Walla Walla Team Helps Honduran Village

The Walla Walla University chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-WWU) has completed phase one of their Hope for Honduras project which provided five classrooms at the elementary school in Luis Garcia, Honduras. During spring break, representatives of the group visited the school grounds to plan phase two: determining drainage needs, latrine usage, and what type of sewage system is best for the school. Curt Nelson, professor of engineering and faculty sponsor of EWB-WWU, hopes to continue researching the project’s effect on the local community. The classrooms built in 2010 allowed 250 additional students to attend school. Read more about this story [HERE](#).

KACS Radio Plans Include Expansion

An established Adventist radio station based in Chehalis, Wash., is preparing to expand its outreach in the near future. KACS 90.5 FM, which currently serves nearly 10,000 listeners each week, hopes to increase its outreach significantly with several technical improvements. “We are excited over the approval we have for a signal modification that will allow us to reach all of Tacoma, Wash.,” says Cameron Beierle, general manager. “It will take funding, time and some logistics to complete.” KACS capital project plans include additional towers, translators to extend the signal, backup generators and updating emergency-alert system equipment. These improvements, once completed, will help KACS cover a population base exceeding two million people. Read more from the Washington Conference [HERE](#), and from the KACS website [HERE](#).

Alaska Camp Meetings Go Beyond Arctic Circle

John Loor Jr., North Pacific Union Conference vice president for administration, joined Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, and other believers at camp meeting services in Nome, Alaska, and above the Arctic Circle in Savoonga, Alaska, on April 8 and 9. Monte Church, NPUC native ministries director and Todd Gessele, NPUC associate communication director, were also on hand.

Gruesbeck Takes New Role

Lon Gruesbeck is stepping down as Washington Conference vice president of education after 13 years in that role. Instead, he will become the third trust officer for the conference, filling a position left open since the retirement of Gaylene Wolkwitz in 2010. He will continue to serve in the education department until a replacement is found.

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Church Leaders Acknowledge Need for Better Transparency

During a Spring Meeting business session at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., world church leaders responded to a 12-page document on transparency which addressed concerns arising from a recent report from the General Conference auditing services. The GCAS report raised concerns about recurring unresolved issues which appear in routine audits and called for an improved church leadership culture of accountability. Ted Wilson, world church president, says that further discussions on this topic will be held at this year’s Annual Council in October. Read more from the Adventist News Network HERE.

AWR-Guam to Expand Outreach to China

The Adventist World Radio board of directors has approved a conceptual plan to expand the capabilities of its shortwave broadcasting facility on the island of Guam to more effectively cover China. Current transmitter equipment includes six towers, four curtain antennas and five transmitters. Each curtain antenna is the size of two football fields. Yet, even these massive arrays cannot effectively reach listeners in northern China, Mongolia, Siberia and beyond. Adding a fifth antenna will enable AWR to cover these unreached areas. AWR hopes the installation of the new tower and antenna can be completed by the end of 2012, which is the Guam station’s 25th-anniversary year. Read more HERE.

ASI Northwest Convention Coming Soon

This year’s ASI NW Convention is scheduled for April 28–May 1 at Idaho’s world-famous Coeur d’Alene Resort. Presenters Steve Wohlberg and Duane McKey will be joined by dedicated laypeople to present messages and testimonies to encourage a growing spirit of outreach. Christian business owners, lay soul winners, and supporting ministries are especially encouraged to attend. Registration cost, lodging discounts and convention details are available HERE or by calling 360-857-7000.

Cindy’s Garden Blog blurb

“The greatest battles of life are fought out every day in the silent chambers of one’s own soul,” David O. McKay. Read more at Cindy's Garden Blog.
EWW-WWU Assesses in Honduras

Spring break trip includes school dedication

By: Becky St. Clair

Walla Walla University’s chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB-WWU) has completed phase one of their Hope for Honduras project, designing and overseeing the building of five classrooms at the elementary school in the village of Luis Garcia. Over spring break representatives of the group are visiting the school grounds to do an assessment of phase two of the project.

Three faculty and three students are in Honduras assessing the drainage issues on the campus. Currently, sewage runoff from the surrounding community flows through the school grounds, and the school’s own latrine system is not adequate for the 300-500 students who will be using it. The group from WWU will be working to determine drainage needs, latrine usage, and what type of sewage system will be best for the school.

“We will have an education meeting with the locals,” says Curt Nelson, professor of engineering and faculty sponsor of EWB-WW. “We need to learn from the community members what kind of latrine they want and what system they will know how to use. We need to ensure we solve the entire problem, not just part of it.”

