Spokane PLR Listeners Provide Water

Listeners to Positive Life Radio’s (PLR) KEEH station in Spokane, Wash., raised over $21,000 to dig two new wells in remote villages in Guatemala. The funding was to support the work of Water of Life, a group of Spokane well drillers who travel each winter, at their own expense, to Central America. Water of Life was founded in 2005 by Rod and Gary Bartholomew, father and son well drillers and church members, after drilling wells for the new campus of International Children’s Care in Guatemala. With the new wells, medical expenses dropped by 70%. Read more about this fundraiser at UCCSDA.org.

New Seminary Dean Appointed

Old Testament scholar Jiří Moskala was recently chosen to serve as the new dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He will be replacing outgoing dean Denis Fortin who announced in October 2012, that he will be returning to teaching. Moskala, who has been at the Seminary since 1996, currently serves as professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology and chair of the Department of Old Testament. Says Moskala: “My vision for the Theological Seminary is to be the light for the world and the theological resource for the church.” He will start as dean July 1, 2013. Read more at Adventist News Network.
Oakwood University Needs Your Vote

Oakwood University is in the running for a large improvement grant and needs your vote! The Home Depot is sponsoring a contest between HBCU schools titled "Retool Your School." The Campus Pride Grant will go to the school with the most votes. The contest will award a total of $195,000 in 14 different grants and will be won by a combination of votes and social media activity. With 75 schools in the running, Oakwood is in a close contest for first place with another university and could use your help. Vote daily till April 15 and share it with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #OakwoodRYS2013. Cast your vote today!

Eggs Falling at WWU

Students from Walla Walla University (WWU) participated in the 33rd annual Egg Drop, a contest sponsored by the School of Engineering. Forty-two entries of eggs encapsulated in bread, styrofoam or feathers, were thrown 40 feet off the roof of Kretschmar Hall to a target on the ground. The contest was made more challenging this year by a strong wind that blew many of the entries off course. Read more at WallaWalla.edu

March 16: Global Youth Day

Sabbath, March 16, has been scheduled as Global Youth Day and marks the beginning of Global Youth Week of Prayer. Eight million youth will be mobilized to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Learn more about this event and how your local youth can get involved. Visit the Facebook page or watch the promo video today.
Looking Ahead

March
10: SAGE Spring Banquet
15–17: Big Lake Snow Weekend
16: Global Youth Day

April
4–6: SONscreen 2013
5–6: Gays in the Family
12–14: Health Ministries Training Symposium

More Events

March
Ninety-seven percent of people who’ve never heard of Jesus live in an area of the world called the 10/40 Window, so named because it lies between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude. This month, the GLEANER looks at the work of Gospel Outreach, a Northwest ministry reaching into the 10/40 window, and the missionaries they sponsor. You don’t want to miss this glimpse and an exciting mission work. Download the issue today!
by Kathy Marson

Happy little boys in a Guatemalan village that has received a well through Water for Life.

Don Godman, radio host, (l) and well driller, Rod Bartholomew, (r) sharing the needs in Guatemala during the on-air fundraiser at Spokane's KEEH 104.9FM.

Spokane, Wash., February 20, 2013 – Spokane's Positive Life Radio – 104.9 FM hosted an on-air project in January that raised over $21,000 to dig two new wells in remote villages in Guatemala. The morning show’s Don Godman, and station chaplain, Richie Brower, hosted the four-hour fundraiser.

Water for Life is a volunteer group of local well-drillers who travel, at their own expense to Central America, each winter. Rod Bartholomew and his dad, Gary, invited listeners to support this life-giving project which they co-founded, sharing with listeners about adopting Rosita into their family, and seeing the orphans drinking from filthy ponds, The phone rang almost non-stop during the morning fundraiser keeping the phone volunteers busy.

Water for Life volunteers, Dan and Laura visited the village of La Compuerta where seven-hundred people live at the top of a dry hill in Guatemala. They learned that the nearby pond was also where their village’s cattle drank. During their visit, as they performed free dental–work for the villagers, Dan was interrupted by a woman with a child in her arms. The little girl had a fever and was listless. She was not unconscious, but she was unable to walk or do much more than hold up her hand. It seemed very possible that the little girl was dying. Dan and Laura decided to give her half a Tylenol and see if she got any better. Dan
remembered that dehydration can cause a fever and gave her a full cup of water from his water bottle along with the pill. She drank readily. They gave her another cup, and the effect was dramatic. Within 20 minutes of drinking the water she was walking around talking and laughing. Her fever was gone and she was entirely back to normal. She went from a very sick little girl, to healthy, with a drink of clean water.

Later they had a chance to talk to a lady who is a teacher in La Compuerta. They spoke about the need for drinking water. The teacher said yes, she knows and tries to encourage the people to drink, but when she tells them to drink, they reply, “If we drink the water we will die.”

Now, thanks to the help of Water for Life, these parents will see their little children grow up because of pure sources of water! Villagers will also have the chance to receive the Living Water, for Water For Life presents the gospel to the villagers while the wells are being drilled.

KEEH Manager Darin Patzer shared his reason for partnering with Water for Life, “When you learn that every day 15,000 people on earth die, simply due to a lack of clean water, you realize this is an issue that our loving God must really care about. These are His precious little children. He puts on your heart that we each have a small part to play as stewards of the blessings He has given. An exciting lesson is that the more we give, the more He can pour through us!”

