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Job 38:29–30 (NIV)

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As I write this editorial, I am in the midst of the Christ 2004 evangelistic series. It is an experiment—a multicultural experience. Anglo and Hispanic churches in the Forest Grove and Hillsboro, Oregon, areas have teamed together to share Christ in the context of our unique apocalyptic message.

Preaching a series of meetings is not a part of my usual job description. The facts are that not too many years ago I was rather cynical about church leaders taking time off from their “regular jobs” to do evangelism. But then I got involved in our annual NPUC short-term mission trips. I decided if we spent as much time and energy doing evangelism in the U.S., we might get some results here, too.

And so with a great team of lay members, pastors, Bible workers, Mission College students, and conference and union leaders we began planning, working, and praying for success.

We won’t see thousands baptized, but we are experiencing baptisms. Hundreds of guests have attended. Many are stepping inside an Adventist church for the first time, and they are making eternal decisions.

I wish you could have seen one of our members as she excitedly shook my hand after the sermon about baptism. She said that her (adult) daughter had taken her stand that night. A few nights after the Sabbath sermon, the same member told me that her sister had raised her hand on that particular night. Her joy was obvious.

Additionally, there is a significant impact on all of us who know this message and sometimes take it for granted. As one long-time member told me last night, these meetings have “made Jesus real to me.”

As I’ve thought about that comment, I’ve realized again how Christ-centered, biblically based, and logical our beliefs are. It’s good to periodically revisit them over a short period of time. This way, we see that there is indeed a “golden thread” that runs through all of them, as Ellen G. White once said. One cannot merely choose a belief from a set of separate and distinct doctrines; they are all interdependent, woven through with the salvation earned for us by Jesus Christ.

Yes, we don’t see huge numbers responding in America, but I can testify, as will hundreds of my new friends, that there is power in the last-day message God has given this church—whatever language it’s preached in, including Spanish—and even English.
Unscramble THE LETTERS IN EACH WORD to discover THE PASSAGE.

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2. ROF SA EHT VNHHEA SI IHHG VOEBA EHT TRHEA, OS TRGEA SI SIH YRMEC WTRODA TMHE TTHA RFEE MIH. SA RFA SA EHT TSEA SI ROMF EHT WTSE, OS RFA THHA EH VROMEEE URO TSSSRRONNIGEA ROMF SU. LKIE SA A TRHFEA TPTIIHE SIH RNLHEDC, OS EHT ROLD TPTIIHE TMHE TTHA RFEE MIH.

3. NDA WOH I TPKE KCBA TONNIHG TTHA WSA TRPOLIFEBAA UTON YUO, UTB VHEA WSOHED

4. YUO, NDA VHEA UUTHGA YUO YUPLLLICB, NDA ROMF USOHE OT USOH, YTTNSIGFE TOHB OT EHT WSJE, NDA SOLA OT EHT SRKGE, TRPNREEECA WTRODA OGD, NDA TTHA WTRODA URO ROLD USSJE TSRIHC.

5. OLHEDB, WTHA RNNMEA FO VOLE EHT TRHFEA THHA WTSOEEDD NOPU SU, THHA EW USOLHD EB LLEDCA EHT SSON FO OGD: TRROHFEEN EHT WROLD WTONKHE SU TON, USEECBA TI WNKE MIH TON.

6. YMA EB LEBA OT TROOMFC TMHE WIHHC REA NI YNA UTOLEB, YB EHT TROOMFC WWTRIIEHE EW VUSSROLEE REA TROOMFEC FO OGD.

7. NDA EHT ROLD RPPEEDEAA UTON RMBAA, NDA SIDA, UTON YTH DEES WLLI I VIGE TSIIH NLDA: NDA TRHEE ULEEDDB EH NA TRLAA UTON EHT ROLD, WOH RPPEEDEAA UTON MIH.

