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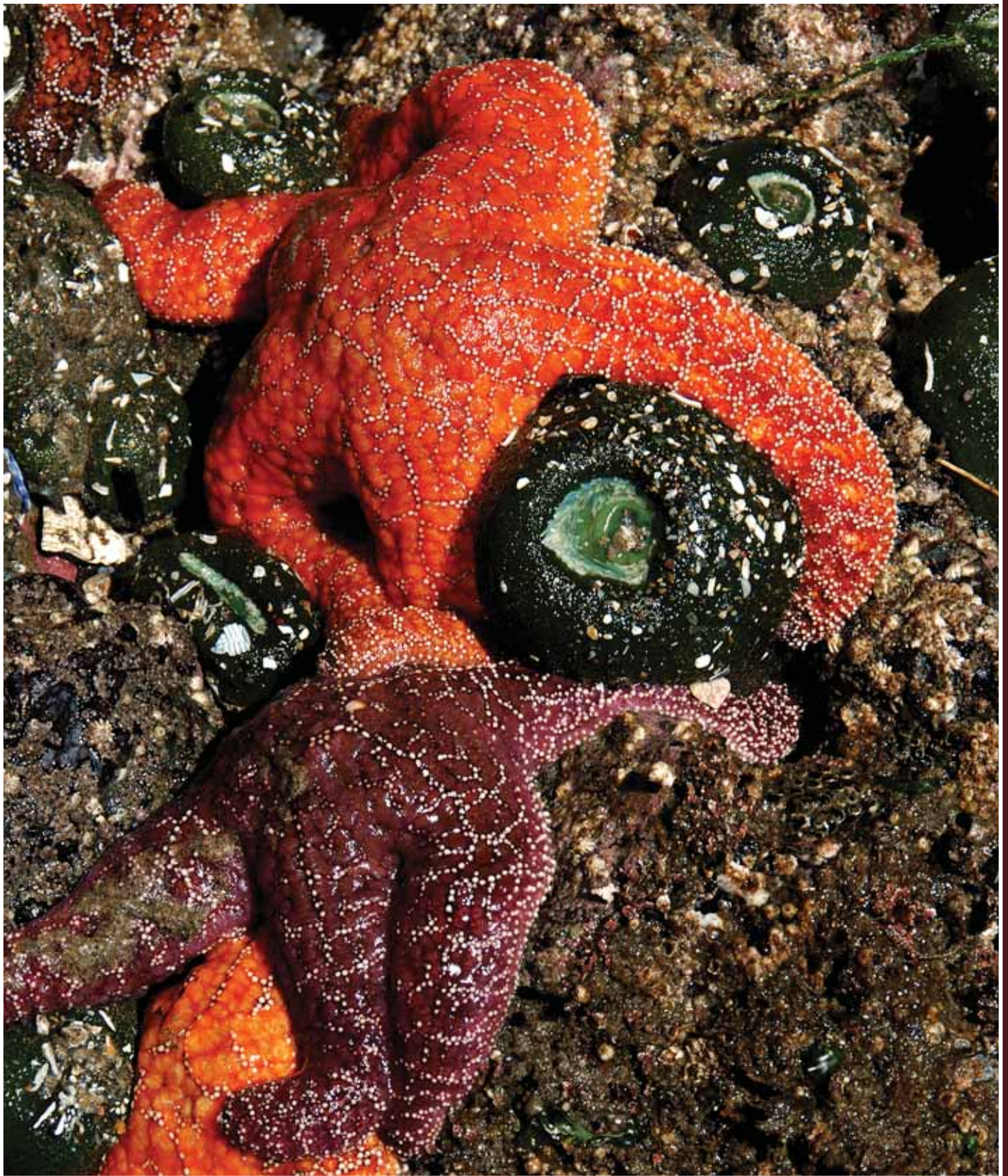
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*The LORD is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

PSALM 28:8-9 (NIV)

“Starfish ‘Carrying’ Anemone Ball” in Bandon, Oregon, by Mary Lane Anderson of Forest Grove, Oregon.

# Northwest Hispanic His-story

**G**od has not chosen angels to proclaim His salvation, but has chosen people. People have always played a very important role in the salvation of other people. Before destruction struck the earth with the flood, God chose Enoch to tell people about Him (Jude 14). He also chose Noah and his family to be saved and to bring salvation to others (Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1). The Bible presents God's evangelistic plan since the beginning of sin as a universal effort to save people from their own alienation and to bring them into an intimate relationship with Him.

The year was 1974. It was a hot summer day in Portland, Oregon, when a young Spanish-speaking pastor was trying to establish the first Spanish-speaking Adventist church in Oregon. He asked himself the question, "How can I plant a Spanish church in Portland?" For several months he worked long hours visiting the community and trying to find Bible-study interests, but to no avail. He worked tirelessly, but nothing was happening. He could not find a stable, strong community of Spanish people. He was getting discouraged, but decided to pray for God to show him the way. That is when he met an English-speaking lady who told him: "Young man, if you want to find Hispanics, you are looking in the wrong place. Come, I will show you where they are." The first Spanish-speaking church was planted in Woodburn, Oregon, and the rest is His-story.

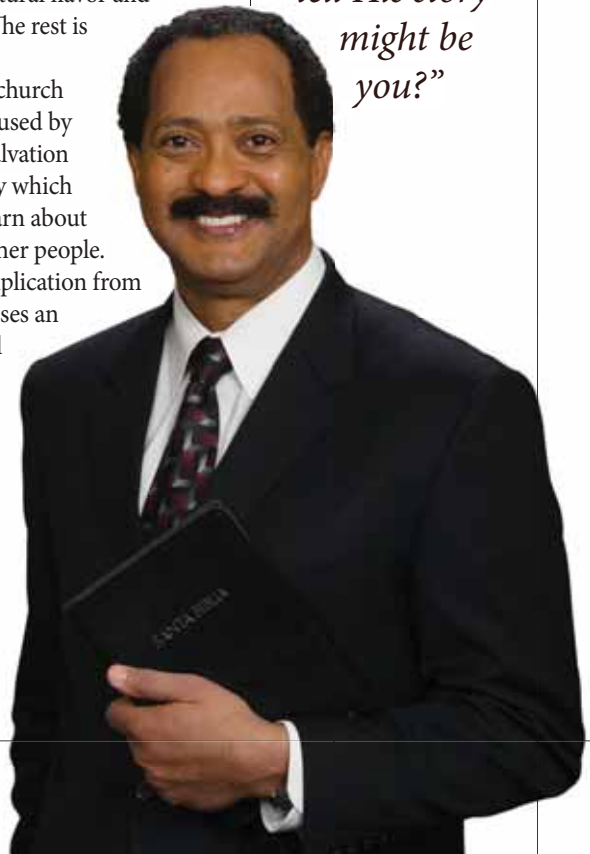
In 1994, my wife and I were called by the Oregon Conference to be evangelists and developers of the Hispanic work, a daunting but exciting task. We accepted the call because we knew God had a plan. As soon as we arrived, I started getting calls from

pastors and members of English-speaking churches asking this question: "How can we reach out to the Hispanic community?" I believe God put into the hearts of all these dear people the desire to do something big for Him. The rest is His-story.

Thirty-seven years after the first Spanish church was planted in Woodburn, some Spanish congregations throughout the Northwest are now asking the question: "How can we reach out to the English-speaking community in our territory?" Many churches that have a multicultural flavor and approach are being planted. The rest is His-story.

I praise the Lord for those church leaders who are willing to be used by God as instruments for the salvation of other people. The means by which all people are to know and learn about God's goodness is through other people. He uses the principle of multiplication from just a few, to many. God chooses an individual, a family or a small group; blesses them; and expects them to multiply themselves and to be a blessing to others. We see this dynamic throughout the Old and the New Testaments and now in His church. Have you thought about the exciting possibility that God's chosen messenger to tell His story might be you?

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**RAMON CANALS**

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR HISPANIC MINISTRIES



### NAD Kicks Off InStep for Life Initiative

“As a church we have long talked about the importance of not just healthy minds and hearts but also healthy bodies,” says Dan Jackson, North American Division president. “Our culture is coming to grips with its health crises, and we have a message for the times.”

And so the NAD has kicked off InStep for Life, a division-wide initiative to mobilize every member and institution to get active, focus on good nutrition and engage children, youth, parents, schools and the community in fighting childhood obesity.

“Adventists InStep for Life is an important program that our NPUC churches and schools support,” says John Loor Jr., North Pacific Union Conference vice president for administration and health ministry director. “This program affirms the principle of exercise that has been part our church’s health message for decades.”

The NAD has set aside Sunday, September 25, as Let’s Move Day. Churches, schools and health-care institutions are encouraged to host 5-K run/walks or other active events on that day.

An initiative tool and resource kit is available online at [nad-healthministries.org](http://nad-healthministries.org).

### NW Members Attend iServe Youth Congress

Northwest Adventists were part of the throngs who attended the iServe United Youth Congress held April 6–10 in Orlando, Florida. The full agenda included seminars, community outreach activities and even a concert with the a cappella group Committed, recent winners of television’s *Sing Off* program. Carson Rogers (pictured here) is a 15-year-old Mt. Tahoma (Tacoma, Washington) Church member. Rogers found time to help with a local food bank.



## New Blogs

### Dear Counselor...

“Things have gotten complicated in my life over the last few weeks. At present, I am facing several legitimate worries. As a result, I am beginning to experience a few symptoms that do not go away — hopeless thoughts, insomnia, loss of appetite and lack of energy. I don’t want to become depressed. Please give me some tips to overcome these symptoms.” — Cambria

Read the answer given by Julian Melgosa and staff from the Walla Walla University School of Education and Psychology this month on the *GLEANER* Blog.



### Cheri Corder talks about ‘The Potluck’...

Her divorce was still a very fresh wound when she began coming to church. She soaked up the hugs of welcome in the foyer, glowed over each new discovery in her Sabbath School class and was moved to tears by the music during worship. She felt she had finally arrived *home!* So when she read in the bulletin that there was going to be a fellowship potluck...

