Big Lake Youth Camp Threatened by Fire

Fire crews worked feverishly Wednesday to contain the spread of the Shadow Lake fire which has burned dangerously close to the Oregon Conference Big Lake Youth Camp. Monte Torkelsen, conference youth director, says campers and other personnel were evacuated this past weekend. With more hot weather and potential dry lightning forecast for the area, it’s time to say a prayer for our youth camp there and all otherwise affected by this difficult fire season. Fire personnel have placed fire retardant in the camp area to discourage any further incursion of the fire. Read more and see a video from Portland station KGW HERE.

Northwest Leaders Converge on Walla Walla University

Hundreds of North Pacific Union Conference pastors and other leaders are attending the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention on the campus of Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. The meetings began Wednesday and will run through this Saturday evening. The event features a host of seminars and plenary sessions to encourage, educate and inspire Northwest pastors. Thursday morning plenary session material dealt with issues of Creation and evolution. Friday morning will focus on the theme of evangelism and soul winning. This is an opportunity for each pastor to also obtain additional continuing education credits. The main evening programs are available as webcasts at the WWU Church website HERE.

Hope Channel to Feature 9/11 Remembrance

Recently recorded on location at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., overlooking the Pentagon, Always Remember is a hour-long broadcast special to be featured Sept. 10–17 on the Hope Channel as a tribute to the 9/11 victims and their families. Dan Jackson, North American Division president, will present a special message entitled, “Does God Notice?” Featuring musical artists singing patriotic favorites and original songs written right after the tragedy. The broadcast will also include readings.
by actor Joe Campanella, with clips of a special message from former President George Bush. The broadcast special will be seen on Hope Channel (check HERE for schedule information) and on DirecTV, channel 368.

Adventist Health Study Reaps New Grant

The Adventist News Network reports the United States National Institutes of Health has awarded Loma Linda University's Adventist Health Study 2 a $5.5 million grant over the next five years. These funds will allow the study to continue its analysis on cancer and other lifestyle diseases. Though the study is in the beginning stages of analysis, it has had several key findings so far, which include linking a vegetarian diet to a lower risk of heart disease and diabetes; linking a high consumption of brown rice, cooked green vegetables, dried fruit, and legumes to a lower risk of colon polyps, a precursor to colon cancer; and revealing that black and non-black Adventists report a higher mental and physical quality of life than the average American. Read more about the health study HERE.

Anti-Domestic Violence Forum Planned

"Silent No More," will be presented by the Women's Healing and Empowerment Network, with Mable Dunbar, WHE Network president and CEO, on Friday, Oct. 21, 6–9 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at the West Central Multi-Cultural Adventist Church in Spokane, Wash. This interdenominational conference is designed to provide healing, education, and relevant information for individuals who have either experienced abuse, perpetrated abuse or who want to provide help and support for victims of abuse. More information is available at 509-323-2123, or via email HERE.

Cindy's Garden Blog

Ruth prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. "Please, God," she prayed, "send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow." See Cindy's Garden blog this week for the latest story.
SISTERS, Ore. -- At the crest of the Cascade Range 15 miles west of Sisters, fire crews worked to stop the spread of the Shadow Lake fire, which grew to 5,500 acres, most of it still within the Mount Washington Wilderness.

More: Clackamas Co. declares emergency as fire danger grows

The Big Lake recreation area and a section of the Pacific Crest Trail remained closed, including a youth camp evacuated last Friday.

Crews were doing everything they could to save the Big Lake Youth Camp Wednesday.

"When we saw the camp, we were like, 'okay, I guess we have to do something to help fight this or this camp is going to burn down and people like to use it," said firefighter Matteo Gouveia.
"I feel kind of special saving these structures for all of these kids," added firefighter Glenn Jones.

Winds were pushing the fire west toward forests that have not burned in 200 years, said fire spokeswoman Katie Lighthall.

In southwestern Oregon, the Little Butte fire held pretty steady at 250 acres, most of it on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest south of Fish Lake, said fires spokesman Brian Ballou.

There were also threats of lightning strikes for Wednesday night, which could spark even more wildfires in the area.

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Welcome to Adventist Health Studies

Adventist Health Studies are long-term studies exploring the links between lifestyle, diet, and disease among Seventh-day Adventists. More than 96,000 church members from the U.S. and Canada are participating in the current study, AHS-2, conducted by researchers at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

Recent Highlights
- AHS-2 awarded $5.5M from NIH
- Excess body fat in elderly decreases life expectancy
- Foods linked to reduced risk of colon cancer
- In the U.S., Black Adventists defy health disparities

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"Before they call, I will answer" Isaiah 65:24

One night I had worked hard to help a mother in the labor ward; but in spite of all we could do she died leaving us with a tiny premature baby and a crying two-year-old daughter. We would have difficulty keeping the baby alive, as we had no incubator (we had no electricity to run an incubator) and no special feeding facilities. Although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous draughts.

One student midwife went for the box we had for such babies and the cotton wool the baby would be wrapped in. Another went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She came back shortly in distress to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst. Rubber perishes easily in tropical climates. "And it is our last hot water bottle!" she exclaimed. As in the West it is no good crying over spilled milk, so in Central Africa it might be considered no good crying over burst water bottles. They do not grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down forest pathways. "All right," I said. "Put the baby as near the fire as you safely can; sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from draughts. Your job is to keep the baby warm."

Her Mother had Died

The following noon, as I did most days, I went to have prayers with any of the orphanage children who chose to gather with me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray about and told them about the tiny baby. I explained our problem about keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle. The baby could so easily die if it got chills. I also told them of the two-year-old sister, crying because her
mother had died. During the prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt conciseness of our African children. “Please, God,” she prayed, “send us a water bottle. It’ll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby will be dead, so please send it this afternoon.” While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added by way of corollary, “And while you are about it, would you please send a dolly for the little girl so she’ll know you really love her?” As often with children’s prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say, “Amen”? I just did not believe that God could do this. Oh, yes, I know that He can do everything. The Bible says so. But there are limits – aren’t there?

A Parcel from Home

The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending me a parcel from the homeland. I had been in Africa for almost four years at that time, and I had never, ever received a parcel from home. Anyway, if anyone did send me a parcel, who would put in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator! Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses’ training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time I reached home, the car had gone, but there, on the verandah, was a large twenty-two pound parcel. I felt tears pricking my eyes.

I could not open the parcel alone, so I sent for the orphanage children. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. We folded the paper, taking care not to tear it unduly. Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box. From the top, I lifted out brightly colored, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the

God’s Promptings

children looked a little bored. Then came a box of mixed raisins and sultanas – that would make a nice batch of buns for the weekend. Then, as I put my hand in again, I felt the, could it really be? I grasped it and pulled it out – yes, a brand-new, rubber hot water bottle! I cried. I had not asked God to send it; I had not truly believed that He could. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, “If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!” Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully dressed dolly. Her eyes shone! She had never doubted. Looking up at me, she asked: “Can I go over with you, Mummy, and give this dolly to that little girl, so she’ll know that Jesus really loves her?”

That parcel had been on the way for five whole months. Packed up by my former Sunday school class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God’s prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. And one of the girls had put in a dolly for an African child, five months before, in answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old to bring it “that afternoon.”

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