8. I WOKN TOHB WOH OT EB SEDBAA, NDA I WOKN WOH OT UONDBA: YVREE WHEE NDA NI LLA TSNIHG I MA UTTSRNIEDC TOHB OT EB ULLF NDA OT EB YURNHG, TOHB OT UONDBA NDA OT USRFFE DEEN. I NCA OD LLA TSNIHG UTROHHG TSRIHC WIHHC TTTSRRNHHGEEE EM.

9. ROF EY WOKN EHT RGECA FO URO ROLD USSJE TSRIHC, TTHA, UTOHHEG EW WSA RIHC, YTE ROF YURO SSSKEA EH MEERCA RPOO, TTHA EY UTROHHG SIH YYTRPOE TMIHG EB RIHC.

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Tom James is the pastor of the Centralia Church in the Washington Conference. As a builder in Vancouver, Washington, prior to becoming a pastor, he started several construction businesses. He was also a charter member of the Orchards Church in Vancouver, serving as an elder there.

Tom got his first taste of evangelism in 1981 when Al Oetman, then the Orchards Church pastor, asked each elder to preach an evangelistic sermon for a series at the church and Tom agreed to be one of the speakers. Tom soon found himself spending more time doing church work than working in his business. Feeling a call to the ministry, he moved his young family to College Place, Washington, so he could pursue pastoral studies at Walla Walla College. He began his pastoral work in the Washington Conference in September 1985.

In Centralia Tom tries to have reaping meetings at least once each year. “Local evangelism helps the pastor appreciate how hard it is for a human being to change,” he says. “Any change that takes place is a direct miracle.”

He is convinced that evangelism is a process, not an event. “This is where the church family can make a difference by building friendships and relationships that help cement the long-term changes that people must make,” he states. “Even if they are not baptized during the meetings, it is so important that we keep working with them, encouraging them, and working with the Holy Spirit to bring them to a position of making a decision.”

And when people do make decisions for Jesus, it makes all the difference in their lives.

Tom Hancock

Tom Hancock is a cook. He has spent the last 14 years working in bars and restaurants and generally living a Godless lifestyle. Even though God was not a part of his life, he did feel that he wanted a better life.

When he was working as a manager for Denny’s Restaurant in the Spokane area, he hired Amy Criswell, a Countryside Church member. “Early on, I saw something different in her,” he says. “She exuded the love of Jesus and did not hide it.”

Amy asked Tom to go with her to Bible studies, but he gave excuses. However, during the slow times on the graveyard shift they
would talk, and the things she told him began to make sense.

Since Amy was planning to work for a short time only to help the family catch up on some bills, she turned in her resignation. Just before she left, Tom agreed to take Bible studies. Genuinely excited, she gathered her mother, sister and brother-in-law together to start Bible studies in her home. Tom read books, watched sermons, and studied. He was hungry for the Word, although it did take some time for him to become convicted about the Sabbath.

One Sunday while watching a tape, he started to see the logic of the Sabbath. That night the Lord impressed him that there were three things he needed to do. He was to step down from his management position and become a cook in order to have a schedule that would allow him to have Sabbaths off. And most important, he was to preach the Word.

Baptized in October 2003, Tom now works at Denny’s two nights a week. He is studying with three of the dishwashers, and several others at Denny’s are inquiring about Bible studies. They all knew and respected Amy and they can see the change in Tom, who has started preaching in Spokane area churches.

He describes the difference that becoming a Christian has made in his life with one word: peace. He knows that his life is in God’s hands. “I’m still a babe in the woods but I am growing awfully fast,” he says with a smile.

Her husband, Rob, the fire marshal for Chelan County, had had only minimal contact with the Adventist Church. Then during the Doug Batchelor satellite series NET ’99, Gayle called the church and asked to borrow the NET ’99 tapes. After they watched them together, it was Christmastime, and Rob joined her at church. They started Amazing Facts Bible studies in January. Wanting more, she went online and completed 53 Bible studies in about three weeks. Gayle knew that she needed to be rebaptized, but waited until Rob made his decision. On April 8, 2000, their seventh anniversary, they were baptized together.

