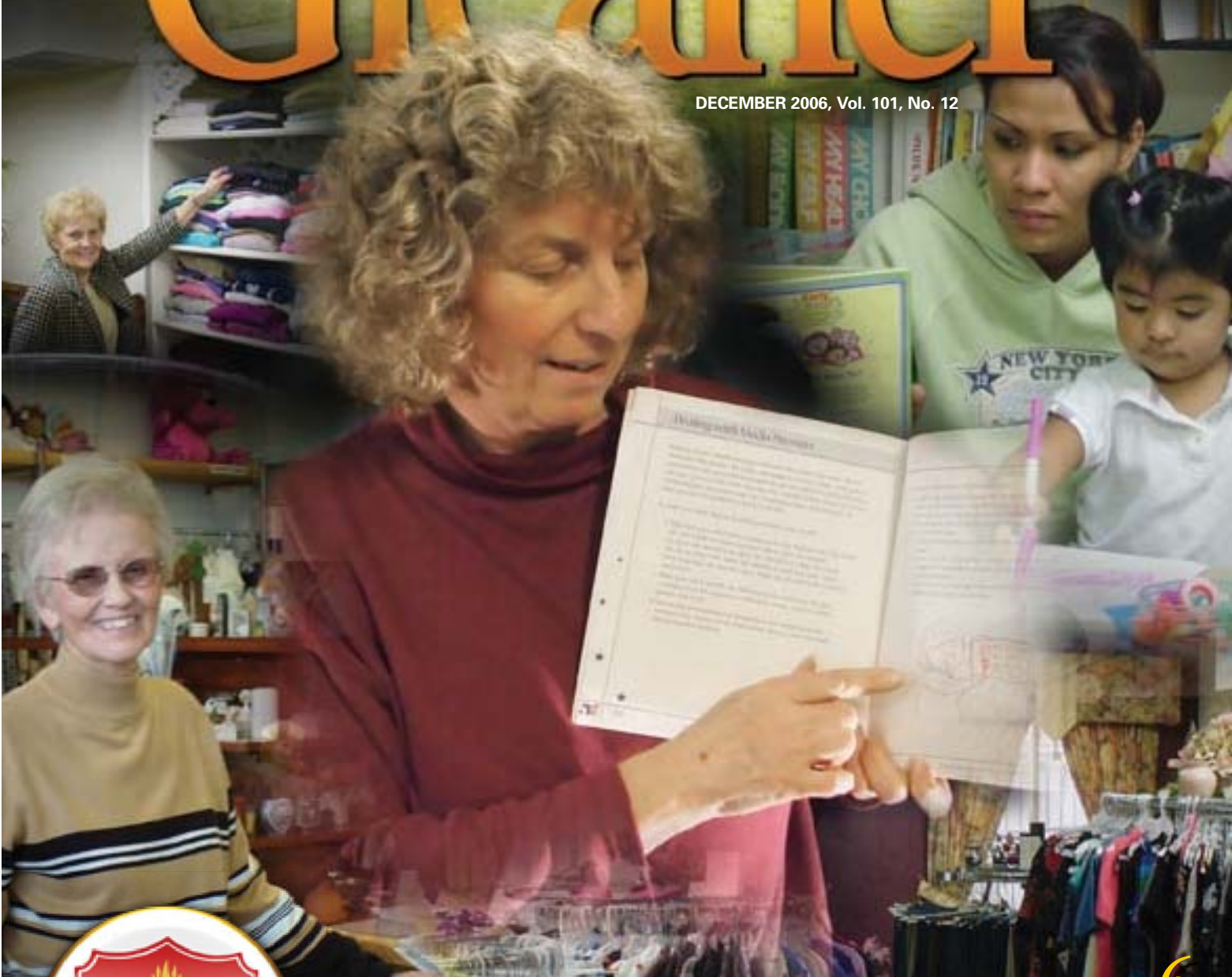


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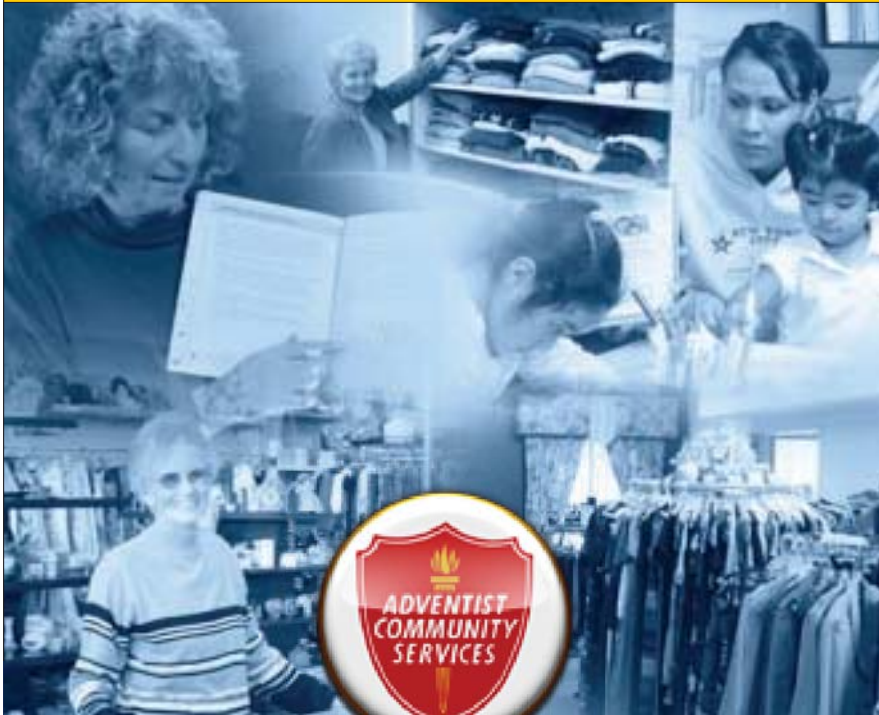
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He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.
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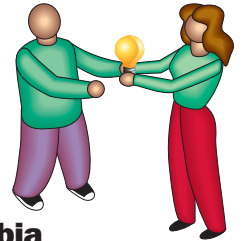
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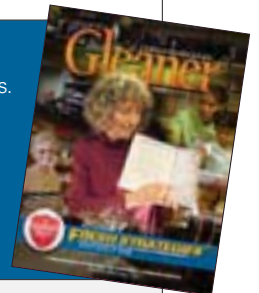
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READ IT AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

BY JERE PATZER

A number of years ago our family was having evening worship. We were reading my favorite devotional book, *The Desire of Ages*, and noticed that it wasn't being received with the same enthusiastic response from the younger generation.

As I assessed the situation I determined that Ellen G. White's writing was not the problem. Almost without exception her classic phrases and beautiful insights were timely and contemporary. In reality, the King James Version references were dating the book. The "thees and thous" and other archaic words unfamiliar to many of today's generation were discouraging them from reading these precious Christ-centered messages.

A NEW CONCEPT

So we began thinking, working and praying on a concept. Others have attempted rewrites before or abbreviated versions. This one would merely be using the New King James Version (NKJV) to replace the antiquated language. Ellen G. White did something similar herself. She used the best translation she could find, and then, under divine inspiration, commented on it. As we looked at today's available translations we realized that for accuracy and consistency the NKJV worked best.

Using the expertise of Ty Gibson and James Rafferty of Light Bearers Ministry; some Laurelwood Academy students' computer skills; Dale Galusha, Pacific Press Publishing Association president; Matthew McVane, MCM Design Studio president; Darrel Tank, a renowned Adventist artist; and a very generous gift from a donor, we now have the finished product in hand.

When we introduced this new edition at our September Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention it was met with enthusiastic applause. People are truly excited about making this wonderful gift from the Lord available to this generation. Walla Walla College plans to use it in Bible classes. Others are already considering these as Christmas gifts for business associates, family members and neighbors.

COMPLIMENTARY GIFT FOR YOU

The great news is that because of the generous donation we received (with some money still to be raised) we plan to send a complimentary copy to each family on our GLEANER mailing list just before Christmas. And, our local conference presidents are encouraging all of us, as Northwest Adventist members, to read through *The Desire of Ages* during 2007. It only takes two-and-a-half pages per day, on average, to read the entire book through in a year. Yes, I know many of us have read it before, but this new edition gives us an additional reason to pick it up again and read it with new eyes and new understanding. Our theme is "Read It Again for the First Time." As we receive additional donations, we hope to send a complimentary edition to nearly 20,000 non-Adventist clergy in the Northwest before Easter.

CLUB-OF-THE-MONTH BOOK

Not everyone has had the opportunity to learn to appreciate this book as we have. Even when Ellen G. White was alive she had her skeptics. In the 1960s and '70s some of her books were used as "club-of-the-month" books to beat people over the head. Then in recent years the "Red Books" have become the "Un-read Books" on too many shelves. Yet our church would not be what it is today without this blessing from God. Many of us can testify to the personal and spiritual impact of these beautiful presentations on the life of Christ.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

So are we excited? Absolutely! This gives each of us an opportunity to get involved. You can pray for the success of the project and join together with us as we "Read It Again for the First Time." And you can pick up additional copies through the ABC to share with your family or friends. In this violent and uncertain world, what better Christmas gift could be given than that which *The Desire of Ages* contains, the Prince of Peace and the hope of a certain future. •



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



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FRESH STRATEGIES

**FOR ENGAGING IN THE GREAT COMMISSION,
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When long-time Adventists hear about Adventist Community Services (ACS), they think “Dorcas” and picture quilting bees or mounds of used clothes that need sorting and mending before being given to needy families or sent overseas. Young believers and academy students envision canned food drives, yard cleaning or house painting for the elderly. New members fancy disaster response and the management of donated goods during disaster recovery. Each of these pictures is correct, but increasingly incomplete.



During a learning session at A Watered Garden, Fidel Herrera reads a book in English to his wife, Amparo, and daughter, Melisa. Naxhiely Mata, a friend, listens in while she colors a picture. Whether parents are reading children's books in English to their children, or children are reading to their parents, A Watered Garden incorporates intergenerational learning so parents and children can learn English together.

ACS refers to any humanitarian service activity Adventists are doing for or with the community. Only the imagination, vision and resources of the local church, school and community limit ideas for community services. In addition to the traditional clothing bank and food pantry, ACS activities include: health screening and education classes, life skills seminars, tutor/mentor programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, transitional housing, medical clinics, children/youth events, thrift store ministries, adult day care, soup kitchens, job training, van ministry and much more.

An amazing history

ACS evolved from historical efforts by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to develop community initiatives. In 1879, the church officially recognized the Dorcas Society as its organized community outreach program. In 1956, this organized program became the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service (SAWS) with the purpose of strengthening Adventist relief efforts.

As the church grew in developing countries, the need for international relief activities increased, and the church's community service endeavors grew to include international fields. As a result, SAWS expanded into a domestic and international program. In 1972, Adventist

Community Services was officially titled the *domestic* humanitarian church agency and, in 1973, the *international* program was named the Seventh-day Adventist World Service, now known as the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International. While ADRA carries these responsibilities *outside* of the United States, ACS continues to be the agency responsible for the church's humanitarian efforts *within* the United States and Bermuda. "To serve the poor and hurting in Christ's name" is the official aim of Adventist Community Services. Adventists throughout the Pacific Northwest are fulfilling that purpose in a variety of ways.

Inner City and Urban Social Action

At a recent meeting of ACS leaders from all over the country, a conference ACS director commented that "My conference is very rural—we do not need urban programs."

"Let me share with you the definition of urban," grinned the speaker. "It's wherever you have a Wal-Mart!"

Everyone at the meeting got the point. Big cities are not the only communities where there are unemployed, the working-poor, uninsured and disadvantaged populations. ACS Inner City and urban programs offer relief services, engage in public advocacy, promote community



Ron Fleck, M.D., is one of several medical personnel who volunteer their services at the SOS Clinic, one of several ministries operating out of Sonbridge in College Place, Washington. Here, he is draining an abscess on a patient's elbow.



The warm reception people receive in the Bonners Ferry Thrift Store has resulted in several customers attending church. Thrift store ministries provide customers with the dignity of paying for the things they need and give significant financial assistance to other outreach and service programs.

development and equip community members with the skills needed to become self-sufficient. They address problems such as hunger, drugs, violence, crime and unemployment.

As early as 1883, church-organized inner city and urban missions were initiated, which have grown over the years to include the vast array of inner city services we currently provide. Training programs today include understanding the role of the church in social justice, management strategies for nonprofit organizations, community development and fundraising strategies.

Our Bozeman, Montana, churches partner with other area churches to meet the needs of the homeless through a program called "Family Promise." Through that partnership, they are not only more effective in their ministry efforts, they have developed rich relationships with other Christians.

The Arlington, Washington, ACS Center signed up to stock a rest area coffee kiosk. During 48-hour shifts, volunteers serve a wide variety of beverages, homemade cookies and Orowheat bakery items. Through the donations they receive, this outreach project has funded many others but most importantly, the volunteers have had numerous opportunities to pray with travelers and share Christ with them.

Health Ministries

Since early in our history, Seventh-day Adventists have been involved in teaching people to live healthy lives. With public health threats increasing from the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, community

health screening and education programs have become a primary focus for ACS since the 1970s.

At the North American Division, ACS has a strong working partnership with our health ministries programs and this is becoming more and more apparent on the local level. Through ACS in Christmas Valley, Oregon, church members have conducted Stop Smoking and Eight Weeks to Wellness programs. In Salem, Oregon, ACS has offered cooking schools, the Wellspring Diabetes program, a comprehensive cardiac wellness program and seminars in stress management. In College Place, Washington, Sonbridge (housed in what was formerly a nursing home facility called "Sunbridge") offers a free medical clinic in the same building as other ministries including 12-step programs, a thrift store, Christian radio and Christian TV.

Tutoring and Mentoring Programs

Adventist Community Services strengthened its services in tutoring and mentoring in response to the Alliance for Youth goal of educational assistance for disadvantaged children, which was rolled out at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997. At that summit, Presidents Bush, Carter, Clinton, Ford and Nancy Reagan (representing Ronald Reagan) challenged the nation to make children and youth a national priority.

The ACS vision to provide tutoring and mentoring to children quickly grew to include adults. In Tacoma, Washington, The



At the Yakima ACS Food Bank, most of the volunteers are not church members. Just before opening their doors to serve their clients, the volunteers gather for prayer, an important time of ministry to the volunteers as well as an essential aspect of the bank's success.

Caring Place offers immigration assistance as well as a transitional housing facility. Similarly, in Everson, Washington, A Watered Garden offers classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), computer literacy, and preparation for the citizenship test and the GED.

In Forks, Washington, church member Diane Cowles goes right into people's homes to help both children and adults learn to read and write. To the amazement of one woman's children, though it took her months to do it, she finally learned to write her own name!

Disaster Response

For more than 100 years the Seventh-day Adventist Church has provided emergency relief in times of disaster. In addition to filling our scriptural mandates to

effectively care for those in crisis, our disaster response gives Adventists a tremendous opportunity to develop relationships with civic and government leaders. In 1969, ACS became a charter member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), now consisting of more than 40 organizations. Since 1974, ACS has operated in partnership with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). One result of that relationship is that a number of Adventists have been tapped by FEMA to fill some of their own leadership roles.

While the Pacific Northwest has been relatively free from large-scale natural disasters, we know that in these last days we can expect disasters to increase and that no part of our country will be immune. Meanwhile, our trained members are able to respond to smaller local disasters (read about the ACS response to the fire in Hooper Bay, Alaska, in the November *Gleaner*) as well as answer the call to help in other parts of the country. For example, Dennis Olson, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) disaster response coordinator, and several other leaders from the NPUC, were able to give significant leadership in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Adventist YES Corps

In 1993, Adventist Youth Emergency Services (YES) Corps emerged from the Medical Cadet Corps (MCC). The Medical Cadet Corps was formed by an act of Congress in 1861 for youth between 18 and 22 years of age to serve a one-year term in the Army as wound dressers and ambulance attendants.

