

A photograph of three women in a garden. One woman is wearing a green shirt and a straw hat, another is wearing a white shirt, and the third is wearing a pink sweater and a floral skirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The garden is filled with various flowers, including yellow daffodils and purple flowers.

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Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in You my soul takes refuge.
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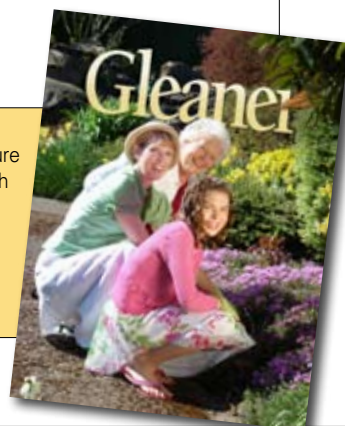
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Fast Food Gardens

BILLIONS UNDERSERVED

In my childhood, the drive-through was still a mystery, and the Golden Arches hadn't yet wrapped their arms around every neighborhood. "Grandmother's Pies" and "Mother's Bakery" really meant your grandmother and your mother were in the kitchen up to their necks in flour dough, and most families tended gardens. Your garden began when the Gurney's seed catalog arrived in the mailbox.

At the end of each winter, my father tilled our 5-acre hill into a proverbial smorgasbord. Then at the first sign of spring, my brother and I watched tiny sprouts poke their heads up above rich dirt. In mid-summer my parents began taking the project plant by plant into the kitchen and we'd eat sun-ripened tomatoes until the juice ran down our chins and suck berry juice straight from the bushes.

Nearly a month ago my children and I were driving down the Columbia Gorge. They wanted McQuick pies. So we stopped

and exchanged pocket change for six hot pies. Not more than 10 minutes later, I looked back. Shockingly, the pies lay among sappy happy bags, barely nibbled. I reflected: Nothing in mother's garden ever went to waste. It seems my boys have yet to understand pies are *grown*.

In the microwave age, (where even our lawns are rolled out) our fast-food society seems only to have given us *more calories* with *less* in them. Our "four-minute marriage mentality," has given us bigger but emptier homes. Our "prime-time-parenting" has entrenched our children with vast action figures yet left them strangers to Bible characters. While institutions drop knowledge faster and faster—our schools fail at greater speeds. At best, Americans are running on empty, over-drawn and over-spent, but more *rapidly*. But how can we blame a generation that was fundamentally taught everything could be supersized for only 20 cents?

Perhaps what we need in this country is less drive-throughs and just a few more gardens. Maybe we need fewer factories named "grandma," "aunt," and "mother" and some *real-life aunts* and *grandmas* in our kitchens. Maybe we need *slower* cars, *slower* foods and *slower* religions. Maybe we need less *silk-hand products* and more *proudly earned calluses*, more *teenagers tending gardens* instead of more *time tending teenagers*.

If fathers and mothers cultivated gardens together would they cultivate better marriages? If families sat on garden swings each night counting *real stars* instead of *television stars*, how would this look? If neighbors shared common gardens, would there be more community? What if we had fewer Happy Meals and more truly HAPPIER meals?

Perhaps we have bought into the plastic-fork-drive-through myth—that everything comes fast, cheap and easy. We need to embrace the golden-spoon-garden realism that our grandmothers and anyone tending even one plant knew—*real pies* take hard work.

I believe God placed Adam and Eve in the garden instead of a drive-through for a plethora of reasons, but mostly to remind us: ministries are not ordered—they are tended.

In our plastic-fork world, we're tempted to want drive-through results even in ministry, baptizing and reaping at side-order speed. Yet ministries, the grass-roots of church growth, take planning and pruning.

I think Jesus was talking about women's ministries when He said, "All wish to sit at the table [drive-through] but few want to go into the field [garden]."

And so I've decided, the next pie my boys eat is the one they bake!

This GLEANER highlights Northwest women out tending "gardens" with their sleeves rolled up. Join our garden club; pick up your trowel... •

Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor, writes from Ridgefield, Washington, where she word-whacks and prunes articles like these.

I am excited to be hosting a GLEANER blog.

Check it out at www.Cindy'sGLEANERgarden.com



Did You Know?

Whether an Adventist school is big or small, its students achieve at above average levels.

It doesn't matter how many students there are, or the number of grades per teacher—or even how many grades are in one classroom together. Children in Adventist schools achieve at the same high level—an average of half a grade above predicted in all subjects.

This is according to *CognitiveGenesis* (www.cognitivegenesis.org), a 4-year study conducted at La Sierra University of 30,000 students, grades 3–9 and 11, enrolled in Adventist schools across North America. This rigorous research is validating what parents, teachers, and students involved in Adventist education have known for years—overall, Adventist school students perform better than the national average.



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Welcome to the GARDEN

PICK UP A TROWEL *By Sue Patzer*

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

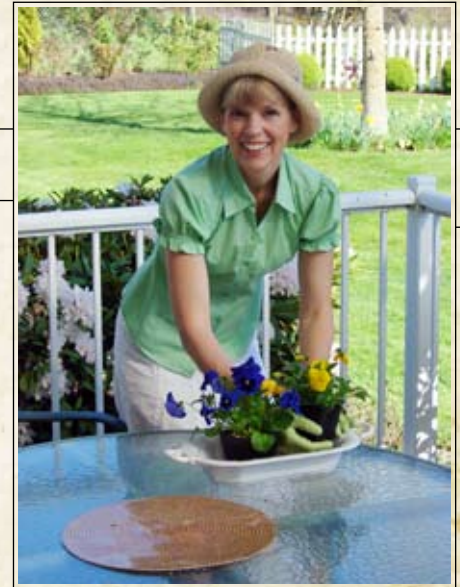
—Galatians 6:9,19 NIV

When Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor, suggested a garden theme for this feature I was hesitant. Although I am faithful at cutting my lawn, fertilizing, weeding and spreading bark (and can even set mole traps); I lack a green thumb—on either hand. When I realized even zucchinis would not grow under my care I quit gardening. Most things that come to me green are dead in a few short days. So, you can understand my hesitation.

Over time I got used to the idea and warmed to the thought as I reminisced the most Eden-like garden I’ve seen. Jere and I were in the Netherlands in the spring of 2007 and spent the better part of a day at the Keukenhof



CLUB



Gardens, touted as the world's largest, most beautiful garden. We commented numerous times how beautiful Heaven must be. Now when I daydream about Heaven, I look forward to knowing how to garden.

Attending three North Pacific Union Conference retreats the past few weekends left me with a lingering desire to savor this right now. Each event was a bit like Heaven's garden. The atmosphere of pure joy, emanating from hundreds of women together for praise, worship, inspiration and outreach gave me the same refreshed and recharged feeling. As I picture those in attendance I see similarities to my favorite garden: diversity in sizes and shapes, color and hue, fragrance and talents. Individually each has her own beauty—but together they make an incredibly awesome scene.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

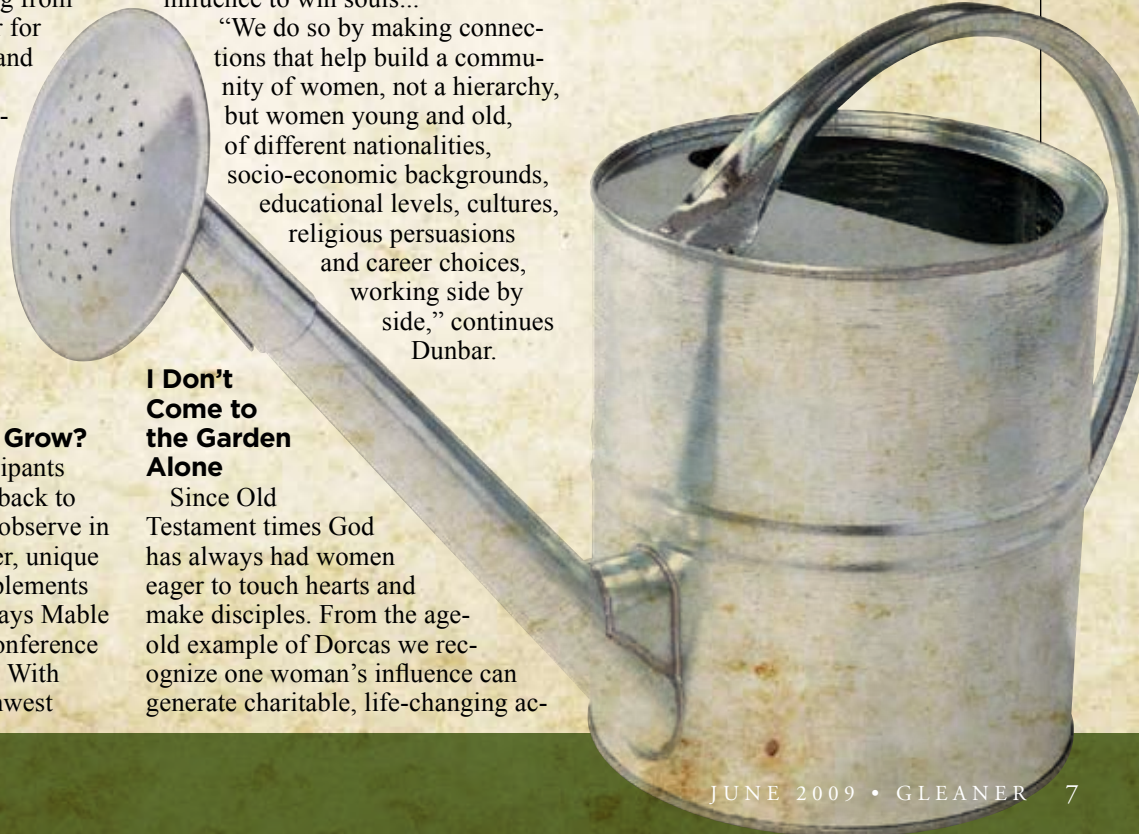
Women's ministries participants believe God is calling them back to the garden experience. "We observe in wonderment how each flower, unique in beauty and purpose, complements and completes the garden" says Mable Dunbar, Upper Columbia Conference women's ministries director. With similar goals in all the Northwest

conferences, the Upper Columbia women's ministries team is focusing on four areas: evangelism, leadership training, outreach ministries and abuse prevention. Dunbar says, "Flowers can be likened to people. Just as Adam and Eve were given the responsibility to tend the garden, so we are given the great privilege to tend the 'flowers' created in the image of God. We do this by serving and exercising our influence to win souls..."

"We do so by making connections that help build a community of women, not a hierarchy, but women young and old, of different nationalities, socio-economic backgrounds, educational levels, cultures, religious persuasions and career choices, working side by side," continues Dunbar.

