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The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me,"

MATTHEW 25:40 (NIV).

"Free Ride" by Roselyne E. Leon of Garden Valley, Idaho.

The Handiwork of God

The story broke on November 12. A woman and her son, cleaning out a house in a London suburb, come across an old, dusty vase. Is it just a cheap imitation of the real thing? Should they bother having it evaluated?

But the vase does have some unique features. It is — though they will only learn the terms later—reticulated and double-walled. It has an inner vase that can be viewed through perforations in the outer vase. And so they take it to their local auction house, Bainbridges, where experts research the piece and decide that it is a genuine 18th-century Chinese Qing dynasty vase. It probably once resided in the royal palace of Emperor Qianlong and was almost certainly fired in the imperial kilns!

When the hammer comes down, the vase becomes the most expensive piece of Oriental art work ever sold at auction. The price? \$68 million. And Mr. Bainbridge is smiling broadly in the photos accompanying the story because the auction house gets an additional 20 percent. The new owner's total tab? \$85 million.

So why do I believe Walla Walla University is strategically positioned for just such a time as this?

Because we are inspired by a few lines in our own mission statement:

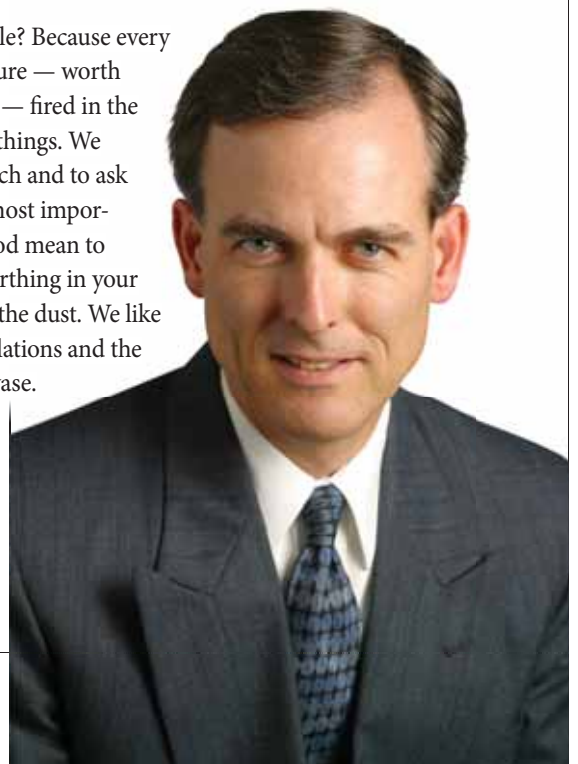
“Walla Walla University is founded on Christian teachings and values as understood and appreciated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Central to these teachings is the belief that every person is created in the image of God as a being of inestimable value and worth, imbued with powers of intelligence, stewardship and creativity akin to those of the Creator.”

We are driven by the conviction that every student who wisely chooses WWU is “created in the image of God” and is “of inestimable value and worth.”

How is that conviction shaping what we do? It is the reason that every freshman student now has a personal mentor. And what a group of mentors they are: well-educated, deeply committed and invested in the success of students. WWU offers: personal attention; prayerful mentoring; small classes; deans who care; professors who will happily meet with you after class; resident assistants who take time to listen; campus ministry leaders who draw you out and press you into service; a campus church that offers powerful times of worship; great food and high-touch ministry; teachers who know their subjects and who know you.

Why go to all this trouble? Because every student is a priceless treasure — worth far more than \$85 million — fired in the kiln of the Emperor of all things. We like to take time for research and to ask a few questions: What is most important to you? What does God mean to you? What goals is God birthing in your heart? We like to blow off the dust. We like to look through the reticulations and the perforations to the inner vase.

And when we do, we behold the handiwork of God.



JOHN MCVAY

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

McPherson to Retire

Stephen L. McPherson, Idaho Conference president since 1988, announced his plans to retire as of Jan. 1, 2011, at the November conference executive committee meeting. A search process has begun to allow the conference executive committee to elect a new president at its Feb. 20 meeting before constituency session at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, on May 22.

McPherson began his ministry in Arizona in 1966, moving to Minnesota in 1970 and then to Alaska in 1981. He served as Alaska Conference president prior to accepting the call to Idaho. He and his wife, Sharon, plan to remain in the Treasure Valley.



Canals Elected to NPUC Ministerial Role

Ramon Canals, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries, has added the assignment of ministerial director to his other responsibilities. The NPUC executive committee elected him to this position in its regular meeting Nov. 17, 2010, to replace Dan Serns, who left the Northwest in the summer of 2010 to pastor in Texas. Canals is the first person of Hispanic ethnicity to hold this position for the NPUC.



Northwest Media Ministries Hold Fundraisers

Several Adventist media ministries held successful fundraisers toward the end of 2010. Blue Mountain Television in Walla Walla, Wash., held its Sharathon in mid-November, raising more than \$42,000. KTSY radio in Boise, Idaho, and KTFY serving Twin Falls, Idaho, together raised nearly \$600,000 during their Fall Sharathon. More than 1,000 donors raised \$159,000 for Positive Life Radio's annual Rice for Cambodia campaign. Organized by Kevin Krueger, PLR general manager (pictured here on a recent trip to Cambodia), the donations, the highest total in PLR's 10-year collaboration with the project, will cover the cost for nearly 400 tons of rice to feed 16,000 families for one month. KACS radio in Chehalis, Wash., raised more than \$90,000 toward its annual goal of \$95,000.

Shame on You!

My thoughts (regarding “WWVA Graduate Accepted into West Point,” November 2010) are in no way to take away from the accomplishment of Andrew Scott or from his decision to attend West Point. I wish him success, strength and courage as he sets out to be a witness and share God’s love with those at West Point.

I believe it was an unfortunate lack of judgment [however] that sensationalized [this story] in the November issue of the *GLEANER*. The hearts and minds of our young people are very impressionable. As a church, an academy, an educator, or a friend we must help guide them to make decisions that will strengthen their resolve to serve Jesus and to engage in the challenge of the Great Commission — not the seemingly “next best thing” as they enlist in various branches of the armed services.

Our church news magazines should print stories to help encourage our young people to

make decisions to enlist in the work God has for His last day church. How many students choose to spend a year as a student missionary? How many graduates postpone or give up financially lucrative career opportunities in the private section to become teachers, missionaries, worldwide aid workers, healthcare providers to the indigent or third world countries? These are the accomplishments and choices that should be written about.

*Alethea D. Torbert,
Jackson, Wyoming*

GLEANER response: We’re so very sorry that you have perhaps missed all the other stories we’ve

printed through the years about students who have chosen mission service or other fine options. This month’s WWU feature highlights a few.

The Rude Remnant

I’m an area pastor/youth pastor in the San Juan Islands. I just wanted to thank you for your boldness in confronting the remnant idea head on (Let’s Talk, December 2010). We as Adventists have a powerful message, but we do need more and more learning in what it means to be part of the remnant. When we stop learning and think we

have theologically arrived we get ourselves in trouble.

*William Hurtado,
Orcas, Washington*

Oops!

In the article entitled “GPAS Welcomes New Team Members” (Oregon News, December 2010), the article failed to identify Terah Wheeler as our Kindergarten teacher. Thank you for making note of that.

*Becky Elmer Kruger,
Merlin, Oregon*



WHAT’S THIS?

You can now use your mobile device to view an online graphic or video via a code symbol in the *GLEANER* as long as your device has a Quick Response (QR) code reader application.

Try it out for yourself on page 11 of this month’s feature story to view a powerful sermon by Alex Bryan, WWU pastor.



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What are college and university students really like in the United States these days — especially in our increasingly secular world? You might picture a self-centered generation motivated by financial success. But in reality, the majority of undergraduates are searching for meaning and identity, looking for answers to life's big questions just as they always have.

TIME AS THIS



BY KEVIN WAITE

For example, researchers at the University of California, in Los Angeles, recently surveyed more than 112,000 new students at 236 colleges and universities.¹ They discovered the following:

- 80 percent of students have an interest in spirituality.
- 76 percent search for meaning and purpose in life.
- 47 percent seek out opportunities to grow spiritually.
- 65 percent sometimes feel distant from God.
- 57 percent sometimes question their beliefs.

Years ago, most colleges included an emphasis on service, morality and spirituality. But these elements began to disappear with the growth of public universities and a drift

toward secularization in many private colleges. With time, intellectual growth became the primary focus. As a result, today's university students who grapple with the "Who am I?", "Why am I here?", "What's my place in life?" questions often must try to find answers on their own.

At Walla Walla University, we believe there's a better option.

"The college-university years are a crucial period in the development of character, worldview and commitments," says John McVay, WWU president. "To live out those years at WWU is a great advantage, as it is a place where rigorous academics meet vigorous spirituality."

This combination of study and Christianity, first outlined by Ellen White in the late 1800s and early 1900s, continues to guide the development of Adventist education today.² She described an education that:

- Affirms God as the Creator and ultimate source of truth.
- Is Bible-based, Christ-centered and focuses toward eternal life with God.
- Seeks harmonious development of heart, mind, body and relationships.
- Nurtures character growth based on Christian values.
- Provides a balance of scholarship, creative thinking and practical skills.
- Promotes loving service to others as life's highest calling.
- Encourages students to commit their lives to Christ and join the Adventist Church.

The value offered by Adventist education isn't just temporal — it's eternal.

"The most vital outcome [isn't prestige, degrees and salaries]. It's whether our

children are standing beside us as parents, pastors and teachers at the foot of the cross,” writes Larry Blackmer, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists vice president of education.³

A belief that Jesus is coming soon, that we can be ready and that we have the privilege of sharing this good news with the world provides context and meaning for each student’s life at WWU. This philosophy attracts students⁴ and fulfills them.

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

Whether it’s in worships, Sabbath services, prayers in class or seen reflected in the lives of faculty, staff and students, spirituality is part of the fabric of WWU.

“I have definitely grown in my relationship with Jesus while at WWU,” says Jonathan Woodruff, a senior business administration student. “People like Alex Bryan, Paddy McCoy and Troy Fitzgerald do an excellent job of consistently lifting Jesus up in their sermons. Many of my business professors are also open about their faith in God. I find this inspiring.”

When she was deciding which university to go to, Hannah

Myers, a freshman biology major who attended a public high school, recalls focusing on three areas — campus life, spiritual life and academics.

“I have always loved the University of Oregon and was certain that I would go there,” she says. “But when it came time to make the final decision, I felt that WWU would offer a stronger spiritual atmosphere — something that was important to me. Here I’ve discovered not only a first-rate education, but a place to establish both a sense of self and a sense of spirituality. WWU challenges one to search deeper, try harder and love more. It is a place that offers the perfect setting in which to meet God. In my time here, I have come to know God as a friend. I believe that relationship will enable me to do more than I ever dreamed possible.”

Andrew Santos, a junior accounting major, chose to enroll at WWU after graduating from an Adventist academy.

“I have learned the biggest thing that will benefit me as I press forward in life will be my walk with Jesus Christ,” he says. “Coming to WWU has strengthened my walk with Christ and taught me to rely on Him each and every single day. I know now to do my best and give Him the rest.”

Santos mentions John Foote, WWU dean of men, as a person who is spiritually inspiring.

