is patterned after this principle of organization—seeking to divide the work into manageable segments so that all needs are met without anyone bearing an undue share of the load.

Each level of the church organization is organized to be "representative," reflecting a democratic process. Local churches elect their officers and church boards as well as delegates for their local conference. The local conference works as an immediate support base for the local churches in a state or small geographical region.

Union conferences provide support for a group of local conferences through services that would be too expensive or inefficient for each conference (especially small conferences) to supply. Divisions cover the large continental areas of the world (such as the North American Division covering Canada, Bermuda and the U.S.). The union conferences work directly within the divisions and the overall General Conference to create a balance of resources between local conferences and the world church.

Echoing that basic structure, the North Pacific Union Conference constitution specifies that the primary purpose for its existence is for evangelism that "is to teach the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." It further states that the union is to provide "leadership, the coordination and the rendering of service to the local conferences in Christian ministry...Christian education... and support for the worldwide missionary program of the General Conference..."

The union conference president represents the church at various meetings, advises local conference administrators, and provides leadership or input to the various committees of the local conferences, the North American Division and the General Conference. These committees are designed to ensure that the diverse membership of the Adventist Church not only has a voice in how the mission is carried forward but also a process of accountability. •



**So what are we doing about it?**

Well, so far we have had 30 Faith in Focus Forums where we have invited top Adventist scholars, theologians and scientists to various churches in each of our conferences around the Northwest to candidly discuss the issues. I believe this has encouraged thoughtful Adventists to maintain their confidence in the biblical basis of our Adventist beliefs.

While we certainly don't have all the answers in archeology or science, we do have sufficient evidence that, when coupled with faith, gives us assurance.

**In light of today's efforts by many corporations to downsize, what have you done to make the NPUC operation as efficient as possible?**

A couple years ago we trimmed our union staff by around 15 percent. The office we will move to this fall will be significantly smaller in square footage than our old building. But rather than simple "downsizing," I'd like to suggest a better word is "rightsizing," which means that we are more likely to adjust or shift resources or staff to new areas of need. Fifteen years ago we had no idea that we would need an informational technology department, yet now every office

does most of its work with computers. The idea is to shift resources to where they are needed to help our church's mission go forward as efficiently as possible.

**What's the purpose or rationale behind the flurry of new buildings for conferences and even the union office? How do these investments impact the work of our local churches?**

Investment is a good word. There are no "ivory palaces" being designed or built. But it is necessary for every organization to periodically reassess its priorities, and sometimes it is more efficient to sell an older facility than to spend enormous sums of money to bring it up to current codes. Former NPUC president Elmer Walde realized that when he led out in our previous office relocation in 1970. God has enabled us to sell existing facilities and relocate in areas where property values are on the dramatic rise. This means the investments will grow and provide greater potential resources for our church and its mission in the future. Furthermore, as I already indicated, the staffing needs and adjustments in all of our offices have changed what we need to be cost-effective. These investments, if done prayerfully and carefully, ensure that the services most needed by our members and churches will continue to be provided in a timely and efficient manner.

**Do you believe the popular evangelical groundswell towards "mega-churches" is a positive trend that will carry over to the Adventist Church?**

I just read a national study released in February that says Protestant churches with a regular attendance in excess of 2,000 per week have doubled in the last five years. I think our normal Adventist philosophy somewhat mitigates against that. Our strategy usually involves many smaller churches in an attempt to have a multifaceted influence.

Yet we can learn a lot of positive things from what these mega-churches are doing right. David Travis of the church consulting group Leadership Network says regarding successful churches, "Today people demand quality... they find quality almost everywhere else in their lives and expect it in all venues—music, visuals, preaching..." So our churches, large or small, should do all they

can to have a beautiful, inspiring Sabbath School and church service.

A second emphasis of many mega-churches that we could and should emulate is that they intentionally are evangelistic and racially inclusive.

**What do you see as the greatest need for our Northwest churches: outreach and evangelism, or care and feeding of the present flock?**

The obvious answer is yes to both. The over-emphasis of one to the neglect of the other is counterproductive. But if there is one fault that I see more often, it would



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*—David Travis*

be “hovering” over the flock. When the work originally moved to the West Coast 100 years ago, Ellen G. White was adamant that pastors should be out raising up the new work, not “hovering” over the sheep, tending to perpetuate weak flocks. Today the model that she advocated has been lost, and we are paying a price. She believed the best way to have a healthy, growing church was to be involved in evangelism, and I concur.

**You have spent quite a bit of time analyzing principles of leadership and even authored a book about it. Has the style of church leadership changed significantly in the past few decades?**

Yes, it has. I’ve been in church administration now for more than 20 years and times have changed. There was a time when a conference president spoke, it was law. I remember how on the second weekend of camp meeting all the pastoral changes were announced with little or no prior church involvement. Or if a pastor dared come to year-end ministers’ meeting without his Ingathering goal he was liable to be sent home to raise it or have his check held up until he did.

Today we are much less autocratic, much more process oriented. And while it may not always be as efficient (there’s nothing like a dictator for efficiency), there is greater involvement, accountability and hopefully buy-in.

**As of this year, the North Pacific Union Conference has helped coordinate Adventist work in the Northwest for 100 years. Do you believe our mission today has changed from that of the early pioneers?**

I read recently about how the delegates for the newly organized North Pacific Union Conference adopted a mission statement that read as follows, “The object of this confer-

ence shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting Gospel throughout this conference and the mission fields of the world.”

As I’ve thought about that, I’ve been encouraged that the basic purpose for our existence has not changed. We’re still a people obsessed with the coming of Jesus, hopefully, considering world conditions, even more so than our forefathers. That drives us to prepare our families, our churches, our brothers and sisters here and abroad—to know Jesus, to accept His offer of salvation by faith and to serve Him by sharing His Good News with everyone.

One of my friends recently declared to me, “We are living in the last of the last days.” I believe Jesus must and will return soon. To that event, I commit my life and challenge our members to join me. •





~Young Disciple Ministries~  
*Striving to Connect Youth with Christ*

The group of teenagers sat in a circle on the beach, enjoying the strikingly bright stars of the tropics. One young man played the guitar as the rest sang along.

No, they weren't at a beach party, and they weren't crooning the latest pop tune. The words of their song expressed the desire of their hearts: "Here I am, Lord... I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me..."\*

As the last notes faded into the gently lapping waves, a young man began to speak. "I'm a different person than I was a month ago."

The others nodded with understanding as Josh continued. "When I signed up for this mission trip, I thought it would be a great way to see the world. As for the rules, I figured I could stand anything for a few weeks." He shook his head almost in bewilderment. "But I've changed. I'm not going to go back to my old music, my old habits, my old friends, my old life."

Josh followed through on his commitment. Two years later, he was the



**During the 2004 YD Mission Experience, Karen Jorgenson was one of the three main speakers in the adult meetings. She gave powerful presentations each night, as she realized that her words could bring new life in Christ to one of her listeners. Here, Karen prays through the translator for those that have just made a decision to follow Jesus all the way.**

dynamic leader of a group of young Bible workers on a mission trip to the Philippines. Now, still on fire for God, he is a Bible worker in Tennessee.

Josh's story is the essence of why Young Disciple Ministries exists: to

connect youth with Christ. Not just superficially. Not with simply a knowledge of truth, but with a real heart-connection to the source of all power.

Let's face it: It's never been harder to grow up. Distractions of all sorts assail young people on every side. More than ever, they need encouragement, support and direction.

Yet today's youth are also wise beyond their years. When it comes to spiritual things, they don't need to be pampered and patronized. As Karen Jorgenson, 17, puts it, "We don't want dumbed-down talk and games. We want to get deep and have a real walk with God."

Yes! Youth want to be challenged. They want a religion that is genuine. And they long to make a difference in the world.



Since its beginning in 1992, the vision of Young Disciple Ministries has been to help young people achieve these goals. For many Sabbath Schools and individuals, this begins with a subscription to *Young Disciple* magazine, a weekly publication that includes a daily Bible study guide.

Melissa Allen, 17, speaks for many when she says, “The stories in the magazine are not just stories. They teach important truths that have shown me how to walk with God, how to live my life for Him and how to get along with all members of my family.”

Another facet of the ministry brings young people together to study and grow in the Lord. Young people have been flocking to Young Disciple’s summer camp program, now located in Inchelium, Washington, since 1993.

Why do they come? “Young Disciple’s Youth Bible Camp is the highlight of my year,” Tyler Marlow, 16, explains. “Camp recharges my spiritual batteries!”

Besides the usual summer camp fare, YD camp emphasizes personal Bible study, outreach training and classes in life skills that equip young people for service. Ted Evert, camp director, reports that one of the most sought-after program choices is DVD evangelism, where campers learn how to use programs like *New Beginnings* to preach the Gospel around the world.

Even more important, of course, is what happens in the hearts of the campers—and how it is demonstrated in their lives. “When I came home from camp,” Aerial Hamilton, 14, reports, “my fam-



Campers in wilderness survival class spend a night in the forest in shelters that they build. Matthew Bieri and Gabriel Mizner get comfortable in their shelter of logs, rope and pine bark.

ily and friends saw that I had a personal relationship with Jesus.”

Many young people return year after year. Haley Martz, now 23, first attended YD camp at the age of 12. Later, Haley served as a counselor. “Besides the influence of my godly parents,” Haley says, “YD has been one of the biggest spiritual blessings in my life. At camp I have been challenged to get to know God personally and to serve my fellow men with the talents God has given me.”

Now a graduate of Southern Adventist University, Haley is doing just that. In February, she co-lead the child evangelism team of a Young Disciple mission to the Philippines and led other young people in presenting a full evangelistic series to hundreds of eager children.

Their tool: YD’s *Truth 4 Youth* program. This counterpart to adult evangelism packages such as *New Beginnings* and *Truth for Today* provides a complete program for children in DVD or PowerPoint format. “It makes things easy and provides everything we need, from songs and stories to activities and crafts,” Haley explains. “The kids love it too!”

On a YD Mission Experience, young people are responsible for every aspect

Josh Fine (far right) with local Bible workers and the YD Bible Work team in San Vicente, Palawan. Every afternoon, YD team members joined local workers in sharing the gospel in people’s homes.



During the 2006 Mission Experience to the Philippines this February, Sarah Berlin tells a Bible story using YD’s *Truth 4 Youth* program. Each evening, about 200 children crowded into a small lobby to be blessed by songs, Bible stories, crafts, and other activities provided by our of team of young people.

of evangelism, including Bible work, health evangelism and even preaching an evangelistic series.

Many participants, such as Josh Fine, go on to choose full-time service for God, either at home or abroad. “The YD Mission Experience opened my eyes,” he states. “It taught me to live my religion in my life.”

Over the years, dozens of young people have served as interns in the Young Disciple office. Cheyenne Francis, a former intern, is now the *Young Disciple* assistant editor. “I’ve been a YD reader practically ever since I could read,” she says. “The principles I learned from the articles and studies...are a big part of the reason I’ve chosen to give my whole life in service to God.”

Isai Velez, 16, adds this succinct definition of the Young Disciple vision: “Their only goal is to save young people, and I’m one of them.” •

\*From “Here I Am, Lord,” by Dan Schutte. Copyright 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music.

Janet Evert, *Young Disciple Ministries* founder, writes from *Inchelium, Washington*.

*Young Disciple Ministries was founded in 1992 by Janet Evert, when her sons were in their teens. Today, both sons are part of the YD staff. The ministry is located in Inchelium, Washington. Young Disciple Ministries is a supporting ministry member of ASI.*





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*H e l e n   C o n a r d*  
**EARLY ADVENTIST EDUCATOR**

BY DOUG JOHNSON

**W**hether you live in the Willamette Valley, the interior of Alaska, downtown Seattle or eastern Montana, chances are you spent several years in a small town in eastern Washington called College Place. The reason is simple—Walla Walla College.

The college's Conard Hall has sheltered hundreds of collegiate women over the years, and the story behind its name is both amazing and inspiring.

Helen Clara Conard's father, Alvin Clark, brought his family over the Oregon Trail in 1852. On this trip, Alvin was captain of the wagon train, leaving Mary, his wife, to drive their wagon while watching their 11-month-old twins, Helen and Clarence.

One day several children of the wagon train began playing with miniature bows and arrows. They were having a great time when an arrow hit one of Mary's oxen. Terrified, the animals began running wildly with the wagon bouncing behind them.

Mary realized the wagon would overturn, so she wrapped her arms around her babies and jumped. At the same time a young man rode his horse alongside her wagon. He was from another wagon train that was heading for the gold fields of California. When Mary jumped, he leaped from his horse and caught her in midair. The four of them rolled across the hard ground and sagebrush. When the dust settled, even the babies were unhurt.

The Clarks settled in the Willamette Valley. Then, in 1862, Alvin moved his family to a homestead at Brush Prairie about 10 miles north of Vancouver in the Washington Territory.

As a young girl, Helen enjoyed learning new things at the small, frontier school near her parents' homestead. When she completed this education, she traveled to Portland where she prepared for the teaching profession by attending an academy for one year. Then she taught rural schools north of Vancouver.

In 1875 Helen began seeing a 40-year-old man named George. One day after school, they were visiting on the steps of the Douthit schoolhouse when the subject of horses came up. George told Helen about his favorite horse, a black stallion that he rode over the Oregon Trail to California in 1852.

