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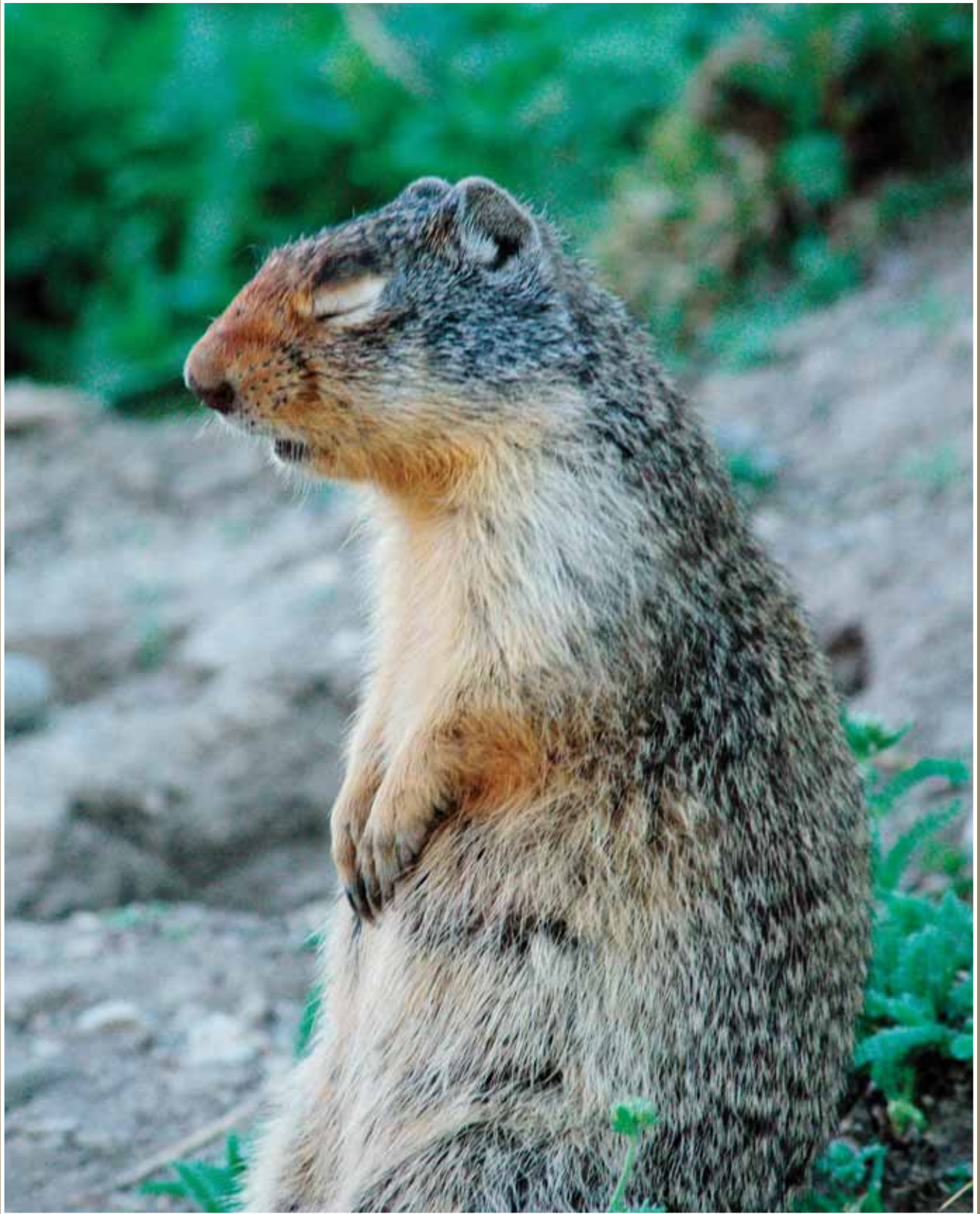
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My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.
PSALM 62:1(NIV)

“I’m Tired” photographed by Josh Peterson of Kalispell, Montana.

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Good Morning, This is God

“Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not require your help.”



Recently I was dealing with a complicated, difficult and frustrating situation. I thought, I prayed, I fasted, I counseled.... I laid awake at night.

It reminded me of a greeting card a friend once sent me. On the cover was a picture of a cross-legged, long-robed, gray-bearded philosopher with these words, “When you’re facing a difficult dilemma, remember the words of the great Wise Man.” Then, on the inside of the card, it said, “Some problems ain’t got no solutions!”

That’s the way I was feeling. Can you relate? Sue, as spouses are so adept at doing, noticed I was conflicted and said to me, “You need to go reread the plaque on your study wall.” So I did and this is what it said, “Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not require your help.”

Wow, what a difference that reminder can make. We are so very human, wanting

to resolve our dilemmas, and so often forgetting God has already experienced our tomorrows. He has been there and already taken care of those challenges, be they financial, health, work, people or whatever. I guess if there is any consolation in our desire

to “fix it” ourselves it’s that this is not a new problem.

One time the great Martin Luther was burdened down with the weight of the Reformation—a struggle we can only partially comprehend. One day his wife, Kati, came into his room all dressed in black. Luther said, “So who died?” to which Kati replied, “God did.” “What are you talking about?” he said. Kati perceptively responded, “Well, the way you have been fussing and fuming, I thought God must be dead.”

Like Luther, we need to be reminded from time to time that God is indeed alive and well. And if we let Him, He will be “handling all our problems today.” •

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Jere Patzer

North Pacific Union Conference president

Did You Know?

THE WORLD RECORD for the most rain in a day is just over 6 feet, on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean. The wettest place in the world is Mawsynram, India, which receives more than 40 feet of rain yearly. Weight-wise, rain is heavy. The amount of rain it takes to cover 1 acre of land with an inch of water weighs over 1 ton.

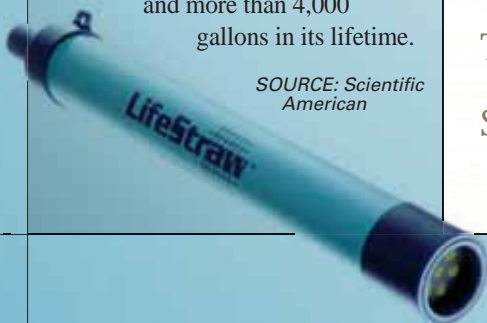
SOURCE: BBC

APRIL SHOWERS

Safe Sipping

A GROUP OF SWISS scientists have developed the "Life Straw," a device which could provide clean drinking water worldwide at a personal level. The Life Straw is slightly larger than an ordinary drinking straw, and contains filters made of halogenated resin, which kill nearly 100 percent of bacteria and nearly 99 percent of the viruses which pass through it. Each straw can filter more than 185 gallons of water, about a year's supply for one person. The group has also introduced a family-size water purifier which can provide more than 2 gallons of safe drinking water per hour and more than 4,000 gallons in its lifetime.

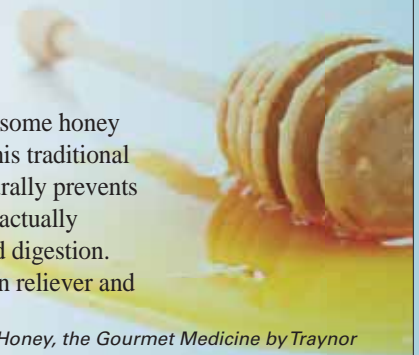
SOURCE: Scientific American



The Sweet Remedy

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD a warm drink with some honey in it is good for a sore throat. As it turns out this traditional cure goes far beyond cold season. Honey naturally prevents the growth of many types of bacteria and can actually promote the growth of certain bacteria that aid digestion. Honey is also an anti-inflammatory agent, pain reliever and skin softener.

SOURCE: Honey, the Gourmet Medicine by Traynor



Americans Try Different Religions

Twenty-eight percent of Americans have left the faith in which they were raised for another religion, or no religion at all.

Forty-four percent change from one type of Protestantism to another.

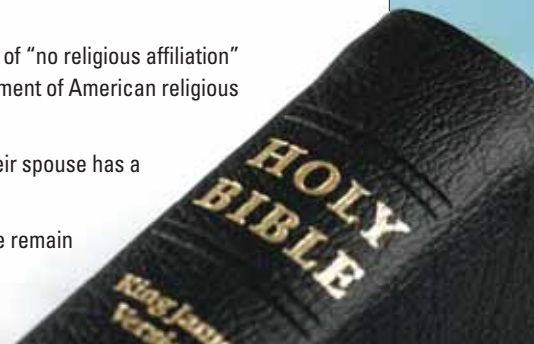
Over 50 percent of people were raised with no religious affiliation but now identify with a particular religious group.

Sixty-six percent more people enter the category of "no religious affiliation" than those leaving, making it the fastest growing segment of American religious preference.

Thirty-seven percent of married people say their spouse has a different religious affiliation.

Sixty percent of people raised in an Adventist home remain connected to the church as adults.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center





When We

COMMISSION CULTURE

by Don Livesay

We were convicted to focus on the secular Portland/Vancouver metro area by inviting It Is Written to partner with us.

NEARLY FOUR YEARS ago a dedicated Oregon Conference member shared with me that he had financially supported a major evangelistic campaign with Mark Finley in Denver, Colorado. He planted a seed. When Shawn Boonstra preached at the Gladstone Camp Meeting the following year, we noted the good connection he made with our members. The seed continued to germinate, and we prayed about this possibility.

We were convicted that it was time to focus on the very secular Portland/Vancouver metro area by inviting It Is Written to partner with us. When we called Shawn Boonstra he and his team were on a planning retreat, and so we left our invitation on voicemail. The It Is Written team prayerfully and independently concluded God was leading them to come to work in the Portland/

Vancouver metro area. When they returned to their office our invitation was waiting, another confirmation of God's leading.

Our conference executive committee began to spend one and half hours before our agenda in prayer and study of the first two chapters of Acts. Our weekly administrative council did the same. Our pastors became engaged. All of us were seeking God's leading instead of our own.

As we started visioning what God wanted, we recognized the Boonstra meetings must have a dual focus: first, people all around us should have the opportunity to know and accept Christ and explore fellowship with believers who also treasure His Word; secondly, we wanted the Revelation Speaks Peace meetings to stimulate an ongoing Commission Culture within our members and churches.

Pray

ULTURE HAPPENS

It was wonderful to see how eager our members were for Commission Culture. More than 250 people showed up for a full day of training to give Bible studies with Joe Cirigliano. The classes continued for 10 weeks with continued faithful attendance. Bible study invitations were mailed to the Portland/Vancouver area, which resulted in 1,300 responses.

When the evangelistic meetings began on February 1, some wondered if people would come nearly every night for a whole month. Yes, they would. The guest list quickly grew to 1,500 with just under 2,300 people attending on Saturday nights.

One couple from Newberg, Oregon, came every night absolutely excited about the clear Bible teaching. After three weeks they voiced sorrow that the meetings would soon be over. Another

couple canceled a vacation so they could attend the entire month. A student from a local seminary asked Boonstra for resources to assist in a dissertation on how Sabbath was changed to Sunday. Many more stories surfaced daily.

Evangelistic meetings don't define Commission Culture. They are simply one way to assist people in making decisions for God. When at some point you read a more detailed account of these meetings in the GLEANER, recognize they are just a part of the constant wheel of Momentum throughout the Northwest that invites all of us to live our lives with a continual desire to connect people with Jesus, to live a Commission Culture. We believe in this now more than ever, and pray you will be inspired to follow in your own area of influence as you read the following

testimonies of how God is working among us.

By the way, the dedicated member who planted the seed for our Portland/Vancouver evangelistic effort funded the entire Oregon Conference portion of the expense. When we pray, Commission Culture happens, in miraculous ways. •

*Don Livesay,
Oregon
Conference
president,
writes from
Clackamas,
Oregon*





Krissy

Church Hunting

I like welcoming churches—churches where you feel

at home instantly. I've been church hunting since my recent move to the area. A few have some great ideas on welcoming. Greeters at the front and back doors are lovely. When someone shows you to a classroom for Sabbath School personally, it shows they care enough to keep you from getting lost. At the most friendly church I visited, I was welcomed in the parking lot, foyer, sanctuary, and even by name from the pulpit. When you're new, a personal invitation to potluck makes all the difference. Going to a potluck without an invitation is like attending a family dinner without being family. It really made me smile to get a note from one church and a call from another later in the week. They thanked me for coming and told me I was welcome to come any time; it made me feel special.

COMMISSION CULTURE

Real People, Real Experiences

EDITOR'S NOTE: Commission Culture and the Momentum concept of lifestyle evangelism do not just affect the persons reached, but also those who are doing the reaching. Evangelism is a two-way street. Those who share the blessings of the Holy Spirit are filled again and again to overflowing in ways that are often surprising, and always heaven-sent. Let's "eavesdrop" on a few excerpts from journals that testify how God is changing lives through Commission Culture attitudes in the Oregon Conference. Because many of these stories are still unfolding, some names have been changed for privacy.



Francisco

30 Seconds We put 30-second television commercials on the Spanish channel. They probably showed 10 times a day and ran for a week, advertising the one-week evangelistic series with Robert Costa from It Is Written. It took place the week prior to Shawn Boonstra's Revelation Speaks Peace series at the Convention Center. Roberto* was watching TV when he saw the ad. He missed the phone number so he ran to grab a pen and paper and anxiously sat waiting for the commercial to replay so he could write down the number.

Roberto is studying with us today. He is coming to a small group and to our church service.



Dena

Security Guard I was placing fliers on cars in a department store parking lot when the security guard drove up and told me I wasn't supposed to be doing this. I only had one left so I gave it to him. He saw Shawn Boonstra's face on the flier and said, "I've seen this guy before. I've watched him before in the early morning." We ended up having about a 15-minute conversation about our mutual Christian walks.

Characteristics

How to plant Commission Culture seeds:

- Foster a passion for Christ and living for Him
- Focus on connecting with people, sharing Christ and disciplining others
- Everywhere, everyday, people are placed in your path, connect with them
- Keep a strong connection with God
- Start a daily prayer list for others
- Find others who are committed to Commission Culture—encourage, learn, and stay accountable to each other
- Make soul winning the main priority of your church
- Know and pray for your neighbors
- Give a testimony
- When involved in outreach events and activities, really connect with guests, not just your friends
- Think of people as pre-Adventists, not as non-Adventists
- Make pre-Adventists feel included by avoiding Adventist jargon
- When the church plans evangelism, get involved
- When a member quits coming to church—let them know they are missed
- Find every way you can to involve new members and guests
- Create a church climate that's warm, inviting, and safe
- Grow others into leadership
- Be thrilled when you smell cigarette smoke or alcohol on a guest and make them feel welcome
- Don't let the greeters be the only warm welcome at your church
- Invite guests to your home
- Give Bible studies
- Hold reaping meetings
- Let the Word, not the world, define your life mission.