The line forms early outside of the Yakima ACS Food Bank, located adjacent to the 35th Avenue Adventist Church. Open every Tuesday morning, they serve an average of 125–150 people each week. During the holidays last year, they served as many as 225. Intentional about offering spiritual resources and care, in recent years, the bank's ministry has resulted in 15 baptisms, including four in 2006!



“ACS continues to be the agency responsible for the church’s humanitarian efforts within the United States and Bermuda.”



Heidi Martella

Cheryl Brown, director of A Watered Garden in Everson, Wash., coordinates English as a Second Language classes for adults in the community. Not only is this a service she provides, but it is also her ministry.

With the MCC no longer functioning, Adventist YES Corps was developed to mobilize youth in community action programs.

Several NPUC churches are considering the potential of this particular program for implementation with their youth groups and/or schools.

An amazing future

Building on the success of the past, our work must continue to grow and change in order to meet the growing and changing needs of our society. How can we do this?

Expand the scope of community services.

As the needs of people become increasingly complex, we must adapt and expand our strategies. At the local level, we must continually reassess the needs of our communities to be sure that our programs are actually meeting those needs, not just reflecting the things we as a church are used to doing or enjoy doing.

Build collaborative partnerships.

Within the internal church network, ACS is nurturing more collaborative partnerships with other ministry departments on the local church, conference, union and division levels. ACS is also increasing involvement and participation in activities sponsored by other public, private and nonprofit organizations to provide humanitarian services. ACS will continue to develop mutually beneficial relationships with these organizations and will aspire to heighten the national awareness of Adventist work in communities.

The synergy that partnerships provide at both the national and local levels helps us be more effective and grows our vision of what new things can be done.

Provide continuing leadership education.

One goal of ACS is to better equip and develop our leaders at every level. To effectively respond to the ever-changing, growing needs in society, they require fresh inspiration, an ever-expanding vision and up-to-the-minute training. These will be increasingly available at union, conference and local church educational events.

Engaging in The Great Commission

ACS provides the structure whereby members can more effectively *serve* Christ as He appears in “the least of these,” *be* Christ to a needy, hurting world and *share* Christ with all who will listen.

For more information, visit www.communityservices.org or, to find out how you can make a difference in *your* community, contact your pastor or your local conference ACS director. •

Cheri Corder, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services director, writes from Spokane, Washington, with contributions from Byron Dulan and Marilyn Renk, ACS directors for Washington and Oregon, respectively.



The Lewiston, Idaho, church sponsors a beautiful boutique where women who are job hunting (and who have vouchers from a local agency) get professional outfits.



As is the case with a growing number of food banks, clients of Portland Adventist Community Services are able to choose the items they wish to have for their families.



The NW Disaster Response Institute, held at Gladstone this fall, is one of numerous training opportunities being offered more and more frequently by ACS. Photos from response efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were used in this training.



C h a r l e s L . B o y d

TAKING ADVENTISM TO THE PUGET SOUND

B Y D O U G J O H N S O N

When Isaac Van Horn, the Northwest's first Adventist minister, left the region the denominational leaders asked Charles L. Boyd to take his place as president of the North Pacific Conference with its five churches and 123 members. Boyd was previously president of the Nebraska Conference until his transfer to the Northwest.

During his first year, Boyd visited the five churches in the Willamette Valley, held evangelistic meetings and organized the first Adventist church in Portland, and spent several months in the Puget Sound. He was the first Adventist minister to visit the Puget Sound and during this stay organized a church in Renton and a Sabbath School in Lynden.

Following the evangelistic meetings in Portland, the members built a church on a leased lot. Boyd urged them to lease the lot for ten years instead of buying it because Jesus was coming soon. Ten years later in 1893 the congregation lost the building when the owner refused to renew the lease. The members were disappointed but rallied to put up another building where the congregation became known as the Portland Central Church.

In 1882, two ministers from other denominations joined the North Pacific Conference. Unfortunately, they were rushed into ministry within several months. Within a year they were pulling the sympathies of the members and a young ministerial assistant away from Boyd as well as promoting the teachings of the Marion party, a dissident group from Iowa.

The situation in the other Northwestern conference, Upper Columbia, was also critical. So the California Conference sent John O. Corliss to assist the two discouraged presidents, but he too met with strong resistance. Next a delegation of six minis-

ters and Ellen G. White traveled from California to the Northwest to deal with the crisis. At both camp meetings, the delegation experienced a bitter struggle but succeeded in resolving the problems. Describing these camp meetings, Ellen G. White wrote, "The work in this conference (North Pacific Conference) was of the same character as the work above (Upper Columbia Conference), only more so. We had one of the hardest battles we ever had to engage in;" (Letter, Ellen G. White to Uriah Smith, June 27, 1884).

Following the camp meetings, the two ministers from the other denominations were removed from membership and the young ministerial assistant sent to Healdsburg College in California to take some classes. With the problems resolved, the North Pacific Conference refocused on their mission and grew rapidly. In the next five years the membership increased from 160 to 627 and the number of churches from seven to 26.

In the summer of 1886, Boyd along with William Potter returned to the Puget Sound region. In the four years since Boyd's first visit to the region, Seattle had grown from around 10,000 to 42,800. During the summer and early autumn they conducted two series of evangelistic meetings, organized a church and held a camp meeting in Seattle. The next summer, H. W. Reed and J. A. Burden conducted tent meetings in Tacoma and organized a church.

In early 1887, the General Conference sent the Boyd and Dores A. Robinson families to South Africa. They were the denomination's first missionaries to that continent. •

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

Fresh Start

For Christmas 2004, Richard and Donna Hamann found a way to make their entire town happy. Anthon, Iowa, a community of 650 people, received an unexpected present from this retired farming couple. The Hamanns paid the electric bill for every home and business in the town of Anthon. The bills, all due on Christmas day, totaled \$25,000.

Everyone appreciated the surprising and generous gift, and they expressed it with a stack of thank-you cards and letters. For example, Joyce Corning sent a card that said, "Thank you doesn't seem adequate for your wonderful generous gift to the entire town." Another woman cried tears of joy at the news.

But the question everyone asked was: Why? What would prompt the Hamanns to do such a thing?

In response, Richard referred to his faith. A longtime member of a country Lutheran church, he and his wife of 56 years wanted to help the townspeople. He said, "My philosophy is that everything I have is a gift of God and what we do with it is a gift of God."

That's not a bad way to see stuff—as a gift from God to be used for God. Besides, God owns it all anyway. Since that's the case, sometimes I wonder how my finances would be impacted if Jesus had to co-

Electric Giving

sign all my checks before they would be negotiable.

Richard Hamann went on to explain: "The Lord has been very good to us, and so have the people of this community, so I always thought we ought to be doing something in return if we could."¹

Richard's response brings to mind the question of the Psalmist: "What can I give back to God for all that He has given to me?" (Psalm 116:12).

In response to God's goodness, what else can we

do but give? If you've ever heard the word "stewardship" bantered about the church, this is at the heart of what it means—responding to God's goodness by returning our resources to Him.

In the words of Milo Kauffman, "Stewardship of possessions is the effect of God's saving grace upon one's self and his property.... When God gets a man with a car He gets a car to be used in His service. Some seem to think of stewardship as a whip or

as legal action to drive people to give to the expenses of the church. Christian stewardship most certainly is not church legislation nor a scheme to deprive men of their cash. It is the natural consequence of an experience with God, the natural reaction of the human heart that has been touched by the divine spirit."²

When God gets your heart, He gets your bank account, your car, your DVDs, your wardrobe, your iPod—He gets everything. But you're still coming out ahead on the deal. After all, you get the best God has to give in the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. Because of Christ you've got a mansion in heaven with your name on the welcome mat. And not to worry, the electric bill will be paid every month! •

¹ "With Love from Both of Us," *The Christian Science Monitor* (12-27-04); "Iowa Couple Pays Electric Bills," *USAToday.com* (12-21-04).

² Milo Kauffman, "The Challenge of Christian Stewardship," *Herald Press*, 1955, pp. 3, 5; as cited at http://www.theloudcry.net/sermon_outlines/Volume%20D/Files/vold-25.htm.

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



Christmas Gift for Northwest Adventist Families

Northwest Adventist families will soon be receiving in their mailboxes a very special Christmas gift: a brand-new version of *The Desire of Ages*.

This freshly updated edition replaces the archaic language of the original Bible references with the fresh yet familiar feel of the New King James Version. And there are expressive new illustrations by the renowned contemporary artist Darrel Tank.

Local conference leaders are encouraging Northwest members to use this new book as a devotional guide for 2007, with the theme "Read It Again for the First Time." A person who reads an average of just two-and-a-half pages per day will be able to read the entire book in a year.

"A lot of us have read this book and gained great blessings," says Jere



Northwest Adventists are encouraged to read the newly updated version of *The Desire of Ages* "again for the first time."

Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president. "But we felt that updating the language of the Bible references would encourage more of our members to re-engage with this wonderful resource."

And so you will soon hold in your hands one of the great devotional classics on the

life and teachings of Christ. Millions of people around the world from diverse cultures and faiths have described *The Desire of Ages* as one of their favorites. Now you will have the opportunity to rediscover it for yourself.

"Our prayer," says Patzer, "is that each of us will use

the coming year as a time to recommit our lives to Christ and His calling and commission for us all."

These books will also make excellent Christmas gifts for co-workers, neighbors, friends and extended family members. Additional copies can be purchased at your local Adventist Book Center, online at www.adventistbookcenter.com or by calling (800) 795-6955.

For additional information about how you can participate in "The Desire of Ages Project" write to: Desire of Ages, North Pacific Union Conference, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687-1150, call (360) 816-1400 or e-mail, gleaner@nw.npuc.org.

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication

New DVD Traces Northwest Adventist History

NW Spotlight on Mission Available Now

The Northwest *Spotlight on Mission* DVD was sent in late October to key leaders in each church in the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and features a half-hour special report tracing the historical highlights of Adventist growth within the Northwest.

This video report, featured at the Oct. 1 NPUC constituency session, tells the story of how the Adventist message came West with a lonely woman, the only believer in her family. It

visually portrays the spread of this message from the Walla Walla Valley to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, and the growth of educational institutions and hospitals. It challenges each of us to "Share the Light" in new and creative ways.

Three additional video segments on the DVD feature short testimonies and experiences in soul-winning. And if you or your church have been timid about sharing Jesus,

you'll want to enjoy together the humorous, yet pointed "Power Pit" segment, a visual parable about the importance of getting in shape spiritually.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see this DVD, ask your pastor, head elder or Sabbath School superintendent for it.

Todd Gessele, NPUC associate communication director



The new Northwest *Spotlight on Mission* DVD features historical highlights of the last 100 years in the North Pacific Union Conference.

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The Legacy of Verna Clay

Within the Native American culture, genuine greatness is seen in the way people treat each other. For more

than 20 years, the Indian people of the Umatilla Reservation near Pendleton, Ore.,

experienced that kind of love and dedication Verna Clay had for them. It was with her little acts of kindness that she won the hearts of the entire nation.

She would take Christmas gifts to

families who couldn't provide much for their children. In her own home, she would take care of the children of native mothers who were hospitalized, and she took food to those whose cupboards were bare. The Indian people, whom she dearly loved, never forgot these acts of kindness.

When Verna died Sept. 22 it was only natural that she would be honored and her life be celebrated by the Umatilla people in an official Long House ceremony. More than



Verna Clay's funeral was held in the Long House of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. This funeral was an unusual honor dedicated to her memory and the service she gave to the Indian people there.

500 people gathered for the occasion. Many paid tribute to this Christian woman and told how she had blessed their lives. Even the reverence of the drumming used during the ceremony was designed to show respect for the personal legacy she left. •

Monte Church, NPUC Native American Ministries director



Respectfully drumming and chanting the hymn *Amazing Grace*, which was Verna Clay's favorite, the Umatilla tribe members paid their final respects to Clay.



From left: Monte Church, NPUC Native American Ministries director, Jesse Jones, Cayous tribal chief, and Ole Olesen, Milton Church pastor, all participated in the funeral for Verna Clay.

Congress Passes Pension Protection Act of 2006

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can now be rolled over to a charity without being included in taxable income. This benefit is only available to individuals 70 and a half years or older for the balance of 2006 and all of 2007. Congress only recently changed the rules for charitable gifts made from individual retirement accounts. These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 in any one year.

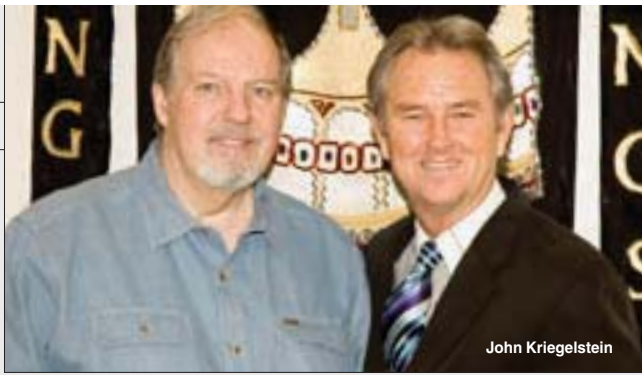
Would you like to use this rollover window of opportunity? Here are two ways:

An individual would contact the custodian of their IRA and request an amount to be transferred directly to their charity. The amount may be part of, all of, or in excess of the minimum required deduction. The custodian would disperse the funds to the charity either restricted or unrestricted.

You may have already given gifts to a charity up to the federal limit, which is generally up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. You can still make a special charitable gift from the IRA without exceeding federal limits or increasing taxes. The IRA will not increase the taxable income as it is disbursed directly to charity and the charitable contribution is not counted against the 50 percent ceiling.

Please check with your qualified tax adviser to learn about your IRA charitable rollover tax benefits. Contact your conference Planned Giving and Trust Services department or the North Pacific Union Conference at (360) 816-1437; e-mail gary.dodge@nw.npuc.org for more information. Check out www.npucgift.org for general planned giving ideas. •

Gary Dodge, NPUC trust services director



Jim Bren (left), leader of the 80 Foursquare churches in Alaska and pastor of the Skyline Foursquare Church in Anchorage, has invited Paul Volk (right), Adventist health lecturer, to return each fall to repeat his health seminar for the leaders of his churches.

Adventist and Foursquare Churches Host Health Talks

The Second Mile Church in Anchorage rents from the Skyline Foursquare church. While the leaders of both churches have enjoyed a positive working relationship for the past several years, the congregations have never mixed until recently.

On Oct. 22 and 23, international health lecturer Paul Volk brought both congregations together to share some of the latest research in health, along with the Bible's teachings on this life-changing topic.

More than 100 people showed up each night, with more than half being members of the Skyline Foursquare Church. Volk used personal stories, testimonies and a lot of humor to engage the audience and help them accept some principles that go directly against much of the North American (and yes, Alaskan!) lifestyle. Jim Bren, Skyline pastor, remarked following the seminar, "This was great—we need to do this several times a year to keep it in front of us!"

He also mentioned his own personal need for a change in lifestyle as a Christian example and so he can minister more effectively.

Following the seminar, several members of the Skyline Church approached the pastor of The Second Mile Church to ask more about his church, the Sabbath and other church teachings. Perhaps this is the beginning of more events where The Second Mile can share Bible truth with those who are seeking, even within

the Christian community here in Anchorage.

The Second Mile Church has been challenged to find a permanent home in this growing city due to high property values. God may have another plan, however. "Perhaps God wants us right where we are for now!" commented Brant Berglin, The Second Mile Church pastor. •

Brant Berglin, The Second Mile Church pastor

Office Guest Room Becomes Birthing Room

When Gideon Donavon Kack give his first lusty cry, it was not in a hospital room filled with busy doctors or nurses. Gideon, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, was born in guest room No. 3 in the Alaska Conference office building. Jayna Kack, Gideon's mom, was assisted by her mom, Judy. Gideon followed the tradition of two of his older brothers by being born in a home setting.

