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# Church Mission

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**I have swept away your  
offenses like a cloud, your sins  
like the morning mist. Return to  
me, for I have redeemed you.**

**Isa. 44:22**

*“Cape Kiwanda”  
in Pacific City, Ore.,  
by Christina G. Angquico,  
of Vancouver, Wash.*



## AN APPEAL TO THE FAMILY

I want to ask for a moment of silence. Not in remembrance of someone who is lost, but so that as a church we can take a deep breath and think about Who we serve. Jesus Christ is the head of our church, and we all serve Him. We must also remember that if this is truly His church, then He is in charge, and we must trust Him to lead, for it is His church.

Lately there have been a lot of voices talking about the many “problems” with the church — things like style of worship, who is called to ministry, the education that our pastors receive at our institutions of higher education, even simple things like the outreach methods that are undertaken. As a church, we will always have disagreements. It’s a fact of life that is magnified when you have such a diverse body as our world church. Our church is like a family. Actually it is a family, one that has God as its head: our church family.

My concern is that recently the many voices have become very loud. Not just in volume, but in intensity. When families have arguments, things tend to get nasty and heated. That is when bad things happen. Police officers will tell you the one thing they hate to deal with are domestic disturbances or family fights. They never end well, people get hurt, and bad things happen. But our family ministry directors will tell you that when a home has Jesus Christ serving as the head of the house, these

conflicts are minimized and end up getting resolved. Why? Because when we focus on Jesus and not on ourselves, the conflicts are truly shown for what they are — not major conflicts, but misunderstandings that can be resolved through prayerful communication.

What does this have to do with the Seventh-day Adventist Church? If we believe that Jesus Christ is the head of our church, then we need to let Him lead. We need to stop our talking, stop trying to run the church our way and just pray for His leading. This is the only way we will survive as a church family. It is the only way to discuss our differences. We must also accept each other for who we are, not for what we aren’t. If we believe that all are called

to be servants of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4–9), then we must trust Him to lead in our lives.

I truly believe that God is using each one of us to serve Him. So when we ridicule the efforts of others within our church, we are actually ridiculing God, for He put those people in the positions they are in. He called them to a life of service. We must trust Him to lead the church. We don’t lead the church; He does.

For many Seventh-day Adventists, the Great Controversy is a pivotal part of our doctrinal DNA. It helps to explain all of the things that have happened in this world’s history and gives us a glimpse of what is to come. Some people are uncomfortable with it, but when we truly understand the battle between good and evil that is taking place all around us, it gives us hope in the future.

But today, many of our members have taken it upon themselves to create their own Great Controversy. They are quick to judge others, condemning them as heretics for what they believe or teach. Voices are quick to proclaim that their way of reading the Bible is better, that they are the “true Adventists.” They even proclaim that the church will split and their brothers and sisters in Christ will be lost. Their voices have become very loud lately, and it pains me greatly. I also know Jesus Christ is in pain when He hears them as well.

If we truly believe this is the church of Jesus Christ, we must stop the voices and let Him lead. Let Jesus resolve our conflict and heal our family. Let’s put aside our differences and support each other. This is the only way that we, as a church, can move forward. If we focus on Jesus and not ourselves or each other, then He will lead us forward.

There is a whole world out there waiting to hear of Jesus and His love. Let’s stop being selfish and focus on them and not what are perceived wrongs within our church. Let Jesus heal the church. Let’s focus on the mission that He has given all of us. Let’s do it as a family. Together.

*Dan Jackson, North American Division president*



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## LETTERS

### A School of Brutality

The article “Storykill” on p. 42 of the March *Gleaner* I found to be troubling. It brought to mind, “Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). Our modern prophet has stated football has become a school of brutality and that Satan uses it to nullify the work of the Holy Spirit. As a retired physician who is passionate about preventive medicine, I am painfully aware of the injuries that can involve any age group that plays tackle football.

*Donald E. Casebolt, College Place, Wash.*

### A Christian's Focus

I applaud the timeliness of Steve Vistaunet’s article “Tribes” and Seth Pierce’s “Highlighting Heresy” [April 2015]. We preach that the love of the world is growing cold while forgetting to keep our own love burning brightly within the church. We are to lift up Jesus, not the devil, not conspiracy theories, not hearsay about public figures. Those in darkness need the light of the world, not sensationalized details about how awful the darkness really is — believe me, they already know. Christianity’s focus should be what’s different, better and more relevant about Jesus.

*Maureen Dowling, Sequim, Wash.*

### A Revised Millennial Mission

I believe that the effort to reach our youth [“Oregon Churches on a Millennial Mission,” March 2015] and retain them in the church is coming from a sincere and heartfelt desire to do the right thing. But ... so far, I have seen or heard nothing



of the need for prayer, conviction, confession and reform as part of the movement. ... While I do believe that we need to embrace our youth in love and acceptance, we also need to train the most godly of our young adults [and] give them a rock-solid foundation in God’s Word under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Elders should mentor them and then allow them to lead our youth into the next phase of our church. These are Jesus methods: one disciple at a time. ... We need a return to the undiluted gospel and worship services that glorify Jesus Christ. We cannot save ourselves or others with improved programs ... or more modern methods. We cannot save our youth. That is Jesus’ job. Point them to Him, not themselves.

*Tara Brooks-Stockton, Troutdale, Ore.*

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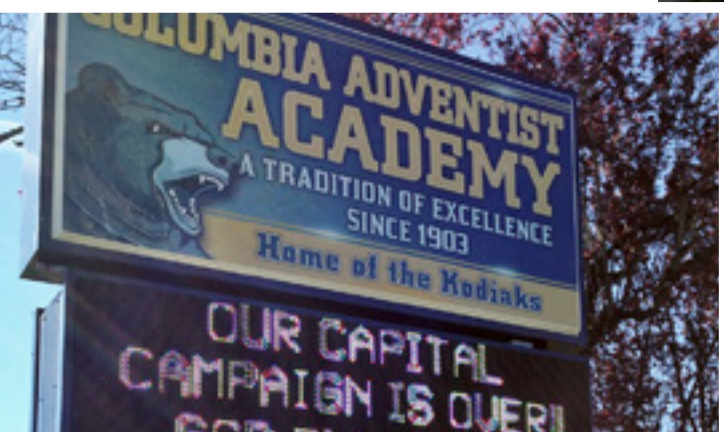
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studies  
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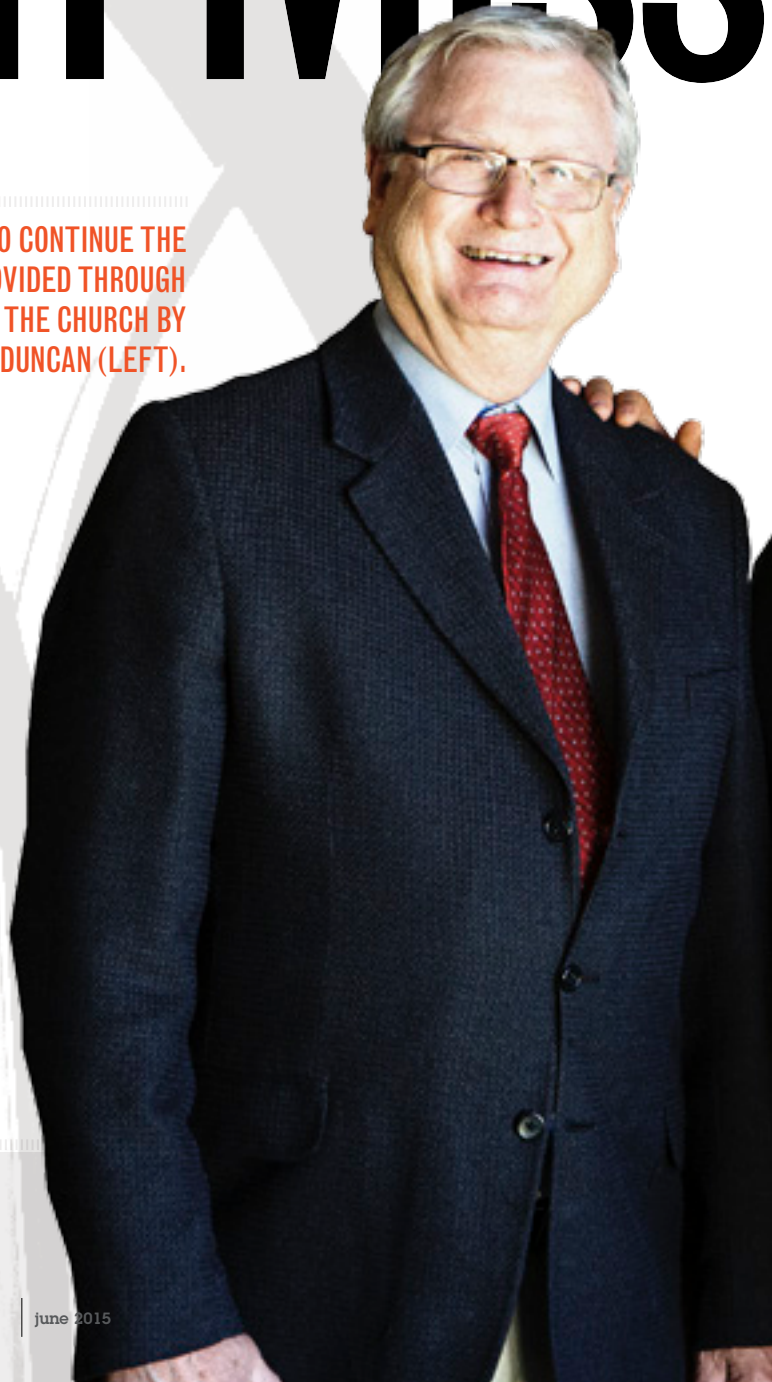
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CONTINUING a LEGACY

# Church Miss

ANDRE WANG (RIGHT) IS HONORED TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF LEGAL WISDOM PROVIDED THROUGH DECADES OF WISE SERVICE FOR THE CHURCH BY DAVID DUNCAN (LEFT).





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**EARLY 25 YEARS AGO, A YOUNG AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY STUDENT GLIMPSED FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES FACING HIS GROWING WORLD CHURCH. ALONG WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY'S SYLVAN CHORALE, ANDRE WANG WAS IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TO PERFORM AT THE 1990 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION.**

The session was already notable for the unanticipated election of Robert Folkenberg as world church president. And as Wang looked on from a stadium seat in the Hoosier Dome, lines began to form at floor microphones with delegates eager to comment on a topic of interest to our church then and now: the ordination of women.

Wang decided that day to never be content to sit on the sidelines. He would become actively involved as a member of his church. He realized the old legislative adage — “the government is run by those who show up” — applied as well and as often to the church.

In college, he engaged with the church mission at every available opportunity, helping with committees and student worship teams.