Juan

New Faith
Antonyo's Pentecostal sister invited him to church one Sunday. He went for a while and then began coming to our Adventist church. After the



Pentecostal church found out he was attending an Adventist church, they rejected him. I invited him to my small group. Antonyo wanted to study with me about the Sabbath. After a couple hours of study, he was convinced the Sabbath was the true day of worship. Since Antonyo struggles with English, he asked me to go with him right away to explain to his boss that he needed Sabbaths off. I tried three times, but the boss wouldn't budge. I felt so bad and the thought was going through my head, "Come on, God, why didn't you work this out? We are going to lose this one." Antonyo could see my discouragement and sadness. As we walked back to the car, he put his arm around my shoulder and said, "It's OK, pastor. I want to be OK with the Lord. If I need to quit this job, I will. It's OK—the Lord is going to provide, and I am feeling really happy." "What just happened?" I thought to myself. "This new believer has more faith than I do. Wow, Lord." Instead of getting discouraged, Antonyo is hosting a small group at his house. Talk about a lesson in faith and trust.



Krissy

Two Kinds of Food Pat* and Tina* were methamphetamine cooks with a lab set up in their house. They both came from Adventist families but had quit going to church as kids. Pat's brother and a local small group started praying for them. One day Pat decided to make a batch of meth but it turned out all wrong. Pat

made another batch and another, but each batch was horrible. Finally they fell into bed exhausted and frustrated. They slept for three days. When they woke up, Pat said to Tina, "We're done!" They stopped using, joined the small group who had prayed for them and asked for Bible studies. They've now been clean for more than four years, and are bringing their friends to the Bible study. At times their guests smell like marijuana and alcohol but the group welcomes them in. They eat dinner around the dining room table like family, then spend time together doing everything from playing games or working in the wood shop, to having Bible studies or just talking. One of the group leaders told me, "I think hanging out together is an important part of the life change."



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Barbra

What's the Two?

"What is the two for in Second Chronicles?" The person I'm studying the Bible with has never read it before. I'm having to show her the very basics on how to use a Bible. I explained there was a First Chronicles and a Second Chronicles and showed her some of the other books which have this distinction. At first she didn't understand what the colons between the numbers for chapters and verses meant. To her it looked like time (10:15 a.m.). Then I explained she could locate passages this way. She was so excited to learn how to read the Bible. You should have seen the smile on her face.

Roger

Radio Evangelism Our Hispanic pastors have started a conference-wide radio program called *En Familia* (In the Family), which goes to Hispanic families all around Oregon. Since family issues are a felt need in our community, this half-hour radio program reaches thousands of Hispanic listeners every week. This past December a family in Salem, Oregon called the program and expressed interest in receiving a box of food we were offering to needy families. The Salem Hispanic Church did the rest. They picked up the food, invited the family to church and began giving them Bible studies. Another young lady in Hood River, Oregon, who had just arrived in the area, was looking for a church, heard the program on Sunday morning, called in, and as a result is now connected to the local church.



Dena

I am Blessed Each one of the people I am having Bible studies with has made a change in my life. So many of them, I am ashamed to say, I would have never met until now. They each have their own unique story. The one thing they all have in common is they are

seeking Jesus. Sometimes I don't think they even know why. Their financial troubles, job concerns, relationship problems, overcoming addictions, etc...are not so unlike my own story. I am grateful for each and every one of our Bible students for opening their doors and hearts to me. They blessed me richly and humbled me in remembering my own need for our loving Savior Jesus Christ.



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* Denotes names that have been changed for privacy.



Connecting with Our Communities

Krissy

Biking to Portland I met a man named Jason this evening. With no special gear like a bicycle light or helmet, and in jeans and sneakers, he rode his mountain bike with his belongings strapped to the back from Virginia Beach, Virginia to Portland, Oregon. Jason believes God wanted him to come to Portland for some reason and share his faith along the way. He asked if I was a Sabbathkeeper. He said he was, and had been for several years. Jason was given a flier for the It Is Written meetings at the Oregon Convention Center. He's been to every one, and he says he won't miss them. Jason shares his faith with people through his poems. He recited a couple for me. They were beautiful, yet simple. He says people might not read the Bible but maybe through his poetry he can bring people to Jesus.

Here are some additional "idea-starters" for practical ways churches and members can connect with their communities.

Ideas for Churches

- Hold a job fair/financial workshop/tax help clinic
- Plan a benefit concert
- Present a seasonal play, i.e. Christmas program or Easter pageant
- Collaborate with other local churches to host a father/son camping trip or a mother/daughter weekend
- Plan a community picnic
- Work with a local senior center on a charity quilt club or project
- Plan a community cleanup day
- Host a Car Care Clinic for single moms
- Help start a community garden project
- Organize a monthly social
- Start a weekly luncheon
- Begin a women's or men's Bible study group
- Host a Friday night soup supper/vespers
- Sponsor an Adventist history group
- Organize a community bonfire
- Host community basketball or volleyball games



Charles & Kelley

I Believe God Sent You

We responded to Stephanie* who filled out a Bible study interest card. When we dropped off the first study she seemed perplexed. So we figured she wasn't too interested. On our third visit she stepped outside her door and asked some tough questions. She said, "My brother died of a disease related to lifestyle. He was the most wonderful, caring man. What do you think about that?" We said a quick prayer

to God and responded with "We are all sinners and God loves us all even though we struggle with different sins." Then she said, "I looked you up on the Internet, and I have no interest in becoming a Seventh-day Adventist." We said, "That's fine, people of all denominations really enjoy these lessons." So Stephanie invited us to have in-home studies with her. Her daughter Karen* also joined us. Even 12-year-old Zack*, pipes up with answers. After a few Bible studies Stephanie said, "I believe God sent you here—I never let anyone into my home!" They have since attended the Revelation Speaks Peace seminar with Boonstra, and requested baptism. Praise God!

Ideas for Members

- Participate in community projects
- Join a local garden club, car club or hiking club
- Plan a neighborhood treasure hunt for kids
- Start a book club
- Plan an outdoor movie night in your backyard
- Invite people home for Sabbath lunch
- Host a neighborhood party
- Organize a special-interest group
- Join a local Harley riders group
- Reconnect with your best friend from high school



WORLD NEWS

CALIFORNIA

Korean Pastors Appeal to China

Korean-American pastors from across the U.S. are appealing for China to grant amnesty to North Korean refugees in the country. The group hopes to mobilize a campaign against China's human rights violations ahead of the Beijing Olympics. More than half a million North Koreans have crossed into China during the last 10 years. Many refugees flee North Korea to escape religious persecution. The nation ranks as the top Christian persecutor in the world, according to the watchdog organization Open Doors.

SOURCE: Christian Post

GHANA

University Completes New Medical Building

Adventist-owned Valley View University in Ghana is celebrating the completion of a new campus building, thanks to the generous support of several church organizations. Columbia Union Hall is named after the Columbia Union Conference, which pledged \$200,000 of the \$425,000 needed to complete the project. The building will accommodate nursing and medical equipment, as well as technology programs and a library.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

JAMAICA

Billionaire Donates to Adventist Nursing School

Michael Lee-Chin, currently listed by Forbes magazine as one of the world's 500 wealthiest people, donated more than \$3 million to the Adventist-owned Northern Caribbean University. The funds will help construct a state-of-the-art nursing facility in honor of his mother. In addition, Lee-Chin will help finance scholarships for 25-30 freshmen entering the nursing school when it opens in August.

SOURCE: Inter-American Division

BRAZIL

Priests Call for End to Celibacy

Brazilian priests have spoken directly to Pope Benedict XVI asking for a revision to the canonical law making celibacy a requirement for priests. In a document explaining the requests, the priests call for two types of priesthood: one requiring celibacy and one which does not. In addition, it requests priests be able to ordain spouses and includes a provision for returning to service after raising a family. The request will now go before the Holy Congregation for the Clergy.

SOURCE: Agenzia Italia



NEWS BRIEFS



SWITZERLAND

World Council of Churches' General Secretary Steps Down

The World Council of Churches is searching for a replacement for the Rev. Samuel Kobia, who announced he will not seek a second term as the organization's leader. Kobia has served since 2004 and was the first African to be elected General Secretary. The World Council of Churches represents more than 560 million churches in 110 countries.

SOURCE: Christian Post



MONGOLIA

New Pastors Aid Growing Mongolian Church

The number of Seventh-day Adventist pastors in Mongolia has increased by 50 percent after the recent ordination of two more pastors. Just 15 years ago there were no church members in Mongolia, but since 1993 its Adventist membership has grown to more than 1,200. Pastors in Mongolia serve as part of the church's Global Mission initiative and are supported by the Pioneer Mission Movement program in Northern Asia.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

SUDAN

Bicycle Donations Keep Bible Workers Rolling

For 26 of Sudan's pastors and Bible workers, visiting members and preaching sermons just got easier. Patrick Boyle, retired English pastor, organized a project to provide bicycles to spread the gospel. The first Adventist church was established there in 1974, and Sudan is now home to more than 13,000 Adventists.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

QATAR

After Centuries, Christianity Returns

For the first time since the seventh century, Christian churches are being established in the nation of Qatar. Though the nation is home to more than 70,000 Christians, strict Islamic laws have prohibited public prayers and religious services. In 2005, a pro-western ruler came to power who hopes to portray Islam's tolerance of other religions. However, critics point to quotations from the prophet, which state, "No two religions will come together on the Arabian peninsula."

SOURCE: Christian Post



Arctic Evangelism *Defies Winter's Blast*

Despite being greeted by frigid Arctic air, on Feb. 11, Brian and Denise Bechthold, Northwest Native evangelists, and Rick Binford, Nome, Gambell and Savoonga district pastor, landed in Gambell, Alaska, to conduct the third series of evangelistic

meetings in three consecutive years. Temperatures were 15 degrees below zero with 35 mph winds. But the kind friendship of the Siberian Yupik people soon warmed them, and the series got underway Friday evening.

Simultaneously, the town was hosting a high school basketball series. The tournament brought teams from three different villages and distracted from the meetings. Even so, the meetings were launched and God brought members and guests out for opening night. The games were over by Saturday evening, and by Sunday attendance doubled.

Except, now the weather threatened to keep people home. The thermometer plunged, winds increased to 50 mph; visibility went to zero, remaining there for four days.



Gambell Church members and guests brave plummeting temperatures and bitter winds to attend the recent evangelistic series.

Even with these conditions, however, attendance stayed constant throughout the series.

On March 1, the church welcomed three new members: Fabian Ungott and Reanna Soonagrook by baptism and Susan Campbell by profession of faith. Campbell's parents were early members of the church, and she was baptized young. She had ceased being an

active member and instead was a lay pastor for the Presbyterian church. Now 74-years-old, she has taken her stand once again for "Bible truth." •

Rick Binford, Nome, Gambell and Savoonga district pastor



Rick Binford, district pastor (center), welcomes (from left:) Susan Campbell, Reanna Soonagrook and Fabian Ungott into membership.

Adventist Presence Prominent *At Dillingham Health Fair*

The morning started early, and participants were out of the house and into the dark and cold before 7 a.m. The fair was waiting.

On Feb. 8, the town of Dillingham held their annual health fair in the high school gym, and the Adventist church joined them with nine stations, nearly doubling the exhibits. Using *NEWSTART* backdrops, members conducted several health screening checks including testing lung capacity, calculating body composition, measuring health age, a step

test for heart health, a stress quiz and more. There were more than 100 participants, and the teens lined up to try everything out—especially the lung capacity tester. Edward and Cheryl Dunn, conference executive secretary and his wife, and Wendell Downs, pastor, coordinated the *NEWSTART* booth and were assisted by volunteers from the church and school. •

Edward Dunn, Alaska Conference executive secretary



From left: Misty Rowe, Brenda Rau, and Shirley Williams, local Dillingham Church members, join Cheryl Dunn and Edward Dunn, Alaska Conference executive secretary, in providing nine booths at the health fair.



Emmett Messenger-Index

The Emmett Church participates in making trauma packs. From left: Steve Nebeker, Emmett police chief, Lennis Mabee, Mary Ellsworth and Margaret Barber (church members) and Brad Newell, Lieutenant.

Emmett Church Shares Unique Backpack Ministry

The Emmett Church women's ministry department is reaching out to children in their town. They have been putting together backpacks containing teddy bears, blankets, coloring books, crayons, paper and other items. Sometimes, Emmett

Police have a child who is lost, frightened or in need of comfort and in these cases, they can share the backpacks with them. •

Photo and text courtesy of Emmett Messenger-Index

New Member Eager to Share Jesus

After repeatedly resisting his wife's invitation to attend church, Matt Borino at last decided to attend. "I don't know why I decided to go, but the first time I walked into the Middleton Church, I thought Jesus Himself was standing at the door with His arms open," says Borino. The welcome led Borino to start Bible studies and, in February, he was baptized.

Borino says, "I was raised with the understanding that if you want something, no one else can get it for you; only I can get it or provide it for my family." Today, though, Borino is setting his self-reliant background aside and learning to put his trust and faith into the Lord. He is excited about sharing his love of Jesus



Matt Borino (right) teaches the youth group at the Middleton Church. He is pictured here with (from left) Jamie and Macayla Alwes and Jessie White.

with others, and when he tells a story about sharing Jesus with someone, his face lights up. He has caught the excitement of sharing Jesus. •

Mary Carroll and Denise Wolfe, Middleton Church communication leaders

IDAHO CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19, 20

LIVING HIS STORY

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Mauri Bascom

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Bozeman Prayer Conference *Inspires Montana Members*



Donna Wagner, Mark Bond and Peter Neri take a break between sessions during the prayer conference.

More than 75 people from Montana and North Dakota attended a prayer conference, arranged by Donna Wagner, Montana Conference prayer ministry coordinator. Peter Neri, Indiana Conference ministerial secretary, led the conference, themed Moving the Arm of Omnipotence. Mark Bond, a Missoula Church member, shared his musical talents. We were richly blessed by the praise music and theme song “Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord.”