“He is one of the most Christ like people I know. He is battling cancer but always manages to have a positive attitude. He has taught me to put everything in God’s hands and always to have a smile on my face,” Santos says.

“The Christian life is an argument in favor of God, and it’s the ultimate goal of an Adventist education,” says Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor.

“Higher education in Adventism [historically] did not come out of a season of inward focus,” he says. “The purpose was for outward focus and engagement with the culture. The purpose of coming to Walla Walla University is not so you can escape the world but so you can be highly trained to impact the world.”

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

“All who engage in the acquisition of knowledge should strive to reach the highest round of the ladder. Let students advance as fast and as far as they can; let the field of their study be as broad as their powers can compass,” Ellen White wrote years ago.⁵

Her challenge is being met today as evidenced by results from

MAKING HISTORY

Considering our place near the end of earth’s history and the imperative, urgent call of the Great Commission to spread the good news of salvation, we firmly believe that Adventist education has been built for such a time as this.

“The Seventh-day Adventist Church was birthed as a youth movement, where young adults owned the mission and crafted the strategies to share it. In a rather different world, WWU is at the cutting edge of mentoring Seventh-day Adventist young adults in leadership in church and society. We are all about returning the church to its origins as a youth movement,” McVay says.

As you consider how you might support and participate in Christian education at WWU, McVay suggests three ways you can help:



the CognitiveGenesis study. Since 2006, data from Iowa Tests have been collected on more than 50,000 K-12 students enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America. In each subject category, students attending Adventist schools scored higher than the national average, even after controlling for individual ability.⁶

This pattern of achievement continues at the university level.

“WWU offers an excellent academic program with many stories to tell about students going to well-reputed graduate programs and good jobs,” says Ginger Ketting-Weller, WWU vice president for academic administration.

For example, Johnny Jesson, a 2009 mathematics graduate, was awarded a competitive two-year fellowship at T. Rowe Price, an investment management firm. Most of the competition were from schools such as Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of California Berkeley.

The year before, WWU graduate Brandon Fetroe was accepted into Stanford University’s aeronautical engineering program, which is ranked No. 2 in the country. He has been working with NASA’s Laser Interferometer Space Antenna

(LISA) team. LISA consists of three spacecraft that have been designed to measure gravitational forces in the universe.

“Our students are active, able and engaged to a level that exceeds what I have seen in prior decades,” McVay says. “They know how to create and communicate. They are masters of our technologically savvy world. And they are emotionally authentic and accessible to others.”

“I feel that the teachers are highly qualified and are experts in their fields of study. They are so willing to help you and truly want you to succeed. The academic programs have a strong and consistent reputation. The school not only prepares you for your future job, but also to succeed in life,” says Santos.

SERVING OTHERS

At WWU, a strong belief in God goes hand in hand with reaching out to others. “To separate faith and service would be a travesty,” McVay says. “Faith feeds service and grants perseverance to carry it forward. Service gives reality and maturity to faith,” he says.

One example of this combination would be the student missions program. Since 1959, WWU has sent more than 2,500

student missionaries throughout the world to serve as teachers, deans, surgeons’ assistants, orphanage managers, radio maintenance workers, engineers and more. This year, 88 students are serving in 26 countries, including the United States. To see a full list of students who have participated in this program, visit www.wallawalla.edu/called.

Students also routinely help individuals and organizations in the community during service days. The ongoing commitment to service is contagious and can be seen reflected in the lives and dreams of students.

“Immediately after graduating I’d like to go to an unfamiliar country and serve in medical clinics. Eventually I would like to graduate from medical school and continue to serve in distant places,” says Sara Park, a biology major.

Tim Swope, an engineering major, talks about his goals: “I’d like to be involved in a project where I can influence people’s lives, whether it’s by building or designing structures in other countries or learning how to design huge skyscrapers and then using the money to run mission trips,” he says. “God is in control. I just need to let Him lead.”

The future may not always be

clearly mapped, as is the case with Christine Zenthoefler, senior graphic design and pre-law major. But the value she places on helping others is easy to see.

“I’m still not sure exactly what I want to do with life,” Zenthoefler says. “But the one thing I know is that I want my life to have meaning and I want to make a difference in the lives of others. Money is not that important to me. When I’m old and gray, I’d much rather have my wealth be in memories of all the people I’ve helped than stored up in a bank account somewhere.”



1 | Pray for everyone involved — faculty, staff and students.

2 | Send able and committed students to participate in the resources available at WWU.

3 | Give to help strengthen WWU and ensure its strength and success in the future.

Finally, if you’re a student making a decision about which school to attend, pray about the options. “Put the decision in God’s hands, and let Him guide you to where He wants you to be rather than where you might want to be,” Santos says.

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A CASE FOR THE CHRISTIAN UNIV



“I am convinced that the most important way Christian faith will influence our culture is through the training and placement of well-educated and committed Christian men and women,” says Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor.

COME SEE FOR YOURSELF

Are you trying to decide which college or university to attend? Then be sure to visit Walla Walla University and talk with faculty and students, suggests Danielle Shull, a sophomore English major.

“WWU is welcoming,” she says. “Everyone has a place here.”

Trevor Congleton, director for recruitment, is your contact person at WWU. “We will be more than happy to guide you through the visit process and do our absolute best to make your stay here as enjoyable as possible,” he says. “We simply ask to have at least two weeks advance notice to make arrangements so your visit will go smoothly.”

Every visiting student and

family fills out an online registration form, which can be found at www.wallawalla.edu/visit. The form asks for contact information and details about your trip. A section near the bottom of the form asks what appointments you would like to make. This is a chance to personalize your visit by requesting anything from a campus tour to meetings with professors in your areas of interest.

“New this year is a chance to schedule an appointment, typically a lunch, with a current student,” Congleton says. “In this way you can hear firsthand what it’s like to attend school here.”

Visits usually last up to three days. The university covers food

and lodging during this time, as well as half of your travel costs up to \$250. You’ll most likely stay at one of the on-campus housing options, which are like mini-hotels. If these are full, the university will arrange for you and your family to stay in an area hotel.

“We strongly encourage parents to come along for the visit,” Congleton says.

Within a week or two after your visit, someone from the WWU guest relations department will usually call to see if you have any questions. If you’ve filled out an application, someone from the university will contact you about once a month to see how you are doing and to remind you about important

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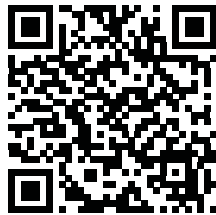
In a 30-minute sermon, he draws on examples from scripture, Adventist history and sociology to build a compelling case for education at a Seventh-day Adventist university.

Watch his message online at www.wallawalla.edu/suchatime.

A broadband connection will deliver the best viewing experience.

Or access it directly via your mobile device using the QR code here.

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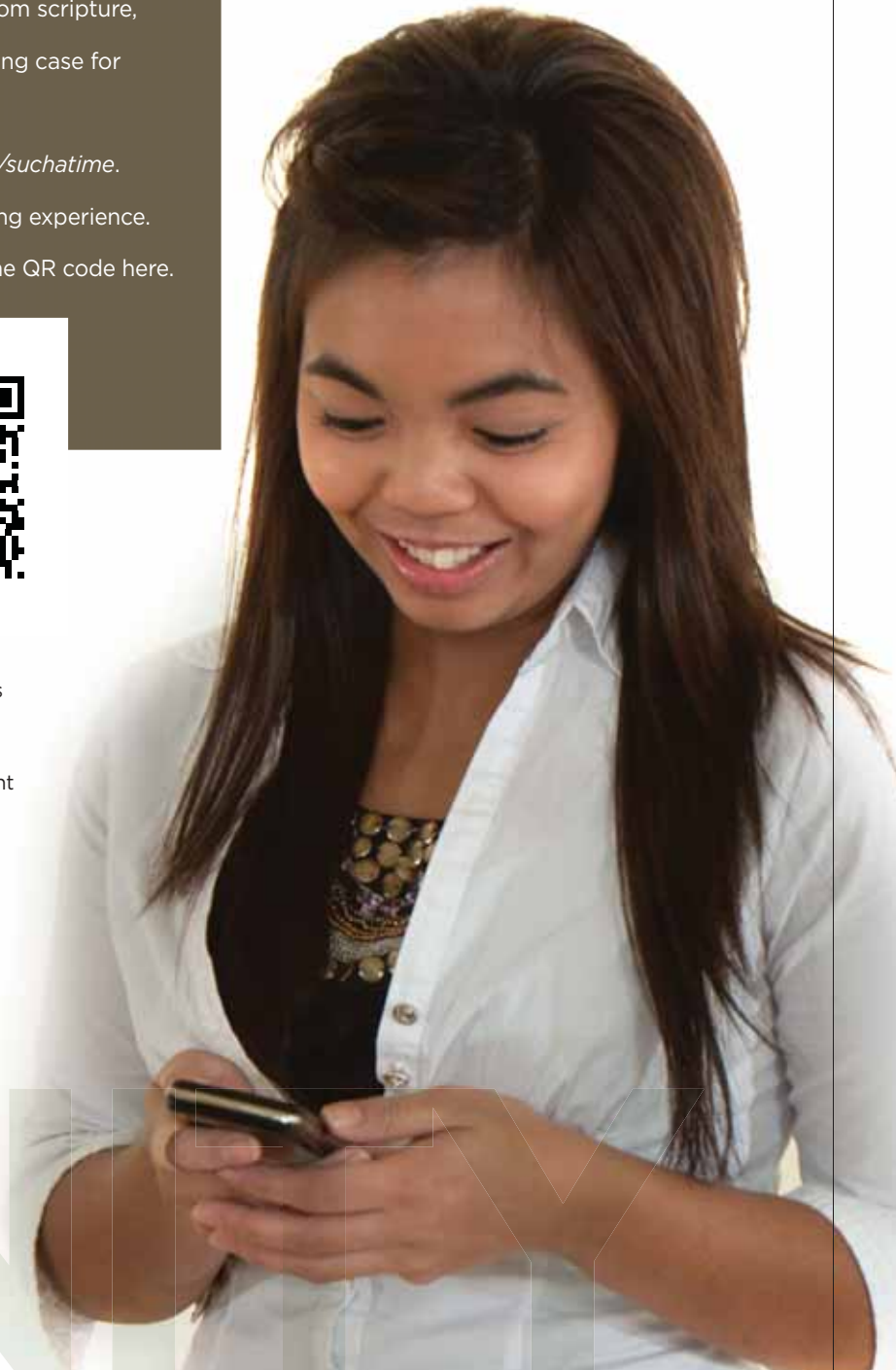


dates and admission requirements.

“I love my job immensely,” Congleton says. “I get to meet really great people. Nothing makes me feel as good as seeing a family I’ve taken on a tour of campus show up again on the first day of school.”

To schedule a visit, call 1-800-541-8900 and ask for the guest relations department. You can also send an e-mail to guestrelations@wallawalla.edu.

Why an Adventist university? Use this QR code with your mobile device to watch this important message.



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Tu Eres Mi Brother

Los hispanos de 2da generación son el grupo que menos asiste a la iglesia en Norteamérica. Son nuestros hermanos, nuestros hijos, nuestros amigos. Es muy posible que puedas pensar en una persona que pertenece a este grupo y que no asiste a la iglesia en este momento.