I Don't Come to the Garden Alone

Since Old Testament times God has always had women eager to touch hearts and make disciples. From the age-old example of Dorcas we recognize one woman's influence can generate charitable, life-changing ac-





tions the world over. “Get more women visioning together, and you can’t measure the effect,” says Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference women’s ministries administrative assistant. “Women’s Ministries has adopted the North American Division motto: A Ministry for Every Woman...Touch a Heart, Tell the World,” Pestes continues. “Women are encouraged to develop their skills and nurture each other through a variety of venues offered by the conference including retreats, training seminars, local and foreign mission projects, trips,

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THE KNITWITS

Meet the Knitwits, an Alaskan Adventist women’s group which meets once a week to knit bags out of wool that are then washed in very hot water so they shrink. In bright trendy colors the popular bags are easy to make. Club members fill the completed bags with things teen girls like and distribute them to the “forgotten ones”—teens in foster care. To become a knitwit, contact Elke Coon at omalleysda@alaska.net.



regional women’s meetings, support groups and Prayer Quests...”

Sprouts, Shoots, Seedlings

As plants produce new shoots, so women’s involvement in evangelism overseas excites them to come home and do the same. “It’s a joy when you see the seed that God led you to plant and helped you to nurture, grow to harvest and they then plant their own seeds,” says Wilma Bing, Washington Conference women’s ministries director.

One Northwest woman recently completing her first series of evangelistic meetings comments, “I came back with a Holy boldness I did not have before

preaching overseas. Now I am willing, able and eager to witness back home in a new way.” One of the new shoots from overseas evangelism will be an eight-night seminar to be presented by women, based on *Christ’s Object Lessons*. The program will be piloted next October in North Pacific Union Conference churches.

When women unite creativity and effort, the sum is much greater than their individual parts. “Women’s ministries empowers women into ministry they may have never done without it,” says Bev Schultz, who was impressed when the Oregon Conference women’s ministries department came to her home town Madras for the event Hope in the Park. “I believe ministry to the community does as much good for those who are ministering as to those being ministered to,” continues Schultz.

At Alaska’s recent weekend retreat, activities included community outreach to homeless shelters. One participant shares she planned to skip the outreach until encouraged by friends and is so thankful she went and didn’t miss the blessings of giving. She is already looking forward to her next outreach.

Leaving a Biblical Footprint

Diana Flores reports the women’s ministries team representing Spanish churches in Tri-Cities, Washington, chose the theme Re-ignite the Fire for

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PATTY’S HEALING CENTER

Patty’s Healing Center provides safety, support, Christian counseling, holistic healing and hope for women and their children who suffer from domestic violence and sexual abuse. It is a beautiful four-bedroom home utilized by the Women’s Healing Empowerment Network and the Upper Columbia Conference women’s ministries department to empower victims. The home is made possible through the generosity of a Baptist pastor and his wife partnering with this ministry. Patty accepts clients this June. For more information, contact Mable Dunbar at mabled@uccsda.org.



their Valentine's Day evangelistic celebration. Kennewick and Pasco Spanish churches invited non-Adventist neighbors to the banquet. One event attendee has already committed to Jesus through baptism while the others are attending church. The team invested significant time and energy for the event but the rewards are showing.

Although she was acquainted with Adventism it was not until she attended the annual women's retreat at Camp MiVoden that Kimberly James made the decision to be baptized. Women from the Irrigon (Oregon) Church invited her to attend. While there, James announced her decision to be baptized. She and her husband are now baptized members.

Root Support

Women's ministries would not be what it is without the support of conference administration. The Montana Conference sponsored 15 non-Adventist women to attend their retreat this year. They were to be women who would not otherwise be able to

attend. "We had so much fun inviting our non-Adventist friends!" says Linda Glatts, Montana's former women's

Upon sharing her story with the church at baptism, a young man requested to be baptized as well. He said to Tina: "I want that experience that you have."



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CORLEEN JOHNSON

The GLEANER honors Corleen Johnson for outstanding contributions to Women's Ministries in North America. Corleen retired this year after 14 years of dedicated leadership to women everywhere. While serving as Oregon Conference women's ministries director, Corleen worked tirelessly providing quality programming, leading in evangelism, coordinating outreach and by offering training for women. Corleen will be missed.

ministries director. Tina, a sponsored lady, had been attending church for about three years yet still had reservations and had not made a commitment. When she attended the retreat something clicked and she begged to be baptized the next weekend.

Responses like these have spurred the Butte (Montana) Church to sponsor retreat attendees. The church board says it transforms the people who go and they are valuable workers who "belong" when they come home.

Growing Out of the Pot

Sometimes women resonate they are comfortable and want to stay in the greenhouse. However, just as plants outgrow pots and transplanting becomes necessary, so getting outside to foreign soil nourishes one's soul.

"Going back to the garden helps us continue learning valuable lessons," says Dunbar. "And as we tend the 'flowers' we see they will grow in their own time." •

Sue Patzer, NPUC women's ministries director, writes from Ridgefield, Washington, with a little help from Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor.



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CONTRASTS IN SEATTLE

Top of the Space Needle: Dinner features signature dishes atop SkyCity with caramelized onions and blue cheese tart appetizers served alongside herbal green salads. Try a side of Braeburn apples with Oregon Rogue Creamery blue cheeses. Follow this with an herb-marinated entrée.

Bottom of the Space Needle: Homeless people are fortunate to have a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich wrapped in a brown bag.

Lunch is served to hundreds of the approximately 6,000 homeless. Additions to lunch include underwear or socks. Carolyn Brown, of the Maranatha Adventist Church Community Services in Seattle, Washington, coordinates monthly outreach relief efforts to Seattle's homeless. For more information or to help, call (206) 722-5478 or 722-2743.



WORLD NEWS



NEW YORK

ADRA Presents Seminar At UN Commission

A series of mini documentaries sponsored by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency were featured at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March 2009. The stories are used as a way to inform communities about gender violence. Many ADRA projects around the world provide women with opportunities to become self-sufficient. For more information on the digital storytelling project, visit www.adra.org.

Source: Adventist News Network

GHANA

West Central Africa Presents Stewardship Summit

Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders and laypeople in West Central Africa learned principles for holistic stewardship during the region's first stewardship summit in April 2009. The event focused on stewardship as a lifestyle and gratitude to God rather than a financial obligation. Nearly 230 people attended the five-day summit.

Source: Adventist News Network

UGANDA

Student Riot Closes Adventist School

Administrators closed the Seventh-day Adventist-run Katikamu Secondary School in Uganda in March 2009, after students rioted, destroying property and looting. The riots began on March 22, after rumors the Uganda National Examinations Board shut down the school's examinations because administrators failed to comply with national standards. The UNEB cleared the school after a new head teacher was appointed and it reopened on March 29. The school serves more than 2,000 students.

Source: Adventist News Network



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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Hundreds Baptized in Evangelistic Series

Members of the North Pacific Union, in cooperation with local churches, presented a series of evangelistic meetings during late March in the Dominican Republic. Among the group were 27 women, leading meetings at 13 of the 30 sites in and around La Romana. The combined efforts of local and international missionaries resulted in more than 800 baptisms.

Source: NPUC



SOMOLIA

Pirates Attack Food Aid Ships

During April 2009, two ships carrying donated food for distribution in Africa were attacked by pirates. Both attacks came near the coast of Somalia, and in each case the ships managed to escape attackers and reach their intended destination. The food aid from the ships is being used for World Vision programs in Rwanda. Attacks by Somali pirates have been on the rise in recent months, with an estimated 17 ships and 300 crew members currently being held hostage.

Source: Christian Post



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UN SUEÑO SE HACE REALIDAD

La conferencia de Upper Columbia celebró por primera vez un retiro de damas Hispánicas en el hotel Clarion de Richland, Abril 17-19. Lo que antes fue un sueño se ha vuelto realidad, aunque casi llegó a ser un chasco. La noche antes del gran acontecimiento, el jefe de cocina del centro de convenciones renunció a su puesto y se llevó consigo todos los menús y otros planes de preparación de comida para el fin de semana.

A pesar de este revés, la sustitución del chef, quien trabajó febrilmente con los dirigentes del programa para crear un nuevo menú, cambió el curso culinario del programa. El cambio resultó en una

gran bendición que estableció un excelente precedente.

La idea de este fin de semana comenzó hace muchos años en el corazón de tres mujeres: Sue Patzer, Linnea Torkelsen y Gayle Haeger. Debido a su amor y dedicación en los primeros años de este ministerio, este fin de semana se convirtió en una realidad. Esta es la primera vez que la UCC ha hecho un programa de todo el fin de semana solo para mujeres Latinas. El evento incluyó 278 mujeres, incluyendo 46 adolescentes, que gozaron de inspiradoras oradoras como Evelyn Omaña y Celina Dawson. Las doctoras Evelyn Rodríguez y Nidia Vyhmeis-



Anabel Ruiz (izquierda) y Dulce Silverio fueron algunas de las jóvenes adolescentes que asistieron al Retiro de Mujeres. Anabel vive en College Place, Washington y es la hija del pastor Calixto y Ninfa Ruiz. Dulce vive en Matawa.



Mujeres de todas las edades participaron en el primer Retiro de Damas de todo fin de semana en la Conferencia de Upper Columbia.

ter, también presentaron seminarios el Sábado.

El fin de semana también incluyó capacitación para líderes de mujeres. Cada líder recibió un currículo para un año de ayuda al ministerio de damas, así como también materiales y recursos especiales. Cada participante recibió una carpeta llena de libros, audio CDs y DVDs. No sólo fue este el acontecimiento del año, sino que fue un enorme éxito. Los planes ya están en marcha para el retiro del próximo año. Más de 180 mujeres ya se preregistraron

para el retiro del 2010.

En los últimos años los dirigentes del ministerio femenino Hispano de la UCC han envisionsado un ministerio de damas pujante y creciente. Ofreciendo recursos y eventos para las mujeres Hispánicas de nuestra conferencia. Hoy podemos decir "...nuestro bebé ha crecido mucho. •

Jay Wintermeyer, director de comunicaciones para la conferencia de Upper Columbia, traducido por Ramon Canals, vice presidente de la obra hispana, North Pacific Union Conference

Palmer Members Celebrate Purim Festival

Wearing exotic costumes, members of the Palmer (Alaska) Church celebrated the second annual Purim festival, a joyous, noisy Jewish feast commemorating the brave and beautiful Queen Esther.

For the March 21 event, the fellowship hall was

transformed into the opulent court of Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus. Star-studded blue walls, and swaths of silky fabric converged overhead in a rainbow of colors. Columns of “marble” with climbing stenciled greenery produced a stately effect. Children dressed

in colorful costumed finery carried graggers (noisemakers), they clattered as the audience jeered and hissed at every mention of Haman’s name. Everyone cheered to the names “Esther” and “Mordecai,” as a narrator read the book of Esther from a heavy scroll, retelling the story of God’s deliverance of the Jews.

The banquet which followed featured Middle Eastern foods including hummus, pita bread, spanakopita, baklava and hamentaschen (a tri-cornered cookie said to symbolize Haman’s hat, or sometimes Haman’s ears.)