Friday evening we broke into small groups and studied two different prayers, from

Ezra 9 and Daniel 9. We learned about intercessory prayer, defined first by praying in humility, then confessing our sins, and finally asking for forgiveness for ourselves and others. We realized each one must first be convicted of the necessity of prayer, to recognize who God is and what He has done. We learned intercessory prayer blesses the person you are praying for and yourself.

Sabbath afternoon we broke into smaller groups of two or three, and we found texts to use as promises and encouragement for our pastors,

teachers and administration. We pictured Jesus praying for Himself, Jesus praying for His disciples, and Jesus praying for all believers—that they may see His glory.

The Encounter prayer time led by Neri gave each of us time to talk with our Heavenly Father, Creator, Friend, and to submit our hearts to the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, to ask Him to remove sin from our life and from our records, and ask for spiritual

discernment. We took time to let God speak to us, to listen, and to praise Him.

Please consider attending the prayer conference next February. Let’s invite the Holy Spirit into our lives and watch the changes. Let’s pray in specifics. Praying can be a powerful tool in your life—at home, at work and in your church. Start today.

Ruth Fish, wife of the pastor for Montana’s Northeastern district

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Columbia Academy *Highlights Community Service*

Community service is an integral part of campus life at Columbia Adventist Academy. Led by our Campus Ministries Department and Matthew Butte, chaplain, students are out serving their local community at least once a month throughout the school year.

“Community service is great because we get to skip school, bond with friends, and share the love of God with those outside our normal association—all in the same day,” says Alacia Hendrix, senior.



A group of CAA students along with Matthew Butte, sponsor, spend a day of service at the Southwest Washington Humane Society.

Each of the four classes also traditionally take part in a service day of their own. This year, the senior class spent a day in November at local radio station 101.9 KINK-FM. They assisted in the radio-athon to raise funds for the Portland Rescue Mission. Our students answered phone calls and took pledges from the listeners calling in to support the cause.

Erika Sanderson, senior, says, “I enjoy community service days because they let me show Christ to others.”

The junior class spent a day in December working both at the Meadow Glade Adventist

Church Community Service Center and doing yardwork at intersections on local roads as well as digging a ditch for a local homeowner. Those who worked at the Community Service Center organized food boxes with the canned goods the Pathfinders had collected during their “walk-n-knock” program.

The Meadow Glade Church also has a home makeover program where students help members who may be unable to do their own home or yard work. The sophomore class helped out with the program in January—spending the day

Hannah Watson, junior, and Heather Smith, freshman, take a moment to have some fun during community service day.



at homes doing yard work, clearing brush and trimming trees.

This month, the freshmen class will be going out for their own Community Service Day.

Matt Anderson, student association president, says, “I have been on a lot of community service days and have to admit that not all the jobs are very fun. But most of



From left: Megan Haffermann, Savannah Jones and Petra Spreadborough, CAA sophomores, clean up a shoreline at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center.

We kicked off this year with an all-school community service day in September. Students chose places such as Shepherd’s Door that helps the Portland homeless, the Oregon Humane Society, the Oregon Food Bank, Battle Ground Head Start, Vancouver Parks and Recreation, and other deserving organizations.



From left: Marissa Harris, Joe-D Gutman and Jessica Russell, CAA freshmen, work to clean up Vancouver’s Water Resources Education Center.

the time I didn’t notice because we were all happy and working hard together to get it done. We were out in the community doing good things for others, and yet we were gaining a blessing ourselves. It really helped to raise the school spirit, as well.” •

Lara J. Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent

PAA Students Go Green *With Christian Ethics*

Portland Adventist Academy seniors are leaving behind a legacy of creation care for their school.

Les Zollbrecht, PAA philosophy and ethics teacher, helps students think about Christian ethics in the world. Students chose to discuss issues from a wide range of global concerns, including natural disasters, poverty, hunger, slavery, the environment and more.

The environment was a high concern to the class. “As a Christian I’m supposed to care about God’s creation,” says senior Ashley Dahl. Classmate Erica Wilson adds, “When God created the earth he put us in charge of it and told us to replenish it.”

Feeling called to this

command, the students conducted a waste audit of the school. They collected and sorted trash by category: plastic, food, paper and several others. Then they weighed and recorded.

“I was surprised at how much food we waste,” says Wilson. The records show almost 50 pounds of edible food was thrown away each day. The other concern was paper. “Instead of throwing paper in the trash, it should be put into a recycle box,” says Wilson.

After the dirty work, Wilson, Dahl and another classmate organized efforts to advertise the findings and teach the student body simple ways to reduce waste. Another group organized lunch trades to

encourage students to give away their unwanted food, while yet another team placed convenient recycle bins throughout the school.

The group projects brought awareness and action to PAA and even had an impact in homes. “At home we started cutting back on using the dishwasher,” says Wilson.

Zollbrecht says he was encouraged not only by the class’s hard work, but by what many of the students expressed in their class journals. “It’s inspiring to see these kids own the issue

Taryn Stanley’s ethics and philosophy class encouraged PAA to use silverware rather than plastic utensils to reduce waste.

because they want to be good stewards of what God has given us.” •

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Ashland Teenager *Engaged in Personal Evangelism*

Cousins Matthew Taylor, 13, and Athena Ridge, 14, were recently baptized into the Ashland Church. Matthew was baptized a few months before Athena and helped prepare his

From left: Athena Ridge, Perry Parks (Ashland Church pastor), and Matthew Taylor.



Matthew Taylor, 13, helped Athena Ridge, his 14-year-old cousin (left), study the Bible and prepare for baptism.

older cousin for baptism. He prayed with her, and studied the Bible with her. He did this with the Lord’s help, of course,

and a little help from Perry Parks, church pastor. Matthew didn’t waste time fulfilling his hope of being an evangelist and leading people to the Lord.

Matthew and Athena came from Nevada to Oregon to live with their grandparents and began coming to church with Linda Whitaker, their grandmother.

Three months after his baptism, Matthew began to realize he wanted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and become a preacher. He is now making plans to do this. In the meantime, Matthew and Athena find ways to help others and are glad to be a part of the Ashland Church. •

Michael C. Mahurin, Ashland Church communication leader



Beaverton Church *Young People Active in Ministry*

When the Beaverton Church was looking for a youth and young adult leader about three years ago, Rodney Payne II was hired to help start an active ministry for this age-group. At the time, there was no specific Sabbath School program for young adults, and there were just a few scattered within the church. Payne started Sabbath Share, a time of Bible study and discussion on relevant topics. “Sabbath Share communicates that building friendships are key. Young adults crave a sense of community,” says Payne. The

From left: Josh Mohor, Cenaida Valdivia, Amanda Gibson and Jaude Valentine helped with the renovation of flood-stricken areas.



The young people at the Beaverton Church are involved each week in church activities and outreach.

program has been popular and well-attended and today, boasts an email list of more than 200 young adults.

In addition to their own class, the young adults are involved in the church. Their involvement includes helping with the praise team and church committees as well as doing community outreach events. One young adult even designed a new logo on the bulletin. Eric Ames, a young adult facilitator, was inspired to start a Wednesday night Bible study. Last Christmas,

in conjunction with the youth, the young adults raised money to help a needy family with food and Christmas gifts.

The Beaverton youth have been active as well. Dick Baker, youth assistant, and Payne have been using their carpentry skills in remodeling the youth room to make it more comfortable and inviting. On a rotating basis, some of the youth are leading the Sabbath School class. Kit Houghton is a key player in youth leadership. Having been a prodigal child, he knows what it is like

on the streets of Portland. Houghton started Jesus Feet, a “homeless ministry” that helps by simply passing out socks to the homeless in downtown Portland every quarter. “This is their greatest physical need,” says Houghton. •

Michelle Zenith, Beaverton Church Communication leader



Beaverton young adult Eric Ames lends his energy and skill to help with flood-relief efforts in Vernonia, Ore.



Livingstone Senior Class *Learns to Pay it Forward*

Seniors at Livingstone Adventist Academy recently had an opportunity to “pay it forward,” which means doing something nice for someone, with no expectations of anything in return.

Each member of the class was given an envelope containing \$25 by an

anonymous family who had benefited from the generosity of Bill Colson, former Salem resident. Colson died this last year, and this was a way to honor his legacy of caring and helping others.

The seniors were told to take the money and “pay it forward.” Several seniors

decided they were going to tell a gas attendant to give the money to a random stranger. There were students who gave to friends in need. There were also some who just saw someone in need on the street and decided to help them.

Even though the students were out to help others, they

got a lot out of it too. Many of them say it felt really good to give to others, even with the knowledge they would get nothing in return. •

Amanda Kurz, Livingstone Adventist Academy journalism student



Kelso-Longview Church Burns Mortgage

The Kelso-Longview Church celebrated the end of 2007 by burning their \$1,050,000 mortgage earlier than projected.

A roaring bonfire greeted members in the parking lot. Dale Beaulieu, Oregon Conference interim financial vice president, attended and Duane Wilson, head elder and building chairman, recounted the process of building the church. Mike Speegle, senior pastor, reminded members how financial freedom is just one step in the journey to reach the community.

“Just as we are free financially from the burden of the payment, we can also

be free from many personal burdens which keep us from reaching others,” says one member. Each member received a copy of the mortgage and were asked to write down a personal burden they would like to “burn up.”

Rick Casebier, associate pastor, led the group out to the bonfire where he first burned an enlarged copy of the mortgage, followed by members throwing their personal copies into the flames while singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” •

Linda Wilson, Kelso-Longview Church office assistant

Grants Pass Members

Thrill to Maranatha Stories

Mission stories inspire us. And that’s why the Grants Pass Church members enjoyed hearing stories from Don Noble, Maranatha Volunteers International president, Dick Duerksen, Maranatha assistant to the president, and others on Feb. 2. The speakers encouraged members to join a Maranatha trip to help build buildings and tell people about God.

During church, Duerksen told about a man trying to get home in a terrible monsoon. While crossing a bridge, he lost his footing and was swept under the water in the current of the swift-flowing river. The rest of the story followed that afternoon to a nearly full church. Two men (angels), supposedly fishing in the river, pulled the man into their boat



From left: Dick Duerksen, Maranatha’s assistant to the president, interviews Joann and Merlin Fjarli, 2005 Maranatha missionaries of the year.

and took him to his home. Churches are being built and miracles are happening as lay people from our home churches go out to share “whatever is in their hand.” •

Evelyn Wagner, Grants Pass Church communication leader

Community Workshop in Grants Pass On Youth Issues

More than 50 professionals from the community along with area families came to the Grants Pass Church to participate in several seminars given by Blondel Senior. Senior, who holds a Ph.D. in sociology and criminology, is the founder and director of *Advent Home*, a ministry for hurting families and their teenage sons. Senior has spent

more than 40 years consulting, teaching, counseling, writing and speaking.

His four-part series on “Raising Successful Children and Teens” was offered. Other classes included information on ADHD, anger management and appropriate discipline.

The meetings were underwritten by the local church and gained support



Robin Martin, Grants Pass Church member, introduces Blondel Senior, who led a seminar on raising teens.

from the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, who gave continuing education credit to attending social workers. Rogue Community College also granted CE credits through the Community Education program, allowing many other professionals to earn credits. •

Evelyn Wagner

Hood River Church Wonders *Where'd Everybody Go?*

The Hood River Church is small, but lately the attendance seems to be getting even smaller. The reason is because our Pathfinders have been quite active. When I asked Ralph Staley, Hood River Pathfinder director, what they have been up to, here's the summary he gave me:

"In January, we went snow camping at Clark Creek on Mt. Hood. The following weekend was Teen Leadership Training at Camp Harlow in Eugene with two new TLT leaders from our club. The next weekend was Pathfinder Sabbath at the Hood River Church, and the last two

weekends of February we had another Pathfinder Sabbath at White Salmon Church and a beach campout in Tillamook, Ore." Following the beach outing, leaders also planned a Mexico mission trip for TLTs and their friends to help build a home for orphans."

"We do activities like these to help keep the kids interested in the church and Pathfinders," Staley says. "There are also several children who have joined the club who don't even attend church, which is a great way to reach out to the community." •

*Joyce Gallentine,
Hood River Church
communication leader with
Ralph Staley, Pathfinder
director*

Hood River Pathfinders enjoy a beach campout at Tillamook amid their busy weeks of leadership training and mission work.

Ralph Staley



Ralph Staley



Milo students form a human chain to move a pile of wood into a dry place for a community lady.

Milo Students Lead *In Word and Example*

Sweet sounds of praise emanated from the sanctuary as students and staff gathered for Milo Academy's student-led Week of Prayer. Jaymann Henry, junior, introduced the theme "We Are His Hands" by demonstrating his juggling skills, an illustration of how we should practice God-given talents and a reminder that perfection doesn't come overnight. On Tuesday, Eric Wagner, also a junior, told about his grandfather and his love for dynamite. Wagner explained that a ditch, taking other people months to dig, would only take his grandfather a couple of hours, using dynamite.

Milo's traditional Neighbor Day took place midweek. Students look forward to helping those in the community. Whether it's an elderly home like the Manor House or somewhere raking

leaves or chopping wood, students gain a huge blessing from the experience. Before going out, though, Melissa Owens, junior, told about Akiana Kramirik, a young outstanding artist. Kramirik says when she paints or draws, it is not her, but the Lord guiding her hand. On Thursday, Mikaela Campbell, senior, spoke about the influence we have on one another.

Katrina Cooksley, senior, closed the week with a slide show she produced of students helping others on Neighbor Day during the past two years. A song by Caedmon's Call, "If We Are the Body," accompanied the pictures.

The week impressed students and staff alike that Christians are called to be examples of His love in practical acts of service going far beyond mere words. •

Brittany Reynolds, MAA senior

Yakima's Youngest Committed to Outreach

The commitment of Yakima Adventist Christian School to show concern for the people of the Yakima Valley and the world community can be seen in the activities of even the youngest students.

First- and Second-Graders

Every few months, the first- and second-grade class sends packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students have a great time choosing things



YACS third- and fourth-graders prepare to deliver pumpkin spice muffins to their neighbors.

disasters, and emphasizes sharing Jesus. The class raised \$175 selling Asian and Bartlett pears. "We are happy and excited to be able to send the money to help other people," say the students.

Locally, the students volunteer once a week for an hour at the Yakima Food Bank. They sort cans and organize items. Class members say, "It's fun to help people in such a hands-on way."