Con deseos de mejorar esta situación la iglesia Adventista en Oregón tiene iglesias que están plantando iglesias o comenzando ministerios



Joven Emily Sanchez, acepto bautizarse una noche durante un estudio del programa de grupo pequeño: "You Talk."

que alcancen esa generación. Estas iglesias no suceden por casualidad, existen porque iglesias madres aman tanto a sus jóvenes que están dispuestos a hacer lo necesario por salvarlos. Sus historias están a continuación:

1. MILWAUKIE SPANISH Y REMIX:

La iglesia Adventista de Milwaukie fue la "mama" de Remix Adventist Church. Localizada en la metrópolis de Portland, tiene más de



Staff pastoral y parte de los miembros de la junta de la Iglesia Adventista Remix celebrando el nacimiento de la nueva iglesia.

70 personas reuniéndose los Sábados a las 11:45am. Un acto increíble de parte de los adultos de la iglesia de Milwaukie es que ellos decidieron asistir al primer culto el Sábado en la mañana (9am) para que los jóvenes tuvieran el santuario a las 11:45. La escuela sabática es compartida por ambas congregaciones. Actos como este reflejan que no es solamente importante hablar de salvar a los jóvenes, la clave está en actuar. Para más información acerca de esta nueva iglesia vea su página: www.remixadventist.com

2. HILLSBORO SPANISH Y MOSAIC:

Esta iglesia está localizada en el lado oeste de Portland, cerca de los planteles de Intel. Mark era un joven americano, casado con una muchacha hispana, miembro de la iglesia de Hillsboro. Atraves del ministerio de 2da generación, el se bautizo y ahora es uno de los ancianos de la iglesia. La iglesia "mama" ayudo, apoyo, y animo a este grupo de jóvenes a crecer en Jesús. Este año salieron para comenzar una nueva aventura de fe. La iglesia madre, dirigida

por el Pr. Rubén Bullón, en este momento tiene una academia de música en la iglesia, para alcanzar a la nueva generación preparándolos espiritualmente, intelectualmente y físicamente. Para mas información vea: www.mosaicadventist.com

3. IGNITE Y WOODBURN:

Este ministerio para jóvenes se reúne una vez al mes en la iglesia de Woodburn. La iglesia de Woodburn es la más antigua de nuestra conferencia, y también sienten una necesidad por salvar e involucrar a los jóvenes. Una de las notas interesantes es ver su grupo musical, dirigido por jóvenes y adolescentes, algunos ni siquiera cumplen los 15 años.

Para información contacte a juanmiguel.pacheco@gmail.com

Estas son tres ejemplos entre otros. Cultos jóvenes en Beaverton, campañas juveniles en Forest Grove, y grupos pequeños en Vancouver son otras maneras igual de importantes para alcanzar a los jóvenes. El ministerio juvenil hispano de la conferencia, dirigido por David Merino, tiene el deseo de ayudar a otras iglesias a comenzar, crecer, y fortalecer sus ministerios. Para eso se desarrollo un estudio para grupos de jóvenes llamado LIFE/VIDA, un libro reversible de lecciones para todo un año. Para contactarse con él y descubrir como tu iglesia puede ayudar a los jóvenes escríbele a: PastorMerino@msn.com.

¡Ya sea con conquistadores, sociedad de jóvenes o iglesia de niños, hagamos algo por la próxima generación!

Roger Hernandez, Coordinador de la Conferencia de Oregón

Libro de Estudio.





“Most Important Questions” participants are pictured here, top row from left: Steve Evenson, Clint Wales, Jordan Laboca, Steve Grundstein, Annie Gozen, Angela Gozen, Don Schneider, Megan Axmaker, Kyle Wales and Charles Laboca. Bottom row, from left: Shirley Gozen and Lisa Lowry.

Juneau Youth Ask “MIQ”

The Juneau (Alaska) Church just completed “Most Important Questions” with Doug Batchelor. From Oct. 8–16, 2010, young people came to the Juneau Church each night for supper, fellowship and then study. “Most Important Questions” is a series of meetings just for youth, based on their most frequently asked questions, such as “Is There a God?,” “Is the Bible True?,” “How Did I Get Here?,” “Can I Live Forever?,” “Who Am I?,” “What About My Body?,” “What Is God’s Will For My Life?,” “What About My Relationships?,” “How Can I Have Purity, Peace and Power?” and “Who Needs a Church?” The meetings were shown four

hours after the live broadcast, so participants were able to submit text questions into the live series for the next day.

In the last meeting, an appeal for baptism was made and a young woman, who is attending the University of Alaska in Juneau, made her decision for the Lord and is looking forward to becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Praise God for the youth of the church who are willing to stand up for Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of others.

Steve Evenson, Juneau/Sitka district pastor

Octogenarian Missionary Makes an Appeal

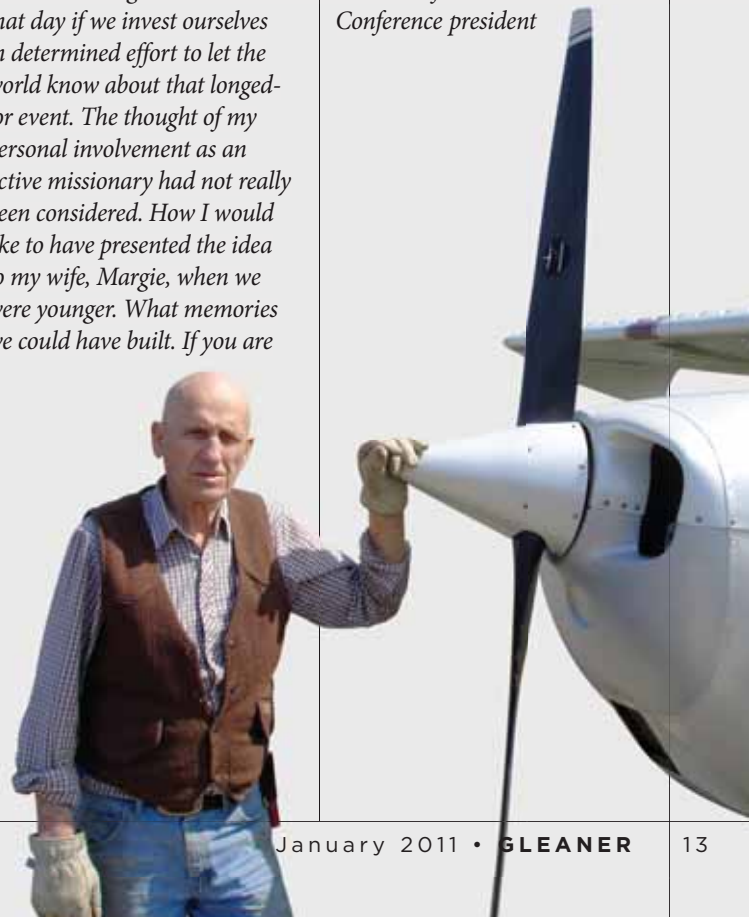
Dan Rotthoff, a missionary in Arctic Alaska, has dedicated the rest of his life to winning souls to Jesus. He has just finished his second year in Togiak, Alaska, a small village on the Bering Sea. Here is an excerpt from a recent letter he wrote to friends and family:

I want to make every attempt I can to encourage others to become involved in mission work. I know there are many who, along with me, long to see the day when Jesus will return and bring to an end all the pain, trouble and death. We can all work together to hasten that day if we invest ourselves in determined effort to let the world know about that longed-for event. The thought of my personal involvement as an active missionary had not really been considered. How I would like to have presented the idea to my wife, Margie, when we were younger. What memories we could have built. If you are

single, as I am after having lost Margie; if you are married and even if you have children, there is a place that you could fit in. Maybe here in Alaska or in some other mission field, but if this is not a possibility, perhaps you can help support others. Think about it! Whatever decision you make, get involved one way or the other for your own spiritual growth as well as aiding the proclamation of the gospel message to others.

Praise God for Rotthoff and other like-minded Arctic Mission Adventure volunteers.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



KTSY Evolves with Barefoot Media Ministry

With 20 years of history in Idaho's Treasure Valley, the KTSY radio team is developing a new vision and a new story under the leadership of Brian Yeager, general manager.

A New Vision

With the Christian church in North America speaking to a smaller and smaller segment of society, KTSY realized it could either create a larger sub-culture insulated from the world or it could determine to bring people into a journey with God that inspires them to make a new story for someone outside the church culture.

The second option has become the vision of KTSY — to bring as many people as possible into this outward-focused journey with God. It's evident in testimonials like this:

My husband grew up in a Christian home and I didn't. His family led me to Christ. However, a while later, his parents divorced and his sister committed suicide. I was devastated. My spiritual heroes had fallen and my husband and I both lost our

faith. One day I was driving and saw a bumper sticker for KTSY. I figured, "why not?" So I gave it a try. The music and messages got through my defenses and changed my life. In April I was baptized and my husband was rededicated. We feel God rescued our spirits through KTSY.

KTSY Becomes Barefoot Media Ministry

Together with KTFY 88.1FM serving Twin Falls, Idaho, the KTSY media ministry has changed its name to Barefoot Media Ministry. We are indeed standing on holy ground, on a holy mission, and getting a little muddy in the thick of ministry. One initiative that the radio stations already have is the PrayerWorks! page (www.onlineprayerworks.com/ktsy), which connects people with prayer requests to people who are praying for them.

The Blessing

November tested this new direction of Barefoot Media, which receives no funds from the Idaho Conference for its operation. On-air fundraisers are incredibly important. This year the sharathons were a stunning success: KTFY passed their biggest goal ever with \$92,400 and KTSY finished with a total of more than \$501,000.

Barefoot Media Ministry invites you to invest in someone's life, no strings attached, and let God do His work. Listen online at www.895ktsy.org or www.881ktfy.org. New stories can happen everywhere.

Brian Yeager, Barefoot Media Ministry general manager



Barefoot Media Ministry connects with the community at many levels. Chris Gilbreth and Brian Yeager do a remote broadcast from a holiday food drive location.

Caldwell Flames Pathfinders Sponsor Food Drive

This past October, the Caldwell (Idaho) Flames Pathfinder Club sponsored a food drive in the Caldwell community. Pathfinders passed out bags in several areas of the city and collected them the following Sabbath afternoon as part of their service to others. The food drive was a success with many items donated. The Pathfinders helped Caldwell's Community Services sort and pack the donated food for the holiday season.

Dan Gilbert, Caldwell Flames deputy director



Butte is Mad about Marriage

Are you madly in love or just plain mad?" That was the question asked by Mike and Gayle Tucker, of *Faith for Today*, as they conducted a marriage workshop the weekend of Sept. 17, 2010, at the Butte (Mont.) Church.

During the two-day workshop, the Tuckers presented

God's ideal for marriage. They not only shared the four negative patterns of communication but also how good communication skills can help couples honestly examine each problem, control their emotions and eliminate high conflict.

The Tuckers also showed how husbands and wives can share the spiritual journey by praying together, worshipping together (both family and corporate) and sharing a ministry.

Couples at the seminar learned four rules to guide marriages and keep them healthy: filling each other's love banks, meeting each other's emotional needs, giving each other undivided attention, and being totally open and honest with one another.



Mike and Gayle Tucker of *Faith for Today*, present a marriage workshop.