Read what happened on Cheri Corder’s column on the *GLEANER* Blog.

### Mike Jones says...

“You can accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord in a few moments or at a meeting. But you have to go through at least a month or more of meetings — or *many* months of Bible studies and meetings — before you can join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the 21st century where everything is sped up, does this make sense? It’s a lot easier to leave the church than it is to join it.”

Mike Jones has an idea he thinks would improve Adventist evangelism methods. Read his comments this month on the *GLEANER* Blog.



Add your comments to the *GLEANER* blog at [www.GleanerOnline.org](http://www.GleanerOnline.org).

**Cheri Corder's Blog  
Readers Respond —  
Complaining Saint**

In the “Christianity at Church” *GLEANER* Blog, it appears to me the complaining saint has missed the point. What would Jesus do? The church is supposed to be a safe place. “Be ye kind” covers it for me.

Notes and verbal words of encouragement are in short supply in this too-busy world. Affirmation and acceptance preach a sermon no evangelist can. If we want the receiving person to grow and glow, the performance is not the issue. Willingness, worship and recognizing vulnerability are [the issues].

— Christine Smith, via *GLEANER* Blog

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**Mike Jones' Blog  
Readers Respond —  
Hyper-distracted, Sin-loving**

In the “My Daily Checklist” *GLEANER* Blog, I wonder: Did Jesus or John the Baptist have a checklist? I’m not saying it’s [a daily checklist] not a useful thing in this hyper-distracted time we are living in, but the real reason a high percentage of our church members don’t know Jesus and the Scriptures intimately is worldliness and lukewarmness that pervade our

churches in the North American Division. Warm and fuzzy “Revival” meetings that don’t point out sin will not change worldly sin-loving Adventist members.

— Brooks Potter, College Place, Washington, via *GLEANER* Blog

FROM THE *GLEANER* ARCHIVES

## Can You Tell Us Where This Is?

This group of adults and children appears to represent a school group of various grades. The exact date and location are unknown. Can you tell us where, when or who these people might be? Add your ideas to the June Archival Photo discussion online on the *GLEANER* Blog at [gleaneronline.org](http://gleaneronline.org) or email [talk@gleaneronline.org](mailto:talk@gleaneronline.org).



# Hispanic His-story

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Hispanic churches of North America celebrated a century of ministry in 1999. In honor of this, Manuel Vasquez and the North American Division published *The Untold Story: 100 Years of Hispanic Adventism*, a comprehensive historical account of Hispanic ministries within Adventism. Many of the facts here have been taken from the late Dr. Vasquez' book.



Pictured here are: Sonia Landaverde, Federal Way (Washington) Spanish Church personal ministries director, and her newly baptized friend.

**H**ispanic ministries were scarce in the Northwest as many immigrants moved to the area shortly after World War II. Spanish-Catholic influences, cultural barriers, lack of funds to build their own structures and migrant work cycles made Hispanic work challenging. The 1950s brought the beginning of Hispanic churches in the Upper Columbia and Idaho conferences. However, the work in Oregon, one of the Northwest's largest conferences, followed much later. When it did, these efforts comprised usually local groups hosting Bible studies and hoping to one day build churches of their own. It wasn't until the 1970s that formal churches began to emerge in Oregon.

## WOODBURN, OREGON

Frank Ottati, from Ecuador, South America, was hired to be the first Hispanic pastor in the Oregon Conference. When his family arrived in Portland, Oregon, in January 1974, he found only a half dozen Hispanic members. For the next six months, Pastor Ottati worked long hours visiting in the community, trying to find interested Hispanics. But it was hard since they were very dispersed throughout the city.<sup>1</sup>

Then he met an elderly Anglo lady who told him, "I will take you to a city where there are a lot of Hispanics." She led him to Woodburn, Oregon, 35 miles south of Portland and he discovered many Hispanics working in the orchards. So Ottati moved

there with his family to be closer to them.<sup>1</sup>

Renting a Pentecostal church, the pastor shortly had 11 Hispanics meeting regularly for Sabbath services ... The group continued to add members and, in the spring of 1975, purchased a two-acre plot of land. Soon plans to build a 150-member capacity church were put into action.

## HILLSBORO SPANISH — HISTORY DEFINES VISION

Pastor Ottati realized the Woodburn area needed to be his primary focus because of its large Hispanic population. Accordingly, he invited Dolores Caballero, Velia Galindo, and Frances and Albert Quezada from the Forest Grove (Oregon) English Church to help strengthen the new group. Ottati and the other Adventist families established the first Hispanic church in Woodburn. The congregation began to grow, and a few years later these families started a second



Members praise the Lord in the Hillsboro (Oregon) Spanish Church.



The headquarters of the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is turned into an evangelistic center for holding meetings with Ramon J. Canals, North Pacific Union Conference director of Hispanic ministries. Thirty people are baptized by Samuel Pagan, pastor.



Ramon Canals, pastor and North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic ministries director, prays for the leaders of the Hillsboro (Oregon) Church during a consecration service.

church in the nearby city of Hillsboro, Oregon. Later, the same band of hardworking members, with the generosity of Glen and Viola Walters (owners of a Northwest nursery), were instrumental in building the Hillsboro Spanish Church. They planted additional churches in Beaverton (Oregon), Forest Grove (Oregon) and Salem (Oregon). The Forest Grove Church remains one of the most beautiful and magnificent Hispanic churches in the North America Division today. Woodburn, in turn, became the “mother” of almost all of Oregon’s Hispanic churches.<sup>2</sup>

### THE DREAM CONTINUES

Many of these pioneer families remain strong members of the church today. Woodburn Spanish hosts a viable web presence, membership of 754, two pastors, full Sabbath and midweek services, and a plethora of ministries. Hillsboro Spanish thrives today with more than 944 members, three pastors, and live web streams.

### MISSION FIELD GROWS MISSIONARIES

A few years ago, members of the Hillsboro Spanish Church noted nearly 80 of their collegiate and teen members no longer attended church. Rather than take the numbers

sitting down, they decided to go get their young adults back. The church created a much defined goal as an all-inclusive ministry based on Matthew 22:36–40; 28:16–20. Much like their founders, they were driven by a radical dream, to be a healthy, growing, radical church.<sup>3</sup> By 2009, a core team was in place and The Rock Church, (a growing ministry of young adults), resulted.

The Rock ([www.mysolidrock.org](http://www.mysolidrock.org)) has grown from a monthly program to a vibrant and diverse program of youth ministries and service. It incorporates youth and young adult Sabbath School classes with specialized ministries for teens and young couples. Additionally, members provide service projects, such as prayer ministry, graffiti cleanup and feeding the homeless. They also sponsor the Heart Rock Café, an informal Friday night gathering that provides a wholesome alternative to heading into the city.<sup>2</sup>

Although they sprouted out of a second generation Latino church, they wanted to be rid of labels and to be fully inclusive. They renamed their ministry: Mosaic Adventist Church.

“Instead of ‘labels,’ we prefer to see ourselves as a mosaic of ethnicities, generation, languages and cultures,” says

Harold Altamirano, Mosaic Adventist Church lead pastor. “We are learning to live life together. Our diversity and differences only add a beautiful piece to our mosaic family.”

### EVERY MEMBER

“One of the major keys for the growth of the Hispanic work in the Northwest is the belief in the priesthood of all believers based on 1 Peter 2:9,” says Ramon Canals, North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic ministries director. “Every member is expected to be a witness for Jesus. Hispanic leaders are always training and equipping members for evangelism.”

And the Adventist priesthood of believers in the Northwest today includes more than 37 pastors, three coordinators, 34 Spanish con-

gregations, 21 companies, 14 groups and 9,285 members — most of whom have grown from the humble origins of one pastor who wasn’t afraid to “be taken to where the people were.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *The Untold Story: 100 Years of Hispanic Adventism*, Dr. Manuel Vasquez, Pacific Press, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> “Our Personal Callings,” Women’s Ministries, *GLEANER*, special feature, June 2008.

<sup>3</sup> Hillsboro (Oregon) Spanish, Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter, May 2011.

Written by, Jennifer Jorgenson; Walla Walla University student, and Cindy R. Chamberlin, *GLEANER* managing editor.



Pastor Roger Hernandez and Saul Flores are pictured here with Ramon Canals, receiving the North American Division Church Resource Center award given to the most innovative church in North America. To receive this prize the church must demonstrate that it has successfully taken a risk in adapting the eternal truth of the Gospel to the constant change of people’s needs.

# ACCION

## Realmente Encontré Una Vida Mejor

**P**asó diez días en el desierto de Sonora, soportando el frío intenso de la noche y el calor ardiente del día. El hambre, la sed, la enfermedad y la muerte estuvieron frente a él; y todo en el intento de encontrar una vida mejor. Sebastián llegó a Oregon decidido a juntar dinero para enviar a su familia, sin

le regaló ropa y le brindó su amistad. La relación con el Hermano Carmelo le llevaría a conocer más de Dios y de una nueva Iglesia. Los estudios bíblicos comenzaron y por primera vez Sebastián conoció la Iglesia Adventista en Woodburn. La música del Grupo de Alabanza, las comidas de cada Sábado, el

ir a su casa. Sebastián dijo que no podía. Estaba endeudado con el coyote y debía seguir viviendo en esa casa. Miguel le ofreció pagar su deuda. Pasó algún tiempo y Sebastián finalmente aceptó. Fue adoptado por Miguel y Matilde. Las oraciones al despertar y al acostarse y el saber que había una “madre” que le esperaba despierta todos los días sin importar la hora a la cual llegara, allanaron en Sebastián el camino a Dios y la Iglesia. Fue entonces que se quedó sin trabajo. Lo que no sabía es que un Miércoles de noche en la Iglesia escucharía sobre un trabajo que le duplicaría los ingresos y le permitiría descansar los Sábados. Llegó el día cuando Sebastián se entregó a Jesús y se bautizó. Profundizó en el estudio y lleno del Espíritu Santo entendió que su lugar no era Oregon, que debía regresar a su comunidad en Los Altos de Chiapas y predicar del Jesús que había conocido.



