AWR Upgrade Strengthens Signal

Adventist News Network reports that a multi-million dollar upgrade dedicated last week at Adventist World Radio’s (AWR) flagship studio in Guam will broaden the scope of the radio ministry’s outreach across Asia. The $2.9 million upgrade features a new 229-foot radio tower and a high-frequency curtain antenna designed for even greater long-distance transmission. The upgrade allows AWR to transmit simultaneous broadcasts, reaching listeners in multiple countries during their respective peak listening times. It also will allow listeners in key countries such as China and North Korea to receive better-quality signals and tune in to prime time broadcasts simultaneously. Previously, the studio was only able to broadcast during prime time in one country or time zone at a time. Read more from the Adventist News Network.

WWU Reaps Accolades

Two different entities have ranked Walla Walla University as one of the best universities in the West. The 2014 edition of U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges places WWU 38 out of 90 schools in the top tier of “Regional Universities — West.” This moves WWU up five spots from its ranking of 43 last year. This latest ranking follows the recent report from the Princeton Review, which named WWU one of the “2014 Best Colleges: Region to Region.” WWU earned a rating of 89 in the western region’s “Best in the West” category. Read more from Walla Walla University.

Clayville Succumbs to Cancer

Douglas Clayville, pastor of the Dallas and Falls City churches, and Northwest Religious Liberty Association (NRLA) vice president for Oregon, died Tuesday evening after a battle with metastatic melanoma. Clayville had served as a missionary for many years. In recent years he worked closely with Greg Hamilton, NRLA president, and other
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legislative partners in a successful bid to encourage the Oregon legislature to enact the Workplace Religious Freedom Act. He also partnered with Hamilton to lobby for the repeal of Oregon’s prohibition of religious garb worn by teachers in public schools. A memorial service will be held at the East Salem Church on Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Pray for Seattle on September 28

Adventist world church leaders have encouraged members to reach out to every major city around the globe. Our first Northwest focus is Seattle, and the effort is already underway. More than 1.2 million handbills have entered Seattle-area homes. More than 60 churches throughout the city and neighboring communities will begin 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings on Oct. 4. Each member and church in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington is urged join with the Matthew 18 principle: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name ..." Pray specifically for this outreach on Sabbath, Sept. 28. Read more about how you can be a productive part of the Northwest Prayer Team.

Adventist Medical Center Gets Platinum

Adventist Medical Center — Portland (AMC) has received the Platinum Performance Achievement Award for the second straight year from the National Cardiovascular Data Registry. The award recognizes the hospital’s Northwest Regional Heart Center for maintaining a 90 percent performance rate or better for eight consecutive quarters. AMC has also been recognized by HealthGrades as a 5-Star hospital for gynecologic surgery for the third consecutive year. In other news, the 18th Annual Golf Benefit hosted by the AMC foundation, raised more than $107,000 to benefit the Family Birth Place and efforts to be designated as a Baby-Friendly Hospital.

September 11 and a Final End to Suffering

In the aftermath of Sept. 11 commemorations, it is helpful to point our friends and neighbors to God’s promise of an eternal end to suffering and death. As part of the series of
Wouldn't You Really Like to Go?
Join the 2014 Great Controversy Tour with hosts Gerard and Laurel Damsteegt as they retrace the Adventist heritage in Europe from its roots in early Christianity, through the Dark Ages, to the Reformation. The tour runs March 28–April 10, 2014 and includes visits to Rome, Siena, Ravenna, the Waldensian valleys in Italy, Geneva, Zurich and Paris. Registration fee includes hotel costs, two vegetarian meals per day and entrance fees to museums and other points of interest. Space is limited, so make your plans soon. Read more online at npuc.org.

Large Mission, Small Budget ... FREE Webinar
Whether you're the pastor or lay leader of a small church, an independent ministry, or an individual member with a message to share — how are you going to get people's attention? Your mission is large, but the budget is small. Chip Dizard and Rich DuBose invite you to check out their free webinar on doing ministry on a small budget. It all happens 7–8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16. Register today.
**September**

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

More Events

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**September**

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.

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Upgrades turn up the volume on Adventist radio ministry

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ANN staff, with reporting by Shelley Nolan Freesland

A multi-million dollar upgrade dedicated last week at Adventist World Radio’s flagship studio in Guam will broaden the scope of the radio ministry’s outreach across Asia, administrators say.

The new high-frequency curtain antenna at Adventist World Radio’s flagship studio in Guam will broaden the ministry’s reach in Asia. The antenna is part of a $2.9 million studio upgrade dedicated last week.