For Thanksgiving, students baked muffins to share with school neighbors. Each took

in northeastern Afghanistan, sent YACS a plaque. It displays the flag flown in a Black Hawk helicopter for a mission in Afghanistan. Also included in the plaque are two military coins and a signed certificate thanking YACS students and staff for their support.

The plaque is on display at the school.

Third- and Fourth-Graders

The third- and fourth-grade class chose to raise

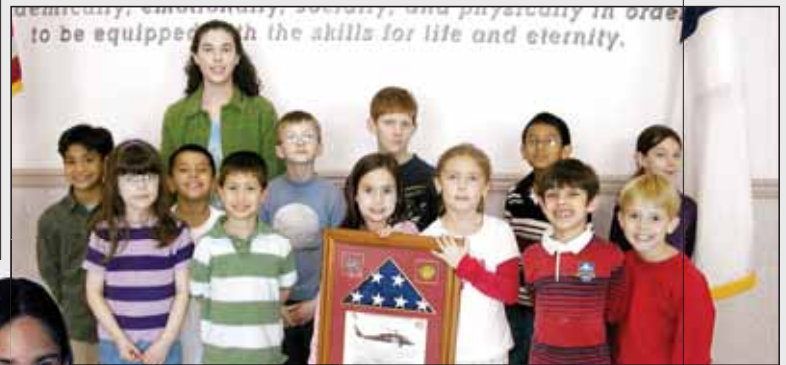
money for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency because it helps worldwide, especially during



YACS students put together care packages for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

soldiers may not have access to while deployed. Items like homemade cookies, chapstick, chewing gum, and even soft toilet tissue are accompanied by a picture or note from a student.

The students have been sending packages for several years, but received only a few responses until a large package arrived from Bagram, Afghanistan, recently. Maximino and Sara (Bailey) Bullock, sergeants of the Army's 82nd Airborne stationed at Bagram Air Base



First- and second-graders receive a plaque sent from Bagram, Afghanistan, with thanks for the care packages.



turns with various steps. The next day, students walked through the neighborhood to deliver the muffins. Residents say they look forward to the muffins every year.

"By helping others we are witnessing for Jesus," say the students. •

Susan Bailey, YACS GLEANER correspondent

Bonnerr's Ferry Church Gathers for a New Year's Communion Service

Communion took on a special significance Jan. 4 as Bonners Ferry (Idaho) Church members arrived to find tables placed in the shape of a cross topped with trays of beautiful fresh fruit and breads.

We began by singing hymns accompanied by guitars. After time together eating hot soups and breads, we separated to classrooms for the foot washing service. The glow of peaceful faces in the candlelight reflected the filling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

As we took the communion bread and wine we felt united as a church family, facing the New Year with an intense hope for the soon coming of our Savior. Two children passed out



The Bonners Ferry Church members gather around tables in the shape of a cross to celebrate communion.

handwritten cards with Bible promises. Mine said, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" Jeremiah 29:11. •

Karen Drechsel, Bonners Ferry Church member

Irrigon Women's Group Receives Award

The Irrigon (Ore.) Church group was recently awarded a plaque for having the largest number of women, 19 in all, attending the 2007 women's retreat at Camp MiVoden.

Even though the church is small, with an average of 40 to 50 members, the group has grown each year, primarily because of Shirlene Stahl's conviction that every woman should experience the blessings of the weekend. A

few years ago, Stahl, and other church women began inviting non-members. Though not as a direct result, three women have been baptized in the months following their experience at the retreat.

Among those attending this year were three mother-daughter teams and one sister team. •

Norma Stahl, Irrigon Church communication leader



Sabbath Afternoons Transformed When UCA Students Give Back

Matt Smith, associate pastor and Upper Columbia Academy freshmen Bible teacher, has revitalized a program which is transforming the way students view Sabbath. Smith came to UCA in

2006, bringing with him new enthusiasm for the program Sabbath Afternoon Activities. The aim of this program is to get students off campus and out into the community where they can share the love of

Jesus. "Sabbath is a time for serving and helping people, as Jesus did, rather than just sitting

UCA students give out a warm meal while ministering to the homeless in Spokane, Wash.

around," says Smith. As soon as the school year was under way, Smith met with willing students to brainstorm ideas and plan some outings.

Activities this year have included raking yards in the nearby community, distributing information about an upcoming evangelistic crusade, singing for the elderly at a nursing home, shoveling snow, and feeding the homeless in Spokane, Wash. Students enjoy the program because it

makes Sabbaths even more meaningful.

Smith's goals for the future are to bring people to Christ through the students' service and to teach the youth that Sabbath can bring them joy through service to others. "The most rewarding part of SAA is seeing students grin from ear to ear because they just spent two hours with someone who lives on the street," says Smith. •

Danielle Shull, UCA junior



Constituency Session Survey Part 4 – Family Life and Youth

Members of the Upper Columbia Conference consider it a priority to educate and mentor their children and youth,” says a poll taken at the conference’s constituency session September 2007.

In the last of a four-part report about the results of polling taken at the 75th regular constituency session, delegates indicate the importance of Adventist education for their children, and how young people are involved in the church.

According to the poll, three-fourths of churches have people under age 30 involved in leadership, but the majority of churches only have one to three young people involved. More than 80 percent of the delegates’ children have attended Adventist schools at some point in their education. The local Sabbath School and church service is where most delegates feel they get helpful, instructive support for their family.

“I’m encouraged by the number of families who have a commitment to Adventist education,” says Richard Parker, UCC director of youth and family life. “But I’m also concerned by the poll’s indication of the low number of young adults involved in the leadership of the church. This church was founded by young adults. The work needs to be finished by young adults, so it is important that we get them involved.”

The number of individuals under age 30 involved in leadership in our congregation are (choose one):

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| Zero | 25% |
| 1–3 | 43% |
| 4–6 | 16% |
| 7 or more | 15% |

My children have attended Seventh-day Adventist schools.

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| Yes | 82% |
| No | 18% |

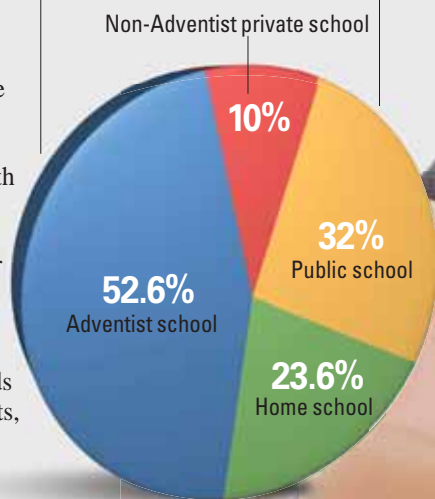
I have donated to the Streams of Light campaign during the last four years.

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| Yes | 52% |
| No | 48% |

My children attend(ed) Adventist schools at the following levels. (Choose all that apply): *

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| Elementary | 31% |
| Secondary | 32% |
| College/University | 45% |

My children were educated through (choose all that apply): *

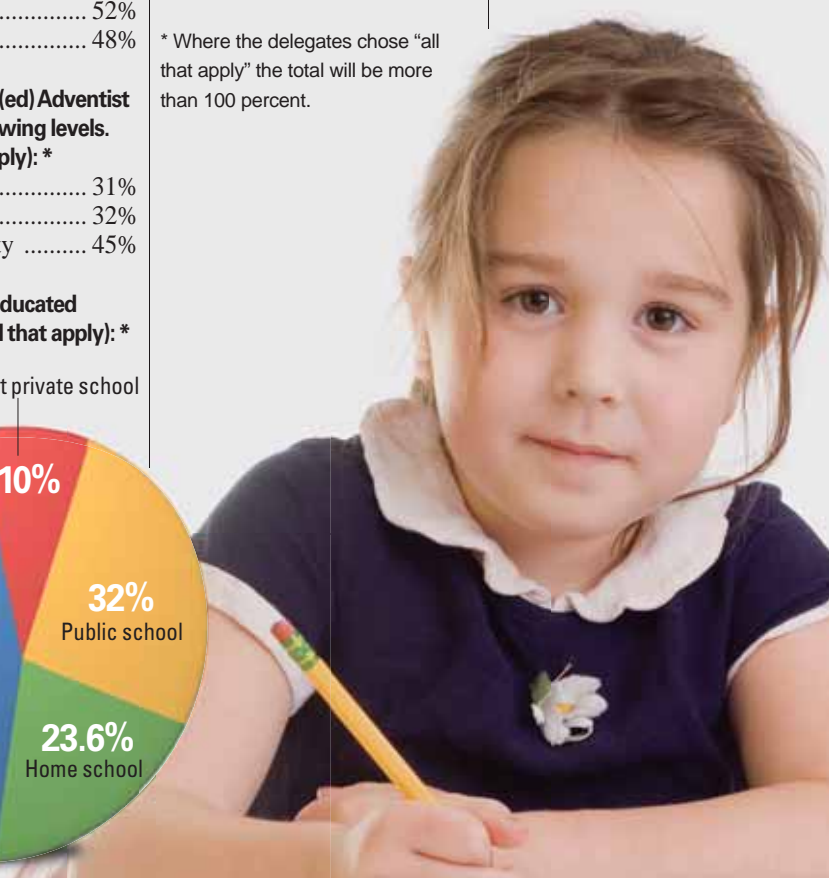


My family receives helpful, instructive support through the following UCC ministries (choose all that apply): *

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| 1. Adventist school | 19.2% |
| 2. Sabbath school | 48.2% |
| 3. Local Adventist worship service | 59.6% |
| 4. Vacation Bible School | 16.6% |
| 5. Youth camp | 13.2% |
| 6. Pastoral counseling ... | 20.4% |
| 7. Pathfinder or Adventurer clubs | 16% |
| 8. Adventist Community Services (ACS) | 9.6% |
| 9. None of the above | 6.4% |

* Where the delegates chose “all that apply” the total will be more than 100 percent.

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communications assistant



Upper Columbia Academy Hosts Band Clinic

Northwest Students Participate



Academy students join in to make beautiful music

More than 80 junior academy-age students attended a two-day band clinic at Upper Columbia Academy in February. The clinic is held every two years.

The first rehearsal was at noon on Thursday, but as Friday began so did the most intense section of the clinic. Brandon Beck, Walla Walla University music professor, came to direct the clinic band. Instrumental master classes for students were offered and taught by music professors from Eastern Washington University and members of the Spokane Symphony. Visiting music teachers attended a how-to session with Beck and

Dean Kravig, UCA's band director, on how to better teach beginning students.

At Friday night vespers, UCA's elite instrument ensembles played several numbers, but most of the music was provided by WWU's Brass Choir.

At the Saturday night concert the students showed family and friends what they learned. "The progress students made from Thursday afternoon to Saturday night was very rewarding as they were playing with improved balance and blend," says Kravig.

With the UCA students joining the junior academies the band had a full-sounding

ensemble of more than 140 young musicians who rehearsed a total of nine hours in preparation for the final concert. In the middle of the concert, Choraliers, UCA's elite choir, performed. This was a new feature for the clinic, a way of balancing the concert so both the vocal and instrumental aspects of the music department were allowed to shine. The concert, and the clinic, culminated with a final number performed by the clinic band. •

Danielle Shull, UCA junior

Youth In Action

At Inchelium Church

The Inchelium Church youth have been studying and working hard so they can take a lead in the superintendent activities. They have also been conducting the adult class study, dividing up the responsibilities from opening song, prayer, scripture and mission story, all following a weekly theme. These young people are scheduled along with the adult superintendents

and teachers. Members of the adult class have greatly appreciated the youthful enthusiasm and perspective. This responsibility also helps prepare the young leaders to make an effective impact when they participate in other mission and evangelistic opportunities. •

Joyce Depner, Inchelium Church communication leader



Youth participate in superintendent activities.

Robert Carriello

First Baptismal Ceremony *Held in New Office*

The Washington Conference office auditorium was at standing-room capacity at the conclusion of an evangelistic reaping series where a portable baptistry was set up. The early March ceremony represented the first baptism held in the new administrative office, and capstoned a trimester of focused evangelism: personal Bible studies, small-group ministry, and radio evangelism (with at least one baptism attributed to Hispanic radio ministry in the greater Seattle area).

With a conference-wide ministry challenge for churches to have at least one baptism a month, the conference's portable baptistry is in high



Twenty baptismal candidates listen and respond as Samuel Pagán, Federal Way Hispanic pastor, reads the baptismal commitment vows.

demand. The same night of the Federal Way Hispanic Church baptisms, another Spanish church plant in Burien also held a baptismal ceremony.

"It's a good problem to have," says Bruce Koch,

ministerial director, "when we need to purchase a second portable baptistry."

Whatever language is spoken at a baptismal ceremony, the commitment, tears and smiles are universally understood.

Twenty people were baptized, and three joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church by profession of faith. Six more people—from children to adults—decided at the program's conclusion to study for baptism.

"We see baptisms so often," says Samuel Pagán, Federal Way Hispanic pastor, "that we forget this public event is also a very personal experience. As a pastor, my goal is to make a personal connection with these individuals as they make their spiritual commitment to God." •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director

A Godly Gamble *Ordained to Gospel Ministry*

Matthew Gamble knows about transformed lives—because that's his story. He grew up in a loving Catholic home, but as his father Bill Gamble says, "Matthew had to discover life his own way." At the age of 14, Gamble became an atheist. By 19, the Rastafarian religion lured him to Jamaica where he began smuggling marijuana into

Florida. One day, in Florida, he met a Seventh-day Adventist pastor who gave him a

Bible. Gamble began reading God's Word, exploring the teachings of Jesus Christ, and watching the grace of God transform his life from the inside out. He enrolled at Andrews University and eventually studied pastoral ministry.

Washington Conference hired

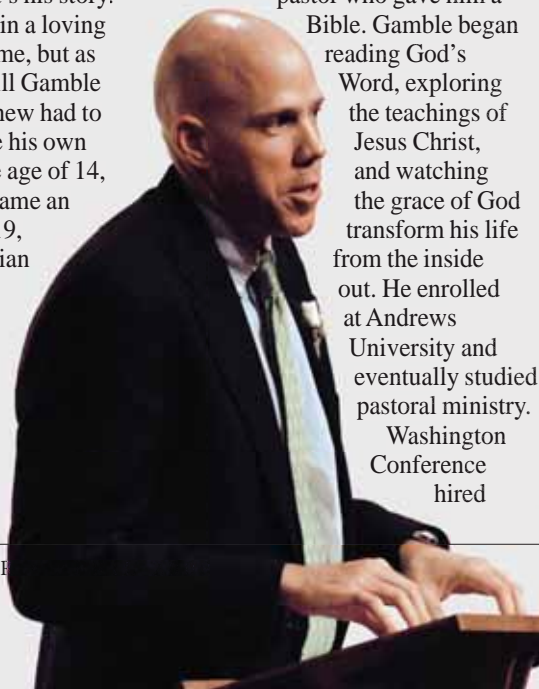
him to serve as associate pastor at Auburn City Church, Anchorpointe Company, and then 24/Seven Ministry Center. Gamble recently added pastoral ministry of the Eastside Adventist Fellowship to his 24/Seven responsibilities.