Nelson also hopes to be able to continue researching the effect of their project on the local community. The classrooms built in 2010 allowed 250 additional students to attend school, and Nelson wants to know how far-reaching that change was.

“In that area, young women frequently drop out of school and start families,” he explains. “I want to know if more of them are able to stay in school now that the school has room for them. I want to talk to the local government and find out the positive and negative effects of what we’re helping them do.”

A major piece of what EWB does is ensuring that their projects are supported and completed by the locals. The community of Luis Garcia built the additional classrooms; the only thing EWB-WWU did was raise funds for supplies and draw up plans for the structures. The community members must feel ownership over the project; EWB simply provides the means for them to complete it.

A dedication ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 22, for the Luis Garcia elementary school and its new classrooms. Nelson will be giving a speech at the event.

“I wish I spoke Spanish,” he says. “I come home after every trip and start using language software to teach myself the language, but it only lasts a couple of weeks because I get caught up in life here. But because I don’t speak their language, the language of the people we’re there to help, I can’t hear the stories. I really miss out. And I regret that.”
As an established Adventist radio station, the new challenge for KACS 90.5 FM – Chehalis is expanding into new markets while continuing to serve and minister to the needs of their southwest Washington audience.

**Ministering to Listeners**

Listener feedback reveals the importance of the station. Listeners write in with prayer requests and praises in addition to notes of thanks and appreciation.

“Your radio station, KACS, has been helping me draw closer to the Lord,” says a listener named Jackie.

Another listener named Mary says, “I started attending church (again). I have been trying to keep my mind focused on ‘heavenly’ things and your Christ-centered broadcast really helps.”

Research backs up the stories and reveals what the listening audience appreciates about KACS.

The station’s market research shows them holding a strong percentage of listeners while competing with all 12 other stations in the area. They have an average weekly audience of 6,000 – 9,000 listeners who are tuned in to their music and programs for an average of more than six hours a week. KACS reports that listeners say they enjoy daytime music and short features, with a smaller but loyal audience tuned in to the longer evening family and teaching programs.

“Our unique music mix combines various Christian music styles and familiar hit songs from over the past several decades including praise and worship, hymns, Southern/Country Gospel and popular
current Christian chart-making songs,” says Cameron Beierle, general manager.

The listening audience also indicates through research that they appreciate the local format.

“We found that our ‘local’ identity is built through constant on-air community service combined with off-air efforts such as our KACS Community Family Concerts and Family Day sponsorships at area fairs,” Beierle says.

The station regularly appears at the Southwest Washington and Thurston County Fairs in addition to the Creation Northwest Festival. In addition, KACS is the official Family Day sponsor at the Southwest Washington Fair and features two free popular artist concerts.

A representative from the local Chamber of Commerce recently expressed appreciation for the radio station by saying, “KACS promotes family activities and reflects the values of our community.”

Growing the Station
“From the end of 2008 through 2010, the staff at KACS has worked diligently to continue growing the Chehalis Valley Education Foundation ministry resources while preparing for planned service expansion,” Beierle says.

Capital improvements include additional towers, translators to extend the signal, backup generators and updating emergency alert system equipment. These improvements will benefit the small but growing radio network designed to reach a potential audience population coverage area that could exceed two million people once completed.

KACS plans to extend its signal into Tacoma in the near future. “We are excited over the approval we have for a signal modification that will allow us to reach all of Tacoma,” Beierle says. “It will take funding, time and some logistics to complete.”

To learn more about ministry expansion plans for KACS and to contribute, visit www.kacs.org.

Western Washington is home to two Seventh-day Adventist radio stations: KACS 90.5 FM based in Chehalis, Wash., serves southwestern Washington, and KROH 91.1 FM based in Port Townsend, Wash., is preparing to serve northwestern Washington.
Adventist leaders stress follow-up in unresolved audit findings, transparency in administration

Discussion begins, to be continued in October; 2010 tithe tops $2 billion

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Mark A. Kellner, News Editor, Adventist Review

World leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist world church stressed a continuing need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting during an April 10 business session of the denomination's Spring Meeting.

"We need to be united and set the right tone as officers ... we must work together as a team, all the way through the system," said Adventist world church President Ted N.C. Wilson, responding to a report presented by world church Treasurer Robert E. Lemon and General Conference Auditing Services (GCAS) director Paul H. Douglass.