The $2.9 million upgrade features a new radio tower and a high-frequency curtain antenna designed for even greater long-distance transmission. The antenna allows Adventist World Radio to transmit simultaneous broadcasts, reaching listeners in multiple countries during their respective peak listening times. It also gives the radio ministry arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church options to shift scheduling.

“God wants us to ask for miracles. He wants us to ask for something extraordinary. As we stand here today underneath all of this infrastructure, we can truly say that this is an answer to prayer,” Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson said at the dedication ceremony.

The first phase of the update, which was completed last year, included the relocation of one of the existing towers to accommodate the new antenna. The second phase involved pouring 820 pounds of concrete to ground the new 229-foot radio tower.

AWR officials called the update “crucial,” allowing listeners in key countries such as China and North Korea to receive better-quality signals and tune in to prime time broadcasts simultaneously. Previously, the studio was only able to broadcast during prime time in one country or time zone at a time.

Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson speaks at the dedication ceremony in Guam last week. Wilson’s father, the late Neal C. Wilson, was instrumental in establishing Adventist World Radio during his administration and cut the ribbon when the studio was first dedicated in 1987.

The governor of Guam, Eddie Baza Calvo, spoke at the ceremony and recognized the significance of the Adventist Church’s radio ministry. “What greater mission can any human being or any enterprise have than to spread the good news?” he said.

The dedication ceremony was held directly on the antenna field at the base of the newest tower, giving attendees a first-hand look at the results of the two-year project. Typically, such a project would take five years to complete, AWR officials said.

Brook Powers, chief engineer for AWR Guam, said he “saw the hand of God leading in this project,” which he said hinged on a small team of workers, “an incredible amount of equipment and a whole lot of blessings from God.”

AWR President Dowell Chow expressed appreciation for the construction team and the “many generous donors” who contributed to the project. “We thank them many times over for the passion and commitment they continue to show for AWR’s ministry and for carrying the voice of hope to the hardest-to-reach people of the world,” he said.

The studio in Guam currently offers programs on health, family and spiritual life in 34 languages across Asia, reaching a potential audience of 3.5 billion in countries such as China, North Korea, Myanmar and Vietnam, where traditional outreach is difficult. The studio has operated for 26 years.

Worldwide, AWR broadcasts programs in nearly 100 languages through shortwave and AM/FM radio, on demand and through podcasts.
Adventist World Radio

The mission radio arm of the church, AWR broadcasts the Adventist hope in Christ to the hardest-to-reach people groups of the world in more than 80 languages. Radio overcomes the barriers of government restrictions, cultural opposition, illiteracy and geography. AWR transmits programs through shortwave radio, national radio networks, local FM stations, on demand and podcasts.

- AWR broadcasts in more than 80 languages
- Producers in about 75 studios worldwide work with AWR
- AWR broadcasts programming unique to each region and culture
- More than 100,000 listeners write, call and email AWR every year

Recent Photos
WWU Named by Princeton Review as “Best in the West” 2014

By: Rachel Wood

WWU among 2014’s best colleges in the west.

Walla Walla University has been named by the Princeton Review as one of the “2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region.” As one of the 124 institutions included in the western region’s “Best in the West” category, WWU has earned a rating of 89.

Of the 2,500 four-year colleges in America, only 643 of them were named to the “2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region” lists.

The Princeton Review surveys and rates each four-year college by comparing them against standards based on academic excellence and feedback from the students. Colleges are chosen from four different regions across the United States: the West, Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast. The ratings score ranges from 60-99.

The Princeton Review collected the data by cooperating with each school’s administration to survey the student body. This information was collected efficiently and securely through online surveys that asked the student a variety of questions about their experiences on that campus.

To view the “2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region” details, see www.princetonreview.com

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Northwest Day of Prayer

Sabbath, September 28

Imagine nearly 100,000 Northwest Adventists praying together for one purpose. You are invited to join this Northwest-wide prayer team on September 28 to pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on Reach Seattle Metro and its guests, speakers, volunteers and churches.

The effort to reach our largest Northwest city for Jesus is underway. More than 1.2 million handbills have entered Seattle-area homes. More than 60 churches throughout the city and neighboring communities will begin 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings on October 4. Your prayers are valued!

Let’s join together in prayer for Reach Seattle Metro on September 28 and throughout October.
What, Who, Why and How

npuc.org/prayer/background

What is behind this Reach Seattle Metro effort?

President Ted N.C. Wilson has challenged our world church to strategically plan how to reach urban areas with messages about Jesus. The North American Division has in turn asked each union territory to identify its largest city and focus evangelism activities in that region during 2013. The Seattle metro area — with more than 5 million residents in western Washington — represents the largest population area in the Pacific Northwest.