Gamble's ministry is characterized by his passion in telling people about Jesus and seeing their lives change as they become acquainted with Him. Gamble was ordained into the gospel ministry in early February. This is the most recent milestone in his life, yet this milestone is far from where he began. His ordination, held in Bellevue, featured

colleagues, family—including his wife, Susan—and friends who challenged him to connect to God and others, to empower members, to surrender the past, and to care for people.

"My only desire is to understand Christ and Him crucified and to understand how God came to save me from a screwed-up life," Gamble says in response. "It still baffles me." •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president for administration, with Heidi Martella



Puget Sound Adventist Academy Celebrates 10-Year Milestone

Puget Sound Adventist Academy can no longer claim to be the “new” day academy in Washington.

“Just ten short years ago, our 1998 class was officially recognized as the first graduating class of PSAA,” said Mackenzie (Fridlund) Santana in her welcoming remarks at PSAA’s alumni Sabbath in late February. “Who

knew ten years could go so fast?”

PSAA reached a milestone this year when the first graduating class of 1998 returned to celebrate their ten-year Alumni Sabbath. Five- and ten-year classes recounted their favorite mission and class trips and reconnected with friends.

In 1996, after two years of meetings and planning

sessions, a grassroots parent’s group brought together 21 churches in the greater Seattle area to form the constituency for the new day academy. PSAA began operations in 1996 with eleventh- and twelfth-grades added the following year. With Washington Conference approval and support, the creation of PSAA paved the way for development of other day academies in following years.

Sandy Beddoe, a member of the Vision and Growth Committee, shared plans during alumni weekend for revitalizing the school facility through either a new state-of-the-art “green” campus, or through renovating and remodeling the current buildings. A committee is exploring the best options for maximizing funds.

A large crowd of alumni, friends and parents turned out



Danielle Henry, '03, shares her vocal talents with the congregation for alumni Sabbath at PSAA.

for rousing games of basketball in the evening. Ten years’ worth of alumni men played against each other and the alumni women played against the current varsity ladies team. •

Kathy Fridlund, PSAA GLEANER correspondent



Friends reconnect at PSAA’s alumni Sabbath. From left: Leif Andersen '99, Kevin Colburn '98, Nathan Washington '99, Colt Easley '00, Dane Andersen '01.

Practically Perfect Puyallup Hosts Marriage Seminar

The Puyallup Church recently hosted a marriage seminar with Nancy Van Pelt, popular family life educator.

“The most rewarding part of my work,” Van Pelt says, “is being able to see a couple all the way through from courtship to marriage to being parents.”

Van Pelt began presenting marriage and family life classes in Calgary in 1971. Since then, she’s conducted more than 3,000 seminars and authored 30

books. She has been featured on *Focus on the Family* with James Dobson and on Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

“The key to a happy marriage,” Van Pelt says, “is education. Every year couples should do something to educate themselves regarding their marriage.”

The Highly Effective Marriage Seminar has five sequential lecture segments and includes interactive

assignments with warmth and humor liberally accompanied to every presentation. The weekend seminar concludes with each couple renewing their wedding vows. Not only does Van Pelt draw from years of research, but also years of being a wife and a mother.

“This was the most productive and yet fun marriage seminar we’ve ever been to,” says one couple who attended the

Puyallup presentations; another comments, “It was so practical.”

According to Kieth Noll, Puyallup Church pastor, the reason for presenting practical life presentations is to provide a way to reach out to the community and make an impact. •

Theresa L. Tacconelli, Puyallup Church communication leader

Strike Up the Band Auburn Hosts Conference Clinic

Play the music and miss a few notes, or miss the music and play all of the notes.” This was one of several music and life principles shared at this spring’s Washington Conference Band Clinic.

From trombone, trumpet, and tuba players, to flutists, clarinet players, and percussionists, more than 135 young musicians were eager to strike up the band.

Hosted by Auburn Adventist Academy, students from conference schools joined together with AAA’s Wind Ensemble for an intensive weekend of music.

“Band Clinic is so valuable because it helps schools come together and work toward a common goal,” says Wes Bradford, AAA band teacher, director and host of the clinic. “After spending two full days of intensive practice, the students not only improved on their instruments, but

developed the skills of focus required to reach their goals.”

In a two-day period, students participated in 13 hours of concentrated sectional practices as well as full band rehearsals in preparation for three sacred concert performances.

“It was fun because I got to meet new people,” says Cambria Mensink, a junior from Lake Tapps, Wash. “I also got to know my instrument better by being able to play music all day long.”

The joint band performed for vespers and the church service at the AAA Church in addition to a packed Sabbath afternoon concert.

Music teachers Tim Cromwell (Northwest Christian School), Karyelle Nielson (Skagit Adventist School), and Doug Spencer (Puget Sound Adventist Academy) were instrumental in helping things run smoothly by assisting with



Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Conference vice president for education, commends parents for encouraging their children’s musical pursuits and students for their long hours of practice.

sectional practices and all three performances.

“Students from small schools were able to experience what choirs and bands sound like when more students participate,” Nielson says.

Washington Conference music clinics alternate focuses each year. The next one, a chorale clinic for seventh- and

eighth-grades, is scheduled for Feb. 26–28, 2009, under the direction of John Neumann, AAA vocal music director.

“It’s a neat experience to perform with a large ensemble,” says Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Conference vice president for education, “and that’s why we provide music clinics for our students. They get to socialize with other schools, improve their musical abilities, perform



In addition to group practices, instrument groups had sectional rehearsals.

for proud parents and have a good time.”

With friendships established and skills sharpened, the young people enjoyed the opportunity to harmonize together for the glory of God. •

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent



After intensive practicing, 135 band musicians performed three concerts during the Band Clinic with Wes Bradford, AAA band teacher and director.

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New IT Associate Brings Added Support to Local Conferences

The North Pacific Union Conference welcomes Daniel Cates, who joins the Information Technology Department as an associate director. He brings an impressive record of IT and networking experience to this position.

Cates has been working with computer networks since 1994, when he began working as a junior network administrator for Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa. He helped turn the school's one-room computer lab

into a campus-wide computer network with multiple servers.

Most recently, Cates was employed with the General Conference as an IT specialist. During his tenure he traveled to five continents providing technical training for an accounting software package used by church administration. "I went everywhere except Antarctica and Australia," comments Cates.

Cates has a bachelor's degree in computer systems

administration from Southwestern Adventist University, as well as graduate studies in software engineering. He and his wife, Danielie, have been married since October.

Local conferences within the NPUC are sharing a portion of the cost for this new position as they seek to respond more efficiently to the growing demands of technology. •

CJ Anderson, NPUC communication intern



First Quarter 2008

Executive Committee Report

Every quarter the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee, composed of nearly 50 individuals, meets to review policies and reports and make decisions necessary to keep the mission of the Northwest church on target between constituency sessions. The GLEANER plans to provide an accountability report each time. The following items are from the most recent meeting held Feb. 27 at the NPUC headquarters in Ridgefield, Wash.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed and approved the summary 2007 financial report, noting several positive indicators, including an increase in working capital funds. The goal is to gradually increase the operating working capital to the 100 percent level.

2008 BUDGET: Reviewed and approved a balanced

union-wide budget for 2008 of approximately \$16 million—with nearly half of that earmarked as education funding for local conferences, academies, Walla Walla University and other Northwest schools.

ASSOCIATION: Reviewed and approved the association items including revolving fund loans for churches and schools, which totaled nearly \$35 million in 2007, and actions of the trust department, which

aids members with estate planning and management.

NORMAN KLAM: In light of continuing medical issues arising from Klam's stroke sustained approximately a year ago, the executive committee voted to relieve him from his responsibilities as treasurer and place him on a limited period of administrative leave as he applies for medical disability benefits. If the process continues as expected, the NPUC will retain Klam on payroll with a

work incentive appropriation to ease the transition until retirement and continue his retirement contributions, medical coverage and basic life insurance as outlined by NAD policy. The NPUC has begun a search process to fill the treasurer position. The committee voted a formal expression of appreciation for Klam's years of service in this role in the Northwest. His work for the NPUC and the church at large will be highlighted in a future GLEANER.

ORDINATIONS: Approved the following names for ordination to ministry: Thomas Lemon and Brian Yeager (Idaho Conference), and Ron Hart, Allan Nielson and Samuel Tahay (Oregon Conference). •



The GLEANER will report Executive Committee actions each quarter.

Reported by Steve Vistaunet, assistant to the president for communication

Digging Up the Past

WWU's Archaeology Lab is Full of History

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In the basement of Bowers Hall, one of the oldest buildings at Walla Walla University, is a large room full of broken pottery. All of it dates to eras before Christ.

Every other summer, the Madaba Plains Project, sponsored by La Sierra University, organizes an archaeological dig at a place called Tall al-'Umayri, near Amman, Jordan. WWU, in collaboration with the project, sends students to the dig site.

Most excavated items are sent back to WWU's archaeology lab. There, students can attempt to match centuries-old shards of pottery together. Using colored chalk, they mark, on the *inside* of the pottery, how they think the pieces go together.

When they've figured it out, students use Elmer's glue to attach the pieces. Why Elmer's



Monique Vincent

Arthur Ketcham, 2007 computer science graduate, attempts to piece together broken pottery unearthed in Jordan.

and not some specialized bonding substance? Elmer's glue is sturdy enough to hold the pottery shards together, but dissolves easily just in case it turns out the pieces don't quite match.

Matching shards isn't all students do. WWU graduate

Matthew Vincent, an archaeology minor, spent hours in the lab working on his senior project: translating a tablet from Acadian, an ancient dead language.

In 2004, WWU students helped to uncover a shrine to unknown gods in Jordan. In 2006, they uncovered an altar in front of the shrine. Experts are still unsure what the building is, though there is speculation it may have been a palace. Objects found during these digs are on display at an art museum in California.

Students pursuing a minor in archaeology at WWU are required to participate in at least one dig. The digging season in Jordan lasts throughout July.

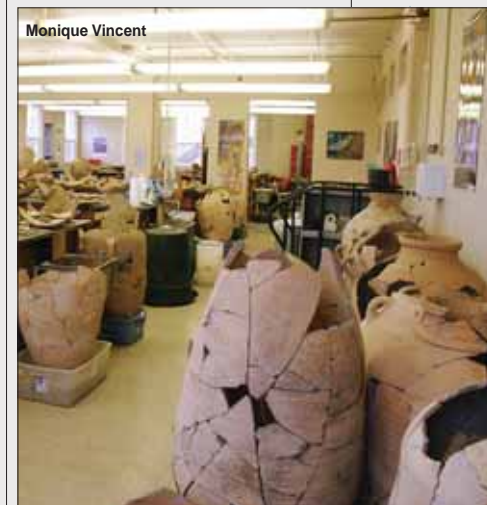
While on a dig, students and faculty alike are awake by 4:15 every morning. They eat a quick breakfast, board the bus at 5 a.m., and are at the dig site by 5:30 a.m. At 9 a.m., diggers enjoy a quick second breakfast, and continue their work at the site until 12:30 mid-day, when field work is closed down and all participants return to camp for the hottest part of the day.

Afternoons include lunch, quiet time, and lab work, involving artifact recording and other record-keeping. If the students are getting credit for their time in Jordan, they attend an evening lecture before wrapping up the day at 9 p.m.

Sabbaths provide respite. Sometimes students attend the Adventist church in Jordan, other times they take weekend tours with professors as their guides.

Lindsey Hill, junior archaeology minor, works as the archaeology lab manager at WWU. On a dig, Hill was always impressed with the professors' knowledge and skill. By simply examining the rim of a jar or flakes of leftover paint, they can identify the era in which an artifact was made.

"This program is so great," says Hill. "It opens your eyes



Monique Vincent

Almost everything found on the digs comes back to WWU's archaeology lab for examination and reconstruction.

to what ancient civilizations were like, and brings the Bible to life."

Once the artifacts are in the lab, anyone, even the public, is welcome to try their hand at matching pieces together. Lab hours and contact information are posted at www.wallawalla.edu/archaeology.

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent

Janelle Worthington, 2004 history graduate (front), and Tatiana Wyand, 2004 psychology graduate, piece together two of the pithos recovered near Amman, Jordan.



Douglas Clark

Walla Walla General Hospital *Adds Place of Peace and Beauty*

Step into the Medical Pavilion, the newest building on Walla Walla General Hospital's campus, and you'll immediately feel the difference. From the private changing areas and bathrooms, to the natural light and soothing sounds which permeate the space—every aspect of the new facility demonstrates WWGH's commitment to the health, comfort and peace of mind for each patient. It's a whole new way to experience health care, and it is the only facility of its kind in the Walla Walla Valley.

"Water, light, touch and beauty are all important factors in promoting a sense of physical and psychological well-being," says Lee Hughes, one of two physicians who currently sees patients in the Medical Pavilion. "The design of this building promotes the health of patients by tying into nature's healing environment."

A Healing Touch

The Medical Pavilion is home to a majority of WWGH's women's services,

seamlessly blending state-of-the-art diagnostic services and innovative procedures with the peacefulness of a spa.

The building houses the latest in women's diagnostic technology, including a new digital mammography unit. This system takes clearer, more accurate images so patients get results sooner and are less likely to need a second, follow-up test. Breast and obstetric ultrasounds also are available.

In addition, WWGH's team of experienced obstetricians/gynecologists treats each patient with privacy and respect as they craft the best health care plan for each stage of the patient's life. Massage therapy and incontinence therapy are also offered in the pavilion.

Comfort and Convenience

Research shows that natural light and the sound of flowing water promote health and relax frayed nerves, so the facility was created with lots of windows and a giant fountain. Privacy, comfort and



Check out the WWGH Medical Pavilion at www.wwgh.org.

convenience are also factors in creating the environment patients need, so the exam and procedure rooms are fitted with private, curtained changing areas; many have private bathrooms attached.