The 12-page document on transparency -- the product of a task force composed of Lemon, Douglass, North American Division Treasurer Tom Evans and GCAS associate director Robyn W. Kajiura -- stressed concerns raised by the GCAS Board and its chairman, Jack L. Krogstad. Krogstad, a layman who holds the Union Pacific Endowed Chair in Accountancy at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, was recently an Academic Fellow in the Office of the Chief Accountant at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Those concerns followed a GCAS report "which included the frequency of certain audit findings and the recurring unresolved nature of those findings," as stated in the document.

The document, "Transparency and Accountability in Financial Reporting," suggested a need to improve church leadership culture at all organizational levels, that better controls result from a better culture, that "communication is at the core of effective governance," and that the result would be greater confidence from all church stakeholders, or constituents.

"It's not an auditing issue; it's a character issue," said Juan Prestol, Adventist world church undertreasurer, during discussion of the matter. "An audit is too late," he explained to Adventist Review after his remarks, since audits only discover issues after the fact.

What is needed, he added, are "changes in the DNA of Adventist leadership."

Wilson said board members should be unafraid to question items presented to them. "On committees, ask questions. Don't assume somebody else is going to take care of it," he said.

Added North American Division President Dan Jackson, "There ought not to be friends in boardrooms ... if I sit on that board and respond to issues on that board because I'm a friend, I really have no business being on that board. You need to challenge me and do it with a smile."

Ella Simmons, a world church general vice president, stressed the need for an even higher approach. "I would challenge us to total commitment to holistic stewardship. Of course we focus on financial operations; but how can we operate [with] integrity and [in] ethical ways if we do not value ethical behavior in every area of our work, of our being, our relationships, our quality in performance. It must be holistic," she said.

Wilson promised further discussions on the subject at the 2011 Annual Council, to be held in October in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In an earlier address, Lemon said the church's finances showed improvement in 2010.

"Worldwide tithe passed the US$2 billion mark in 2010," Lemon said. "In spite of the recession and slow recovery of the economy in the U.S., the economies of most of the countries of the world have continued to be strong," he said.

That strength is reflected in tithe and offering figures, he added. Worldwide tithe rose 6.2 percent, totaling U.S. $2.002 billion. Tithe in the North American Division increased 1.1 percent over 2009, totaling U.S. $887 million in 2010 compared to U.S. $877 million the previous year. Tithe from divisions outside of North America rose 14.6 percent and totaled U.S. $1.114 billion compared to U.S. $972 million.

The exchange rate to the U.S. dollar explains some of the increase, but "much of it was from increases in local currencies," Lemon said.

"It is inspiring to see the faithfulness of God's children in returning their tithes and giving offerings for the support of His work even in tough times," Lemon added.
Press Release: AWR Board Approves Plans for Expansion of Guam Shortwave Station

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by Shelley Nolan Freesland
AWR Communication Director

The Board of Directors of Adventist World Radio has approved, in concept, the expansion of AWR’s shortwave broadcasting facility on the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. This project will result in much better coverage of China, a critical mission area for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Guam station, which was established in 1987, currently broadcasts programs in 30+ languages for nearly 300 hours each week to a large portion of Asia. Just over half of these hours consist of Mandarin programming for listeners in China. The station’s shortwave footprint also includes India; together with China, these two countries contain close to half of the world’s population. As well, listeners in countries such as Vietnam, North Korea, Cambodia, Indonesia and more can all hear AWR programs in their own languages.

The station’s broadcast equipment consists of six towers, four curtain antennas, and five transmitters. The largest tower is 330 feet tall, and each curtain antenna is about the size of two football fields. The shortwave signals that are generated can travel for thousands of miles, enabling the gospel message to freely enter non-Christian areas without being subject to government control.

The current equipment cannot provide a signal of sufficient strength, at the right frequency, to adequately reach listeners in northern China, Mongolia, Siberia, and beyond. Adding a fifth antenna will enable AWR to broadcast a strong signal to these areas during prime listening hours, as well as simultaneously transmit additional programs in more languages.

“Over the years, our Mandarin broadcasts have generated incredible response from listeners in China,” says AWR president Dowell Chow. “But these listeners are primarily located in the south part of the country, where our signal is much more consistent and clear. So our goal is to provide the same quality of broadcasts to the millions of people in the northern areas.

“At the same time, we are continuing to develop programs in additional languages. We are excited to have recently found producers in Tibet and Bhutan. But once their programs are ready for broadcast, we will need to be ready to add them to our airtime schedule.”