Purim vividly brings to life one of the great stories of the Bible. The Palmer Church



Stacy Peterson, a scribe at the Purim festival, reads from a scroll.

looks forward to next year’s celebration. •

Bobbie Grimstad, Palmer Church member



Kenneth Albertsen

Tok Youth Leads Harvest in Hispaniola

Tok (Alaska) Church is used to having the coldest temperatures in the winter for the North American Division but members there are still feeling the warmth from helping to sponsor Betty Carolyn Crawford on her mission to the La Trinidad Church in the Dominican Republic. Crawford joined a North Pacific Union

Conference-led group of 56 mission enthusiasts. She is the 16-year-old daughter of David and Susan Crawford, and no novice to mission outreach. Her passion to lead an evangelism campaign composed of a youth team led to 11 baptisms on the final Sabbath in La Romana.

Crawford says she loves the Adventist youth aim—The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation. “You might say this is impossible,” she says, “but what is impossible with our awesome God?” •

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Conferene interim youth ministry director



Sharron Rudig, from Libby, Mont., and Betty Crawford, from Tok, Alaska, go to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip.



Betty Crawford (pictured near the right of the group) enjoys working with the kids from the La Trinidad Church.

Gem State Honors Mr. Blue

At the recent Gem State Adventist Academy homecoming, Ray Blue received a standing ovation as Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president, presented him with the Distinguished Service Award.

Blue first began devising algebra problems, plotting geometry excursions, and engineering physics experiments for GSAA students in the fall of 1970. During his 22-year tenure he watched seven principals come and go. He rode the enrollment roller coaster as it plunged from 200 students down to 100. And stayed with it until, by the time he retired, it was back up to the 190s.

After retiring from teaching, Blue continued



Steve McPherson reads the plaque presented to Ray Blue in honor of his past service to the students of Gem State Adventist Academy.

to serve GSAA. He served on the operating board for 13 years, as the alumni association treasurer for two

years, and as a member of the Scholarship Golf Tournament planning committee for four years. The award recognizes

Blue for more than four decades of faithful service.

Brenda (Hoag) Reynolds, class of '73, and former student from Kailua, Hawaii, remembers Blue: "I was NOT the most intelligent person in Mr. Blue's class," she says. "He knew it. I knew it. My grades proved it! However, Mr. Blue had a special quality and skill that made each and every student believe in themselves. Whenever they needed to talk or share, his talent was to listen—as if you were the ONLY person that day who needed him. I thank the Lord for people...like Ray Blue!" •

Linda Klinger, GSAA development/alumni relations director

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Montana Churches Join for a Sabbath Delight

March 21 brought a special district Sabbath to Libby, Mont. Members of the Libby, Trout Creek and Eureka Churches joined together for a Sabbath seminar. More than 100 people attended from the three churches and beyond. Everyone agreed it was nice to fellowship together at this mini-camp meeting. Dave Bostrom, retired pastor, and his wife, Sandy, spoke at the all day Sabbath A Delight seminar. They discussed how

to make Sabbath a delight and not a drudgery. The children enjoyed the “light bulb” experiment and the placemat quiz at lunchtime. There was joyful song, inspirational messages, wonderful fellowship, informational handouts and much more. To learn more, go to www.EurekaSeventhdayAdventistChurch.com.

Angela Poch, personal ministries and communication leader



Members from the Libby, Trout Creek and Eureka Churches join together on March 21 for a special district Sabbath.

Kis Brings Faith in Focus at MEA

“Be perfect as your Father is perfect” was the challenge Miroslav Kis, Andrews University theology professor, gave to those who attended the April 3–4 Faith in Focus weekend at Mount Ellis Academy. In spite of the seemingly impossible goal, Miroslav encouraged seminar-goers that God who began the work would also complete it. He encouraged them to move beyond discouragement and look to Jesus, the author and finisher of each person’s faith.

In the afternoon Kis reviewed the creation story, reminding those who came of a God who creates from nothing and is

able to create newness out of broken lives.

The entire weekend was an encouragement, illustrating God has big dreams for His people and is always available when needed.

Deanna Harris, MEA Church member



Jeremy Wiedemann

Miroslav Kis encourages the congregation to move beyond discouragement and look to Jesus.

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MONTANA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Bank Robbery Gives ECA an Opportunity



Don Bryan, ECA principal, leads students and community members in song and prayer.



Candace Joyner, ASB president, shares scripture thoughts at the rally.

Pleasant Hill is a quiet, close-knit community just south of Eugene, Ore., where Emerald Christian Academy is located. ECA strives to live their mission statement in the local community by sharing Jesus in tangible ways.

During March a small Pleasant Hill bank was robbed twice. The burglars were violent and threatening

to employees and customers. The community was in shock and the bank staff traumatized.

After the first incident the ECA staff sent flowers and prayers. After the second time ECA staff, students and parents wanted to do something more tangible. They organized a morning prayer time and invited the community to come to the bank parking lot on Tuesday, April 7.

Students carried signs sharing their love as they boarded the buses with anticipation.

As students mingled with community members, local bank staff and regional bank administrators the sounds of praise songs filled the air. All prayed for peace and

healing for the bank staff, customers and community. They also offered prayers for the offenders—for their repentance, forgiveness and change of heart.

news stations were there to record and shared the story with the entire lower Willamette Valley.

Students experienced the



Students share songs, prayers and posters of well wishes.



Greg Middlesetter, pastor; William Hall, elder with the Christian Motorcycle Association; and Sirisha Sukrutham, ECA student, share in prayer.

One community member, with tears in her eyes, says, “I have never been more blessed. These children are like angels to our community.”

The local Eugene newspaper and two television

joy of blessing others through outreach and also enjoyed watching themselves on television. •

Kim Bryan, ECA events coordinator

Milo Students Share Real-Time Jesus

Student Week of Prayer gave Daniel Dahlman III a new perspective on his fellow students. “God has done amazing things in their lives,” he says. Rianne Margart adds, “I really liked that kids went up and spoke. It was easier for me to understand because I know

where they’re coming from.”

Real-Time Jesus was the theme for Milo Adventist Academy’s Feb. 23–27 week of prayer. Eric Wagner, student chaplain, selected students to speak in the morning and evening meetings, and the presenters used a January

weekend retreat to prepare and plan. Wagner says, “The team wanted to show how Christ applied to their lives and to the lives of their audience members.”

Doug Barahona was one of the students brave enough to stand in front of his

peers. He retold the David and Goliath story and compared the situation to his own life. He says, “I honestly don’t think it was just me up there saying those words; I think God was.”

During the week, the campus was hit with an outbreak of the flu and cold. “However, despite the devil’s efforts in the form of sickness, many people stepped in to continue the blessing that God had in mind for our school,” Jeff Deming, campus pastor and school chaplain, says.

Madeline Anderson summarizes: “I really appreciated the student leadership this week. It was beneficial to me to hear the stories of young people and their experience with God—and to view that there are more Godly people on campus than just the handful that normally



Ann Marie Allen, Cassie Luyet and Kendra Kirk refuse to let the flu season stop them from attending the week of prayer.



Kim Bartholomew, junior, speaks during Milo's Student Week of Prayer.

stand up front. I was moved by the way they supported each other.” •

Amy Deming, Milo Adventist Academy Bible and English teacher

CAA Selects New Honor Society Inductees

Columbia Adventist Academy held its annual new inductee ceremony for the National Honor Society on April 22.

New inductees include: Ryan Ashton, sophomore; Sarah Davis, senior; Marissa Harris, sophomore; Tyler Hillman, sophomore; Tessa Lambertson, junior; Melody Morales, sophomore; Lisa Reeves, sophomore; and Krista Scribner, sophomore.

Hannah Klingler, NHS vice president and senior, says, “For students joining NHS, the society provides many awesome new opportunities.

It not only gives a chance for more scholarships for college but also neat service activities such as blood drives and appreciation visits to our local firefighters and policemen.”

Current CAA NHS members include: Kurt Lambertson, president and senior; Hannah Klingler, vice president and senior; Emily Moor, secretary and senior; Camille Bascetta, senior; Shannon Breakey, senior; Kayla Harbold, senior; Kelsi Williams, senior; and Katelyn Winter, junior. •

Lara J. Dowie, CAA development director



Pictured here are the 2009 National Honor Society inductees for Columbia Adventist Academy.

PAA Sponsors Third Trip for Gulf Coast Relief

Portland Adventist Academy continued a three-year tradition by sending students to the Gulf coast of Mississippi for a Katrina relief mission trip this spring.



Todd Johnson, HHFM leader, teaches Ellie Evans to heat and bend a PVC electrical pipe.

PAA worked again with His Hands and Feet Ministries, a nonprofit group of Adventist families with contracting experience in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Student missionaries were taught electrical wiring, siding, heating and cooling skills. Meanwhile, they watched and helped HHFM minister to the people living in unusual circumstances; some without things as basic as a chair or table but still so grateful for the roof over their heads.

While the small community of Bay St. Louis has drastically transformed in the past three years, it still has a long way to go. Volunteer camps, like HHFM along with Amish, Baptist, Catholic and other denominational volunteer camps have helped rebuild homes with

the homeowners and thousands of volunteers from all over the United States.

PAA finished up the week of work by worshiping in the Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church with members who had their homes rebuilt by HHFM and PAA students in previous years.

Experiences like these continue to encourage PAA students to commit their lives to Jesus. Sara White, senior, says the experience helped confirm her decision to be a missionary and Becca Maher, sophomore, made the decision to be baptized. "The whole experience made me see how simple it is to help people and how it can really put a smile on someone's face," says Maher. •

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA marketing PR director



PAA team members help in the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. They are from left: Jonny Moor, Justin Mouser, Spencer Tonack, Tahni Harr, Heidi Woodworth, Ellie Evans, Scott Harr, Sara White, Becca Maher, Liesl Vistaunet, Katie Schratzenholzer, Lena Dahl and Briar Evans.

This 96-Year-Old is Serious About Evangelism

Leona Miller, a 96-year-old member of the Canyonville (Ore.) Church has found her niche in evangelism. About three years ago, she began handing out copies of *The Great Controversy* at store fronts, ladies' rooms and sitting areas.

Miller says, "I started doing this because I'm nearly blind now and I thought if I could just get the courage to speak to someone, maybe I could be a part of spreading the gospel."

Some of her favorite items to hand out now are *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ* and, more recently, *Amazing*

Facts DVDs. People gladly receive them. Rarely has she been turned down and recently she even had a call back for more books to read.

The Canyonville Church is active in evangelism. Last year they conducted three evangelistic series with plans for two more series to be presented this year. Four people just came back from a successful mission trip to Honduras. The church is also actively seeking the purchase of a local radio station. And yes, they are proud of Miller making a difference in South Douglas County. •



Leona Miller, shown here with Letha Mitchel, tells others about her church by giving out books and other literature.

Patty Nicholas, Canyonville Church communication leader

Ohana Women Search for Hidden Pearl

Seek and Find—In Search of the Hidden Pearl (–Proverbs 31), was the theme for a teen retreat organized by the Ohana Christian Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists in West Linn, Ore. The young women’s retreat was held at the property and home of Mark and Rodelyn Miner, located in Hubbard, Ore., Feb. 27–March 1.

Youth leaders Lisa Blake, Lisa Brown and U’Lee Brown along with the assistance of Aryonna Waters and Denee White facilitated and mentored the young women as they searched and found the “pearl” in themselves.