The Medical Pavilion is designed so patients can park near the front door. A single reception area services the entire building. And a colorful children's waiting area helps keep little ones entertained.

In addition to the doctors and diagnostic services, the pavilion offers a variety of support services, including breast health specialists, free pregnancy testing, an

educational program for new mothers and more.

Grand Opening

A grand opening for WWGH's Medical Pavilion will be held Thursday, April 24, from 4–6 p.m. The community is invited to attend the ribbon cutting and open house. There will be tours, refreshments and live music.

For more information or to inquire about the grand opening, please call (509) 527-8302 or visit www.wwgh.org.

Kristi Spurgeon, GLEANER correspondent



The Medical Pavilion pictured here while still under construction.

FYI

INSIDE SCOOP

Richard Hart Named President of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center

Richard Hart, Loma Linda University Chancellor and CEO, has been named president and chief executive officer of LLU's Adventist Health Sciences Center. He will replace B. Lyn Behrens, who retired in March. Hart has served LLU since 1972 in various academic appointments in the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. These include serving the Center for Health Promotion as director, and the School of Public Health as dean. Hart received his medical and master of public health degrees from LLU, and completed his internal medicine residency at LLU's Medical Center. He also holds a doctor of public health degree from Johns Hopkins University.



Adventist Development and Relief Agency Receives Third Four-Star Ranking

For the third straight year, ADRA has earned the coveted four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest independent evaluator of charities in the United States. ADRA is among 9 percent of 5,000 charitable organizations evaluated by Charity Navigator who have received at least three consecutive four-star ratings. Charity Navigator's zero-to-four ranking system measures a charity's financial health in two areas: how responsibly it carries out daily operations and how well positioned it is to sustain those operations. For more information, see www.adra.org or www.charitynavigator.org.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Take the Risk

In his recently released fourth book, Ben Carson challenges readers to look at risk-taking in a new light. Chief of pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions, Carson faces risks each time he enters the operating room. In *Take the Risk*, he shares his "best/worst analysis" for considering the risks you face in life. In addition, the book covers the "risk" of faith and how Carson's consistent adherence to his faith has benefited his academic and professional life.

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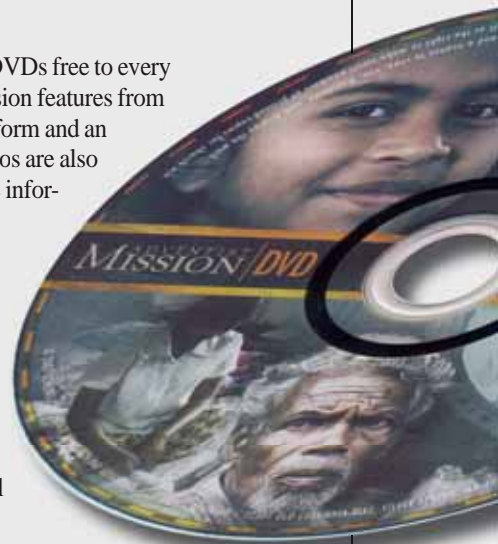
Adventist Mission is providing quarterly mission DVDs free to every church in North America. Each DVD contains mission features from around the world, which includes a brief highlight form and an extended feature. Children's stories and music videos are also included. Visit www.adventistmission.org for more information or to request a copy.

Adventist Satellite

Former SkyAngel customers are being offered a complete system upgrade from Adventist Satellite. The service includes the following broadcasters: Hope Channel, 3ABN English and Latino, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, Esperanza TV, Life Talk Radio, 3ABN Radio and Radio 74. For more information, visit www.adventistsatellite.org or call (866) 552-6882.

The Advent Movement

Jon Corder is the new Oregon Conference vice president for finance. He comes from a similar position in the Upper Columbia Conference. **Steven Rogers** is now a Bible worker in the Spokane, Wash. area. Rogers previously worked 17 years for the Kelso-Longview, (Wash.) Church as a Bible worker. **Larry Marsh** was recently hired as the Upper Columbia Conference vice president for education. He will begin in May and comes from the Potomac Conference, serving there as superintendent for education. **Peter Trzinski**, pastor of the Wapato (Wash.) All Nations Church, has accepted the call to pastor the Othello, Quincy and Ephrata (Wash.) district. **Lauina Vagana** has recently resigned his position as the pastor of the Tacoma (Wash.) Samoan Church in order to return to Samoa, at the end of February. **Tom Lighthall** is retiring April 1 as pastor of the Salmon, Idaho, and Wood River Valley (Hailey, Idaho) churches.



NPUC PRESIDENT RE-ENTERS TREATMENT FOR LYMPHOMA

Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, began treatment in Portland, Ore., on Monday, March 3, for a recurrence of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, which he successfully battled during 2006. The current medical prognosis anticipates a less aggressive treatment program and time frame than in 2006. Patzer hopes to complete treatment by early summer. For the latest updates, go to www.npuc.org or the GLEANER Web site, www.gleaneronline.org.

Anderson 90th

Marguerite Anderson celebrated her 90th birthday July 29, 2007. The event was hosted by her children in the Auburn City (Wash.) Church.

Marguerite Lee was born July 23, 1917, in Seattle and grew up in western Washington. She attended Union College and served as a teacher and literature evangelist. She also operated a children's home in Juneau, Alaska, and adopted a son, David, while still single.

In 1943 she married Arnold Anderson, and the two were married for 62 years until his death in 2005. They worked for Boeing for 40 years. Besides teaching school in Alaska and Nebraska, Marguerite was the assistant publishing secretary for the Nebraska Conference and a secretary in the Washington Conference education and youth departments. Marguerite remains active.

The Anderson family includes Karen and Doug Weismiller

of Orting, Wash.; Thomas and Christina Anderson of Issaquah, Wash.; Daniel and Wendy Anderson of Fairbanks, Alaska; David Anderson (deceased); 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Arnold 50th

Floyd Odell and Vicki Arnold celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 17 at a gathering of family and friends in Milton-Freewater, Ore. Floyd O. Arnold married Vicki Vickers in 1957 while both were employed in Pendleton, Ore. After living in California, they relocated to the Pacific Northwest where Floyd pastored and Vicki worked as an R.N.



Shirley and Chuck Byram

The Arnold family includes Renee and Dan Tomczek of Chehalis, Wash.; Aaron Arnold of Otis Orchards, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Byram 60th

Chuck and Shirley Byram celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2007, with a reception at the Silverton, (Ore.) Church.

Charles Byram and Shirley Perkins were married June 14, 1947, in Portland, Ore. Shirley retired from the Silverton Hospital and Charles retired from finish carpentry. Both are active members of the Silverton Church, which Chuck helped build.



Ray and Maxine Kablanow

The Byram family includes Linda and Dieter Pelter of Salem, Ore.; Nancy and Tom Gladden of Annaconda, Mont.; Jenelle Byram of St. Helens, Ore.; Sheryl and Rich Ascherl of Crooked River Ranch, Ore.; Tom and Malyne Byram of Salem.; 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Kablanow 60th

Ray and Maxine Kablanow celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 15–18, 2007, at a resort overlooking Lake Pend Oreille near Sandpoint, Idaho. They attend the Hayden Lake Church.

Ray Kablanow married Maxine Peak June 1, 1947, in Loma Linda, Calif. Maxine was a Loma Linda Hospital admitting nurse, and a nursing graduate from Madison College. She worked at several medical offices during her career. Ray was a student at La Sierra College and then in the Walla Walla College School of Engineering. This set the direction of his vocation, which led to programming for the manufacturing of the aviation and space industries' hardware and a part in the work on the engine that guided the first astronauts to the moon.

The Kablanow family

includes Judy and Glen Ruminson of Gresham, Ore.; Ray II and Vivien Kablanow of Modesto, Calif.; Wayne and Jeanine Kablanow of Hayden Lake, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mace 50th

Max and Lucy Mace, founders of the Heritage Singers, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, in Placerville, Calif. Their children hosted the celebration.

Max Mace and Lucille Hatley were married in Walla Walla, Wash., on Jan. 5, 1958. In 1971 they founded the Heritage Singers out of Portland, Ore. They are grateful for their 50 years together as husband and wife and for their family's continued dedication to sharing Jesus through music. The two enjoy spending time with grandchildren.

The Mace family includes Greg and Adriane Mace; Val and Art Mapa; and 3 grandchildren.

Peaslee 50th

Art and Wanda Peaslee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8, 2008 in Miles City, Mont.

Art E. Peaslee and Wanda J. South were married Feb. 8, 1958, in Miles City, Mont. Arthur spent his life as a heavy equipment operator and a self-employed truck driver.

The Peaslee family includes Dean Roberts of Delaplaine, Ark.; Arthur Jr., Jack and Raymond Peaslee, all of Miles City; Denise Bond of Glasgow, Mont.; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Schultz 95th

Hazel Schultz, born Jan. 12, 1913, in Saskatchewan, Canada, celebrated her 95th birthday

GUIDELINES

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at a dinner party with church family in Ellensburg, Wash. The family settled in Bellingham, Wash., with their two children. Adventist neighbors studied the Bible with them. They attended the first camp meeting in the Washington Conference in 1925.

Hazel and her brother attended church school. However, she quit school after the eighth grade to be a nanny. When she was in her twenties she went to Auburn Adventist Academy where she met Herbert Schultz and married him on May 16, 1941. During the early 1960s, Hazel ran the Walla Walla General Hospital's kitchen. When she left, the administration hired three women to replace her.

Hazel and Herb spent many years working in the nursing and retire home administration. In 1990, they retired and Herb died six months later. The Schultz family includes Douglas and Sandra (Rifenbark) Schultz of Glendale, Calif.; Gary and Alice (Vinegard) Schultz of Palm Springs, Calif.; Cheryl and Barry Pegel of Bellingham,

Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Thompson 50th

Wayne and Barbara Thompson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 30, 2007, with a reception hosted by their children at the Granger (Wash.) Church.

Wayne Thompson graduated from Walla Walla University and served in the U.S. Army prior to his marriage to Barbara Frazier, on Jan. 26, 1958, in Granger. They have resided in Granger since their marriage, where they farmed and operated a family concrete and gravel business.

The Thompson family includes four daughters: Susan Materi of Lake Stevens, Wash.; Jan and Rod Shearer of Brush Prairie, Wash.; Kirs and Marty Johnston of St. Paul, Minn.; Peggy and David Rapp of San Diego, Calif.; and 6 grandchildren.

Thinking Ahead

Here are suggested topics for news stories GLEANER editors are seeking for the next two issues. We will fit as many stories as possible in the print edition and publish more at www.gleaneronline.org. Stories should be no longer than 300 words and will be edited as needed for design needs.

JUNE—Women in the Church

SUBMISSION DEADLINE—April 24

How have the women of your church been active in areas of ministry and outreach to the community? Is there a unique story about one particular woman in your church that inspires you?

JULY—Adventist Schools

SUBMISSION DEADLINE—May 22

How has Adventist education flourished in your community? What activity, teacher or project is making a special impact in your area?

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Family B I R T H S

ALVAREZ—Olivia Joy was born Feb. 4, 2008, to Hector and Julie M. (Hill) Alvarez Jr., Tillamook, Ore.

BIRMINGHAM—Stephen James was born Oct. 25, 2007, to Matthew and Cindy (Donaldson) Birmingham, Clackamas, Ore.

CRAWFORD—Caleb Daniel was born Jan. 9, 2008, to Josh and Andrea (Klinger) Crawford, Vancouver, Wash.

DAVID—Cooper William Skodt was born Dec. 15, 2007, to Blaine and Heather (Lapworth) David, Portland, Ore.

HUALA—Brooklyn Amanda was born Nov. 28, 2007, to Rob and Carla (Stephens) Huala, Tualatin, Ore.

MATTHEWS—Samantha L. was born Jan. 16, 2008, to Jeff and Juue (Basaraba) Matthews, Spokane, Wash.

NUSSBAUM—Aideu A. was born Jan. 24, 2008, to Wade and Sarah (Wood) Nussbaum, Eagle Point, Ore.

OLFERT—Aaron Joseph was born Jan. 7, 2008, to Robert and Minjung (Kim) Olfert, Renton, Wash.

PALMER—Aiden MacLean was born Dec. 21, 2007, to Douglas M. and Marcé (Hinshaw) Palmer, Gresham, Ore.

PALMER—Blake MacLean was born Dec. 21, 2007, to Douglas M. and Marcé (Hinshaw) Palmer, Gresham, Ore.

PIERCE—Serena R. was born Dec. 31, 2007, to Travis and Tiffany (Lingenfilter) Pierce, Bedford, N.H.

QUADE—Micaiah Caleb was born Jan. 23, 2008, to John and Lisa (Panasuk) Quade, Kettle Falls, Wash.

ROBINS—Lauren Diane was born May 8, 2007, to Kevin and Susan (Jackel) Robins, Vancouver, Wash.

ROSAASEN—Ethan M. was born Aug. 22, 2007, to Matthew and Rashel (Ensminger) Rosaasen, College Place, Wash.

TOURVILLE—Eden Noelle was born Feb. 7, 2008, to Brandon and Heather (Hall) Tourville, Portland, Ore.

VON POHLE—Zebulon Reid was born Nov. 22, 2007, to Ross and Erinn (Lodahl) Von Pohle, Bend, Ore.

Family
WEDDINGS

GUTIERREZ-SHIPOWICK—Adriana Gutierrez and Justin Shipowick were married Aug. 12, 2007, in Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in Orting, Wash. Adriana is the daughter of Jose and Emma (Ortiz) Gutierrez. Justin is the son of Stephen and Florence (Evans) Shipowick.

HOLM-NAGELE—Brenda Holm and Todd Nagele were married Dec. 30, 2007, in Colton, Ore. They are making their home in Sherwood, Ore. Brenda is the daughter of Ray and Lynette (Christensen) Holm. Todd is the son of Chuck and Janet (Harris) Nagele.

HOSEY-JACKSON—Melissa Hosey and Greg Jackson were married Dec. 16, 2007, in Anacortes, Wash. They are making their home in Ridgefield, Wash. Melissa is the daughter of Boyde and Laurie Hosey. Greg is the son of Robert and Paulette (Daniels) Jackson.

OJANEN-COCKERHAM—Carrie Ojanen and Andrew Cockerham were married Dec. 30, 2007, in Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Rockville, Md. Carrie is the daughter of Dave and Rudi Ojanen. Andrew is the son of Mark and Ann Cockerham.