One couple says, "During this session we discovered something that has been causing a great deal of frustration in our marriage and we're going to work toward making things better."

Even Christians struggle with "the big stuff," as the Tuckers described issues like addiction, abuse, anger and infidelity. After each session there was time for the couples to privately discuss the topic that had been covered. One participant says, "Learning to forgive is very important. We all have things that we struggle with and forgiving and being forgiven is an important part of marriage."

The Tuckers closed the weekend session by having couples renew their marriage vows to one another, a fitting wrap up to a blessed event.

Lori Flower, marriage seminar local coordinator



Rick and Erika Bell enjoy dialoging during the weekend seminar in Butte.

New Pastoral Team for Hot Springs and Ronan

After a brief interim without a pastor, the Hot Springs/Ronan district welcomed the pastoral team of Bill and Sue Smith on Sept. 25, 2010. Church members are very grateful to John Loor Jr., former Montana Conference president, for seeing to it they had a pastor before he left to begin his new position at the North Pacific Union Conference.

The Smiths are not newcomers to the Montana Conference, since they moved there from the Livingston/Belgrade/Big Timber district. They, along with their dogs, cat, horses and Sue's mother, Paula, are settling in nicely

at the parsonage in Ronan. The Smiths' five adult children, Kari, Holly, Cody, Randa and Judy, along with five grandchildren (soon to be six), are spread out across the country.

The Hot Springs Church is very enthusiastic about serving the Lord with outreach to the little community, under their new leadership. The Lord has blessed the church with Bill and Sue accepting the call.

Laurie McElvain, Hot Springs Church clerk



Bill and Sue Smith are welcomed to the Hot Springs and Ronan district with their names on the new sign for their first Sabbath.

The Antioch Project Connects with Bible-Study Interests

In 2010 People to People Ministries Inc. launched an outreach program that hires Bible workers to work with churches in the Portland, Ore., area. For more than 30 years, PPM has been involved in inner-city ministry offering tutoring, educational services, and conducting a variety of health and Bible seminars. Now through fundraising efforts and support from donors, the organization has been able to initiate the community outreach program called The Antioch Project.

The project, based on Acts 11:19–26, shares effective outreach strategies and training opportunities with churches and members. It helps local churches reach many who are reading the Scriptures but do not understand their true meaning. “All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers, tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace and for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in” (Ellen White, *Acts*



Laura Gren and David Shambry are Mt. Tabor Church Bible workers.

of the Apostles, p. 109).

Door-to-door surveys are conducted to obtain information about people’s needs and their interests in health and Bible study. Bible study invitation cards are available to be given out and/or mailed to those living in the church’s zip code area. Within four to five months, the

church is encouraged to sponsor a seminar with a focus on health, creation, Bible teachings or prophecy.

Steve Chinn, Mt. Tabor Church pastor, says, “The Bible workers have been a real blessing. The surveys that they conducted in the community underscored the fact that the largest concern of our neighbors was for their health. So our plan to conduct a health seminar was affirmed.”

“Having three Bible workers team up with our Bible worker instructor, Chris Camacho, has been a new experience for the Stone Tower Church,” says Ben Barcenas, pastor. “The Bible workers have led the way going door to door and finding interests for Bible study. They have made an impact on the Stone

Tower Church by encouraging its members to be involved in witnessing.”

The Antioch Project is now planning to work with two other churches in the Portland area. Church members are becoming excited about reaching out to their community. On Jan. 8, there will be a seminar “Preparing for a Harvest” held at the Stone Tower Church at 2 p.m. For more information about the Antioch Project and/or the seminar, contact People to People Ministries, P.O. Box 2221, Clackamas, OR 97015; call 503-367-4635 or visit www.peopletopeopleministries.com.

Carl Parker, Stone Tower Church member



Pictured here are Stone Tower (Ore.) Bible workers, from left: Chris Camacho (trainer), Lagneau Nougaisse, Debbie Sundstrom, Wynn Kaiser and Linsey Strack.

He Knows My Name

Oregon Christian Women's Retreat 2010

For many women, the idea that the God of all Heaven and earth knows their names is a profound and touching new thought. This was the theme at the 2010 Oregon Christian Women's Retreat, held in Florence, Ore., in October. Unpacking that theme was special guest speaker Heather-Dawn Small, Adventist world church women's ministries director.

Guest speakers included, among others, Susie Hill, teacher at Texas Women's University, who spoke about "My Secret Weapon" and "The Ten Things Women Should Know About Money;" Diana Fleming, co-author of *The Full Plate Diet*; and Angelina Wood on "Inner Healing and Wholeness in Christ."

New this year was the invitation for teens to attend at the special rate of \$25 each. About a dozen took advantage of that

offer, enjoying the main retreat highlights plus a few special sessions of their own with speaker Cheri Gatton and coordinator Tawny Sportsman.

Another new feature of the retreat was a Sunday morning segment during which several women who are "making waves" for Christ were interviewed, including Linda Lydick about her community

outreach initiatives in Florence; Jan Ellis, who teaches ESL in Chelan, Wash.; Bev Schultz, who is involved in prison

ministries in the Bend, Ore., area; and Ginny Allen with the Care Bear project in Vancouver, Wash.



About a dozen teens attend the retreat for the first time this year, enjoying the main retreat highlights plus a few special sessions of their own with speaker Cheri Gatton (far left) and coordinator Tawny Sportsman (center, back row). Pictured here is a belated celebration of a special 16th birthday.

Some of the featured speakers for this year's Oregon Christian Women's Retreat held in Florence, Ore., are pictured here, from left: Ginny Allen, Jackie Johnson, Joyce Burkeen and Linda Lydick.



"I can't think of a retreat where the speakers were such highly dedicated Christian women, but also had the vision and skills — a world view, if you will — to reach a very broad range of people," wrote one attendee. "I felt I could have invited my non-Adventist friends to this retreat ..."

The dates and speakers for the next two years are already set. The 2011 retreat will be Oct. 14–16 with Janice Browne. For Oct. 19–21, 2012, the speaker will be Elizabeth Viera Talbot.

Cheri Corder, Oregon Conference women's ministries director

Milo Miracles

Tim Riesenberger, a Seattle, Wash., physician, led Milo Adventist Academy's Fall Week of Prayer, building around the theme that everyone needs a heart transplant.

Sharing his own testimony of coming to experience God's love, he wove in gripping stories from his emergency room experiences.

At the first meeting, 17 students responded to the call to give their hearts to Jesus.

A number of these students already had an experience with God that had been nurtured by committed Christian parents. Michelle Rice, from Gresham, Ore., had been assured by her



Seventeen students respond to Tim Riesenberger, a Seattle physician, at the Fall Week of Prayer at Milo Adventist Academy. Riesenberger built his theme around the idea everyone needs a heart transplant.

mother that week of her own unconditional love. Hearing Riesenberger's story of the intense and eternal love of God spurred Michelle to reach out to God again.

Brittney Benedict, from Wrangall, Alaska, felt a renewed and deepening awareness of God's love.

During the church service on Sabbath morning, those 17

students shared their testimony, resulting in 30 more students coming forward to commit their lives to Jesus. Savannah Sexton, from St. Helens, Wash., who was raised in the church, realized during this Week of Prayer that God wants HER.

Few eyes remained dry as students came forward and told of Christ's work in their lives during a service that stretched to more than three hours. The results of the efforts of homes, churches and schools were demonstrated at MAA amidst much rejoicing.

Randy Bovee, MAA principal

Columbia Academy's Thanksgiving "Fun Raising"

If "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Prov. 17:22), then there was a wealth of health and not a single dry bone at Columbia Adventist Academy's second annual Thanksgiving celebration, "A Cornucopia of Love." The theme was mirrored in the juxtapositions of thanks and laughter, giving and receiving, "enhance the romance" tips and challenges offered by the keynote speaker, and a variety of music.

Board members, constituent church members, friends of the school, faculty, staff and students all contributed to making the event a huge success. Following a vegan banquet meal, served efficiently by the CAA seniors, and entertain-

ment by a new friend of CAA, Milford Stratton, the evening ended with the keynote address by Ryan Moor, CAA class of 2000, and an outpouring of gifts from the more than 130 guests present.

As giant strides of progress are made toward the retirement of the debt on the new building, the words shared by Moor are worth repeating: "Within these walls lives are changed, developed and saved. Think of this as the West Point of Christian education. What happens within these walls is great, but what happens outside of these walls is eternal. So Columbia, your students are what these walls are all about. And to you students, this is one of the greatest gifts you'll receive. Utilize every second. When



Milford Stratton provides some lighthearted entertainment during CAA's recent Thanksgiving celebration dinner.

you leave Columbia, leave with God and an unwavering love for others. And know that when you do, you just might change the world."

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Hood View Junior Academy Celebrates Veteran's Day

On Nov. 11, 2010, students at Hood View Junior Academy joined the annual Veteran's Day parade in Estacada, Ore. Dressed in red, white and blue, preschool and kindergarten students who couldn't make the 1.5-mile parade route rode in a beautiful float decorated by parents. Students marched alongside veterans who later gave the students a standing

ovation for their participation. Afterward, students were honored for their patriotism at the Estacada Honor Service where they performed "God Bless America" to the appreciative crowd. Hood View hopes to make this celebration an annual tradition.

Holley Bryant, Hood View Junior Academy principal



Preschool and kindergarten students at Hood View Junior Academy ride on their Veteran's Day float in Estacada, Ore.

Whitecoat Veterans Meet for Reunion

Have you ever heard of Operation Whitecoat? More than 2,300 United States Army men, many of them Seventh-day Adventists, serving from 1954 through 1973 volunteered to place their lives in harm's way — not necessarily on the front lines of the battlefield but as human guinea pigs. To help fight against possible germ warfare, these volunteers were exposed to different infectious agents and diseases in hopes of helping science learn how to counteract the effects. Many of

us have since benefited from the antibiotics and poison control that have developed from this research.

These experiments took place at Fort Detrick, Md., in a 40-foot high sealed metal globe known as the "8 Ball." In this globe, the men were exposed to biological warfare agents, which the soldier breathed from the dispensing device. The 8 Ball is now just a symbol of the past. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A Whitecoat reunion took

place at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Ore., Oct. 29 and 30, 2010. More than 200 Whitecoat veterans came together to reunite, tell some stories and worship God. James Pryde, Gladstone Oregon Police Chief, gave a warm welcome. Darold Bigger, retired Rear Admiral, gave the Sabbath morning sermon and in the afternoon His Praise Men's Chorus presented a "Patriot Gospel Service," directed by Finis Johnson. On Friday night and Sabbath evening, the men were

given the opportunity to tell their experiences in the service and what they have done since. From the stories told, it is clear these men were not only positive Christian role models in the Army but have been since those days as well. Bob Seyley voiced what many were thinking: "I'm looking forward for our next reunion to be in Heaven."

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director



Leadership Class Connects WWVA Students with Community

“Charitable organizations really need consistent help” is the mantra behind Tyler Anderson’s new community leadership class.

Anderson, who teaches history at Walla Walla Valley Academy (Wash.), wanted to find a way to use his students’ interests to connect them with the needs of community service organizations in the Walla Walla Valley. Thus the community leadership course was born.

