Adventist Church Calls for Day of Fasting for Imprisoned Members

Adventist world church leaders are calling for an International Day of Prayer and Fasting on Dec. 1 to pray for the release of two West African Adventist members who have been falsely imprisoned. Antonio dos Anjos Monteiro (pictured here), Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the Sahel Union Mission; and Bruno Amah, an Adventist lay member and businessman have been held in Togo for over eight months on charges of being part of an alleged blood trafficking network. While even the judge in the case has admitted that he doesn't think they are guilty, the men are still being held. “We are asking the entire world Seventh-day Adventist Church to join in prayer and fasting on Dec. 1,” says Ted Wilson, world church president. You can read more about the story and find resources for promoting the day of prayer from Adventist News Network.

Spokane Teacher Recognized for Excellence

A local Spokane, Wash., TV station has awarded Judy Castrejon, fifth and sixth grade teacher at Palisades Christian Academy, with their Teacher of the Month Award. Stephanie Vigil, news anchor for KHQ, visited the school on Thursday, Nov. 15, to present the award to a surprised Castrejon. The teacher was chosen after one of her students, Jedzeah Hall, nominated her to the local station. In addition to a plaque for the station, Eastern Washington University included four free credits for classes. Castrejon was surprised by the announcement. Hall, the student who nominated her, said “I really had a hard time with math and science. I would get so frustrated I would give up. When she started teaching me last year, she made it come to life [for] me. Mrs. C. spent time with me after school and made me not feel dumb. I’m in eighth grade now thanks to her.” You can read more about the award at the Upper Columbia Conference website.

Northwest Christmas Programs

Looking Ahead

November
22: Thanksgiving Day
30–Dec. 1: Eagle, Idaho Live Nativity
30–Dec 9: Follow the Star, Gladstone, Ore.

December
2: “Messiah”, College Place, Wash.
3–16: Fountainview Orchestra and Choir Tour
6–9: Journey to Bethlehem, Kelso, Wash.
6–9: Journey to Bethlehem, Auburn, Wash.
7: “At the Door”, College Place, Wash.
25: Christmas Day
31: New Year’s Eve
28–Jan. 1: GYC Seattle

Additional concerts and Christmas events are listed at GleanerOnline.org

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With Christmas around the corner, many tend to think of buying gifts, shopping and holiday parties. But there is more to the holidays. Each year, churches around the Northwest put on events. This year the GLEANER has compiled a list of holiday programs in Idaho, Oregon and Washington that will not only remind you of what Christmas is really about, but are opportunities to take your non-church-going relatives and friends with you to a non-threatening church environment. With seven Bethlehem walk-through events and 11 concerts, there are lots of options!

If your church is hosting an event that is not listed, please contact us. To see the complete list of the concerts and events, visit the GleanerOnline.org.

**Christian Record Ends One Magazine and Starts Another**

*Lifeglow*, a bi-monthly magazine of Christian Record Services for the Blind, is being discontinued after nearly 29 years of publishing. In its place they will be starting a new large-print magazine called *Light*, says Bert Williams, editor of the new magazine. The new magazine will feature a new, larger design with the first issue being the January/February 2013 issue. *Lifeglow* has a circulation of 14,000 with people from many denominations. For more information about the magazine, visit Christian Record.

**A Taste of Travel Cookbook**

Looking for some new soup and stew recipes this winter? Pacific Press has released a new cookbook called *A Taste of Travel* by Nancy Lyon Kyte. A world traveler, Kyte has included recipes from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and everywhere in-between! Recipes include burnished apricot-lentil soup from Armenia, crock-pot potato soup from Germany, sweet mango soup from Jamaica and tomato-basil soup from Latvia. "The world is a fascinating place, filled with a diversity of colors, textures and tastes guaranteed to stir your curiosity," says Kyte. "But one thing common to most cultures is the pleasure found in sitting down to enjoy a bowl of warm soup or stew — the ultimate comfort food!" You can find the book at your local Adventist Book Center or online at AdventistBookCenter.com.
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Adventist president calls for December 1 Day of Prayer, Fasting to support falsely accused members

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Show your Support

Seventh-day Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson today called for an International Day of Prayer and Fasting on December 1 to rally support for the release of two Adventists currently imprisoned in the West African country of Togo.