SHURLIFF-SCHULTZ—Katie Shurtliff and Ryan Schultz were married July 7, 2007, in Boise, Idaho, where they are making their home. Katie is the daughter of Allen and Susan Shurtliff. Ryan is the son of Ed and Cindy (Kromrei) Schultz.

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ANDERSON—Robert W., 91; born Sept. 21, 1915, Columbus, Kan.; died Jan. 20, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Norma Seely, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sons, Dennis, Granada Hills, Calif.; Dale, Rapid City, S.D.; David, Watsonville, Calif.; step-sons, Robert Seely, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Mike Seely, Phuket, Thailand; John Seely, Milton-Freewater; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

BEECH—Genevieve, 96; born Aug. 4, 1909, Crawford County, Wis.; died May 5, 2006, Morgan Hill, Calif. Surviving: daughter, Betty Banner, Gilroy, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

FISCHER—Florence Gossett, 82; born July 10, 1925, Azusa, Calif.; died May 2, 2007, Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary Gossett, Burlington, Wash.; and stepsons, Donald Fischer and Mike Fischer, both of Spokane, Wash.

FRANZ—Velva "Irene" (Sprouse), 94; born March 30, 1913, Ellendale, N.D.; died Aug. 11, 2007, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: husband, Bennie; sons, Kenneth, Berrien Springs, Mich.; James and Tim, both of Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Lois Smith, Moses Lake; JoAnn Hall, Yakima, Wash.; sister, Ruby Kelaher, San Jose, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

GRAMS—W. Jean (Williams), 86; born April 15, 1921, Spokane, Wash.; died Jan. 11, 2008, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: husband, Adolph, Walla Walla, Wash.; son, David, Appleton, Minn.; daughter, Cindy Tutsch, Beltsville, Md.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HELMS—Joshua D., 25, born Aug. 15, 1981, Gaston, Ore.; died June 4, 2007, Netarts, Ore. Surviving: son, Jacob, Netarts; daughter, Victoria, Netarts; parents, Carl and Sharon Helms,

Longview, Wash.; grandfather, Don Wisbey, Washougal, Wash.; brothers, Jason, Vancouver, Wash.; Justin, Heflin, La.; and sister, Jessica Helms, Longview.

HENRY—Teryl L. (Poyner), 62; born Feb. 1, 1945, Sacramento, Calif.; died Jan. 3, 2008, Troy, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Cheri Nelson, Troy; mother, Naomi (Palmer) Poyner, Molalla, Ore.; brothers, John Poyner, Loganville, Ga.; Walter Poyner, Castle Rock, Wash.; sisters, Diane Roberts, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Rosemary Paresa, Puyallup, Wash.; Crystal Fierling, Molalla; and 3 grandchildren.

HOGLUND—Clark J., 83; born April 29, 1924, Northport, Wash.; died Sept. 21, 2007, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Virginia (Budd); daughters, Rita Drew, Rebecca Cook, Ruth Hogle-Hartman, Renata Gruber, Sandi Hogle and Desiree Hogle, all of Spokane; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

HOGLUND—Virginia L. (Budd), 83; born Oct. 10, 1924, Remer, Minn.; died Dec. 12, 2007, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Rita Drew, Rebecca Cook, Ruth Hogle-Hartman, Renata Gruber, Sandi Hogle and Desiree Hogle, all of Spokane; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Edith M. (Bell), 79; born Aug. 5, 1928, Perry County, Tenn.; died Jan. 11, 2008, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Gary, Los Banos, Calif.; Jimmy, Salem; daughters, Marla Pike, Billings, Mont.; Cynthia Denny, Roseburg, Ore.; brother, Browdy Bell, Linden, Tenn.; sisters, Lillian Bell, of Tennessee; and June Bell, of Florida.

KELCHNER—Danica (Todorovich), 94; born Jan. 25, 1913, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Dec. 24, 2007, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Elizabeth Gerety,

Damascus, Ore.; Bonnie-Jean Hannah, Orlando, Fla.; Carol Barney, Martinsburg, W.Va.; brothers, Bud Todorovich, Boring, Ore.; John Todorovich, Moor Park, Calif.; 4 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

LONG—Lloyd, 71; born Sept. 17, 1936, Glasgow, Mont.; died Jan. 29, 2008, Bullhead City, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Dee (Rounds); son, Steve, Portland, Ore.; daughter, LoriDee Malott, Nevada City, Calif.; mother, Lorene (Byrd) Long, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brothers, Vernon, Salt Lake City, Utah; Milo, Portland; sister, Beverly Stevens, Coeur d'Alene; and 4 grandchildren.

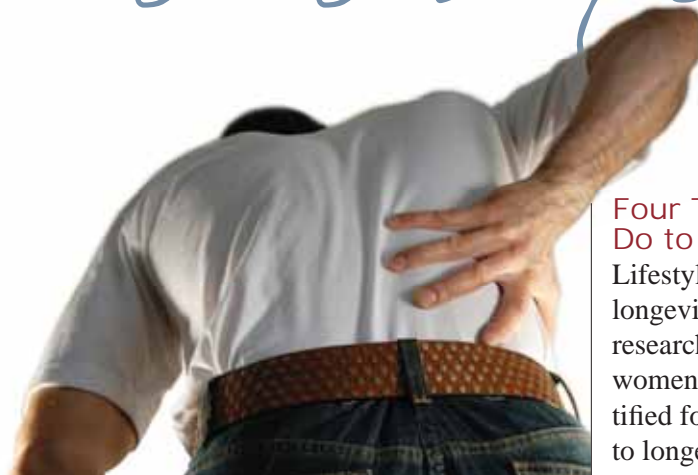
MACKINTOSH—Kenneth R. Jr., 77; born July 10, 1930, Takoma Park, Md.; died Oct. 7, 2007, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Mitchelene "Mickie" (Garrett), Ridgefield, Wash.; sons, Frederick C., Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Kenneth R. III, Brush Prairie, Wash.; brother, Frederick J., Laramie, Wyo.; and 2 grandchildren.

NELSON—Jesse Coleman, 87; born Dec. 11, 1919, Donna, Texas; died July 12, 2007, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evelyn; sons, Glenn E., Grants Pass; Rodney T., Maui, Hawaii; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

OGG—Mary Jane (Franck) Rittel, 85; born June 2, 1922, Missouri River and White Earth Creek, N.D.; died Dec. 11, 2007, Naches, Wash. Surviving: sons, David, Enumclaw, Wash.; Richard, Bruneau, Idaho; daughters, Linda Moore, Arlington, Wash.; Mary K. Frey and Kim Clark, both of Naches; Sherry Lawson, Friday Harbor, Wash.; sister, Leona Wheelock, Ross, N.D.; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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OWENS—Vada Louise (Aubrey), 83; born May 29, 1924, Granite City, Ill.; died Jan. 28, 2008, Brooks, Ore. Surviving: son, Kenneth, Poulsbo, Wash.; daughters, Vada Yvonne Olson, Brooks; Sherry Hart, Warrenton, Ore.; Candia Owens-Inloes, Baker City, Ore.; brother, Leslie Aubrey, Silverton, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

PRYOR—Henry K., 86; born March 9, 1921, Spokane, Wash.; March 13, 2007, Spokane. Surviving: wife, Alice (Zundel), Espanola, Wash.; son, K. Ralph, Airway Heights, Wash.; Herbert L., Espanola; daughter, Janet L. Pryor, Espanola; brothers, Mervin, Sacramento, Calif.; Ralph C., San Carlos, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

ROE—Anna Elnor (Shaner), 84; born May 25, 1923, Lander, Wyo.; died Dec. 10, 2007, Old Meadows, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Douglas, McCall, Idaho; Keith, Summit, Miss.; daughter, Roberta Lemon, Ocala, Fla.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

SEVERANCE—Margaret E. (Anliker), 80; born May 8, 1927, Gobel, Ore.; died Jan. 14, 2008, Kingman, Ariz. Surviving: husband, Norman, Chloride, Ariz.; son, Ed, Edgewood, N.M.; daughters, Jean Wruck, Chloride, Ariz.; Kathy Marson, Spokane Valley, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

SHIPTON—Michael, 56; born Nov. 15, 1951, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 15, 2007, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Carole (Michaud) Cavar Hall; stepson, Jesse Cavar, Salem; stepdaughters, Cassandra Cavar and Caithlyn Cavar, both of Salem; brothers, Tim Shipton and Bill Shipton, both of Pendleton, Ore.; Steve Shipton, Panama City, Fla.; and sister, Karen Kidder, Salem.

SHULTZ—Muriel L. (Skeers) Lane, 104; born Oct. 24, 1903, Mankato, Kan.; died Jan. 27, 2008, Salem, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Pauline (Lane) Symmes, LeSeuer, Minn.; sister, Dorothy Skeers, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

SLABACH—Russell, 86; born Sept. 13, 1921, Bucyrus, Ohio; died Jan. 22, 2008, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: wife, Betty J. (Foster); sons, Kenny, Grangeville, Idaho; Gary Slabach, Missoula; sister, Betty Gaskel, Bakersfield, Calif.; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

THOMPSON—Robert T., 85; born March 26, 1922, Curtis, Neb.; died Jan. 3, 2008, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Elsie J. (Gross); son, Rudy, Princeton, Ore.; daughters, Tenny Garner, Twin Falls; Sandee Fuller, Carlsbad, Calif.; Roberta Blankenship, Troutdale, Ore.; Christine Ludwig, Battle Ground, Wash.; Coralee Thompson, Tucson, Ariz.; Rose Thompson-Tilley, Twin Falls;

13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

TURNER—Elsie L. (Bailey) Fitzgerald Sperling, 91; born July 25, 1916, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 17, 2007, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: son, Ronald Fitzgerald, Clovis, Calif.; stepson, R. Edward Turner, Annapolis, Md.; daughter, Janice (Fitzgerald) Peet, Redmond, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild.

ULDRIKSON—Dorothy M., 84; born April 8, 1923, Andrew Chapel, Va.; died June 28, 2007, Kingman, Ariz. Surviving: son, Barry J., Kingman.

WALL—Amy R. (Palmer), 97; born March 30, 1910, Bozeman, Mont.; died Jan. 8, 2008, Havre, Mont. Surviving: sons, Stanley and Leo, both of Kremlin, Mont.; daughter, Mary Demaris, Prineville, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WERNER—Della I. (Howard), 84; born March 11, 1922, Carrollton, Mo.; died Dec. 27, 2007, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: son, Michael D., Ephrata, Wash.; daughter, DeJuan A. Page, Trout Creek, Mont.; brothers, Sam Howard, Havana, Fla.; sisters, Virginia Gray, Pendleton, Ore.; Joy G. McKenzie, LaJunta, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

ZUNDEL—Donald D., 71; born Jan. 14, 1936, Valley, Wash.; died Nov. 21, 2007, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Vickie (Loss); son, Michael McDonald, Everett, Wash.; daughters, Tina Downey, College Place; Marella Rudebaugh, Vancouver, Wash.; Janna Loss, Kirkland, Wash.; sisters, Alice Pryor, Espanola, Wash.; Evelyn Ames, Battle Ground, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

April 5—Local Church Budget; **April 12**—World Budget: Christian Record Services*; **April 19**—Local Church Budget; **April 26**—Local Conference Advance; **May 3**—Local Church Budget; **May 10**—World Budget: Disaster & Famine Relief**

*For the Christian Record Services offering on April 12, churches received a packet in early March which contained a sermon that fit into the theme of blindness, a children's story, cards with Braille on them and the Braille alphabet, a DVD and bulletin inserts, and bookmarks that have a verse on them by Helen Keller. Please be sure they are distributed appropriately on or before April 12 so they may raise your congregation's awareness about CRS.

**Materials also available at www.adra.org.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Stewardship+

April 5—Missionary Magazines (*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*)*; **April 12**—Stewardship Sabbath; **April 19**—Literature Evangelism Sabbath*; **April 26**—Education Sabbath*

+Curriculum resource materials are published in NAD church resource journals—*Sabbath School Leadership, Celebración, Célébration, Kids' Ministry Ideas, and Cornerstone Youth Resource Journal*.

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April 6, 8, 25—PRISM concerts. A unique performance featuring soloists and ensembles. April 6, (9 p.m.), April 8, (11 a.m.), and April 25, (8 p.m.). All programs take place in the University Church. **April 24–27**—Homecoming 2008 at WWU. For information on weekend events, visit alumni.wallawalla.edu, or call (800) 377-2586. **April 27**—Alumni Homecoming Car Show 10 a.m., Rogers Field (on 4th Street across from University Church). To enter

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your car, call (800) 377-2586. **April 20**—North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge. An opportunity for kids ages 6-16 to have fun engineering with LEGOS. For more information, call (509) 527-2446 or e-mail marlene.baerg@wallawalla.edu. The event will take place in the Winter Education Complex Alumni Gym.

OREGON Trombone Festival

April 5—The Advent Trombone Choir will host the annual Trombone Festival at Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, on Sabbath at 6 p.m. This vespers program will feature sacred compositions and hymn arrangements. Admission is free. For more information, call (503) 252-8080.

Grants Pass Church Events

April 7–May 2—“Truth for Today, Hope for Tomorrow” evangelistic series will be held at the Grants Pass Church. Steve King will be speaking at 6:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday nights. These Bible prophesy meetings are part of a joint effort with *ShareHIM*, (formally known as Global Evangelism) to use lay workers to spread the gospel in local communities. **April 19–20**—Disaster Response seminar and training, 1:30 p.m. on the 19th and at 9 a.m. on the 20th.

Milo Academy Days

April 13–14—All who are interested in attending Milo Academy are invited to come. For reservations, information or transportation, call (541) 825-3200 ext. 3317 or click on “Current Info” at www.miloacademy.org for more details.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries

April 19—Hike at Falls Creek Falls Trails (Stevenson/Carson, Wash.) at 12:30 p.m. after church service. We will carpool from Beaverton Church. Bring hiking shoes, camera, and a picnic lunch. The hike will be 2 miles. For information, contact: Tom Terry at (503) 684-7971, tom.te@verizon.net, Charlotte at (503) 579-9549,

or connect to www.beavertonads.com then go to the Singles Page. Maps will be made available at the Beaverton Church.