The format is simple: students write up an application to the association where they would like to serve, meet with staff, schedule their hours and sign a contract. Then they get to work, regularly serving throughout the quarter. Students keep a time log and summary of their experiences



Tyler Anderson, WWVA history teacher, is excited about the potential of his leadership class students.

then at the end of their service, they receive an evaluation from their supervisor.

It’s a relationship that benefits not only the organizations but also the students, who receive valuable work experience, learn

to give back and build responsibility. Tedi Hutson, a junior who volunteers at the Red Cross, says, “It’s a great experience that has allowed me to reach out to others in a way I hadn’t been able to do before.” Terry

Hackney, Red Cross executive director, echoes her thoughts and adds that student volunteers “help us out with tasks that otherwise wouldn’t be done.”

So far WWVA has students serving at the Red Cross, the Children’s Home Society, Rogers Adventist School, the YWCA and the local soup kitchen. Anderson hopes to eventually expand the program to encompass more vocational volunteering. He’s optimistic about the success of the program, saying, “In the end, it could be one of the best things I do.”

Katie Woolever, WWVA recruiting and marketing director

Troy Features Prophecy Seminar

Lights ... Camera ... Action! With prayer and preparation the Troy (Idaho) Church was ready for the Bible Prophecy Seminar presented by Dennis Nickel, their local pastor. It had been many years since something like this had happened in this farming and logging community.

On Oct. 13, 2010, opening night, people were waiting with anticipation for the seminar to begin. The attendance was better than expected at the Lion’s Hall on opening night and each

of the following eight nights. This was strictly a prophecy presentation from Daniel and Revelation. Some of the comments indicated people enjoyed knowing more about prophecy.

One person says, “I didn’t know the Bible interpreted itself so well.”

“We very seldom hear about Bible prophecy and the Second Coming of Jesus in our church,” says another attendee. The presentations were informative and to the point. Nickel kept each presentation to 30 minutes. The

result of the seminar proved productive — about eight good interests asked to know more about what the Adventist church has to offer.

The church is planning to follow up with Bible studies to prepare people for Jesus’ coming. They plan to hold another seminar in 2011 or 2012, following Ellen White’s counsel to mingle with the people, win their confidence, understand their felt needs and invite them to follow Jesus. This will include door-to-door work, visiting

inactive members, and inviting friends and neighbors to church-sponsored events.

Joanne Rasco, Troy Church personal ministries committee

Financial Miracles

God provides for students at UCA

Debbie Nelson, Upper Columbia Academy financial vice principal, pulled down a large three-ring binder marked with a bunch of tiny yellow sticky notes. She flipped to one of the marked pages. Pointing to the handwritten note at the top of the page, she told me, "Each one of these represents a miracle."

Two weeks before registration day, Nelson met with Linnea Torkelson, UCA Alumni director, to discuss the Worthy Student Fund for the 2011 school year. The Worthy Student Fund is donated money that UCA uses to help students come to school whose parents cannot pay the full bill. It has been the reason many students are now attending UCA.

This year, however, they discovered that the Worthy Student Fund only had \$60,000. When they added up the tuition needs of the students who needed worthy student assistance, they found the total

amount needed was \$400,000. That meant they had a difference of \$340,000 left to raise. If they didn't get this money, 30 students who wanted to attend UCA wouldn't be able to.

Nelson made several calls trying to see if there were any resources out there, but had no success. Nelson finally had to make the dreaded calls to the families of the 30 students. Through tears, she prayed with the parents. They prayed that if God wanted these students to go to UCA then He would provide the money.

Nelson called several churches in the Upper Columbia Conference asking if they would be willing to assist students from their local areas financially. Many churches answered by accepting the call

and adopted 20 of the students in need. There were still 10 students left that needed money in order to attend UCA.

No money came in and it got closer and closer to registration day. It looked like those 10 students wouldn't get to go to UCA at all. Then, five days before registration day, Nelson got a phone call from an anonymous person saying they wanted to donate \$20,000. A few hours later, another anonymous person called saying they would donate \$5,000. Throughout the rest of the day, three more people called.

Within a 24-hour period, \$35,000 had come in from five anonymous donors. All but one of those 10 students were able to come to UCA.

No one knows why God pro-

vided the money for everyone of those 30 students except for one, but maybe he has plans for that student at some other school. We can always trust God to know the big picture. These miracles are reminders that no problem is too big for God to handle and money is no object to Him. He will always provide for us.

Sophia Rich, UCA student

"Each one of these represents a miracle."

Breakthrough Transforms Tacoma Area

A 7-year-old boy was having some problems at school, and his mother looked up the phone number for the local Adventist church. They met with the pastor at the church office to talk about Jesus, and the pastor invited them to the Breakthrough meetings starting the next evening.

When José Rojas, event speaker, invited people to come forward to say they were following Jesus, the little boy, sitting next to his pastor, said, “Can we go?”

As a result of this little boy’s insatiable thirst for Jesus, his whole family is recommitting their lives to Jesus.



HEIDI MARTELLA

“I want to challenge you to believe in God,” says José Rojas. “The truth will set you free. It’s your breakthrough. God wants to forgive you and love you.”

Looking for a Breakthrough

For a week in November, two sets of audiences from the Tacoma, Wash., area came to Breakthrough (in Spanish: Transformación) to learn

how to break through to a deeper life of purpose to find hope, peace and freedom in Jesus.

“These meetings are especially focused on the secular mind of today’s post-Christian society,” says Rojas. “In this journey, we are not compromising truth or doctrine. We are simply talking the language of the target audience.”

And they came forward — desiring breakthroughs in relationships, addictions, spiritual roadblocks and more. Children led their parents. Teenagers brought their friends. Young adults took a stand. Couples came forward together.

“When you get to know God personally, that’s when your life changes and you

have a breakthrough,” Rojas says. “It’s amazing what the power of God can do when you get to know Him.”

Casting a Vision

The Breakthrough journey began about four years ago when northwest leaders envisioned a five-year evangelism plan — called Momentum — where two reaping meetings would be held each year to target the 10 largest

metro areas in the region.

“This is a team-building event,” says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director. “We have churches, ministry teams and volunteers of all ages working together for the purpose of sharing Jesus’ love with other people.”

A group of teenagers are among the volunteers. Under the leadership of Todd Gessele, series producer, these young people are operating video cameras, learning about video production and discovering the importance of prayer.

Breakthrough and Transformación are expected to air on Hope TV this spring. Both series will be available on DVD. To pre-order your copy of either DVD series, fill out a request form at www.breakthroughtacoma.com.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director



HEIDI MARTELLA

Each evening, José Rojas, event speaker, invites people who desired a breakthrough (of any kind) in their life to come forward. “Breakthrough is deeper than religion; it’s an experience,” Rojas says. “It’s about relationships, not about rules.”

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Two Pastors Ordained in Washington

Within a two-week period, two pastors and long-time friends — Adrian Petreaca and Cristian Bobocea — were ordained to gospel ministry.

Petreaca grew up in Romania in an Adventist home with parents who valued family ministry. Growing up in a Communist era challenged his faith, yet helped him find a refuge in the church. He was baptized at age 17.

After serving for a year in the army, Petreaca studied theology in Bucharest. He and his wife, Delia, moved to the United States to attend seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich. Washington Conference later invited Petreaca to pastor in Renton, Wash. Following his parents' example, Petreaca calls his wife and two daughters, Andrada



Long-time friends in ministry — Adrian and Delia Petreaca, Cristian and Simona Bobocea, and Eddie and Raluca Ciobanu come together with their children to celebrate two ordinations.

and Vanessa, his “first church.”

Bobocea also grew up in Romania where his parents provided living examples of devotion to God and Christ-like service. Involvement in youth

leadership fostered an interest in ministry. He was baptized at age 17.

Bobocea’s sense of mission matured during college and he prayerfully entered seminary

studies. Bobocea and his wife, Simona, served a four-church district in the Moldavia Conference for about a year before beginning seminary studies at Andrews University (Mich.). The Boboceas in Oregon Conference before accepting a call to pastor the Grays Harbor and Elma churches in Washington Conference. The couple has two boys, Nathan and David.

“It’s a privilege to mentor, train and guide young pastors,” says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director. “Both of these pastors were trained well to share their faith.”

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Kirkland Teacher Wins Spirit 105.3 Contest

Heather Andersen, a teacher at Kirkland (Wash.) Seventh-day Adventist School, entered her song “My Heart Is Your Home” in Spirit 105.3’s Local Music Project.

The Local Music Project searches for rising local artists who enter their songs in hopes of a first place title and a recording deal. Listeners vote each week and weekly winners advance to the final round.

Andersen was shocked when she won for her week. “I didn’t think that they would choose me, since the other contestants

had songs that sounded so ‘professionally recorded,’” she says. “But I decided to trust that if God wanted this to happen, then He would make a way. Whether I won or lost, either way, it was an honor to have made it as far as I did.”

Andersen, a third- and fourth-grade teacher, enjoys writing songs, playing her guitar and singing with her students. She looks forward to making an album someday or selling her songs to other artists.

“I give God the glory for bringing me to this place in

my life,” says Andersen, after winning the contest. “He gave me the words, the voice and the opportunities that have brought me where I am.”

Andersen performed her winning song at Seattle’s Key Arena to open a Jeremy Camp concert and performed at South Hill Mall in Puyallup, Wash., in mid-November 2010.

To read Andersen’s firsthand narrative of her experience at washingtonconference.org.

Natalie Dorland, Puget Sound Adventist Academy student



Heather Andersen, teacher and musician, has a passion for sharing her love of music with her students.

Baker View Students Meet an American Hero

So you think your life is tough? Imagine you're 22 years old, your fighter plane is on fire and you've got to bail out over enemy territory.

Meet Joe Moser. Moser recently visited Baker View Christian School in Bellingham, Wash., to share his story.

In August 1944, while Capt. Moser was on his 44th combat mission over war-torn France, enemy ground fire hit his Lockheed P-38 Lightning. Captured by a German patrol and rounded up with other Allied pilots caught with the French resistance, the young Ferndale, Wash., native (he grew up just two miles from Baker View) faced the ordeal of being sent to the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp.



Baker View Christian School upper-grade students are excited to meet Joe Moser, World War II fighter pilot and author of *A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald*.

The upper-grade students, having just finished reading Moser's book, *A Fighter Pilot in Buchenwald*, were excited to meet this American hero. They listened to his story and had him autograph copies of his book.

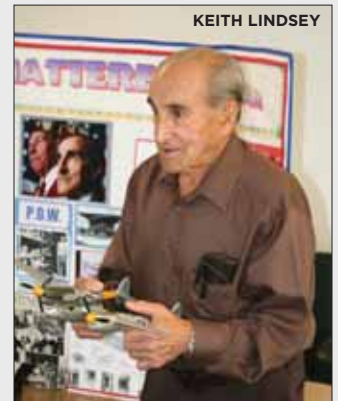
The class had built models of the P-38 as part of a literature

unit and also took a field trip to see one of the real fighters at the Boeing Museum of Flight.

From Moser's story, students learned a true life lesson about attitude and perseverance in the face of the most extreme circumstances, but also how one man's faith in God helped see him through this struggle and

carried him home to a joyful reunion with his family.

Keith Lindsey, Baker View Christian School principal



Joe Moser, a World War II fighter pilot from Ferndale, Wash., shares his story with Baker View Christian School upper-grade students.