He then told her that one day he saw a wagon from another wagon train that was rushing wildly across the plain. He spurred his black stallion, and just as he came alongside the wagon, a woman with two babies jumped. He leaped from his horse and caught them in midair.

Helen could not keep silent. She told George that the woman he caught was her mother and she was one of the twin babies.

In May of the next year Helen and George Conard were married. Nine years later, Charles L. Boyd, the second North Pacific Union Conference president, conducted evangelistic tent meetings in their area, and the Conards joined the Adventist Church.

Helen and George moved to Milton, Oregon, in 1890 so their children could attend the Milton Academy. Two years later they relocated to the newly established town of College Place.

At age 43, Helen enrolled at Walla Walla College. Four years later, in 1898, she and Ada, her oldest daughter, made up half of the college's third graduating class. During her next 10 years, Helen served at the college as preceptress (dean of women), librarian, history and English teacher, and intermediate-level school teacher.

When the college erected a women's dormitory on the east side of campus in 1934, it was named Conard Hall in Helen's honor. Following additions in 1954 and 1960, Conard Hall stands today as one of the largest buildings on campus. •

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

# Fresh Start

**T**he Dave Matthews Band formed in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1991 when vocalist/guitarist Dave Matthews decided to put some songs he had written on tape. The band immediately attracted a strong word-of-mouth following by touring the country constantly, concentrating on college campuses. In a few short years they became one of the most prolific bands of all time.

But long before the acclaim, Dave Matthews was shaped by a few choice words from his dad. It was dinner time. Dave was eight years old. Sitting with his two sisters, his brother and his parents, Dave was deliberately disrupting the meal by singing off-key—on purpose—just to annoy everyone. Rather than scolding Dave or telling him to cork it, his dad looked to his mom and said, “Look, he sings so well he can sing *off-key!*”

Dave would later reflect, “What a clever compliment: one part praise and one part admonition. I was a kid, so I latched on to the praise part. No one had ever told me I could sing well, and I was filled with pride. Consequently, I shut up.”

In the few choice words, Dave felt praised and humbled. What he heard his dad say was, “You have a great talent, now knock it off.” He stopped

## Perfectly Off-key

disrupting dinner as he replayed his dad’s words over and over in his mind. At that meal he learned something that would change his life: He could sing.

Shortly after the incident, Dave’s dad died. The words at the dinner table took on new significance.

Dave tells the rest of the story: “Years later, I started to think about playing music in places other than my mother’s living room, and a big part of me was saying

‘Who do you think you are to try to get up in front of people?’ I was overwhelmed by doubt. I had stage fright. I wondered if writing music was ridiculous and self-indulgent, but I let my dad’s words push me along. They got me thinking: *Maybe music isn’t just something I like. Maybe it’s what I am.*

“Just like I did when I was a kid, I held on to the praise in my father’s words. It sounds silly now, ‘My dad says I can sing,’ but in the beginning of my career, those words offered exactly the encouragement I needed.

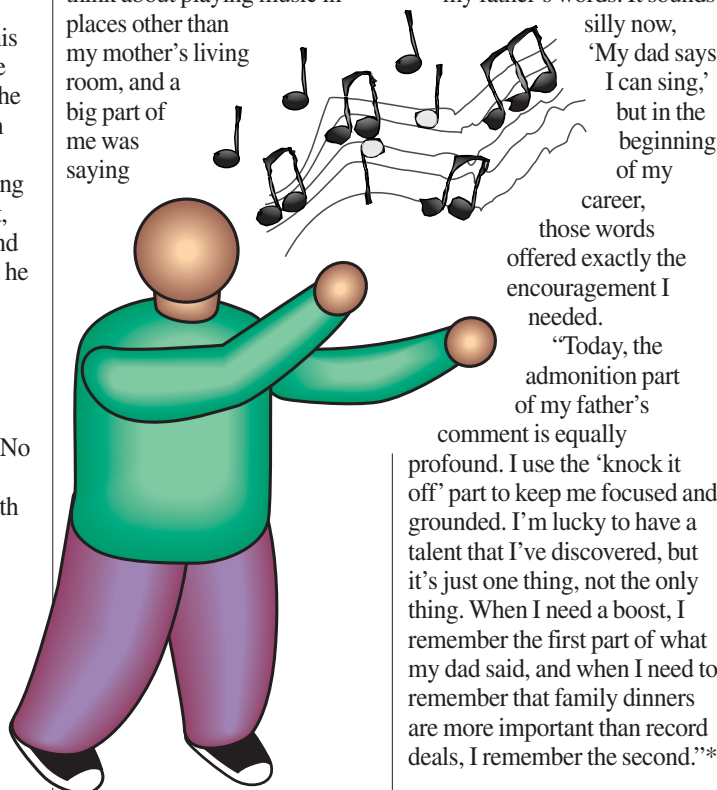
“Today, the admonition part of my father’s comment is equally profound. I use the ‘knock it off’ part to keep me focused and grounded. I’m lucky to have a talent that I’ve discovered, but it’s just one thing, not the only thing. When I need a boost, I remember the first part of what my dad said, and when I need to remember that family dinners are more important than record deals, I remember the second.”\*

It’s a good story to remember when you find yourself wondering about music. On the one hand, your heavenly Father says you can sing. Whether you play the bassoon or just the stereo, music will play some role in your life. On the other hand, you have a responsibility to use the gift of music wisely. So don’t disgrace your Dad when you enjoy His gift.

In the words of Ellen G. White: “Music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble, and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God. What a contrast between the ancient custom and the uses to which music is now too often devoted! How many employ this gift to exalt self, instead of using it to glorify God! ... That which is a great blessing when rightly used, becomes one of the most successful agencies by which Satan allures the mind from duty and from the contemplation of eternal things” (*Christian Education*, p. 62). •

\*Dave Matthews’ story adapted from *The Right Words at the Right Time*, by Marlo Thomas and friends, pp. 211–212.

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



# Academy Awards

## Foundation Rewards Quality Education

In 10 years, a record five academies from the North Pacific Union Conference have been awarded recognition as schools of excellence. Since 1997, the Alumni Awards Foundation has been rewarding Adventist academies that demonstrate excellence. Of the five North Pacific Union Conference academy winners, four achieved first place, more

than from any other region in North America.

Upper Columbia Academy was selected as the 2006 first place winner at an Alumni Awards Foundation gala weekend event on Feb. 11, in Scottsdale, Ariz. UCA received a \$25,000 grant and use of the foundation award logo in its marketing program. UCA joins Gem State, Auburn, Walla Walla

Valley and Columbia academies as awarded schools of excellence in NPUC.

The Alumni Awards Foundation was begun more than a decade ago by a group of Adventist alumni who envisioned an independent organization that would help revitalize quality Adventist schools. During this time, more than \$500,000 has been channeled primarily

to Adventist secondary schools. The significant financial commitment of the foundation board members and donors has been founded on the belief that collaboration will assist schools in implementing and sustaining quality educational programs. •

*Dennis Plubell, NPUC education department associate director*

# A Hero For God

## Carl Wilkens Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

Carl Wilkens has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Alumni Awards Foundation for his selfless demonstration of God's love during the Rwandan genocide and for his untiring efforts since then to help Americans understand what really occurred and how it can be prevented in the future.

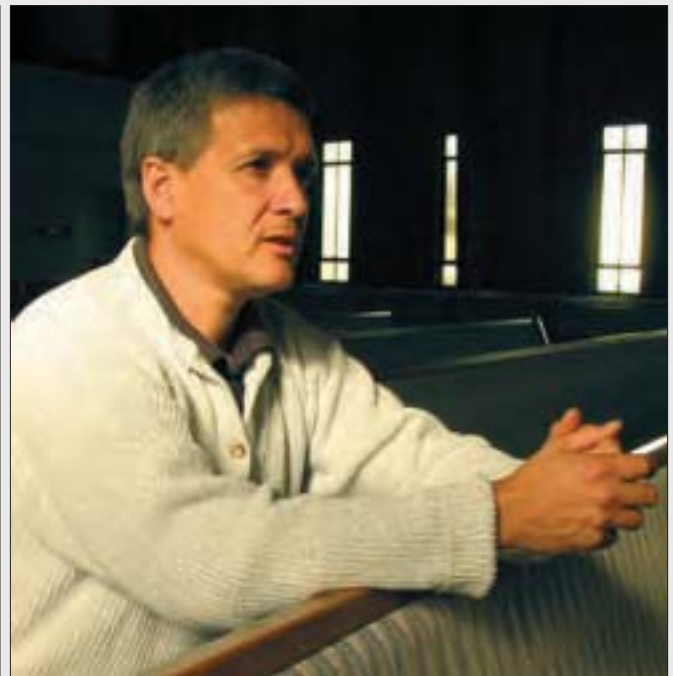
Wilkens is dedicating the associated grant to the Milo Elementary School and Milo Adventist Academy.

Wilkens was the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) director in Kigali, Rwanda, when the genocide began in 1994. His family, his church and his government all asked him to flee to safety, but Wilkens felt that staying behind was the right thing for him to do. He was the only foreigner who was able to move to certain parts of the city to bring water, food and medical aid to the suffering

Rwandans, saving countless lives. With unflinching courage, he constantly risked his own life in order to minister to the great needs surrounding him.

This is not Wilkens' first award. In recognition of his efforts to increase the dignity of all people, the Saint John's School of Theology honored Wilkens with the Dignitas Humana Award in 2004 for demonstrating a life of compassion, service, respect and kindness.

He also received the Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center for his bravery and individual acts of heroism during the genocide. Additional awards include LaSalle University's Diplomat-in-Residence for his lectures on the Sudan Crisis, the Honor Award for exceptional love for humanity from the International Religious Liberty Association, the Education Award for



**Carl Wilkens, Milo Academy pastor, was awarded the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award by the Alumni Awards Foundation.**

outstanding ministry from the Oregon Conference, and the Outstanding Service Award from the Upper Columbia Conference for so faithfully representing the Adventist Church in Rwanda.

Today, Wilkens pastors at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore., where he lives

with his wife Teresa and their three children, Mindy, Lisa and Shaun. After graduating from Walla Walla College, Wilkens received his MBA from the University of Baltimore. •

*Becky Rae, Milo English and math teacher*



## Upper Columbia Academy Named 2006 "Academy of Excellence"

Upper Columbia Academy has received the prestigious 2006 "Academy of Excellence" award from the Alumni Awards Foundation.

The foundation was formed by alumni of Adventist schools who felt they had benefited significantly by their Adventist education. Through financial awards to both outstanding academies and teachers, they seek to affirm and expand the excellence that already exists within the system.

In order to receive this award, the academy had to participate in a rigorous screening process. Phase I of the process was to submit an inch-thick application that included accreditation reports, students' ITED test scores, documentation on how the school is addressing "Journey to Excellence" (the official goals and objectives of Adventist education in North America) and a description of their creative/innovative programs.

From those applications, four schools were selected to participate in Phase II, which involved a four-hour site visitation by two representatives of the Alumni Awards Foundation board. Three of those four schools were invited to Phase III, which was participation in the Alumni Awards Convention in Scottsdale.

Six students were selected to represent UCA at the convention. Faculty members who accompanied them were Jeff Bovee, principal, and his wife Marianne, accounting,



Along with the "Academy of Excellence" title, UCA received a generous check from the Alumni Awards Foundation for \$25,000! Pictured here are the students and staff who represented UCA at the convention. From left: Roxanne Wickward, history teacher; Elliot LaPlante, sophomore; Cody Lonning, senior; Aric Vyhmeister, senior; Chris Patchett, junior; Tommy Poole, senior; Jeff and Marianne Bovee, principal and accountant, respectively; and Shari Fogelquist, senior. The money will be used toward a much-needed new school bus.

and Roxanne Wickward, history teacher. While at the convention the students staffed a UCA booth, hosted one of the holes at the foundation's golf tournament, and gave two presentations about the school. Each 10-minute presentation included a short video clip along with live speeches and music by students.

"UCA offers all the basics and many outstanding extras," senior Shari Fogelquist told the convention crowd, "but what makes it truly excellent are the relationships we have with our teachers, with each other and the opportunities to develop our relationships with God."

The convention activities culminated in a banquet and the attendees voting for the school

they thought best exhibited excellence. Scores from all three phases of the process were then tabulated, and the winner was announced.

"We were very excited to receive first place," beams Jeff Bovee, UCA principal. "We have a dynamite staff that has built up an outstanding program over the years, and our students are the greatest—I'm very proud of them!"

Accompanying this award is a check for \$25,000. The student council, along with staff, have earmarked the money to go toward a much-needed new bus.

The two other academies honored as Academies of Excellence this year were: Highland View Academy

of Hagerstown, Md., which received second place and a check for \$20,000; and Highland Academy of Portland, Tenn., which received third place and a check for \$15,000. Nine teachers, one administrator and three alumni from across North America were also honored.

Two of UCA's faculty members were honored as Teachers of Excellence by this organization in 2004: Jerry Lange, music department, and Jeff Bovee, Milo Adventist Academy English teacher at that time and now UCA principal. •

*Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent*



"After all the trouble we've had finding a place for that French horn," a flight attendant quipped on the trip from UCA to the convention, "we should make that guy play for us!" Roxanne Wickward, one of UCA's sponsors, overheard the comment and immediately volunteered a performance, much to the delight of the entire planeload of passengers! Aric Vyhmeister is on the French horn and Chris Patchett is on the violin.

