This Week: WWU Team Leads Out in Thailand Camp; Another Successful Summer for Sidewalk Kids Hour; and more!

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WWU Team Leads Out in Thailand
For the ninth year, Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Walla Walla University professor of biblical studies and missiology, led a group of students and supervisors on a mission trip to Thailand during August. Group members were the main leaders of an English camp for 200 seventh-graders at Muak Lek High School in Saraburi Province. They also conducted a Vacation Bible School, and helped with farm work on the campus of Asia Pacific International University. Beyond the mission work, the group enjoyed elephant rides, a food festival and cultural performances.

Browse an online gallery of photos from this mission endeavor.
Another Successful Summer for Sidewalk Kids Hour

Each summer, the Orchards Church in Vancouver, Wash., sponsors Sidewalk Kids Hour, a city park ministry designed and produced by Adventist youth. This summer’s efforts found the outreach at three area parks each week. Attendance at each site often surpassed 100 children from the surrounding community, plus parents and staff for the dramatic presentation, music, games and even a full meal. View a pictorial gallery of photos from this summer’s outreach on the Sidewalk Kids Hour Facebook page.

My Way to Jesus

The North American Division has created an online site designed especially for seekers. Among other items, the site features a “Did you know?” series of 28 90-second videos that explore Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. Each video is presented by a church member who shares how the belief relates to real life, either through a story or concept to which everyone, including those who are not religious, can relate. The videos portray Adventist beliefs in a deeply personal manner. This site is a new tool and opportunity to reach and teach new believers. Visit MyWaytoJesus.com.

Adventist Education Documentary to Air on PBS

A new documentary film from Martin Doblmeier will air nationally on the Public Broadcasting System early in 2014. Entitled The Blueprint: the Story of Adventist Education, the film is expected to premier this fall in a series of special screenings for members in North America. The film highlights schools across the country which endeavor to meet the unique needs of large cities and rural communities. It includes comments from experienced educators from both the church and the public sector. This is the latest effort from Doblmeier who is well-known for his previous films, The Adventists and The Adventists 2. Watch a preview of The Blueprint from Journey Films.
What's Not to Like About FREE?
It’s a new and dynamic way to learn and be inspired. And it’s FREE. The Virtual Festival of the Laity, Sept. 11–14, will be available to anyone with Internet access. Sabbath School and Personal Ministries seminars will be offered in both Spanish and English. Prison Ministries seminars will be in English only. You’ll want to check out Virtual Festival of the Laity.

Learn How to Share Your Vision
A FREE one-day “Shine the Light” training event is being hosted by Project Patch for those individuals in local churches and church-related organizations who seek to communicate their mission to the public sector. The workshop will feature communication professionals teaching how to best use traditional print or news media, understanding social media, public relations and advertising, and how to share the best stories from your staff and clients. The Sept. 19 event will be hosted at the Project Patch Family Life and Conferencing Center in Goldendale, Wash. Go online for more information and to register.

Pastors Need Encouragement Too
Have you complimented your pastor lately? A recent study by Duke Divinity School found that demands placed on clergy by themselves and others put pastors at far greater risk for depression than individuals with other occupations. Read more about the results of this study online.
Looking Ahead

September

7–8: Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting
13–15: Bellevue Church 50th Anniversary
27–29: Montana Men's Summit
27–28: DiscipleShip
27–28: Native American Camp Meeting
28: Heritage Singers Concert & Prayer Rally

More Events

A new General Conference-sponsored project will communicate principles of The Great Controversy through social media. The Record Keeper, a web-based video series, is scheduled to be made public by early 2014. Go behind the scenes in an exclusive interview with series producers in the September GLEANER.
A new study released by Duke Divinity School suggests that members of the clergy are at "far greater risk" for depression than people in other occupations.

Job stress, including grief counseling, navigating congregational demands and preaching, was a leading factor.

The Clergy Health Initiative 2008 study compared the mental health of 1,726 United Methodist pastors in North Carolina with a representative sample of Americans. The depression rate among clergy interviewed on the phone was 8.7 percent.

Among those taking the survey online or on paper, the rate of depression was higher, 11.1 percent, double the national rate of 5.5 percent. Anxiety rates among clergy were 13.5 percent. More than 7 percent said they experience depression and anxiety at the same time.

Factors that seem to be "powerful predictors" of depression and anxiety included preaching a weekly sermon that opens clergy up to criticism.

Switching rapidly between roles seems to exacerbate stress, along with guilt about not working hard enough and doubts about their call to ministry.