Donavon Kack and his family recently moved from Libby, Mont., to become the pastor of the Hillside-O'Malley Church in Anchorage. Gideon, already

a week overdue, did not wait for the family to move into their new home; so while his brothers, Levi, Hiram and Cyrus, slept in guest room No. 7, Mom and Dad Kack were busy down the hall in room No. 3. At 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 24, the conference office guest room became the birthplace of the newest Kack.

This is a return of the Kack family to Alaska. Donavon's father served in Palmer when Donavon was young. Besides Libby, Kack has pastored in Othello, Wash., and in Dillingham and Craig, Alaska. Kack has a passion to ignite the

evangelistic spirit in his church. "I love to see people excited about the Lord and wanting to share that love," stated

Kack. "I love evangelism and the challenge of ministry here in Anchorage."

In just one month's time, Kack and his Bible worker, Jordan Peck, have started 22 Bible studies "without looking for them." Kack's goal is to

have every church member involved in giving Bible studies. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director



Gideon Kack, son of Jayna and Donavon Kack, entered the world in a guestroom at the conference office. Kacks recently moved to Anchorage to become the pastor of the Hillside-O'Malley church. Pictured, from left: Hiram, Levi, Gideon, Jayna, Cyrus and Donavon Kack.

Idaho Conference Members Get Ready to ShareHim



Evangelism is taking on a new face in the Idaho Conference. Lay members, instead of only heading to a foreign country to hold meetings, are planning meetings for their own communities. The momentum began at camp meeting. During his Sabbath morning sermon, Robert Folkenberg Sr., *ShareHim* president, challenged Idaho Conference members to make evangelism a personal priority. They should be supporting members who speak in their own churches, not just be supporting members to a paid evangelist, he said. People just like them can do it—it isn't necessary to be pursuing ministry as a pastor or a conference- or union-sponsored evangelist. This new initiative is called *ShareHim* (www.sharehim.org).

More than 240 Idaho members responded to

Folkenberg's call that camp meeting Sabbath. Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president, and Don Klinger, conference secretary, met with churches in different regions of the conference to give everyone the opportunity to participate. In September, more than 100 participants attended an "Evangelism Boot Camp" at Gem State Academy that provided training for lay members as speakers and support teams. Many of these people have already signed up to be speakers at meetings to be held in their churches and even in their homes.

What they learned in theory at the camp will soon be put into practice. One set of meetings started in October with many more scheduled for January and February 2007. Fledgling evangelists, armed with DVDs, scripts, computers, projectors, and DVD players, are spreading their wings, trusting that God will provide the lift they need to accomplish His work.

One participant, Newton States, has preached many times in his home church in

"Boot Camp" trainees spent part of their weekend learning how to conduct their own evangelistic series—with themselves as speakers!

Emmett, Idaho. His pastor asked him to demonstrate one of the sermons for Sabbath worship service, to give him a feel for how it worked and to have a friendly audience. States discovered that the hardest part was coordinating his words with the graphics, since the series he had didn't include sermon notes on a split screen. He said that comments from the congregation were on the order of, "The sermon was good, the graphics were good, but the speaker sort of stuttered while trying to coordinate everything." After setting things up a little differently and using the *Truth For Today* split screen series provided

by *ShareHim*, the next time went much smoother. "We're presenting each sermon during prayer meeting," States said. All of the elders of the church are learning how to present the sermons during prayer meeting. States says, "If I can do this, anyone can!"

Idaho Conference will celebrate 100 years in service to God in 2007. Our constituency session and camp meeting theme is "Share the Light." That's just what Idaho church members like Newton States are doing. •

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication administrative assistant



Newton States, Emmett Church elder, practiced his presentation at his home church and with a friendly audience.



At the camp meeting Sabbath morning worship service, more than 240 people came forward during Robert Folkenberg's call to make evangelism a personal priority.

Meridian Idaho Church

Celebrates New Church and 30 Years



The new Meridian Church is complete with landscaping, parking lot and sanctuary.

“How will we ever raise enough money to build a sanctuary?” It was February 2004 and the Meridian Church had just burned their mortgage. In 1988, they had purchased a corner lot and had built a multipurpose room and classrooms, which they began using in 1997. Through a lot of hard work, they paid the loan in just over seven years. But now they needed at least \$300,000 more to build a sanctuary. For a 100-member congregation, that number looked formidable.

God already had a plan. When they purchased the land for \$25,000, He knew that it would become extremely valuable in just 15 years. He knew that a developer would want the land. And He knew just the person to lead the church through the process.

Carla Mace was not an Adventist in 1998. She began attending the Meridian Church in January 2000. At the close of Russell Burrill’s meetings



Tim Gray, former pastor, tells the children’s story while Garey Gantz, current pastor, listens with the children.

in 2001 she was baptized. In March of 2002 she was chosen to chair the building committee. About this same time a developer contacted then pastor Tim Gray and told him he had a client who would like to purchase the corner where the church was located. Would the church consider selling? The price mentioned

was \$1.4 million. The pastor said no, more than once, but eventually took the proposal to the church. The church was skeptical as well.

As they thought about the offer, the church members began thinking of all the work involved in purchasing another piece of property, getting permits, etc. The thought of starting all over again was daunting. Mace told the developer, “We don’t have the money, expertise or people to build a new church at this time.”

The developer suggested that maybe his company could build a new facility for the congregation. Later the developer made a proposal: In exchange for the corner lot, they would replicate their existing facility with the addition of a sanctuary on five acres, at the developer’s cost.

After much discussion and negotiation, documents were signed and work began on

the new building. One key provision was that the church had the option of selling their current building. God blessed, and the Meridian Friends Church purchased and moved the building. The Meridian Church wanted to expand their fellowship hall and add more classroom space. This \$80,000 sale meant that they would need a mortgage of only \$50,000 to finish the project.

On Sept. 16, the Meridian Church, under the direction of their pastor, Garey Gantz, held an open house to give the community the opportunity to see the new miracle building and to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

God knew. He knew that purchasing that corner lot would be a good investment. He knew that a developer would want the property. He knew that Mace wanted to join the church and use her expertise to His glory. And He knew that the church would have a facility valued at \$2.5 million to enhance their witness to their community, with a total net cash cost (including the cost of the previous facility) of under \$450,000. Now that’s a miracle return on investment! •

Donald A. Klinger, Idaho Conference communication director



One of the children’s classrooms features a mural painted by a member.

Students Serving Children

Mt. Ellis Academy Students Host Fall Festival for Community Children

Mt. Ellis Academy students organized and hosted a free fall festival at the elementary school for local children and their families. More than 100 potential trick-or-treaters eagerly left the freezing cold and crammed into the half-court gym on Oct. 31 to enjoy the festivities.

With outside temperatures in the single digits, parents were delighted to find a warm spot for their costumed

children as well as a clean and safe environment where they could spend the evening. The local Christian radio station interviewed two academy students who were helping with the fall festival and continued to remind listeners about the upcoming holiday event.

The children were kept busy as academy students coaxed them into various games such as musical chairs and doughnut-eating contests.



Amber Shepler, MEA sophomore, paints a face on Monte Wilkins, MEE student.

When they weren't participating in those contests, they could wander around to the different student-led booths, including bobbing for apples, face painting, pumpkin painting, dart throwing, football toss, fishing for prizes and bean bag toss. The favorites of the evening were undoubtedly the cardboard

maze and inflatable bounce house.

Students plan to repeat the festival every year, hoping that it will continue to grow and eventually relocate to the academy gym. •

Keri Newell, MEA GLEANER correspondent

Lewistown Church Shares Jesus Through Singing

Karl Johnson, Lewistown personal ministries leader, and a small band of nine volunteer carolers braved the cold of a Montana winter to go to homes in their church's neighborhood, singing and handing out inspirational pamphlets and Bible study cards. The group, which grew to 22 strong, also sang at two local nursing homes. At one facility, Johnson presented a moving Bible-based narration/introduction to each hymn as the group sang the hymns. Lewistown pastor Elmer Dow joined the group at one facility and read the Bible passages telling of Christ's birth. The residents in these facilities were filled with joy and began to sing songs of the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

The overall response from the community is summed up in a note of thanks sent from one of the activity directors: "Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent with us. We enjoyed your message and your beautiful singing." While it's good to get a letter of thanks, our main goal—to share Jesus and lift Him up for others to see—has seen some rewards already. One of the "neighbors of the church" has been attending regularly since he and his wife joined our caroling group. •

Penny Horan, Lewistown Church communication leader

Karl Johnson, Lewistown personal ministries leader (second from left), and carolers present a life-giving message of Jesus to the residents of Valley Vista Manor.



Three Churches Camp Out Together

In the Bear Paw Mountains

For a number of years the members in North Central Montana have enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and worship at a district-wide campout. This year the members from Ft. Belknap, Shelby and Havre were invited to get together at Beaver Creek Park in the Bear Paw Mountains for the annual event. Elmer Dow, Lewistown/Roundup pastor, presented the Sabbath sermon. The district campout has become a much anticipated event that provides a unique opportunity for fellowship and nature study. •

Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader

Vancouver Church Celebrates Blessings and Miracles

During New Sanctuary Grand Opening

Vancouver (Wash.) Church members rejoiced and celebrated during its sanctuary grand opening event on Sept. 23.

Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, said, "The official opening of the Vancouver Church sanctuary was one of the most significant events in the Oregon Conference

during 2006. It was a wonderful time of giving glory to God for the miracle of this beautiful and functional new building. But much more, the members of the Vancouver Church showed a true spirit of Commission Culture. The warm friendliness, the spirit of service and of commitment was clearly evident."



Wayne Culmore, Vancouver Church senior pastor, spoke during the grand opening worship service, which also featured the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus.



The large lobby of the new Vancouver Church was intentionally designed to promote greeting and fellowship before and after the worship services.



After meeting in their fellowship hall for 18 months, the members of the Vancouver Church held a grand opening of their newly completed sanctuary on Sept. 23. Gene Heinrich, assistant pastor, said, "Building projects are notorious for bringing out the worst in a congregation, however this project brought about a spirit of unity that I think will last into eternity."

Leading up to the sanctuary grand opening event was story after story of miracles. The church was denied a building permit for three consecutive years, but then after an appeal was won at the Supreme Court level on a similar land issue the church faced, county officials approved the permit without question.

Another miracle: During the selling of its former property, a contact was made that resulted in a donation and delivery of between 24,000 to 28,000 yards of dirt, lowering costs from \$200,000 to \$6,000.

Then Maranatha Volunteers agreed to provide the labor by framing both wings of the building if the permit was issued by a certain date. The date passed without the permit, and Maranatha issued a second and then a third and final date. The church received the permit five minutes before the 4:30 p.m. deadline, and volunteers of Maranatha saved the church \$60,000 in labor.

The members originally decided to build when they discovered that the cost of adding much-needed amenities to their former church building would be approximately \$600,000 and even then there would be no guarantee of obtaining a permit.

In 1999, when regular Sabbath attendance was 125, a business meeting with 95 members attending was held, and a secret ballot revealed that all but three voted in favor of a new building.

"We felt the Holy Spirit was attending us in the decision as to whether to build or to stay," said Stan Wilson, a long-time member.

Livesay adds, "It is clear that the dedication and sacrifice of many has resulted in a church that is focused on placing God first and partnering with Him to do great things for the kingdom of heaven." •

Linda Shaver, Vancouver Church communication leader



The baptismal font is an integral part of the sanctuary design. Don Wells was the first person baptized in the new baptistry.

OREGON

Helping the Salem Community

With Clothing, Classes and Bibles

Salem Adventist Community Services has served the Salem community for many years, helping with needs ranging from food and clothing to health classes and a request for a Bible.

Recently, a Russian family who had just moved from Washington and were looking for work came in. They had rented a small apartment but had no furniture, except for one bed for six people. We supplied them with household items—dishes, pans, towels and blankets as well as food and clothing. That same day a church member called, offering to donate a table and chairs. We helped her contact the family, and she delivered the table and chairs to them.

On another day, a woman came in who was homeless. She had been released from prison and had gone to a women's shelter, but after a certain number of

days, she had to leave. We gave her blankets, towels, food and clothes. She was able to obtain a camp stove elsewhere as well as a cooler.

She had one more request, "I would love to have a King James Bible. When I went to Sunday School as a child, I memorized some verses, and I can't find them in these new Bibles."

We located and gave her a King James Bible. She also took the card for the *Discover* Bible School. She was told just to bring the lessons by and she wouldn't have to mail them. She was overjoyed. "You have just made my day."

In addition to helping people with some of their basic needs, we also provide a number of classes, including classes about managing diabetes and cooking classes.

The Salem Adventist Community Services is supported by the three Salem churches—South, East and Central. We have



Steve and Melody Richmond demonstrate a recipe for healthful eating during one of the several cooking classes sponsored by the Salem Community Service Center.

approximately 25 volunteers serving in the various areas—adult and children's clothing, sorting, washing and ironing, household goods department, quilting and interviewing clients.

Last year, our volunteers attended the Annual Forum held at the new Convention Center in Salem. Representatives from state and local agencies as well as private organizations presented reports of the local services they provide. The purpose of the conference is to coordinate social services available

in the area. In November, four of our staff attended the conference. This provided an opportunity to let others know about our work so we can refer clients for services which aren't available at Salem Adventist Community Services. •

Mark Cockerham, Salem Church pastor

Renk to Retire

Marilyn K. Renk, pictured left, Oregon Conference Health and Community Services director, will retire on Dec. 31. Her future plans include establishing a business of consulting and event planning. The North American Division will keep Renk involved by coordinating several of their events. Rhonda Whitney, Portland Adventist Community Services executive director, has accepted the invitation to be Renk's successor. •

Linda Schrader, Health and Community Services administrative assistant





Columbia Adventist Academy

Prepares to Enter the Next Century

We find ourselves again asking the question about the future of CAA. "Should Columbia meet the 21st Century?"

Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) is proud to offer an educational and spiritual experience that is among the best. They have been doing it for 103 years. But it has not always been easy.

In 1899, the school was established by John and Fannie Clark. In 1907, the first class graduated, making next year the 100th anniversary of that event.

In 1920, the school was at a major crossroads. It had been in existence for 21 years. It was the first time a tough question needed to be answered. "Should Columbia Academy continue in the old way, or should the conference get behind the school and put it in a place where it would stand with quality schools of like character?"

The answer then was, "Yes!" The decision was for the academy to continue to educate youth and teach them about Jesus in a quality setting. What followed was a series of campus improvements which kept Columbia competitive with other Christian schools.

Today we are at a similar crossroads. Frankly, our campus is old. The newest building on campus was built 41 years ago and some of the others date back to 1935. Our facilities desperately need to be brought up-to-date. Our library is outdated, the classrooms are inadequate and cramped, and it is impossible to update our technology in our current buildings. We find ourselves again asking the question about the future of CAA. "Should Columbia meet the 21st Century?"

The answer to this question will be defined by commitment. A new investment is necessary to bring Columbia Adventist Academy up to the level of other Christian schools. Funding for these improvements must come from those who most believe in and have benefited from its mission. "To whomever much is given, much will be required" Luke 12:48. We have been given much to educate the students in our care. They deserve much—as much as we can give.

The first phase of our "Next Century Campaign" is a new administration building with classrooms, labs, library and administrative offices. The goal is \$5 million. We already have 40 percent of that goal with just over \$2 million. This is thanks in part to the sale of property and the CAA Class of 2006, who raised \$74,000 for the campaign as their class gift. We are also receiving personal donations from alumni, constituent church members and friends.

This school's history is built on generosity. Its alumni and friends have always stepped up to the challenge of ensuring the quality of its name.

The next century of education at Columbia Adventist Academy is here. Together, we can write our own proud chapter in Columbia's history.