Regresó y predicó a su familia, amigos y vecinos. Comenzó un grupo que secundado por el Pastor local creció tan rápido que llamó la atención de Maranatha Volunteers, quien con las aportaciones de la Iglesia de Woodburn, edificó un templo. En solamente tres años Dios dio a la comunidad de Jet-Ja en Chiapas un líder, un mensaje y un santuario. Sebastián realmente vino a los Estados Unidos a encontrar una vida mejor y es la que ahora comparte cada día al predicar de Jesús.

*David Paczka, Pastor de la Iglesia Hispana de Woodburn*



embargo el viaje le había dejado sin un centavo e inclusive sin ropa. Sometido a cierta explotación por la deuda con el coyote, empezaba en los Estados Unidos, una vida que él mismo nunca imaginó. Fue entonces cuando apareció Héctor, el “Hermano Carmelo”, el intachable misionero de la Iglesia de Woodburn. El encontró a Sebastián y con sólo mirarlo, sabía la necesidad que tenía. Le ofreció ayuda,

Banco de Comida los Miércoles y el trato amable de los hermanos, dejaron en él una grata impresión. Sin embargo, al mismo tiempo, luchaba con la mala influencia de los muchachos con quien vivía y el afán del trabajo diario.

Entonces conoció a Miguel Ávila y su mamá, la “Hermana Matilde”. Miguel le ofreció que dejara el lugar donde vivía e





# Alaska Camp Meetings Go Beyond Arctic Circle

The Alaska Conference hosted its third-area Native convocation this spring. Planes arrived from Anchorage, Alaska, and around Arctic Alaska on April 8. A blizzard

had just passed, leaving a foot of new snow. Despite temperatures in the teens, people gathered for heavenly blessings.

Meetings began Friday night in Nome, Alaska, with a

country gospel singspiration. They continued simultaneously through Sabbath and into Sunday with Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference Native ministries director, in Nome and John Loor Jr., NPUC vice president, in Savoonga, Alaska, and Gambell, Alaska. Accompanied by Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, and Todd Gessele, NPUC new media outreach director and videographer, the St. Lawrence Island (Alaska) group

was hosted by missionaries, Bill and Eloise Hawkes in Savoonga and Mike and Fran Hansen in Gambell.

Seven Native students from the Holbrook School participated by giving presentations and testimonies. Village youth enjoyed these.

*Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president*

**John Loor Jr., North Pacific Union Conference vice president for administration, stands outside the Gambell (Alaska) Church and parsonage during his visit to the Arctic camp meeting.**



## Grace in Carhartts

### *Recovery Group Forms in Wasilla*

**D**rugs, Sex, Gambling and Chocolate, the book title read. Ignoring the first three words, a Sabbath School member breathed out a painful, "Oh, and chocolate!"

The Sabbath School lesson was on addictions, and the discussion turned to real life and real opportunities for God to do for people what they could not do for themselves. After the lesson, the class decided to go home and consider how serious they were about asking God to intervene in places where their lives had become unmanageable.

As a class, they decided they needed outside help for inter-

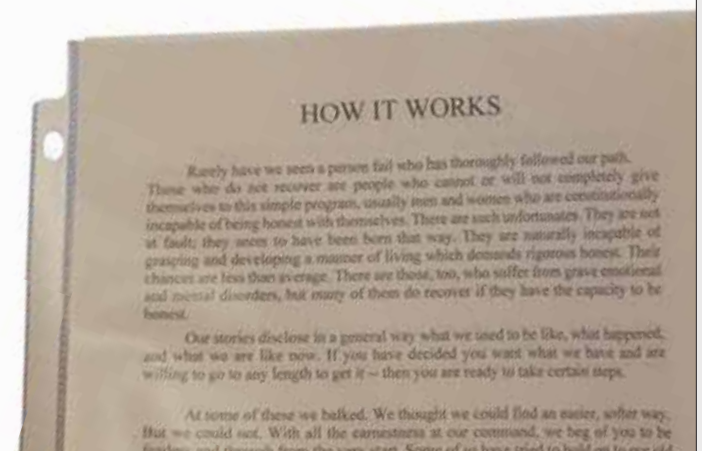
vention. Some class members previously had successful and not-so-successful encounters with various 12-step programs. When Adventist Recovery Ministries was introduced as a possible way to start a 12-step program, the class decided to give it a try. They contacted Betty Campbell, the Adventist Recovery Ministries regional contact, and got a green light to proceed based on the successful experiences some members had with 12-step programs.

For the past four weeks, eight to 11 people have begun to explore the 12-step methods of Adventist Recovery Ministries. Sometimes ashen-faced, they

stare at paragraphs that perfectly fit their situations. They are occasionally overwhelmed with relief to hear about God's miraculous interventions in the lives of others. As a class,

they are choosing to move forward one step at a time.

*Harry Banks, Wasilla Church communication leader*



# GSAA Alumni Reconnect, Celebrate and Advance the Mission

Nearly 1,000 alumni, family and friends headed for “the school that we love in the hills of Idaho” the first weekend in April for Gem State Adventist Academy’s 53rd homecoming reunion. An additional 61



Ellissa Nelson, a Gem State Adventist Academy junior, performs a hand bell solo.

people viewed the homecoming programs via live video stream.

Friday’s highlights included a flag-raising ceremony, a five-course banquet for donors (served by senior students), inspirational music, authentic testimonies and heartwarming memories shared by the class of 1971 at vespers.

The 60-year class and the class of 2011 teamed up to present a Then and Now program for Sabbath School. Peter McPherson, GSAA principal and member of the 20-year honor class, presented the Sabbath morning sermon entitled: Remember the Why. He reminded alumni how far American culture has drifted from a biblical worldview and encouraged them to keep supporting Adventist education.



Todd Driver (left) presents Dale Maine (center) and Darrin James (right), soccer and volleyball/basketball coaches, with Volunteer of the Year awards.

Mark Becker, GSAA music director from 1986–1995, called his “kids” back for a musical reunion. Twenty-five students returned to sing, play hand bells and reconnect with their beloved instructor. The reunited musicians provided a church anthem and performed an afternoon concert.

Saturday-night basketball games, organized by the 10-year class, were in honor of Nathan Castanon, a classmate who died in a tragic automobile accident a few months following graduation. His classmates honored his memory by raising funds to replenish the Extracurricular Fund — a fund assuring every GSAA student receives an opportunity to pursue his or her passion. More than \$900 was raised for the fund.

Throughout the weekend there was much reminiscing, laughter and generosity. Altogether, more than \$8,300 was gathered in offerings to keep Adventist education strong at GSAA.

Linda Klinger, GSAA  
GLENER correspondent

## Idaho Conference Welcomes New President

*David Prest Jr.*



The Idaho Conference welcomes David Prest Jr., as conference president. Prest comes from the Montana Conference, where he was ministerial, church ministries, and planned giving and trust services director since 2001. His first days in his new office included town hall meetings in the three regions of the conference as preparations for a May constituency session were underway.

Prest and his wife, Ellen, have two sons: Jonathan, a student at Walla Walla University; and Michael, who will begin his junior year at Gem State Adventist Academy this fall. Prest began his ministry in the Carolina Confer-

ence before heading to Alaska as pastor of the Hillside O’Malley (Alaska) Church for six years. Five of those years, he was the conference Pathfinder director. Church members will have an easy time getting to know their president through his love of outdoor activities, which include hiking, camping and cross-country skiing.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication assistant director

# What a Fellowship!

**O**n Friday evenings the home of Laura and Ben Nagel in Butte, Mont., is full of tables and chairs. It is so full they have moved out the other furniture. Laura was impressed she, as well as others, needed to know the Bible better. So on Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, the Nagels held their first Bible marking class. They invited anyone who wished to join them for a light meal at 6:30 p.m. and then a marking at 7 p.m.

On a given evening, there are anywhere from 22–30 people ranging in age from 11–91. Beyond Adventist members, there are 12 other guests in attendance. It is a time of fellowship, prayer and study. One participant says, “I was a little worried about attending because I hadn’t heard good things about Adventists. However, I’ve learned that you are wonderful people who love each other and the Lord.” The same person says she has attended other functions held

by the church and has been attending Sabbath morning worship services.

Children attending say they enjoy learning more about God and looking up and marking the Bible verses. They also express great delight in the meals.

Most of the participants appreciate the fellowship. They enjoy studying together and the discussions. Many have grown closer to the Lord and one another through the studies.

There is laughter, prayer, study and sometimes crying. “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25, NLT).

*Lori Flower, Butte Church communication leader*



The Nagel family opens up their living room weekly for a Friday evening Bible marking class.



Members of the Bible marking class enjoy a light supper before their study.

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# Oregon Conference Hosts Origins Summit



Pictured from left are: Jim Gibson, Arthur Chadwick, Tim Standish, Ronny Nalin, Leonard Brand and Ekkehardt Mueller as they answer questions from the audience.

Some of Adventism's most respected scholars and research scientists in the areas of geology, paleontology, biology, genetics and theology discussed Adventist Biblical challenges regarding origins. This event took place April 1 and 2 at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Ore., with more than 900 registered to attend. The four-part series, which started Friday night, included topics such as Biblical and Philosophical Issues, Life and Ancestry, and Geological Issues and Time. The whole event had 18, 20-minute sessions where speakers presented multiple times and four, 40-minute question-and-answer times. After the event, one attendee said: "Wow, how could one believe that we were not created?"