A third-grade teacher of Wang's once observed his willingness to mediate playground disputes. “He'll be a lawyer someday,” she said. True to her expectations, Wang passed the Oregon state bar in 1998 and has practiced as an attorney ever since.

This year, Wang decided after much prayer to combine his passion for justice and love for the mission of his church. He accepted the position of North Pacific Union Conference legal counsel, stepping into the role left vacant by the retirement of David Duncan. He had resisted the invitation for months. “I don't consider myself a ‘church guy,’” he thought.

But a friend at the General Conference convinced him otherwise. “That's exactly why you're needed,” she said.

While Wang (pronounced “Wong,” by the way) might not think of himself as a typical “church guy,” he brings extensive interest and experience in working at all levels of the church as a lay member. He adds a unique and fresh perspective on how our church work can be operated safely in an ever-changing culture.

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**Y MATERNAL GRANDFATHER WAS A PASTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR IN THE PHILIPPINES AND A MENTOR TO ME. AS I GREW UP, HE INSTILLED THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE TO OUR GOD AND COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT WAS IN OR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

Antonio Abawag, Wang's maternal grandfather, devoted his career to ministry in the Philippines as a pastor and as youth/education secretary for the Central Luzon and Southern Luzon Mission. After retirement, he spent years preaching at churches throughout the Oregon Conference.



**GLEANER:** YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D WORK DIRECTLY FOR THE CHURCH. WHAT CHANGED?

**WANG:** After praying about it extensively, my wife and I felt this was truly a call, where God was asking me to serve my church. What better reason could there be? Serving on differing levels of church committees for years not only gave me a deep understanding of the mission of the church but also how our church operates to accomplish that mission. This was a way to incorporate that institutional knowledge in a professional context.

**GLEANER:** WHAT EXACTLY DOES THE NPUC LEGAL COUNSEL DO FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND NORTHWEST MEMBERS?

**WANG:** Legal issues that arise, even at a local level, often impact the wider church organization. So I am always available to provide counsel on how to steer through what can often be a legal minefield. I also am constantly thinking ahead to help our leaders make decisions that are consistent with our mission and which can stand legal scrutiny. In my opinion, an attorney who works directly for the church, who is active in his or her local Adventist church, is best suited to understand the priorities of our mission-directed organization.

**GLEANER:** IN 2010, YOU UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT ELECTION AS AN OREGON STATE REPRESENTATIVE. WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THAT EXPERIENCE?

**WANG:** Well [smiles], I learned what losing is like and how to move on productively. I learned firsthand how "dog-eat-dog" politics can be. In spite of that, I learned there are many wonderful, thoughtful Christian people in government. I learned the importance of seeking God's guidance and the value of trusted, prayerful friends. It was probably one of the most humbling, if not humiliating, and yet rewarding things I've ever experienced.

**GLEANER:** AS WE LOOK TOWARD NEXT MONTH'S GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION IN SAN ANTONIO, WHAT SHOULD ADVENTISTS UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE WORLD CHURCH PROCESS ON ISSUES SUCH AS ORDINATION?

**WANG:** Always remember that our church and its work includes both ecclesiastical and business elements. I recognize the legal operation of the church can often feel ponderous and political to those of us who sit in the pews each Sabbath. I would urge our members to unite on the three major elements of our mission no matter what policies and procedures change: 1) discipleship for all believers, 2) evangelism for those who don't know Jesus and 3) readiness for our Lord's coming.



CONTINUING a LEGACY of  
**Church Mission**

Wang's paternal grandfather, Wang Tzu Tan, served as the treasurer for the Adventist hospital in Shanghai, China, before the Communist revolution. In his local church, he was an elder and church treasurer. He was arrested and imprisoned during the Cultural Revolution because of his faith.

**I PRAY THE COMMITMENT BOTH OF MY GRANDFATHERS DISPLAYED FOR THEIR FAITH AND GOD'S CHURCH CAN BE REFLECTED IN MY OWN ATTITUDE AND PASSION FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.**

**GLEANER:** BOTH OF YOUR GRANDFATHERS WERE INVOLVED IN CHURCH WORK, ONE IN CHINA AND THE OTHER IN THE PHILIPPINES. WHAT DOES THEIR LEGACY MEAN TO YOU AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR WORK FOR THE CHURCH?

**WANG:** My maternal grandfather was a pastor and administrator in the Philippines and a mentor to me. As I grew up, he instilled the importance of service to our God and community, whether it was in or outside the church. I never met my paternal grandfather. Because of his faith and his role as a worker for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he was put to death during the Cultural Revolution under the leadership of Mao Tse-tung. Based on photos I've seen and people that knew him, I look almost exactly like he did at my age. I pray the commitment both of my grandfathers displayed for their faith and God's church can be reflected in my own attitude and passion for the cause of Christ.



# IGLESIA HISPANA DE GRESHAM, UN MILAGRO MODERNO

“**G**racias a Dios, se me ha abierto puerta grande y eficaz pero muchos son los adversarios” (1 Corintios 16:9) Gracias a Dios, la compra de la iglesia de Gresham, Oregon, es una realidad. ¿Cómo sucedió? Les contaré la historia:

## Año 2011: Surge el sueño.

Al inicio del 2011, la iglesia hispana en Gresham de 85 miembros nos reuníamos en el templo americano, para el 2012 la feligresía aumentó a 160. Con esa cantidad de miembros se hacía muy difícil tener dos cultos simultáneos: el de los anglohablantes y el de los hispanos. El estacionamiento era insuficiente varios dejaban sus carros fuera del estacionamiento.

La congregación anglohablante estaba contenta con tener a la hermandad hispana en uno de sus edificios pero al mismo tiempo había preocupación por la situación del estacionamiento. Comenzó la necesidad de buscar una iglesia, pero al encontrarla,

estaba fuera de los límites propuestos para la iglesia de Gresham, no hubo aceptación.

## Año 2013: Año de la unión anglo.

Los hermanos anglohablantes de Gresham le tenían mucho cariño a su templo, les había costado mucho esfuerzo y no querían venderlo. Pero por razones de estrategia territorial tuvieron que unirse tres iglesias anglohablantes en una sola: Gresham, Open Arms y Columbia Gorge, se abrió la posibilidad de vender uno de los edificios, no se sabía cuál y nos apuntamos para comprar uno, sin tener el dinero.

Fue en ese año que el Pastor Paczka lanzó la propuesta a toda la hermandad hispana de la conferencia de comprar una iglesia y la bendición cayó sobre la congregación de Gresham al ser seleccionada. La propuesta consistía que la cantidad donada al final del 2013 por los hispanos de la conferencia debería ser igualada por la iglesia local. Al final del 2013, no se había decidido cual edificio vender; y gracias a Dios por la espera, pues no teníamos suficiente dinero todavía.

◀ ¡Una acción bondadosa trajo grandes resultados!



Un sueño se convirtió en un milagro moderno.

## Año 2014: Decisión de venta.

Llegó el 2014 y finalmente, la decisión era vender el templo de Gresham. ¡Alabado sea Dios por ello! Pero al verificar el monto total acumulado, solo teníamos la cantidad de 120 mil dólares más \$55 mil dados por la conferencia. ¡No era suficiente! Deberíamos contar con \$400 mil para poder solicitar un préstamo de \$400 mil adicionales y además negociar el precio de \$850 mil a \$800 mil.

## Nace Gresham 101.

Al iniciar el año 2014 teníamos poca esperanza de obtener el dinero, nos faltaban

\$265 mil y ya habíamos agotado nuestros recursos. Una vez más se decidió hacer un nuevo plan, poniendo a Dios por delante. Nos propusimos reunir otros \$100 mil y que Dios nos diera el resto. Pero ¿de dónde? Fue entonces recordando el aceite de la viuda, (2 Reyes 4:2,3) “¿Qué tienes en tu casa? ... Nada, solo una vasija vacía.” Queríamos \$100 mil pero no teníamos nada. No teníamos un amigo que nos diera \$100 mil, o dos amigos que nos dieran \$50 mil cada uno, pero buscaríamos 100 mil amigos que nos dieran un dólar cada uno. ¡Y eso hicimos!



## Entonces me di cuenta que Dios estaba dirigiendo el plan Gresham 101.

El plan lo llamamos Gresham 101, y consistía en llamar y buscar personas, conocidos o no conocidos que estuvieran dispuestos a donar un dólar. El mensaje era: “¡Hola amigo! Quiero orar por ti,” — “¿Para qué?” — “Para que me regales un dólar para comprar nuestra iglesia.” La mayoría nos lo daba, preguntando: “¿Sólo un dólar?” “Bueno, si quieres dar más busca cien amigos tuyos que te den un dólar.”

Este plan arriesgado, dio resultados. Dios es quien abre las

aguas del Jordán y del Mar Rojo cuando tú das el primer paso.

### Primeros resultados.

Estando en las afueras de la conferencia vi salir a una persona y le grité: “Hi, my friend! I want to pray for you.” Oré por él y al terminar me dijo: “¡Ya hiciste mi día!” Al subir al carro para continuar el viaje, el hombre se acercó y me dio un dólar. De inmediato le pregunté: “¿Por qué me das un dólar? ¿Por qué no cinco o diez?” El hombre me respondió: “Eso me nació del

Nace Gresham 101 — Dirigida por Dios.



### Pequeños milagros llevaron a grandes acciones.

corazón.” Fue entonces que le platiqué que esa mañana habíamos empezado a pedir un dólar a las personas, y sin saber del plan de los cien amigos se detuvo y me dijo: “No soy rico pero te voy a dar una donación,” me dio \$100 dólares, lo que hacía un total de \$101. Entonces me di cuenta que Dios estaba dirigiendo el plan Gresham 101.

### Pequeños milagros.

Dios obró maravillas y usó a gente humilde para levantar nuestro ánimo. Faltaban cuarenta días y al predicar anime a los hermanos a reunir la cantidad. Al salir del templo, el hermano Ramos de 85 años, sin propiedades, me dijo: “Ya no batalles, yo te voy a dar todo lo de mi jubilación para que no pierdas la iglesia. Te doy \$60 mil para que la compres.” ¡Me quedé impactado!

Un amigo de Phoenix, Arizona, lo invite me dijo que no creía que fuera a funcionar, sin embargo, comenzó con el plan y cada vez que recibía me mandaba la foto y decía: “¡Funciona, la gente sí da aunque no sean adventistas!” Otra señora recibió un favor de un hermano, ofreció darle una

gratificación, el hermano no aceptó. Pero le dio una carta y le dijo: “Si gusta, mande un donativo a la iglesia junto con esta carta.” Y así lo hizo la señora.

Un americano, no sabíamos quién era, llegó al culto, escuchó el sermón y dio mil dólares para el proyecto y prometió enviar \$100 más mensuales, y así lo hizo. Una niña en Hillsboro, Oregon, escuchó el plan. Su padre le preguntó: “¿Tu cuánto darías?” Ella respondió: “Yo daría ciento un dólares,” porque pensaba que su papa se lo iba a dar. El domingo siguiente ella tuvo una fiesta de cumpleaños y en regalos recibió cien dólares y lo donó todo para la iglesia.