Penny by Penny *AAA Raises Funds for Food Bank*

Four classes, four buckets and a lot of coins; this year, students from Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., found a creative way to raise money and help the Auburn Food Bank.

It all started when the Associated Student Body team challenged the students to a penny war. Each class had a bucket to deposit pennies and earn points. Pennies counted as "positive points" and larger coins and bills counted as "negative points," even though all donations were making a differ-

ence. In the first two weeks, the school had collectively raised a little more than \$400.

"The penny war, I believe, is a great way to get everyone motivated to help in our community," says Missy May, senior and ASB president from Bonney Lake, Wash.

This fundraiser had a really good response and the students enjoyed the competition. "The penny war was an excellent idea," says Joshua Huh, freshman from Federal Way, Wash. "It provided an exciting way to encourage students to partici-



Jamieson Hilde, sophomore from Auburn, Wash., contributes to the penny challenge to raise funds for the Auburn Food Bank.

pate in a great fundraiser. I had a lot of fun contributing my money."

The penny war provided a great way to unite the student body and raise funds for a worthy cause. As a school campus "united in passion for Christ," AAA students and faculty are finding creative ways to interact with the local and church communities — to make a difference now and for eternity.

Lauren Epperson, AAA student writer

God's Sneaky Plans

Change Student's Direction

Determined to serve abroad for a year, Bryson Bechtel, a junior computer engineering major, took the required missions class and mentally prepared for the journey. However, no single location really grabbed his interest.



Bryson Bechtel is still a student, but he hasn't let that stop him from being involved in his local church conference.

"In the past God has always made it extraordinarily evident where he wanted me to be, and last year it just wasn't clear," says Bechtel. "I decided my time hadn't come, but I wanted to make sure that door stayed open and that I remained flexible, just in case God had some sneaky plan for me."

Within a few months, Bechtel was offered three volunteer positions — all in the United States. It was in the Upper Columbia Conference that Bechtel felt God tugging at his heart, and since September he has been serving as the Taskforce

Assistant Youth Director at the UCC office in Spokane, Wash.

"I'm organizing the Winter Skifest, a Guatemala mission trip and activities at Camp MiVoden," says Bechtel. "I do everything from making posters to basic logistics planning, to contacting many people and asking them to be involved. I'm learning a lot of useful things I can apply to my professional and personal life."

Bechtel has also held a Week of Prayer at an elementary school, helped with the children's program for DiscipleShip Weekend at Camp MiVoden, attended Pathfinder retreats and youth conferences and much more. During his first week of service at the conference office, Bechtel helped pour the foundation for a new cabin at Camp MiVoden, and his involvement has been intense and intentional ever since.

"I've never had an 8-5 job before," says Bechtel. "The



Serving for a year at the Upper Columbia Conference office, Bryson Bechtel, WWU student, works closely with Richard Parker, Camp MiVoden director and conference youth ministries coordinator.

difference between this and other jobs, though, is that I'm surrounded by godly, inspiring people who are doing the Lord's work on a daily basis. It's incredible."

Though he hopes at some point to be able to start a small engineering business of his own, Bechtel intends to remain heavily involved with

the church after graduation through youth groups, Pathfinders, local volunteering and mission work.

"I've found incredible joy, peace, satisfaction and love in my life by serving my Lord and Savior," he says. "When I serve the church, I feel like I'm a part of something greater than anything I could accomplish alone, or any worldly thing at all. I guess when it comes down to it, serving God makes me happy and I want to share what I have with everyone around me."

For more information about Winter SkiFest, the Guatemala Mission Trip or Camp MiVoden, contact Bechtel at the UCC office at 509-242-0492 or brysonb@uccsda.org.

Becky St. Clair, Walla Walla University GLEANER correspondent



Bryson Bechtel (middle) enjoys some free time with Upper Columbia Academy students Paul Batuik and Alex Cox. Bechtel is living on the campus while he serves for a year at the Upper Columbia Conference.

Spiritual Care Highlighted at Walla Walla General Hospital

L Lydia had been full of life and active in her church. But now she was frustrated. She had lost her hearing and speech to throat cancer and was in the hospital with a disease that had



and previously a chaplain at the hospital where Lydia was a patient, knew he needed to reach her. He decided to use touch, often the most powerful of the senses in healthcare, to reach out to Lydia.

He placed a wooden cross in the palm of her hand and gently squeezed her fingers closed over it. Then he moved her hand to her cheek and then to her heart.

A slight smile appeared on Lydia's face as she realized the message being communicated. She mouthed, "God loves me." This realization filled her with hope and strength to overcome her tragedy.

Inspiring a Breakthrough

This "breakthrough" moment is often what can turn around a situation for a patient in despair such as Lydia. In an effort to communicate the importance of spirituality in healthcare and assist in making these breakthrough moments possible, Walla Walla General Hospital hosted its first Spiritual Care Symposium on Nov. 11, 2010. Nearly 70 physicians, nurses, therapists, pastors, volunteers and community members attended the half-day event that explored recent research in the field of spirituality and health as well as the importance of faith in the coping and healing process.

"The idea is to extend our ministry beyond the walls of the hospital," says Mario DeLise, WWGH director of Spiritual

Care. "Our goal is to help equip and support those providing care and ministry — both in and out of the hospital."

"It is important to let the community know what we are about," adds Monty Knittel, WWGH president and CEO. "The fact that this event was so successful in its first year shows that our mission matters to the community."

Spirituality Heals

The Spiritual-Care Symposium focused on bringing spirituality to the forefront of healing. Helping participants to be conduits of healing and integrating spirituality into the care they provide is the essence of Adventist Health's mission.

According to Crampton, research shows that religious involvement and spirituality

are directly related to positive outcomes from treatments. The more spiritual a patient, the more able they are to cope with their illness.

"Spirituality provides meaning, hope and transcendence when battling with illness," says Crampton, a presenter at the event. "It is the element that inspires them to find strength beyond themselves and overcome all obstacles when facing a health problem."

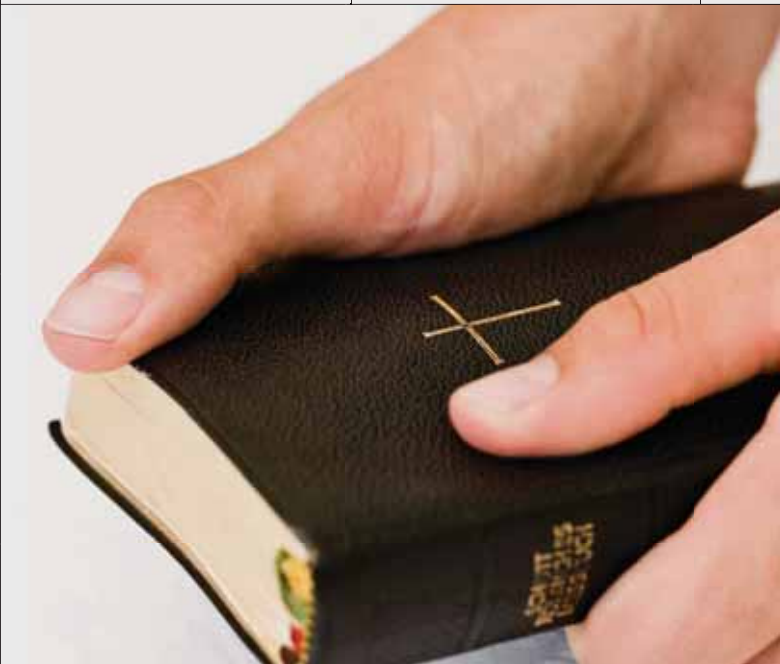
"With faith, it's okay not to have all the answers," adds Gina Pollard, participant. "Some questions don't require an answer, just someone who will listen."

Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

also taken her eyesight. In less than six years, she had lost most of her senses. She wasn't old, just 56, but she was losing her will to live. Her doctors told her that her illness wouldn't kill her, but her lack of will would.

Reaching for Faith

Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care



Evans 50th

Bill and Harriet Evans celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 9, 2010, with a commemoration at the Dayton (Wash.) Church hosted by their family and church. They are members of the Dayton Church.

William Evans married Harriet Evans on Oct. 9, 1960, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They are blessed with their family who brings them much joy. Bill is active in visitation ministry and has been instrumental in reuniting missing members with their church family. His quiet, thoughtful encouragement is appreciated by the Dayton Church. Harriet, affectionately known as "Grandma" to many of the younger church family members, uses her hospitality gifts to encourage and support all members and visitors in Dayton. Both Bill and Harriet are ready to share their witness, both verbally and in action. They keep the church facility spotlessly clean and up-to-date, as well as assisting with the annual community youth camp outreach, weekly potlucks and other ministries. They willingly share their skills and knowledge of the health message, helping older members to stay in their homes as long as possible.

The family includes Jerry and Judy (Rowell) Evans, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; Ernest Evans (died Oct. 2, 1997); 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Messinger 90th

Franklin Messinger celebrated his 90th birthday with a gathering of family and friends

in the fellowship hall at the Village Church in College Place, Wash. The event was hosted by his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Darold Bigger, and included guests from California, Maryland, Texas, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

He was born June 16, 1920, to Earl and Edith Messinger. Franklin grew up in Wisconsin. His paternal grandmother's brothers, Frank and Joe Westphal, from New London, Wis., were the first ordained Adventist ministers to South America. While attending Glendale Academy in California, many of the "South American" uncles and cousins would visit on furlough and he became fascinated with their stories. Four years ago, Franklin fulfilled a life-long dream to visit Argentina and meet many of the extended family.

Franklin attended dental school at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1943. After his marriage to Marie Chenevert, he served as a Navy Dentist on Guam. While there, he and other Adventist Navy men organized the first Adventist Company. While on Guam, his daughter was born. One year later, Franklin was able to see her for the first time — on Christmas Eve.

After practicing dentistry in Wisconsin for a short time, the Messingers moved to Plentywood, Mont., where they lived for nearly 30 years. Franklin taught at his alma mater, University of Montana School of Dentistry, and then retired to Billings, Mont. In 1996, he and Marie moved to College Place to be near family. After Marie's

death in 1998, he married Louise Bright Allen.

"Dr. Frank's" family includes daughter, Barbara and Darold Bigger of Walla Walla, Wash.; two step-daughters, Liz Brandt of College Place; Marilyn and Terry Westerbeck of Walla Walla; brother, Herb and Shirley Messinger of College Place; a grandchild, 5 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.



Rheta Netherton

Netherton 90th

Rheta Netherton celebrated her 90th birthday Sept. 25, 2010, with her family and church members of her Santa Clara Church. She had family from as far as Los Angeles, Calif., who came to help in the celebration.

Rheta Rhoades was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Fall City, Ore. In 1945, she married Leslie Netherton and together they raised three children and numerous foster children. Leslie died in 2001. Rheta's life consisted of being a good and faithful wife, a Christian teacher to her children, and

a caregiver to many. She is a member of the Rockwood (Ore.) Church.

Her family includes Lois and Craig Plunkett of Portland, Ore.; Sheila and Jim Rhodes of Eugene, Ore.; Harold Netheron, who died in 1962; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Whitaker-Hurd 100th

Annie B. Whitaker-Hurd celebrated her 100th birthday, Aug. 1, 2010, surrounded by her family and friends. The celebration took place at the African-American Museum located in Seattle, Wash.