Wilson and top church executives who voted the emphasis day at a November 20 morning business meeting said the event will raise awareness of the plight of Antonio dos Anjos Monteiro, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the church’s Sahel Union Mission, headquartered in Lome; and Bruno Amah, an Adventist lay member and businessman in Lome.

Adventist lawyers and human rights activists have called for both men’s release since they were detained in March for conspiracy to commit murder. A Togolese man implicated Monteiro and Amah as conspirators in an alleged blood trafficking network, but a police search of Monteiro’s home and local church headquarters did not produce evidence. Since then, local authorities have recognized both men’s innocence.

Diplomatic efforts to secure both men’s release are expected to continue. Today church leaders established a working group to oversee efforts led by John Graz, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Adventist world church. Church leaders are enlisting the support of members worldwide to raise further awareness through a social media campaign to promote the December 1 Day of Prayer.

“We are asking the entire world Seventh-day Adventist Church to join in prayer and fasting on December 1,” Wilson said. The world church leader met with both men in prison earlier this month during a tour of West Africa.

“These are falsely accused, innocent church members and we are pleading with the Lord for his intervention so that they can be reunited with their families and continue their work,” he said.
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Teacher Recognized for Excellence

by Jay Wintermeyer

Spokane, Wash., November 19, 2012 -News anchor, Stephanie Vigil, from KHQ visited Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) Thursday, November 15 and presented the Teacher of the Month Award to Judy Castrejon for her outstanding work as an educator.

Castrejon teaches math, science and fifth and sixth grades at PCA. She’s now part of a select group of educators in Eastern Washington to receive the award from KHQ Television and Eastern Washington University. Mrs. C, as she is referred to at PCA, was awarded a plaque as well as four free credits at EWU.

The award ceremony took place during a special school assembly. Castrejon was completely surprised by the announcement. In addition to giving her the award, Vigil read the student letter that nominated Castrejon for the honor.

The student said “I really had a hard time with math and science. I would get so frustrated I would give up. When she started teaching me last year, she made it come to life for me. Mrs. C. spent time with me after school and made me not feel dumb. I’m in 8th grade now thanks to her.”

Castrejon began teaching first grade 21 years ago in the Calexico Mission School in Southern California. Since then she has taught at the elementary and high school levels.

“I initially wanted to teach in Adventist schools,” says Castrejon, “because I wanted to show kids Jesus love. I attended an Adventist school during my 8th and 9th grades and the girls were really mean to me. I wanted show kids how to be kind. After I started teaching, I discovered science and the amazing ways we can show God through that discipline.”
In fact, teaching about God through science is so core to Castejon, a public school chose not to hire her because they felt she couldn’t leave God out of the classroom. She is passionate about her students and they know it. After the award ceremony, Castrejon was mobbed by excited students.

For Castrejon, the most rewarding part of her job is building kingdom friendships. “Making lifelong friendships and those ‘I got it’ moments” are what she lives for.

Palisades Christian Academy is located in Spokane, Wash. Their dedicated team of teachers, including Castrejon, is committed to quality Christian education. They offer kindergarten through 10th grade.
Northwest Christmas Programs

With Christmas around the corner, it’s worth keeping in mind that many of our Northwest Adventist churches are offering Christ-centered holiday events to help you keep focused on the reason we celebrate. The GLEANER has collected the following list of Bethlehem walk-through events and Christmas concerts from around the area.

Idaho:

- **Boise**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 7 at 7 pm, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am & 4 pm; Cloverdale Adventist Church. Be sure to attend all three!
- **Eagle**: Eagle Live Nativity; Nov. 30–Dec. 1; Eagle Adventist Church.
- **Meridian**: Journey to Bethlehem; Dec. 7–9; Meridian Adventist Church.