Live Better Seminar

April 26–27—at the Castle Rock (Wash.) Church presented by Jim and Neva Brackett. Learn about reversing heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, and weight control. Times: 11 a.m. service on Sabbath; 2 p.m. lecture following potluck; Sunday, 1 p.m. lecture; 2 p.m. meal with lecture and recipes. Neva has authored health cookbooks. If you register and pay by April 17, you will receive a discount. Contact Jeanne Norris (360) 274-6709 or Ruth Davis (360) 274-7814 for questions, directions and registration.

SAGE Calendar

April 27—Play in Vancouver, Wash., “Everybody Love Opal.” **May 29–June 2**—Sun River Retreat. **Aug. 4–6**—Bus Trip to Leavenworth, Wash. For more information, contact Wynn at (503) 343-9548.

International Children’s Care 30th Anniversary

May 3–4—Sabbath worship service dedicated to ICC at the Meadow Glade Church 11 a.m. service. Then, on Sunday, another ICC celebration from 4–6 p.m. featuring: Las Palmas Children’s Orchestra; a look at 30 years; ICC children who are adults today; and a special surprise. Both programs will be at the church, 11001 N.E. 189th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604. For questions, call ICC at (360) 573-0429 or (800) ICC-PRAY.

HOPE in the Park

June 15–22—Men and women are needed for a mission trip to Madras, Ore. Opportunities for service include: community projects, children’s program, food preparation, visitations, “how-to” mini seminar presenters, booth providers, logistics, sound, sponsors and more. Please register by April 30. Visit www.orgcwomen.netadventist.org or dial Diane Pestes at (503) 850-3575. Sponsored by Oregon Conference Women’s Ministries.

Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus

Nov. 22—The Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus Festival concerts, customarily held in the spring, will be held on Nov. 22 at the Vancouver Church in Vancouver, Wash. Please visit www.OAMC.org for details and updates.

Missing Members

Albany Church is looking for missing members: Floyd Bolden, Bruce Brown, Deirdra Brown, Arleta Colvert, Tony Fisher, Barbara Johns, Stella Martinez, Penny McCallum, Rosalio Mendez, Mike Toh, and James (Dan) VanZandt. If you have any information, please call the Albany Church clerk at (541) 928-8914.

UPPER COLUMBIA Upper Columbia Academy Day

April 9—All students grades 7 and up are invited to attend UCA’s Academy Day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Come see what UCA is about, tour the campus and meet with staff and students. For more information, contact Scott North at (509) 245-3680 or snorth@ucca.org.

SAGE Events

April 17–21—Leavenworth (Wash.) Church Project including work bee and Sabbath services. **May 7**—Pataha Flour Mill trip (bus departs College Place at 9 a.m.) **May 26–28**—Spring MiVoden work bee.

Coeur d’Alene Prepares for 100th Anniversary

July 11–12—In preparation of the 100th anniversary of the Coeur d’Alene Church, we are looking for addresses of former members. Please contact the church office at CDASDA.org or call (208) 664-5473 to share names and addresses.

WASHINGTON Enumclaw Church School Reunion

April 12—Reunion for the years of 1946–1950 at the Enumclaw Church Home Coming. Potluck, followed by a time of fellowship. Please bring pictures and memories. For more information, contact Shirley “Starr” Ringering at (509) 787-5026.

SAGE Calendar

April 20–25—Work bee at Sunset Lake Camp. Renovations on several cabins, general clean-up and repairs. Meals provided. Stay in a cabin or bring your RV. **April 28–May 15**—Seven Churches of Revelation Tour & Greek Islands Cruise. **May 6**—Concert at Benaroya Hall in Seattle featuring classical guitarist Christopher Parkening. **June 9–18**—Help build the walls of first century Bethlehem at Auburn Academy Church. Meals and dorm lodging provided or bring your RV. **June 21–14**—Anniversary supper at Auburn camp meeting. There are 300 free tickets. Call, write or pick up your tickets at camp meeting at the information booth. Call (253) 681-6008, on the Web www.washingtonconference.org, 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way South, Federal Way, WA 98001.

Religious Liberty Speaker

April 26—Lincoln Steed, *Liberty Magazine* editor, will speak at the 11 a.m. service at the Forest Park Church and then again after potluck on Sabbath. The church is located at 4132 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203.

WORLD CHURCH Annual German Meeting

May 3—Attention: All German Adventists are invited to attend the 2008 Annual Seventh-day Adventist German Meeting at Camp Hope, 61855 Louheed Highway, Hope, British Columbia, on Sabbath, May 3, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the Youth Hill. Bring your German Bible; musical instruments; special music for blessings in worship; and delicious German food for the potluck. For camping and room reservations, call (604)-869-2615. For more information, contact Reiner Kupperts at (604)-826-0300, e-mail rkupperts@telus.net; or Anita Bookter at (425)-222-5411.

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June 12–15—Join us for a reunion for the class of 1958 and earlier alumni at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958. For further information, contact the GLAA Alumni office at (989) 427-5181 or visit www.GLAA.net.

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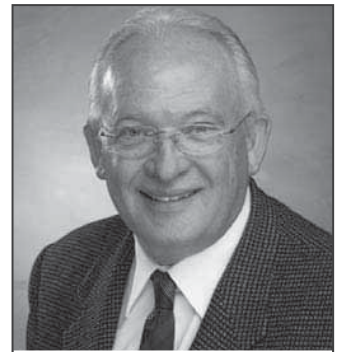
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| Fairbanks | 8:55 | 9:17 | 9:40 | 10:03 |
| Juneau | 7:47 | 8:03 | 8:19 | 8:35 |
| Ketchikan | 7:31 | 7:45 | 7:59 | 8:13 |
| IDAHO CONFERENCE | | | | |
| Boise | 8:16 | 8:24 | 8:33 | 8:41 |
| La Grande | 7:25 | 7:34 | 7:43 | 7:52 |
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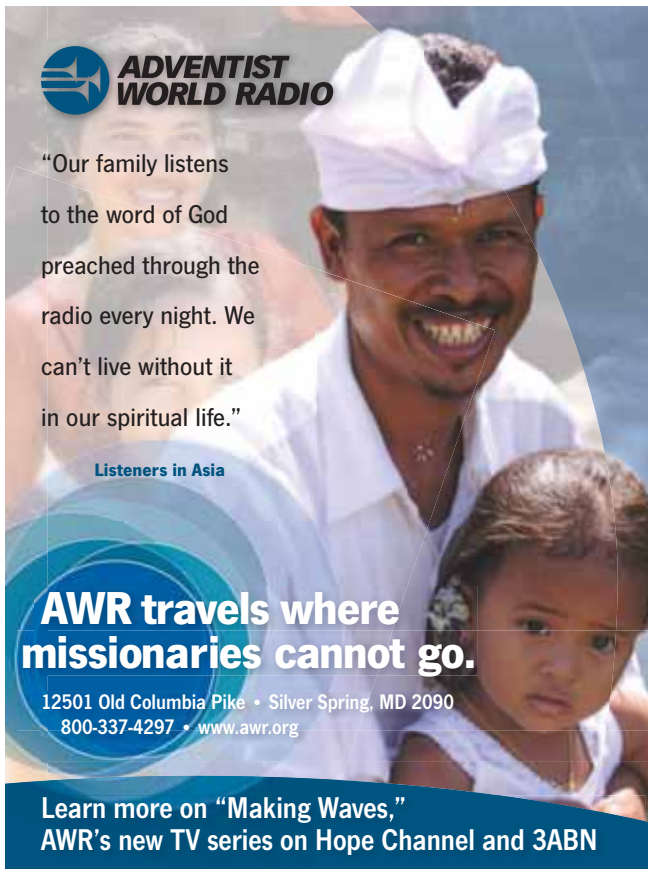
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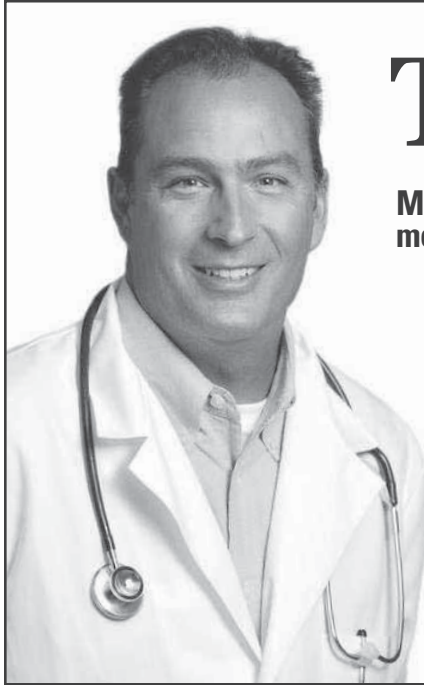
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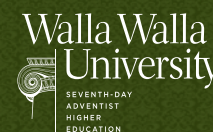
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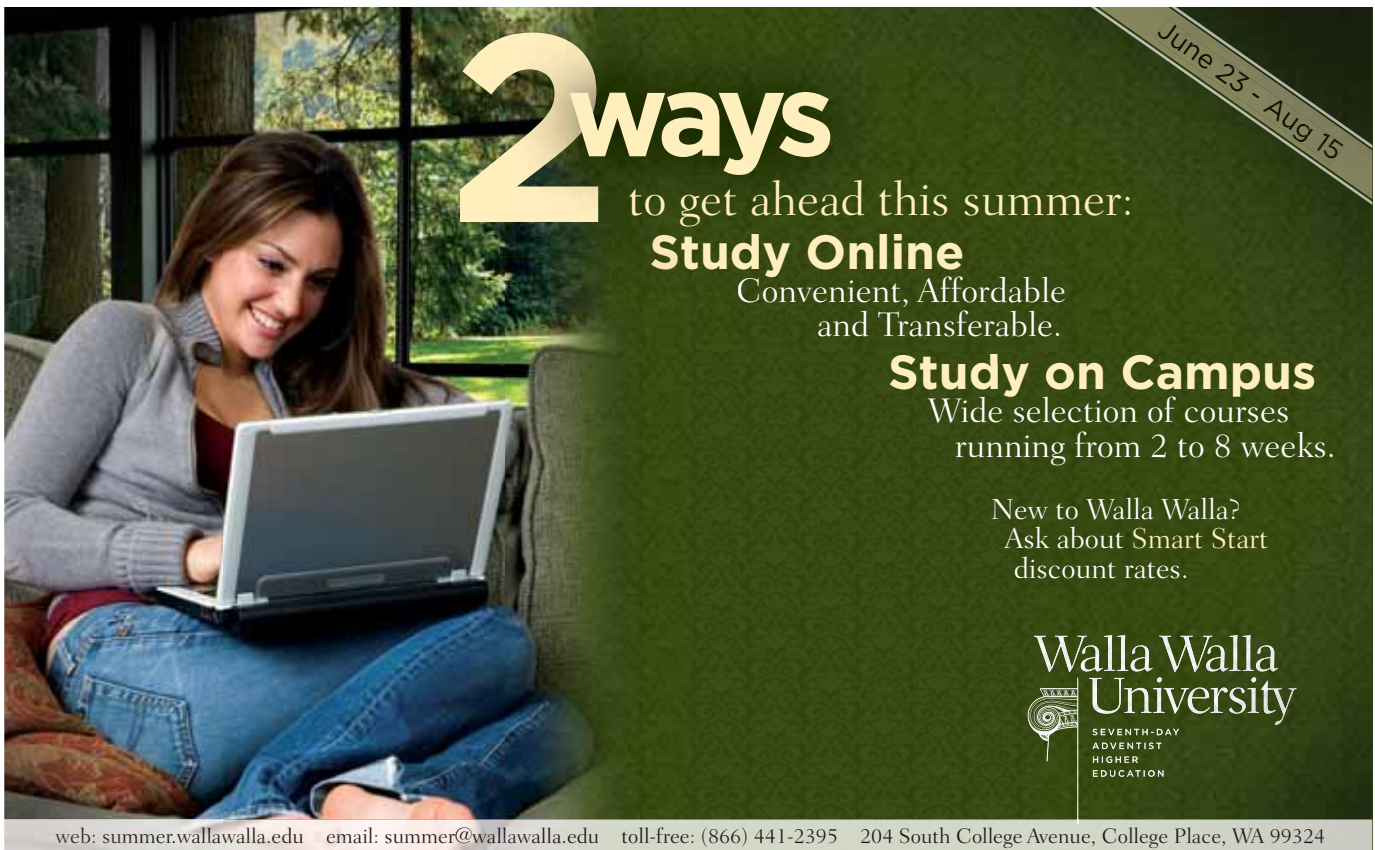


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Cultured or Curdled?



I suppose you could chalk it up to collegiate shenanigans. Three boys in a room, barely past the teen years, with an inordinate amount of time on their hands, don't always add up to maturity.

members can curdle. They become sluggish and sour, pickle-faced porcupines full of nettles and barbs that erect a wall around themselves and their church. Jesus doesn't use the word "curdle," but He comes close when He admonishes the Laodecians that they have become lukewarm—in danger of curdling—and He is tempted to spew them out of His mouth.

One of our threesome got up early each morning for work. Considerate to a fault, our companion would prepare and eat his cereal there in the dark, predawn hours so we would not be disturbed. But we were. The incessant crunching and smacking, and spoon noises, and... well, you get the picture. What to do?

Our plan was simple—place a quart of milk in my car until it began to curdle, then slip it into our dorm fridge to cool off for our roommate.

Early the next morning we lay with heightened anticipation in the dark as his fingers, unaware of impending doom, closed around the waiting carton in the fridge. We heard granola clattering into a bowl, the carton opening and a sound of something pouring. A spoon rattled, and then... pay dirt—a sort of strangled swallow, halfway between a gasp and a gargle.

I'm happy to report the curdled concoction did no lasting damage to our roommate who survived with an unreasonable (and very immature, I might add) compulsion to get even—which he did, many times.

Curdled milk—who wants it? Awful, nasty stuff happens when it sits too long in a warm spot. My dictionary defines it as: "to go bad or sour, to spoil," which tells me people can curdle, too. Church

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How much better is the adjective "cultured"—something grown with care, whether it be yogurt, penicillin or people. It inevitably defines who we are and what we become. Ellen White's profound insight that by beholding we become changed has no greater promise or danger than here. By beholding we can be changed by the world, or by the Word. What we behold is up to us.

As we behold the testimony of Commission Culture in this GLEANER's feature, there is hope for us all. If God can change a stony heart into one that is warm and vital with energy, if He can bring Lazarus forth from the tomb, if He can create a new heaven and a new earth, if He can change the water into wine, He can certainly transform curdled milk into something sweet and pure; something cultured and commissioned to draw others to Him.



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