Annie was born Aug. 4, 1910, in Nashville, Tenn. She was the oldest of four siblings and is now the only living survivor. Annie became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1946.

She was a member of the Spruce St. Church/Emerald City (Wash.) Community Church for 50 years during which time she faithfully served as a deaconess, pianist and organist. She is currently a member of Volunteer Park (Wash.) Church.

Until recent years, she always reserved a room to attend yearly Auburn Camp Meetings. As a SAGE member, Annie enjoyed participating in world travel and local events.

Annie is blessed to have four living children: Lorretta Wasse of Seattle, Wash.; Louise Crosby of Seattle; Charles and Gladys Daniels of San Diego, Calif.; Edrick Daniels of Atlanta, Ga.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

ALLEN — Jacob Charles was born Oct. 12, 2010, to Jeremy and Nicole (Darcy) Allen, Waitsburg, Wash.

CAMARGO — Andreas Maximilian was born Sept. 30, 2010, to Marcelo and Rachelle (Bolton) Camargo, Vancouver, Wash.

CRAWFORD — Sierra Joy was born Sept. 26, 2010, to Josh and Andrea (Klinger) Crawford, Battle Ground, Wash.

FLORES — Ezra Saul was born Sept. 19, 2010, to Oscar and Melissa (Hughes) Flores, Kennewick, Wash.

HOLLIDAY — Audianna Grace was born Sept. 25, 2010, to Ron and Krystina (Sacrison) Holliday, Springfield, Ore.

LIMA — Annin Christine was born Nov. 2, 2010, to Jarrod and Kari (Nordgren) Lima, Olympia, Wash.

PFEIFLE — Zoe Elizabeth was born Aug. 28, 2010, to Jody and Heidi (Jordan) Pfeifle, Angwin, Calif.

RIFFEL — Cleo Valentina was born May 20, 2010, to Bryan and Andra (Henriques) Riffel, Portland, Ore.

THOMAS — John Charles Addison was born Oct. 6, 2010, to Jarod and Bethany (Genson) Thomas, Southgate, Mich.

VIXIE — Clara June was born July 13, 2010, to William D. and Rachel J. (Hiscock) Vixie, Walla Walla, Wash.

WEDDINGS

BIBB-KOSTENKO — Karen Bibb and Kristopher Kostenko were married Aug. 29, 2010, in Borning, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Karen is the daughter of Russ and Sherri (Holt) Bibb. Kristopher is the son of Kern and Linda (Schacher) Kostenko.

BROWN-BAILEY — Misty Brown and Gregory Bailey were married Aug. 15, 2010, in Spirit Lake, Idaho. They are making their home in Sandpoint, Idaho. Misty is the daughter of Jim Brown. Gregory is the son of Gilbert C. and Lynda S. (Tucker) Bailey.

BURCHAM-RAMSEY — Barbara (Brady) Burcham and Mike Ramsey were married Oct. 15, 2010, in Medford, Ore. They are making their home in Central Point, Ore.

CHILOM-WHEELER — Dianne Chilom and Andrew Wheeler were married Sept. 19, 2010, in Salem, Ore., where they are making their home. Dianne is the daughter of Florian and Camelia Chilom. Andrew is the son of Thomas and Pamela Wheeler.

EMERY LORENSEN-TENINTY — Jacee Emery Lorenson and Jonathan Patrick Teninty were married on July 25, 2010, in Forest Grove, Ore. They are making their home in Cornelius, Ore. Jacee is the daughter of Reuben Lorenson and the late Marilyn (Emery) Lorenson. Jonathan is the son of Joyce and Pat Teninty.

ERWIN-CAMPBELL — Kathleen Erwin and Jonathan Campbell were married Aug. 29, 2010, in Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in York, England. Kathleen is the daughter of Robert and Mary Lou Erwin. Jonathan is the son of Terry and Julie Campbell.

FRENCH-WYMAN — Nicole French and Andrew Wyman were married July 25, 2010, in Chehalis, Wash. They are making their home in Beaverton, Ore. Nicole is the daughter of Howard and Kerrie (Muir) French. Andrew is the son of Ralph F. and Heather L. (Rogers) Wyman.

GIFFORD-HILLIARD — Jenee Gifford and Jonathan Hilliard were married Sept. 12, 2010, in McMinnville, Ore. They are making their home in Tigard, Ore. Jenee is the daughter of David and Lois (Pullen) Gifford. Jonathan is the son of Don and Rosie (Seale) Hilliard.

PARSHALL-EGGERS — Becca Parshall and Ryan Eggers were married June 19, 2010, in Coupeville, Wash. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Becca is the daughter of Tom and Jean Parshall. Ryan is the son of John and Terri (Schroeder) Eggers.

REEDY-ISEMINGER — Danielle Reedy and Brian Iseminger were married Aug. 28, 2010, in Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Danielle is the daughter of Dana and Rhonda (Bierwagen) Reedy. Brian is the son of Mel and Fay (Merritt) Iseminger.

RICHARDSON-MILLS — Heather Richardson and Seth Mills were married Oct. 24, 2010, in Happy Valley, Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Heather is the daughter of Jerry and Marion (Brooks) Richardson. Seth is the son of Bryan and Diane Mills.

UPTAIN FRITZ-GOMEZ — Cathy Uptain Fritz and Forrest Gomez were married Sept. 4, 2010, in Tacoma, Wash., where they are making their home.

AT REST

BELL — Edwin R., 89; born Dec. 14, 1920, Spokane, Wash.; died July 19, 2010, Milwaukee, Ore. Surviving: Florence L. (Nathan); son, Edwin R. Jr., Clackamas, Ore.; daughter, Roberta Perry, Eagle Creek, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

BETTS — Chauncey W., 89; born Jan. 23, 1921, Roy, Wash.; May 29, 2010, Renton, Wash. Surviving: sons, James and Gary, both of Renton; daughters, Jeannette Betts, Renton; Sylvia Betts, Bonney Lake, Wash.; Teri Betts, Renton; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

BOBBITT — Venetha R. (Adams), 77; born Oct. 25, 1932, Johnstown, Pa.; died Sept. 28, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Jerry L., College Place, Wash.; daughters, Joyce A. Hardin, Caldwell, Idaho; Virginia M. Jeffrey, Jeanette F. Clifton and Tina L. Bobbitt, all of College Place; brother, Earl R. Adams, Riverside, Calif.; sister, Marlys Adams-Perry, of the East Coast; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BRISTLIN — Keith A., 84; born Jan. 26, 1926, Klamath Falls, Ore.; died Sept. 17, 2010, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Melda (Mitchell); son, Gordon, Central Point, Ore.; daughter, Karen Bigelow, Medford; brother, Kenneth, Escondido, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

CULVER — Carol M. (Stewart), 92; born April 1, 1918, Davenport, Wash.; died Aug. 15, 2010, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: sons, Rance, Puyallup, Wash.; Robert, Rich Hill, Mo.; daughter, Carol Ann Kammer, Edgewood, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DUMLER — Albert Oneal, 77; born Jan. 3, 1933, Carlton, Okla.; died Sept. 2, 2010,

Mulino, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara J. (Rhondes); daughter, Molly M. Kopp, Gladstone, Ore.; brother, Donald O., Bonnerdale, Ark.; sisters, Carol Albright and Sylvia Weatherford, both of Bonnerdale; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

EMERY — Earl Raymond, 79; born Aug. 19, 1930, St. Helena, Calif.; died July 25, 2010, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Christina (Blair), Milwaukie, Ore.; daughters, Peggy Silva, Denio, Nev.; Connie Side, Spokane, Wash.; Cynthia Wall, Yakima; sisters, Lois Brown, Goldendale, Wash.; Ruth Stafford, Ellensburg, Wash.; Joyce Peetz, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GESTRING — Lillie Belle (Penrose), 94; born June 20, 1916, Detroit, Kan.; died Oct. 12, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Cynthia Fleischer, Walla Walla; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

GREEN — Woodrow Wilson "Woody," 91; born Oct. 27, 1917, in South Carolina; died July 18, 2009, Spirit Lake, Idaho. Surviving: son, David, Hesperia, Calif.; stepsons, Virgil Lockhart, Ventura, Calif.; Kenneth Lockhart, Gainesville, Fla.; James Lockhart, Tampa Bay, Fla.; stepdaughter, Gail McClelland, Spirit Lake; 2 grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren.

GRIFFONE — Janice C. (Knight) Keeney, 69; born Feb. 11, 1941, Neotsu, Ore.; died Sept. 16, 2010, Sedro Woolley, Wash. Surviving: husband, Al Griffone, Arlington, Wash.; sons, Carey Keeney, Pocatello, Idaho; Kraig Keeney, Riverside, Calif.; Jeffrey Keeney, Arlington, Wash.; stepsons, Hodge Griffone, Pinehurst, N.C.; Rico Griffone, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; brother, Jack Knight, Republic, Wash.; sister, Marilyn Talbott, Vancouver, Wash.; numerous

grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

IMPERIO — Anita (Acopio), 82; born May 17, 1928, in Philippines; died Sept. 2, 2010, Sunnyside, Wash. Surviving: son, Ephraim Jr., Palm Springs, Calif.; daughters, Edith Rose Jaranilla, Walnut, Calif.; and Fe Marie Demiar, Grandview, Wash.

IRWIN — Bernadine L. (Mayer), 86; born Oct. 19, 1923, Arpin, Wis.; died Sept. 23, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: daughter, Evonne Long-Gonzalez, Angelus Oaks, Calif.; Bernadine Irwin, Loma Linda; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

KNAUFT — Margaret A. (Anderson), 90; born Oct. 6, 1919, Spokane, Wash.; died April 4, 2010, Spokane Valley, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, Spokane Valley; daughter, Sandra Wallace, St. John, Wash.; sister, Agnes Arend, Florence, Ariz.; 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

LOGAN — Dean W., 91; born Oct. 4, 1919, Wellington, Kan.; died Oct. 6, 2010, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, Warren, Eugene, Ore.; Michael, Grants Pass; daughters, Susan Stribling, Eugene; Dana Zozaya, Grants Pass; 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

MILLS — Michael Fred, 72; born Sept. 22, 1928, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Oct. 3, 2010, Emmett, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Jody (Graham); sons, Michael, Redding, Calif.; Scot, Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters, Sonya Ketcherside, Emmett; Kathy Bauer, Oroville, Calif.; Tomi Gae Padgett, Emmett; 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

MILLS — Thomas Leroy, 68; born Oct. 31, 1941, Winslow, Ark.; died Aug. 27, 2010, Priest River, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Jan (Prince); sons, Shane, Priest River; Tommy, Cocolalla, Idaho;

daughters, Wendy Waters, Post Falls, Idaho; Misty Kuhn, Priest River; Stephanie Mills, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

PARKER — Winslow George, 87; born April 25, 1923, Colorado Springs, Colo.; died Aug. 26, 2010, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: sons, Winslow, Portland, Ore.; David, Cascade, Mont.; daughter, Cherry Parker-Dorn, Glendora, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

REIBER — Vernice, 93; born Feb. 25, 1917, Whitman County, Wash.; died July 7, 2010, Spokane, Wash.