Oregon:

- **Bend**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 9 at 7 pm; Bend Adventist Church.
- **Grants Pass**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 11 at 5:30 pm & 8 pm; Grants Pass Adventist Church. NOTE: Due to popularity, this venue requires a free ticket: 541-476-6313.
- **Portland**: Follow the Star; Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7–9; Gladstone Park Conference Center.
- **Portland**: Portland Adventist Academy Winter concert; Dec. 8 at 3 pm; Sunnyside Adventist Church.
- **Portland**: Portland Adventist Academy’s Alegria, a 100 voice choir; Dec. 19 at 8 pm; The Grotto. NOTE: This is a paid event.

Washington:

- **Auburn**: Journey to Bethlehem; Dec. 6–9; Auburn Adventist Academy Church. NOTE: This event is full.
- **College Place**: Walla Walla Symphony “Messiah”; Dec. 2 at 3 pm; Walla Walla University Church. NOTE: This is a paid event.
- **College Place**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 6 at 7 pm; College Place Village Adventist Church.
- **College Place**: WWU Music Department Christmas Concert entitled “At the Door”; Dec. 7 at 6 pm & 8 pm; Walla Walla University Church. NOTE: The 8 pm concert will be live streamed.
- **Kelso-Longview**: Journey to Bethlehem; Dec. 6–9; Kelso-Longview Church.
- **Kirkland**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 4 at 7 pm; Kirkland Adventist Church.
- **Spokane**: Journey to Bethlehem; Nov. 30–Dec. 2; Spokane South Hill Adventist Church.
- **Vancouver**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 16 at 7 pm; Adventist Community Church of Vancouver.
• **Wenatchee**: Journey to Bethlehem; Nov. 29-Dec. 2; Wenatchee Adventist Church / Cascade Christian Academy.

• **Yakima**: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert; Dec. 5 at 7 pm; Yakima Adventist Church.

Even if you can’t make it to one of these events, please pray that those attending will feel Christ drawing their hearts.

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Christian Record’s Lifeglow magazine ends run after decades; new large-print magazine to follow

After 29 years of serving visually impaired readers, *Lifeglow*, a bi-monthly, large-print magazine published by Christian Record Services for the Blind, concluded its successful run in mid-November.

Christian Record’s large-print magazine is receiving a new design and format treatment beginning with the January-February 2012 issue. It will become known under a new title, *Light*, according to *Lifeglow*’s editor for the last seven years, Bert Williams.

*Lifeglow*’s target audience, which will continue as *Light*’s audience, is interdenominational Christians who are legally blind, Williams explains. The majority of recipients are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a denomination that established Christian Record in 1899.

*Lifeglow* has circulation of 14,000, and as with all Christian Record’s subscription publications, the magazine is available free of charge.

Age-wise, many readers—though not all—are toward the older side of the age spectrum. This is because the majority of people who are legally blind have age-related diseases such as diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

“Senior citizens in the 21st century are a different breed than those of even 50 years ago,” he assures Williams explains that “past memories are certainly a part of their experience, but they also, to some extent, are more attuned to the times and forward-looking. The magazine’s content includes material that provide Christian encouragement, comfort, and reflection, and there are also materials intended to challenge, and contribute to personal growth.” The magazine informs its readers about disability issues, general health, and a wide array of other topics—both current and spiritual. Readers are also offered ever-popular crossword puzzles.

Recent issues of *Lifeglow* have focused on special themes. In light of the November election in the States, the September-October 2012 edition was a special issue on religious freedom. Prior to that, the July-August issue focused on themes from the Old Testament Scriptures with articles by Ray McAllister and Dexter Thomas, both of whom are serious Bible students with doctoral degrees, and both of whom are serious Bible students with doctoral degrees.

The final *Lifeglow* issue features meditations from three Christian pastors (an Adventist, a Lutheran, and an Episcopalian) on Christ’s Incarnation.

Looking at the folding machine spewing the final issues of *Lifeglow* into a ready-to-post pile, Williams observed, “I don’t have a lot of nostalgia about it, probably because by nature I tend to look ahead rather than back. Since becoming the editor I’ve just been thinking about how to make future issues the best they can be. That will certainly be our goal with the new magazine.” [Rajmund Dabrowski/CRN]