According to Brown, the weekend was a success. The young ladies learned how to become Godly virtuous women according to Proverbs 31. “I

witnessed how the young ladies started to apply the teachings in a practical way in their lives during the weekend. It was a wonderful experience,” says Brown. When asked about the retreat, one teen responds, “it was a way to draw closer to God and meet new friends. I really enjoyed it!” Another young lady says, “it was well put together and really inspirational.”

Volunteers from Ohana and other local churches catered all the meals for the retreat. Many thanks to Melinda Janke, Robert and Theresa O Kramer, Anne Campbell, Jerel and Angela Hutapea and Don and Gail Duilio. •

Susan Custer, Ohana Church member



From left: Sarah Linfoot, Maggie Bailey, Denee White, U’Lee Brown, Amber Harris, Lisa Blake, Kerriann Furlan, Renee Beaulieu and Lisa Brown.

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Gladstone Camp Meeting 2009

Better Life Goes on the Air in Astoria

On March 26 Better Life Broadcasting Network turned on the switch for television broadcasting in the Astoria, Ore., area. The broadcast coverage extends north into Long Beach, Wash., and south to Seaside, Ore. The station can be viewed on UHF analog channel 42.

The initial Astoria broadcast will be a direct feed from 3ABN, but Better Life plans to add a direct feed from their broadcast facility in Grants Pass,

Ore., once a fiber-optic link is completed. This will allow the Astoria station to receive additional local programming, including Oregon camp meetings and worship services.

The Astoria district churches will also benefit from the station's "Community Calendar," which informs viewers about local church events. An announcement by the church's pastor will also air, inviting viewers to attend services.

The Astoria station marks the 16th over-the-air broadcast station Better Life owns and operates. Better Life is the largest Three Angel's Broadcasting Network affiliate in the world.

For further information on the Astoria station, please contact Better Life at (877) 741-2588 or visit their Web site at www.blbn.org.

Charley Romani, Better Life Broadcasting operations manager



Bill Whitt, Better Life engineer, installs an Astoria transmitter.

Volunteers Spend Spring Vacation at an Orphanage

For many students and teachers, the words, "spring vacation" translate to going on a mission trip.

This spring break, Elaina Mathisen, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School kindergarten teacher, along

with her husband Curt, planned their third trip to the Mount of Olives Orphanage in Uruapan, Mexico, near Ensenada. Along with other group members, they have already completed two homes there for orphans and staff.

This year they went to work on a third home. Tools and some materials were hauled in a trailer. Other needed materials were purchased near Ensenada. The volunteer team installed the metal roof, roughed in electrical and plumbing, hung sheet rock, and installed kitchen cabinets. Walla Walla University students arrived to help as well.

The group also took the orphans to church on Sabbath, then to the beach for a picnic lunch and play. On special evenings they ate supper in their home, did crafts and played with them.

They were also able to provide medical care. Curt



Here volunteers build the third home for the Mount of Olives Children's Home.

Mathisen, who is a dentist, treated more than 110 patients in five days. Art Giebel joined the mission group for the first time this year and performed 21 eye surgeries.

The group plans to return this summer to begin work on a fourth home.

Joyce Gallentine, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School communication leader



Volunteers spend their spring break building a home for orphans.

A Dream Comes True UCC Holds First Hispanic Weekend Retreat

What once was a dream became reality as the first Upper Columbia Conference Hispanic Women's Ministry Weekend Retreat was held at the Richland, Wash., Clarion Convention Center, April 17-19. But it almost became a disappointment.

The night before the big event, the convention center chef resigned and cleaned out his office, taking with him all the menus and meal preparation plans for the weekend. In spite of this setback, the replacement chef worked feverishly with the event planners to come up with a new menu that changed the culinary course of the program, setting an excellent precedent.

The idea for the weekend began years ago in the hearts



Women of all ages participate in the first UCC Hispanic women's full-weekend retreat.

of three women: Sue Patzer, Linnea Torkelsen and Gayle Haeger. Because of their love and care early on, the weekend became a reality. It is the first time UCC has been able to hold a weekend event for Hispanic women. The event hosted 278 women, including 46 teenagers,

who enjoyed keynote speakers Evelyn Omanfia and Celina Dawson. They also attended seminars on Sabbath by doctors Evelyn Rodriguez and Nidia Vyhmeister.

Special resources and training were provided for women's ministry leaders. Every leader

received a yearly curriculum to help them minister to the women in their church for the coming year. Every participant received a folder filled with books, audio CDs and DVDs.

Not only was this year's event a huge success, but plans are already in the works for next year. More than 180 women preregistered for the 2010 conference.

Over the years UCC Hispanic Women's Ministries leaders have envisioned a thriving Hispanic women's ministry offering resources and events for the Hispanic women in the conference. Today we can say "... our baby has grown up!" •

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director

WWVA Day Hosts Student Visitors

WWVA Day on Friday, April 3, was a great success with more than 70 prospective students visiting the campus. Natalie Slusarenko, junior class president, gave the opening worship talk, sharing her hope in Christ for the future.

Prospective students toured the campus where they received information on academics, the student association, ice-breaker activities and classroom tours. Visiting students came from Harris Junior Academy, Hermiston Junior Academy, Liberty Christian School, Milton-Stateline School, Rogers Adventist School, Tri-City Junior Academy and home schools.

Participants had the opportunity to apply for scholarships in English, geography, math and science. Over \$5,000 was awarded in scholarships to be applied in the 2009-2010 school year.

At the close of the visit students attended a final assembly in the gymnasium



The WWVA Acros gymnastics team performs for guests.

where the WWVA Acros performed one of their outstanding routines. Guests received scholarships, prizes and t-shirts. Students commented on how much fun

their visit was and how they appreciated the helpful and welcoming hosts. •

Angela Oetman, WWVA director of development and alumni relations



Nancy Patino, Maressa Trunkey and Delisa Bonsall are hosts at WWVA Day.

Local Talent Recognized At SonScreen Film Festival

The Upper Columbia Conference was well represented at the 2009 SonScreen Film Festival held April 16–18. There were three entries from Walla Walla University, and two of the seven entries from Southern Adventist University were submitted by Phillip Sherwood, an alumnus of Upper Columbia Academy.

Carl Canwell of Walla Walla University won the Music Video award, receiving \$250 for “The Gospel.” Phillip Sherwood received the Comedy award and \$250 for “Skin Tight.”

SonScreen is held annually at the Adventist Media Center,

AMP Studios, in Simi Valley, Calif. This year’s attendance was significantly higher than the previous year. An overflow crowd spilled out of Studio B on Friday night.

Not in the running was a special showing of an unprecedented documentary series, *Stained Glass*. This series shows the pulse of a church and how congregations define their role in the 21st century and will become available at the Church Resource Center at www.vervent.org.

The Best in Fest Sonny Award Winner went to Adam Buck from Southern Adventist University. Traditionally

only students receive awards at SonScreen but next year a category will open up for professionals.

A complete list of this year’s awards is available at www.sonscreen.com. SonScreen is sponsored by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. •

Kathy Marson, communication administrative assistant



Phillip Sherwood, UCA alumnus, receives the Comedy Award and Kevin Ekvall accepts the Music Video Award for Carl Canwell of WWU.

Merry-Go-Round Helps Prevent Infant Deaths

A merry-go-round built and installed by Spokane (Wash.) volunteers this year is preventing infant deaths in the village of La Canoa, Guatemala. In this village of nearly 400 people, three babies died in 2008 due to contaminated drinking water. Previous to that time, at least one infant died per year. But not this year.

For several years, two brothers, Lynn and Gary Bartholomew, have gone to Guatemala to drill water wells. Last year, realizing they were going to drill in La Canoa, which has no electricity, the Bartholomew brothers asked



This innovative merry-go-round pumps clean water for a village as Guatemalan children play.

Frank Clark, a Spokane volunteer, to fashion a merry-go-round that when “operated” could pump water into a 500-gallon reservoir. With no other play equipment for the 64 children in La Canoa, school recesses found the children

“working hard” to pump water for their village during the year. There are now big smiles and no more infant deaths, thanks to the now-available, pure water system.

Though the ministry of Water for Life International is growing,

the remaining need in Guatemala is almost overwhelming. Infant death and acute diarrheal illness from amoeba and E. coli are major and pervasive health issues in every village not yet having a pure water source. “We are dependent on volunteers,” says Gary Bartholomew.

Water for Life International is now officially a nonprofit organization affiliated with ASI. More information on its mission and upcoming projects is available online at: www.h2oforlife.org. •

Dolly Wilfley, Spokane Linwood Church member

Rogers Celebrates New Wind Turbine

Nearly 100 students, including about 20 first- and second-graders at Rogers Adventist Elementary in College Place, Wash., came to school on Thursday, March 12, shovels in hand,



Kaylene Wells, Rogers Adventist School first-grade student, signs the top of the concrete base for the wind turbine.

ready to dig and prepare the hard, frozen ground for a residential-scale wind turbine. On Friday, students had another chance to be involved when they signed the top of the seven-and-a-half ton concrete base before it was lowered into the ground.

The 53-foot turbine, located just behind the school, will be used to generate some of the school's power, roughly 4,000 kWhs a year. However, "for us, it's not to pay the power bills, it's to teach the kids about renewable energy," says Tonya Wessman, RAS first- and second-grade teacher.

The turbine is the first of its kind in the city and was made possible through a grant from Columbia Rural Electric Association who approached Wessman last fall about this project. The school already has solar panels, which were also partially funded by REA two years ago. "We thought of Rogers because of Tonya's work," says REA's Scott Peters. Peters says they will observe how the wind turbine works for Rogers and may launch similar projects at other schools in the area.

Wessman says, "Children are very excited to learn about the environment. Projects like this help them to be knowledgeable about issues like renewable energy and natural resources. Perhaps they will find new and better solutions someday." •

Lisa Krueger, parent, and Tonya Wessman, first- and second-grade RAS teacher



Tonya Wessman, Rogers Adventist School teacher, prepares the ground for the school's new wind turbine.

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Retreat Inspires Bible Workers and Prayer Warriors

Trained Bible workers and prayer warriors networked with each other, honed their ministry skills, and recommitted to sharing their faith during the annual Impact Your World retreat. Approximately 100 people attended from western Washington and beyond.

“It was refreshing to know that I am not alone in my desire to spread the gospel of Jesus and to share in the prayer for the coming of our Lord,” says one attendee.

Kurt Johnson, keynote speaker, Voice of Prophecy’s Discovers Bible School director and author of numerous books and small-group ministry guides, shared his personal experience and advice for

making personal contacts and giving Bible studies.

“We are simply God’s Bible study partner,” Johnson says. “We are simply asking some basic questions and allowing God to speak to the heart and mind. The Holy Spirit does the convicting and the conversion.”

In addition, Paul and Corleen Johnson and David Allen, pastors and prayer leaders from Oregon Conference, led the Prayer Warrior seminar about how churches and individuals can grow strong in prayer.

“It is through prayer that we can impact our world for Christ,” says Corleen Johnson. “Make prayer a priority. Link prayer with Bible studies and ministries in your church.



Retreat participants enjoy the dialogue between Corleen Johnson, presenter, and her husband Paul on the front row.