James Gibson, Geoscience Research Institute director

and a historical biologist in Loma Linda, Calif., started off the summit with "Why We Should Care about Creation and Science." Arthur Chadwick is a professor of geology and biology at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He also directs the Earth History Research Center. One of his talks was on radioisotope dating. Ronny Nalin is a professor of geology at La Sierra (California) University and a research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute. Nalin took on the topic in one of his sessions of how long life on planet Earth has been around. Ekkehardt Mueller, Biblical Research Institute associate director, spoke in one session about creation in the Old Testament. In another session, he focused on creation in the New Testament. Timothy Standish was

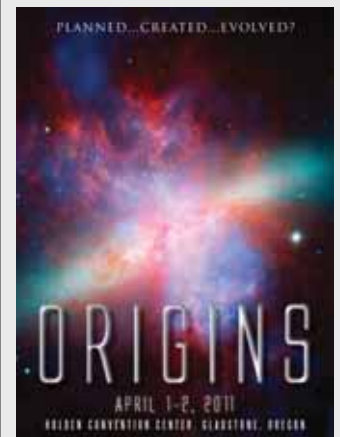
born in Sydney, Australia, and grew up in the Far East. He has been an educator and currently holds a research position at the Geoscience Research Institute. In one talk, Standish spoke to the questions: "How good are the examples that have been found? Do they really support Darwin's theory of gradual evolution over eons?" Leonard Brand, Loma Linda University professor of biology and paleontology for the university's department of Earth and biological sciences, presented a session titled "Time and the Fossil Record," in which he explained geological evidence that supports a recent time for creation.

The weekend provided large amounts of information in a short time, as well as blessings to many who attended.

If you weren't able to attend

or did attend and would like to have this summit in your collection, you can order the video DVD or audio CD set by visiting [www.oregonconference.org](http://www.oregonconference.org).

*Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director*



# Local Fire Department Assists School

**M**arch 31 was an exciting day for students and teachers at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School in Hood River, Ore., and the Hood River Fire Department.

The school had not been able to fly a flag all year. The pole needed a new halyard and was unusable. Additionally, MCACS was in need of a new flag.

Peter Hardy, MCACS principal, called the local fire department to ask if the school could use their ladder to help with the problem. The timing was just right. The fire crew needed some practice on a new fire engine that had arrived only a few hours earlier. Dave Smith, captain, and his crew drove straight to the school.

The Tower 3's ladder was extended to reach to the top of the pole where Smith connected the halyard. Hardy and two students, Andy Dunn and Benjamin Amezquita, waited on the ground to attach and raise the flag, with the other students and teachers watching.

Bobbie DeWeber, MCACS teacher, had read that Senator Ron Wyden had a U.S. flag to give to an institution. DeWeber made a quick contact and MCACS was given the beautiful flag as a gift. As the flag rose higher and higher, clapping and praises could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

A certificate of authenticity was included. It reads: This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on April 9, 2010, at the request of Honorable Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator. It is



signed by Steven T. Ayers, AIA LEED Ap acting architect of the capitol. The certificate is now framed and hangs in the school's office.

*Joyce Gallentine, MCACS communication leader*



Peter Hardy, Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School principal, raises the American flag with students Andy Dunn and Benjamin Amezquita.

# Molalla Women's Ministries Events

**T**he Molalla (Ore.) Church isn't very big, but nonetheless it has a vibrant and active women's ministries group. The new year was welcomed with an Informal Tea. This provided a chance for women to enjoy an afternoon with friends and to hear Caryl Jones speak on the importance of forgiveness.

In early March, nearly two dozen women spent Sabbath at Camp Adams, just outside of Molalla, with Jean Sequeira, who shared "In the Garden with Jesus." Sequeira and her husband, Jack, were planning a mission trip to Africa, and collected neckties as donated by church members for lay pastors in African villages. That day more than 100 neckties were collected by Molalla women. The evening vespers, presented by Ione Richardson, was followed by an evening of games and snacks around the fireplace.

*Helen Shreve, Molalla Church communication leader*



Charlotte Marriott, Ione Richardson and Jean Sequeira cut out felts as part of a women's ministries event.

# Adventist Medical Center Chaplains Commissioned

**P**am Proudfit and Wanda Vaz, both chaplains at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., were commissioned with ministerial credentials during an April 15 ceremony at the hospital.

Proudfit was born and raised in Jamaica. In 1988 she moved to the U.S. She began her secondary education in medicine

with degrees in respiratory therapy and dietetics. She felt called to ministry and received a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary. She believes chaplaincy at Adventist Medical Center is her true calling and finds the mission consistent with her values and faith.



Dave Allen, Oregon Conference vice president of administration, and Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, present Adventist Health Chaplains Wanda Vaz and Pam Proudfit with commissioning certificates.

Wanda Vaz was born in San Antonio, Texas, and two weeks later moved to Florida. At age 11, she joined her mother singing in concerts around the state. At Southern Adventist University, she began her studies in psychology and religion, and

then transferred to Andrews University. Vaz had an encounter with the Lord that changed her life. As a student missionary she had the opportunity to share her testimony of God's redeeming love and saving grace in concerts throughout Bolivia. After college, Vaz felt called to the seminary to study chaplaincy. In 2006, Vaz joined the Adventist Health Hospice team as a chaplain and considers this her dream job.

Those attending the ceremony included: Tom Russell, AMC president and CEO; Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president for mission and spiritual care; Don Marsh, Steve Rude and Russell Cooper, AMC chaplains; Larry Roth, U.S. Navy, retired, and General Conference assistant Adventist chaplaincy ministries director; and Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president.







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*Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director*

# PAA Students

## Take Guatemala Mission Trip

This spring Portland Adventist Academy students traveled to Guatemala where International Children's Care runs an orphanage to care for 90 children.

The mission trip focused on constructing a sidewalk and repairing the church interior and foundation. The group also led a Vacation Bible School for more than 30 children. But the physical work completed was only a small part of the experienced blessings.

On foreign mission trips, language can be a barrier to friendship. But Rita Barrett, PAA Spanish teacher, organized this trip with the confidence that her students would be able



Nayeli Herrera not only enjoys playing with the children, she also serves as a translator for a construction worksite.

to communicate successfully. She was right.

"My Spanish was a lot better than I expected," says Aubrey Jones, PAA senior, who hadn't practiced much after completing Spanish II the school year before. "I could actually carry on complete conversations."

"I was really proud of my students," says Barrett. "One of the house mothers told us that our students were exceptional because of their ability to communicate and develop connections with the kids. The bonds formed over one week were incredible."

By the week's end, PAA students had a glimpse of what heaven might be like. Laughing, singing and working next to friends with a completely different language and culture of their own served to show that they were all a part of one big family.

"The kids loved singing 'Jesus Loves Me' with us," says Jones. "And even though we couldn't speak with them perfectly, they still gave us unconditional love. We played a lot of games and gave them a lot of hugs." And, as it turns out, hugs mean the same thing in any language.

Liesl Vistaunet,  
PAA GLEANER correspondent



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# Camp Chelan Mission Trip Success

**C**amp Chelan is a 170-acre property that was donated to the conference several years ago. It is nestled in the heart of the North Cascades' majestic Lake Chelan. Over spring break a group of dedicated individuals took on a mountain of work — literally.

Thanks to the generosity of local supporters, the group was able to barge over (by boat) a mini excavator and bobcat used to trim back a hillside. A shed was built on the cleared area to house a 10,000-watt propane generator, multiple tools and other equipment. This will free up space in the cabin and ultimately improve safety and usability of the property. Other



ERIC BARBER

Volunteers work together on framing a shed at Camp Chelan.

work was accomplished and included major trail improvements and dock repair. There will be a work party returning to the camp this fall to replace the cabin roof, and permits are

in the works to extend the current dock into deeper water.

This summer's planned activities include multiple youth campouts, a men's retreat and an area-wide church picnic.

The future direction of the property is ultimately in God's hands. However, the committee that manages and develops it anticipates more church-wide usage and support. God's greatest blessings have come to groups wanting to combine a fun-filled getaway with the seclusion and peace coming from a remote but gorgeous location. It's a great place to hear God's still, small voice speaking to your heart. If a family or group is interested in escaping to a unique and adventurous area, check out [www.campchelan.org](http://www.campchelan.org) or contact [info@campchelan.org](mailto:info@campchelan.org).

*Eric Barber, Camp Chelan director*

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# New Mission Aircraft Dedicated in Sandpoint

Several Upper Columbia Conference church members and leaders participated in a dedication ceremony for a new, high-tech mission plane built in the Inland Northwest, for Adventist Aviation Indonesia. This specialized aircraft, the Kodiak, was built by Quest Aviation in Sandpoint, Idaho.

more than 10,500 hours of service for the people of Papua. But with the new technology of the Kodiak, they will be able to provide more reliable service and safety for missionaries and church members working in the region.

Through the teamwork of ministries like ShareHim, Quiet



The new Kodiak aircraft, dedicated for mission service, sits completed and ready in the factory at Quest Aviation in Sandpoint, Idaho. The plane will soon be flown to Papua New Guinea and will take missionaries and supplies to remote regions of the country where hundreds are accepting the Gospel.

(and workers who can nurture their new faith) through aviation ministries like AAI. People there are in need of basic health care and education. However, they are anxious to share their new faith with the thousands of other people in their neighboring villages.

"With help from our kind, foreign brothers and sisters we can reach other tribes," says the Sanapa village chief. "But we are so far from the modern world here, we are helpless in many ways. We have very few possessions, but we are ready to give

all to serve God."

With the new Kodiak aircraft and support from church members in the United States, ministry leaders hope to build a school house, a clinic and a parsonage in the village of Sanapa. They hope to use the village as a mission headquarters in order to reach the surrounding areas. You can hear the amazing story of the village of Sanapa on the ShareHim website, [www.sharehim.org](http://www.sharehim.org).

*Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication associate*



Michael Porter, Quiet Hour Ministries CEO, leads in a prayer of dedication for the new mission plane built in Sandpoint, Idaho. Participants in the ceremony lay hands on the aircraft.

The company caters specifically to mission aviation and humanitarian aid organizations.

Through the Quiet Hour Ministries, many UCC church members contributed toward the purchase of the plane. The aircraft will allow missionaries in Papua New Guinea to better serve unreached villages in the island country's remote areas.

"We are very excited to have this airplane," says Bob Roberts, missionary pilot and base manager for AAI, "for its capabilities on short runways in the jungle, for its reliability and for its GPS technology."

Roberts has been a mission pilot in Papua since 1992, and says the 1970's airplane they have been using has provided

Hour Ministries and AAI, villagers deep in the jungles of Papua are accepting the message of the Gospel and are being baptized.