La iglesia fue rebajada \$50 mil. La Unión del Pacífico Norte dio otro donativo, la Conferencia de Oregon colaboró grandemente y hoy, ¡tenemos una iglesia! Por la gracia de Dios ya abrimos otro grupo en el mismo edificio y creemos que en diciembre de este año, dos iglesias estarán llenas para honra y gloria de Dios.

*Enoc Marquez, Oregon  
Conferencia Iglesia Hispana de  
Gresham pastor*

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### Southeast Camp Meeting

July 30-Aug. 2

Vank Island, Alaska

### Alaska Camps: Camp Tuk Teens

June 28-July 5

Flat Lake, Alaska

### Alaska Camps: Camp Lorraine

Aug. 2-9

Vank Island, Alaska

### Alaska Camps: Camp Polaris

July 12-19

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## INAUGURAL HEALTH FAIR HELD AT WASILLA

“Caring for Our Community” was the theme as 20 local health-related vendors converged at the Wasilla Church on Sunday, March 22, for its inaugural health fair. Everything from the Alaska Medical Lab services blood draws to a free chair massage was

Wayne Love, a local vendor, talks with a fair attendee about healthy water consumption.



available to the public.

Wasilla’s health and temperance leader, Bonnie Burnette, coordinated this first-time event, and more than 100 people from the community came through the church doors. Several had never been inside an Adventist church, and one vendor commented after the event was over that she would like to get to know Adventists better. The health fair allowed the church to make known its presence in the community and gave an opportunity to share the health message.

There were two main donation opportunities associated with the fair. The first, the Jackson Project, filled several large bags with stuffed animals to comfort children



Volunteers help raise funds by selling many types of muffins.

who are medevaced. Children’s pajamas were donated for the Mat-Su Regional Sleep Lab.

The fair also featured four lectures: Depression Prevention and Recovery, Disaster Preparedness for You and Your Family, The Digital Invasion, and Is It Alzheimers.

Several of the vendors commented they really hope that the Wasilla Church has a second health fair sometime next year. And the answer is ... yes.

*Todd Ervin, Wasilla Church pastor*

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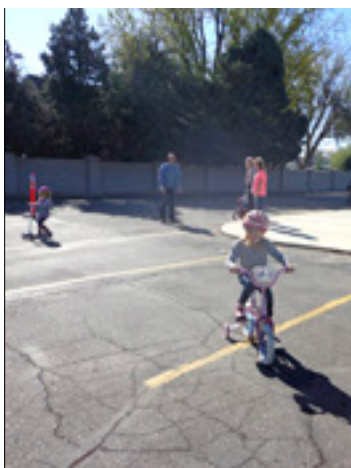


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## TRIKE-A-THON RAISES MONEY FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

**K**ids were helping kids as the children of Eagle Adventist Christian Preschool completed a Trike-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. April 16 was a beautiful sunny day. Fourteen preschoolers made 296 trips around the Eagle Church totalling 29.6 miles. One child completed 50 laps — 5 miles — himself. The group raised more than \$475.

Children of all ages face cancer, which is scary. While none of these Eagle preschool



Parents were around the course to help when needed.



Preschoolers get ready to ride to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

children have experienced cancer personally, some of them know a friend or family member who is going through it. Doing the Trike-a-Thon gave them a way to help other children. It makes cancer not so scary because there is something each of them can do.

In addition to helping others, the children learned about bike/trike safety. They each had a coloring book with the safety rules they needed to

learn. The preschoolers had previously been learning about nutrition and good health. Maybe that's why they were able to go so far.

You don't have to be in grade school or academy or be an adult to make a difference in someone's life. These preschoolers have proved they are willing to take on the scary and do something to help.

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director*

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## YAAK CHURCH REOPENS

**T**he Yaak Church held a service on March 21 for the first time in about four years. The church was built by men from the Carl Cummings Mill in the early 1950s. Some of those included Herb Chandler, Alan McCoy, Ed Kendall and Mel Duncan. The church continued to function until 2001. There were 30 or

more members at that time. One of those members was Gary Harding. He was baptized in the Yaak River in September 1951 and met his wife, Ouida, in this small church.

Ouida Harding led Sabbath School and Gary delivered the sermon for the March gathering. Reuben Kneller, who also attended the Yaak Church many years ago, and about 20 others were also present. There have been sporadic services over the years, and the doors of the church have never been locked.

Going forward, those present would like to meet every third Sabbath starting at 10 a.m. during the spring, summer and fall. Any questions can be addressed to Gary Harding, 406-295-4077, or Shelley Zurcher, 406-295-0706.

*Shelley Zurcher, Yaak Church member*



After a successful reopening of the Yaak Church, members plan to continue meeting for services every third Sabbath.



SETH ELLIS

Mount Ellis Academy history teacher Ian Bilinowich stands proudly with his newly "sworn-in" students after they completed an Ellis Island re-enactment.

## MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY ACCEPTS 'IMMIGRANTS'

**S**tudents at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman recently took a step back in time, experiencing aspects of early 20th-century immigration. Over the course of one hour, students were "processed" through a mock up of Ellis Island. Dressed in their best immigrant rags, U.S. history students were herded through four stations, where they were grilled by inspectors on the status of their families, their professions and their health, ensuring everyone admitted was worthy. At the last station they were either accepted and sworn in to the U.S. or deported to their native homeland.

The goal of teacher Ian Bilinowich was to make the immigration experience personal for his students. "With the ongoing conversation about immigration

policy in the United States, I think it's critical our students have a contextual understanding of immigration and its historical importance." He seems to have succeeded. At the end of the night, only two students were deported and all had a deeper appreciation of what many went through to give their families the opportunity to be free.

*Kevin Emmerson, Mount Ellis Academy development director*

Mount Ellis Academy history teacher Ian Bilinowich examines processing papers for "immigrant" Ken Jones.



SETH ELLIS

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## PAA SPANISH STUDENTS THRIVE ON MISSION TRIPS

**P**ortland Adventist Academy (PAA) Spanish students pushed past language and cultural barriers during their mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Peru.

PAA Spanish teacher and Dominican Republic trip leader Rita Barrett, or “Profe” as she is known by her students, takes mission trip preparation seriously. Students attended several cultural and spiritual preparation meetings in advance. Her Spanish students, traveling on a mission trip or not, wrote children’s books recounting in Spanish their childhood experiences to be shared with Dominican Republic orphans.

On the Dominican trip, students worked at an International Children’s Care orphanage. They did facility maintenance as well as planned



MECHELLE PEINADO

Will Howard (right), PAA junior, found the Spanish he learned in his classes back at PAA to be useful at the work site.

and led a Vacation Bible School in Spanish.

Language confidence grew with daily routines and interaction. One trip rule required each member of the group to pray for a meal in Spanish. “We could definitely see growth in the complexity of prayers given during the second week,” says Barrett.

Similar experiences were reported from the Peru travelers. They helped build a church in Tarapoto near the Adventist university, Universidad Peruana Union. Using Spanish, PAA students were able to make friends with the university students, present worship services and lead children’s Sabbath School.

“You could tell by the end of the two weeks that the students who had taken Spanish class were now using it seamlessly,” reports Dan Nicola, PAA principal and Peru trip leader. “I never thought my Spanish was very good,” says Will Howard, a PAA junior. “But when we got to Peru, I was surprised that it came so naturally. I can honestly say I used everything Profe taught me.”

“The way Profe teaches really works,” says Miles Douglas, another PAA junior

on the Peru trip. “It was great to apply what I’ve learned to connect with people.”

Having the skills to converse with local Peruvians and Dominicans helped students navigate the communities and build friendships with people different than themselves. Best of all, their skills and preparation helped to foster a joy of learning a language for the greatest purpose: serving and loving others.

“I hope that I can come back to Peru in the future,” says senior Lindsey Kim in an online message she wrote to her new Peruvian friends. “But if not, I am going to live with the hope that we will meet in heaven with our Christ.

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*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent*

Lindsey Kim, a PAA senior, thrived in Peru because of her exceptional Spanish skills. “I hope that I can come back to Peru in the future,” she says in an online message she wrote to her new Peruvian friends. “But if not, I am going to live with the hope that we will meet in heaven with Christ.”



MIKE BARRETT

Because of their Spanish language skills, PAA students had more confidence communicating with the local project leaders while building a new church. Hard work in heat and humidity didn’t dampen the joyful energy from PAA students.

MECHELLE PEINADO



## ROMANIAN CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

**H**ow far will God go to restore one of His children? More than a quarter of a century, to the other side of the world, using two languages and through members of His church in two cultures — that is how far He went to reach Angela Fuller, who left the Adventist Church in 1989. The Portland Romanian Church celebrated that restoration as a prodigal daughter finally returned home on Feb. 28.

Last September Fuller's son, a member of the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus (OAMC), invited her to travel with OAMC to Romania.



Angela Fuller gave her testimony in Romanian for the first time after her baptism.

That trip convicted her that God wanted her to return to Romania to serve in ministry. It was time to return home to the Adventist Church.

Fuller began attending services at Portland Romanian

Church every week and studying the Romanian language. Church members made her part of their family, and Fuller knew she had indeed arrived home.

Daniel Ciobanu, Portland's Romanian Church pastor, baptizes Angela Fuller after she returned "home" to the Adventist Church.



During her traditional Romanian baptismal service, the church sanctuary and foyer were standing-room only as members, family, friends and many OAMC singers who had been with Fuller on the trip to Romania in 2014, celebrated the work of God's grace in her life. Fuller gave her testimony in Romanian for the first time, saying, "I am so thankful for the Romanian Adventists who have reflected the character of God to me through their lives — both in Romania and here in this church," she said.

Daniel Ciobanu, Romanian Church pastor

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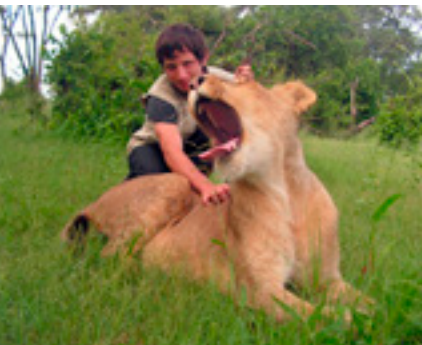
## SUNNYSIDE HELPS MEMBER MOVE FORWARD



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**I**magine you have just graduated from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., with a bachelor's degree in social work in 2013. You are enrolled to start studies in the fall toward your master's in social work. While bicycling with a friend, you crash, fracturing your cervical spine (C3/C4). Lying on the ground in pain, unable to move, life seems to be over.

Well, only if you give up. And Alex Buchanan is not giving up.



Alex Buchanan as a student missionary in Malawi in 2009, before his injuries.