## A Heart for Aleknagik's Kids

Ken and Debbie Reiswig have a heart for the kids in Aleknagik, Alaska. This summer they worked with local Adventist members Roland and Beverly Moody and their pastor to organize two different Vacation Bible Schools and keep in contact with those kids throughout the year. A Baptist group visited from Texas and presented a week of activities for the kids. They also supplied the Reiswigs with a bunch of little toys, which they put with some books for the adults to make Christmas bags that they delivered to each child that had attended VBS last summer.

The road from town ends on the other side of Lake Aleknagik from the Aleknagik Adventist Church. So, each Sabbath, Ken fires up the snowmobile and pulls a sled filled with kids across the frozen lake to the church. Sometimes the sled is so full that one kid will be riding the rails behind the sled. Before the lake is safely frozen to allow sledding across, Ken lets the kids practice their rowing as they cross the open water in his boat. When the wind is blowing, the crossing



Ken Reiswig gathers village kids for the cold ride to the Aleknagik Adventist Church each Sabbath. The ride includes a run across the frozen lake since there are no roads to the church. When the lake thaws, Ken loads the kids into his rowboat.

can be a frigid challenge, especially when more than one trip is required. •

*John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director*

## Heritage Homecoming Camp Meeting

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” is the theme for this summer’s Heritage Homecoming Camp Meeting in Palmer, Alaska. The Alaska Conference wants to celebrate 100-plus years of Adventism in Alaska with many former members and conference officers in attendance. Camp

meeting has been extended to include Sunday, and a pancake breakfast, games and activities for all ages are being planned.

It was about 1895 that the first known Adventist lived in Alaska. Much of the early work in Alaska was conducted by literature evangelists going from place to place with books for sale.

Nadine Hansen, wife of Joe Hansen, Alaska Conference president from 1961 to 1974, has spent hundreds of hours compiling a scrapbook of stories, articles and photos of the history of the Alaska Mission up to 1983, the year that the Alaska Mission became the Alaska

Conference. It is anticipated that her published scrapbook will be available at Alaska’s camp meeting, July 18–23. Viewing the book will be offered to those making a donation to the work in the remote areas of Alaska. •

*John Kriegelstein*

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## Caldwell Student Wins Pacific Press Alice Doll Contest



Ali Edge, pictured with her teacher, Jamie Miller, won the Pacific Press Alice Doll contest.

Ali Edge, a Caldwell (Idaho) Adventist Elementary School fifth grader, won the national Alice Doll contest sponsored by Pacific Press Publishing Association to promote their new book series, *Alice, an Adventist Girl*. Edge was one of almost 100 contestants from around North America who entered the contest and answered trivia questions.

As the winner, Edge won a one-of-a-kind doll modeled after the heroine of the books, as well as a rickshaw and a poster.

Edge's school won \$100 in free books from Pacific Press as well. Edge said her teacher, Jamie Miller, encouraged the students in her class to read the books and submit an entry into the contest. Both Edge and her teacher said they were amazed she won.

Edge, 10, is the daughter of Edgar and Jana Edge, Caldwell Adventist Church members. She has one brother, Nicholas. •

Nicole M. Batten, Pacific Press GLEANER correspondent

## Shopping for a Church? Try the Mall!

Are you shopping for a new church? Are you looking for a church that emphasizes outreach? Are you trying to find that church that fits just right? Then come and see what you find at the Parkcenter Mall. Yes, a mall!

The Boise East Adventist Church, organized on Feb. 4, is one of about 10 tenants in the Parkcenter Mall.

Most of the members are involved with in-home Bible studies through the *Discover Bible School* program. The church sponsored a vegetarian cooking seminar last spring and currently hosts Bible study meetings each Tuesday evening featuring Doug Batchelor's *Revive '05!* program.

This church also participated in *The Appearing* with Shawn Boonstra last fall, and members were pleasantly surprised by the attendance of the community. They are also involved in the *Unlocking the Signs* series that began March 10.

This church longs to share the light of Jesus with the people on the eastern side of Boise. Boise East Church members are excited to see who and how many seekers He will bring to the *Unlocking the Signs* evangelistic outreach series, and the next outreach, and the next series and the next. •

Gerry Essink, Boise East Church treasurer

Linda Klinger



Gerry Essink signs as a charter member of the Boise East Adventist Church, while her husband, Tim, looks on.

<h3>TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST</h3> <p>IDAHO CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING JUNE 13-17</p> <p>EVENING SPEAKER: ALVIN KIBBLE, VP OF NAD</p> <p>GEM STATE ACADEMY, CALDWELL, IDAHO</p>		<h3>ADDITIONAL GUESTS</h3> <p>SEMINARS BY: TY GIBSON, VERN BRETSCHE, GORDON BOTTING, FRANK AND BONNIE GLADDEN, DICK NUNEZ AND STEVE MCPHERSON</p> <p>SABBATH MORNING: ELDER ROBERT FOLKENBERG, SR.</p> <p>SABBATH MUSICAL CONCERT BY: MARGIE SALCEDO RICE</p>
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## Winds of Change *Bring Good Things to Havre*

Northeastern Montana is famous for prodigious winds, and recently the winds of change have been blowing in the Havre Church District located there.

Led by Jim Jenkins, district pastor, the Havre congregation has grown and the rural, two-church district has two groups meeting on nearby reservations.

Havre Christian School only had three students in the fall

of 2004. Recent Walla Walla College graduate Bonnie DeWitt brought the enthusiasm of a brand-new teacher to the challenging task of increasing enrollment, and by Christmas, seven students were enrolled. When this school year started, Havre had nine students, and several more may still enroll.

About a year ago, projected church growth indicated a larger church was needed to replace the existing building,

so the old church was sold. Construction on a new church on the school property begins this spring. Meanwhile, church services are being held in the school.

Some say that change is the

only constant in our culture. Thanks to God, the winds of change are certainly blowing in Havre. •

*Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader*



The Strings of Praise band performed during the final service in the old church building, from left: Pat Daur, harmonica; Leo Beardsley, guitar; Mindy Jager, guitar; Martin Jager, bass; and George Walker, mandolin.

## Students Portray Bible Characters

*For Mt. Ellis Week of Prayer*

Every facet of the Mt. Ellis Academy Student Week of Prayer in February, from music to speaking on “What Jesus Means to Me,” was produced through the hard work of students. The meetings, which were held every evening, drew many people from the community.

The week began with an inspirational sermon by Scott Norton, who spoke as John the Beloved telling what Jesus meant to him personally.

The next night Paul Curtis spoke as the biblical Paul. As the week progressed, attendees gained insight from the blind man (by Johnson Turner), Pontius Pilate (by Matt Ransom) and Mary Magdelene (by Beth Jutz).

During the Sabbath church service, Anjii Pineda, speaking as Martha, gave a heartwarming talk about the importance of giving your all to Jesus, not being distracted by

trivial things, and making Jesus mean everything to you.

Throughout the week, many views of what Jesus means to people were expressed. The view that was expressed the most, though, was that Jesus is constant—He is there for you no matter in what capacity you are seeking Him. •

*Chelsea Hunt, MEA senior*



Anjii Pineda, MEA senior, portrayed Martha during the academy's annual Student Week of Prayer.

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## Vancouver 98672 Youth Initiate and Conduct Church

**D**ustin Serns, Portland Adventist Academy senior, had two goals when he initiated a student-conducted church in his home town of Vancouver, Wash.: planting a church in a “dark” Washington zip code and getting his fellow academy students involved in a spiritual outreach ministry. Serns chose Vancouver zip 98672, home to 43,000 people without a nearby Adventist church.

Serns and his team rented a middle school multipurpose room in this zip code for their one-Sabbath-a-month meeting. The service is a typical Adventist service with songs, prayers, a story, preaching, offering and outreach. So far they have been in operation for five months and plan to continue at least through this school year. Serns is hoping that the youth church will continue even after he graduates and goes to college.

PAA students Jonathan Long, Jonathan Kirkwood, Kevin House and Jonathan



**PAA students Luis Zaragoza and Jeff Terroros deliver their sermons for Sern's youth church.**

Moor have worked on the planning team with Serns, while Raymon Sehorn, Patrick Mok, Luis Zaragoza, Jeff Terroros, Jonathan Long, Kevin House, Serns and Taewoo Yang have presented sermons. Other students have contributed music, stories, taken offerings and served as ushers.

One would expect a student-led worship service to have

some creativity and surprises. Serns explained that it was only natural to ask the adults attending to come forward for the story, making it an adult's story rather than a children's story. Also, hubcaps, shoes and stretched duct tape have been used to collect offerings.

On a more serious note, there has been creativity and originality in the outreach

program. One Sabbath, the youth took a “prayer” walk, during which they took to the streets near their meeting place after asking for God's guidance to lead them as they went door to door seeking people to join them in prayer. Serns said the response was good, and several individuals commented on how unique it was for young people to come to their homes on such a mission.

Serns has many memories of this project and has learned some important lessons. For one, he said that “delegating is cool” besides being a necessity. Serns also reported that many students have been very happy to get involved when given the opportunity. Further, he has learned that it is difficult to reach the community in a meaningful way and that they will have to give this a lot more prayerful consideration. •

*Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent*



**Attendees have enjoyed several surprises during the youth-operated church service.**



**Serns and other students lead praise singing during the monthly service.**

# India

## Land of Contrasts and Challenges

Thirteen people from Oregon and two from Idaho converged in Hyderabad, India, on Dec. 23, to conduct village evangelism for two weeks. These 15 people, including four young people, formed four teams, and each team worked in five villages, to reach 20 villages.

Each day, the teams visited people in their homes, praying with families and suggesting, and sometimes demonstrating, very simple health remedies. One team helped enclose a hut that had only a thatched roof. In the evening, teams told children's stories, gave health messages and preached the Gospel. After the meetings, they prayed with those who requested special prayer.

As a result of the four groups' work in the villages, combined with God's mighty power and that of

Bible volunteer workers, 1,925 people accepted Jesus and were baptized.

After two weeks of cold showers from pitchers and sleeping in hard beds, how can the 15 people who went to India now sink into soft beds and enjoy warm showers without feeling guilty thinking about the Indian villagers' hard beds and cold "pour baths"? But we live here, and they live in India.

How can I look at my five pairs of shoes, two pairs of sandals, and a pair each of winter boots and hiking boots, and not think about their one pair of rubber flip-flops or bare feet and feel a pang of remorse? But I live here, and they live in India.

How can we sit down to a meal with a variety of nourishing food and not feel guilty when we know that the villagers have only rice, chili peppers and, maybe, if they are lucky, a chunk of chicken once a week and maybe a piece of fruit or vegetable once in a while—never as much of any food as they would like? But we live here, and they live in India.

How can we unlock our homes—solidly built, safe, warm, protected—without thinking about the mud and thatched huts and reflecting on the inequities in life? But we live here, and they live in India.

**This man was one of 1,925 people baptized during a two-week series of evangelistic meetings near Hyderabad, India.**



**This church, which seats about 100 people, cost \$3,500, including the land. Every village where evangelism takes place is provided a church like this one. Team members must raise the money here in America for these churches.**

How can we jump in our car and drive down an orderly street, free of oxen, goats, motorized rickshaws and people, and not feel a twinge of an unnamed feeling? But we live here, and they live in India.

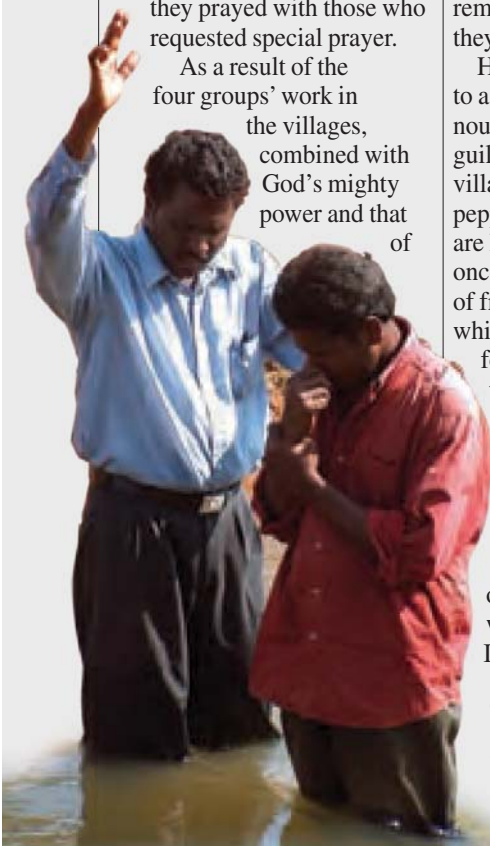
How can I see in my mind's eye the woman afflicted with leprosy, the man with an ulcer on his leg from a snake bite two years ago, or a woman treating a broken arm with the chicken-blood prescription from the witch doctor, and not cry for their suffering—suffering because they live in India, where adequate medical help is too expensive for the villagers? And I am thankful that I live here!

One Sunday morning, most of our 15 members climbed to the top of a cone-shaped hill, atop which sat a Hindu shrine. We are thankful that we serve the living, loving God.

How will God ever reach the approximately 598,000 out of 600,000 villages where people live who have never heard the name of Jesus? How will "every nation, kindred, tongue and people" ever hear about Him so they can make an intelligent decision?