Many villages like Sanapa, within Papua, only have a connection to the outside world



# Youth Lead Out For Christ

**T**he Tonasket (Wash.) Church ShareHim meetings began Friday, March 18, as youth led out for Christ. Candace Cortes, 17, a Tonasket Church member attending Upper Columbia Academy, and Katie Mayfield, 14, a home-schooled student from Newport, Wash., spent their spring vacation preparing for the evening meetings and a presentation for the Peaceful Valley Christian School. In a church where most of the members are close to retirement age or older, their energy and enthusiasm were enviable.

The first evening's attendance total was 29, including all three students from PVCS. One of the Hispanic attendees translated so others could understand

the biblical truths as they were presented. Before the second Sabbath evening's presentation, leaders were informed that the computer and projector weren't communicating. Leaders immediately bowed their heads in prayer. When someone went to check out the systems, the person saw the prayers had been answered and the information was already on the screen.

As the meetings drew to a close, three people expressed interest in learning more about the Adventist message. Members thank the Upper Columbia Conference lay advisory committee for their prayers on behalf of the Tonasket Church.

*Janet Aerni, Tonasket Church clerk*

# Welcoming Greg Griffitts



CAMERON LAUBACH

Robert Folkenberg Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, shakes hands with newly ordained pastor Greg Griffitts.

**M**embers are excited to welcome Greg Griffitts, the newest ordained minister in their local Adventist family. The ordination took place at the Anchor Point Church in Hermiston, Ore., on March 12 at 4 p.m. To begin the ceremony, Griffitts' father, John "Bud" Griffitts, read from Luke 4:18. Griffitts' journey to the ministry was described very colorfully by Larry Hanson, Kevin Wilfley and Jerry Walter, and a challenge to ministry and explanation of ordination was given by Robert Folkenberg Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president. Griffitts gave an eloquent response. The ordination prayer and welcome to ministry were given by Gerald Haeger, UCC ministerial director and assistant to the president. Then the ordination charge was offered by Dave Livermore, UCC personal evangelism director. To conclude the ceremony, the


benediction was given by F. Dean Hackett.

Members consider Griffitts and his wife, Cheryl, a huge asset to their community. The Griffitts have two daughters, Jessica and Andrea, and enjoy their two grandchildren, Evan and Tristan. As recently as one year ago, Griffitts was given the Irrigon Church in Irrigon, Ore., to pastor along with the Anchor Point Church. He is instrumental in not only ministering to his parishioners, but teaching them to witness to everyone they encounter and bringing them to a closer walk with Jesus.

The reception following the ordination ceremony was prepared as a joint effort by the women from the Irrigon and Anchor Point churches. It was an array of finger foods enjoyed by all.

*Linda Anderson, Irrigon Church communication leader*

The 78<sup>th</sup> Constituency Session of Upper Columbia Conference



## Mission in Action

### Constituency Session Notice

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Washington, on Sunday, June 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department directors, and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

Robert S. Folkenberg Jr., president  
Doug R. Johnson, vice president for administration

# KACS Prepares to Expand into New Markets

**K**ACS 90.5 FM, an Adventist radio station based in Chehalis, Wash., which serves nearly 10,000 listeners each week, is preparing to expand its outreach.

KACS spent the last two years preparing to expand the radio station's reach into the Tacoma, Wash., metro area.

"We are excited over the approval we have for a signal modification that will allow us to reach all of Tacoma," says Cameron Beierle, KACS general manager.

Capital improvements include additional towers, translators to extend the signal, backup generators and updating emergency alert system equip-



**KACS FILE PHOTO**  
Nationally acclaimed Southern Gospel group Ernie Haase & Signature Sound performs for a capacity crowd at the KACS Family Day Evening Concert during the 2010 Southwest Washington Fair's 100th Anniversary.

ment. These improvements will benefit the growing radio network designed to reach an audience that could exceed two million once completed.

KACS is also reaching out to

listeners to build local identity through on-air and off-air efforts. The station regularly appears at the Southwest Washington and Thurston County fairs and the Creation North-

west Festival. In addition, KACS is the official Family Day sponsor at the Southwest Washington Fair and features two free popular artist concerts.

The value of a radio station is reflected in listener feedback. "I started attending church (again)," says Mary, a listener. "I have been trying to keep my mind focused on 'heavenly' things, and your Christ-centered broadcast really helps."

To learn more about ministry expansion plans for KACS, visit [www.kacs.org](http://www.kacs.org).

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*

# Arlington Sews Their Appreciation

**S**ometimes the simplest ideas — such as pillowcases — can launch a ministry, provide an avenue for outreach and service, and make a difference in someone's life.

A couple of years ago, Diane Ball and Kathy Patrick from the Arlington (Wash.) Church

**At one sewing session, three volunteers work together at a local fabric store to make personalized pillowcases for the military.**



heard about a military mother in Arizona who made pillowcases for care packages.

The women determined the military's standardized size of pillowcases, learned the cases could be decorated and discovered the cases would become a personal possession of service men and women. Every pillowcase has a unique and personalized touch, including a note of thanks from the sewer.

Since beginning this pillowcase ministry in January 2009, Arlington women have enlisted the community to join together to make thousands of pillowcases. A local fabric store joined in by providing a place to sew, including access to sewing ma-

chines and donated materials.

Community and church volunteers partnered to make 5,000 cases for the USS Lincoln, 5,000 cases for the USS George Bush and additional cases for ground forces. The goal, say ministry leaders, is to produce enough pillowcases for two or three ships per year and more for ground personnel.

"We believe that in sharing God's love in a tangible way we are witnessing and developing friends for now and eternity," say Ball and Patrick.

*David Patrick, Arlington Church elder*

## THE BIG PICTURE of ministry

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# Impact Your World Equips People for Ministry

**T**he Voice of Hope Church in Lakewood, Wash., with an average attendance of 12, sent their whole congregation to the Washington Conference's Impact Your World retreat and found new energy for ministry.

Sixteen Voice of Hope representatives, alongside nearly 200 other people, participated in instructive and inspirational workshops for Bible workers and prayer warriors. The congregation went home from the retreat, decided to hold a 40-hour period of fasting and prayer, watched their weekly attendance grow to 22 people and welcomed three new members through baptism — all in one month's time.

The annual Impact Your

World retreat began four years ago as an opportunity for ministry trainers to provide instructive workshops and nurture an active network of Bible workers and prayer warriors.

"The retreat is designed to equip people to make a difference for God, whether they are just getting started in ministry and unsure what to do, or well established in sharing their faith," says Gayle Lasher, Washington Conference Bible worker trainer.

In addition, participants have the opportunity to commit or recommit their lives to God through a communion and anointing service.

"I hear from people months and even a year after they



Impact Your World retreat participants join together for a special communion and anointing service — a sacred time of reflection and commitment to God.

attend the retreat that they are continuing to share their faith with their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers," says Lasher.

The next retreat will be held March 30–April 1, 2012, and will feature Mike and Gayle

Tucker and other presenters. Discover more at [washington-conference.org/impact](http://washington-conference.org/impact).

*Raschelle Casebier, Washington Conference communication apprentice*

## Easter Musical

**M**ore than 2,000 people attended a five-night production in Tacoma, Wash., of "He Has Risen," an Easter musical portraying the birth, life, death and resurrection of

"He Has Risen," an Easter musical presented by the Samoan youth in Tacoma, Wash., traces the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



Jesus Christ. The actors in the musical were all youth.

With a passion for youth ministry and music, Kenneth Aiolutepa coordinated the youth from the Tacoma

Samoa Church to present an evangelistic Easter musical at the Mount Tahoma (Wash.) Church. Soloists and participants ranged in age from 8–22.

The musical was a venue for young people to participate in ministry and experience a change themselves. "As a result of this musical, a lot of the youth in our cast desired to get to know Jesus more through Bible study," says Aiolutepa. "They are forming groups to read through *Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* together."

Musical organizers say many people who came to the first weekend of performances returned with family and friends

to share the experience of the production, which brought laughter and tears to the audience.

Many behind-the-scenes individuals contributed their time, skills, props and costumes from various churches in the Washington Conference, making this a conference-wide ministry effort. This production, say organizers, was laced with tiny miracles and promptings from God through all phases of the plans and the outcome.

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*

# PSAA Students Help Haiti

**P**uget Sound Adventist Academy students heard early in the academic year about the needs in Haiti after the devastating earthquake in early 2010 that left the country in desperate need. Nicole Washington-Matthews, local public school teacher and chapel presenter who visited the earthquake-ravaged country, told students: "You can help."

Wells for Haiti started out as a small student-led project and turned into a school community project focused on helping others and making a real difference in the lives of people in Haiti.

Students began raising funds to dig wells through personal



The Wells for Haiti project brings together Puget Sound Adventist Academy students to make a difference in the lives of Haitians.

student donations and selling healthy gourmet cookies. In addition, students created a fundraising campaign for Haitian school supplies and developed two Facebook pages: Wells for

Haiti and School Supplies for Haiti in order to develop awareness.

Students and church members embraced and supported this project by raising \$2,000

for three wells in the first three months of the campaign. To date, nearly \$5,000 has been raised by various means to contribute to Haitian wells, school supplies and special items like wind-up flashlights for an orphanage without electricity.

A handful of PSAA students, faculty and alumni decided to go one step further to help Haiti by joining a mission trip this June. The summer projects will include providing water supplies, improving two orphanages, conducting numerous medical clinics, distributing food and assessing school needs.

*Howard Munson, PSAA teacher*

# Volunteers Enrich Remote Schools



Howard Brenton, a Grays Harbor (Wash.) Adventist Christian School volunteer, along with others, helps provide students at the remote school with quality Christian education.

**A**s a remote school in the Washington Conference, the Grays Harbor (Wash.) Adventist Christian School appreciates the volunteers from two constituent churches who help enrich their academic program.

Grays Harbor's enrollment is holding at a steady 14 students, and the school invited Kathleen Vaughn, a longtime volunteer and certified teacher, to become the school's paid aide this year. This created a seven-to-one student teacher ratio and contributes greatly to the solid academic program at Grays Harbor.