“This life is exhilarating,” she says, “It is filled with peace; it is stress free; I’m at peace and at rest.” An active person, Gayle is the head elder and acting lay pastor of the Leavenworth Church, a full-time Bible worker, and a full-time student in the Atlantic Union College adult degree program with a triple major. She is also an online Discover Bible school instructor.

She says she has a lovely husband that she likes to look after, along with two of their three children who are living with them. “The Lord has me incredibly occupied in ministry, but He gives me the energy and strength to do all these things.” She loves the Lord and wants everyone else to know about Him. “There is nothing more fulfilling than watching people give their hearts to the Lord and having the privilege of being a part of it. I do not want to do anything else.”

**“I’m still a babe in the woods but I am growing awfully fast.”**

A manager for Denny’s in Spokane, Tom Hancock hired Amy Criswell, a Countryside Church member as a waitress. Amy shared her faith with Tom, and he was baptized in October 2003.
If every Adventist church had a yearly soul-winning plan? Like Wenatchee, Washington’s Abundant Life Church where the church board organized two six-month cycles, each of which included a week of prayer and fasting, outreach activities, Bible studies, a reaping meeting organized by lay members, and discipleship of new members and interests.

Like the Kelso-Longview, Washington, church, where Pastor Dave Livermore and team mobilize members in small groups using the “free market groups” concept, followed by a public evangelistic series.

Like the Caldwell, Idaho, church where Pastor Brian Yeager, Positive Life Radio chaplain, invites listeners to a variety of outreach activities that lead to Bible studies, baptism, and church membership.

If every pastor trained a few church members to give Bible studies? Like Donovan Kack, Libby (Montana) Church pastor, who taught church members to give Bible studies to neighbors and friends. Seventeen members gave Bible studies, resulting in 22 baptisms at the next evangelistic series.

If pastors and conference leaders in major metro areas prayed that God would build new churches in their cities? Like Sao Paulo, Brazil, where there are 750 churches in five conferences. The current plan is to establish an Adventist church within 200 meters of any location in the city.

If every Adventist church with more than 300 members developed a plan to plant a new church? Like the Pleasant Valley Church in the Portland area, where Pastor George Gainer’s team is planning to multiply God’s work in Clackamas County by releasing members to add new points of contact in the community.

If pastors and church leaders in metro areas worked together to coordinate public evangelism and soul-winning? Like Anchorage, Alaska, where Adventist churches held public meetings with evangelist Leo Schrevin, resulting in more than 80 baptisms. Like the six churches in the Forest Grove/ Hillsboro, Oregon, area working with the Oregon Conference and North Pacific Union staff in bi-lingual, bi-cultural evangelistic meetings. Like the pastors and churches of Spokane, Washington, who united to participate in the Jac and ‘dena Colon reaping meetings.

If every Adventist elementary school had a soul-winning plan? Like Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School in Battle Ground, Washington, where pastors work with students and teachers to develop outreach and look for spiritual
interest. At a recent week of prayer, 20 upperclassmen signed up for baptismal classes. A Sabbath afternoon baptism is planned for March 2005.

If every Adventist academy had a yearly soul-winning plan? Like Cascade Christian Academy where 40 students (including many non-members) conducted a two-week intensive evangelistic series last April. Similar activities are taking place this fall at Auburn Adventist Academy (in Washington), Mt. Ellis Academy (in Montana) and elsewhere.

If every family had regular family worship, spent the Sabbath in worship and outreach, and returned a faithful tithe? In these last days we have the promise that the Elijah message, calling people back to the worship of the Creator God and full surrender of time and talents to Him, “will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.” Malachi 4:5-6.

Three God-given ways this “heart-turning” is accomplished is through 1) interesting family worship, 2) families spending Sabbath together in worship and outreach, and 3) family financial management that is obedient to God and puts His priorities first.