We can again answer the question of the school's future with a resounding "Yes!" We can do our part to continue this proud tradition. •

Lara Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Pastor Prayer Breakfast At Portland Adventist Academy

It's the goal of every Adventist school to work closely with their constituent churches. But if you ask most pastors and school staff they'll tell you the job is harder than it sounds.

Les Zollbrecht, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) chaplain, saw the need for more dialogue between the churches and his school and specifically for pastors to interact more with the students. "So we decided to plan a Prayer Breakfast," he said.

Early in the morning on Oct. 25, the PAA library was filled with the smells of a hearty breakfast, enough to feed 10 pastors from area churches, several staff and faculty, and student leaders of the PAA worship committee.

With a warm welcome and prayer for the meal, Charlene Vizcara, PAA marketing director, opened the meeting while Gale Crosby, principal,



Pastors, students and faculty bow their heads and hearts together as the students prayed for their pastors.

continued with creative introductions of each person present.

Zollbrecht took over with a report about the spiritual movement on campus this year which led to what was perhaps the most touching moment of the morning. All 10 pastors crowded in a circle as the students gathered around them with the teachers and staff

behind the students. Hands were placed on shoulders and the sounds of young and passionate voices joined in a chorus of prayer for their guests.

Zollbrecht and Crosby concluded the meeting with a call to action. "I encourage you to be here among the students and staff," said Zollbrecht. "We've set aside a pastoral study room where you can meet

with the students, pray with them and encourage them."

Three more Prayer Breakfasts are planned for the school year.

Rebecca Cheek, PAA senior and worship committee music director, was delighted to see her pastor at the meeting. "I've never been a part of something like that before," she beamed. "I got to pray for my pastor." Rebecca's pastor, Julius Jones of the Beaverton Church, used the opportunity to ask for prayer for his wife, who has been battling cancer.

Shirley Allen, Sunnyside Church associate pastor, agreed. "It's unusual to have young people pray for us. Sometimes we pastors get all prayed out," she admitted. "To hear them praying for us made such a wonderful moment." •

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Oregon Conference Administrative Headquarters Relocates to Gladstone

The sale of the Oregon Conference headquarters in Clackamas was completed Oct. 11, and the office has temporarily relocated to the Holden Convention Center on the Gladstone campus. The Adventist Book Center (ABC) will remain at the Clackamas location until the end of April 2007, when a new bookstore will be completed on the Gladstone campus.

Construction of both buildings is ongoing with an anticipated completion date of May 2008 for the new

administrative office complex. Informational updates are being posted at www.OregonConference.org.

Please note the new contact information for the conference. Address: Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027; phone: (503) 850-3500. •

Randy Robinson, Oregon Conference vice president for finance



The Holden Convention Center, on the campus of Gladstone Park Conference Center, is serving as the temporary administrative headquarters for the Oregon Conference.

Milo's Cornerstone Industry Thunderbird Wood Products Offers Jobs for Students

On the campus of Milo Adventist Academy, just over the hill from the cafeteria, sits a long building. This is Thunderbird Wood Products, part of the Milo campus since 1974. At that time, it was Thunderbird Furniture, with the home office located at Thunderbird Academy in Ariz. In 2001, the Oregon Conference purchased the plant and changed the name to Thunderbird Wood Products.

Thunderbird and Milo have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship for more than 30 years. Milo is able to supply a

workforce to supplement the 30 full-time employees, and Thunderbird provides training and work for the students as well as supplying the sawdust that heats the campus during the winter months.

Milo is one of the only academies left with a conference-owned industry that provides jobs for the students. Mark Starr, manager, emphasizes that industries are an integral part of our schools. Students can start working there at age 16 for minimum wage, but are eligible for bonuses and wage increases,



Lester Bradshaw explains the wood assembly process to Milo student Brian Burnette.

especially when they work over the summer months. One of those students is Andy Jones, a junior from Turner, Oregon. He says, working here “teaches you life skills for the future.”

Thunderbird is growing. Traditionally, it has specialized in alder components for cabinets and furniture, but management is looking to

expand its line and customer base. They are also in the process of expanding their space to accommodate the new lines. Starr is excited about the potential for growth and is looking forward to leading the company in the future. •

Lynda Haley, Milo marketing and admissions secretary



Livingstone Students Walk To Raise Funds for Diabetes Research

Under the leadership of their teachers, Sharon Cutz and Elizabeth Fish, Livingstone Adventist Academy's middle school students learned about walking in the footsteps of Jesus. As a part of their Bible Outreach class, they participated in the city of Salem's Walk for Diabetes. With the team name “The Good Samaritans,” the students along with their family members walked the 3.25-mile course.

The participants collected a combined total of over \$1,500 worth of donations. One student summed up the experience by saying, “I had a good time because we were walking for a good cause and had a fun time while doing it.” •

Elizabeth Fish, LAA middle school teacher

Oasis Christian Center Organizes as a Full-fledged Church

In 1996 a small group of Seventh-day Adventists started worshipping in a living room, hoping to appeal to non-churchgoers. They established a nontraditional way of doing church, with music, drama, and a message, inviting others to “come as you are” just as Jesus accepts us wherever we are.

Over the years Oasis has experienced their share of growing pains and turmoil, but with God's help, they have a healthy organization, increased

membership and a renewed sense of energy to do God's calling for their church.

The recognition service with Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, and Al Reimche, vice president, officiating, was casual, invigorating, with plenty of “amens” and a sense of true connection with each other and with God. •

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference assistant communication director



Church Growth Coordinator Retires

After 42 years of service in the Adventist church, Jim and Fran Kilmer retired on Aug. 1. Kilmer was the Church Growth Coordinator for the Upper Columbia Conference since 1997. Before that he served as the director of Adult

Sabbath School and Children's Ministries from 1986 through 1997. During his tenure, his wife, Fran, partnered in his work.

Kilmer has a passion for discipling church members into joyous Christians and has appreciated the blessings of church growth—a net membership gain in Upper Columbia Conference of 6,000 members and more than 25 new churches. Kilmer is enthusiastic about Sabbath School classes becoming an arena for the Holy Spirit to bring about growth through dynamic study of the Word. And because of this, he agreed to author the North American

Division Adult Sabbath School Teacher Certification for 2004 and 2007.

His father was a logger in Forks, Wash., where Kilmer was born in 1940, one of four siblings. He graduated from Auburn Academy in 1959 and Walla Walla College in 1963. He married Frances Williams, who graduated with a B.S. in nursing from Walla Walla College. He graduated from Andrews University with a M.A. in Religion, a major and M. Div. in Systematic Theology and a Ph. D. in Religious Education.

Together they served the church in the Oregon Conference where Kilmer pastored for 11 years. He then taught biblical languages in Beirut, Lebanon, for a year. In Kenya, Africa, he taught and pastored for six years before coming to the Upper Columbia Conference.

The Kilmers have three grown children, David, Karen and John, and four grandchildren. They thank the Lord for the privilege of ministering, and they thank everyone with whom they have served.

Kilmer says, "Precious memories will remain in our minds and hearts as we enjoy our 'golden years.' These memories include friendly associations at seminars, workshops, convocations and federations, as well as going from door to door with some of you in most of the cities of Upper Columbia Conference."

The Kilmers plan to remain in Spangle and minister closer to home—spending more time with their grandkids, writing and gardening. •

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant



Jon Dalrymple

Jim and Fran Kilmer retired from the Upper Columbia Conference department of church growth on Aug. 1.

A New Kind of Happy Hour

Vacation Bible School season may be over, but not in Troy, Idaho. "Why can't we have it all year long?" chorused the group led by sisters Yvonne Nelson and Brenda Hunt. Hunt had long felt the need to reconnect with the kids more than just once a year, and thus the Happy Hour was conceived in her mind.

Troy is a rural community with a country church that attracts a vigorous group for VBS. Hunt has added a postlude Happy Hour that meets once a month on Sabbath afternoon at the church. The



Kids in Troy, Idaho, have fun at a monthly Vacation Bible School session held throughout the year.

same format as VBS is used, complete with Bible stories, crafts, playtime, snacks and lots of singing. Hunt and Nelson are concentrating on Bible verses set to music so the children are singing them month to month.

Attendance ranges from 15 to 25 kids. Instead of saying, "See you next year," they now say "See you next month." With the more frequent contact Hunt feels they are the children's friends, not just their teachers. •

Elaine Drury, Troy (Idaho) Church communication secretary

Music, Melons and Ministry *Anchor Point Outreach*

The Anchor Point church plant in Stanfield, Ore., wanted to tell people in the community about their church and ultimately of God. On Sept. 2, Anchor Point hosted Lisa Marie Buster in concert at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston, Ore.

Steve Walker, a melon farmer and active member

of Anchor Point, donated watermelons that were served to the concert attendees. The “free watermelon” in the advertising helped bring people to the concert.

Involved in preparations for the event were long-time members, non-members and brand-new members, all in the thick of things. The camaraderie helped those who are not core members yet, or on the fringes, to feel like part of the body of Christ in working together. Having the concert on a Saturday night at the county fairgrounds helped bring in the mostly “non-member” crowd.

Concertgoers had the opportunity to fill out interest cards, with the option to mark the church and pastor of their choice for further information or study.



Toni Eddy helps prepare watermelons at a Lisa Marie Buster concert at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

At the concert, Walker was thinking, “What can I do to cultivate goodwill between the Adventist church and other area churches?” So one Sunday morning he called several area churches and asked if they would like it if he brought a bin of watermelons to their churches. Surprised and pleased, the members of several area churches enjoyed picking up a free, delicious watermelon or two on their way out of church on several Sundays. One churchgoer told Walker, “Relations between churches would be better if more people would do things like that.”

Walker said, “I just thought ‘why do we as Seventh-day Adventists have the audacity to think we’re the only ones God loves? Why can’t we bridge the gap and show love to everybody?’” Then he added, “It won’t hurt to build a bridge or two. I want to live like He’s coming tomorrow, and I have to believe that some of these people are going to be in heaven with me; so if they’re going to be my brothers, I better get to know them and build relationships with them.” •

Claudia Flaiz, Anchor Point communication leader



Steve Walker generously donates watermelons to other area churches to “build bridges” to them.



Arm wrestling was a high point of the fun and fellowship at the Bonners Ferry Church Harvest Fair on Oct. 14. Strong men Dallas Roberts and Lee Hamrick struggled for approximately six minutes before the match was called as a tie.

Harvest Fair *At Bonners Ferry Church*

Arm wrestling was a high point of the fun and fellowship at the Bonners Ferry Church Harvest Fair on Oct. 14. A Sabbath evening vespers followed by a potluck soup and bread supper started off the Harvest Fair. Held in the school gym, the evening featured booths with apple dunking, face painting, photo shoot, jumping castle, cake walk, ring toss, as well as a silent pie

auction and much more. The evening finished off with three-legged races, tug-of-war and arm wrestling. The event raised more than \$1,200, and all of the proceeds went to help with medical expenses for a local woman who has cancer but no medical insurance. •

Karen Drechsel, Bonners Ferry Church communication leader

Spokane Valley Celebrates 10 Years in New Sanctuary

The welcoming shofar (ram's horn) trumpet blared as Charles Ferguson, pastor, led the Spokane Valley Church in worship just as he did 10 years ago when the doors were opened for the first time to the new church building. About 400 people gathered on Sept. 16 to remember God's leading in building the new structure.

"We had many naysayers and others felt we shouldn't relocate, but our small church on Pines and Mission was inadequate to hold the people," said Ferguson.

Gerald Haeger, former Valley pastor, reflected with others on God's leading in the purchase



The 10th Anniversary Spokane Valley Church praise team led the singing during the celebration of worshiping in their sanctuary for 10 years.

of "the bean field." "When we saw the property and compared it to the other twenty pieces we had seen, we knew this was God's place for our church family to build."

With fundraising, prayer and a team of committed members, the vision, "Walking in Faith, Building in Love" was realized. Two men, Bob Hayes and Gerald Anderson, worked

many hours with volunteer labor to create the beautiful structure.

"We are now approaching the conclusion of our million-dollar mortgage...yes, the end's in sight," says Stan Hudson, current senior pastor. "But the Valley Church's best days are not in its past...they are yet to come. Our mission statement reads: 'the Spokane Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church is to share the love of Jesus with the world in preparation for His soon return.' *That's why we are here!*" •

Curtis Rittenour, Spokane Valley Church associate pastor

UPPER COLUMBIA

Kids for Christ Are a Mission Field

A Magnificent Investment

Most Christians are familiar with the 10/40 Window (a geographic region containing the largest population of non-Christians in the world), sometimes called the most challenging area of the world for Christian mission.

However, there is another important mission target: the 5/13 Window, according to Don Bryan, Spokane Junior Academy (SJA) principal.

"Investment in kids is the greatest investment you can make," Bryan said. Research by the Barna Research Group shows that children between the ages of 5 and 13 are five

times more likely than adults to make a lifetime commitment to God. If children don't receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior by the time



SJA students Matthew Anderson, Jadin Wolfe and Jaziah Latimer are in the "5/13 Window," a primary mission field in Adventist schools.

they leave the 8th grade, they later adopt Jesus only 4 percent of the time.

"However, those who embrace Jesus between 5 and 13 years of age keep Him in their hearts for life 32 percent of the time. That's an amazing window! That is the '5/13 Window,'" explains Bryan.

Christian education is at the heart of presenting Jesus Christ to children during those critical years. SJA has a mission of 'Showing Jesus Always,' said Bryan. "Our mission is to provide a place where children may learn about Jesus and experience the love of Christ within the school environment."

The school is raising funds for the new campus on North Government Way in Spokane. Investing in kids in the 5/13 Window gives a potential 32 percent return on investment.

"More than mental discipline, more than physical training, an education at SJA is designed to develop character and a path toward a life of blessing and service. It is royalty we serve, for our students are children of the King," Bryan concluded. •

David M. Wallace, SJA GLEANER correspondent



WWVA's senior class officers elected at the school's fall picnic were, from left: Rebecca Ortiz, secretary; Brian Unterseher, historian; Julia Hanson, social vice president; Andrew Hellie, spiritual vice president; Kandace Bolster, president; Donald Corson, treasurer; Liz Rosas, vice president.

WWVA's Senior Class Officers

“Do we have to build our shelters while it’s raining?” was the plaintive question asked by one senior on a wet September afternoon in the backwoods of Camp MiVoden. With her classmates she was about to experience the five-and-a-half days of WWVA’s Senior Survival.

“Yes,” was the reply, “and the sooner the better.” With a sigh of resignation she and her friends turned and trudged off toward the girls’ area, black plastic and twine in hand to attempt the process of shelter building.

Survive they did and in the strength and unity which grows from these types of experiences the class of 2007 elected, at the school’s annual fall picnic, the officers who will lead them through the year.

“This is an awesome class. Together, we will accomplish great things for God and others,” was the comment made by one member of the class. •

Angela Oetman, WWVA
GLENER correspondent

New Staff Start at Upper Columbia Academy

The students weren’t the only ones excited about starting the new school year. Upper Columbia Academy’s (UCA) faculty and staff were excited as well, and they welcomed several new members into their ranks this year.

According to Jeff Bovee, UCA principal, “we are off to a very positive and Spirit-filled year. We have a tremendously strong and talented group of staff who know the true meaning of being a team.”

New staff members include: **Chandra Duckett**, math; **Kellie Humbert**, Spanish; **Dean**

Kravig, band; **Mel Wade**, IT director; **Mark Lockwood**, vice principal for finance; **Lois Wade**, librarian; **Scott North**, marketing/recruitment/transportation director; **Carmen Slavens**, HOPE Taskforce and communications; and **Matthew Smith**, associate pastor/freshmen Bible/Sabbath activities. To see each staff member’s picture individually, their responsibilities and their contact information, go to www.ucaa.org and click on “staff.” •

Carmen Slavens, UCA GLENER correspondent



Upper Columbia Academy’s 2006-07 faculty and staff.