Make times, ways and places for people to pray together. Encourage personal and family devotions.”

The next retreat is scheduled for April 2–4, 2010, and more information will be available at

www.washingtonconference.org/impact.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director

Reid Introduces Faith and Finance Curriculum

Ed Reid, stewardship director for the Adventist church in North America, presented Faith and Finance, a brand-new stewardship seminar, in Auburn in early April.

Nearly 60 people attended in the morning, and the audience expanded to 101 individuals in the afternoon. The seminar examined biblical financial principles, tithing as a foundation for financial planning, getting out of debt,

planning for retirement, and preparing a Christian estate plan—the crowning act of stewardship.

“Tithe is a minimum testimony of our commitment to God,” notes Reid. “The church doesn’t need tithe money as much as families need blessings [as a result of tithing].”

The seminar ties in with Faith and Finance: Financial Planning with a Faith Factor, a new 12-lesson study on biblical

money management principles for everything from financing education to making end-of-life decisions. The guide contains helpful forms and Bible study application worksheets.

“Everyone must give an account to God for his or her money management,” says Reid. “When we put God first, He will bless us.”

Heidi Martella



Ed Reid, stewardship director for the Seventh-day Adventist church in North America, introduces Faith and Finance, a brand-new stewardship seminar.

Northwest Christian School *Benefits from Volunteer Service*

Volunteers formed a crucial foundation in building the new Northwest Christian School campus in Puyallup, Wash.

To help manage construction costs, the building committee evaluated where volunteers could best help. With a prioritized list in hand, the building committee recruited volunteers from across western Washington.

Auburn City members contributed time and expertise in landscaping on several occasions. Volunteers from the Russian-Ukrainian Parousia Church set tile throughout the school.

Ken Reed, Puyallup Church member, led teams of interior and exterior painters. A group of Washington Conference

teachers built fences, installed siding and cleaned up the construction site. The landscape architect provided an alternate landscape plan to save the school over \$100,000 and still meet city requirements.

Other volunteers and groups—including conference staff, pastors and community members—volunteered hundreds of hours working on Sundays for more than five months to complete the new campus.

“Together, a very big job was accomplished, demonstrating brotherly love and speaking volumes to the ties that bind us together in Jesus Christ,” says Kieth Noll, Puyallup pastor.

Puyallup Church and



The new Puyallup campus will house both the Northwest Christian School and the Puyallup Church.

Northwest Christian School leaders greatly appreciate the hundreds of volunteers who helped create a lovely new school where many

generations of students will have the opportunity to be blessed. •

Alice Kirkman, volunteer

Auburn Senior Gets a Glimpse of University Life



Amy Alderman, student, writes about her visit to Walla Walla University.

University Days at Walla Walla University gives students a chance to get acquainted with the campus, interview for jobs, apply for scholarships and meet new people. In early April, Auburn Adventist Academy seniors journeyed over the mountains to get a taste of college life.

Here is Amy Alderman’s experience: Hopping off the bus, friendly faces welcomed us to U-Days and helped us get to know the campus. Fellow senior Lizzy Altman and I decided to participate in a campus scavenger hunt the

first night.

We couldn’t find a particular plaque where we were supposed to make a rubbing. We saw a college student walked by and stopped and asked him, “Do you know where the Great Wall of China is?” He chuckled and said, “I’m pretty sure it’s in China,” before directing us to the library wall with a brick from the Great Wall of China.

Throughout my U-Days experience, I realized how attending Auburn has prepared me for my future.

Classes like speech and personal law and work experience in Auburn’s public relations office helped influence my decision to major in public relations.

Getting a sampling of college life, I am thankful for my teachers, boss and caring faculty members who helped me gain valuable experience for my future. Auburn Adventist Academy has prepared me to live up to my highest potential as a student, friend and servant of God. •

Amy Alderman, AAA senior

Women Fund Meals for Orphans

Zimbabwe is wracked with crises: 90 percent unemployment, drought, disease, infrastructure breakdown and starvation.

In this environment, Paula Leen, missionary, seeks to provide food, medical care and love to orphaned children.

Three years ago, Wilma Bing, Washington Conference women's ministries director, met Leen and heard her story of feeding starving orphans. Bing decided to feature Leen's ministry and ask for financial support during the annual Women's Spring Day event in Auburn, Wash.

In two years, western Washington women raised \$18,716 to fund the shipment of 270,864 meals (a joint venture with World Concern, Feed My Starving Children, and the Agathos Foundation); another \$8,000 was raised this year.

Women's Ministries will be collecting change during the Washington Adventist Camp Meeting in June to help feed orphaned children. •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director



Marc Fulmer, from the Agathos Foundation, shares an e-mail from Paula Leen during the Women's Spring Day event in Auburn, Wash.

Pathfinders Raise Funds for Oshkosh Camporee

This August, 430 young people and sponsors from Washington Conference will join Pathfinder clubs from around the world for the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

Pathfinders from 11 clubs have actively been raising funds—hosting dinners, providing child care, selling customized cookbooks and more—to attend camporee and sight see along the way at places such as Yellowstone National Park and Mt. Rushmore.

Music Concert

In early February, Seattle's Breath of Life Church sponsored and produced "A Voice from the Past to the Future," a black history celebration to raise funds for the church's young people to travel to Oshkosh.



Breath of Life members perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing" as the closing number of their musical production to raise funds for young people to attend the International Pathfinder Camporee.

The skits and musical performances—led by church members Sundria Burton and Jovonne Brown—celebrated black culture in America over the last 200 years. Interspersed with musical performances, church members played a variety of characters including Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Mary C. Terrell, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.

Italian Dinner

The Sequim (Wash.) Pathfinder Club created a "Night in Italy" and raised \$2,400 for their camporee trek.

With the fellowship hall decorated in the colors of Italy, each Pathfinder dressed as an Italian waiter/waitress and served assigned tables a traditional Italian dinner.

The ambience was provided by two local accordion players

playing well-known songs from the past and more than 100 attendees enjoyed watching teams play a "love-inspired" game of jeopardy and a hilarious skit starring two sisters.

The highlight of the evening was the live auction featuring services, weekend getaways, and various goods donated by local businesses and members. Tim Guthrie, a doctor, proved himself as an auctioneer, able to keep numbers, bids and humorous remarks going at lightning speed.

These are just two examples of Pathfinder's creative fundraising in preparation for the five-day camporee. •

Darren McPherson, Breath of Life assistant communication leader, and Maureen Dowling, Sequim communication leader

WWU Students Volunteer for Hands-on Learning in Zimbabwe

What's the best way to learn how to manage a business? Hands-on experience does it every time. Rebecca Parshall, Walla Walla University junior humanities major, and Ryan Eggers, 2007 engineering graduate, understand this more than some.

Parshall and Eggers recently went on an independent trip as student missionaries to Murwira Adventist Children's Home in Zimbabwe. The orphanage was the beneficiary of the university's *Mission: Zimbabwe* fundraiser last school year. The university had a goal to raise \$15,000; in the end, over \$37,000 was donated to support the orphanage.

When they arrived, the two students jumped right into managing Murwira Orphanage. The orphanage director lives an hour away in town, so Parshall and Eggers were the final go-to



Parshall and Eggers take the children off the orphanage grounds to experience new things. Here, Eggers poses with some of the children at Leopard Rock.

stable. By the time they got to town to buy food, the money would be worthless."

As a result, the employees are paid in soap, oil, salt, sugar and cereals.

Parshall and Eggers also wrote and implemented a code of conduct, a chain of command, employee contracts and job descriptions, none of which existed prior to their arrival.

"The reaction of the employees to the change was really positive," says Eggers. "They were excited to learn about

professionalism. Many knew it needed to be that way, and they were glad it was finally happening."

They also worked on giving the employees authority over their departments. They named supervisors and explained their responsibilities. They held regular staff and supervisor

meetings and asked that the meetings continue after they left.

"We wanted things to run smoothly even if there was no consistent director, since our positions as managers were constantly in transition," explains Parshall. "We tried to teach them how a business should flow, so they could self-manage."

Parshall and Eggers also ran an emergency service between the rural clinic near the orphanage and the main hospital in the city, and regularly took patients from the clinic to see doctors in the city. Most were children, and most were HIV patients.

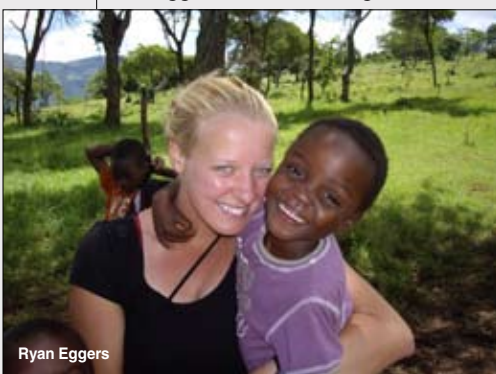
"Besides the day-to-day, we tried to get the kids out and about as much as possible," says Parshall. "We took them to the swimming pool in town, to

a talent show, and—for many of them—to their first pizza and ice cream feed."

Their plan now is to look into setting up college funds for the children. There are currently no long-term plans for them once they leave the orphanage.

"The key to any project is education and long-term sustainable development," says Eggers, "not just handouts. Those kids are special, and we want to do all we can to give them a promising future." •

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent



Parshall's favorite part of the experience was getting to know the children.

for all 90 employees and 35 children.

"A lot of what we did revolved around pay day," says Eggers. "The workers are paid in food because the Zim dollar isn't

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Tillamook Community Volunteer Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Faith In Action, a volunteer program serving the chronically ill, disabled and elderly throughout Tillamook (Ore.) County, marked its 10th anniversary. Volunteers provide in-home respite care, friendly visits, local transportation, meals and help with yard work and minor home repairs, enabling people to remain independent. During each of the past 10 years, an average of 80 FIA volunteers served approximately 170 families for a cumulative total of 52,778 hours of volunteer time.

Walla Walla General Hospital Purchases Blue Mountain Medical Group

After nearly a year of discussion, the 11-physician and six-nurse practitioner group located on the hospital campus will now operate under the name Adventist Health/Medical Group. The new arrangement was developed with the goal of improving communication and operational efficiencies. An additional goal was to create a physician-practice environment that would enhance physician recruitment efforts, which are already being realized with four new internal medicine physicians scheduled to join the group in the first six months of 2009. Located in three buildings on the hospital campus, the group specializes in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology.

Premiere Rural Health Clinic Debuts in Tillamook

As of Jan. 1, 2009, Tillamook Medical Associates joined Tillamook County General Hospital as a hospital-based rural health clinic. The clinic's services will remain unchanged but the merger will help boost physician recruitment and reduce costs for both entities. In addition, TMA employees and physicians will now work for TCGH and enjoy the benefits that come along with being associated with a larger employer.

Generosity Reigns at Portland Hospital

Employees at Adventist Medical Center donated nearly \$12,000 to community-based charitable programs and organizations early this year. These gifts resulted from the first year of gifts pledged during the 2008–2009 Giving Campaign, in which 555 employees participated, pledging a total of \$263,000. In addition to hospital programs, 25 community social service agencies received gifts totaling \$12,000.