Interesting family worship. The Valueogenesis study of more than 15,000 Seventh-day Adventist young people and their leaders showed that the single most important factor in helping children stay loyal to Jesus and the Seventh-day Adventist Church is “interesting family worship.” The study indicates that this is the place where young people learn to love and respect God, express their faith, feel acceptance, and recognize God’s claims on their lives. Family worship is the best training laboratory for future soul winners.

Spending the Sabbath as a family in worship and outreach. Jesus modeled outreach in the gospel stories. He was in the habit of going to church on Sabbath (Luke 4:16) and spending the day healing and teaching the people. (Matthew 12; Mark 1–3, 6; Luke 4, 6, 13–14; John 5, 9)

Returning a faithful tithe. The god of our society is money. Releasing the first 10 percent to God in tithe, and then looking for opportunities to give generous offerings is a God-given way to gain victory over greed and covetousness, to support God’s work, and to learn to manage money responsibly. There is plenty of money to do God’s work. The challenge is that it is in the bank accounts, houses, cars, and credit card debt of God’s people. God is willing to do amazing things when His kingdom and righteousness have first priority in our lives. (Matthew 6:33)

If members quit thinking people aren’t interested in Jesus or the Adventist message? In the 1980s, it was popular to hear in the church: “The days of public evangelism are over.” Many pastors stopped holding reaping meetings in their districts. Then in the early 1990s, the iron curtain fell and hundreds of pastors were needed to preach in the former Soviet Union. There was a shortage because many had forgotten how to preach our distinctive, end-time message.

Some said our society wasn’t interested in prophecy. Then the “Left Behind” books became best sellers. Some said people didn’t like handbills with beasts, but long lines of people stood in front of movie theaters to see movies about beasts. People are becoming desperate to understand what happens after death, to find time to relieve stress, to strengthen the family, to be healthier, and to know what will happen in the future. We need to get the Adventist message to people as quickly and effectively as we can, using every willing person.

Thom Rainer, who is dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth, has done extensive research on the attitudes in America toward Christ. He says in his recent book, The Unchurched Next Door (Zondervan 2003), that today there is amazing openness to spiritual things that wasn’t there a few years ago. And here’s real news—“More than 17 million people will accept Christ TODAY if presented with the gospel by a friend. Another 43 million are close.”

Now is the time to be bold, to live for Jesus, to speak for Jesus, to let people know that He is coming soon, and that He wants to prepare a place for them.

What might happen ... if every member saw that God has a work for him or her to do, and they asked God for courage to let their lights shine? Like you ... •

Dan Sorns, North Pacific Union Conference ministerial/evangelism director, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

**Feature**

Ashley Buderus, AAA senior, preaches for the SEEK meetings.

A small group setting is a good way to form friendships and study the Bible.
God’s Mysterious Ways

BY RICHARD DOWER

Rosa Maria Ramirez was despondent. Her husband of 15 years had left her, taking their daughter with him and leaving her with their son, 12-year-old Juan Carlos. She began drinking and soon lost her cleaning business clients. Rosa remembers, “I didn’t want to know anything. The only thing I wanted to do was sleep and never wake up.”

One morning she could stand it no longer. She told Juan Carlos that she was going to take some pills that evening and never wake up. Realizing what her words meant, he asked, “What will happen to me?” She told him that he would have to figure out what to do. Not knowing what to do, he said, “Mother, if you want to take some pills and never wake up, give some to me first and then take the pills you want.” Later that morning she went to get the pills.

Meanwhile, a series of evangelistic meetings, “Christ 2004,” had been planned for early 2004. The meetings would be held in the Forest Grove Spanish Church with Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference Evangelist...
The Christ 2004 meetings, held at the Forest Grove Spanish Church November 6-20, were the result of months of planning and preparation by church members, Bible workers, area pastors, and local and union conference leadership.