While AWR recently put significant resources into launching a comprehensive podcasting system – in which all of its radio programs can also be heard worldwide online – the organization recognizes that shortwave broadcasts are still a vital part of its mission, Chow says. “In spite of the growth in Internet usage,” he explains, “shortwave is still the primary method of receiving information for literally hundreds of millions of people. A full 24 percent of the world’s population does not have regular access to electricity. So at AWR, we remain very aware that our listeners are extremely diverse.”
AWR hopes that the installation of the new tower and antenna can be completed by the end of 2012, which is the Guam station’s 25th anniversary year.

Adventist World Radio is the mission radio arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Programs are broadcast throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East through shortwave and AM/FM radio. All of AWR’s multi-language programming is also available worldwide as podcasts and on-demand at awr.org.
Welcome to the North Pacific Chapter of ASI!

Upcoming Events:

April 28—May 1, 2011. We hope you will join us for our upcoming chapter convention to be held at the World Famous Coeur d'Alene Resort. Convention presenters will include Duane McKey, Steve Wohlberg and the Upper Columbia Academy Choraliers.

Click here to download convention registration information.

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Whether you want to ask a question or share an evangelism experience, we'd love to hear from you! Please send your message to: NorthwestASI@gmail.com

Do you have a project you would like to see ASI help fund? You may download a project funding application here.
The greatest battles of life are fought out every day in the silent chambers of one’s own soul,” (David O. McKay).

Some say ethics are too antiquated for modern workplaces, old-fashioned decencies too simple to run businesses. But this man has built an empire defending workplace ethics.

Stephen Covey has been up since early morning winning the “private victory.” This includes working out for 30 minutes on his stationary-bike while reading Scripture, swimming for 15 minutes in his private pool, doing yoga for 15 minutes, and then shutting himself up in a private library to pray and listen to conscience. In the library he visualizes his day as it will unfold: important activities and key relationships. His morning duties are based on an eternal premise: He must conquer himself before anything else.

Born to a devout Mormon family who had an egg farm outside of Salt Lake City, Utah, his parents were genuinely supportive of their young son. He once told Fortune magazine he kept a fifth of liquor on his dresser and neither rent ever questioned him for it. The untouched liquor loomed symbolic to Covey of the trust his parents placed in him and he determined to be worthy of it.

He spent hours “at the knee” of his very spiritual grandfather. As the oldest, it was understood, he would take over his grandfather’s small empire, Little America: several hotels, motels and land. But like most Latter Day Saint boys, he served a two–year mission term. He was sent to England. Just a few months into his assignment, his mission president saw natural leadership in him and reassigned him to Nottingham to train branch presidents. What should have been a perilous experience considering his age, instead became a catalyst for lifelong teaching.

He earned an M.B.A. from Harvard in 1957, and then returned to Salt Lake City as an assistant to the president for Brigham Young University. Through the years, he held multiple administrative posts and teaching positions at B.Y.U. But the genesis of Covey’s principled-centered leadership actually occurred while working on his doctoral thesis. As he read thousands of theories for success in the past 200 years he saw clear patterns emerge. In the first 150 years, success was shown as a direct result of one’s character (integrity, humility, courage, patience and the Golden Rule). After World War II, a postmodern paradigm shift occurred and success became thought of as being derived from one’s personality (technique, appearance and a positive mental attitude). Covey began to write, teach and urge others back to what he saw as the former and “truer” route to success. As he did, his classroom sizes grew upward to audiences of 600, 800, 1000. So in 1985, he put all his personal property and possessions up for collateral, quitting and founded the Covey Leadership Center.

The flagship of his scholarship, a 384-page theory on success as stemming from character, is The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Published in 1989 by Simon and Schuster, it remains a best-seller. Later he merged FranklinCovey.

Covey is a tithe-payer and, except for having a large home, donates the majority of his, upward-of-$80-million, come directly back to his L.D.S. denomination. What’s unusual about him as an author is he is quoted everywhere from fundamental Christianity to Zen. More than “trend speak,” he has earned the respect of three-fourths of all Fortune 500 companies. The leading principle-centered guru, showing a prevalent spiritual side from “the many days the knee of his grandfather” was named among Time magazine’s 25 most influential persons.1

This story was written by Cindy R. Chamberlin 2011.

1 ^a,b Leo Babauta, Zen Habits “Exclusive Interview: Stephen Covey on His Morning Routine, Blogs, Technology, GTD and the Secret,” <zenhabits.net> (Top 25th blog in the US.) February 2011.