**A Hindu holy man**



*How can I look at my five pairs of shoes, two pairs of sandals, and a pair each of winter boots and hiking boots, and not think about their one pair of rubber flip-flops or bare feet and feel a pang of remorse?*

How thankful I am that that is God's problem, not mine! But how can we ever remain complacent when we've seen and experienced what we've seen and experienced in India?

Life changing? Profoundly so! For months to come, we'll continue to meditate on and dream about what we experienced in India and what our continuing responsibilities are toward helping reach the unreached. We will also cherish memories of the Bay of Bengal, visiting a Hindu temple, and other brief breaks in the routine. And our

memories will clash with the reality of living in the North Pacific Union.

Many in the North Pacific Union contributed funds to help make this trip possible, to build churches and to provide a stipend for the Bible volunteers. The Quiet Hour made a significant contribution toward the construction of churches.

Some ask, "Why India?"

If you are a fisherman, you cast the line into the place where the fish are biting, and the "fish" are biting in India! •

*Lois Moore, Caldwell (Idaho) Church member*



The village chief (in the striped shirt) gave permission for the Bible workers to work in his village.

## Trio of Baptisms Celebrated in Hood River



Mid-Columbia Adventist School students, from left: Hope Miller, Jonathan Esquivel and Ashlann Miller enjoy a Bible study with Bobbie Deweber, teacher, and Pat Milligan, Hood River pastor.

Three students who attend Mid-Columbia Adventist School have recently been baptized into the Hood River (Ore.) Church, including two sisters, Ashlann and Hope Miller and, a couple of months later, schoolmate Jonathan Esquivel.

When asked when she started thinking about studying the Bible seriously, Ashlann replied simply, "Always."

Hope stated, "When I saw my mom and dad get baptized, I thought it would be good to follow Jesus and study the Bible."

In describing their baptisms, again their answer was simply, "Joyous, set free."

This is the second year the Millers have attended MCAS. Both girls said several people helped them to learn Bible truths and influenced their final decision, including their grandmother, several teachers and Pat Milligan, Hood River Church pastor, who goes to the school every Thursday for Bible question-and-answer sessions.

Because Hope and Ashlann live in rural Trout Lake, Wash., they stay three nights each week with Curt and Elaina Mathisen in White Salmon, Wash., in order to attend MCAS. Evening worship time in their home "has been very special as well," according to the girls.

Esquivel, a seventh grader, has attended MCAS since kindergarten. Former principal Dale Milam and his wife, Darla, spent many hours over the years promoting Christian living and supported Esquivel's home life.

All three students are Pathfinders who benefit from many Friday evening and Sabbath worships planned by club leaders Gary Halbash and Ralph Staley. Club members came to the three baptisms in full dress uniform and stood at attention. •

*Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader*

# Livingstone Students

## *Hold Evangelistic Series*

**I**'ve learned that anyone can be a leader," Mark Jones relayed. "If I am doing something to glorify God, He will multiply it in quality."

Jones was one of four Livingstone Adventist Academy students who spoke for an evangelistic series on biblical prophecy held at the Salem, Ore., school every evening from Feb. 26–Mar. 3. "I was very nervous at first," said Jones, a Livingstone senior. "I knew the only way this would work was if God performed a miracle. Afterward... I knew God had worked, and that work was through me."

The idea for the series was hatched by Shane Akerman, senior and student body president, who has wanted to have a student-led series at Livingstone for several years.

"We need to realize that the Bible and Bible prophecy aren't just for older people," said Akerman, who preached for two of the meetings. "Prophecy is very relevant to our age group."

Michael Padilla, a senior, also spoke for the meetings. "I think it's awesome," said Vanessa Cutz, a junior who spoke for one of the meetings. "If students can preach like that now, when they're older their preaching will be even more powerful."

"I really was impressed," agreed Whitney Beddoe, also a junior. "[Prophecy is] sometimes a difficult subject to understand, so it's cool when people my age can do such a good job." •

*Lorin Koch, LAA GLEANER correspondent*



**Mark Jones, LAA senior, points out a key text in his presentation during an evangelistic series presented by the students.**

# PAA Students Collect Food for PACS



**Student leaders inspired the PAA student body to collect more than 5,700 cans of food for PACS.**

**S**tudents at Portland Adventist Academy took action when Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS), an Adventist organization dedicated to providing emergency food and needed services for the poor, came to PAA stating that their shelves were empty. Teams were arranged by classes to collect as much food as possible in only two days. The outcome was phenomenal: 5,700 cans.

Student leaders boldly came forward throughout the school. Senior team leader Jeff Terroros created fliers that he delivered to homes on his paper route. He then coordinated with Baja Fresh for a PACS fund raiser. "It felt so good to help out," Terroros stated.

Senior class president Alicia Cruz also got to work. "I wanted to step up and help people realize what a great cause this really is," she explained.

Leadership certainly runs in the Terroros family, as Jeff's younger brother, Chris, led the freshman class to raise just 10 cans shy of the senior class total. "I felt that if we could just work together as a class, we could really do something to help," he said. •

*Heather Fowler, PAA GLEANER correspondent*



## Milo's Early Morning Church Service Provides Glimpse of the Future

There's a quiet, persistent knocking on my door. Groaning, I roll over and glance at my clock—3 a.m. I climb wearily out of bed and open the door as Lacey asks, "You ready?"

"Yes," I reply as I dig through my closet for a warm sweatshirt. We walk quietly down the stairs and into the darkness of night. We do not have far to go, and we are not alone; others slowly make their way to the Milo Adventist Academy student center, where there's a somber atmosphere, a sudden gravity as the importance of the situation we are enacting sinks in.

The room is lit only by a few candles. Under normal circumstances, we enter the student center with laughter on our lips, but tonight everyone



At the conclusion of week of prayer, Milo students contemplate the not-so-distant future at a special 3 a.m. meeting in the student center.

silently takes a seat on the hard floor.

This is the conclusion to a truly thought-provoking, student-led week of prayer on the final days. The students planning the week thought

that holding church in this way might awaken us all to the not-so-distant reality of not being able to worship freely.

The service began like a normal Sabbath morning,

with singing, scripture and prayer. Then, however, several students read testimonies of people who have already had to put their faith to the test in the face of persecution.

In conclusion to this meaningful service, everyone was given a candle, and slowly a small flame was passed from one candle to the next. The person lighting the candle offered up a prayer for the receiver of the flame, until finally the whole room was ablaze with lighted candles.

This experience made me realize that no matter what happens in the final days, I will never be alone, for others will share my beliefs and, most importantly, I will always have God on my side. •

*Christine Zenthoefer, Milo senior*

## Prayer Quest Rains Blessings On Grants Pass

Words are powerless to convey the richness of God's blessing received at Prayer Quest, sponsored by the Oregon Conference women's ministries department and held Feb. 17-19 at the Grants Pass (Ore.) Church. The messages from God's Word found a receptive audience as Ron Clouzet, Southern Adventist University School of Religion dean, and Jerry and Janet Page, Central California Conference president and prayer ministries coordinator, respectively, shared.

The weekend focused on the Holy Spirit as found in Joel 2:28: "...I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

Dozens of people prayed for physical, mental and spiritual power and the power came. Tobacco, alcohol, hate, lust and more were laid at the foot of the cross. One woman found a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time in her life.

"God blessed beyond what I could imagine!" exclaimed one attendee.

Tears of pain and joy were shed in an atmosphere of love

and unity among all who attended. Earnest prayers ascended to heaven from hearts made tender by the Holy Spirit. Only God knows what will be the result of this spiritual feast. •

*Donna Griffith, Grants Pass Church communication leader and Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference women's ministries administrative assistant*



Ron Clouzet, Southern Adventist University School of Religion dean, was a featured main speaker at Prayer Quest.

## UCA Hosts Band Clinic *For Upper Columbia Schools*



Cheri Corder

Seeing the 160 Christian young people who made up this clinic band was almost as inspiring as hearing their music.

Upper Columbia Academy's 60-member concert band and their director, Jerry Lange, were pleased to host the 17th Biennial Band Clinic for schools in the Upper Columbia Conference.

One hundred guest students from grades six through 10 arrived on UCA's campus around noon on a Thursday to join UCA's band for the clinic. Together, they enjoyed an afternoon of rehearsals with clinic director Brandon

Beck from Walla Walla College. That evening, along with a special worship and recreation period, UCA students illustrated fascinating examples of music technology.

On Friday, students attended workshops pertaining specifically to their instruments presented by expert private instructors and members of the Spokane Symphony and the British Brass Band.

Following additional rehearsal time on Friday afternoon, the students enjoyed a special vespers program featuring music from the WWC sax quartet, brass

**Saxophone instructor Leo Potts checks a student's "grip" on his mouthpiece during one of the workshops.**



Cheri Corder

**Flutes are among the most difficult instruments to keep in tune. Just before the concert, UCA flute players helped most of the 34 flute players to tune up.**

quintet and the organ.

The clinic concert took place on Saturday evening with Keith Waters, UCC's education superintendent, serving as master of ceremonies. In addition to the 160-member clinic band performing their clinic music, featured performers for the evening were UCA's brass quintet, horn quartet and brass choir.

A formal reception followed the concert. The

schools participating in the clinic included Harris Junior Academy, Lake City Junior Academy, Liberty Christian School, Spokane Junior Academy, Spokane Valley Adventist School, Tri-City Junior Academy, and Yakima Adventist Christian School.

UCA alternates the band clinic every other year with a choral clinic. •

*Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent*



## Russian Exchange Planned for Camp MiVoden

In an effort to establish a summer camp exchange program in Russia, Floyd Murdoch, Zaosky Adventist Theological Seminary vice president, invited Richard Parker, Camp MiVoden director, to come to Russia. Parker saw firsthand the land where the seminary hopes to locate their summer camp. He met many of the students who have an interest in working at the

summer camp and who held a 20-day camp last summer at Zaosky for children from the nearby Tula orphanage.

In such an exchange, students from Zaosky would come to the United States for the summer and work at a summer camp, and students from the United States would go to work at a summer camp in Russia. This would give the Russian students an opportunity to immerse themselves in the English language and a chance to develop new ideas for summer camp programs.

Camp MiVoden plans to bring two or three students over from Zaosky this summer as part of this exchange program. Each Russian student would receive a scholarship to cover a full-year at Zaosky Seminary.

“There are two things that make this exciting,” Parker said. “One is the talents the



Richard Parker

This group of students from Zoasky Seminary go to the nearby orphanage in Tula each Sabbath.

Russian students would share with us in our summer camp programs in North America, and the other is the opportunity to help these students develop a strong new summer camp program in Russia.”

There are between 200 and 300 students attending Zaosky

Theological Seminary, established in 1987, in the Tula region of the Russian Federation. •

Kathy Marson, UCC communication department secretary, and Richard Parker, Camp MiVoden director



Richard Parker

Inside the orphanage, the children enjoy a party planned by students from Zoasky Seminary.

## Empowered A God-given Gift

Excitement fills the newly completed set of Empowered, a new 30-minute talk show based on the statement, “Every human being created in the image of God is endowed with the power akin to that of the Creator. Individuality, power to think and to do” (*Education*, p. 17).

Mable Dunbar, Upper Columbia Conference women’s ministries director



Bob Pugh, He’s Alive Television intern, on the new *Empowered* set with Mable Dunbar, executive producer of the new television program.

and family life educator and Polly’s Place Network president, is the executive producer of the show, which will focus on stories of individuals who

have faced and conquered difficulties, such as abuse or addictions, through the power of God. The programs

will be produced at He’s Alive Television in Spokane and released to interested television stations or networks.

Individuals who would like to share their story of empowerment and victory through Christ may contact Dunbar at (509) 838-2761, ext. 504. •

Kathy Marson

## Neil Nedley Gives Hope To Hundreds in Richland



Neil Nedley, medical doctor and author of several popular books, visited the Richland (Wash.) Church Feb. 17–20 to give a scientifically validated message of hope for those suffering from depression.

Nedley gave a presentation “Depression: The Way Out” on the Washington State University–Tri-Cities campus on Friday night with such an

**Neil Nedley, medical doctor and author of *Proof Positive* and *Depression: the Way Out*, taught seminar participants how to improve brain function, maximize IQ in children, increase energy, boost concentration, engage in healthy sleep habits, improve physical performance, and gain renewed hope.**

overwhelming response that an additional presentation was added. He gave three more presentations on Sabbath at the Richland Church. A “Nedley Depression Recovery Program” training workshop was then conducted on Sunday and Monday, with 250 people attending from Upper Columbia and surrounding conferences.

With Nedley’s personal introductory sessions, the Richland Church maximized registrations for two subsequent eight-week depression recovery programs, which will continue into April and help participants identify the underlying causes or “hits” that bring on depression.

Eric W. Shadle, a medical doctor as well as Richland pastor, said that as an outreach to the community, these sessions will help attendees learn to establish and maintain a strong exercise program, understand depression, eliminate negative habits of body and mind, develop healthy eating patterns, and get more out of the day by

enhancing brain function. Shadle expects this program to provide a natural link between spiritual and physical health.

Nedley was invited as part of an ongoing emphasis in the Richland Church on using the health principles of the Adventist Church to impact the lives of individuals in the community. The vision of the Richland Church is to “Reach the Unchurched in Richland” with programs such as Nedley presents.