Howard Brenton, a retired engineer, volunteers both in the classroom and around the facility weekly. The volunteer's time in the past two years has helped students quickly advance from pre-algebra to algebra classes.

Brenton's wife, Berta, a retired nurse, takes care of all the immunization records and

health testing and also works weekly in the classroom or prepares art lessons.

Cristian Bobocea, district pastor, shared his musical talents after weekly worship times to form a school choir and prepared students to participate in the Washington Conference Choral Clinic in February.

The Elma (Wash.) and Grays Harbor churches are committed to having Christian education on "The Harbor." With the help of these volunteers and others, parents can be certain their children are provided with a quality Christian education no matter where the school is located.

*Adria Hay, Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School principal*

# A Perfect Fit

## Homebase offers unique WWU connection

**A**fter enrolling in the cosmetology program at Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, Wash., Katie Edstrom began searching for a place to live. Having grown up hearing about Walla Walla University, she found herself browsing the WWU website and wishing there was some way to be involved there while attending classes elsewhere.

"I believe God led me to the Homebase page," says Katie. "It was a perfect fit."

Through Walla Walla University's Homebase program, community college students live in WWU's residence halls, eat in WWU's cafeteria, attend WWU's social and spiritual events, and participate in WWU's clubs. They are treated as WWU students, and are expected to abide by WWU's

**Katie Edstrom is studying cosmetology at WWCC and living at WWU through the Homebase program. She appreciates the spiritual atmosphere at WWU and the opportunities to be involved on campus and meet people she otherwise wouldn't.**



CHRIS DRAKE



CHRIS DRAKE

**Kerstin Edstrom plans to someday have a salon in her own home. "I want to work with young girls and help them see both their inner and outer beauty in God's eyes," she says.**

code of conduct and campus life/residence hall requirements.

Katie's sister, Kerstin, is also in Homebase, studying cosmetology at WWCC.

"It is very refreshing," Kerstin says, "to come home to a positive Christian environment at WWU, where I'm surrounded by other Christian young people who love God and want to serve Him."

Homebase students must have a high school/academy diploma or a GED and must be enrolled at WWCC pursuing one of 18 approved programs, including carpentry, culinary arts, early childhood education, energy systems technology, fire science, water management, and cosmetology.

"Homebase is WWU's best kept secret," says Ken Edstrom, Katie and Kerstin's father. "Our daughters are happy and involved at WWU and are doing well at WWCC. We are blessed to have this option available to us."

WWCC recommends early registration to ensure enrollment in the student's chosen area of study. Likewise, space is limited in the Homebase program, and applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. For fall registration, enrollment in both WWCC and Homebase is recommended no later than July 1.

"I love the fact that WWU is like a spiritual gas station," says Katie. "I often find that I run

out of fuel during the day at school, and with the Homebase program, I get to come back to the dorm or to worship at WWU and fill up on my source of spiritual energy."

Upon graduating, Katie hopes to do hair and makeup for special events such as weddings and graduations. Kerstin's plan is to open a salon in her home someday. Both will complete the cosmetology program in March 2012.

For more information or to enroll in the Homebase program, visit [wallawalla.edu/homebase](http://wallawalla.edu/homebase).

*Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent*

# Adventist Hospitals Form Policy Association

**M**ore than 70 Adventist hospitals and more than 300 affiliated health-care facilities across 17 states and the District of Columbia have collaborated to form the Adventist Health Policy Association. AHPA creates a united policy voice among Adventist hospitals on issues affecting health care across the nation.

Larry Mitchel, Adventist Health director of government relations. “Working together on key policy issues is crucial in this era of health reform. AHPA will help us do this and represent our distinctive mission.”

AHPA leadership has been meeting informally for almost a year. The group has submitted comments on key health reform

elements. Locations are in California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii;

Adventist Health System, headquartered in Winter Park, Fla., includes 42 hospitals, 87 outpatient centers, 11 home-health agencies and 18 nursing homes as well as a college of health sciences. Locations are in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and Wisconsin;

Adventist HealthCare, headquartered in Rockville, Md., includes seven hospitals and an assisted-living facility. Locations are in New Jersey, Maryland and the Washington, D.C., area;

Kettering Adventist Health-care, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, includes seven hospitals, 60 outpatient centers and the Kettering College of Medical Arts, which serves 11 counties across the greater Dayton region;

Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, headquartered in Loma Linda, Calif., includes seven hospitals, seven outpatient facilities and the Loma Linda University Medical School.

“AHPA will add another voice to the national health reform dialogue — a formal voice that will leverage the strength of

our association and our shared goals,” Mitchel says. “It will allow us to have strong input into the policy issues important to our nation’s ever-changing health-care system.”

The Association has received 501(c) 6, or non-profit trade association, status. Initial staff support is provided by the Adventist Health System. For more information, go to [www.adventisthealthpolicy.org](http://www.adventisthealthpolicy.org).

*Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*



Adventist Health Policy Association covers hospitals across the nation.

AHPA was formally announced in January to help ensure existing and new federal legislation, policy and regulations allow AHPA members to fulfill their goal of accessible, high-quality health care. One early goal will be to help improve national policy on preventive health care.

“Seventh-day Adventist hospitals represent a major sector of the U.S. health system,” says

elements. AHPA’s founding members operate hospitals, home-health agencies, nursing centers, outpatient centers, physician practices and related health-care entities. The founding members are: Adventist Health, headquartered in Roseville, Calif., includes 17 hospitals, 62 outpatient centers, 32 rural-health clinics, 14 home-health agencies and four joint-venture retirement cen-



John Aleman, Idaho Conference Pathfinder coordinator, and three other judges stay at the ready for questions from Pathfinder teams.



Tracy Woods, Oregon Conference Pathfinder director and event coordinator, congratulates the Palouse Hills team for their first place achievement.



# Pathfinder Bible Achievement Teams March On

**P**ackage nine cracker-jack Pathfinder teams with a host of leaders, parents, grandparents and friends, and you've got the recipe for the North Pacific Union Conference-wide Pathfinder Bible Achievement event.

Such was the case, Sabbath, March 12, at the Oregon Conference Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Ore., where nine Bible Achievement teams successfully passed area

year to one of the four host conferences. Alaska and Montana teams do not currently participate at this level.

This is a collaborative affair. Each Pathfinder team of up to six members sits in a circle and is assigned a judge and scorekeeper from another team — to ensure fairness. The “supreme court,” a panel of four judges, sits up front, with final say on questions that come up during the afternoon. The nine

— some required multiple answers. The spirit of the event was: Everyone roots for everyone. In fact, it was structured so any team scoring within 90 percent of the top score would also be awarded first-place status.

In the end, seven teams placed first: Cascade Eagles, Colville Cougars, Lynwood Spanish Falcons, Newport POV Wildcats, Moscow Palouse Hills, Pasco Chero-

the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program — a trip to Andrews University for the North American Division event. A seventh team from Moscow, with Amtrak tickets cancelled due to flooding, took the quiz at the Spokane Valley (Wash.) Church and faxed their answers for judging at Andrews with the rest of the teams. In the end, they received first place along with Upper Columbia's Colville and New-



The Cascade Eagles team, from the Washington Conference, pays special attention to instructions during the 2011 North Pacific Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Achievement event.

and conference level events and were on hand for their union-level “exam.” The question on everyone's mind was: Which of these teams will get a chance to make it to the big time — the North American Division-wide finals, held at Andrews University in April? Instead of collegiate basketball's famed “March Madness,” this was more like “March Gladness.”

According to Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference Pathfinder director and event coordinator, the NPUC event rotates each

teams occupy the center of the room, while Pathfinder leaders, family members and friends line the outside.

Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, paced the sidelines, proud of what he saw. “This activity is about teamwork, not competition,” he says. “It draws our children into the Word — not just about facts and figures, but into real depth, understanding the context and culture of the Bible.”

The nine teams faced 90 questions on this afternoon



The Pleasant Valley (Ore.) Panther team is eager and ready for action as the 2011 North Pacific Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Achievement event gets underway in Gladstone, Ore.

keep Lady Braves and Pleasant Valley Panthers. The Riverside Chinooks took second (within 80 percent of the top score). The Eagle Golden Eagles, who traveled all the way from Idaho, held on for third place (less than 80 percent of the top score). Third place? “Not a problem,” insists Steve Manning, Golden Eagles director. “We want Scripture in our hearts and minds, and this makes it fun. We'll be back.”

By April, six first-place teams achieved the final step in

port teams, and Washington's North Cascade team. Second-place certificates were given to Oregon's Pleasant Valley team and Upper Columbia's Pasco team. The Lynwood (Wash.) Spanish Falcons, in their first year with a Bible Achievement team, received third place.

This year the study focused on First and Second Corinthians; next year's focus will be Isaiah.