Better Options for Pain Treatment Abound in the Walla Walla Valley

Walla Walla General Hospital recently partnered with physicians from Interventional Pain Consultants in Lewiston, Idaho, to provide treatment for chronic pain conditions. Services are available for acute and/or chronic pain such as back, leg, neck, arm pain and pain related to cancer, compression fractures and complex regional pain syndrome. Methods of treatment include various interventional medical procedures, counseling and behavioral management strategies, relaxation techniques and/or biofeedback. In the past, Walla Walla residents had to make the 200-mile round trip to Lewiston in order to receive treatment for their chronic pain. •

Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



The Tillamook County General Hospital Faith In Action program allows community residents to remain independent. To learn more go to: www.tcgh.com.

Remembering Bruce Johnston

Bruce Johnston, longtime educator, evangelist and church administrator, died quietly at home in Medford, Ore., April 6, 2009, at age 83.

Johnston was born in Medford on Nov. 23, 1925. He attended Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) and graduated in 1950. While there, he met and married Marianette Wilcox, his lifelong partner and wife.

Early on Johnston pastored in both Centralia and Aberdeen, Wash. While completing his advanced degree at the seminary, he accepted an invitation to teach at Emmanuel Mis-

sionary College (now Andrews University). Later he headed the religion department at what was then called Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University).

Following a decade of service overseas in the Far Eastern Division, including an assignment as president of the Sarawak Mission in Bornea, Johnston returned to the United States where he served as president of the Idaho and Washington conferences, and then 10 more years as president of the North Pacific Union Conference, where he retired in 1996.

Johnston's vision for global mission helped Operation Bear-hug mobilize evangelistic efforts to Russia and the former Soviet block nations. Kicked off in the early 90s, this program helped NPUC members personally see the value of short-term missions around the world.

Since his retirement Johnston stayed active in global evangelism. Most recently he launched the MegaVoice project with portable solar audio units sent to strategic spots around the world.

The family has asked that all memorial donations be sent to: MegaVoice Project, North Pa-



Bruce Johnston, served as NPUC president, 1986–1996.

cific Union Conference, 5709 N. 20th Street, Ridgefield, Wash., 98642. •

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Bullis 90th

Helen Bullis celebrated her 90th birthday at a special dinner with her church family. Helen was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on Dec. 2, 1918, to Chris and Hannah Martin. Helen lived in Cassils, Alberta, Canada, a prairie town, until she turned 15. She became experienced at milking cows and driving two-horse and four-horse teams. At 15, she moved to Bellingham, Wash., while working her way through Seattle Jr. Academy and Auburn Adventist Academy, graduating in 1939. She then moved to Walla Walla, Wash., and attended Walla Walla College. After two years of pre-nursing classes, she completed her nursing degree at the Portland Sanitarium, graduating from WWC in 1944. Helen's mother had also graduated from Portland Sanitarium in 1917.

Helen and her husband, Leonard, lived in Alaska and Washington while raising their two children, Don and Darlene. Helen worked in several Washington hospitals. In 1978 they moved to Goldendale, Wash., where she still lives. Helen has been a member of the Adventist church all of her life. She was baptized in an irrigation canal at the age of 13. Leonard died in April of 2005.

Hartman 50th

Cyril and Charlotte Hartman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the last week in July 2008 with their family who gathered from around the globe at their home near Orofino, Idaho.

Cyril Hartman and Charlotte Miller were

married in Fresno, Calif., on June 15, 1958. They met at Pacific Union College where they graduated together in 1957. In 1961, Cyril received his M.D. degree and Charlotte an M.S. degree in nutrition. They were members of the last graduating class for the College of Medical Evangelists. Following his internship at the White Memorial in Los Angeles, Calif., they moved with their 6-month-old daughter to East Nigeria, West Africa, where Cyril served at Ile Ife Hospital and the Jengre Hospital.

During their 10 years in Nigeria they went through a civil war and had to leave "home" for three years, but had the joy of restarting the hospital following the war. Four of their children were born during that decade and the family became known as the "7Cs." Two more years were spent in West Africa at the Kwahu Hospital in Ghana, halfway between Accra and Kumasi.

The family returned to the U.S. to serve at Monument Valley Hospital in southern Utah for four years. Then Cyril went into private practice in Oklahoma. They then settled in Ceres, Calif., where all five children graduated from Modesto Adventist Academy. After their children all finished college, Cyril retired and began ministering as a responder for Bibleinfo.com. In 2004, they moved to Orofino. The "7Cs" now include Charilyn and Tim Wade of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Calvin and Cheryl (Jolly) Hartman, in the Far East; Catherine and Dale McCluskey of Loveland, Colo.; Charles and Lorna

(McFarland) Hartman of Spangle, Wash.; Curtis and Cathie (McDaniel/Jolly) Hartman, in the Far East; and 11 grandchildren.

Hoffman 60th

Lloyd and Lorena Hoffman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Wheatland



Lorena and Lloyd Hoffman

Village on Aug. 1, 2008, where they have lived for the past three and a half years.

They met and were married in Portland, Ore., on Aug. 1, 1948. At that time Lloyd and his uncle owned and operated a bakery in Sheridan, Ore., and Lorena was employed at the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital where she graduated in 1943. Lloyd served in the Navy during World War II with two years in Guadalcanal.

In 1954 they moved to Walla Walla where Lloyd taught baking at Walla Walla College and in 1960 was employed as a bakery supervisor at the Washington State Penitentiary until retirement in 1982. Lorena was the operating room supervisor at Walla Walla General Hospital until retirement in 1982.

They have been members of the Walla Walla University Church for 54 years.

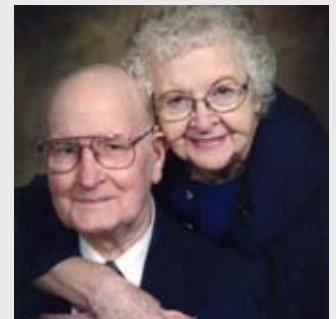
In 2007, they both celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Howell 70th

On March 28, 2009, Wilbur and Sara Howell celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a host of family, neighbors and friends in the fellowship hall of the Volunteer Park Church in Seattle, Wash.

They first met when Sara was 4 and Wilbur was 8. The first photo of Sara and Wilbur together was taken at the celebration of Wilbur's grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary. Sara lived with Wilbur's grandparents for over two years when she was a small child. After that she visited on weekends and summers.

Wilbur and Sara were married in Glenwood, Iowa, on March 25, 1939. They moved to the Seattle area in 1947, where they joined the Seattle Central Church. When that church was destroyed by an arson fire in 1963, they became members of the newly built Volunteer Park



Wilbur and Sara Howell

Church where they are still active.

Wilbur owned and operated A-1 Auto Wrecking in Woodinville, Wash., for many years. Sara spent 35 years in the research department of *The Seattle Times*.

The Howell family includes Judy Veach of Beaverton, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

FYI

NW Spotlight on Mission Becomes Subscription-Based

The latest Northwest Spotlight on Mission DVD has been traditionally mailed to churches throughout the North Pacific Union. If your church would like to continue receiving these DVDs (free of charge), please fill out and return the postcard included with the last DVD. Subscriptions are being offered only to churches at this time.



Oakwood Repeats as Honda All-Star Champions

A group of Seventh-day Adventist students from Oakwood University are celebrating their second consecutive championship in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. The academic quiz tournament was held in March, and included students from 65 historically black colleges and universities. Students were tested on their knowledge of world history, science, literature, religion, the arts, social science, popular culture and African-American history and culture.

2010 Olympic Scarf Ministry

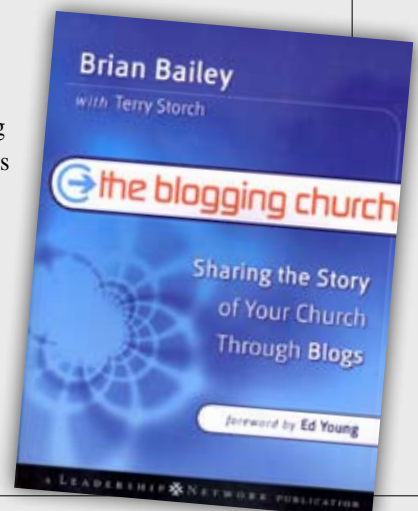
Adventists throughout North America are knitting scarves as part of a service project for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The handmade scarves, along with a message from the Adventist Church, will be distributed at warming centers throughout the city. For more information on the project, visit www.gothedistance.org.

PUC President Resigns

On April 9, 2009, Richard Osborn, Pacific Union College president, announced his resignation, effective June 30. The decision follows a commissioned study on what could be done to strengthen specific programs and departments, better preparing PUC for continued success. Both the Board of Trustees and Osborn agree new leadership will best serve the college as it looks to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the study.

The Blogging Church

The Blogging Church offers leaders a field manual for using the social phenomenon of blogs to connect people and build communities in a whole new way. Inside you will find the why, what, and how of blogging in the local church. Find this at www.adventsource.org.



THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

Mark Witas is the new senior pastor of the North Cascade (Burlington, Wash.) Church. Witas comes from the Wenatchee (Wash.) area where he has been serving as principal of Cascade Christian Academy.

John Kurlinski accepted the pastoral position for the Bremerton (Wash.) Church, beginning in June. Kurlinski was formerly employed at Union College, and has served previously in the Idaho Conference.

Marc Lien will become the new pastor for the Monroe (Wash.) Church in June. Lien comes from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference where he served as pastor of the Springtown and Siloam Springs (Ark.) churches.

Tom Decker is leaving the Auburn (Wash.) City Church in June for a position in Egypt. Decker will be an academy principal and Gladys, his wife, will teach ESL.

Family
B I R T H S

ALIKIN—Tanner Dimitry was born April 16, 2009, to George and Katie (Farthing) Alikin, Newberg, Ore.

BECK—Holly Rachele was born Jan. 6, 2009, to Mark and Sara (Guth) Beck, Hillsboro, Ore.

FERGUSON—Ruby Kalkidan, was adopted on Dec. 29, 2008, by Andrew and Rebecca (Spainhower) Ferguson, Battle Ground, Wash.

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GOFFAR—Kai Linden Oei was born March 14, 2009, to Linden and Greta (Candiasari) Goffar, Snohomish, Wash.

KIM—Riley Dillon was born March 20, 2009, to Joe and Sharika (Boland) Kim, Washougal, Wash.

PELLOW—Matthew Ethan was born Feb. 26, 2009, to James and Julie (Winkle) Pellow, Dixie, Wash.

STEPPER—Adalyn Myla was born Jan. 30, 2009, to Brandon and Mandy (Hebard) Stepper, Walla Walla, Wash.

WINDEMUTH—Cole Dillon Roth was born Jan. 30, 2009, to Todd and Stephanie (Roth) Windemuth, Bellevue, Wash.

Family
W E D D I N G S

BRANDT-KORT—Alexandra Brandt and Erik Kort were married Dec. 28, 2008, in Burlington, Wash., where they are making their home. Alexandra is the daughter of Rodney Brandt and Nannette Crowell. Erik is the son of Dan and Joanne (Engel) Kort.