Mark Janke

Republic Family Baptized

Sabbath, Sept. 23, was a very special day for Jake, Lynda, and Shelby Wheaton as they officially joined the Republic Church family through baptism.

The story begins when Lynda was a child and attended the church with her parents, Ken and Diane Dempsey.

More recently, after Lynda attended an *Eight Weeks to Wellness* class, she began coming to prayer meetings at Dan and Linda Hovanski’s home. Dan and Linda then invited Jake and Lynda to go through the *Binding*

the Wounds series. They agreed to go through the series, which took nearly two years. Because of the healing that occurred in their lives, they decided to proceed with Bible studies and baptismal studies with Dan and Linda. During this time Shelby, 11, prepared and presented a sermon at the church.

Rick McCombs, currently pastoring at the Deer Park and Chewelah churches, came to Republic to perform the baptisms. McCombs pastored at Republic in its early years. Lynda

(then Dempsey) attended during some of that time as a child. McCombs also performed Jake’s and Linda’s wedding.

Jake works at Boise Cascade and as an answer to prayer has been given Sabbaths off. Lynda has driven a school bus for the Curlew School District for several years, but this year she will be home schooling Shelby, who is in the sixth grade. Shelby’s desire is to be a pastor. •

Darlene Clark, Republic Church communication leader



From left: Dan and Linda Hovanski, stand in support of newly baptized members, Lynda, Shelby and Jake Wheaton, with Rick McCombs, the pastor who baptized them, in the rear.

“Picture” God at Work Photography Ambassadors Capture Portraits at Country Fair

The country fair theme, “Ribbet, Ribbet—Come and Exhibit,” led three churches on the North Olympic Peninsula in Washington state (Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim) to use a new tool to connect with more than 35,000 locals and tourists who attend the fair.

Recalling a ministry idea shared by the Renton Church, these churches decided to photograph visitors and present the prints immediately as a gift. “All Creatures Great and Small—the Lord God Made them All!” became the theme that tied the frogs (ribbet!) with the truth of God as Creator.

Using two catchy jungle backgrounds, two donated

cameras, and an affordable bulk ink delivery system for the simple photo printer, 40 volunteer photographers captured more than 700 portrait images in four days. The 5x7 photographs shared the message, “A gift to bring joy and God’s love...no strings attached,” and provided church phone numbers for further contact.

A clear produce bag filled with religious and health resources was the perfect place to protect the photographs for the trip home. Many visitors who declined the photo opportunity but accepted the bag to carry their fair loot also carried home the truth-filled literature.



Several of the 40 volunteer photographers print a guest’s photo and make a friend at the same time.

“This tool allowed us to dialogue positively with those who wouldn’t stop to talk with us in previous years, those who are apathetic or hostile to our health and spiritual messages,” reported Paul Vivier, Port Angeles/Forks pastor.

Reluctant fairgoers coaxed into taking a picture with their child or spouse ended up leaving the booth with smiles and thanks.

And next year’s plans? A new background, a different theme exalting the Lord, and enthusiastic visitors expected back to capture a repeat souvenir—and to be touched by God’s “photography” ambassadors. •

Kathy Nixon, Port Angeles Church communication leader

Bursting at the Seams North Cascade Church Grows From Beginners to Youth

The North Cascade Church is growing and starting to burst at the seams! The beginners/ cradle roll class recently welcomed its 34th regularly attending member.

Leader Joan Smith has more than 40 years of experience teaching beginners, with 31 of those years at North Cascade. She has a large collection of props

for the children to enjoy, from little backpacks filled with sandwiches and water to take hiking to a glow-in-the-dark moon and stars for each little one to hold. Each item teaches the children about the wonderful world that God has provided for them.

“I’ve always loved the little ones,” Smith said, and explained that she began

teaching beginners when she was in academy.

This fall the church also opened its new Youth Center in the recently purchased property adjacent to the current church building. High school students have a place to go to talk, worship, play music, and spend time together learning more about Jesus. This 5-acre plot will also provide space for future church growth.

Youth taskforce co-pastors Nick Snell and Filip Milosavljevic are studying the Bible with several students from Skagit Adventist School, and have made community outreach their main focus.

Yes, our church is bursting at the seams with growth from



Joan Smith, beginners Sabbath School leader and the children welcome Jenna Bielas, the 34th Sabbath School member.

beginners to youth. What an exciting time! •

Lisa Knudsen, North Cascade Church communication secretary

The new Youth Center next to the North Cascade Church provides a place for students at Skagit Adventist School to worship God in an open environment.



Team of Twelve Builds Two Churches, Raises Money for Bibles

Exciting things happen on a mission trip when the majority of the participants are skilled construction workers or experienced mission trip participants. Instead of building one church in Peru, the Washington Conference mission trip team worked on



two churches over six days. In partnership with Maranatha Volunteers International, the mission team led the last currently planned building expedition in Peru.

After finishing the Las Joyas Church in Cuzco ahead of schedule, the team of 12 decided to help the Pisca Cucha church to roof their half-finished adobe structure. The church is located near the train tracks leading to Machu Picchu. The members had been working on building this church without any outside help.

Church members built a small dam in a nearby river so Omar Grieve and John Freedman, garbed in green rubber hip waders, could perform a baptismal service.



Even with a small team, the Peru mission group accomplished a lot. "If we had additional people," said Nessy Pittau, trip coordinator, "we would have gotten in each other's way."

"It would have been very difficult for the locals to get those trusses up by themselves," said John Freedman, Washington Conference president. "We gave the locals a big boost. It is amazing what our presence does to represent God to the people."

Once in Peru, the team discovered another pressing need: Bibles and hymnals in Spanish and Quechua.

"The churches have very few Bibles and hymnals," explained Carla Andersen, a mission trip participant. "Many

of the church members don't have their own Bibles and it is apparent that they are not rich people."

In response to e-mail and online requests, the team raised \$500.

"God really pulled our team together," said Andersen, who kept a daily mission trip journal at <http://washingtonconference.org>. "We accomplished so much with such a small group of people." •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

WASHINGTON

Roadside Ministry

Community Service Center Stocks Refreshments and Serves Prayer

When the Arlington, Wash., Adventist Community Service Center signed up to stock a Rest Area Coffee Kiosk, they planned to use this opportunity as a fundraiser, but God had other plans.

"The Lord started sending us all kinds of people asking for prayer, needing help or requiring medical attention," said Diane Ball, president of the Snohomish Federation of Adventist Community Services (ACS) and director of the local ACS center.

Over a 48-hour shift, volunteers serve quite a variety of beverages. Ladies from the church also make homemade cookies and purchase Orowheat bakery items.

Many travelers who come through are just too tired to keep driving, and will stop to chat and wake up. Many times, they ask for prayer after sharing about their travels or family problems.

Recently, volunteers helped a homeless family retrieve

their camper after it was impounded. Another time, a truck driver had a heart attack, and one of the volunteers, a registered nurse, was able to help him until medical personnel arrived.

"We have been able to share Jesus with people who would probably never darken a church door," Ball said. "Other people tell us they were raised Adventist, went to an Adventist academy or graduated from one of our colleges, but have not

been to church in years. Still others stop by to encourage us and thank us for what we are doing."

Since 2004, the kiosk proceeds from 31 shifts have funded relief aid, mission trips, a mobile disaster relief trailer and community services training. •

Diane Ball, ACS leader, with Heidi Martella

Bringing the Joy of Camp Back Home

Families Learn How to Affirm a Child's Decision for Baptism

Sunset Lake Camp is providing a new support network for parents of campers who want to prepare for baptism.

Summer camp is typically a high energy time, and often that energy decreases once a camper returns home. Fall

Family Retreat in October allowed several families to experience together how to maintain that excitement for Jesus at home.

As one parent said, "My son used to ask me to tell him about Jesus, but recently he seemed to lose interest. This weekend



Families at the Fall Family Retreat got involved in all the activities, including working in the dining hall. Here Kyler Soper helps to decorate the tables with fall leaves.

has helped him to become more receptive to the gospel."

The program with camp songs, drama, a treasure hunt, a barn party, and cowboy campfire stories was more than just a fun time though.

"We wanted to teach families how to keep that summer camp

experience alive all year," said David Yeagley, youth director. "It's important to provide resources to parents to help them support their child's decision to accept Jesus Christ." •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern



Using sign language, Deaf people visit with Bunny Hovey and Nancy Brown at the DeafNation Expo in Seattle.

Sharing Christ with the Deaf

More than 2,300 Deaf people attended the DeafNation Expo in Seattle, Wash., this fall.

DeafNation travels around the United States, hosting expos in various cities, celebrating Deaf culture.

Nancy Brown of Seattle, and Jim and Bunny Hovey of Adventist Deaf Ministries, based in Mesa, Ariz., staffed a booth and distributed pamphlets, outreach magazines, New Testaments and two DVDs—*Final Events* and *Our World a Theater*, a two-hour program in sign language explaining The Great Controversy.

Attendees from across the nation also had the opportunity to sign up for a free outreach magazine subscription and Bible studies.

With approximately 6 million Deaf people in North America, this is a huge mission field right here at home. Sadly, at this time roughly 5 percent attend church anywhere, whether Adventist, Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic or otherwise. •

Esther M. Doss, Adventist Deaf Ministries public relations and development director

Mysteries of the Deep

AAA Students Earn Scuba Certification

The ocean has been guarding many mysteries since the beginning of time. For the past two-and-a-half months, however, students at Auburn Adventist Academy have been shedding light on some of these deep dark secrets by attending scuba class.

"Once you're underwater, you are pretty much weightless," said Morgan Waldrip, a junior taking the class.

Participants begin learning and practicing their diving techniques at the academy's Miller Aquatics Center.

This class, taught from August to October, allows students the opportunity to make four ventures into the open ocean. Students took their first open water dive at Redondo Beach, Wash., to see the ocean from an entirely new perspective.

"Scuba diving is a good opportunity for our academy because the Puget Sound is one of the top cold water diving spots in the world," said Bob Kilgore, athletics

director. "Providing this class is important because it offers students the chance to enjoy a lifetime sport."

Over the past 20 years that the class has been offered, numerous young people have earned P.E. and college credits as well as becoming certified scuba divers.

Lizzy Altman, sophomore, shares why taking the class was meaningful to her. "Getting my scuba certification made me excited, because now I have more opportunities to enjoy what God has made." •

Karissa Rogers, AAA junior and student writer



The AAA scuba class prepares to do an open water dive in Puget Sound.

WWC Welcomes New Faculty Members



Five people have joined the Walla Walla College faculty this year:

Linda Ivy, assistant professor of psychology, completed her undergraduate and doctoral studies at the University of Oregon. She teaches graduate-level classes in the School of Education and Psychology. Ivy has a son, Chris, and two cats.

Ronald LeBlanc, visiting professor of marketing, is a professor emeritus at Idaho State University, where he taught

New WWC faculty, from left: (front) Julian and Annette Melgosa (rear) Mary McClay and Linda Ivy. Not pictured: Ronald LeBlanc.

undergraduate and graduate marketing for more than 26 years. LeBlanc completed his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Arizona. He and his wife, Linda, have five horses, five kittens and two dogs.

Mary McClay, assistant professor of nursing, teaches mental health nursing on the Portland campus. She has a master's degree in nursing from the University of Mary in Bismark, North Dakota, and 15 years teaching experience. McClay and her husband, Bruce, have two adult children, Johanna and Douglas.

Annette Melgosa, periodical librarian, has a master's degree

in library science from the University of London, and is completing her thesis for a master of education from the University of Southern Queensland. Melgosa and her husband, Julian, have two children, Claudia, 19, and Andrew, 16.

Julian Melgosa, dean of the School of Education and Psychology, completed his doctoral studies at Andrews University. Most recently, Melgosa served as president of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

A Day in the Life of a College Student *Experiencing Family Weekend*

Parents, grandparents and siblings descended upon the Walla Walla College (WWC) campus in late October for a whirlwind of activities centered on Family Weekend.

First held at WWC more than 10 years ago, Family Weekend is an opportunity for parents and other family members to visit their student at college, and catch a glimpse of what modern college life is all about.

For José and Sylvia Acosta, the weekend was the perfect chance to experience the college life their daughters enjoy. José works at WWC, and although he didn't have far to travel, he enjoyed the

opportunity to join daughters Monique and Erin at the weekend events.

Les and Sandy Fong, from Sacramento, Calif., were among the parents seen in classrooms Friday morning as Family Weekend kicked off with Take-Your-Parents-to-Class Day. "We enjoyed listening to the professor and his lecture even though we didn't totally understand the subject matter," said Sandy, whose son, Greg, is a senior electrical engineering major. "We are just glad that we don't have to take the exams!"

Christina McGill, from Days Creek, Ore., and mother of

freshman nursing major Stephanie Elder, couldn't arrive early enough to sit in class, but hopes she'll be able to next year, since Stephanie has classes from one of McGill's former professors.

Other weekend activities included a special vespers presented by returned student missionaries, dinner with the new college president, the Sabbath-closing ceremony "Evensong," and a breakfast attended by the students, parents and professors. A



Byron and Pam Palmer, from Sonora, Calif., join their son Jonathan in class during Family Weekend at WWC.

number of departments also opened their doors on Sunday morning for department tours and open houses. •

Kristi Spurgeon

Faithful Servant

WWGH Recognizes Medical Technician for Living the Hospital's Mission

Most days, Tomi Horn doesn't feel like a missionary.

For the past 25 years, this 2006 Mission Achievement Award recipient has served as a central processing technician at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH), the Adventist Health hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. She sterilizes medical equipment and prepares instruments in the surgical suites. Virtually anything used in patient care is first cleaned and disinfected by Tomi.

It's tough, important work helping keep surgery patients, and the hospital itself, infection free. But her job doesn't allow many opportunities to interact with those she serves. Still, in her own quiet way, Tomi stands out.

In honoring her with this award, hospital CEO Morre Dean acknowledges Tomi's commitment to quality work, her giving spirit and her unwavering dedication to serving God by serving patients. "And then there's that smile of hers," he adds. "Outstanding."

And he's right. It's one of those unforgettable, make-your-day smiles.

Tomi's professionalism tells you her work matters; her smile lets you know you matter. It's a compelling combination—one that reflects WWGH's mission of restoring peace, hope and health as Christ did.

"She has a very spiritual aspect to her work," says co-worker and same-day surgery coordinator Lauri Rootvik. "She's like the behind-the-lines warrior who just calmly and humbly does her job, day in and day out. Whatever her hand finds to do, she does to the glory of God."

Tomi's path to Christianity and WWGH started on the Japanese island of Okinawa where she was born and raised. Like many Okinawan families, hers practiced a religion rooted

in supernatural spirits, Shamanism and ancestor worship.

As a teen, a Christian broadcast on the island's only radio station caught her attention. Tomi was intrigued and sent away for a Bible study correspondence course being offered. "I knew God lived in heaven, and I longed to do right," she recalls.

"What I learned stayed in my heart."

She married an American soldier and the two attended a

Christian church on the island. Her husband's father was a Seventh-day Adventist, and when the couple moved to the U.S., Tomi became interested in the church's teachings. "I wanted to follow the Bible and the Bible only," she says. Soon she was baptized.

Today, her faith is inseparable from her work and she draws daily strength from the words of her favorite Bible text, Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

Over the past 25 years, Tomi's seen it all. She's witnessed massive technological advances and weathered many changes in health care. Through it all, she's felt God's leading, both in her own life and at WWGH. "This is a place that believes in prayer," she says. "That's why I always come back."


She admits that being recognized for mission achievement still baffles and amazes her. "I don't work directly with patients," she says. "But my prayer is that everyone somehow sees Christ in me. In that way, I know I'm contributing." •

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Through conscientious work, quiet acts of kindness and a radiant smile, medical technician Tomi Horn seeks to reflect Christ at Walla Walla General Hospital.