Hence, to help fulfill our world church strategy in our region, the North Pacific Union Conference is encouraging all Northwest members to pray for Reach Seattle Metro. During this initiative, 64 western Washington churches will be working together to present 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings, all starting on or around October 4, 2013. The goal is to help seminar attendees understand more about Bible prophecy and how God cares for each person.

Leading up to October 4, Adventist members in western Washington are participating in 40 days of prayer. In addition, 1.2 million invitations have been sent to Seattle metro households. A multi-media campaign is inviting people to visit unlockprophecy.com to find a seminar location closest to them.

So how do we get involved as members around the Northwest?

We urge each member and church family to set aside Sabbath, September 28, for a day of prayer on behalf of Reach Seattle Metro. And you can keep praying for this special public outreach which will continue throughout October. We invite you to pray for …

- an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform lives,
- the health and protection of speakers and volunteers at each location,
- each church in fostering a welcoming, relational environment,
- each church in realizing new conversions, inactive members reunited and God’s kingdom growing, and
- each church and each member in experiencing the blessing of revival.

Pastors … consider holding a special prayer segment for Reach Seattle Metro during your church service or other church-related event on Sept. 28. Or, if that is impossible, personally encourage your leaders and members to make time in prayer during Sabbath School class or at home.

You or your church can download a bulletin insert master to be copied and inserted on a Sabbath before and/or on the September 28 date.

So why should each Northwest member get involved?

It’s no secret that each of us feels lifted when we know others are praying for us. The biblical injunction from Matthew 18 “where two or three are gathered together in My name” is a spiritual principle we can all claim. Seattle may not be your home town, but it is the largest city in our North Pacific Union Conference territory. It’s a sacred privilege for each of us to “gather together” wherever we are on September 28 to lift up our Washington Conference leaders, pastors, members and churches as they prepare to reach out to the most populated area of the Northwest. In doing so, we will truly be a Northwest Prayer Team.

Suggested Church Bulletin announcement

Join other members in a Day of Prayer, Sabbath, Sept. 28, specifically for Reach Seattle Metro, a special outreach to the largest populated area within the Northwest. More than 60 churches throughout greater Seattle area will begin this public ministry on Oct. 4. Your prayers are needed! Find out more at npuc.org/prayer
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Day of Prayer — September 28, 2013
You are invited to join in Reach Seattle Metro. The Northwest Adventist family is invited to set aside September 28 for a Day of Prayer and to pray for Reach Seattle Metro throughout October. Wherever you are in the Pacific Northwest (or beyond), please dedicate this day to praying for Reach Seattle Metro.

Join the Northwest Prayer Team in praying for:
1. An abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and ministries.
2. The health and protection of speakers.
3. Each church to foster a relational, friendly and accepting environment.
4. Each church to see an increase of people baptized, inactive members reuniting, people attending, and God’s kingdom growing.
5. Each church to experience the blessing of revival.

Unlocking Prophecy / Rethink Prophecy — October 4, 2013
The Unlocking Prophecy and Rethink Prophecy seminars are open to the community to attend. You are welcome to invite your friends in western Washington to attend a free seminar. Seminar styles and presenters will vary from site to site. Seminars will be presented in English, Spanish, Korean and Russian (based on their respective locations). Each seminar will present Bible-based, multimedia presentations. Some sites will be offering programming for children. A list of locations is available at unlockprophecy.com.
Retrace the Adventist Heritage in Europe

Join tour hosts Dr. P. Gerard Damsteegt and Laurel Damsteegt to retrace the Adventist heritage in Europe from its roots in Early Christianity, through the Dark Ages, to the Reformation. The tour runs March 28 – April 10, 2014. See the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive!

Highlights include:

- Visits to:
  - Rome, Siena, Ravenna, Canossa, Parma, Torre Pellice, and the Waldensian Valleys in Italy
  - Geneva, Kappel, and Zurich Switzerland
  - Konstanz, Speyer and Worms Germany
  - Rheim and Paris France

- Registration includes:
  - Hotel
  - Two vegetarian meals per day
  - Entrance fees to museums and sites
  - Air-conditioned deluxe coach
  - Great Controversy Revisited study guide
  - Use of audio receiver and earphones to help hear tour guide better

- Tour cost: $2995

For information, contact Sue Patzer by email or call 360-857-7031. Download the registration packet.
Upcoming Events | GleanerOnline.org

August 2013

**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…

Find out more »

September 2013

**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.

Find out more »

**“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)…

Find out more »

**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.…

Find out more »

**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…

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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.

Find out more »

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…

Find out more »

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.

Find out more »

DiscipleShip

DiscipleShip, a children’s and youth ministries event. Who should attend? Parents, grandparents, educators, Sabbath school leaders and all who are passionate about our youth people. Keynote speaker is Manny Cruz. Information and registration at www.uccsda.org/children.

Find out more »