“This is the bridge we have been waiting to put in place for those in our community who have experienced the physical changes and freedom that come with CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project). They will now more fully experience the mental and spiritual components of health,” Shadle stated. “I am thrilled that we can play a small part in getting this message to our community in Richland as well as our Adventist community in the Upper Columbia Conference.” •

*Jo Kostoff, Richland Church communication leader*

### Making Christ the Heart of Your Health Presentations

Register by  
April 14, 2006

April 21-23, 2006  
Camp MiVoden,  
Hayden Lake, Idaho

A weekend-long health ministry learning event with guest speaker Miroslav M. Kis, Andrews University Theological Seminary.



**For more information:**  
Contact Ginger Pifher at (509) 838-2761  
Health Ministries Department  
Upper Columbia Conference



Hundreds of church and community members gather at the Richland Church to hear Neil Nedley’s message of hope.

## Two Out of Three *Isn't Good Enough*

**I**f you aren't smoking and you're on a good running program," the doctor told us, "you don't need to worry about nutrition."

It was 1972, and we doctors had just heard about the special health benefits of running from Jack Schaff, a cardiologist from Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Let me tell you again what I have said today," Schaff said. "If you want good health, you must exercise, and running is the best exercise. The next thing I said is that if you use tobacco, good health will never happen. Tobacco and good health are mutually exclusive. I did not talk about nutrition because I figure two out of

three is good enough anyway!"

Adventists have never believed that good health would happen without good nutrition. However, we sometimes exhibit the "two out of three is good enough" mentality when we present the physical and mental aspects of the health message and save the spiritual for "later." Two out of three is *always* inadequate, especially when the third component is the power source to make necessary changes in the first two.

For this reason, the Upper Columbia Conference has invited Miraslov Kis, chair of the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy at



**Jay Sloop, M.D., UCC health ministries director, says "Two out of three is *always* inadequate."**

the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews

University, to lead the health ministries retreat at Camp MiVoden. Using the same principles outlined in his book, *Follow Me*, he will explain the work of Jesus in a new and powerful way—a way that gives us success not only spiritually, but in the physical and mental aspects of our lives as well.

It is when we combine all three aspects of our health—physical, mental and spiritual—that we will be truly effective in presenting the health message in our communities. •

*Jay Sloop, UCC health ministries director*

## Church Under the Pines *A Spokane Youth Ministry*

**Y**outh from Spokane-area churches convened at Dishman Hills Natural Area last August for "Church Under the Pines," which was organized by the Spokane Central Church youth and collegiates. It was an opportunity to worship and fellowship with other local youth during a morning of music, outdoor activities and a powerful message.

Heather Gately, a Spokane Central youth leader at the time, presented a mysterious locked box, claiming that its contents had something to do



**Heather Gately introduces a mysterious black box, which the youth must unlock to discover their plan.**

with a plan God has for us. In order to unlock the "plan,"

Gately sent the youth on a quest, armed with a compass and a Bible. Each youth used the compass to follow a trail of clues, all pertaining to promises and plans God has given us.

At the completion, each group found a key and unlocked the box, which contained many small, round mirrors. As each attendee received a mirror, Steve Terry, a Spokane Central youth leader, explained how the mirror can be used to reflect light into the darkest of places. Likewise, he reminded the youth, we are instructed to

reflect the Son's light into the spiritually dark places of this world.

Larry Heihn, JoySpring Church member in Spokane, presented the feature message, comparing our spiritual journey to the life of eagles. Heihn challenged the youth to dive out of complacency and pursue intentional spiritual growth.

The setting was beautiful, the content was uplifting, and the Holy Spirit was present. •

*Heather Gately, Spokane Central Church member*

## SAGE Ministers Abroad *and at Home*

Nearly 50 SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) members ventured to Kenya in early January to provide medical and dental care for more than 1,000 patients, build and furnish a church in seven days, conduct evangelistic and children's meetings, and visit a wild animal park.

"We were there to build another church for God's children," explained Al Griffone, of the Arlington Church, in a report. "In this primitive area with no electricity or running water, we used irregular-shaped, sun-baked clay bricks and mortar made with sand, dirt and rocks from the Mara River."

Evangelism also formed an important part of the Kenya trip. As a result of sharing the Gospel



**More than 60 Maasai decided to publicly declare their commitment to Jesus through baptism. This is the largest one-time number of baptisms ever among the Maasai.**

message at three sites, 62 Maasai affirmed their decision for Jesus Christ through baptism. This is the largest number of Maasai to be baptized at one time, leaders said.

As the Kenya group returned, another group departed to conduct an evangelistic series in Ghana, during which more than 460 people were baptized.

"Our members came back absolutely aglow," said Bob Grady, Washington SAGE director. "They felt good about making this contribution to God's work."

The ministry continued back home when SAGE officers decided to move the banquet venue from a hotel to the Kirkland (Wash.) Church fellowship hall. The savings from this decision allowed SAGE to present at check for \$3,500 to Impact, the Puget Sound Adventist Academy chorale.

A full mission trip report and a selection of photographs are available at [www.washingtonconference.org](http://www.washingtonconference.org).

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern*

## Footsteps of History *Students Reenact Underground Railroad*

Puget Sound Adventist Academy (Kirkland, Wash.) students marked National Black History Month with a reenactment of the Underground Railroad for Kirkland Adventist School elementary students.

Although many students know that slavery took place in this country, few knew about the behind-the-scenes efforts of blacks and whites alike to end the inequality of

treatment between the two groups.

PSAA students set up mazes and safe houses in various classrooms, with conductors leading the elementary students on the "route" to Canada.

Between the 1840s and 1860s, the Underground Railroad allowed slaves to travel to freedom in Canada. There were free states at the time, but slave owners in southern states could still

retrieve slaves in the northern states. Conductors would lead the slaves to safe houses along certain routes to Canada. The slaves knew the safe houses by lanterns set out by the homeowners.

Although this method was not foolproof, the system was based on trust and a lack of better options for those seeking freedom. The Underground Railroad involved slave catchers, food stops along the

way, and houses of shelter for sleeping at night.

Each stop of the reenactment took about 10 minutes as the students experienced the different parts of the journey.

This learning tool provided students a new perspective on what it might have been like to spend time in someone else's footsteps in history.

*Brian Burton, PSAA GLEANER correspondent*



Heidi Martella

Pathfinders escorted Wal-Mart customers to their cars, helped unload carts, and returned carts to the store as a community service project during the Pathfinder Teen Retreat.

## Inside Out

### Teen Pathfinders Get a Makeover

More than 120 teenagers learned about radically transforming their lives during the annual Pathfinder Teen Retreat.

“Our theme was Extreme Makeover—Heart Edition, where we’re talking about changing our lives from the inside out,” explained Walter Turner, weekend speaker and Auburn Adventist Academy Bible teacher.

After an early church service, Pathfinders fanned out into surrounding communities to make an impact through acts of service. The Pathfinders escorted customers to their cars in a Wal-Mart parking lot, sang to residents at nursing homes, and collected cans for local food banks, among other activities.

Brittany Pugh, Puyallup Pioneers Pathfinder, enjoyed knocking on doors and asking

for food-bank donations. “Pathfinders is a great opportunity to meet people and make a difference in the community,” she said.

Fellow Puyallup Pioneer Felirose Johnson, a Nelson Crane Adventist School eighth-grader, sees the community service projects as preparation for bigger service projects. “I definitely plan to go on a mission trip when I’m in high school,” she said.

According to David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director, service is an essential element of the Pathfinder experience. “Young people are looking for ways to transform their faith into something that is real,” he said. “This retreat gave them hands-on experience to start that process.” •

Heidi Martella

## New Russian-speaking Company Formed in Tacoma

The Tacoma Russian group gave thanks on Feb. 11 as conference officials accepted the group into company status in the Washington Conference.

“We have great gratitude to God and to the Washington Conference for this opportunity to grow,” said Vitaly Olinick, Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment district pastor.

The new company began home church services in 2004 and laid the foundation for further growth by conducting a number of seminars, participating in a radio ministry, distributing literature to Russian stores around the Puget Sound, and other activities. As a result, this group grew.

“We use every opportunity to gather people and share God’s word,” Olinick said.

John Freedman, conference president, challenged the new company to continue to actively share the good news of the Gospel.

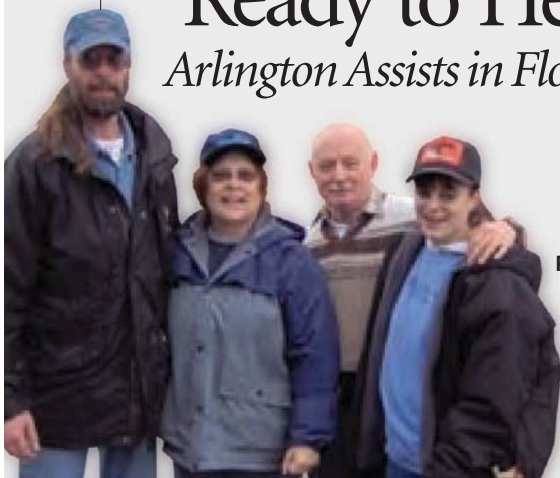


John Freedman, Washington Conference president, welcomed the Tacoma Russian group into company status as Vitaly Olinick, pastor, translated.

“If you want to be happy as a church, then you have to grow,” Freedman said. “Churches that aren’t growing, aren’t happy. How can you have joy in your heart and not share it? God has given us a job to tell others that Jesus is coming again.” •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

## Ready to Help Arlington Assists in Flood Control



The Adventist volunteers involved were, from left: Jim Bellman, Nancy Bellman, Manfred Pohli, Michelle Brown, and (not pictured) Brian DeBoer and Gene Dunn.

The Arlington Adventist Disaster Response team jumped into action on Jan. 27 after receiving a call for volunteers from the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management.

A large amount of rain caused flooding on the north fork of the Stillaguamish River and triggered a massive landslide near Oso, Wash.

Adventist volunteers, in addition to the Corp of Engineers, Snohomish County Engineers, and other volunteers, filled and delivered sand bags to locations all along the river to contain the rising water. •

Dave Patrick, Arlington Church communication leader



## Hot Chocolate, Fruit Baskets and Sweets

### AAA's Recipe for Ministry

If you think personal evangelism is losing its palatability, you are in for a big surprise!

Auburn Adventist Academy students are cooking up creative ways to minister to the community. Every Sabbath afternoon, students and staff pile into vans to spread the love of Jesus in unique and practical ways.

Consider the Hot Chocolate Ministry. Around Pioneer Square in downtown Seattle, students share cups of hot cocoa with the homeless. Not

only do students share a warm treat with the people they meet, but they also enjoy conversing, praying and singing with newfound friends.

Academy students thought out-of-the-box to begin a Fruit Basket Ministry. With an assortment of colorful fruit on hand, students and sponsors visited a trailer park.

"People kept asking us why we were doing this," said Karissa Rogers, a sophomore. "I just kept saying 'no catch' and once they realized it was true, they were really happy to accept our gift."

After the last basket had been given out and the van began driving away, a smiling man waved from the window of his trailer, orange peeling in hand.

From baking cookies for local firemen, to picking blackberries, to making pies for people in the community, taking hot chocolate to the homeless in Seattle, and sharing fruit baskets with people in our very own backyard, Auburn Adventist Academy is excited about the simple recipe for personal, practical evangelism. •



Karissa Rogers and Alexandra Harvey helped prepare fruit baskets to share with people in the community.

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA  
GLENER correspondent

## Eight Weeks to Wellness

*Presented at North Cascade Church*

Don Hall, M.D., president of Wellsource Inc., recently presented an "Eight Weeks to Wellness Seminar" at North Cascade Church in Burlington, Wash. Each week, 30 to 40 people attended the series, which culminated with a vegetarian feast.

The seminar covered the value of a vegetarian diet, healthy weight, glycemic index, lifestyle habits, exercise and the importance of regular check-ups as a secondary prevention of disease and disability.

Hall and physicians Marge Washburn-Wilson and F.H. Stutz were available to answer participant questions. Attendees came away from this wellness seminar feeling rejuvenated and ready to make positive choices in their lives. •

Lisa Knudsen, North Cascade Church communication leader



## Women Find Fresh Impact

*For Small-group Ministry*

Fresh Impact, an interactive women's ministry event, explored the power of small-group ministry in early February.

Presenters Wilma Bing, Melissa Leddy and Joyce Washington, leaders on the conference Women's Ministries Board, covered many how-tos: forming a group, setting ground rules, creating ice breakers, advertising available small group options and activities, and handling all types of people in a group setting.

"You have to keep small groups fresh," said Bing, Washington Conference women's ministries director. "You have to keep looking for new ideas. Keep it fresh for yourself. You want to avoid getting stuck in a rut."

Fresh ideas shared during the Sabbath afternoon workshop included using various translations of the Bible for Bible studies such as the new Biblezines available in



Small-group ministry is a powerful way to add fresh impact to women's ministries.

Christian bookstores, trying new prayer methods, and having specified beginning and ending dates for a group. It is easier to commit to a group for 6-8 weeks than to commit for an indefinite time.

At the close of the seminar, the 50 women in attendance prayed for successful small-group ministry around the conference in the various churches the women represented. •

Heidi Martella, Washington  
Conference communication intern



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All reservations for Year 2007 camp meeting made during camp meeting time must be paid in full at the time of reservation.

Please reserve the following

QTY	ITEMS	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory Room (if available)	\$180.00	_____
_____	Tent (unfurnished with 1/2 floor)	65.00	_____
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<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER ENCLOSED</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Send full payment with order.