After stays in a regional trauma center in Chattanooga, Tenn., and a spinal rehab facility in Atlanta, Ga., Buchanan is home in Portland, Ore., being supported by his family, friends, Sunnyside Church family and therapists at Adapt Therapy. Buchanan is intent on resuming his education, but it's a steep hill to climb.



Becky and Carl Haggerty were instrumental in putting the Moving Forward Dinner and Auction together.

Besides medical issues, his challenges include the cost of therapy and the availability and cost of transportation. Buchanan's parents, Carl and Rose Buchanan, found a used wheelchair-accessible van, but it was not going to be a long-term solution. Enter his Sunnyside Church family.

Sunnyside Church member Carl Haggerty (a fellow member of Carl and Rose's Sabbath School class) had just done a fundraising auction for his father in New York. While he was talking with Dick Gingrich, Family Resource Network chairman, the thought of a fundraiser for Buchanan was discussed. They agreed to see if such an event could be put together. Haggerty and his wife, Becky,

went to work.

The Moving Forward Dinner and Auction was held at the Sunnyside Church on March 8 to provide a fun, no-guilt support event

Alex Buchanan checking out his "new" van.



for Buchanan and the church's Family Resource Network, with a goal to raise \$30,000 to help Alex with the expense of therapy and a newer accessible van.

Dinner, which was served by the Pathfinders, included salad and breadsticks donated by Olive Garden, lasagna made by Lloyd Wescott and desserts provided by church members. During the "dessert dash," tables of attendees sent one of their seatmates to the dessert table to make their choice in the order of their dessert dash bids — the high bid got first choice and so on.

A silent auction was browsed by attendees before dinner. After dinner, a paddle-raise live auction was conducted by volunteer auctioneer Gale Crosby, Oregon Conference vice president of education. Included in the auction was the chance to sponsor specific parts of Alex's van, like the steering wheel, tires, headlights, taillights and/or body control module (door-lock system).

The event was a success, and \$40,000 was raised, including \$13,000 in table sponsorships. The church family continues to pray Buchanan's therapy will progress and he can resume his educational goals.

*Warren Rushold, Sunnyside Church communication team leader*

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## MILO HOLDS FIRST ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP

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ore than 100 students in grades five through

eight and 27 sponsors attended Milo Adventist Academy's first Arts and Technology Camp in Days Creek. The event opened with a barn party in Milo's new equestrian center. Students and guests had the opportunity to try their hands at goat milking, bareback mounting and saddle racing, among other games and contests. They also enjoyed watching Milo's equestrian drill team perform.

Randy Thornton, Milo Academy principal, started the Arts and Technology Camp because, although Milo's Sports Camp has been increasing in popularity each year, he realized that not all middle schoolers enjoy sports. He wanted to create a camp that would benefit more students.

On Monday, the students attended five preselected classes, such as art, music, drama, computer programming, photography, science, robotics, culinary, agriculture, horsemanship and remote-controlled helium balloons.

Milo students volunteered to help staff members in many of the workshops. Asha Moturi, Milo senior, assisted Darla Milam with the culinary workshop, during which middle schoolers made pretzels



Milo senior Asha Moturi helps fifth-grade home-school student Kayla Melashenko create pretzels from scratch during the culinary workshop.



Students guide a helium-filled balloon through an obstacle course by remote control.

from scratch. "I thought it was really fun because I never had an experience like that before I came to Milo," Moturi says. "I enjoyed helping them see what Milo is like."

Steven Dahman, Milo senior, enjoyed helping with the remote-controlled helium balloon workshop because, as he explains, "Jeff Miller is one of my favorite teachers, and the tech building is the greatest place on campus."

Student chaplains including David Echevarria, Milo junior, provided worship programming and assisted Chad Reisig, Milo Academy Church pastor, who taught the drama workshop. Echevarria

liked "seeing how the kids creatively made the Bible stories come alive."

Eighth-grade home-school student Stevan Cray says, "The teachers are brilliant, and the activities are fantastic."

His brother Levi agrees, adding, "This was the best time ever at Milo ... even better than sports camp."

For information on future camps, email Kathy Hernandez at [kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org](mailto:kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org).

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*

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## CHURCHES HOLD COMBINED WOMEN'S MINISTRY MINI RETREAT

The Junction City, Santa Clara (Eugene) and Veneta churches hosted the seventh annual Women's Ministry Mini Retreat on Sunday, March 15. The theme, "Women Walking in Faith," was taken from Ps. 90:17.

Beth Boram from the Cottage Grove Church spoke about righteousness by faith for the morning program, and Janice Nelson from Yreka, Calif., portrayed Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, for the afternoon program.

Vi Reddick, Pam Shipley and Dede King inspired with beautiful spiritual music throughout the day. Eileen Swegle showcased needlework from the ladies of Bangladesh. Melissa Hernandez and her helpers provided a luncheon of crepes, fruit and more.

*Lynda Phelps, Junction City Church communication leader*



Carol Milicia (center), Janice Nelson (left) and Beth Boram (right) present gifts of appreciation to the retreat speakers.

## SPOKANE PLANS HUGE 'PATHWAY TO HEALTH' CLINIC

**A** large health clinic event, “Your Best Pathway to Health,” will be held in Spokane, Wash., this summer. The decision to go ahead with this huge venture came on the heels of the same event in San Antonio, Texas, held April 9–11 in the Alamodome.

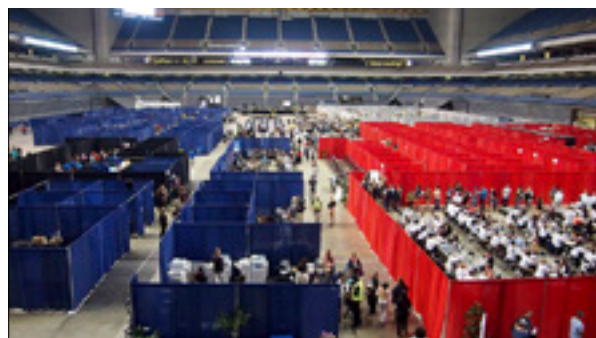
Cindy Williams, Upper Columbia Conference health ministries coordinator and San Antonio event volunteer, says, “I have never been a part of something this jaw-dropping.” Williams volunteered in the eye clinic where volunteer staff saw hundreds of patients per day.

The first nationally coordinated health event was in San Antonio, and the second will be this summer in Spokane, scheduled for Aug. 3–4. This massive health clinic will be held at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds and comes with a price tag. According to estimates, the basic supplies such as medical and dental supplies, meals, office supplies and setup costs will run about \$100,000. “Some of this, about \$30,000, is in hand,” explains Williams. “But the rest will need to be raised before August.”

Volunteers can begin signing up now for the Spokane event at [pathwaytohealthvolunteer.org](http://pathwaytohealthvolunteer.org). It is estimated that Spokane’s event will be somewhat smaller than the one at the Alamodome, which saw more than 6,000 patients.

All medical specialties along with dental, eye care, massage, chiropractic, hydrotherapy, chaplaincy, and general office or organizational skills will be needed for Spokane. According to Williams, volunteers are already signing up for the event in

Approximately \$20 million in professional medical care was provided at the Your Best Pathway to Health event in San Antonio, Texas. Now volunteers are preparing the next event in Spokane, Wash.



Your Best Pathway to Health is organized by ASI and utilizes hundreds of volunteers to make it happen.

Spokane, but more than 500 will be needed. Areas such as security, hospitality, meal preparation, barbers, beauticians and child care are also needed.

Follow-up for this two-day clinic will be offered at local churches. At the Alamodome, every patient received care and was then offered other services such as a haircut, hydrotherapy and massage. Then they went through chaplaincy services and lifestyle counseling. Each patient chose a church location to pick up their lab results or their eyeglasses.

Lela Lewis, Your Best Pathway to Health president, had a dream of holding a multispecialty clinic in the U.S. Her local chapter of ASI (Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries) began by holding projects in San Francisco and Oakland, Calif. This program is now under the umbrella of the national ASI as a separate ministry in partnership with the Adventist Church. After Spokane, there are formal requests for six or seven more cities.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



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Your Best Pathway to Health is a service of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries, in partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and many other organizations.

ASI national convention continues through Sabbath, August 8 with speakers including Ted Wilson and John Bradshaw. Full children's program available for volunteers throughout the event.

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## ADVENTURERS LEARN ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS

**P**icture 170 Adventurer kids enjoying a 45-minute worship talk without getting bored. On Adventurer Family Fun Day at the Walla Walla (Wash.) City Church, the kids were not just listening to the speaker. These kids were copying everything the speaker did and repeating his words.

As the speaker and hundreds of kids were jumping like monkeys, the speaker suddenly disappeared off the edge of the stage. He ran around to the other side of the stage and asked the kids why they stopped copying him. They answered, "We can't see you!" There was a reason for all the fun and laughter. He was teaching them how to become a disciple, a follower, of Jesus.

The speaker was Daniel Perrin, a teacher at Rogers Elementary School in nearby College Place. He wanted the Adventurers to know that even when they cannot see Jesus, they can still follow him by reading the Bible and through prayer.

Throughout the day, Adventurers enjoyed playing games, learning songs, creating prayer journals and visiting the nine booths that all focused on one ingredient of being a disciple of Jesus.

"Daniel was amazing," says Lita Fenton, Adventurers head coordinator. "He



Daniel Perrin kept 170 kids' attention during Adventurer Family Fun Day.

connected with the kids and held their attention to the end of worship."

Adventurers can look forward to next year's theme, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." The Adventurer program is designed to support parents in assisting children in grades one through four with the challenging task of developing fully as followers of Christ in today's world. For more information, go to [uccsda.org/Adventurers](http://uccsda.org/Adventurers).

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



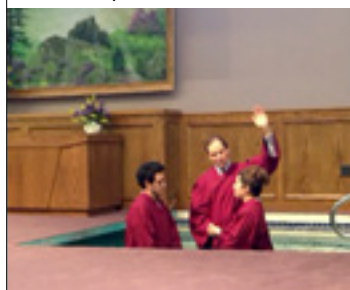
Spencer Webber, Cory Jones, Ashley Stevens, Seth Morgan, Glenn Perry and Katie Morgan prepare for baptism on Feb. 14.

## WENATCHEE VALLEY HEARS AMAZING PROPHECIES

**T**he Amazing Prophecies seminar blessed the Wenatchee Valley with a monthlong presentation of prophetic truth during part of January and February. The seminar kicked off at the Red Lion Hotel in Wenatchee, Wash., on Jan. 16 to a full house. Over the first few sessions, in addition to the members from Valley View Church and other area churches who attended, the seminar attracted 94 visitors from the community to hear the prophetic words of truth presented by Jason Morgan, a North Pacific Union Conference evangelist.