North Pacific Union Conference assistants to the president, Steve Vistaunet and Ramon Canals; Oregon Conference ministerial directors, Tom Lemon and Steve Chinn; and children’s ministries coordinator, Sherri Uhrig led coordination efforts. Louis Torres contracted with several Bible workers to work full time throughout the summer and fall with help from Mission College of Evangelism students and additional guidance from experienced evangelism leader, Don Gray. Host pastors, Samuel Nunez, Harold Altamirano, David Giles, Roger Hernandez, Richard Morris, and Vio Rosca all got involved in the challenge.

Culturalized graphics in both Spanish and English created by Todd Gessele, NPUC associate communication director, were featured as Jere Patzer and translator Ramon Canals spoke to a full sanctuary in the Forest Grove Spanish Church evangelistic series. More than 320 non-members attended the meetings at least once and will be followed up as active interests.

The meetings were a uniquely multicultural experience. Presentations, graphics, and even music used both English and Spanish languages. While that has worked well in overseas projects, some questioned whether it could be done successfully here in the Northwest.

Yet the nightly attendance stayed solid, comprised of both Anglos and Hispanics. And the more than 70 decisions for baptism reveal unmistakable evidence of the Holy Spirit’s work. Additional side benefits have been the connections made between each of the six local churches, their pastors and members that predict more good things for the future.
A group of enthusiastic Northwest retirees are grasping the full meaning of these words as they volunteer with Gospel Outreach (GO). Dick Madson, volunteer chief executive officer, claims, “My work with GO has added years to my life and life to my years.”

GO has been a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1993. Its mission is to fund national evangelists in the 10/40 Window—an area that includes Africa, the Middle East, India, China, and the Philippines.

Frank Stanyer, a retired teacher, founded GO when he and his Sabbath School class began supporting a single evangelist in the Philippines. Today GO supports more than 1,400 workers in Asia and Africa, in cooperation with 70 local Seventh-day Adventist missions. Tens of thousands are led to the Lord each year through the efforts of these evangelists. In India alone, 37,000 people were baptized in 2003 as a result of the work of 400 GO evangelists. Final tallies in 2004 are expected to be even greater!

National workers are the secret of GO’s success in this cost-effective ministry. Last year, the cost per baptism in India was $6.80—less than the price of lunch in the U.S. Inspired by a never-ending flow of conversion stories, results-oriented GO donors enthusiastically provide funds to continue the work.

Dorothy Watts, Southern Asia Division (SUD) associate secretary, recently reported the following story from Cherlakothur, India. Upon arriving in Cherlakothur, GO evangelist Chinniah learned that a young child, Ramulamma, was on her death bed. Her body was swollen and she was struggling for breath. Ramulamma had been taken to the hospital in Kurnool, but doctors felt that nothing more could be done.

Pastor Chinniah knelt beside the child and prayed, “God, please give us a miracle so that people in this remote village will know of Your power and love. Many will believe if You raise up this little child.”

Within moments of Chinniah’s prayer, the little girl asked for rice water and milk—her first liquid in four days. “It is a miracle!” they said. “Jesus has great power.” Many of the villagers are
now receiving Bible studies. Like many GO 10/40 Window evangelists, Pastor Chimaiah is a recent young convert with a Spirit-filled desire to lead others to a life-changing experience with Jesus.

After a few weeks of training, the evangelists are assigned a town or village where they begin to share the gospel, and soon after, a church is planted. Some GO workers have previous pastoral training from an Adventist school. Many were not hired by the mission for lack of funds. When GO steps in to meet that need, these well-trained young people often become very successful soul winners.

For example, a young couple, Zika and Suela, had been students at the Belgrade Adventist Seminary in Serbia. After completing their training they became GO evangelists among the Gypsies in Vranje. Because of the poor treatment they receive in much of southeastern European society, Gypsies are attracted to Christianity and its inclusive message of human dignity and value.