Water for Life was founded in Spokane in 2005 as a non-profit organization, with the goal of digging wells in rural villages in Guatemala. Water for Life hopes to expand their efforts and help many more remote villages in Central America. To learn more about Water for Life, or to make a gift, you can visit their website at: www.guatemalawells.org.
Moskala appointed dean of Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews – Adventist News Network

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Keri Suarez

Old Testament scholar Jiří Moskala was chosen yesterday to serve as dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, located in the U.S. state of Michigan.

Moskala, who has served at the Seminary since 1996, will fill the role held by current dean Denis Fortin, who last October announced his intention to return to fulltime teaching at the seminary by this autumn.

Old Testament scholar and Czech native Jiří Moskala will lead the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Michigan. He was appointed yesterday by the university's board of trustees. [photo: Darren Heslop]

Moskala currently serves as professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology and chair of the Department of Old Testament. His new appointment is effective July 1.

“Dr. Moskala is a fine academic scholar and very loyal to the church. I don’t know anyone who can question his commitment to the mission and values that we stand for,” said Ben Schoun, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees and a general vice president of the Adventist world church.

Of his appointment, Moskala said, “My vision for the Theological Seminary is to be the light for the world and the theological resource for the church. We are here to serve the worldwide church in various capacities to prepare future church leaders to work and deal
with different challenges in order to proclaim the eternal Gospel with conviction, urgency and passion, make a difference for good, and prepare people for the soon second coming of Jesus.”

The seminary dean is a member of the The Adventist world church’s International Board of Theological and Ministerial Education, the North American Division Executive Committee, and the North American Division Board of Theological and Ministerial Education. Additionally, the dean works closely with leadership from both the Adventist church’s North American Division and the world church headquarters.

Schoun said the seminary also acts as a think-tank for the Adventist Church. “For those of us in church leadership who are out encouraging the work on the ground to go forward, it’s nice to get the council of the thinkers who are here at the seminary.”

Seventh-day Adventist world church president Ted N. C. Wilson said Moskala comes from a “strong biblical and mission-oriented background.”

“He and his family are very focused on the tremendous task the Lord has given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and out of that grows his passion for the educational process and mission of the church,” Wilson said. “It is a blessing to have someone like that heading the seminary, keeping in front of many theological students, not only the academic side, which is very important, but also the practical mission side as we approach Christ's soon coming.”

A native of the Czech Republic, Moskala received a Master of Theology in 1979 and a Doctor of Theology in 1990, both from the Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology (now Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University). In 1998, he completed his Doctor of Philosophy from Andrews University.

Moskala began his ministry as a pastor for the Czecho-Slovakian Union, serving in this capacity until 1989. When the Communist regime fell after the Velvet Revolution, he established and served as the first principal of the Theological Seminary in Prague. Moskala has also served as director of the Life and Health Society, Education Department and Health Department for the Czecho-Slovakian Union.

Moskala has served as a speaker for many Bible conferences and theological symposia in all 13 divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he has lectured at Adventist universities and colleges around the world.

He is a member of various theological societies including the Adventist Society for Religious
Studies, Adventist Theological Society, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, Society of Biblical Literature, and Society of Christian Ethics. Moskala has authored or edited a number of articles and books in both Czech and English. In addition, he has participated in several archaeological expeditions in Tall Jalul, Jordan.

The seminary’s mission is to prepare ministers and teachers for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It offers several master’s degrees and five doctoral programs: Doctor of Ministry; Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical & Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, Religion, and Religious Education; and Doctor of Theology.

Andrews is an institution of both the North American Division and the Adventist Church world headquarters, which means that it serves a broad constituency beyond its own division. Two other university seminaries are also institutions of the world church headquarters: the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies, located in the Philippines, and Adventist University of Africa, located in Kenya.

Education

While Adventists advocated primary education for children as early as the 1850s, it wasn’t until the 1870s that the then fledgling Adventist Church began to develop a denominationally-based school system. Adventists believe in the redemptive purpose of education. Adventist educators focus not only on intellectual growth, but also on mental, physical, social and spiritual health.

Statistics

- 1.7 million students study in the Adventist school system
- The church operates three medical schools in the United States, Mexico and Argentina
- Brazil and Nigeria are home to the church’s two law schools
- The church operates 112 colleges and universities, almost 2,000 secondary schools and about 6,000 elementary schools worldwide

Recent Photos
Students Threw Encapsulated Eggs Off the Roof of Kretschmar Hall

By: Taylor Sarrafian

Participants show off their entry

Place a raw egg in a loaf of bread, throw it off a 40-foot building, and you may come close to the feats of physics performed in the 33rd Annual Egg Drop. The contest was sponsored by the Edward F. Cross School of Engineering as part of Engineers' Week.

Participants included elementary through college students. Entries were judged by a number of criteria including number of parts, distance from the target, weight of the egg vessel, and how well the egg survived.

A changing wind made the feat much more difficult than anticipated, causing quite a few of the 42 entries to be blown off course.

Paddy McCoy, Walla Walla University chaplain, served as Master of Ceremonies and highlighted the most interesting entries of the afternoon. Balloons, boxes, stuffed-animals, and peanut butter jars were just a few of the vessels that protected eggs on their descents toward concrete and grass. Though there were great expectations for Howie Heaton's 'Pillow-Belt,' the entry titled 'Great Ball of Fire' took the show.

Engineering students Katie Sweezy, Carlos Flores, and Marti Phillips created the winning entry, which landed near the target. Their design consisted of a hemisphere of styrofoam, forest foam, string, and kabob skewers. In order to counteract the wind and maximize the accuracy of the throw, their group soaked the forest foam in water.

When asked about the development of the project, Phillips replied, "Design was most of it, it only took us two hours to put it together; construction and testing and everything."