Electric service provided is for lights only and not for cooking, air conditioning, etc. Cafeteria meals are available except on Sabbath. No facilities are rented to teenagers. Reservation by letter only; no phone orders accepted. No pets permitted, so please do not bring them. All overnight accommodations must be in Conference designated locations. Please remember the Sabbath and avoid moving in or out during Sabbath hours.

TRAILERS AND RV'S SHOULD NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10 A.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 11.

**DO NOT MAIL IN THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PRE-REGISTERED AND MADE PAYMENT FOR 2006. YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO STOP AT LOCATING AND CHECK IN UPON ARRIVAL. DEPOSITS NONREFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 8.**

# Weekend Highlights Black History and Culture

**A** Sabbath sermon message by Ella Simmons, General Conference vice president, highlighted a three-day celebration of black history and culture held annually at Walla Walla College.

Incorporating the weekend's "Lest We Forget" theme in her sermon, Simmons was one of several featured presenters during Black History Weekend. Simmons was elected to church office last summer, the first woman to serve as a vice president in the Adventist Church.

Black History Weekend drew approximately 75 campus guests from African American churches in the North Pacific Union Conference, primarily from Seattle and Portland.

Also on the weekend schedule was the nationally renowned Pine Forge Academy choir, which presented a Sabbath afternoon concert. The choir hails from the historically black Adventist boarding academy in Pennsylvania. The



**Ella Simmons, General Conference vice president, joined the Walla Walla College community for Black History Weekend.**

concert included a performance of "We Shall Overcome" as a tribute to Coretta Scott King, who had died just six days earlier.

"We believe that our community needs to be made more aware of and join in celebrating the contributions made to our church globally by persons of color," said Clinton Valley, WWC academic administration associate vice president and president of WWC's black faculty and staff fellowship, the campus group that organized the events.

Eugene Lewis, Seattle's Emerald City Community Church pastor, led the weekend's main Sabbath School service. Representing a church closer to College Place, WWC theology graduate Abraham Francois, Pasco (Wash.) Ephesus Adventist Church, spoke for the Friday Vespers service.

Inaugurated in 1992, the weekend is held concurrently with national celebrations related to Black History Month. "These services provide an opportunity for our

community to participate in a worship experience in the African American tradition," Valley explained.

A newer facet of Black History Weekend is the addition of events targeted to potential students. The enrollment office joined with the black faculty and staff fellowship in 2004 to expand the scope of the weekend. Black History Weekend now coincides with African American College Days. Prospective Northwest African American students are invited to campus to learn more about WWC. Several current African American students enrolled as a result of this initiative.

This year potential students attended a Sunday brunch, enjoyed a campus tour and met with residence hall deans, financial aid counselors, academic advisors and student employment representatives.

According to Valley, building a diverse campus community is a strategic priority of the college.

Walla Walla College also supports the regional efforts of African American church work. Theology majors and members of the black faculty and staff fellowship regularly accept speaking appointments in churches, particularly at the Pasco Ephesus Church, which recently celebrated its formal opening. •

*Rosa Jimenez, WWC college relations director*



**Organist Pedrito Maynard-Reid, WWC spiritual life and mission vice president, joined the Pine Forge Academy choir in Sabbath worship.**

## Finding Angels in Unexpected Places

**K**aren Riske, a resident of Vancouver, Wash., was looking forward to a much needed break from her busy professional life. With her young daughter in tow, she headed for the county fair in the charming coastal town of Tillamook, Ore.

“It was early August and the heat in Vancouver was stifling,” recalled Riske. “I was looking forward to spending time with my family and enjoying some cooler weather.”

A brief two-hour drive later, Riske met up with her mom, sister and other members of her family to spend a leisurely afternoon looking at exhibits and enjoying the guilty pleasures of fair food. The latter was a top priority, as Riske was eating for two. Just a week earlier, her physician had assured her that all was well with her pregnancy, and she was on schedule to deliver her baby in late fall.

“My pregnancy had been a breeze, and there was no reason to believe that things just wouldn’t progress normally,” Riske explained. “I made the trip to Tillamook never imagining that it would end up being the scariest experience of my life.”

Riske was meandering through the exhibits when she suddenly was overcome with pain. At first she thought it might be indigestion from the junk food she had consumed that day, but when she started bleeding profusely she knew



**A proud and grateful daddy holds little Jackson Riske after he was delivered via emergency C-section at Tillamook County General Hospital.**

worse she would have to undergo an emergency C-section not knowing if she’d even have a baby when she awoke from the procedure. But thanks to a talented team of caregivers, the operation was a success and little Jackson entered the world, weighing in at just three pounds, one ounce.

“Everything happened so fast, and I just remember thinking, ‘This is a small hospital in a small town, and they’re not going to know how to take care of me and my baby.’ But they did!” Riske reported. “The expertise of doctor Fred Roesener and the calming spirit of nurse Teya were so assuring... I was truly amazed at the skill and compassion of the staff at this small community hospital.”

Today, Jackson is a thriving and active eight-month-old who is adored by his five older siblings and hailed as a miracle baby by his loving parents. And he’s already made the trip to TCGH to meet the nurses and doctors who brought him into this world and fought so hard to make sure he survived.

“I will never forget the kind people at TCGH and the wonderful care that Jackson and I received there,” Riske declared. “They saved our lives, and for that I will be eternally grateful.” •

*Heather Preston Wheeler,  
Adventist Health GLEANER  
correspondent*

*From the moment I arrived,  
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angel. I was in such distress...*

something was terribly wrong.

Her mother noticed a nearby ambulance and quickly hailed the paramedics, who discovered that Karen’s blood pressure was dangerously high. They rushed her to Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) where nurse Teya Pillar—recognizing Riske’s distress—helped her to labor and delivery. Riske’s placenta had ruptured and was tearing away from her uterus wall,

putting both her and her baby in jeopardy.

“From the moment I arrived, Teya became my guardian angel,” said Riske. “I was in such distress because I knew I was barely 28 weeks pregnant and the risks of delivering at this stage were alarming.”

Riske’s fears were compounded by the fact that she was miles away from her home, her husband and her health care providers. To make matters

### Jacobson 90th

Volla "Marie" (Davis) Jacobson celebrated her 90th birthday on Nov. 10, 2005, with a ladies' luncheon hosted by family and friends in Arlington, Wash. She is a member of the Arlington Church.

Marie was born Nov. 10, 1915, in Tullavania, Mo. She has been a nurse in Colorado, Arizona, Illinois and Washington.

The Jacobson family includes Milton and Karen Jacobson of Mt. Lake Terrace, Wash., and 2 grandchildren.

### Newman 60th

John and Eileen Newman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 3, 2005, with a family-and-friends potluck in their yard. They are members of the Omak (Wash.) Church.

John W. Newman met Eileen Ann Frost in Nebraska. They were married July 7, 1945, in Sidney, Neb. John was a public school teacher and superintendent in Missouri, Iowa and Tonasket, Wash., before retiring in 1981. Eileen taught church school for 14 years while raising her family and after John's retirement in 1981. In 1987, they bought a retirement home in Omak, Wash.

The Newman family includes John and Betty Newman, Riverton, Utah; Frank and Cindy



Eileen and John Newman

Newman, Belgrade, Mont.; Floyd and Patricia Newman, Winthrop, Wash.; Neal and Marianne Newman, Tonasket, Wash.; David and Nancy Newman, Ariel, Wash.; Donald Newman, Oroville, Wash.; Craig Newman, South Pass, Wyo.; 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

### Ratcliff 60th

Duane and Helen Ratcliff celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 18, 2005, at the



Duane and Helen Ratcliff

Republic (Wash.) Church with a potluck shared with their family and friends.

Duane Hart Ratcliff married Helen Julia Maas on Aug. 16, 1945, in Vancouver, Wash. Duane worked in the Pacific Northwest as a railroad telegraph lineman for 18 years. He then worked as a maintenance man and property manager for 22 years until he retired in 1987 and moved to Malo, Wash. Helen worked as an LPN for many years and then went back to school to become an RN when she was 50.

The Ratcliff family includes: Judy Ann and James Hoerler, Colville, Wash.; Bob and Susie (Brock) Ratcliff, Goldendale, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

### Saunders 50th

Bill and Mary Jane Saunders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 8, 2005, in

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. On their return, their children hosted a reception for family and friends at the Eastgate Church in Walla Walla, Wash.

Bill Saunders and Mary Jane Jolly were married Nov. 8, 1955, in Argos, Ind. Originally from Plymouth, Ind., they now make their home in Walla Walla. Bill is a retired U.S. Coast Guard chief warrant officer. Mary is a retired nurse.

The Saunders family includes Bill Jr. and Nancy (Larson) Saunders, Tracy, Calif.; Sheiron and Mike Christensen, Sunnyside, Wash.; Debbie Saunders, also of Sunnyside; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

### South 70th

Joe and Margaret South celebrated their 70th anniversary on Sept. 5, 2005, with a reception for family and friends in Jordan, Mont., hosted by their six children.

Joe South and Margaret Hardenberger were married on Sept. 5, 1935, in Auburn, Neb. They moved to Montana in 1941 and have lived in Miles City,



Joe and Margaret South

Jordan, Red Lodge and Bridger. Joe is a retired electrician. Margaret has been a career homemaker.

The South family includes Shirley and Gary White, Boise, Idaho; Georgia Schmidt, Jordan, Mont.; Jim and Kelly (Davenport) South, Bridger, Mont.; Ginger and Arnie Weber, Boise; Ken and Kathy (Clark) South, Jordan; Dan and Ruth (Murray) South, Jordan.

**BRANSON**—Isabella C. was born Feb. 11, 2005, to Tony Branson and Julie Bjelland, Tacoma, Wash.

**BULLARD**—Samantha R. was born Oct. 3, 2005, to Matthew and Natsha (Hill) Bullard, Portland, Ore.

**CLOUGH**—Jonathan Charles was born May 29, 2005, to Ryan and Jennifer (Schwab) Clough, Bellingham, Wash.

**COLBURN**—Elise I. was born Nov. 17, 2005, to Jeffrey and Brooke (Porter) Colburn, Kettering, Ohio.

**DAVIS**—Sundari Vienna was born July 6, 2005, to Scott E. and Connie (Bollinger) Davis, Bremerton, Wash.

**FULLARD-LEO**—Noah L. was born Nov. 20, 2005, to Marcus and Michel (Lefringhouse) Fullard-Leo, Fairview, Ore.

**GUTIERREZ**—Elias K. was born Dec. 1, 2005, to T.J. and Homeyra (Bakhshnia) Gutierrez, Gresham, Ore.

**MACKENZIE**—Alivia Reagan was born June 2, 2005, to Jonathan and Jennifer (Hooker) Mackenzie, East Wenatchee, Wash.

**MACLACHLAN**—Katharine Alexis "Lexi" was born Jan. 12, 2006, to Jonathan and Michelle (Ritz) MacLachlan, Lake Oswego, Ore.

**MATHEY**—Sara Anne was born Jan. 10, 2006, to James and Denise (Dana) Mathey, Redlands, Calif.

**MORDENO**—Dylan Matthew was born June 6, 2005, to Ferdinand and Robyn (Bradford) Mordeno, Bangkok, Thailand.

**PATZER**—Amélie Isabel was born Jan. 24, 2006, to Troy and Reneé (Hibbs) Patzer, Spangle, Wash.

**PLAKE**—Jennifer Anne was born Aug. 18, 2005, to John and Julie (McDow) Plake, Sequim, Wash.

*Family*  
W E D D I N G S

**ALLRED-BROWNELL**—Melissa S. Allred and Enoch E. Brownell were married July 3, 2005, in Grass Valley, Calif. They are making their home in Belfast, Maine. Melissa is the daughter of Norman and Connalyn Allred. Enoch is the son of Steve and Frankie Brownell.

**ANDERSON-MUNOZ**—Ashlei Anderson and Pedro Munoz were married Jan. 15, 2006, in Hermiston, Ore., where they are making their home. Ashlei is the daughter of John and Monique Larkin. Pedro is the son of Sherri Peck.

**BAILEY-COLBURN**—Shawna Bailey and Kevin Colburn

were married Sept. 11, 2005, in Auburn, Wash. They are making their home in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. Shawna is the daughter of Larry and Connie Bailey. Kevin is the son of Stan and Karen (Stanger) Colburn.

**KUIKEN-SKELTON**—Heather N. Kuiken and Shannon R. Skelton were married May 15, 2005, in Omak, Wash. They are making their home in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. Heather is the daughter of Glenn (deceased) and Karen Kuiken. Shannon is the son of Ron and Madelon Skelton.

**MCELVAIN-HORNBERGER**—Rebecca McElvain and Michael Hornberger were married Feb.

5, 2006, in Spokane, Wash., where they are making their home. Rebecca is the daughter of Donald and Laurie S. (McKay) McElvain. Michael is the son of Michael Hornberger (deceased) and Kelly Guillory.

**MCELVAIN-ROOT**—Marissa McElvain and Joshua Root were married Oct. 7, 2005, in Ft. Bragg, N.C., where they are making their home. Marissa is the daughter of Donald and Laurie (McKay) McElvain. Joshua is the son of Eldon and Betty White.

**REOCH-CROMWELL**—Gretal S. Reoch and Chad H. Cromwell were married Sept. 4, 2005, in

Mead, Wash. They are making their home in Farmington, Wash. Gretal is the daughter of Susan (Cole) Rogers and Douglas and Pamela Reoch. Chad is the son of Cheryl (Seifert) Palmer and David Cromwell.