Adventist Gypsy congregations are now planted in four cities in Serbia, including Vranje and Nis. GO is raising funds for church buildings for these Gypsy congregations.

Another opportunity of special interest to GO evangelists is to work among previously unreachable segments of the Muslim population in the Middle East and Northern Africa. Witnessing in these areas is often done under dangerous circumstances, in the midst of ongoing persecution.

Dozens of GO workers are now deployed in 15 to 20 countries in this region; the work of the church is receiving a major boost through the efforts of these intrepid evangelists. In 2004, GO was offered satellite time in one populous country in the Middle East. Soundtracks in the national language are now being prepared for these Seventh-day Adventist programs; broadcasts will begin soon.

In cooperation with Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) and the Institute of World Mission at Andrews University, GO has now begun work in Turkey. The population of 70 million is 98 percent Muslim. In fact, the number of Turkish Adventists can be counted on one hand. Please pray for the GO workers who are beginning this new venture.

Recently the GO board stepped out in faith to cooperate with the North Pacific Union’s India Harvest Initiative by funding as many as 150 GO evangelists to prepare for, and follow up the evangelistic campaigns which will take place during the first quarter of 2005. Follow-up includes a three-year commitment to provide GO evangelists for the new congregations and to provide leadership for the construction of church buildings.

Ron Watts, former worker in the NPUC, and current SUD president, says that never before has there been such openness to the gospel message in India. People are accepting Christ by the tens of thousands. In Andhra Pradesh, where the NPUC Harvest Initiative is taking place, they are expecting four million new members in the next five years if funding is secured for sufficient GO workers and church buildings.

Bob Rawson, GO director of the work in Andhra Pradesh, says, “The Lord has given the Adventist Church a very special opportunity in India at this time. Because of our worldwide organization, we can provide funding for pastors, evangelists, and church buildings that other church groups cannot match. The field is white for harvest!”

Dan Serns, NPUC ministerial and global mission director, states his conviction: “Every member in the NPUC can participate in making the India Harvest Initiative a success, whether we give, go, pray, or preach. Together under the power of the Holy Spirit, we can see God’s work move forward and be finished.”

The American philosopher, Henry David Thoreau, once said, “Be not simply good, be good for something.” Gospel Outreach volunteers and evangelists are excited and humbly grateful to be part of a program which is “good for something” — where results last throughout eternity.

To learn more about this ministry, visit the Web site at www.goaim.org or contact Gospel Outreach at (509) 525-2951, by e-mail at office@goaim.org, or at PO Box 8, College Place, WA 99324. We appreciate your prayers.

David Parks, Gospel Outreach past president, writes from College Place, Washington.

Feature
To those who know it well, the Walla Walla College (WWC) Marine Station at Rosario Beach is hallowed ground. It is a place removed from the rush of daily life, where students and professors need merely walk out of the classroom and down to the beach to be immersed in the beauty of God’s creation.

It is a place where study of the natural world and study of its Creator are seamlessly integrated. This integration, many believe, makes Rosario the best possible place to study biology.

“There is something transcendent about recognizing God as Creator,” says Joe Galusha, professor of biology at WWC and a former director of the marine station. “In a natural environment, and when we’re studying complex science, we see evidence all around us that God is Creator. I think that’s a very important reinforcement no matter what your biological specialty.”

The marine station, which celebrated its 50th anniversary on August 29 and sits on 45 acres of largely undisturbed biological preserve, provides a unique opportunity for research and study in an increasingly diminishing natural ecosystem. It is currently the only active academic Adventist marine field station.

Each summer, this pristine environment becomes home to between 45 and 55 biology students from WWC and other Adventist institutions. During the session, students and faculty spend two months focusing exclusively on biological study and research.

A unique spirit of cooperation exists within the academic fabric of the station.

An affiliation between WWC and nine other Adventist institutions brings visiting professors to the station each summer, enabling the station to offer a wide range of classes.