*Steve Vistaunet,  
GLENER editor*

**BIRTHS**

**BRYANT** — Reagan Virginia was born April 4, 2011, to Matthew and Holley (Leen) Bryant, Fairview, Ore.

**CASTILLO** — Julian Andres was born April 17, 2011, to Junior and Edma (Molina) Castillo, Hillsboro, Ore.

**DEININGER** — Reed William was born March 3, 2011, to Ronald and Rachele (Syme) Deininger, Bremerton, Wash.

**KOCH** — Liljana Clare was born March 7, 2011, to Lorin M. and Katrina M. (Beddoe) Koch, Cicero, Ind.

**LEE** — Nathaniel Luke was born March 11, 2011, to Anthony and Shauna (Scammon) Lee, Tok, Alaska.

**NATIUK** — Grayson Jay was born April 19, 2011, to Jonathan and Julie (Logan) Natiuk, Vancouver, Wash.

**SMITH** — Madelyn Taylor Jade was born Oct. 6, 2010, to Ryan and Michele (Johnston) Smith, Bremerton, Wash.

**WARD** — Sierra Dean was born March 6, 2011, to Erin and Michelle (Ward) Ward, Loma Linda, Calif.

**WINDEMUTH** — Alex Jordan Roth was born March 23, 2011, to Todd and Stephanie (Roth) Windemuth, Kirkland, Wash.

**WINNING** — Claire Elise was born Feb. 24, 2011, to Ryan and Melanie (Wright) Winning, Chehalis, Wash.

**AT REST**

**BALLARD** — Jacob Paul, 77; born Feb. 10, 1932, Omaha, Neb.; died Jan. 29, 2011, North Plains, Ore. Surviving: wife, Bonnie Jeanine (Stewart); sons, David P., McMinnville, Ore.; Joseph E., Beaverton, Ore.; daughter, Sheryl L. Bolton, Grizzly Flats, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

**BRIGGS** — John Derby, 81; born Sept. 8, 1929, Springfield, Mass.; died Nov. 7, 2010, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Jewell "Judy" (Wagner); son, Jonathan, San Antonio, Texas; daughters, Kathleen Rogers, Eugene, Ore.; Marilyn "Ruth" Heath, Spokane, Wash.; Jennifer Bertleson, Boise, Idaho; sister, Charlotte Chevier, Ocean Shores, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**BRYSON** — Elmer Jesse, 97; born March 28, 1913, Lemoore, Calif.; died Feb. 5, 2011, Pioneer, Calif. Surviving: sons, Dale, Roseburg, Ore.; Jim, College Place, Wash.; Timothy, San Diego, Calif.; John, Caldwell, Idaho; daughter, Elizabeth Ann Marcellus, Pioneer; 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**CHURCHILL** — Donna Jo (Burnham), 80; born Dec. 2, 1930, Fulton, Ind.; died Jan. 29, 2011, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Roy, Leavenworth, Wash.; sons, Mark, Sturgeon, Mo.; Timothy, Los Angeles, Calif.; daughters, April Churchill and Kathlyn Wilson, both of Gresham, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

**COLE** — Bonnie June (Burruss), 86; born April 14, 1924, Neppel (now Moses Lake), Wash.; died Jan. 24, 2011, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Ginger Erickson, Deer Park, Wash.; Judy Twigg and Cindy Kalamakis, both of Moses Lake; 5 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

**FORBES** — Ruth Jean (Forbes) Beers, 81; born June 9, 1929, Montpelier, N.D.; died Feb. 7, 2011, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Craig Beers, Pilot Rock, Ore.; John Beers, Sparks, Nev.; daughter, Roberta Murphey, Hot Creek Ranch,

Nev.; sisters, Francis Northrup, Sandy, Ore.; Marilyn Roberts, Salem, Ore.; Linda Forbes, Portland, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

**JOHNSON** — Gladys Maxine (Hendricksen), 79; born Dec. 23, 1931, Charlo, Mont.; died Nov. 24, 2010, Hamilton, Mont. Surviving: husband, Melvin; son, Randy, Belgrade, Mont.; daughters, Kathy Griffen, Troy, Ala.; Deanna Harris, Bozeman, Mont.; brothers, Dale Hendricksen, Missoula, Mont.; Stan Hendricksen, Lolo, Mont.; sisters, Iva Livesay, Tri-Cities, Wash.; Verna Wittenberg, Missoula; Ilo Hutton, College Place, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

**JOHNSTONE** — Larry Lee, 60; born Oct. 24, 1950, Pendleton, Ore.; died Dec. 21, 2010, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Deborah Ann (South), Columbia City, Ore.; daughters, Lisa Vanderwiel, Eagle, Idaho; Rebecca Kathrein, Scappoose, Ore.; Sarah Johnstone, Eagle; Lindsey Johnstone, Champaign, Ill.; sisters, Carol Johnstone, Seal Beach, Calif.; Kathryn Johnstone, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

**KENNEDY** — Herbert, 74; born Oct. 29, 1935, Fox, Ala.; died July 14, 2010, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Eileen; sons, Andre; Fredick; James; Larry; John; daughters, Danita Ross; Felicia Kennedy; Alene Gill; Gloria Hastings; Michael Williams; brothers, Nathaniel Kennedy; Frank Kennedy; Lewis Kennedy; Willie James Kennedy; sisters, Rosalie Cabbil; Willie Walden; Lucille Drew; and Lois Cole.

**LEWIS** — James R., 65; born Jan. 4, 1945, Long Beach, Calif.; died May 23, 2010, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Donna (Yowell); sons, Douglass, Hillsboro, Ore.; Timothy, Gresham; daughter, Robyn Cunningham,

Portland, Ore.; father, Wayne, Santa Ana, Calif.; brothers, Daniel, Orange, Calif.; Richard, Santa Ana; and 2 grandchildren.

**LOOMER** — Donald R., 79; born Sept. 1, 1931, Lubbock, Texas; died Feb. 4, 2011, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Todd, Wenatchee, Wash.; Rodney, College Place; brothers, Jim, Casper, Wyo.; Dave F., Torrington, Wyo.; and 2 grandchildren.

**LOOP** — Patricia A. (Keck), 78; born July 14, 1932, San Pedro, Calif.; died Feb. 1, 2011, Murrieta, Calif. Surviving: son, Douglas, Wildomar, Calif.; brother, Norm Keck, Everett, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**OLIVER** — Dorothy Lu (Hull), 85; born June 6, 1925, Julesberg, Colo.; died Jan. 20, 2011, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: son, Leonard Eugene, Salinas, Calif.; daughter, Mary Sue McGauhey, Marysville; half brothers, Herman Chester Hull and Thomas Redsall Hull, both of Hermiston, Ore.; half sisters, Patricia Carson, Hermiston; Sarabelle Young and Cheryl McNutt, both of Ontario, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

**ORSBORN** — Elva B. (Allen), 92; born Dec. 20, 1917, Wrage, Neb.; died Oct. 3, 2010, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Pat Hopkins, Battle Ground; sister, Dorothy Harris, Clackamas, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**WILLIAMS** — Beatrice "Betty" S. (LaBelle) Rose Lane Edwards, 89; born Feb. 16, 1921, in New Hampshire; died Dec. 30, 2010, Tehachapi, Calif. Surviving: sons, Richard, Klamath Falls, Ore.; daughter, Carolyn Holmes, Tehachapi; 11 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

### North Pacific Union Conference

#### Offering

**June 4** — Local Church Budget;

**June 11** — World Budget: Multilingual and Adventist Chaplaincy;

**June 18** — Local Church Budget;

**June 25** — Local Conference Advance.

### Walla Walla University

**June 5** — Missoula (Mont.) Campus Hooding ceremony.

**June 10** — Consecration: Vespers program provided by the senior class, 8 p.m. at U-Church.

**June 11** — Baccalaureate, featuring speaker Des Cummings Jr., Florida Hospital executive vice president, 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at U-Church. Teacher Dedication: Special dedication to honor those graduating in education, 3 p.m. at WWVA Auditorium. Nurses' Pinning: Special dedication service to honor nursing graduates, 4 p.m. at U-Church. Theology Senior Dedication Service: Special dedication service honoring graduating theology and religion majors, 5 p.m. at Heubach Chapel. Social Work Pinning: Special dedication service to honor Bachelor of Social Work graduates, 5 p.m. at WEC 209. Master's Degree Hooding Ceremony, 7 p.m. at WWVA Auditorium. Evensong, featuring organ music by Kraig Scott, and the spoken word by Monty Buell, 8 p.m. at U-Church.

**June 12** — Commencement, featuring speaker Ella Simmons, General Conference general vice president, 8:30 a.m. at the Centennial Green. There is no alternative location to hold Commencement in the event of inclement weather. If rain is forecast, please come prepared. For questions regarding Graduation Weekend, call the president's office at 800-541-8900, ext. 2066.

**June 20** — Summer Session begins. For information or to register, call 800-541-8900.

### Oregon

#### 20th Annual Strawberry Vespers

**June 18** — Plan to attend, and bring a friend or neighbor to Sunnyside Church's 20th-annual Strawberry Vespers at 7 p.m. The vesper service will include good music with some of Portland's finest musicians, followed by delicious strawberry shortcake for everyone.

#### VBS 2011 at Sunnyside Church

**June 20-25** — "Hometown Nazareth — Where Jesus was a Kid." Kids are welcome into the ultimate Bible-times experience as they hear about Jesus' childhood adventures. For registration, please contact 503-252-8080 or [www.sunnyside-SDA.org/VBS](http://www.sunnyside-SDA.org/VBS).

### Upper Columbia Conference

#### Missing Members

The Pendleton Church in Pendleton, Ore., is looking for the whereabouts of the following members: Louise Babcock, Katrina Baker, Macy Hyman Bierworth, Lauaa Whitlake Dobbins, Ron Dodge, Chris Ely, Jimmy Fichter, Michelle Ford, Deborah Halstead, Lila Harwood, Veronica Latray, Audrey Lott, George Lott Jr., Cindy Michel, Angela Obert, Kimberly Palmer, Daniel Rader, Novelyn Ramos, Justin Ramos, Richard Schleede, Steve Shurts, James Strong, Lorna Strong, Clint Teters, Kristina Teters, Shari Stewart Thompson, Chad Vanderhoof, Julie Watson, Sean White and Sue White. If you have any information about these missing members, contact the church office at 541-276-0882 or email [pendletonadventist@eotnet.net](mailto:pendletonadventist@eotnet.net).

#### Mike Bishop Concert

**June 11** — Mike Bishop will sing with his sister, Marlynn Bishop, at the 11 o'clock service and in concert at 8 p.m., at the Spokane Central Church, 828 W. Spofford Ave., Spokane, WA. 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 509-328-5900.