SCHWARZ — Gerhart "Gary," 89; born March 13, 1921, Kellerwald, Germany; died Sept. 8, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Pauline (Swidrowich); son, Arthur Schwarz, Kampala, Uganda, Africa; daughters, Linda Pierce and Wendy Frampton, both of California.

SHEPHARD — Bernice M. (Joplin), 83; born June 8, 1927, Gumbo, Mo.; died Sept. 4, 2010, Burlington, Wash. Surviving: son, Bill, Sequim, Wash.; daughters, Joan Libby, Burlington; Judy Mead, Federal Way, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SMITH — Harriet Danna (Millar) Duncan, 88; born Jan. 10, 1922, Wichita, Kan.; died Oct. 13, 2010, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Richard Duncan, Houston, Texas; daughters, Sharon Duncan and Connie (Duncan) Fry, both of Grants Pass; Darlene Duncan, Salem, Ore.; Rosemarie Duncan, of North Carolina; brother, Carl DeVon Millar, Paradise, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

SPARR — Donald E., 79; born Oct. 8, 1930, Walnut, Neb.; died Sept. 16, 2010, Blanchard, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Theresa (Motz); daughters, Lynn

Fiedler, Portland, Ore.; Dee Sexsmith, Blanchard; sister, Donna Dahl, Meadow Grove, Neb.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SPRINGER — Calvin G., 85; born June 27, 1925, Naper, Neb.; died Sept. 25, 2010, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Dennis, Salem, Ore.; Neil, Portland, Ore.; brothers, Vernon and Walt; sister, Merle Reiswig; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

VAN DORN — Flora A. (Oslund), 87; born July 14, 1923, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; died Sept. 19, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Robert, Walla Walla; daughter, Elizabeth Juhl, Grand Terrace, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

WISS — Paul B., 98; born Feb. 1, 1912, Astoria, Ore.; died Sept. 15, 2010, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: son, Gary A., Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Judi Cronk, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sister, Kathleen Toms, Seattle, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

WOHLERS — Kathryn "Kittee" R. (Marvin), 94; born Feb. 6, 1916, Winamac, Ind.; died Sept. 14, 2010, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: sons, J. Robert, Chehalis; William R., Collegedale, Tenn.; daughter, Karen Boulton, Mill Valley, Calif.; sister, Rosemary Farver, Auburn, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

ZBARASCHUK — Edward R., 74; born June 6, 1936, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada; died Aug. 9, 2010, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: wife, Melvina (Zary); son, Richard, Sequim; daughters, Tracy Reynolds, Sterling, Mass.; Cindy Robinson, Murrieta, Calif.; Lori Thorndarson, La Porte, Ind.; brothers, Dennis, Prince Albert; R. Ivan, Puyallup; and 12 grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

- Jan. 1** — Local Church Budget
- Jan. 8** — Local Conference Advance
- Jan. 15** — Local Church Budget
- Jan. 22** — NAD: Religious Liberty
- Jan. 29** — NPUC: Walla Walla University

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- Jan. 3** — Winter quarter classes begin.
- Jan. 8** — Kraig Scott Organ Recital, 4:30 p.m., U-Church.
- Jan. 17** — Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Service, 11 a.m., U-Church.
- Jan. 23** — Leonard Richter Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., FAC Auditorium.
- Jan. 26-29** — NPUC Band Festival. For more information, call 800-541-8900, ext. 2561.
- Jan. 29** — Band Festival Concert, 4 p.m., U-Church.
- Feb. 3-5** — African-American University Days. For more information and to reserve your spot, call 800-541-8900.
- Feb. 5** — "Total Praise: A Festival of Choirs," 4 p.m., U-Church. For more information, call Pedrito at 509-301-2792 or e-mail pedrito@wallawalla.edu.

Oregon

Seminar: "Preparing for a Harvest"

Jan. 8 — Church members are invited to attend this seminar focusing on outreach for 2011. Come and share ways of reaching out to our communities. Begins at 2 p.m. Hosted by Stone Tower Church, 3010 N.E. Holladay St., Portland,

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Mike Bishop Concert

Feb. 5 — Mike Bishop will speak and sing with his sister Marlynn Bishop during the 11 a.m. service and in concert at 5 p.m., at the Hood River Church, 1221 Oak St., Hood River, OR. His CDs "Not On My Own," "Rise Again" and "My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation," will be available for purchase after the concert. For more information, call 541-386-3220.

Missing Members

The Oregon Conference Church is looking for the following people: Valerie Oakley, Steven Ogan, Diamond and Seilala Pedro, Lynette A. Pifer, Jeanette Polsfuss, Becky Quintanilla, Anthony Ramal, Debi and Robert Reimer, Tenaia Rexius, Cassahndrae Reyes, Edgar and Edubigez Rodriguez, Angelo and Debbie Rutkowsky, and E. J. Ryan. If you have any information about these people, please call 503-850-3571 or e-mail maryjane.zollbrecht@oc.npuc.org.

Washington

Missing Members

Breath of Life Church is looking for the following missing members: Aneshia Taylor, Dorothy Taylor, Erica Taylor, Michael E. Taylor Sr., Michael E. Taylor Jr., Tanaya Taylor, Sebastian Christopher Thibodeaux, Aaron Thomas, Charles Thomas, Cleesther Thomas, George Thomas Jr., Lynette Thomas, Polly Thomas, Ronnie Thomas, Kwaku Trammell, Davette Turner, Shanelle D. Tyler, Laura Valencia, Hennenia Vargas, Taya R. Vargas, Oscar Wade, Rebecca Wade, Antoine Wafer, Rowena Walcott, Jade Warren, Beelyn Weldearegay, Peter A. White, White William, Anthony Williams, Helen Williams, Robert H. Williams, Rykita Williams, Mark Williamson, Monique Worthy, Keith Wroten, C.L. Yarborough, Adrian Youle, Ricky Youle and Ria Zeumault. If you have any contact information for the following people, please e-mail Shirley Mathieu at tangodoe@juno.com or call the church and leave a message at 206-762-0333.

World Church

Music and Worship Conference

March 24-26 — Andrews University Music and Worship Conference. Hosted on the campus of Andrews University. This conference is a training event for pastors, worship leaders, church musicians, and lay leaders involved in worship ministry. Come and be inspired to honor God more fully in your worship. Be equipped to minister more effectively through worship and worship music. Connect with others who share your passion for God

and your desire to serve Him. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to grow in your ministry. To register or to find out more, please visit auworshipconference.org or call 269-471-8352.

Valley Grande Adventist Academy Alumni Association

March 25-27 — VGAA invites all former faculty, staff and students to our annual alumni weekend. All honor-class years end in 6 or 1 (2006, 2001, etc.). For more information, visit our website at www.vgaa.org or contact Suzanna Facundo at sfacundo@hotmail.com.

Union College Homecoming

April 7-10 — Alumni, friends and former faculty are invited to homecoming. Honor classes are 1941, '51, '56, '61, '71, '81, '86, '91 and 2001. For more information, contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503; 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506; or alumni@ucollege.edu.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend

April 29-May 1 — Honor Classes 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1971, 1961, 1951 and 50+ years; Friday morning golf tournament, CrossCreek, Temecula; Friday evening meet-and-greet, LSA campus library; Saturday/Sabbath morning alumni homecoming, LSA gym 9 a.m. check-in; Delta Mu reunion, contact alumni office; Saturday afternoon potluck, please bring food to share; Saturday reunions; Saturday evening alumni/varsity basketball LSA gym; Sunday morning Ladies Charity Tea. LSA Alumni Office, 951-351-1445 ext. 244, Isa alumni@lsak12.com.

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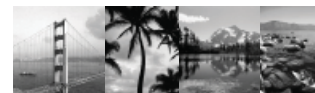
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“**W**hen people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.” — *Eric Hoffer*

During Friday evenings in my childhood home, an old Electro-Voice reel-to-reel tape recorder filled our living room with strains of the Kings Heralds, Del Delker and other Adventist artists. It wasn’t stereo, but its powerful influence created synaptic pathways I still recall.

Music is still an important part of my experience. But the other day I was listening to some contemporary Christian music, when suddenly it all started to sound the same. Every voice, every message, seemed reminiscent of the last. Frustrated, I went downstairs and dug around in my treasure trove of vinyl LPs. I pulled out several and put them on my turntable — an ancient audio device held dear by some Baby Boomers. Ah, the relief — the old tunes refreshed musical memories of years past.

And then, a strangely familiar feeling: Those old songs began sounding alike, too.

In every era, sacred music has often mirrored common styles and sounds of society. My vinyl albums of Adventist artists from the 60s and 70s groove to sounds first made trendy in the secular arena. There is no coincidence that Walter Arties mimics Johnny Mathis and other crooners of the past; the Wedgwood Trio — take your pick from the Kingston Trio or other such folk groups. Take Three sounds suspiciously like Peter, Paul and Mary.

We all crave success, so it is natural to copy what is already a winner. I find the endless spate of television “reality” shows are such an effort — ad nauseum.

I suppose there’s nothing inherently wrong with imitation — be it music, entertainment or vegemeat. But, frankly, has this ability to imitate aided our divine calling? Has it enhanced or diminished the Adventist mission in our world?

The words of an unknown scribe ring in my ear: “He who never walks except where he sees other men’s tracks will make no discoveries.”

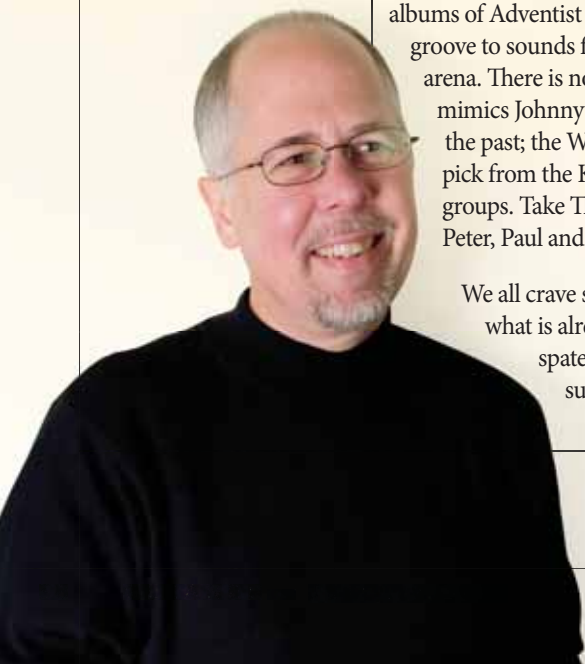
Do Adventists have what it takes to become leaders instead of followers — to use God-given creativity to go beyond what everyone else is doing? Our history says “yes.” Our pioneers were innovators — unafraid to be unique. But while the Lord tarries, we run the risk of becoming society’s own version of background noise. In our efforts to fit in, some of us have passed up brilliant blue and vibrant red. We’ve settled for beige.

While imitation may indeed be the sincerest form of flattery, it is also the surest path to obscurity. Unless, that is, we find a new Source for imitation.

Perhaps Ellen White had this in mind when she wrote: “We must free ourselves from the customs and bondage of society, that when the principles of our faith are at stake, we shall not hesitate to show our colors ... Do not imitate men. Study your Bibles, and imitate Christ,” (*Our High Calling*, p. 345).

Preach it, Ellen. Now there’s an exhortation worthy of imitation.

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