Alaska Revive! Series Culminates Year-long Project

More than 100 people graduated from the Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible School on June 9. Which led into the first night of the Revive! Experiencing God series, being held June 9 to 17 in Anchorage, Alaska. For nearly a year leading up to Revive! every Alaskan Adventist Church became a Voice of Prophecy Bible School as part of the organization’s “Reach Alaska” initiative. The Revive! evangelistic series is the final part of the project. This week’s series, featuring speakers Dwight Nelson, Karl Haffner, Randy Roberts and José Rojas, is being broadcast by the Hope Church Channel. Each presentation is available online HERE.

After All These Years … It Really WAS the Dingo

This week’s ruling from an inquest into the 1980 disappearance of a baby of Adventist Church members in Australia may bring closure to a decades-long battle. The legal saga tormented a family, divided a nation and affected the image of the Adventist Church in Australia. A coroner in the Northern Territory city of Darwin ruled this week that nine-week-old Azaria Chamberlain, daughter of Michael Chamberlain and Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton (pictured here), was taken by a dingo. The tragedy occurred at a campsite near Ayers Rock, now known by its Aboriginal name, Uluru. Read more from the Adventist News Network HERE.

WWU Graduates Now Ready for Action

Walla Walla University (WWU) newest graduates (more than 400) are primed and ready for fresh responsibilities. The WWU graduation weekend began Friday evening, June 8, with consecration service in the University Church. Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president and WWU board chair, spoke at both baccalaureate services Saturday morning. Following Saturday afternoon a teacher dedication, nurses’ pinning and theology senior dedication services, the weekend culminated Sunday morning with the commencement ceremony on the WWU Centennial Green. The commencement speaker was Andrea Trusty King. King is the senior pastor at

Looking Ahead

June
9–16: Alaska Camp Meeting
12–16: Idaho Camp Meeting
13–16: Mont. Camp Meeting
13–16: UCC Camp Meeting
14–23: Wash. Camp Meeting
23: King’s Heralds Concert

July
17–21: Ore. Camp Meeting
20: Ore. 5K Fun Run/Walk

August
23–25: Rosario Alumni Weekend

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the Imani Praise Fellowship in Moreno Valley, Calif., and also the vice president and co-founder of Brighter Hope Ministries, Inc. Read more about the weekend from wallawalla.edu HERE.

Milo Academy’s Covered Bridge Shows its Age
Milo Adventist Academy’s historic covered bridge was recently inspected by Oregon Bridge Engineering Company consulting engineers. They identified several areas of significant deterioration, damage, and fatigue which are causes for concern when it comes to the safety of the bridge. Currently, the bridge’s maximum load limit has been set at five tons. If you make plans to travel to Milo in the near future, please do not plan to bring mobile homes and larger vehicles across the bridge. Drive slowly as you cross the bridge and avoid driving across immediately behind other vehicles. Contact Nancy Starr at nancy.starr@miloacademy.org or 541-825-3200 ext. 3321 to make alternate arrangements for large vehicles.

Grants Pass Church Reaches Out to Rescue Mission
The story of the Grants Pass Gospel Rescue Mission which offers shelter to over 120 homeless men, women and children is one of remarkable vision, godly dedication, and unconditional love. It also became a story of unparalleled impact on a youth group from the Grants Pass Church led by Pastor Christian Martin. Read the full story in the June issue of the Oregon Conference Communiqué HERE.

AMC Nurse Teaches Life-saving Lessons in Belize
Lorie Ramey thought she might wear a hardhat and help with construction efforts during a recent mission trip to Belize. Instead, her training as CPR coordinator for the Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., was what the employees of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena really needed. She was able to train local nurses life-saving techniques as part of the Sunnyside (Portland, Ore.) Church mission trip called “Blessings 4 Belize.” Read more in an article from the Clackamas County Review HERE.

Health Training Planned for the Tri-Cities
Tri-Cities (Wash.) church members are invited to join the Northwest Mission Institute for health evangelism training, June 18–21, at the Kennewick Church. Prominent doctors and health professionals will provide tools, resources and ideas on integrating health evangelism with the gospel message. Instructors are experienced medical professionals with a passion for using health ministry to reach people for Jesus. Check HERE here for more information.
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Australian coroner rules dingo indeed took baby in 1980

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Ansel Oliver/ANN

Today’s ruling from an inquest into the 1980 disappearance of a baby of Seventh-day Adventist Church members in Australia could mark the final chapter of a legal saga that for years tormented the family, divided that nation and affected the image of the religious denomination there.

A coroner in the Northern Territory city of Darwin ruled that nine-week-old Azaria Chamberlain, daughter of Michael Chamberlain and Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton, was taken by a dingo from a campsite near Ayers Rock, now known by its Aboriginal name, Uluru.

The disappearance of the infant created a living nightmare for the family, who endured years of public taunts and accusations of taking their own child’s life. Some accused the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for encouraging such heinous acts. Chamberlain-Creighton was convicted of murder, for which she spent three years in prison before new evidence reversed her sentence.

The incident became recognized internationally with the release of the 1988 film “A Cry In the Dark,” starring Meryl Streep.

Today’s ruling, delivered by Coroner Elizabeth Morris at the Darwin Magistrates Court, is the fourth subsequent inquest of the case. According to Australia’s ABC News, she noted that there were reported dingo attacks on other children in the months preceding the incident and that a dingo lair was found in the area. She then delivered an amended death certificate.