### Upper Columbia Conference

#### Constituency Session Notice

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Wash., on Sunday, June 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department directors and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

Robert S. Folkenberg Jr., president

Doug R. Johnson, vice president for administration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UCA Class of 1961 Alumni

The Upper Columbia Academy Class of 1961's 50th reunion will be Oct. 7-8. We are requesting your help in finding addresses for the following people: Linda Adkinson-McDowell, Sharon Bauman, David Bigger, Russell Bower, Judy Lockwood Bryan, Charles Canright, Helen Clyde, Judy Merth Davies, Linda Martin DeBolt, Leroy Duncan, Don Evans, Loretta Fauver Harrell, Gary Heddon, Jay Howland, Betty Hughes, Henry Hurlbert, Steve Jungblom, David Kagle, Joyce Millard, Ruth Chitwood Mustered, James Paschtat, Jim Perrine, Don Ramsey, Bernice Gardner Reidel, Darlene VanSickle Ruble, Charles Shook, Monica Hall Spenser, Ruth Thompson, Ron Walunga and John Wolf. Please send mail addresses, email addresses or phone numbers to Jay Magnuson, P.O. Box 6, Quincy, WA 98848; or jmagnumson43@gmail.com.

### Washington

#### Missing Members

Auburn City Church is looking for the following missing members: Kay Bassett; Dudley and Sung Doyle; Michael Fosse; Silvia Halasz; Thomas Johnson; Chrystal Marter; Barbara and Pamela Radcliff; Kellie Sands; Amy, Antony, Lynda and Manuel Silveira; and Jose Zelaya. If you have any contact information for the following people, email auburncity7@hotmail.com or call 253-833-2560.

### World Church

#### Elgin Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

**July 8-10** — The Elgin (Texas) Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. With guest speakers, a "Walk Down Memory Lane" with slides, and other special events. All former pastors, teachers, members and friends are cordially invited. Bring old photos. For more information, contact Betty Hold at 512-281-3268 or email earlhold@msn.com.

#### Benedict/Turtle Lake Church Celebrating 100 Years

**July 23** — The Benedict/Turtle Lake Church is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in Turtle Lake, N.D. We invite all past and present constituents — pastors, church school teachers, members and their families — to join us. For more information, contact Roger Boyko at 701-448-2884 or email rkboyko@westriv.com.

#### Pacific NorthWest Schola Cantorum

**July 23** — Under the direction of Dr. Leo Sanker of Kirkland, Wash., will be presenting a concert at 3 p.m. at Hope Camp Meeting, in British Columbia, Canada. On July 30, Sabbath morning, Sanker will conduct a mass choir. Any musicians interested in participating, please contact Juliette Church at 425-828-7888 or jgchurch@comcast.net.

#### Grand Ledge Academy First Years Reunion

**Aug. 5-7** — We are looking for all charter students, alumni and faculty of 1959-1964 of Grand Ledge Academy, Grand Ledge, Mich. Plans are underway for a reunion to be held at Elysian Fields Hunting Preserve near Bellevue, Mich. To be updated on developing plans, email your contact information to claudiabahnmler@gmail.com or call Claudia at 360-793-1883. Join the Facebook group "Grand Ledge Academy — First Years."

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June	3	10	17	24
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<b>ALASKA CONFERENCE</b>				
Anchorage	11:24	11:34	11:41	11:42
Fairbanks	12:13	12:32	12:45	12:46
Juneau	9:53	10:01	10:06	10:08
Ketchikan	9:19	9:26	9:31	9:32
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>				
Boise	9:21	9:26	9:29	9:30
La Grande	8:35	8:40	8:43	8:44
Pocatello	9:03	9:08	9:11	9:12
<b>MONTANA CONFERENCE</b>				
Billings	8:58	9:03	9:07	9:08
Havre	9:14	9:20	9:23	9:25
Helena	9:15	9:20	9:24	9:25
Miles City	8:50	8:55	8:58	9:00
Missoula	9:24	9:30	9:33	9:34
<b>OREGON CONFERENCE</b>				
Coos Bay	8:52	8:57	9:00	9:01
Medford	8:43	8:48	8:51	8:52
Portland	8:54	8:59	9:02	9:03
<b>UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE</b>				
Pendleton	8:39	8:44	8:47	8:49
Spokane	8:41	8:47	8:50	8:52
Walla Walla	8:39	8:44	8:47	8:48
Wenatchee	8:52	8:57	9:01	9:02
Yakima	8:49	8:54	8:58	8:59
<b>WASHINGTON CONFERENCE</b>				
Bellingham	9:06	9:12	9:15	9:17
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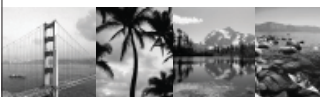
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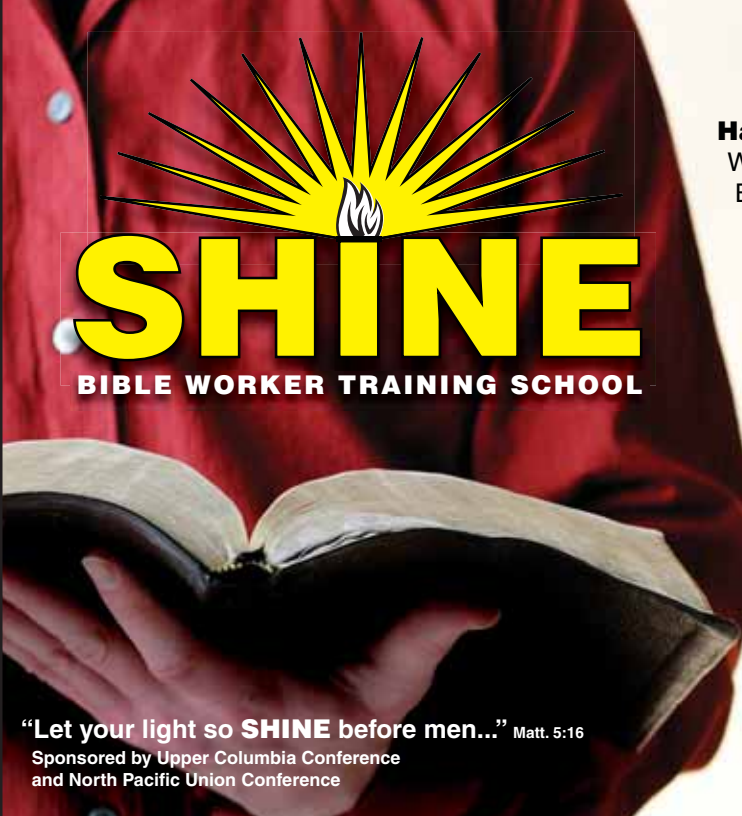
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# Fate or Faith

*“We walk  
by faith and  
not by sight.”  
2 Cor. 5:7*

In Mark chapter 5, fate makes its play, but faith comes out the winner.

Two lives hang in the balance as Jesus makes his way through the pressing throng. Two lives, with everything to gain and everything to lose, await His next move. The drama has been 12 years in the making. Everything hinges on what happens now.

It had all started simply enough. An important man's daughter, all of 12 years old, lay dying. That Jesus should come to his town is Providence too great to ignore. But time is short. Jesus must hurry. And so He does, pressing through the crowded street toward Jairus' home.

But fate intervenes, as it so often does. A woman also views Providence at work on her behalf. She does not see the father's anxiety-ridden face. She does not know his 12-year-old daughter is near death. Her own past dozen years have been filled with an illness so great it has ostracized her from family and friends. All her resources have evaporated in the failed efforts of a litany of doctors. Fate has left her destitute of any other support. She is a woman with no future — unless there is something Jesus can do. So she stretches out a hand of faith to touch One who carries the promise of something better.

And everything stops. Jesus stops. The crowd bunches to a halt. Jairus, pushing ahead, turns around with anxious agony. Every moment counts. But beyond his immediate understanding something else has stopped as well. The bleeding has ended. The desperate reach of faith has brought instantaneous healing to a weeping woman who kneels now at Jesus' feet. And Jesus is giving something even more. “Daughter,” He says. “Go in peace and be whole.” Daughter —

an outcast no more; a welcomed part of the family; a woman with a future!

But there's another daughter at stake here, and fate strikes again. A grim-faced messenger wedges through the crowd. He tugs at Jairus' sleeve. “There's no need to trouble the Teacher anymore,” he murmurs with a grim face. “Your daughter just died.” Something inside Jairus crumbles then. If only the interruption had never occurred. If only Jesus had kept going. If only ... they might have been in time.

But Jesus has overheard. He has seen the agonized face; He has felt the anguished heart. He knows the brutal whimsy of fate is no match for the reach of faith.

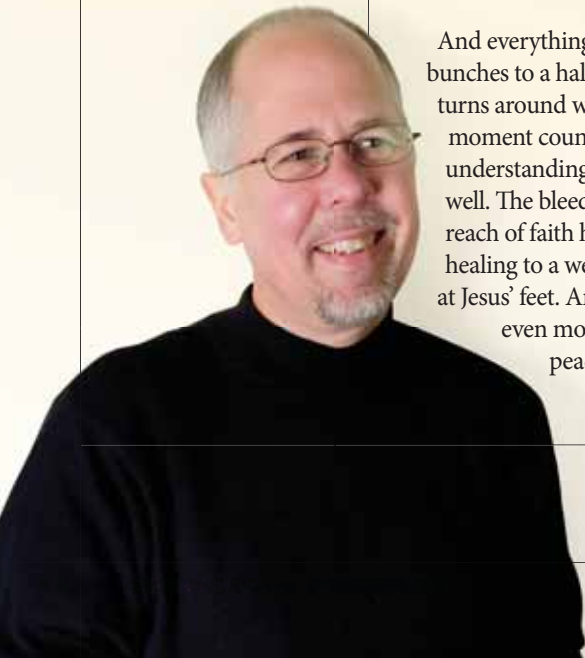
You know the rest of the story. The ledger does not stop at 12 years for Jairus' daughter, who is awakened from her “sleep” by the Master's touch.

And so today, fate and faith continue the struggle for mastery in our own hearts and lives. Sometimes we reach out in faith and find our prayers answered dramatically, immediately, just like the woman. At other times, fate seems to intervene. Like Jairus, we wait anxiously, impatiently, wondering at Jesus' delay. Like Martha of another time and place, we cry, “Master, if only You had been here...”

But beyond our immediate understanding, God is on His way. Those who have fallen asleep awaiting Jesus' arrival will, like Jairus' daughter, hear His call and awake to something far better.

In the meantime, we still have a choice — to live under the shadow of fate or the promise of faith.

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