ADVENTIST HEALTH



*Where Else
Would I Be?*

BY SUSAN CHERNE

Christmas is a time to bring the whole family together, to share great fellowship, share great food, make heart-stirring memories all while celebrating the reason for the season. However, oftentimes, bringing the whole family together can also result in a different kind of sharing, a sharing that can run through the whole family like wildfire. The worst diagnosis and the one that can grind the festive activities to a sudden halt is the sharing of the dreaded stomach flu. It hit us hard.

Traveling fast through the family, we were all filled with fear and trepidation, wondering who would be next. We bleached and sanitized everything in an effort to prevent the continued spread, but much to our dismay, it hit my 9-year-old son.

As bedtime approached and he was feeling sicker and sicker, we knew that the night was going to be long. Doctors will tell you that as the day progresses and night begins to fall, children's illnesses get worse and fevers go higher. I do not understand the reason, but that is exactly what happened. As I lay in the bed next to my little boy, listening to him writhing in pain and suffering, my heart felt so heavy at my inability to make it better. Over and over he would visit the bathroom, losing whatever was left in his stomach, while all I could do was offer encouraging words and try to comfort him the best I could. He would finally lie back in bed only to have it all repeat again.

My brain and body were so tired, the bone tired that you experience taking care of a sick child or walking the floors with a new baby. I just wanted to sleep. But

how could I? Where else could I be but there with my child? How could I sleep when he suffered? In the wee hours of the morning, I heard his little voice in the dark, heavy with fatigue and sadness, say softly to me, "Mommy, the night is sooooo long. When will it be over? When will the sun come up?" My heart was gripped with grief for his pain. All I could say was, "soon, sweetie, soon."

I heard him quietly get up to make the now all-too-familiar trek back to the bathroom, so I waited for him, sitting at the end of the bed. As he returned, without a word he flung himself into my arms and hugged me tighter than he ever has. He held me with all his might, and he whispered, "Mommy, I love you." We just held each other. I held my baby as long as he needed. Indeed, the night was long. Morning came. He finally slept. The night had passed.

I lay in bed thinking about the suffering of my sweet child. The only thing I could do for him was to be there, hold him, comfort him, wash his face, wipe his brow, assure him that he was not alone during the darkness of the night. I thought of my Jesus.

Sometimes, I feel like my little boy. I'm exhausted with the trials that I face. I'm tired. The burdens of this world are too great. I don't know what you suffer, but I know that all people do. No one is exempt in this scarred creation. What is your night? It may be no different than what many people suffer—a death in the family, the loss of a job, divorce, trouble with your children, lost friendships, loneliness... It may be a "night" that no one

knows about, but you suffer. Does it feel as if it will not end, that the dawn is so far away? When will the dawning of the Son be? Oh, Jesus, the night is so long, where are you? Oh, Jesus, I just can't do it anymore, my suffering is so great. Jesus—do you feel Him close? Where do you think He is? What do you think Jesus is doing during your darkness? In your mind, does He seem so far away, disinterested and, yeah, He's out there, but He's not right here where you need Him to be. As you lay in bed, do you whisper in the dark, in exhaustion and great sorrow, "Jesus, the night is sooooo long."

My friend, you are His baby, His sweet little child. Where else would He be? He is there, He is not indifferent. His heart is gripped with sorrow just as yours is when you watch and listen to your child suffer. In the darkness, run to Him. Run into His arms and hold onto Him tighter than you ever have, whisper "I love you" and listen, listen to Him softly say, "I love you too." Hear Him say, "My child, I am here. I am so sorry you are suffering, but I AM HERE." I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will hold you, I will comfort you, I will wash your face and wipe the sweat from your brow. I will be with you until the darkness is past, and the morning has come. I will give you rest. I promise. My heart is so heavy at your suffering, but I am with you, even to the end of the age. I love you. Where else would I be? •

Susan Cherne, a health care attorney and currently a stay-at home mom, writes from Eugene, Oregon.



Wayne and Lillian Coppernoll

Coppernoll 60th

Wayne and Lillian Coppernoll of Gresham, Ore., celebrated their 60th anniversary with all their children and families on Oct. 20, with a luncheon aboard the Willamette Star Yacht. They are members of the Sunnyside Church in Portland.

Wayne Coppernoll married Lillian Schoepflin Oct. 20, 1946, in Moscow, Idaho. Wayne worked as foreman at Harris Pine Mills Furniture Factory and Auburn Adventist Academy Furniture Factory. After living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for 18 years they moved to Portland, Ore., where Lillian worked for Walla Walla College School of Nursing for more than 16 years as secretary to the dean. Wayne managed a lumber company until their retirement in 1995. They were active in the Newberg Church for many years and Wayne dedicated himself to raising funds and building the new church there.

The Coppernoll family includes Ann and Ed Johnson of Vancouver, Wash.; Jerry and Pam Coppernoll of Seattle; Ken and Karen Coppernoll of McMinnville, Ore.; Linda Whitted of Fairview, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Coy 60th

Hugh and Madeleine Coy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 26, in Walla Walla, Wash., with an evening reception.

Hugh Coy married Madeleine Douma May 26, 1946, in Lincoln, Neb. They have both spent their careers teaching and working for Adventist academies and Union College. They have touched many young people's lives and are now retired in Walla Walla.

The Coy family includes Linda and Jerry Wernick of Polebridge, Mont.; Jo and Tom Lee of Angwin, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.



Hugh and Madeleine Coy

Davidson 75th

Earl and Irene Davidson celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on Aug. 27 in Prosser, Wash., with an open house reception at the Prosser Senior Center.

Earl R. Davidson married Irene E. Sanderson on Aug. 27, 1931, in Colville, Wash. Earl is a retired electrician and Irene has been a career homemaker. They moved to Prosser in 1949. Earl worked at the Hanford Nuclear Project. He



Earl and Irene Davidson

retired at 72 years of age in good health.

The Davidson family includes Anne Reeves of Seattle; Janette Davidson of Prescott, Ariz.; a step-grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

Fischer 50th

George and Thelma Fischer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on July 16 at the Central Church fellowship hall in Spokane, Wash.

George Fischer married Thelma Estes July 7, 1956, in Colville, Wash. George served in the U.S. Army, then went into the construction field installing automatic fire protection systems in commercial buildings. Thelma stayed home to raise their children. They are now retired and living near Davenport, Wash., and are active with their church and family.

The Fischer family includes Carleen and Todd Gow, Newman Lake, Wash.; Deb and Arlen Schroetlin, Spokane; and 4 grandchildren.

Grady 50th

Bob and Carrol Grady celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 26 at the SAGE Northwest Convention in Hope, British Columbia, Canada, and with a family reunion at the Oregon coast. They are members of the Bellevue (Wash.) Church.

Robert B. Grady married Carrol J. McBroom Aug. 26, 1956, in Riverside, Calif., and returned to be the first youth pastor there a year later. After pastoring and building a new church in Victorville, Calif., they were called to departmental leadership in Hawaii, Southeast Asia Union, Far Eastern Division and the General Conference before coming to Washington Conference as trust director. Carrol worked in secretarial and

editorial positions in these places. Now retired, Bob still leads SAGE, the seniors' ministry he started, and Carrol has an active ministry for families of gays and lesbians.

The Grady family includes Robert Bruce Grady of Santa Rosa, Calif.; David and Karla Grady of Dallas, Ore.; Paul Grady of Seattle; and 10 grandchildren.

Jones 90th

Mary Jones celebrated her 90th birthday with a small family party in her hospital room at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., on June 11, 2006.

Mary Necker was born June 15, 1916, in Cabin Creek Country, Mont., to Russian/German immigrant parents, Johannes and Paulina (Knopp) Necker. She moved to College Place, Wash., in the early 40s where she met and married Cecil Jones. They moved to Hillsboro, Ore., in 1950 and then in 1961 moved to Laurelwood, Ore. In 1963, they bought a "Ma & Pa" grocery and gas station in St. Helens, which they ran for 10 years. Cecil passed away in 1992. Mary moved to Portland in 1997 where she volunteered at Portland Adventist Community Services.

The Jones family includes Connie and Terry Ness of Portland; a grandchild, 3 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

Lofftus 50th

Walter and Annette Lofftus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their daughter's home in Berren Springs, Mich., on Oct. 6.

Walter Lofftus married Annette Kinney Oct. 6, 1956, in Vancouver, Wash. Walter drove a truck delivering milk and ice cream for Sunshine Dairy for 39 years. Annette taught nursing for Walla Walla College at the

Portland Adventist Convalescent Center for more than six years. Since then she has been volunteering at various Adventist schools. They are now living in their motor home and spend two to three months with each of their daughters, where they have space to park the motor home.

The Lofftus family includes Judy and Roger Worley of Orcas Island, Wash.; Denise and Joseph Kidder of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Lucinda Lofftus of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

Luce 90th

Esther Luce celebrated her 90th birthday all summer. First in Caldwell, Idaho, and later in Lake Sutherland, then in Michigan, a small dinner party with close family on her real birthday and finally with her church family in Sequim, Wash.

Esther Douglas was born in Murphy, Idaho, on Aug. 28, 1916, the oldest of eleven children. She grew up in Parma, Idaho, and married Dwight Evans in 1935. They moved to Santa Cruz, Calif., where they raised their daughter, Helen, and were members of the Santa Cruz Church for 40 years. Dwight passed away in 1983 in Parma, where they lived for a short time. In 1986, Esther married Schuler Luce of Sequim, Wash., where they resided until Schuler passed away in 2004. Esther remains an active member of the Sequim Church. During the 50s Esther had her own housekeeping business and eventually managed the housekeeping department for Santa Cruz Community Hospital. She has worked as a seamstress most of her life. She has a 'Dorcas' heart and is always busy helping others either through Adventist Community Services or on her own.

Esther's Evans family includes Helen and David Escobar of

Waianae, Hawaii; 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Her Luce family includes Linda and Ed Bauer, of Sequim; Marilyn and Jim McNamera of Sequim; Loren Luce of Carlsburg, Wash.; Larry and Jana Luce of Harken Heights, Texas; Dan and Julie Luce of Bothell, Wash.; Rick and Delray Luce of Bothell; Joe and Charlene Luce of Port Angeles, Wash.; 19 step-grandchildren and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Osborne 60th

Howard and Monta Osborne celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their children on Aug. 4 at McGregor Lake near Marion, Mont.

Howard Osborne married Monta Church on Aug. 4, 1946, in Fresno, Calif. Howard farmed in Chico and Marysville, Calif. and operated with his father a wholesale produce business. In 1949, Howard left the farm and produce business and spent the next 11 years in school earning a B.S. at PUC and an M.D. at Loma Linda University. He practiced medicine in Portland, Ore., for 30 years. He has been an elder at the Mt. Tabor Church for 46 years. Monta worked as a psychiatric technician so Howard could go to school. After three of their daughters became RNs, Monta went back to school and earned her RN degree. She wanted to be a nurse so that she could be her husband's nurse as they planned to go to the mission field. They made many trips to the Marshall Islands to serve the people there.

The Osborne family includes Les and Pam Osborne of Lebanon, Ore.; Sue and Mike Robley of Clackamas, Ore.; Tom and Carolyn Osborne of Estacada, Ore.; Patty and Mike Christenson of Portland; Jeenie and Glenn Balkins of Corvallis,

Ore.; Merrill and Jody Osborne of Crooked River Ranch, Ore.; Derrill Osborne of Abelene, Texas; and Liza Osborne of Portland; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Paulsen 50th

Bob and Carol Paulsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children July 30 in the Puyallup Church where they are members.

Bob Paulsen married Carol Baartz June 3, 1956, in Wyocena, Wis. Always a salesman, Bob started Action Awning Co., with a partner in 1965. He bought out the business in 1975. Carol was Bob's secretary, providing great stability for the business. Members of ASI and Maranatha since 1985, Bob and Carol have been involved in their local church and many mission projects throughout the world.

The Paulsen family includes Diane and Lauren Meharry, Dean and Debbie Paulsen, Doug and Sylvia Paulsen and Dawn and Dan Heilbrun, all living in the Puyallup area, and 8 grandchildren.

Russell 50th

Dave and Maylene Russell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11 with a reception hosted by their children at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore. They are members of the Rockwood Church in Portland.

Dave Russell married Maylene McCartney June 11, 1956, in Takoma Park, Md. They met while attending Walla Walla College. Dave spent seven years teaching in academics and 32 years in health care. Maylene was a homemaker while their three children were young and then worked as a secretary for Portland Adventist Medical

Center in the Human Resources Department and as a secretary in administration at Loma Linda University Medical Center. The last 10 years before retirement, they worked at the Adventist Health System corporate office in Roseville, Calif. They retired in the Portland area in 2006.

The Russell family includes David and Debbie Russell of Gresham, Ore.; Cheri and Dan Wolcott of Boring, Ore.; Jon Russell of Portland; and 4 grandchildren.

Ward 60th

Charles and Margarete Ward celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sept. 24 in Portland, Ore. They are members of the Gresham Church.

Charles R. Ward married Margarete A. Krikson on Sept. 23, 1946, in Portland. Charles was a doughnut maker and route driver for a doughnut company, and then a purchasing agent and inventory control manager for United Medical Labs. He has been a head elder, Pathfinder director, youth, earliteen and junior leader. Margarete has been a primary leader, VBS leader, greeter, Pathfinder instructor and both were active in a family quartet.



Margarete and Charles Ward

The Ward family includes Jeffrey and Shirley Ward of Portland; and 2 grandchildren.

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BLISS-WARD—Chelsea L. Bliss and Michael J. Ward were married June 16, 2006, in Cannon Beach, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Chelsea is the daughter of Sandy Bliss. Michael is the son of Ken and Carla Ward.

CHRISTIANSON-CONAHAN—Wendy Christianson and Jeriel Conahan were married June 11, 2006, in Amity, Ore. They are making their home in McMinnville, Ore. Wendy is the daughter of Harry and Judy Sargeant. Jeriel is the son of Brenda Nyhart.

FLETCHER-STARK—Madelyn L. Fletcher and Michael R. Stark were married Sept. 3, 2006, in Chehalis, Wash. They are making their home in Seattle. Madelyn

is the daughter of Edward and Lana Fletcher. Michael is the son of Gilda Stark and Mike J. and Amy Stark.

GOTARDI-GESSELE—Veruschka W. Gotardi and Todd J. Gessele were married July 19, 2006, in Longview, Wash. They are making their home in Oregon City, Ore. Todd is the son of Glen and Marybeth Gessele.

GREINER-GROSSMANN—Kristen Greiner and Jamie Grossman were married July 30, 2006, in Maple Valley, Wash. They are making their home in Puyallup, Wash. Kristen is the daughter of Becky and Stephen Beckfield. Jamie is the son of Steve and Michelle Grossmann.

LANGSTON-LOCKWOOD—Aimee R. Langston and Darren

D. Lockwood were married Oct. 1, 2006, in Battle Ground, Wash. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Aimee is the daughter of Les and Keri (Fulton) Langston. Darren is the son of Keith and Yanny (Faber) Lockwood.

MIHOK-WOLCOTT—Juliana Mihok and Kristofer Wolcott were married Sept. 8, 2006, in Devon, Alberta, Canada. They are making their home in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. Juliana is the daughter of Antal and Audrey Mihok. Kristofer is the son of Dan and Cheri Wolcott.

MOORE-STUART—Priscilla B. Moore and Geoffrey M. Stuart were married Aug. 19, 2006, in Milton-Freewater, Ore. They are making their home in College

Place, Wash. Priscilla is the daughter of Larry B. and Cynthia Moore. Geoffrey is the son of Bob and Eileen Stuart.

SCHWISOW-AYLSWORTH—Becky Schwisow and Will Aylsworth were married June 25, 2006, in Brightwood, Ore. They are making their home in Moscow, Idaho. Becky is the daughter of Edwin A. and Cherie A. (Courser) Schwisow. Will is the son of Ronald J. and Gayle M. (Jarrett) Aylsworth.