At each meeting, follow-

On March 21, Jim Anderson baptized Jesus and Heather Romero, who, during the prophecy seminar, decided to marry and follow God in baptism.



ing the presentation of a book to a randomly chosen attendee and special music from local area talent or Misty Morgan, Jason Morgan's focused messages were jampacked with Scripture references that kept listeners busy flipping through their Bibles. He spoke quickly and clearly, packing an amazing amount of information into the hourlong messages and making the time pass quickly.

Attendees received handouts and publications with information relating to the topics presented. Some people took extra handouts to share the message with friends and loved ones who were not in attendance. For many of the early meetings, more than 200 handouts were given out for each message.

As the seminar drew to a close and in the weeks following, Valley View Church welcomed nine people into membership through baptism, rebaptized two members and hosted a wedding.

*Daun Redfield, Valley View Church communication leader*



## BOARD AFFIRMS SEVEN KEYS TO AUBURN'S FUTURE

**A**s Auburn Adventist Academy marks its 95th year, the school faces a series of challenges that must be addressed to secure a sustainable and vibrant future. The school's board of trustees and staff representatives met over eight weeks for four key sessions to frame the issues, define vision drivers, draft a vision and finalize the vision to set the school on a solid course for long-term sustainability. This vision takes seriously the challenges they face and the opportunities that are present at this unique moment in the school's history.

The group believes Spirit-led strategic planning allows them to be stewards of God's school as they develop a strategic plan to achieve the mission as a discipling school for Adventist young people.

### 1. A VISION FOR EXCELLENCE

The school's brand promise is to provide an excellent, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist educational experience that prepares the whole person for success in college, life and eternity. The vision is to educate students to fulfill their God-given potential academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

### 2. A REINVIGORATED TEACHING STAFF

This vision is built on a teaching staff that is qualified, experienced and motivated to deliver an outstanding curriculum with excellence.

### 3. STABILITY, EXPERIENCE AND INNOVATION IN LEADERSHIP

The vision requires leadership excellence and a governing structure that supports and facilitates the success of the vision.

### 4. A CHRIST-CENTERED CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION, MUTUAL SUPPORT AND TRUST AT ALL LEVELS

The vision is for a school environment to be permeated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This will be evidenced by high levels of trust, genuine support, encouragement and clear communication in all directions.

### 5. AN INTENTIONAL MARKETING, RECRUITING AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS PROGRAM

To achieve this vision, the school will complete a rebranding process focused on the vision elements to serve as a foundation for a marketing, communications and recruiting program.

### 6. A SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

A short-term and long-term financial plan will demonstrate the ability of the school to operate in the black with a boarding component. The vision will be supported by a 24-month transitional financial plan to fund the turnaround.

### 7. A FACILITY MASTER PLAN THAT SUPPORTS THE VISION

The governing group will develop a facility master plan that best supports the vision.

They believe this vision is compelling and worthy of the school community's wholehearted commitment. Most importantly, they believe this will provide a path to a stable future that will enable the academy to prepare young people to know God and transform their community as disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Please join the vision as everyone works together to grow Auburn Adventist Academy.

*AAA board of trustees members*

## BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



HEDI BAUMGARTNER

Carolyn Brown from Maranatha Church's Search and Rescue Mission shares at Women's Spring Day in Auburn how her church is ministering to the homeless of Seattle by providing thousands of lunches and warm clothing. Attendees raised more than \$5,000 to support this ministry in addition to bringing food and clothing donations. Each attendee also received a small care package to personally share with someone in need.



JODI IWANKY

Washington Conference Pathfinder Fair on April 26 brought together western Washington Pathfinder clubs to showcase their past year with drilling and marching, pinewood derby, and honor presentations. Special events included a swim meet, pushcart races and a homemade musical instrument demonstration.



HEDI BAUMGARTNER

Searching for "Timeless Wisdom" in your life? Tune in to the Washington Adventist Camp Meeting live stream from June 12-20 at [washingtonconference.org](http://washingtonconference.org) to explore the timeless wisdom of the Bible.

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Seattle Korean members mix personal invitations and local media advertisements to invite the Korean community to a week of Bible prophecy meetings in Everett.

## SEATTLE KOREAN NURTURES COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Each spring, members of Seattle Korean Adventist Church in Everett plan a variety of evangelism and outreach activities. This year was no exception.

They invited relatives and friends for a weeklong Bible prophecy seminar by Dae Sung Kim, Korean Union Conference president. The congregation also placed advertisements in a Korean daily newspaper and arranged for a local radio station interview, featuring Kim. The invitations resulted in a full sanctuary with members and guests in attendance.

Dae Sung Kim, Korean Union Conference president, presents a one-week Bible prophecy seminar for Seattle Korean Church in Everett. It was an honor for the congregation to host such a distinguished speaker.



“There were few visitors solely hearing of the seminar through those channels, without any prior relationships to our church or our church members,” says Hwisung Im, Seattle Korean Church member. “The immediate responses were very positive, and many attended through the end of the seminar.”

Seattle Korean also offered a cooking class and a computer skills class. Through the meetings and classes, the Seattle Korean family added five new members, and three more are planning to join soon. A leader from another denomination also attended the meetings and appreciated the depth and application of Bible study.

“Evangelism is our church’s top mission,” Im says, “and we are planning to regularly host various classes for the community and use those events to invite more people to our church or any of our neighbor SDA churches.”

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

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## WESTERN WASHINGTON DENTISTS VOLUNTEER IN SAN ANTONIO

All her posterior teeth were rotted to the gum line. Jennifer, in her mid-20s, had been a heroin addict, but she was trying to get her life back in order.

It is not easy to anesthetize someone who’s used to hard drugs, but dentist Bob Wohlers was able to keep her numb long enough to remove the teeth in one quadrant. MiMi, Wohlers’ assistant, was able to pray with a grateful Jennifer and her mother before they left and promised to continue to do so.

Dozens of dentists and dental hygienists, including three volunteers from western Washington, served approximately 950 patients during the two and a half days of Your Best Pathway to Health in San Antonio, Texas. Other departments provided surgeries, eye glasses, haircuts, lab work and all sorts of medical care. A total of 6,193 patients were

These dentists from western Washington spent two and a half days volunteering in San Antonio, Texas, to bring care to needy patients. Bob Wohlers practices dentistry in Chehalis, and Samuel Minagawa practices dentistry in Tukwila.



Samuel Minagawa, a western Washington dentist, heard how a patient had waited in line all night for access to care. The patient had been in pain for months. After the bad teeth were surgically removed and he was experiencing a pain-free mouth, this patient was so happy and grateful that he wanted to take a picture with Minagawa and his team.

given more than \$20,000,000 in services in two and a half days.

“It was such a privilege to be able to interact with the people of San Antonio on such a personal level,” says Samuel Minagawa, a Washington dentist. “As crazy as it was in the Alamodome, you could sense the presence of a sweet spirit and oneness of purpose among all the volunteers.” The gratitude and pain-free smiles of patients leaving the dental area was reward enough for the long hours.

Your Best Pathway to Health’s motto is “Christ’s methods alone,” and those methods changed lives in San Antonio. Spokane will be the next venue for this explosion of services, and volunteer registration is open at [pathwaytohealthvolunteer.org](http://pathwaytohealthvolunteer.org).

*Earlene Wohlers, project volunteer*





Adventist students attending public universities in Seattle participate in a spiritual-growth retreat held in the San Juan Islands.

## ADVENTIST UW STUDENTS FIND SPIRITUAL R & R

**T**he University of Washington (UW) Seattle holds an impressive 44,700 students on campus, including some Adventist students.

It isn't easy integrating a busy class schedule with spiritual life. In fact, it's hard enough just getting to the next class within the allotted 10-minute passing period.

This is why Adventist students are grateful for the dedicated leaders who created Seattle Adventist Student Association — a group of 60 undergraduate and graduate students who share life together through weekly meetings, vespers and student retreats.

The group held its annual Orcas Island retreat April 10–12. Students from UW Seattle, UW Bothell, Cascadia College, Bastyr University and Seattle Pacific University — a total of 18 young adults —

made the three-hour drive and ferry ride to the beautiful San Juan Islands off the Washington coast.

Student-led Friday vespers and Sabbath church service were held at the Orcas Island Church. The group spent the rest of the weekend hiking along the picturesque island, making new friends, enjoying each other's company and working together to pull off a sunset proposal for a couple in the group.

Surrounded by the beautiful scenery at the peak of Mount Constitution, they reveled in God's glory, creation and blessings. These moments were reminders that, regardless of how hectic life may be, God's love is there through it all.

*Kelly Lin, University of Washington student*

## COUPLE BUILDS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**T**wenty years ago, God brought Thom and Betty Pratt together. As their acquaintance turned to friendship and romance, they found healing from their broken relationships.

Betty remembered growing up in a God-fearing home and knew in her heart what it meant to follow Jesus. She prayed for 20 years for Thom to know Jesus. Betty convinced Thom to go to church with her every so often.

Thom recently had some health challenges. After being released from the hospital one day, Thom and Betty went to look at a boat for sale. En route, they turned down a different street than they normally traveled. They drove right past Southcenter Church in Des Moines, Wash.

The couple saw the signs for the church's Bible prophecy seminar and decided to go. Their first night was the church's second night of

meetings. The presentation went right over Thom's head. He didn't understand much of what he heard.

Before long, Thom and Betty agreed to have Bible workers from SOULS Northwest come to their home. The Bible workers helped Thom get acquainted with the books of the Bible, answered his questions and prayed with the couple. Soon Thom was receiving top marks on his Bible prophecy quizzes instead of failing them.

Today the Pratts are both baptized members of the Adventist Church. They thoroughly enjoy their daily devotional time together as they grow in God's grace and discover His blessings in life.

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

Betty Pratt recommits her life to Christ through baptism.

Thom Pratt prepares for baptism following a prophecy seminar at the Southcenter Church in Des Moines, Wash.



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## NEW MASTER'S DEGREE TO ENHANCE REACH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHRIST-CENTERED MESSAGES

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alla Walla University (WWU) will offer a Master of Arts degree in media ministry beginning fall 2015. The two-year program will provide a research foundation for the study of ministry effectiveness and will be a think tank for creative Christian programming and technological innovation.

“Modern technologies are challenging traditional ministries to remain effective,” says Dave Bullock, WWU communication and languages department chair and professor. “Added to that complexity is the challenge to create content that is relevant to media consumers — and to be able to ascertain the impact of that content. We have designed this program to assist media ministries in developing innovative ways of telling the story of Christ to tomorrow’s Christian.”

Students may choose from one of two concentrations. Those enrolled in the media and cinema concentration will learn the essential components of video and sound production, including content delivery methods, media ministry management principles and theory of influence through media. The Web and interactive media concentration will focus on the essential skills needed to design, deploy and maintain websites, Web services and mobile applications.

### A MULTIDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM

“This program combines the talents and energies of professors in four departments and schools on the WWU campus — theology, communication, computer science and technology,” says Bullock. “The breadth of perspective provides a supportive environment drawing on the strengths of a multidisciplinary approach to learning.”