Later this morning, Chamberlain-Creighton addressed the media outside the court, saying, “Obviously we’re relieved and delighted to come to the end of this saga…. No longer will Australia be able to say that dingos are not dangerous and only attack if provoked. We live in a beautiful country but it is dangerous and we would ask all Australians to be aware of this and take appropriate precautions and not wait for somebody else to do it for them.”
Azaria would have turned 32 yesterday, her mother said. The Chamberlains divorced in 1991 and have both since remarried.

Michael Chamberlain also addressed the media, saying, “Today, I heard Coroner Morris speak for the dead on behalf of the living. This battle to get to the legal truth about what caused Azaria’s death has taken too long. However, I am here to tell you that you can get justice, even when you think that all is lost. But, truth must be on your side. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how sacred human life is and must be protected at all costs. And I cannot express strongly enough how important it is to pursue a just cause even when it seems to be a mission impossible. If you know you are right, never give up on getting it right, when the serious issue could affect the life and livelihood of others.”

The Seventh-day Adventist Church’s South Pacific Division, based in Wahroonga near Sydney, released a statement welcoming the finding, calling the decades-long ordeal “one of the most egregious miscarriages of justice in Australia in the modern era.”

“We hope and pray that the finding today is just one more step in the healing process for the Chamberlains and for our nation,” the statement said. “We hope the experience of the Chamberlains will inspire all of us to act justly and to stand up for those who are mistreated.”

Church officials also thanked attorney Stuart Tipple and other legal professionals who worked on the case for the Chamberlains, as well as the millions of Australians who stood against the public injustice against the family.

“The ability of our legal system to recognize and correct mistakes is one of the features that make Australia a great nation. The inquest’s finding today is a sign of our nation’s strength and integrity,” the statement said.

Chamberlain-Creighton is writing a book for children and a book on grief and forgiveness, according to her website. She continues to conduct seminars and deliver speeches on stress, grief and the media.

Michael Chamberlain, now a retired teacher, earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Newcastle in 2002. He is writing about his experiences in an upcoming book.
Walla Walla University conferred degrees to more than 400 students in the Class of 2012. During the June 10 commencement ceremony, the university also celebrated the academic achievements of its graduates and honored members of its faculty.

After two days of rainy weather, clear skies added to the celebratory spirit. The June 10 event was the university's 116th commencement ceremony. Commencement speaker Andrea Trusty King, pastor of the Imani Praise Fellowship in Moreno Valley, Calif., encouraged graduates to fulfill the potential that God had placed in them at birth.

Class president Mellissa Frances Leaf presented the class gift of a $10,000 scholarship endowment. During the event, President John McVay and Vice President for Academic Administration Ginger Ketting-Weller were thanked for their years of service to the university. Both administrators will conclude their administrative posts at the end of June.

In presenting the Class of 2012, Ketting-Weller provided the following facts about the Class of 2012:

- **Undergraduates:** 293
- **Graduate Students:** 146
- **Cum Laude:** 67
- **Magna Cum Laude:** 27
- **Summa Cum Laude:** 26
- **General Studies Honors Recognition:** 9
- **Secondary Teaching Certification:** 5
- **Oldest Graduate at Baccalaureate Level:** 59 years
- **Youngest Graduate:** 20 years
- **Majors with Largest Number of Graduates:** Nursing (58), Business (49), Education & Psychology (33), Engineering (32)
- **Locations the Largest Number of Graduates Call Home:** Washington State (117), Oregon (69), California (55), Idaho (11)
- **Student Missionaries or Taskforce Workers:** 63
For photos from commencement, click the link below.

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Nurse’s Belize trip was educational, life-saving
Beavercreek resident takes time to teach hospital staff CPR

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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Lorie Ramey of Beavercreek got more than she bargained for on recent trip to Belize, where she passed on her lifesaving skills rather than help with construction projects and work on her tan.

Ramey, 52, is an educator with a passion for helping nurses gain skills they need. But the 29-year veteran nurse at Adventist Medical Center spends the majority of her time teaching CPR, so she was looking to do other things.

Just before she left, she learned that the employees of a La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena were in desperate need of CPR training.

“My goal on this trip was to do nothing nurse related, so I packed my hardhat and was ready to do construction,” she said. “There wasn’t anyone to do the renewals, and I said I would think about it, and as soon as I hung up the phone, I realized there was nothing to think about.”

Her husband, Larry Ramey, 56, is a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Kaiser Sunnyside in Clackamas. He also didn’t avoid application of his medical skills while traveling. While in Belize he oversaw four surgeries and helped construct a basketball court in Georgeville.

Lori Ramey was able to get permission to take hospital manikins to teach seven CPR classes certifying 18 people in Belize.

“She heard of a need and was able to take equipment and training supplies to help train nurses in another part of the world,” said Judy Leach, communications director for Adventist Medical Center. “Lori has a heart for service, (and) rather than having a relaxing time in Belize, she spent two weeks training staff on lifesaving techniques. A nurse’s life never stops.”

A church mission trip offered service trips of one-to-three weeks in April, and Ramey went for as long as she could. Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southeast Portland called the program “Blessings 4 Belize.”

“They were all so grateful and couldn’t believe that I was doing this. It was an amazing trip, and I ended up doing something completely different from what I had planned on,” Ramey said.