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*Family*  
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**AMMON**—Evelyn M. (Anderson), 87; born Aug. 17, 1918, Brunswick, Neb.; died Nov. 22, 2005, Lake Oswego, Ore. Surviving: sons, Faryl, Lake Oswego; Douglas, Agwin, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.

**BALDWIN**—Lauretta A. (Hurd) Rippee, 76; born Jan. 20, 1929, Wenatchee, Wash.; died Aug. 6, 2005, Renton, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary Rippee, Renton; daughter, Judy (Rippee) Taylor, Bellevue, Wash.; sisters, Gloria Adsitt, Mesa, Ariz; Bonnie Nottage, Spokane, Wash.; Colleen Peart, Wenatchee; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**BARKHURST**—Naomi M. (Eagle) Wedell, 95; born March 14, 1910, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Jan. 23, 2006, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Arlene (Wedell) Young, Portland; Julie Barkhurst, of Colo.; brother, Richard E. Eagle, Scappoose, Ore.; sister, Lorna M. Hibbs, Lincoln City, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**CRANE**—L. Mayrene (Wills)

Stedman, 52; born Nov. 29, 1953, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 26, 2005, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: husband, James Crane II, Gresham, Ore.; son, Nicholas, Gresham; daughter, Loretta Stedman, Troutdale, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

**DIAZ**—Grace, 84; born April 16, 1921, Dumangau, Iloilo, Philippines; died Jan. 16, 2006, Gladstone, Ore.

**DUPPER**—Darline L. (Lawson) Wyman, 82; born Oct. 30, 1923, Milkin, Colo.; died Nov. 21, 2005, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Earl; stepson, Edward, Caldwell; daughters, Neva (Wyman) Nichols, Nampa, Idaho; Judy (Wyman) McRoberts, Boise, Idaho; Karen (Wyman) REXX, Nampa; stepdaughters, Shirlee (Dupper) Rich, Nampa; Earlene (Dupper) Slusarenko, Bozeman, Mont.; 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**DYER**—Letha D. (Strawn), 97; born Oct. 24, 1908, in Iowa; died Dec. 21, 2005, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Margie Mounce, Yakima.

**ELDRED**—Joanne K. (Densel) Pottle, 63; born March 21, 1942, Convoy, Ohio; died Nov. 16, 2005, Lakeview, Ore. Surviving: son, Timothy Pottle, Corvallis, Ore.; daughters, Kathileen (Pottle) LeFevre, Sandy, Utah; Melissa (Eldred) Vo, Lakeview; and 5 grandchildren.

**ERICE**—Monica R., 36; born May 20, 1969, Pendleton, Ore.; died Aug. 26, 2005, Pilot Rock, Ore. Surviving: parents, Juan and Carolyn (Cummings) Erice, Pilot Rock; and brother, Jose Erice, Pendleton, Ore.

**FISK**—Howard, 86; born March 24, 1919, Cedonia, Wash.; died Dec. 18, 2005, Milton Freewater, Ore. Surviving: son, Rodney B., Austin, Texas; daughters, Lynda Sloan, Salem, Ore.; Sandra Garcia; sisters, Ruth Rushing, Airway Heights, Wash.; Sylvia Murbach, Bayview, Idaho; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

**GRAY**—Opal (Whitlock), 84; born May 27, 1921, Georgetown, Ill.; died Jan. 17, 2006, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: sons, Anthony

Duffy, Yakima; Terry Krout, Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Connie Hallett, Westville, Ill.; sister, Fern Fortner, Live Oak, Fla.; 4 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

**HOLM**—Geraldine R. (Hollen), 83; born April 26, 1922, St. Paul, Minn.; died Oct. 25, 2005, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: son, Michael, Long Beach, Calif.; daughters, Louise (Hollen) Knecht, Inyokera, Calif.; Marilyn Holm, Sumner, Wash.; Carolyn Thompson, of Calif.; Sylvia Paulsen, Puyallup; brother, Raymond Hollen, St. Paul; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**HUGHES**—George E., 67; born April 1, 1938, Grants, N.M.; died July 27, 2005, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: wife, Margie (Handy) Hughes, Eltopia, Wash.; daughters, Carolyn Albertson, Richland, Wash.; Cheryl Rudis, Kennewick, Wash.; LeEllen Battaglia, Pullman, Wash.; parents, Woodrow and Nettie (Burson) Hughes, Long Beach, Wash.; brothers, Richard Hughes, Long Beach; sister,



Virginia Asson, Bend, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

**JENSEN**—Kathleen A., 63; born Dec. 24, 1941, Spokane, Wash.; died July 11, 2005, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: sons, David Thompson, Sutherlin, Ore.; Frank Thompson, Winchester, Ore.; Donald Thompson, Springfield, Ore.; brother, Ed Jensen; and 4 grandchildren.

**JONES**—Jenda Shonnel, 22; born Aug. 14, 1983, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Aug. 20, 2005, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: parents, Marble and Doni (Dawes) Jones, College Place, Wash.; sister, Jeryl Jones, College Place; and grandparents, Don and Marian (Lowe) Dawes, College Place.

**MACGREGOR**—Doris (Matterand), 85; born Feb. 1, 1920, Stanwood, Wash.; died Aug. 20, 2005, Stanwood. Surviving: daughters, Kathie Johnson, Stanwood; Laurilee MacGregor, Lynnwood, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**MCMEEKIN**—Thomas G., 94; born Jan. 10, 1911, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; died Dec. 17, 2005, Burlington, Wash. Surviving: sons, Thomas W., Reno, Nev.; Donald J., Oroville, Wash.; daughters, Lucille E. McMeekin, Fresno, Calif.; Alicia E. A. Jensen, White Rock, British Columbia, Canada; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**MITTLEIDER**—Elmer Russel, 81; born Aug. 30, 1924, Twin Falls, Idaho; died Oct. 30, 2005, Lodi, Calif. Surviving: wife, Mildred (Miller) Oberg, Sacramento, Calif.; sons, Lynden, Springfield, Ore.; Rusty, Medford, Ore.; stepsons, Stanton

Oberg, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Richard Oberg, El Dorado, Calif.; daughter, Cathy Turner, Canton, Texas; stepdaughters, Marsha (Oberg) Force, Sacramento; Cynthia (Oberg) Webster, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Nancy (Oberg) Wolske, Alamo, Calif.; brothers, Henry, Bellingham, Wash.; Jacob, Loma Linda, Calif.; Kenneth, Adairsville, Ga.; sisters, Anna Dunn, Georgetown, Tenn.; Ida Lindsay, New Plymouth, Idaho; 6 grandchildren, 19 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**MOORE**—Milden “Bud,” 93; born Jan. 25, 1912, College View, Neb.; died Jan. 24, 2006, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Daisy (Decker) Lee; stepson, Ken Lee, Selah, Wash.; stepdaughter, Karen Campbell, Yakima; sister, Berta Johnson, Arlington, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

**MORGAN**—Doris (Clark), 97; born April 26, 1908, Oakland, Iowa; died Dec. 20, 2005, Stanwood, Wash. Surviving: son, Virgil, Kirkland, Wash.; daughters, Vera Fox, Stanwood; Lucille Illsley, Florence, Ore.; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

**NEWMAN**—John W., 89; born Feb. 1, 1916, Dryden, Mich.; died Aug. 31, 2005, Tonasket, Wash. Surviving: wife, Eileen (Frost), Omak, Wash.; sons, John, Riverton, Utah; Frank, Belgrade, Mont.; Floyd, Winthrop, Wash.; Neal, Tonasket; David, Ariel, Wash.; Donald, Oroville, Wash.; Craig, South Pass, Wyo.; sister, Grace Wilch, Forest Grove, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**PALMER**—Bertha (Grabo), 90; born Feb. 18, 1915, Beiseker, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 23, 2005, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Gerald M., Boring, Ore.; brothers, Fred Grabo, Beiseker; Alfred Grabo, LaCombe, Alberta, Canada; Albert Grabo,

British Columbia, Canada; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**PEARCE**—Virginia R. (Hight), 83; born Feb. 20, 1922, Medford, Ore.; died Sept. 17, 2005, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: husband, Gerald, Medford; sons, James W., Kaneohe, Hawaii; Michael S., Grand Terrace, Calif.; sister, Mary Austin, Canyonville, Ore.; and a grandchild.

**PETZOLDT**—Frances (Richardson) Nordstrom, 94; born May 3, 1911, Stanberry, Mo.; died Jan. 20, 2006, Tigard, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Juanita (Nordstrom) Briggs, Long Island, N.Y.; Dolores Nordstrom, Tigard; stepdaughters, Mary Ann (Petzoldt) Bell, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada; Sandra (Petzoldt) Baumbach, Modesto, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**PULLEN**—Charles “Neal,” 84; born May 15, 1921, Oakland, Iowa; died Jan. 30, 2006, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Florence “June” (Colson); son, Jim, Towanda, Kan.; daughter, Colleen Shaver, Medford; brothers, Floyd, Temple City, Calif.; Norman, Sun City, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**RAKES**—Betty L. (Chinn), 86; born Feb. 8, 1919; died July 25, 2005, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert E.; son, Randall C., Portland, Ore.; brothers, Jack Chinn, Wichita, Kan.; Fred Chinn, College Place, Wash.; Stan Chinn, Chico, Calif.; Henry Chinn, Wichita; sister, Cleta Mitchell, Tulsa, Okla.; and 6 grandchildren.

**SMITH**—Goldie A. (Smith), 95; born March 13, 1910, Acme, Alberta, Canada; died Jan. 20, 2006, Medford, Ore. Surviving: son, John H., Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Rita Sawtelle, Medford; sister, Viva Zachery, Walla Walla, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**SVEINSSON**—Eleanor, 89; born Sept. 22, 1915, Los Angeles; died April 30, 2005, Yakima,

Wash. Surviving: son, Kenneth, Yakima; Johannes, Dallas, Texas; daughter, Joleen Kinney, Savannah, Ga.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**WIGGINS**—Arlene J. (Reiswig), 67; born Jan. 1, 1937, Everett, Wash.; died Dec. 10, 2004, Omak, Wash. Surviving: husband, Al “Jack”; son, Brent, Milton Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Cindy Stanphill, Roseburg, Ore.; Donna Stafford, Eureka, Mont.; Elaine Bishop, Albany, N.Y.; brother, Kenneth Reiswig, Bend, Ore.; sister, Bernita Burton, Shallotte, N.C.; and 9 grandchildren.

**WOOD**—Ralph, 91; born May 24, 1913, Missouri Valley, Mo.; died May 16, 2005, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Freeda (Clapper); daughters, Charlene Sloop, Yakima, Wash.; Lois Thompson, Orlando, Fla.; Lora Welch, Hangchow, China; 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

**WRIGHT**—Pearl J. (Pedersen), 94; born Feb. 3, 1911, Puget Island, Wash.; died Jan. 7, 2006, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: son, Arnold Wright, Jr., Indio, Calif.; daughters, Juanette McVay, Loon Lake, Wash.; Joni Priestler, Oregon City, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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

## NPUC

### Offerings

**April 1**—Local Church Budget; **April 8**—NAD: Christian Record Services; **April 15**—Local Church Budget; **April 22**—Local Conference Advance; **April 28**—World Budget: Spring Mission Appeal; **May 6**—Local Church Budget; **May 13**—World Budget: Disaster and Famine Relief.

### Special Days

*April is Stewardship month.*  
**April 1**—Missionary Magazines (*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*)\*; **April 8**—Stewardship Sabbath; **April 15**—Literature Evangelism Sabbath\*; **April 22**—Education Sabbath\*; **May 6**—Community Services Sabbath; **May 13**—Youth Sabbath.

\* Special materials are provided. Check with your local conference office.

## WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

### Events Calendar

**April 2-4**—College Days for academy students. Call (509) 527-2327 for more information. **April 7**—Christian recording artists Selah concert, 8 p.m. in the College Church. **April 8**—Resurrection Vespers, 7 p.m. in the College Church. **April 22**—Havdalah Vespers, 7:30 p.m. in the College Church. **April 27-30**—Homecoming Weekend: Shaping the Vision. A full listing of weekend events and pre-registration is available online at [alumni.wwc.edu/homecoming/2006](http://alumni.wwc.edu/homecoming/2006) or by calling (509) 527-2631.

## MONTANA

### Missoula Missing Members

The Missoula Church is looking for addresses for these members: Bruce Anderson, Ellen Anderson, Andy Anderson, John Berger, Judy Bland, George Bouffard, Todd Brown, Todd Chiefcalf, Jolynne Corbin, Kenny Corbin, Tom Fenlon, Kim Fenlon, Ricky Hirst, Gary

Lancaster, Sherry Lancaster, Bernadette Maier, Penelope Mcallen, Michael McDonnell, Janet Mcnorton, Holly Wogerer, Melissa Mynheir, Steve Thaggard, and Ruth Rees. Please call Florence Buttler, church clerk, at (406) 721-5625.

## OREGON

### McMinnville Missing Members

The McMinnville Church is seeking to find these members: Jose Roman Baltodano, Tom Bradford, Jared Dunivan, Robert Fox, Mike Harms, Richard Johnston, Dorothy Kenline, Marc Palmer, Eric Payne, Carol Stevenson, Danni Stevenson, Joel Stevenson, Shelley Stonebrink, David Sylva, Christopher Waldo, and Rich Wilson. Please call Muriel Zaugg at (503) 472-9015.