The core curriculum includes classes in

story structure, communication theory, research methods, foundational theology exploring worldview and mission, and spiritual and social influence through media.

The program can be completed online with three scheduled two-week workshops on the WWU campus, making it an ideal option for professionals from across the country who work full-time.

### HOW CAN THIS DEGREE BE USED?

Starting and midlevel professionals will find that this degree adds substance to their knowledge base of Christian mission and to their understanding of technology. Students will learn how to enhance the reach and effectiveness of Christ-centered messages through social media, video and Web-based content.

Career options include church communication specialist, medical communication professional, information technology personnel and creative content developer, and consultant for independent ministries.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the new WWU master's degree in media ministry are currently being accepted. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 1, 2015.

To complete an application:  
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For further information:  
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## WWU STUDENT FILM WINS TOP AWARDS AT CHRISTIAN FILM FESTIVAL

**T**he *Way*, a short film created by Walla Walla University (WWU) students Erik Edstrom and Jesse Churchill, won Best in Festival and Best Dramatic Short at the annual SONScreen Film Festival. *The Way* is a modern retelling of the biblical story of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus.

"The award for Best in Festival is the highest award given at the SONScreen Festival and represents exceptional merit in both content and technical quality," says David Bullock, WWU communications department chair. "The competition this year included more than 15 entries in the Documentary Short category, and quality was exceptionally high among entries."

Churchill, a senior theology major, says, "The film is filled with biblical references and parallels. For instance, the Jesus character in the film is named Soteras, which in Greek means 'Savior,' and the title of the film, *The Way*, is a reference to what the early church called themselves in the book of Acts."

Edstrom, a senior industrial design major, says he and Churchill were inspired to



Walla Walla University students (from left) Jesse Churchill and Erik Edstrom won top honors at the SONScreen Film Festival for their modern retelling of Saul's conversion.

make a film that could be enjoyed by both Christians and non-Christians. "We don't state that this is biblical until the end of the film," he explains, "so we hoped that anyone who didn't recognize the story could get to the end and be inspired to think of the Bible in a more relatable way."

Edstrom says he hopes *The Way* will inspire other filmmakers to tell biblical stories in an original way and that it will inspire viewers to pick up a Bible and read it from a different perspective.

Making *The Way* was a faith-building project for both Churchill and Edstrom. "I truly believe that God brought

the right people to us that we needed to make this project a reality," says Edstrom. "Every time we faced a hurdle in production, God gave us the people or resources that we needed."

A second film by WWU students, *Student Story//Stephen Farr*, was a finalist in the documentary category. Three WWU students also contributed to two winning mini movies created by teams of students from WWU and other universities. In this category, Edstrom won first place as cinematographer; Cloud Tsai, a junior communications major, won first place for audio and acting; and

Micah Hall, a sophomore communications major, won second place as director of *Stay*.

The SONScreen Festival was created in 2002 by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists to nurture Christian filmmakers. It has become a destination for filmmakers to share their creative work and to network with other media and film professionals.

To watch *The Way*, go to [glnr.in/110-06-wwu\\_theway](http://glnr.in/110-06-wwu_theway).

*Katelyn Swager, Walla Walla University Marketing and University Relations writer*

## ADVENTIST HEALTH HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL MISSION DAY

“He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” Ps.1:3

**A**dventist Health’s mission focuses on whole-person care, which means “sharing God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing.” To help promote care that includes a spiritual, mission focus, Adventist Health hosted its second annual Mission Day in Roseville, Calif., for the system’s leaders.

“One of the greatest deficiencies in the U.S. workforce today is that people are not finding meaning and purpose in what they do. Our mission environment, predicated on sharing God’s love, fosters and nurtures one’s search for meaning and purpose,” says Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president of mission and spiritual care.

The more than 150 attendees, including chief executive officers, chief financial officers, patient care executives and chaplaincy directors, as well as representatives from strategic partners Cerner and Jones Lang LaSalle, gathered to discuss spirituality in the workplace and staying grounded.

The event featured many speakers from across the system and Louis (Jody) Fry from International Institute for Spiritual Leadership. Fry spoke to the group about maximizing the triple bottom line (people, planet and performance excellence) through spiritual leadership.

Linda Hanratty, a nurse from Tillamook Regional Medical Center in Oregon, gave a testimony about living the mission by caring for the wounds of homebound patients. She shared how she and others are ambassadors of care and explained she is blessed to be able to visit and work in the patient’s home. Hanratty presented photos that helped tell her story and showed how Adventist Health providers work as a team to build what God has intended for each patient.

During her presentation, Hanratty summed up the Adventist Health mission: “Our mission and values provide a commission, and we are missionaries in our communities.” She continued, “We value each person, and sometimes we get to bring them to the throne of grace.”

The daylong event culminated with a special recommitment ceremony and blessing of the hands by Adventist Health chaplains who anointed each attendee’s hands as Ricardo Graham,



Linda Hanratty from Oregon’s Tillamook Regional Medical Center gave a testimony about living the mission by caring for the wounds of homebound patients.

Adventist Health board chairman, led prayer.

“A spiritual environment and providing spiritual care services are not the same,” says Crampton. “Anyone can provide spiritual care services. We believe God dwells among us because we actively and intentionally invite Him to be here. Ours is truly a healing environment because it cares for the whole person: body, mind and spirit.”

*Jenni Glass, Adventist Health communications coordinator*



## FAMILY MILESTONES

## Yarlott 50th

Jon and Nadine Yarlott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party on June 1, 2014, in Naples, Idaho.

Jon was born in Tulsa, Okla., on Aug. 1, 1943. His parents moved the family to Angwin, Calif., in 1950, where Jon attended a small public school. He went to high school at Pacific Union College (PUC) Prep School, graduating in 1962. While attending college for one year, his work at the college bakery called his attention away from the classroom.

Nadine Hornback was born June 4, 1943, in Boise, Idaho. Ten days before her birth, her father suffered a fatal accident while logging in Oregon. When she was 11, she moved with her family to California, where she graduated from PUC Prep School in 1961. She went to PUC and received her associate degree in nursing in 1963, working first in Los Angeles, Calif., and then at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin.

Jon and Nadine met while attending PUC Prep School. They were married at the Deer Park Church on May 31, 1964.

Jon changed professions from a baker to a contractor in 1967. Nadine used her nursing education to care for her family, including three children, who all born at St. Helena Hospital: Marc Wayne in 1965, Gregory Kent in 1967 and Melinda Suzanne in 1970. They also enjoyed camping, hiking and backpacking each summer.

Jon built a good business in Napa Valley but felt his family needed to be out in the country. They made the big move to north Idaho in 1976. The move was ideal, and the

children grew up and attended the Sandpoint Junior Academy, where they also went to church. For many years, Jon was an elder in the church and Nadine was a leader in the divisions or played the piano for one.

Jon and Nadine Yarlott



All their children graduated from Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash. They also attended Walla Walla University.

Jon continues to do various construction jobs. They enjoy spending time traveling, visiting different places in the West, backpacking, camping, construction, quilting and visiting their children's families as often as possible — when they can get away from the large garden projects.

Their family includes Marc and Rhonda (Rodgers) of Salem, Ore.; Greg and Gina (Garboni) of Nampa, Idaho; Melinda and Ken Taylor of Napa, Calif.; and 6 grandchildren.

## FAMILYATREST

**ALDRED** — Robert E., 82; born Jan. 2, 1932, Roseville, Calif.; died Nov. 29, 2014, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Saunders); son, Michael, Battle Ground, Wash.; daughter, Kathy

Eckenroth, Riverside, Calif.; brother, Larry, Dallas, Ore.; sisters, Leota Cuppy and Donna Nelson, both of Vancouver, Wash.; Mary Phillips, Battle Ground; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**COLVIN** — Nancy Roselle (Bacchus) Lingscheit, 95; born Sept. 24, 1919, Kansas City, Kan.; died Jan. 16, 2015, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: sister, Myra Hoffman, Gaston, Ore.; stepson, Mike Colvin, McMinnville; stepdaughters, Marsha Paterson, McMinnville; Carolyn Nelson; 6 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

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**OWENS** — Sylvia Irene (Romine), 92; born July 17, 1922, Weldon, Mont.; died Dec. 20, 2014, Lacey, Wash. Surviving: sons, Foster, Missoula, Mont.; Roger, Woodland, Wash.; daughter, Irene Owens, Lacey; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**ROWTON** — Billy Jean (Cady), 64; born May 3, 1950, Eureka, Calif.; died Oct. 24, 2014, Medford, Ore. Surviving: husband, Ronnie; son, Thomas, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; daughter, Linda Eubanks, Roseburg, Ore.; mother, Rosebud (Wiles) Bundy, Ashland, Ore.; brother, Cliff Bundy, Medford; sister, Linda Clark, of New Mexico; and 3 grandchildren.

**TYNDALL** — Jennifer Ann (Johnson), 33; born Oct. 28, 1980, Lakewood, Calif.; died Oct. 15, 2014, Duarte, Calif. Surviving: husband, Matthew; sons, Ryan D. and Sean G., both of Duarte; parents, George and Sandra Johnson, Grants Pass, Ore.; brothers, Jeremiah Johnson, Grants Pass; Gary Johnson, McComb, Miss.; sisters, Tina Cirina and Joanne Johnson, both of Grants Pass.

**WARREN-STANDARD** — Jeanette, 71; born Aug. 23, 1943, in Oklahoma; died Oct. 10, 2014, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Amanda Verdun; Marybeth Eliot; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

**June 6** — Local Church Budget;

**June 13** — General Conference Session (for World Mission);

**June 20** — Multilingual and Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries;

**June 27** — Local Conference Advance.

More events listed at [GleanerNow.com/events](http://GleanerNow.com/events).

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**June 22** — Summer Session begins;

**June 24** — Strawberry and ice cream social.

## OREGON

### Strawberry Vespers

**June 13** — The Sunnyside Church will host its 34th annual Strawberry Vespers. The program will begin at 6 p.m., and is produced by Sunnyside Church member Lloyd Wescott. Invite your friends to enjoy a program of music presented by some of Portland's finest musicians. Enjoy strawberry shortcake in the fireside room after the vespers.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### Bible Study Tour

**March 16–27, 2016** — Steps of Jesus Bible Study Tour to Jordan and Israel. Pastors, teachers and laymen are invited to experience a life-changing Bible Study Tour led by Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University biblical studies professor. Visit ancient biblical sites that will make the Bible come alive. The tour includes experiencing the grandeur and mystery of Petra in Jordan, floating in the Dead Sea, being baptized in the Jordan River, visiting Jericho, touring Masada and sailing on the Sea of Galilee. You'll visit Peter's house in Capernaum, Mount Carmel, Caesarea, the Temple Mount, the Upper Room, the Mount of Olives, the City of David, the Western Wall and the Garden Tomb. In addition, retrace the steps of Jesus' crucifixion. The tour cost is based on double occupancy and includes breakfast, most suppers, four-star hotels, travel in a private deluxe coach, tips for driver and guide, and entrance fees for all tour sites and museums. The cost does not include your flight and will be determined by the number of participants. For a detailed itinerary, information sheet and registration form, email Sharon Searson at [sharons@uccsda.org](mailto:sharons@uccsda.org).