Pastors with less social support reported feeling socially isolated and were at higher risk for depression.

Details of the study are available online.

-- Nancy Haught
Study finds clergy at greater risk for depression, anxiety

http://blog.oregonlive.com/living_impact/print.html?entry=/2013/08/stu...
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**Distraction Dilemma-Exposing Distractions & Dangers in Music Seminar**

Christian Berdahl, Shepherd’s Call Ministry director, will be featured in a free 6-week video presentation at the Castle Rock Church each Tuesday starting Aug. 6 through Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. The series title is “Distraction Dilemma-Exposing Distractions & Dangers in Music.” To conclude the series, Christian Berdahl will speak in person Sept. 27 & 28. Following the last presentation on the 28th, there will be a fellowship dinner and a sacred concert by Christian Berdahl. To register or for more details, call 509-527-2800 or go to www.wwuchurch.org.

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**Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting**

Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting, single-minded focus in a world of distractions, Friday night and all day Sabbath with programs for all ages. Speakers include: Paddy McCoy, Troy Fitzgerald, Paul Dybdahl, Emily Whitney, Kris Loewen and Dave Thomas. For more details, call 509-527-2800 or go to www.wwuchurch.org.

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**Bellevue Church 50th Anniversary**

The Bellevue Church is planning a big 50th year anniversary and homecoming weekend. Former members are especially invited to celebrate a full weekend of events. The Bellevue Church is looking for charter and former members. Please join us at the Bellevue Church. For more information, check the church website at bellevueadventist.org, or email Beverly Riter at beverlyriter@gmail.com.

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**“Stroller-thon” & Walk!**

Tri-Cities Diaper Bank sponsors “Stroller-thon” & Walk! Come join the fun with friends, family and representatives of local service organizations as we walk to raise awareness of the need for diapers for disadvantaged children. This event will be come-and-go, with fun activities for kids! Admission is free although diaper donations are always welcome. Feel free to get creative and decorate your stroller, wagon, etc. … or just come and walk with us for a good cause! Everyone welcome (strollers optional)…

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**Coronary Health Presentation**

Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, MD, one of the doctors featured in Forks over Knives, with his wife, Ann, will be speaking in Walla Walla, Wash., at Whitman College campus at Cordiner Hall. The presentation, titled Making Yourself Heart Attack Proof-Ending the Coronary Disease Epidemic, will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by a Q and A. Come and learn, free of charge, from the co-authors of Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease, which was on the New York Times bestsellers list. More information…

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**Depression the Way Out DVD series**
Depression the Way Out DVD series with Neil Nedley, M.D. is once again coming to Castle Rock Church. Over the last three years, people have really been helped with their depression and anxiety through this program. The free introduction DVD will be shown Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Rock Church. The class is an 8-part DVD series featuring Dr. Nedley, followed by a breakout sessions. The class begins Oct. 1, and continues each Tuesday evening through Nov. 19.…

**The Jesus Dialogue Series**

The Jesus Dialogue, a series of presentations by author and speaker Herb Montgomery, at the La Grande Senior Center, sponsored by the La Grande Church. Mahatma Gandhi once said, “I like your Christ but why are your Christians so unlike your Christ.” In the fourth century, Christianity, in significant ways, laid aside the ethics of Jesus, its founder. Much good, but also much abuse has been done in Jesus’ name since. The ethical teachings of Jesus are still calling to us. Jesus gave us a way…

**Let’s Move Day**

Help us reach our 2 million mile goal! Whether you host a 5K run/walk, join a community event, or organize other activities, consider how your team can involve as many people as possible in physical activity. Invite your community to join your church, school or hospital as we move together and promote a healthier lifestyle. Find resources, information and register at www.AdventistsInStepForLife.org.

**Montana Men’s Summit**

The Montana Men’s Summit’s speaker is Dick Duerksen. The Montana Men’s Chorus is scheduled to perform and all men who like to sing are encouraged to participate. If you play a string or reed instrument bring it and enjoy contributing to the music. Register before Sept. 1 to pay $10 less ($65 for double occupancy, $85 single occupancy, $35 meals and meetings). For the brochure and registration form, go to Montana Conference website and click on Men’s Ministry Tab. Make checks payable to: The Montana Conference of…

**Tri-City Jr. Academy 50th Homecoming**

A grand 50th Homecoming weekend is planned. All former students, staff and friends are invited to celebrate with us. Please meet at the school. For more information, check our Facebook page, Tri-City Jr. Academy Alumni or email Suzanne Shephard Swisher at swisherinteriors@juno.com.

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