### Retired Workers' Fellowship

**April 4**—Retired denominational workers are invited to attend the 12 noon Oregon Retired Workers Fellowship potluck meeting in the Oregon Conference multipurpose room. Bring a homemade craft to be sold to cover expenses incurred by our group. Guests Fran and Ruth will serenade us on their accordions. Bring food to share and your own table service. For information, phone Frank Gearhardt at (503) 674-4951.

### Milo Alumni Homecoming

**April 7-8**—Especially honoring the class of 1956 and all other years ending in 6 or 1. Klaus Forster will be the guest speaker. Worthy student benefit auction. Call (541) 825-3200 for more information. Update your alumni mailing addresses at [www.miloacademy.org](http://www.miloacademy.org).

### Milo Academy Days

**April 9-10**—Academy days for prospective students. Contact your school, church or Milo for reservations and transportation. For more information, call (541) 825-3200 ext. 3317, fax (541) 825-3723, e-mail [steve.rae@miloacademy.org](mailto:steve.rae@miloacademy.org) or visit [www.miloacademy.org](http://www.miloacademy.org).

### Sunnyside Church April Activities

**April 8**, 4 p.m.—Sunnyside Brass Festival, featuring the Advent Trombone Choir, festival brass choir, small ensembles and soloists. Congregational hymn singing accompanied by organ and brass. **April 14**, 7:30 p.m.—Easter Service of Darkness/Tenebrae. **April 15**, 9 and 11:30 a.m.—Crucifixion Service. **April 15**, 7 p.m.—Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper portraying a unique presentation of this famous painting as Jesus and His disciples "come to life" and share their thoughts at this pivotal moment in biblical history before serving communion. Carl Parker will minister in song. **April 16**, 10 a.m.—Resurrection Service. **April 22**, 4 p.m.—Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra presents its spring concert featuring the music of Sibelius, Bach and Beethoven. Sunnyside Church is at 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore.; (503) 252-8080.

### Beaverton CHIP Program

**April 14-May 11**—Improve your health and happiness by attending the Coronary Health Improvement Project to lower or avoid heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, arthritis, and obesity. Check our Web site: [www.BeavertonCHIP.com](http://www.BeavertonCHIP.com) or call (503) 646-3233 to learn about FREE information sessions times.

### Adventist Singles Activities

**April 15**—Singles potluck, Beaverton Church, 12:30 p.m. Please bring a dish, enough for yourself and others. Then we will carpool to downtown Portland to distribute socks for the homeless. Followed by bowling at Valley Plaza, 9300 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. For information contact Tom Terry at (503) 684-7971 or [tom.te@verizon.net](mailto:tom.te@verizon.net); Charlotte at (503) 579-9549; the hotline at (503) 654-6054, option 4; or [www.beavertonsda.com/Singles](http://www.beavertonsda.com/Singles). Maps for the outreach will be at the Beaverton Church

foyer and potluck. Save March 18 for a hike in the Gorge, then Cindy's for games.

### Wagner and Gospel Brass Concert at Hood View

**April 22**—The Gospel Brass (formerly Belko Brass) with Ed Wagner, solo pianist/organist and accompanist, will present traditional hymns and gospel music at 7 p.m. in the Hood View Church, Boring, Ore. This group has performed throughout the world.

### Southern Oregon Women's Retreat

**June 9-11**—Milo Academy, Days Creek, Ore., hosts "A Bridge to Relationships," featuring author, speaker and television host Ginny Allen, plus six afternoon seminars and panel discussions, music, fellowship, answered prayers and spiritual enrichment. Space is limited, so please send in your registration fee before May 1. For information about the fee for the entire weekend including room and five meals, contact Alice Ray at (541) 664-4687.

### Lassen Creek Camp Meeting

**June 23-24**—Danny Shelton and 3ABN will be featured at Lassen Creek Camp Meeting at Lassen Creek National Forest just off U.S. 395. Campsites are available, and all are welcome. For more information and directions, e-mail [g.p.white@hotmail.com](mailto:g.p.white@hotmail.com).

### Brain Seminar

**October 6-8**—Oregon SAGE invites all ages to a weekend seminar at Gladstone Park Conference Center featuring Dr. Arlene Taylor, brain-function specialist. Topics include: "Use Your Brain for Success," "Brain-Body Communication," "The Brain and Worship," "Age-proof Your Brain," and more. Registration is required. Dr. Taylor is founder and president of Realizations Inc., a nonprofit corporation pledged to promoting brain-function research, and to providing related educational resources.



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### UCA Alumni Reunion

**May 5-7**—Upper Columbia Academy invites all former faculty and students, along with their parents and families to Alumni Homecoming. Friday: golf tournament, 9 a.m., and vespers, 7:30 p.m. Sabbath: worship, 10 a.m., followed by lunch, honor class reunions and a special program honoring the retirement of Jerry and Harriet Lange. Contact the alumni office at (509) 245-3692 or [alumni@ucaa.org](mailto:alumni@ucaa.org) for more information. Honored classes are '96, '86, '81, '76, '66, '56 and UCA's first graduating class, 1946.

### Musical Easter Vespers

**April 15**—Mike Bishop will hold a sacred musical Easter vespers program at 7 p.m., at the Village Church, 715 S.E. 12th, College Place, Wash. For more information, contact Steve Walikonis at (509) 525-0882.

### 2006 Northwest Singles Spiritual Retreat

**May 26-29**—Memorial Day Weekend at Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, features pastor Kevin Wilfley speaking on "The Power of Returning." Saturday night banquet with Hawaiian theme. Come meet other singles and enjoy the Christian fellowship while enjoying volleyball, swimming pool, hot tub, hiking, cruise around Coeur d'Alene Lake, canoeing, boating, and much more. For information, contact Terrie Leen at [tleen@msn.com](mailto:tleen@msn.com) or (541) 938-3767. Reservations, call Judy Roff at (509) 489-5117.

## WASHINGTON

### SAGE Seniors Calendar

**April 9**—Puyallup, Wash., History Tour. Meet for lunch at Zoopa's Buffet in Tukwila, then ride by chartered bus to Puyallup to visit the Ezra Meeker Mansion and Van Lierop Bulb Farm. **May 14-19**—Sunset Lake Workbee. Volunteers needed for general clean-up, raking, painting, carpentry. Meals provided. Bring your own RV or stay in a cabin. Call Joan at (253) 681-6008 or visit [www.sage-washington.com](http://www.sage-washington.com).

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**April 10**—Auburn Academy Day for prospective students. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on campus. For more information, contact Jondelle McGhee at (253) 249-0105, or [info@auburn.org](mailto:info@auburn.org), or visit [www.auburn.org](http://www.auburn.org).

### Easter Agape Feast and Dramatization

**April 15**—Easter Agape Feast at 10:30 a.m. at the Kent Church fellowship hall, 25213 116th Ave. S.E., Kent, Wash. Hear the testimony of minor players who witnessed Jesus' life, death and resurrection. For more information, call (253) 852-3883, e-mail [herig77@hotmail.com](mailto:herig77@hotmail.com) or visit [www.kentsda.org](http://www.kentsda.org).

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**May 4-6**—Alumni and friends, come celebrate Auburn Adventist Academy's alumni weekend! Honored classes are 1946, '51, '56, '61, '66, '76, '81, '86, '96, '01, and '05. To reserve your place at the alumni banquet and/or the golf tournament, or for more information, please call (253) 249-0131, or e-mail [jan@blarg.net](mailto:jan@blarg.net).

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## WORLD CHURCH

### MBA Homecoming

**April 28-30**—Monterey Bay Academy is hosting its annual Alumni Homecoming. Honor classes are those ending in a 1 or a 6, but all are welcome! Festivities begin Friday with the annual alumni golf tournament at 12:30 p.m., and continue through the weekend with special worship programs, class get-togethers and more! For more information, visit [www.montereybayacademy.org](http://www.montereybayacademy.org), and click on "alumni." Or call Gina Jett at the alumni office at (831) 728-1481, ext. 1222, or e-mail [alumni@montereybayacademy.org](mailto:alumni@montereybayacademy.org).

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### *How to Write the Church's Name*

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Ketchikan	7:36	7:50	8:04	8:18
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>				
Boise	8:19	8:27	8:35	8:44
La Grande	7:28	7:37	7:46	7:55
Pocatello	8:03	8:11	8:19	8:27
<b>MONTANA CONFERENCE</b>				
Billings	7:50	8:00	8:09	8:18
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Helena	8:05	8:15	8:26	8:34
Miles City	7:40	7:50	7:59	8:08
Missoula	8:14	8:23	8:33	8:42
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Coos Bay	7:51	7:59	8:07	8:15
Medford	7:44	7:52	8:00	8:08
Portland	7:47	7:56	8:05	8:14
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Pendleton	7:31	7:40	7:50	7:59
Spokane	7:28	7:38	7:48	7:58
Walla Walla	7:30	7:39	7:48	7:58
Wenatchee	7:40	7:49	7:59	8:09
Yakima	7:39	7:49	7:58	8:08
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## Sabbath School Slippery Slope?

A change has gradually transformed adult Sabbath Schools within our denomination, and I'm not sure we have counted the ultimate cost. The two areas I question are: 1) Our approach to the lesson study and 2) Our lack of world mission awareness.

We all experience a certain freedom and enjoyment in doing our own thing, so I get it when churches arrange for a variety of Sabbath School classes, some focusing on relationships, others on various Bible themes or books. I understand when the "lesson quarterly" class is sparsely attended, for I, too, have yawned as a poorly-prepared teacher reads the quarterly word for word.

But, like it or not, the lesson quarterly gave us a reason to be on the same page—literally and figuratively—with Adventist teachings and theology. Without that, I wonder how long it will take for our members to theologically drift apart. Am I overstating the historic role of the lesson quarterly? Perhaps. But I wonder what mechanism, what other teaching tool will bond us together in common beliefs and mission.

And what will keep our focus on Adventist world mission from getting fuzzy? Certainly the hundreds who have gone on short-term mission trips develop

a firsthand appreciation. But what about the majority who remain? What will prevent our churches and members from gradually adopting an attitude of congregational isolationism?

It seems to me that some method of continuity is vital to remaining unified as a church. I believe it used to be Sabbath School. I wonder if that's still true.

I'd like to hear your comments. Perhaps you have a solution or attend a church that has discovered some positive

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answers. Go to [www.gleaneronline.org](http://www.gleaneronline.org) and choose the Let's Talk button to share your thoughts, or e-mail me at [talk@gleaneronline.org](mailto:talk@gleaneronline.org) (that address now works!).

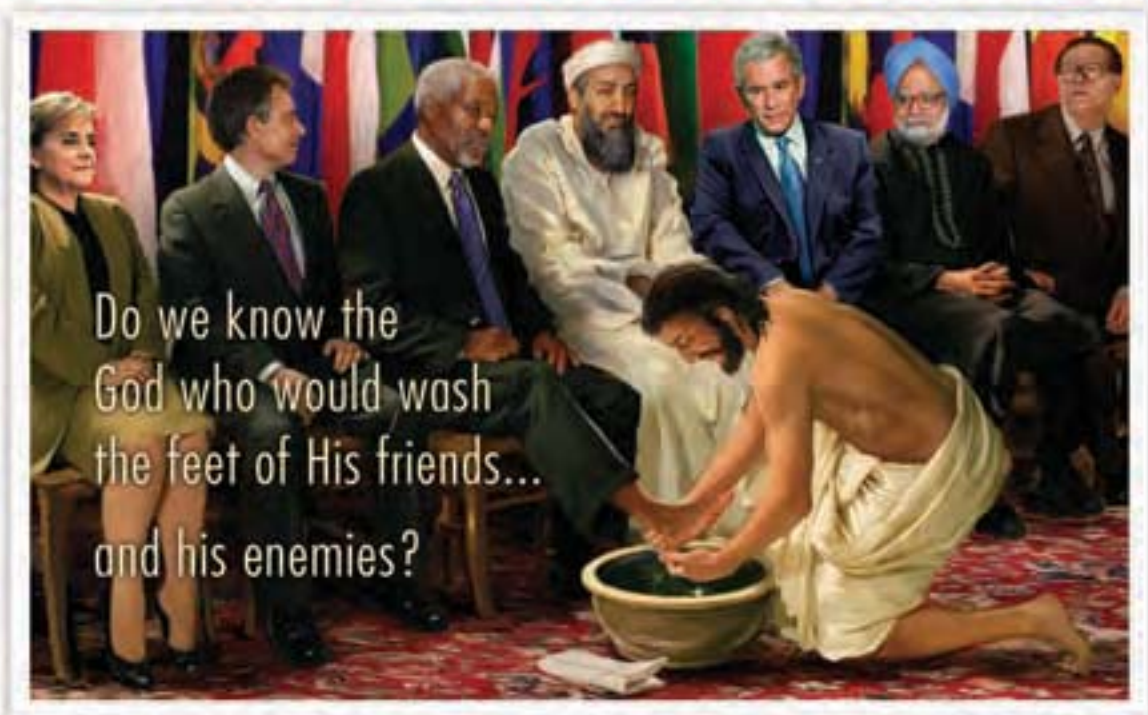
By the way, some great ideas will be shared at the Northwest Leadership Convention for all NPUC-area pastors this September in Portland that just might reinvigorate Sabbath School in your local church. Make sure your pastor plans to attend! •



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