SMITH-CAMP—Stephanie Smith and Ryan Camp were married July 9, 2006, in Woodland, Wash. They are making their home in Ooltewah, Tenn. Stephanie is the daughter of Sam and Carol Smith. Ryan is the son of David and Marla Camp.

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ADAMS—George R., 75; born Feb. 22, 1931, Glendale, Calif.; died March 8, 2006, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Clara C. (Beckner), Kalama, Wash.; sons, Ronald, Vancouver, Wash.; Dennis, Woodland; and 3 grandchildren.

ANDERSON—Alice (Bokovoy), 95; born July 28, 1911, Ruso, N.D.; died Aug. 28, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: brother, Alex Bokovoy, Denton, Texas.

AVEY—M. Orabel (McGhee), 84; born Aug. 13, 1922, PeEll, Wash.; died Sept. 14, 2006, Shelton, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gene, Hoonah, Alaska; Tim, Shelton; daughters, Candy Johnston, Brinnon, Wash.; MaryLynn Avey, Shelton; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BOYES—William, 92; born Dec. 4, 1913, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; died Sept. 13, 2006, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Helen (Madson); son, Jim, Hayden, Idaho; daughter, Allie

Rickey, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Gordon; 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CLARK—Ruth (Dougherty), 75; born Aug. 26, 1930, Tillamook, Ore.; died Aug. 27, 2005, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: sons, Norman, Jamestown, N.D.; Virgil, Moses Lake; daughters, Doreen Brizendine, Spokane, Wash.; Sylvia Gibson, Moses Lake; Nina Summers, Walla Walla, Wash.; Virginia Ramsey, Falling Waters, W.V.; 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CLAY—Verna (Thornton-Wisbey) Jeske, 84; born March 30, 1922, Milnor, N.D.; died Sept. 21, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, David Jeske, Walla Walla; stepson, James Clay, Lynden, Wash.; daughters, Janet Gilliland, Vancouver, Wash.; Kathleen Parker, Walla Walla; brothers, Donald Wisbey, Netarts, Ore.; Delbert Wisbey, Roseburg, Ore.; sisters, Dorothea Knapp, Colville, Wash.; Della Holifield,

Las Vegas, Nev.; Donna Miller, Woodland, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

DUNHAM—Herbert B., 82; born Sept. 24, 1923, Detroit, Mich.; died Sept. 7, 2006, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Elaine D. (Bartlett); sons, Thomas, Sacramento, Calif.; James, Sunny Valley, Ore.; daughter, Jeannie Powell, Merlin, Ore.; brother, Philip, Salem, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

EVERETT—Norman F., 91; born June 3, 1915, New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada; died Oct. 2, 2006, Ferndale, Wash. Surviving: wife, Kathleen (Smith); daughters, Sandra Anderson, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; and Peggy McAlpine, Custer, Wash.

FELLOWS—Georgiann (Bister), 83; born April 8, 1923, Olympia, Wash.; died April 28, 2006, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gordon and Stephen.

FERRELL—Freda M. (Wilhelm), 92; born March 29, 1914, Hamar, N.D.; died Aug. 27, 2006, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: son, Richard L., Centralia; daughter, Beverly J. McCready, Longview, Wash.; brothers, Harold Wilhelm, Post Falls, Idaho; Lee Wilhelm, Spokane, Wash.; sister, Phyllis Craig, Hillsboro, Ore.; 8 step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

FITCH—Marvin L., 89; born Nov. 4, 1916, Dinuba, Calif.; died Oct. 17, 2006, Renton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ruby L. (Maxwell), Federal Way, Wash.; son, Byron, Seattle; daughters, Marveen Potter, Renton; Maxine Morris, Auburn, Wash.; Karen Kangas, Des Moines, Wash.; Cheryl Covey, Federal Way; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

FOX—Silas, 89; born July 12, 1917, Banner Elk, N.C.; died Oct. 7, 2006, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lillian (Pratt);

son Fred, St. Helena, Calif.; daughter, Beverly Hastings, Auburn, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

GRAY—M. Ruth (Schultz), 87; born Sept. 24, 1918, Harrington, Wash.; died Sept. 18, 2006, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Harold; daughter, Anna Gray, College Place; brother, Robert Schultz, Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Evelyn Wesslen, Hayden Lake, Idaho; and 3 grandchildren.

HAMILTON—Orville H., 94; born May 27, 1912, Williston, N.D.; died Aug. 26, 2006, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Edith (Spady); son, Ronald, Twin Falls; daughter, Donna Schoonhover, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

HARRIS—Clifton R., 94; born April 28, 1912, Fairfield, Mont.; died Oct. 5, 2006, Fairfield. Surviving: wife, Betty (Duffy); sons, Philip and Keith, both of Fairfield; daughter, Louella Schultz, Fairfield; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

HONEYSETTE—Lloyd G., 87; born April 18, 1919, Alanson, Mich.; died Aug. 11, 2006, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evelyn (Squier); daughter, Janice Lewis, Auburn, Wash.; and sister Anna Kuebler, Charlevoix, Mich.

HOUSTON—June L. (States), 79; born June 12, 1926, Cambridge, Idaho; died April 29, 2006, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Sandy Micheli, Vale, Ore.; Linda Hillard, Payette, Idaho; Shirley Taylor, Ontario, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

IVERSON—Ettine (Norman), 76; born Nov. 12, 1929, Norman, Okla.; died Aug. 15, 2006, Riverside, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Jeri Barnhill, San Rafael, Calif.; Sherri Travillion, Riverside; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

JONES—Mary (Necker), 90; born June 15, 1916, Cabin Creek Country, Mont.; died June 20, 2006, Portland, Ore. Surviving: stepson, Alvin Jones, Evans, Ga.; stepdaughter, Connie (Jones) Ness, Portland; brother, Dan Necker, Amity, Ore.; a grandchild, 3 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

JONES—Mearl R., 78; born Jan. 17, 1928, Clayton, Idaho; died Sept. 24, 2006, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Linda (McKinze); sons, Doug, Walla Walla, Wash.; Rick, Davenport, Wash.; Tom, Spokane; daughter, Darla Williams, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

KESLER—Milton F., 88; born Nov. 25, 1917, Grants Pass, Ore.; died March 28, 2006, Grants Pass. Surviving: wife, Yvonne G. (Steele); sons, Mervin, Newbury Park, Calif.; Byron, Volcano Village, Hawaii; daughters, Joyce Jacobs, Brooksville, Ohio; Frances Sevel, Fresno, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MANN—Milo M., 76; born Jan. 4, 1930, Los Angeles; died Sept. 17, 2006, Brookings, Ore. Surviving: wife, Vernadell (Jordan); sons, Michael, Brookings; Milo, Maui, Hawaii; daughters, Margaret "Maggie" Mann, Brookings; Marilyn Gildersleeve, Wrangell, Alaska; brother, Guy, Valdosta, Ga.; sisters, Mina Beth Halbert, Yakima, Wash.; Carmelita Cardenas, Roseburg, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

MANN—Vernadell (Jordan), 71; born Dec. 2, 1934, Harbor, Ore.; died Oct. 10, 2006, Brookings, Ore. Surviving: sons, Michael, Brookings; Milo, Maui, Hawaii; daughters, Margaret "Maggie" Mann, Brookings; Marilyn Gildersleeve, Wrangell, Alaska; brother, Elmer Jordan, Brookings; sisters, Joyce Phillips, Harbor, Ore.; Jeanette

Giddings, Siletz, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

MCLEAN—Ora Lewis, 84; born Jan. 28, 1922, Beaver Crossing, Neb.; died Sept. 14, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Avis (Erickson); son, Ron, Littleton, Colo.; daughters, Sharon Thayer, Bozeman, Mont.; Shirley Sabin, Walla Walla; brothers, Ernest, Keene, Texas; Orlin, Siloam Springs, Ark.; sisters, Lois Roemer, Hinsdale, Ill.; Mary Harriss, Orlando, Fla.; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MONTANYE—Lila J. (Sargent) Lansing, 104; born Nov. 16, 1901, Molson, Wash.; died Aug. 11, 2006, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: stepson, Mike Montanye, Goldendale, Wash.; daughters, Joy (Lansing) Cadwallader, Selah, Wash.; Deelite (Lansing) Whidden, Forks, Wash.; stepdaughters, Virginia (Montanye) Edin, Arlington, Wash.; Verona (Montanye) Schnibbe, Brewster, Wash.; sister, Winifred Taplett Thomas, Wenatchee, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 16 step-great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

NEUFELD—Raymond D., 85; born Jan. 14, 1920, Waldheim, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Oct. 8, 2006, Lewiston, N.Y. Surviving: wife, Myrtle (Blabey); sons, Robert, Lewiston; Henry, Pensacola, Fla.; daughters, Betty Nick, Lewiston; and Patricia Scwab, Chattanooga, Tenn.

PARANTO—Frances E. (Sutter), 91; born Jan. 12, 1915, Mott, N.D.; died June 18, 2006, Tooele, Utah. Surviving: adopted daughters, Marlene Kennedy, Bremerton, Wash.; Penny Lewis, Batesville, Ark.; Kay Singletary, Tooele; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

PLEBAN—Linda K. (Eastham), 53; born Feb. 15, 1953, Yakima, Wash.; died Aug. 9, 2006, Hood

River, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bill, St. Paul, Minn.; son, Kevin, St. Paul; mother, Katherine (Money) Eastham, White Salmon, Wash.; sisters, Judy Waldrip, Fall Creek, Ore.; Nancy Manly, Juneau, Alaska; and brother, Bill Eastham, Ketchikan, Alaska.

PRICE—Irene M. (Ogden) Rowe Jones, 85; born Nov. 29, 1920, Prosser, Wash.; died Sept. 27, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Robert Rowe, Eugene, Ore.; Carl Jones, St. Helens, Ore.; Clifford Jones, Elko, Nev.; stepsons, Ernie Jones, Walla Walla; Clarence Jones, Castle Rock, Wash.; Ralph Jones, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Dale Jones, Creswell, Ore.; daughters, Dorothy (Jones) Sears, San Diego, Calif.; Cheryl (Jones) Grant, College Place, Wash.; brother, Raymond Ogden, Dallas, Ore.; sisters, Anna Atkins and Bernice Chaffee, both of Lebanon, Ore.; Helen Dauncey, Grandview, Wash.; Hazel Smith, Oakland, Calif.; Esther Thompson, Cheney, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 25 step-great-grandchildren.

RAZE—Doris I. (French), 95; born Nov. 5, 1910, Lansing, Mich.; died Sept. 22, 2006, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Mark E., Frankfort, Ky.; daughter, Janice A. Nelson, Grants Pass; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

REED—H. Earl, 95; born Nov. 9, 1909, Blachley, Ore.; died May 9, 2005, Albany, Ore. Surviving: sons, Daniel, Albany; Thomas, Tenino, Wash.; stepdaughter, Janet Anderson, Snohomish, Wash.; sisters, Bessie Harris, Wapato, Wash.; Dorothy Schook, Portland, Ore.; Elizabeth Ross, Vancouver, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

SEYMOUR—J. Michael, 60; born April 22, 1946, Cornwall,

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Ontario, Canada; died Sept. 5, 2006, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Anita (Thaute); son, Rodney, Denver, Colo.; and daughter, Katee Seymour, Nampa.

SLACK—Loretta M. (King), 78; born Aug. 20, 1928, St. Louis, Mo.; died Sept. 29, 2006, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, John B., Nampa, Idaho; daughter, Bonnie S. Sweet, Nampa; brothers, Dewey King and Melvin King, both of Caldwell, Idaho; Ernest King, Lake Isabella, Calif.; sister, Juanita Mertins, Caldwell; 4 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SMICK—Bernita (Rasmussen) Miller, 78; born Dec. 19, 1927, Berkeley, Calif.; died Sept. 15, 2006, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Karen Ryan, Manzanita, Ore.; Kathryn Boss, Coeur d'Alene; sister, Gertrude Long, Longmont, Colo.; and 5 grandchildren.

SMITH—Grant L., 66; born Feb. 17, 1940, Seattle; died Sept. 15, 2006, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Hunt); Bonney Lake, Wash.; stepson, Daniel Hunt, Puyallup; brother, Sam, Bend, Ore.; sisters, Rita Pritchard, Sequim, Wash.; Charlotte Feaster, Spokane, Wash.; and 3 step-grandchildren.

SPENCER—Wayne, 82; born Oct. 2, 1923, Caldwell, Idaho; died Aug. 21, 2006, John Day, Ore. Surviving: wife, Grace (Pearson), Monument, Ore.; son, Leland, Monument; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

STARR—Marjorie (Maddux), 90; born April 22, 1915, Spokane, Wash.; died Jan. 7, 2006, Quincy, Wash. Surviving: sons, Arthur "Bud" Starr, Roseburg, Ore.; George Starr, Winston, Ore.; Eugene Starr, Rogue River, Ore.; daughters, Shirley Ringering, Ephrata, Wash.; Sharon Loughran, Bonney Lake, Wash.; Gloria Roberts, Angwin, Calif.; brother, Paul Maddux, Yuma, Ariz.;

sister, Beatrice Fisher, Puyallup, Wash.; Patt Jorgensen, Spokane, Wash.; 20 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

STEEN—Barbara H. (Durkin), 83; born Sept. 18, 1922, Buhl, Idaho; died Sept. 6, 2006, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Greg, Walla Walla, Wash.; Gary, New Port Richey, Fla.; daughters, Jan LeRoy, Walla Walla; Carol DeSepio, Los Angeles; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

STEWART—Donald L., 83; born Aug. 9, 1923, Little Rock, Ark.; died Sept. 2, 2006, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, M. Joy (Hicklin); daughters, Sherry Rose, Eureka, Calif.; Kathy Herndon, Grants Pass; Karen Cerione, Columbia, Md.; Gail Stevenson, Athol, Idaho; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON—Helen L. (Tremper), 68; born Feb. 5, 1938, Washingtonville, N.Y.; died Aug. 4, 2006, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ken; son, Eric N., Edmonds, Wash.; daughter, Lucinda H. Coffey, Redmond, Wash.; brothers, Daniel Tremper, Freeport, Maine; Charles Tremper, Union Springs, N.Y.; Kenneth Tremper, Fresno, Calif.; and Norman Tremper, Lakeport, Calif.

TORKELSEN—L. Dean, 83; born Jan. 7, 1923, Ruthven, Iowa; died Aug. 20, 2006, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Caroline (Wright) Kellogg; son, Ron Torkelson, Antioch, Calif.; stepson, Kevin Kellogg, Pasco, Wash.; daughter, Pat Torkelsen, Riverside, Calif.; stepdaughter, Karen (Kellogg) Klug, Salem, Ore.; foster-daughter, Andie Jefferson, Riverside; brothers, Max, Portland, Ore.; Arlee, Ashland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WARDLOW—Leone N. (Denney), 88; born Feb. 26,

1918, Pierre, S.D.; died June 2, 2006, Lakewood, Wash. Surviving: Roderick C. Denney, Spanaway, Wash.; daughter, Sharon Reis, Puyallup, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

WESSMAN—Carl, 96; born April 24, 1910, Coburg, Germany; died Oct. 5, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Louise (Bosse); son, Carl, Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Lois Kasner, Athens, Ga.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WHITE—Richard A., 29; born Nov. 25, 1975, Lindsay, Calif.; died July 21, 2005, Paradise, Calif. Surviving: wife, HollieAnne R. (Sherman); parents, Ronald A. and Kay F. (Eggers) White, Paradise.

WICKLUND—Ruth T. (Lessman), 96; born Aug. 20, 1910, Jordan Valley, Ore.; died Sept. 21, 2006, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary, Damascus, Ore.; daughters, Linnea Balkan, Sequim; Nancy Parkins, Radium Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada; sister, Alice Lessman, Enterprise, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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BIELAS—Jenna Kristine was born Aug. 22, 2006, to Joe and Jennifer (Rowland) Bielas, Bellingham, Wash.