### Educational Tour to Scandinavia

**July 21–31, 2016** — Don't miss out on the opportunity to travel with fellow Adventists on an educational, guided tour of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The tour will be led by Gerald and Kathleen Martin, retired Adventist educators and owners of Star Mountain Travel. The tour includes nine nights' accommodations in three-star hotels in Oslo, Lillehammer, Sogndal, Bergen, Gotenburg and Copenhagen. Special features include Vigeland Sculpture Park, Lom Stave Church, a Sognefjord cruise, Flam Mountain Railway and Tivoli Gardens. The tour

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# PROVING OURSELVES WRONG



AUTHOR Seth Pierce

**T**

he mission of the Christian church is to prove how right we are ... right?

While we would deny this in person, our practices reveal otherwise. Christians love a good social media fight — with someone always managing to gleefully threaten hellfire to those who believe in Darwinism, agnosticism, neo-atheism or any other ism that conflicts with their ism — the whole thing ends up looking like sadism.

Incidentally, I wonder if any Adventist has ever threatened hellfire to those who believe in eternal hellfire (“My hell’s hotter than yours! *You’ll see!*”).

Christians debating non-Christians is also a favorite pastime in American culture. The world of apologetics has produced an entire industry of books, videos, online courses and even world tours featuring Christianity’s “expert witnesses” (Josh McDowell, William Lane Craig, Ravi Zacharias, etc.) whose important scholarly contributions inadvertently move away from the biblical “eye witness” (1 John 1:1–4).

Within the Adventist tribe, our main method of bringing people into the fold is the multi-week prophecy series — which, if we are honest, is more about Adventist belief as found in Bible prophecy than a systematic study through Daniel and Revelation. Over the course of two to five weeks, pastors and evangelists meticulously prove out from the Bible Adventist doctrine and call those whom the Spirit convicts to make a commitment in baptism and church membership.

Weeks and weeks (and thousands of dollars) are put forward to prove our propositional truth. This is how we carry forth our mission and, according to sage advice, we “keep people how we win them” — meaning if our church life isn’t spent proving out doctrine and eschatology, people lose interest in the faith and drift away. Not only that, but less and less of our postmodern/post-Christian culture responds to this kind of approach to truth.

I recently chatted with one of the Pacific Northwest’s successful evangelists who told me after sending out tens of thousands of fliers offering Bible studies, they received only seven positive





## Is the essence of the faith just a set of teachings we can rationally prove?



responses. Even though it's spun as the "best method" we have, our "best" is increasingly not good enough — and it's time we recaptured a fundamental truth about the truth we have.

Swedish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard articulates the issue nicely: "Christianity is no doctrine . . . . What modern philosophy understands by faith is really what is called having an opinion or what in everyday language some people call 'to believe.' Christianity is made into a teaching; this teaching is then proclaimed to a person, and he believes that it is as this teaching says. Then the next stage is to 'comprehend' this teaching, and this philosophy does. All of this would be entirely proper if Christianity were a teaching, but since it is not, all this is totally wrong."<sup>1</sup>

In Kierkegaard's words, we "didacticize"<sup>2</sup> Christianity through the way we teach and defend our doctrine. The result is Christianity becomes about "what" instead of "Who."

When Saul of Tarsus was

confronted by the risen Savior, the Lord asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). Jesus did not say why are you hating on my teachings, my worldview, my church (though Jesus closely identifies with His bride) — the issue was the person Jesus, the *who* not the *what*. Throughout the Gospels, people trying to follow God frequently missed the Who that the Scriptures and traditions pointed to (see John 5:39–40 and Luke 24:13–35).

After the Enlightenment, Christianity has tried to keep step with the postpositivism (rational proving) employed by the sciences. One author writes, "The driving need to prove the scientific viability of Christian beliefs, the rational superiority of the Christian worldview, or the so-called case for Christianity signals an underlying preoccupation with mastery and control through rational dominance and a conviction that modern systematic theology done well yields the most enlightened form of the Christian faith."<sup>3</sup>

Penner goes on to point

out that modern apologists and atheists share a fundamental agreement on ideology and methodology<sup>4</sup> and that the "bottom line" for apologetics has become the "justification of belief . . . rather than on the personal edification of those we encounter."<sup>5</sup>

Is this the way we are to share Jesus with other complex human beings? Is the essence of the faith just a set of teachings we can rationally prove? Have we forgotten that people are more than, in the words of Descartes, "things that think"? I believe the way forward in our witness is less "proving" and more "living" out the incarnated Christ within our hearts.

Ellen White says, "No argument can melt hearts . . . . The gospel is effective only as it is proclaimed by hearts made warm and lips made eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life."<sup>6</sup>

This is more than simply a shallow appeal to be more practical or some oblique anti-intellectual philosophy. No, this is the art and science

of *being* in the faith instead of just studying it, or teaching it, as an outsider.

This requires no less intellect — but it will require more courage, less control and more faith. Let's stop proving ourselves wrong by inadvertently reducing Christianity to a set of teachings and instead demonstrate its true power by *being* in Christ while *being* in the world we have been called to witness to.

1. Soren Kierkegaard, *Practices in Christianity* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1991), 106, 141.
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4. *Ibid.*, 59.
5. *Ibid.*, 87.
6. Ellen White, *Acts of the Apostles*, 31.

*Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor*

# EXTRALOGICAL ENLIGHTENMENT

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ow can we trust and obey an invisible, inaudible God? Can we even know what He wants from us?

“That’s simple,” someone says. “Read the Bible.”

OK, but how did we get our Bibles? Did God send 66 emails from heaven to an early church General Conference in session?

Actually, our Bibles are the result of an intriguing and unexplainable process of divine guidance. To select the books that now comprise the Bible, church councils had to reject dozens of competing epistles and other documents, finally emerging with the compilation of sacred Scriptures for which millions through the centuries have lived and died.

Despite their amazing internal consistency, the 66 books of Scripture cannot be “proven” as inspired by mere objective evidence. Archeological discoveries, for example, may endorse the historicity of 1 Samuel but cannot explain why it should be included in the Bible. Nobody can prove, historically or logically, that God intended our eclectic collection of narrative, prophecy, precept, proverb and poetry to be compiled into what we embrace as the Holy Bible.

Well then, what did the books chosen for the Bible possess that other documents lacked? In a word, *illumination*. Church leaders perceived that these books were “luminous” in a way that other good books were not. With some variances among religious groups, a basic consensus eventually emerged about the sacred “canon,” or collection.

Even for you and me today, enlightenment about Scripture comes through perception more than logical persuasion. Yes, there are established and essential principles of interpretation (known as “hermeneutics”), but ultimately the authority of Scripture is how it enlightens our souls. Many supposed problems with the Bible vanish when we submit our minds and hearts to God, so we can “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps. 34:8). Then we value Scripture not for what it proves logically but for what it reveals to our perception.

A logician might protest, “Perception can’t be a basis for faith because it is subjective — just inner feelings.” An enlightened Christian might reply, “Yes and no. Yes, perception is subjective, but no, it’s not based on feelings.” Perception is more than emotion — it’s inner knowledge as



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Martin Weber



## Logic cannot prove you are in love any more than logic made you fall in love.

certain to you as anything else you know. But you can't prove it to anyone else.

It's like knowing you want a bagel rather than a cookie. You can't prove your preference by what you put on your plate. Who knows — you might be on some kind of restrictive diet. But within ourselves, each of us knows the truth about our tastes — as surely as we know anything else that *can* be scientifically proven.

Consider romance. You can know you are in love and later invent all kinds of logical arguments to defend that relationship to your prospective parents-in-law. But logic cannot prove you are in love any more than logic made you fall in love. Romance is a subjective experience attested not just by feelings but by perception — inner knowledge. And that intellectually mysterious reality should be more important in your life than anything you can prove.

Which brings us back to faith in God. Spiritual seeking blossoms into belief when we supernaturally perceive unprovable value in Jesus. Such inner knowledge not only

facilitates faith in God but also reveals to us His will.

In the heyday of Soviet Communism, a young Russian novelist, Andre Bitov, lived in a secure cocoon of atheism until God broke through and got his attention. He was riding the Leningrad subway when, inexplicably, he felt overwhelmed with intense hopelessness. He saw no

future beyond this life and no meaning in the present.

Suddenly, vividly, a new realization enlightened his soul: "Without God life makes no sense." He immediately

perceived this statement as true. Afterward he recalled, "Repeating it in astonishment, I rode the phrase up like a moving staircase, got out of the metro and walked into God's light."<sup>1</sup>

In a moment, a lifetime of logical arguments against faith vanished. The Soviet's conversion was based not on objective fact but personal perception.

This reflects the

statement of the 17th-century French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal: "It is the heart which perceives God and not the reason. That is what faith is."<sup>2</sup> Pascal also famously observed, "The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing."<sup>3</sup> He even said, "Faith embraces many truths which seem to contradict each other."<sup>4</sup>

The noteworthy word there is "seem." Faith is ultimately harmonious, having a subterranean harmony beneath the landscape of logic. Although faith needs more than logic, it isn't actually illogical. A better word might be "extralogical."

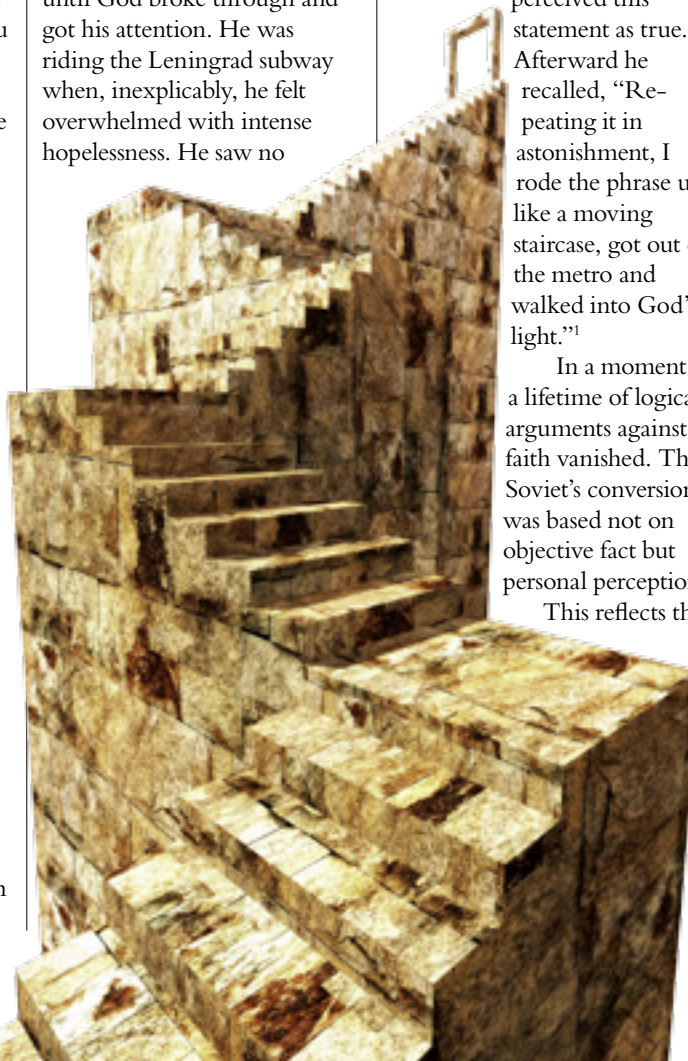
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# WHAT ABOUT THE TARES?