BROOKINS-GEIGER—LexAnne Brookins and Thomas Geiger were married Dec. 6, 2008, in Cornelius, Ore. They are making their home in Forest Grove, Ore. LexAnne is the daughter of Steve Weaver and Lovella Weaver. Thomas is the son of Edward Geiger and Mary Geiger.

GLASGOW-SLAGLE—Marlene M. Glasgow and Marc D. Slagle were married Dec. 28, 2008, in Medford, Ore. They are making their home in Palmetto, Fla. Marlene is the daughter of Mike and Beverly Glasgow. Marc is the son of Arthur and Jeanne Slagle and Jan and David Morikone.

JACKSON-BROWER—Shiela D. Jackson and Luther J. Brower were married Jan. 23, 2009, in Medford, Ore., where they are making their home. Shiela is the daughter of Clyde and Imogene Jackson. Luther is the son of Delwin and Jeanne Brower and Donna and Richard Watts.

Family
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ANDERSON—William M., 82; born June 16, 1926, Portland, Ore.; died March 7, 2009, Portland. Surviving: sons, John, Gold Beach, Ore.; Bob, Happy Valley, Ore.; Tim, Klamath Falls, Ore.; daughter, Peggy Rice, Battle Ground, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BLISSERD—Nelda V. (Curry), 90; born Jan. 16, 1919, Bear Valley, Ore.; died March 10, 2009, Grand Junction, Colo. Surviving: son, Dale, Snoqualmie, Wash.; daughters, Viki Carrick, Fruita, Colo.; Valerie Lowe, Grand Junction, Colo.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

BOHLMAN—Alta M. (Chaney), 89; born Nov. 26, 1919, Viola, Idaho; died March 8, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, Walla Walla; daughter, Donna Shelman, Apison, Tenn.; sisters, Alvira Johnstone, Walla Walla; Aileen Carr, Hood River, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BOTTOMLEY—Winston M., 80; born Nov. 15, 1928, Hialeah, Fla.; died March 25, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Jean A. (LaTourette); sons, Ron, Sweet Home, Ore.; Steve, College Place; daughters, Kathy Woodward, Kennewick, Wash.; Connie Bottomley, College Place; and 11 grandchildren.

BUNGARD—Marjorie E. (Wilcox), 88; born Feb. 25, 1921, Keene, Texas; died March 27, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Stanley; daughters, Karen Bungard, San Diego, Calif.; Marcia Anspach and Susan Bungard, both of College Place, Wash.; Janet Wallenkampf, Bayside, Calif.; brother, Kenneth Wilcox, Grants Pass, Ore.; sister, Marianette Johnston, Medford, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

CANADAY—Claudia E. (Johnson), 74; born Jan. 29, 1934, Kinder, La.; died Aug. 2, 2008, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Mel; son, Don, Spokane; daughters, Julie Bingman and Cynthia Berry,

both of Seattle; brother, Virgil Johnson, of New Mexico; sisters, Doris Klein, Portland, Ore.; Trudy Person, Albany, Ore.; Jean Coble, St. Louis, Mo.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CARLSON—Margaret Adelia (Kaldahl), 99; born Oct. 9, 1909, Pope County, Minn.; died March 31, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Phyllis Wagner, Walla Walla; Elaine Cramer, Arroyo Grande, Calif.; Donna Argotti, Greers Ferry, Ark.; Emilie Walrath, Dana Point, Calif.; 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

CASHATT—Vivian (Nichols), 101; born Feb. 11, 1908, Montrose, Colo.; died Feb. 25, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, James, Azalea, Ore.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

COCHRAN—Naomi E. (Griffin) Olson Thornton, 97; born March 7, 1912, Bellingham, Wash.; died March 13, 2009, Walla

Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, John Thornton, Las Vegas, Nev.; Timothy Thornton, Olympia, Wash.; daughters, Aleta (Thornton) Hubbard, Maryville, Mo.; Penelope (Thornton) Linterman, Port Angeles, Wash.; stepdaughter, Alyce (Thornton) Pudewell, San Bernardino, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

DUNKS—Hazel Mae (Helms) Riddle Lane, 79; born Sept. 16, 1929, Heppner, Ore.; died April 7, 2009, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: son, Mark Riddle, Monmouth, Ore.; daughters, Janet (Riddle) Osborne, Creston, British Columbia, Canada; Dahnelle (Riddle) Wells, Milton-Freewater; sister, Loreta Carol Perry, College Place, Wash.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FERGUSON—James R., 91; born Jan. 13, 1918, Loveland, Colo.; died March 14, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, David, Glendale, Calif.; Rob, College Place, Wash.; brother,

Family
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Andrew, Grand Junction, Colo.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

FLYGAR—Gail (Abbott) Tolbert, 69; born Dec. 1, 1939, Yellville, Ark.; died April 11, 2009, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: son, Nick Tolbert, Springfield; step-son, Gary Flygar, Springfield; daughters, Kim (Tolbert) Mathews, Springfield; Angel (Tolbert) Barton, Grants Pass, Ore.; Lisa (Tolbert) Meyer, Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Ronny Abbott, Springfield; sister, Neva Parmenter, Springfield; 10 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

FOSTER—Ethel E. (Mason), 93; born Feb. 3, 1916, Huntland, Tenn.; died April 1, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Calvin M., Portland, Ore.; Douglas, Grants Pass, Ore.; daughter, Phyllis Woods, Lake Oswego, Ore.; sisters, Jean Mason, Los Angeles, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

GURBEL—Ruth Adeline (Gladden), 99; born June 30, 1909, Kansas City, Kan.; died March 25, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Leslie E., Mountlake Terrace, Wash.; daughters, Jeannette M. Eickert, El Dorado Hills, Calif.; Bonnie C. Maffett, Grants Pass; sister, Betty Thomann, Forest Hills, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

HARIUC—Rosalia, 83; born Jan. 24, 1926, Bucovina, Romania; died March 9, 2009, Salem, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Iolanda Frampton, Salem; a grandchild and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

HOLADY—Jean Davis "J.D.", 93; born Dec. 27, 1915, Winona, Wash.; died Feb. 3, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ruth Ellen (Thrasher), Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sons, Ken, Milton-Freewater; James, Ukiah, Ore.; and daughter, Mary Ann

McCarty, Milton-Freewater.

JOHNSON—Willard N., 81; born Dec. 20, 1027, Franklin Park, Ill.; died Feb. 28, 2009, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jean (Keightley); sons, Norman, Stayton, Ore.; Mark Johnson, Curlew, Wash.; daughters, Caroline Shultz, of Oregon; Diana Sosa, Sweet Home; Brenda Siaw, Happy Valley, Ore.; Lynnette Johnson, Sweet Home; 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSTON—Ina Jean (Hopson), 86; born Oct. 24, 1922, Brighton, England; died April 10, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Lee; son, Calvin, College Place; daughter, Colleen Johnston Cooper, Anchorage, Alaska; and 6 grandchildren.

JOHNSTON—J. Bruce, 83; born Nov. 23, 1925, Medford, Ore.; died April 6, 2009, Medford. Surviving: wife, Marianette (Wilcox); son, Jerry, Encinitas, Calif.; daughters, Kathy Frodah, Wilton, Calif.; Cyndee Holm, Fiddletown, Calif.; 5 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

KAGELS—Lawrence "Larry" Frederick, 89; born Dec. 25, 1920, Danville, Ill.; died March 15, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary, College Place; daughter, Chana Kostenko, Warminster, Pa.; brothers, Donald, Peoria, Ill.; Jerry, Danville; Clifford, Crawford, Ind.; and sister, Irene Spicer, Danville.

LAPREE—R. Eileen (Pangburn), 85; born May 20, 1923, Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada; died March 29, 2009, Richland, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Ruby E. Davidson, Portland, Ore.; Margaret Davidson, Grant, Neb.; sister, Leora DeWitt, Walla Walla, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LOCHE—Cloraine Y. (Chrestensen) Weber Watson Heffner, 70; born May 20, 1938, Cloquet, Minn.; died

March 3, 2009, Mead, Wash. Surviving: sons, Vernon Weber Jr., Bremerton, Wash.; Floyd Weber, Tacoma, Wash.; Travis Weber, Spanaway, Wash.; Todd Weber, of Central America; daughter, Charmell (Weber) Coldwell, Puyallup, Wash.; sisters, Mercede Rambow, Madras, Ore.; Annette Baughan, Coweta, Okla.; Eilee Petz, Ponderosa, N.M.; step-brothers, Randy Chrestensen and Bradly Chrestensen, both of Albany, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MELLOR—Elsie E. (Soucy), 96; born June 30, 1912, Mandan, N.D.; died Feb. 22, 1912, Salem, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Lucille Horne, Dalton, Ga.; Helen Costantino, Oakley, Calif.; Pennie Myers, Salem; Kathy Gordon, Foster City, Calif.; Charlotte McCarthy, Redding, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

PEREZ—Roberto Sofonias, 73; born Aug. 22, 1935, Santa Fe, Argentina; died April 7, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Elena Brabb, Eugene, Ore.

PRYHOROCKI—John H., 81; born Feb. 21, 1927, Fairfield, N.D.; died Dec. 26, 2008, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Virginia (Byram); sons, Larry, Ravenna, Mich.; Curtis and Noel, both of Vancouver; daughters, Francine Triebwasser, Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada; Janice Hanson, Vancouver; Cynthia Walker, Sacramento, Calif.; brother, Sam, Kennewick, Wash.; sister, Phylis Bunkowski, Roseberg, Ore.; Margorie Griswalk, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

SAGE—Myrna D. (Stinson), 66; born Oct. 7, 1942, Pueblo, Colo.; died Feb. 25, 2009, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Michael Sage, Priest River, Idaho; daughters, Stacy Coy, Oldtown, Idaho; Tamara Patterson, Priest

River; brothers, Jack Stinson, Vancouver, Wash.; Donald Stinson, Tacoma, Wash.; sisters, Wanda Carter, Springfield, Ore.; Marilyn Samos, Whidbey Island, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

SMITH—Lucille A. (Stoops), 88; born Oct. 30, 1920, Walla Walla, Wash.; died March 28, 2009, Bend, Ore. Surviving: husband, Sam; son, Jerry Smith, Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Linda Heath, Tacoma, Wash.; Becky Danielson, Bend; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SMITH—Velma (Johnson) Merrell Tucker, 85; born April 16, 1923, Arapahoe, Neb.; died March 8, 2009, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Larry Merrell, Newport, Ore.; daughters, Sherry (Merrell) Nicholson and Debra (Tucker) Worley, both of Salem; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SOUTHWORTH—Lois, 96; born Feb. 2, 1912, Toledo, Wash.; died Jan. 18, 2009, Soap Lake, Wash.

STUART—Berniece M., 91; born July 8, 1917, Troy, Kan.; died April 14, 2009, North Plains, Ore. Surviving: son, Jim, San Ramon, Calif.; daughter, Jeanine Ballard, North Plains; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

VAN BUSKIRK—Ellen B. (Morton), 90; born March 7, 1918, Bingham, Neb.; died March 4, 2009, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: son, Woodrow G., Bonney Lake, Wash.; daughter, Donna J. Ferrell, Bonney Lake; brother, John Edward Morton, Ceres, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren.