BOGGS—Elliott R. was born March 25, 2006, to Nat A. and Lisa (Crumb) Boggs, Olympia, Wash.

BRYAN—Audrey C. was born Jan. 28, 2006, to Alex and Nicole (Ward) Bryan, Roswell, Ga.

CONDIE—Erika Lynn was born July 13, 2006, to Theron and Tracie (Wolff) Condie, Caldwell, Idaho.

DIETRICH—Lily Isabelle was born Oct. 9, 2006, to Shawn E. and Heather R. (Enders) Dietrich, College Place, Wash.

HORNE—Noah R. was born July 11, 2006, to Matthew and Rebekah (Wells) Horne, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

KRIEGELSTEIN—Katelyn J. was born Sept. 27, 2006, to Kellsie and Danielle (King) Kriegelstein, Beaverton, Ore.

LOKEN—Savannah Rae was born Sept. 14, 2006, to Kevin and Portia (Bidleman) Loken, Auburn City, Wash.

MCEWEN—Jason S. was born Sept. 9, 2006, to Zach McEwen and Samantha Clifton, College Place, Wash.

MCKEONE—Conner Todd was born Aug. 29, 2006, to Scott and Nicole (Margal) McKeone, Portland, Ore.

NELSON—Wylie S. was born Sept. 3, 2006, to Jacy and Amber (Martin) Nelson, Renton, Wash.

PERRY—Wyatt D. was born June 24, 2006, to Dean and Mardi (Klein) Perry, Pasco, Wash.

ROWLAND—Megan Elise was born March 22, 2006, to Jeff and Sara (Keszler) Rowland, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

SCHWARCK—Taylan Conner was born June 24, 2006, to Nate and Jenny (Branam) Schwarck, Anacortes, Wash.



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NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

Dec. 2—Local Church Budget; **Dec. 9**—Inner City* (World Budget); **Dec. 16**—Local Church Budget; **Dec. 23**—Local Conference Advance; **Dec. 30**—Local Church Budget. Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow; **Dec. 23**—East-Central Africa Division.

*Special Materials Provided

Special Days

Dec. 2—Bible Sabbath.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events

Dec. 2, 3, 7, 9, 10—The WWC Drama Department presents “The Busie-Body.” All performances begin at 8 p.m. in Village Hall. Tickets are available at drama.wwc.edu or (509) 527-2382. **Dec. 8**—Join WWC for the free annual Christmas concert at 6 p.m., with a repeat performance at 8 p.m., in the Walla Walla College Church. **Dec. 14**—Christmas vacation begins.

If you know a student who would like to begin classes at WWC in January, please call the Office of Enrollment at (800) 541-8900.

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Caldwell Missing

The Caldwell Church would like to make contact with the following missing members: Joe Aguardo, Gregory D. André, Robert E. Baatz, Steven Paul Babb, Elizabeth D. Babb, Sara Linda Beckman, Benjamin T. Booth, Lucien Brinkerhoff, Aaron Burton, Juan G. Casias Jr., Esther Castro, Rosa Chavez, Robert Collins, Natali Congleton, Vicki Cook, Carol J. Couch, Bob Couch, Daniel Couch, Tommy Couch, Juanita P. Eastman, Angela Edgerly, Christi Edwards, Karen Emery, Noma L. Evans, Jeremy Franklin, Julie Hawley, Susan Horn, Lloyd Hurles, David T. James, Jon “Worth” Johnston,

Travis Johnston, Laura Lawrence, Tammy L. Legg, Selena Marson, Shauna McGhghy, Richard McGinley, Durant Muth, Becky Nuxoll, Jessie Olson, Matthew Olson, Matthew Patnode, Leslie Petersen, Sherry Petersen, John Reeser, Jeanie Rose, Gertrude Rosencrntz, Jerald Rothchild, Keith Rothchild, Daniel Rutherford, Trudi Rutherford, Derek Sayles, Cherie A. Shaw, Melissa R. Skaggs, Troy Smith, Stacey Taylor, Juanita “Marie” Toth, Lance Trickey, Andrea Turner, Gerald Turner, Joe D. Van doren, Kathy Y. Van doren, Robin M. Van doren, Terry S. Van doren, Darrell Wageman, Duane Wageman, Lucille (McGhghy, Barker) Way, and Eva Williams. If you have any information about these members, please contact Carol Forshee, caldwellchurch@qwest.net.

Bonnors Ferry 75th Anniversary

Dec. 16—The Bonners Ferry Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary. The church is six miles north of town on Highway 95. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 and worship at 11 a.m. with Max Torkelsen II, Upper Columbia Conference president. A potluck dinner will follow in the school. A program of historical highlights, blessings and music follows at 1:30 p.m.

OREGON

Sunnyside Adventist Church Events

Dec. 2—Advent Trombone Choir, 4 p.m.; **Dec. 9**—Portland Adventist Academy Band and Choir concert, directed by Linda Neel, 3 p.m.; **Dec. 16**—*The Messiah*, directed by Travis Hatton, 4 p.m.; **Dec. 22**—25th Annual Family Christmas Program, presented by Lloyd Wescott, Friday, 7 p.m. Sunnyside Church is located at 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore.; (503) 252-8080; www.sunnyside-sda.org.

Oregon SAGE Seniors

Dec. 3—Lunch and attendance

at Singing Christmas Tree in Vancouver, Wash. **Jan. 20**—Church service and potluck in Seaside, Ore., and attendance at a Barbershop Quartet performance in the evening. For more information, call Wynn Knowling at (503) 343-9548.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

Dec. 5—The monthly potluck of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship will be held at noon. The Larson Family will share some Christmas Bible stories, told in the first person by people dressed in character. All Adventist retirees are welcome to join us. Bring food and your own table service. Remember, we meet in the cafeteria at the Gladstone Conference Center, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Ore. For more information, call the Jorgensons at (360) 423-1612.

Friday Night Vespers and Bible Study

Dec. 8—This Adventist Singles activity is resuming at Sunnyside Church on the second Friday evening of each month at 7 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. For information, contact: Doug DeBoer at (503) 253-6922, doug901@yahoo.com, or Linda

at (360) 335-0141. Sunnyside Church is located at 10501 S.E. Market Street, Portland, Ore., (503) 252-8080.

Adventist Singles Activity

Dec. 16—The Beaverton Adventist Singles sponsors With Christ You Are Not Alone. Bring a dish to share at the church fellowship dinner at 12:45 p.m. Then help us bless the elderly with singing nearby at 3 p.m. Stick around for a White Elephant Gift Exchange and bring a special Holiday dish or dessert for a potluck supper at the Beaverton Church fellowship hall at 5 p.m. This event is open to all singles. Your supervised children are welcome. Each person should bring a wrapped gift worth between \$5 and \$10. Also please bring a cash donation for the Give a Goat to a Family in Ethiopia project. Let's pool our donations this year. For only \$40, through ADRA, we can buy a goat for a disadvantaged family in Ethiopia, which will provide a sustainable resource! See www.adra.org. Questions, please contact Tom at: (503) 684-7971; e-mail tom.te@verizon.net; or Charlotte at (503) 579-9549 or go to www.beavertonsda.com, then to the Singles Page.

Sharon Christmas Concert

Dec. 22—The Sharon Church invites you to their annual Christmas choir concert on Friday evening at 7 p.m., featuring The Inspirational and Youth choirs. In addition to presenting uplifting gospel Christmas selections there will be audience participation to help us all remember the reason for the season. This is an event to which you may invite family and friends. The Sharon Church is located at 5209 NE 22nd Ave., Portland, Ore. For information, contact (503) 287-7649 or see www.sharonsda.net.

PAA Alumni Homecoming

Feb. 23-24, 2007—Portland Adventist Academy is anxious to be sure all alumni, students who attended, and former staff are aware of this date for the

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CAA Alumni Homecoming

April 6-7, 2007—Columbia Adventist Academy invites all alumni to join us on campus for Alumni Weekend. The graduating classes ending in "7" will be honored. We will also be celebrating the 100th anniversary of CAA's first graduating class, 1907. For information contact Lara Dowie at (360) 687-3161, ext. 17, or dowila@caaschool.org.

Master Guide Club

The Riverside Church in Washougal, Wash., officially started a Master Guide Club in October. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact Pastor Walter Mancia at waltman7@comcast.net right away.

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Rockey Seminar

Feb. 3-4, 2007—"Acceptance Obsession"—the second part of The Journey seminar series. All of us yearn to be accepted by God, our parents, siblings, spouse, children, or friends. This seminar helps us understand rejection and be released from its grip so we can experience acceptance. The seminar begins Sabbath morning at 9 a.m. in College Place, Wash. For information or to register, go to <http://www.yourlri.com/> or call toll-free (888) 800-0574.

Spokane Jr. Academy Alumni

Spokane Junior Academy (SJA) invites alumni to register at the Web site, www.sja.org, to receive news about and view the changes taking place at your K-10 school. SJA is in major transition. Having spent 67 fruitful years on Cleveland Avenue, SJA is temporarily enjoying school on the beautiful campus of Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute (just west of

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WASHINGTON

Sky Valley Reunion

Attention Sky Valley Alumni! An alumni association is being started and we would love to have your information for a newsletter. A reunion for anyone who attended or taught at Sky Valley Adventist School in Monroe, Wash., will take place next summer. Please contact Gina Beierle for more information at lilg1976@hotmail.com, 19705 Bothell-Everett Hwy # 426, Bothell, WA 98012.

Missing Members

The Washington Conference Church would like to contact the following missing members: Maria Aguilar, Chin Aldana, Jose Alfredo, Brenda Alvarez, Manuel Alvarez, Maria Alvarez, Tranguilino Amador, Lucila Amaru, Jorge L. Anaya, Marylee Anaya, Soledad Anaya. If you know the location of these members, please contact Janeth Carnduff at (253) 681-6008.

Jere Franklin Seminar

Dec. 8-10—The Belfair Church will present Jere Franklin, author of "You Can Survive." Potluck on Sabbath at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dena Meigs, (360) 275-4788.

Journey to Bethlehem

Dec. 8-10—Bethlehem is closer than you think. Come enjoy an interactive, hands-on experience complete with a cast of costumed townsfolk, live animals, music, and adventure on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy. Bring the whole family. Dress warmly. Tours leave every 15 minutes nightly from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call (253) 833-5853.

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Dec. 26-Jan. 7—La Sierra

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April 12-15, 2007—Alums and friends are invited to participate in the 25th-year reunion concert of the Keene *Camerata*, April 14, 2007, at Southwestern Adventist University's Homecoming Weekend. The graduating classes ending in a "2" or "7" will be honored. For information, please contact bevmm@swau.edu or see www.swau.edu.

Glendale Nursing Alumni

May 6-9, 2007—Glendale Sanitarium & Hospital School of Nursing Alumni are invited to a reunion at Leoni Meadows in California. For information, please contact Lenna Lee Chase-Davidson, '45, at 18902 E. 108th St. North, Owasso, OK 74055 or (918) 272-6037.

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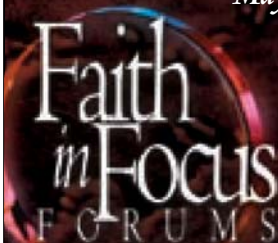
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Aretha Franklin belted out the song R.E.S.P.E.C.T. decades ago, yet respect has not always been a guaranteed value in America. Our history of racial inequities and the more contemporary blot of Abu-Ghraib are easy to spot, easy to condemn.

I wonder, though, if a far greater danger is a slow, insidious lowering of the bar, a blurring of our societal compass as if true north is no longer to be found. If illicit sex, mayhem and moral ambiguity showed up on our doorstep we'd turn them away. Yet we curl up each night and absorb through our televisions or computer screens an IV drip of things we publicly abhor but secretly relish. And it all comes down to respect: respect for ourselves and for others created in the image of God.

Respect allows Christians to befriend their neighbors without either approving of their lifestyles or condemning them to hell. Mutual respect allows politicians to work together, marriages to mend, cultures to co-exist. Respect enables an individual to say "enough" to an abusive relationship or work environment.

Political correctness masquerades as respect, yet it is simply an enforcer of what is currently in vogue. A small, vocally activist percentage of our society can define political correctness for a time, but we should never mistake that for respect.

Churches can become part of the solution by teaching members that they and all others are

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It's time to turn our attention homeward and do some housekeeping in our own living rooms. It's time to restore respect, civility as a centerpiece of our society from the highest political office to the lowest urban street, from the hallowed halls of academia to the home of the humblest saint. The freedoms of speech and religion, freedoms we thought we'd always have, depend on it.

This is a value we must model before our children who will in the years ahead either help respect flourish or die. It's a value echoed in that simple command from Jesus, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself."

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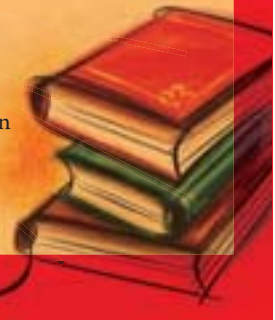
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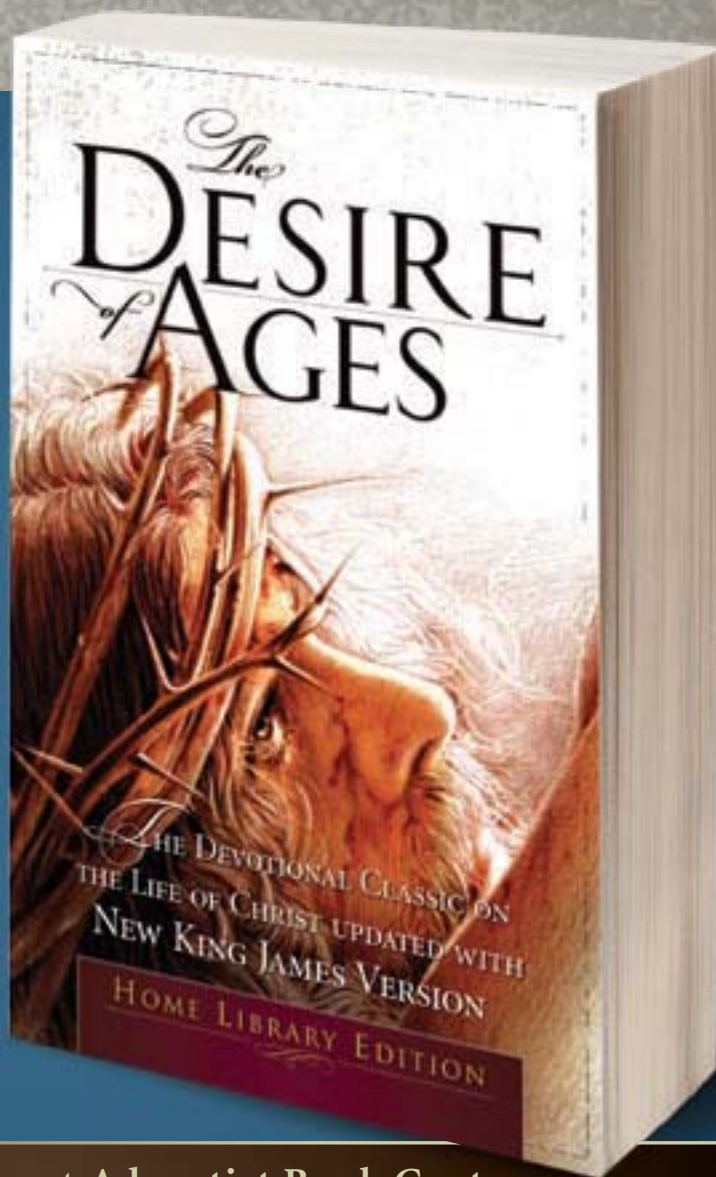
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