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ver grown a vegetable garden without weeds? It's never happened, for those noxious tares are a reality in our fallen world.

Jesus understood how eager we gardeners are to be rid of those noxious weeds. In fact, He realized how we'd all rather be picking tomatoes than pulling weeds, and so He told us a story with a lesson we never expected or should never forget. He also created a surprising conclusion that is especially important for the church today.

You know the familiar story about the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13. You also know the Master instructed His servants, "Let the rich wheat and the annoying tares grow together until the harvest."

The Savior's reasoning seems logical when you think about it, but all too often in our passion for purity in the body of Christ, we disregard the essence of His counsel in this important parable. In their zeal, so many well-intentioned servants, as noted in His parable, exclaim, "Master, let us help you! We really want to protect and keep the church pure and its standards high. There are tares in the church, and they are polluting the field. Master! We see the damage these tares can do to the body on Earth. Let us ferret them out! The church will be purer and stronger!"

Jesus was very clear on whose

responsibility it was to take care of the church. "Don't touch the tares," He explained. "For you will damage and destroy some of the rich wheat in the process." Jesus was essentially stating, "I understand your concern, but I can't afford to have you mess with my crop; you do not have the wisdom and discernment to do so without damaging my faithful followers."

The enemy of all that is good understands that planting the tares is not the final goal. His ultimate hope is to irreparably damage the wheat. And here's the chilling, diabolical, part of his plan: He can most effectively destroy the good crop by using the very hands tasked with nurturing the wheat. The application is not too hard to see from Jesus' parable. If they disregard the clear instructions of the master, the saints themselves are in danger of being agents of the devil in destroying the church.

I imagine the targeted Pharisees stood aghast at the parable, for they believe they were the guardians of the purity of the kingdom of God on Earth. They are the self-appointed servants of the Most High, called to root out the tares and purify the church, but Jesus is calling them agents of the evil one. They were doing the work that the enemy had outlined for them.

Has someone sent you emails lately about the insidious inroads of spiritual formation, Eastern meditation or contemplative



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prayer? These appear to be the latest in a hit list of “tares” some strong voices are claiming should be rooted out wherever they are suspected. They are pointing out possible tares in our churches, in our institutions of higher learning, and even in our pastors and administration. In my studied opinion as a longtime pastor and administrator, these books, videos and suspicions are no less than a spiritual witch hunt, intent on rooting out the perceived tares Jesus spoke against in His parable.

And here’s the irony: The real truth is that as a people, we have a far greater problem with a complete lack of any kind of biblical study, meditation and intercessory prayer than we do a perversion of it. Statistics clearly show that our problem isn’t perversion of prayer; it’s no prayer at all. We have fewer issues with spiritual formation than we do with a complete neglect of personal spiritual growth. Some of us are so busy reading about and looking for tares, we are missing the wonderful walk of faith with our Lord that, in itself, would

be the transformative power our lives truly needs.

My Christian friend, don’t stoop to this level. Don’t leave the glorious biblical truths presented by our Savior to seek out the smell of pollution you think may be dragging down the church. If you allow yourself to be caught up in these accusations, there will gradually be an imperceptible change in your thinking. You will lose sight of the lofty principles of the kingdom of heaven and become preoccupied with the tares the devil brings into the rich harvest. Kindness will be replaced with judgementalism, empathy with a hardness of heart, caring with gossip and a positive outlook on others with a deepening level of cynicism. Don’t go there. Don’t allow yourself to

be drawn into a critical spirit about other leaders or about people in our church, for you will be sucked into a whirlpool of pessimism and suspicion. Rise above such drivel and fix your minds on the beauty of our Savior’s message. Let God be God of His own church. He will watch over it and protect it. It is not going to pieces; it is alive and growing and ripening with rich harvest of salvation.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phil. 4:8, emphasis supplied).

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### EDITOR’S NOTE

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# LET'S TALK

## NOISE

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he long drive was over. At a verdant campsite by the rushing water of central Oregon's McKenzie River we pitched our tent, unfolded the camp stove and chairs, and prepared to enjoy a couple days of wilderness bliss.

That it was — until about 11 o'clock that evening when we were awakened by new kids on the block. Two carloads of

tomed to a way of life that includes constant connectivity to music, information and entertainment. And even in the midst of our congregations, in the center of our church mission, we have become partial to the sound of our own voices. Our own noise can drown out the divine.

As we have discussed before, we tend to form tribes of like-minded individuals. Often the rhetoric needed to keep these tribes in line becomes overwhelmingly loud. And each tribe gathers its own group of cheering fans, its own brand of politics. The strident tones inoculate the group against any other possible voice or perspective — even the voice of God Himself. It's almost as if God says, "I'll step over here to the side while you finish shouting. When you're finished, let me know — I have a few things I'd like you to consider."

Infatuated with my own logic, I've sometimes used opinions to define God the way I'd like Him to be — the kind of God my particular tribe feels comfortable with. But instead of revealing the Almighty, my words have too often obscured Him. Author Barbara Brown Taylor describes this "idolatry of words."

She says, "When we run

out of words, then and perhaps only then can God be God. When we have eaten our own words until we are sick of them, when nothing we can tell ourselves makes a dent in our hunger, when we are prepared to surrender the very Word that brought us into being in hopes of hearing it spoken again — then, at last, we are ready to worship God."<sup>1</sup>

As our world church prepares to meet as a representative body in business session this July, let's pray the noise of our own words will be put aside for a renewed hunger and thirst to hear from God himself. Let's seek to follow the example of one sent to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. "He must increase, but I must decrease," said John the Baptist in deference to the Savior. (John 3:30).

That's a voice we would do well to heed.

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inebriated party animals had invaded our haven on the river and set up camp like there was no tomorrow. Lanterns blazed, pop music blared, and a cacophony of voices bleated out a strikingly limited vocabulary. There was no sleep for us that night, and, as they showed no inclination of leaving the next morning, we sadly packed up and left.

I have often wondered about those who insist on bringing the noise of a city lifestyle to the woods. I come to forested parks reverently, as I would a cathedral, ready to worship at the feet of the Creator.

Yet we are all creatures of habit. We have grown accus-



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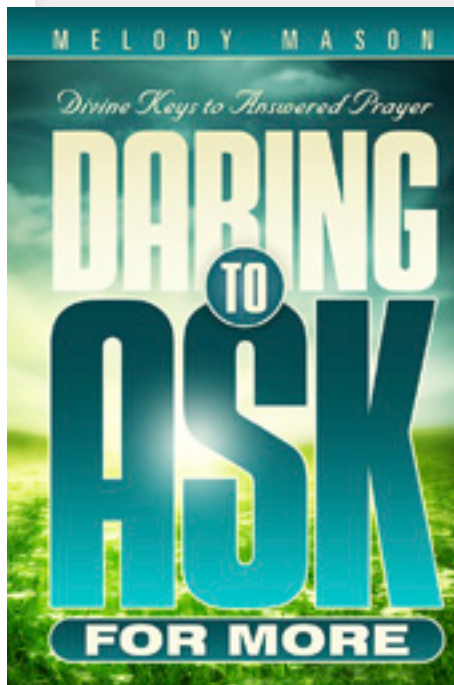
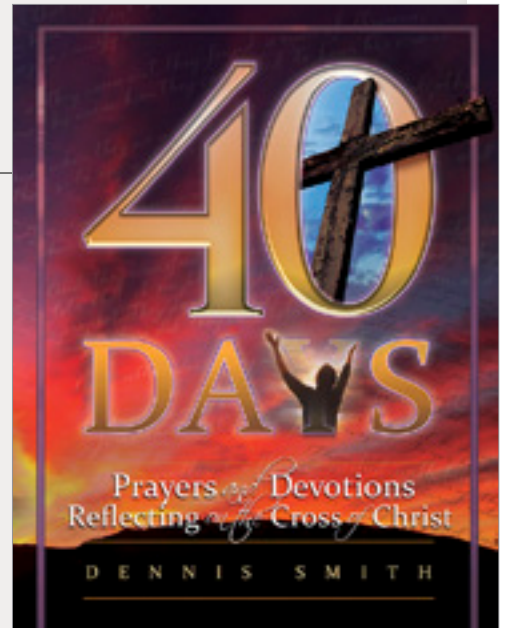
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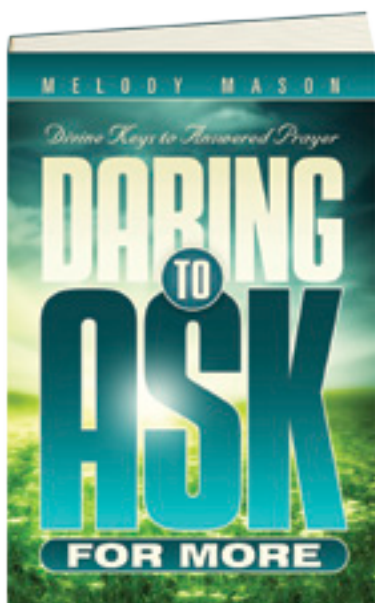
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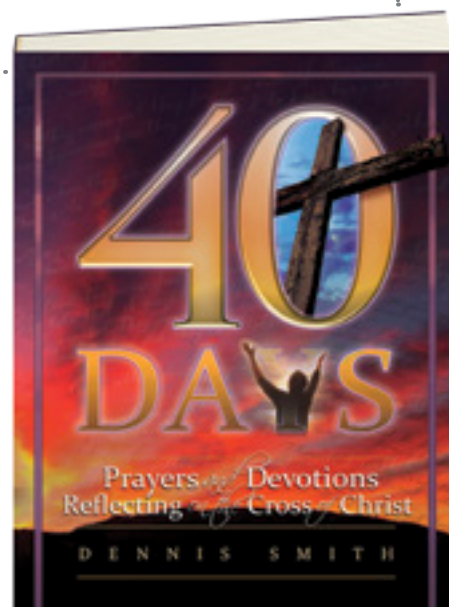
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