WAGNER—Donald A., 88; born July 4, 1920, Farmington, Wash.; died April 6, 2009, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Joe, Belgrade, Mont.; Jon, Spokane, Wash.; Chris, Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Sue Esselstyn, Pendleton; brother, Bud, Farmington, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



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Offerings

June 6—Local Church Budget; **June 13**—World Budget; Multilingual Ministries; **June 20**—Local Church Budget; **June 27**—Local Conference Advance.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Church Growth and Evangelism.

June 13—Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

June 12–14—Graduation Weekend. **June 13**—Baccalaureate, 9:30 and 11:45 a.m., University Church. Teacher Dedication, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Nurses’ Pinning, 4 p.m., University Church. Master’s Degree Hooding, 7 p.m., WWVA Auditorium. **June 14**—Commencement, 8:30 a.m., Centennial Green. No alternate location is available; please come prepared for inclement weather. **June 19–20**—Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting. **June 22**—Summer Session begins.

MONTANA

Montana ABC to close

June 21—Pacific Press® retail division announces this difficult decision, made with deep regret. Constituents will now be served out of the Boise, Idaho ABC through

bookmobile visits and at camp meeting. Online services are available at AdventistBookCenter.com and Vegefood.com, and by phone at (800) 524-2665.

OREGON

Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

June 19–21—Friday to Sunday, Tent Camping: Silver Falls State Park (not Christian Renewal Center). Sponsored by the Beaverton Adventist Singles. Cost: approximately \$15 plus parking \$5 per vehicle/per night. Bring Bible, food (see Charlotte for group menu), small tent, sleeping bag, pillow, camera and hiking shoes. Limited space! Sign up early! For map and directions, go to www.oregonstateparks.org/park_211.php. For reservations and information, contact: Charlotte Miles (503) 579-9549; or Tom Terry (503) 684-7971; tom.te@verizon.net; beavertonsda.adventistnw.org, then to the Singles Home Page. Save this date: **July 18**—Singles Potluck Lunch at Oregon Adventist Camp Meeting.

Mike Bishop Concert

June 20—Mike Bishop will sing along with his sister, Marlynn Bishop, at the 11 a.m. service and at an 8 p.m. concert at the Beaverton Church, 14645 S.W. Davis Road, Beaverton, OR. His new CD project *Not On My Own*, as well as his previous CDs, *Rise Again*, and *My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation*, will be available for purchase after the concert.

Lassen Creek Camp Meeting

June 25–27—3ABN’s C. A. Murray will be the featured speaker at the Lassen Creek Camp Meeting. Everyone is invited to meet in the big tent. For information and directions, e-mail gpja.white@gmail.com or larren@desiremedia.org.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Native Camp Meeting

June 25–28—Native Camp Meeting, Thursday evening through Sunday. Our main speaker

is Brian Caladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish tribe. Other speakers and presenters include Corey Greaves from Mending Wings Ministry, Fran Hansen, Matt Fairbanks from the Dispute Resolution Center, Jeff Yellowowl, Handpicked, Ladies of Praise. All are welcome. See you there. Call (509) 877-0960, e-mail eric.allnationscenter@gmail.com, on the Web allnationscenter.org, P.O. Box 187, Wapato, WA 98951.

Missing Members

Linwood Church in Spokane, WA, is seeking the whereabouts of the following members: Gerri Alsup, Justin Bartholomew, Jeff Dean, Jerry Dury, Christina Dury, Cameron Ferguson, Melissa Ferguson, Shannon Flannigan, Debra Fleury, Darrell George Jr., Scott George, Audrey Gibson, Debra Griffith, Debbie Harlow, Sandra Holloway, Jeannie Hunt, Joanne Kendall, Erica King, Susan Kirklun, William Knapton, Jennifer Knapton, Chrystal Knapton, Steve Kokkinen, Rosemary Kreitz, Steven Lynd, Deborah Martin, Verlin Martin, Vicki Mathews, Conan McDaniel, Daniel Eugene Sr., Nichols Eugene Sr., Aaron Patenaude, Michael Payton, Teresa Payton, Ron Peckham, Baetty Peters, Greg Pipoly, Michael Pipoly, Jason Raynow, Jody Raynow, Eric Ripplinger, Kelly Rowell, Norman Saaveda, Corey Scanlan, Geoff Scanlan, Merton Scott, Roy Shoemaker, Brigid and Chris and Tom Sivertsen, Shaun Slinkard, Charles Smick Jr., Edwin Steinebach, Steven Steinmetz, Dale and Kami Sumbureru, Timothy Lee, Tate Lee, Dereck Tobias, James Whitley, Wendi Whitley and Matthied Williams. If anyone has any information, contact the Linwood Church: P.O. Box 48273, Spokane, WA 99228; (509) 327-4400; email linwoodsda.org; www.linwoodsda.org.

Missing Members

Otis Orchards Church is seeking information regarding the following missing members: Robert C. Shelly, Tana R. Gonser, Dorothy M. Hollowell, Carl Larson Jr., Paul Marx, Debbie Pace, Michael

Wright and Virginia Davis. If you have any information, please send it to: Laura Huggins, church clerk, 24807 E. Trent #3, Newman Lake, WA 99025; or e-mail laurahug@comcast.net.

WASHINGTON

SAGE Camp Meeting Canopy

June 20—Sabbath afternoon, you are invited to come visit. You will find our canopy next to the Primary Tent. Come and learn what a tremendous potential SAGE volunteers in general and retirees in particular have for helping accomplish our mission, service and fellowship. SAGE Seniors in Action for God with Excellence! Call (253) 681-6008, e-mail joan.libby@wc.npuc.org, on the Web www.washingtonconference.org/sage, 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way South, Federal Way, WA 98001.

Women’s Health Screening

Aug. 14—Breath of Life Church is offering a mobile mammography screening for women 40 and over in partnership with Swedish Medical Center and the YWCA Women’s Health Outreach. The service is available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available. No insurance? No problem. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the YWCA at (206) 436-8666, Breath of Life Church, 9807 26th Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA.

WORLD CHURCH

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July 10–11—Fresno Westside Church is celebrating 20 years since moving into its newly built sanctuary in July 1989. Elder Ezra Mendinghall will be the featured Sabbath morning speaker. All, including the Mission Church Builders who helped prepare the grounds and erect the sanctuary, are welcome to attend this exciting, inspirational weekend, which begins with Friday night vespers and ends with a grand social on Saturday night. Get more information at myfwsda.org or by contacting the church at (559) 233-3648.

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Reduce Red Meat to Live Longer

When researchers studied half a million people for 10 years to find out what effect eating red meat had on a person's life span, they learned the more red meat a person ate, the higher the risk of an early death.

In the Archives of Internal Medicine study,* sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, people who ate the most red meat (about 4 to 5 ounces a day) were at least 30 percent more likely to die early compared to those who ate the least red meat.

The study found diets high in red and processed meats shorten life span—not just from cancer and heart disease, but also from Alzheimer's, stomach ulcers, and an array of other conditions. Compared to people who ate red meat regularly, people who chose poultry and fish instead of red meat had lower mortality levels.

The researchers estimated that one out of every 10 deaths in men, and an amazing one in five deaths in women, could have been prevented if they had eaten less red meat.

The research is clear. If you want to reduce your risk of heart disease, cancer and early death, reduce or eliminate red and processed meats from your diet.



To eat less red meat, try eating more:

- Fruits and vegetables.
- Nuts and nut butters.
- Legumes (peas, beans, lentils, soy, tofu).
- Whole-grain breads, cereals, and pasta.

These foods are healthy sources of protein and are shown in many studies to promote health and a longer life.



* "Red meat" in this study included all types of beef and pork, including bacon, hamburgers, sausage, steak, hot dogs and red meat in foods such as pizza, chili, lasagna and stew.



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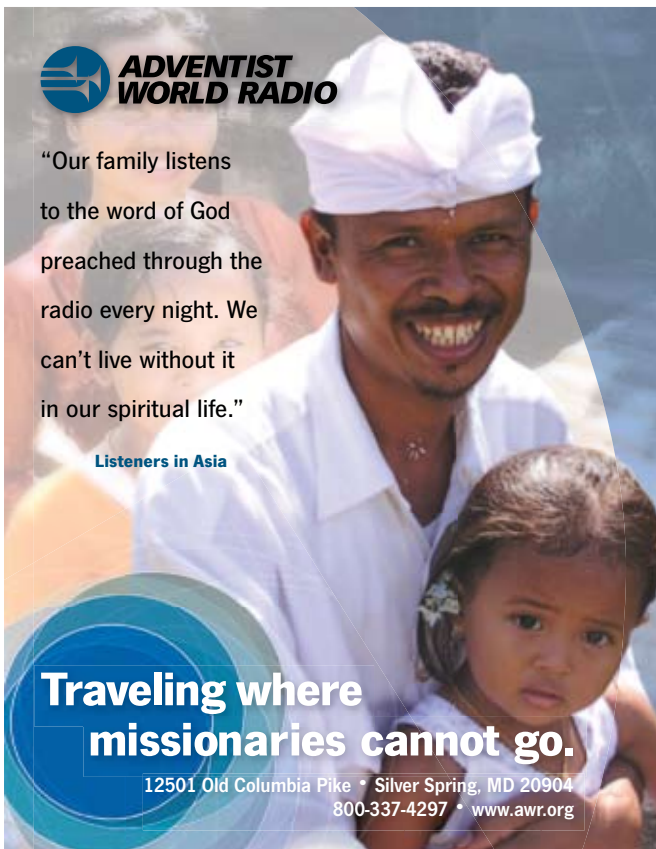
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Earlier, I risked distraction and wandered electronically over to my Facebook account. If you’ve never been there, it’s one of those “social media” places on the Internet where friends network together with comments, photos and videos.

Sometimes it’s TMI—too much information. For example, a friend has now gleefully posted (to my chagrin) a photo of my very first date—two awkward teenagers standing three feet apart sporting resigned “deer-in-the-headlights” looks of impending doom. Yet another stark reminder I was no Don Juan.

But this morning, Facebook transcended that. An online friend said he was watching live video of the Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus in Romania. I immediately logged on, and for the next 45 minutes sat engrossed with headphones plugged in as 50+ Northwest men, joined by a fledgling Romanian chorus, sung their hearts out on stage thousands of miles away. Inspiration leaped across the synapse of space with each swelling stanza.

The amount of information on the Internet astounds me. The most obscure item can be searched out in seconds. It is so accessible; we’ve

become infatuated with the technology that connects us. Happiness is a direct result—so the media messages seem to say—of continually grasping the latest, coolest mobile device.

But the best technology in the world would never have connected me with a Sabbath blessing had not a Facebook friend first said—“You gotta see this.” And even that would have been pointless if our Northwest chorus had never made Romania a mission.



The time we spend browsing the Web may indeed prove productive. The virtual interaction through MySpace,

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