The knowledge students gain in lecture and on extended field trips at Rosario is complemented by experiments and research projects. With the ocean, mountains, and rain forest of western Washington and the arid terrain east of the Cascades all within a few hours’ drive, students have the unique opportunity for hands-on study of many different environments.

“Oceans cover 70 to 75 percent of the earth’s surface and yet rarely

By Kimberley Jeske-Kuzma
do students have the opportunity to study that type of environment,” says James Nestler, professor of biology at WWC and current station director. “Here, we give them that opportunity.”

WWC biology instructors feel that the chance to study marine biology is important for students no matter which careers they choose to pursue.

“Seeing how living things fit together is very valuable for a scientist of any ilk, but especially in biology we see how things depend on each other,” Galusha says. “So if you’re going to do medicine, forestry, or physical therapy, being aware that not only is there an interrelationship of systems within the body, but also among the world’s ecological systems, is crucial. I think that the concept of relatedness becomes very clear as one sees and feels and senses natural things.”

Nestler also cites the value of the scientific research and discovery students are exposed to. “Knowing how to ask questions and delve into ways to answer those questions is very important,” he says.

This focus on research and hands-on study dates back to 1938, when the department of biological sciences began offering outdoor summer classes. Such classes became permanent in 1955, when the first summer session was held at the newly acquired marine station at Rosario Beach. The Rosario campus was added thanks to the vision of Ernest S. Booth, chairman of the department at the time, who used $15,000 of his life savings, as earnest money on the property before the WWC board approved the purchase. Approval came later, with the stipulation that Booth make no more financial commitments without prior approval.

More recently, the marine station has been given a fresh face with the addition of six new cabins and Lindgren Hall, a state-of-the-art classroom and dining facility. The vision to improve the campus for future students continues, with plans for six additional cabins and a laboratory/classroom that would enable WWC to expand the station’s academic use beyond the summer quarter.

These changes and Rosario’s rich tradition of spirituality integrated with study were celebrated last summer as decades of “Rosario-ites” gathered to mark the station’s 50th anniversary.

Most touching, Galusha says, was the feeling of camaraderie evident among the throng of past Rosario students and professors. This camaraderie is no doubt a reflection of the deep bonds that develop as students eat, worship and learn together in a place that is devoid of distractions, and where God is very real and personal.

“I think it has something to do with being on the edge of nature,” says Galusha. “It just changes the pace of life.”

And for those who know Rosario, it changes people, too. “I always get my spiritual batteries recharged every summer at Rosario,” Nestler says. “Even though I’m very busy, there are still those moments when I can get away, sit quietly, and watch the ocean or forest, seals or eagles. In those small moments of time, you can definitely hear God’s voice speaking to you, and you can speak back.”

Kimberley Jeske-Kuzma is a free-lance writer and a graduate of Walla Walla College.

**Keyword**

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Throughout the year, the Rosario marine station is open to and large groups. The new Lindgren Hall provided a spacious and sunny gathering place for visitors who attended Rosario’s 50th anniversary celebration last summer.
Some years ago when I was visiting Alaska, a local approached me and said, “I want to take you fishing.”

“Well,” I stammered, “I’m not much of a fisherman. I’ve only been once. I got 78 bites—mosquito bites—but not a nibble from any salmon!”

“Then let’s go,” he grinned. “I promise we’ll catch something.”

His promise proved true. No sooner had I cast my line than I snagged a sockeye that looked like something that lives on the wall of the sportsmen’s lodge.

“Whoa,” said a crusty old fisherman who happened by to admire the catch. “If you’d have entered the derby you’d be a rich man right now.”

I was ready to toss it back into the river when my friend objected. “You ought to keep it.”

“But I don’t eat fish,” I protested. “Give it to your neighbors. I’ll freeze it and ship it back for you.”

“Okay,” I agreed.

For months that fish hardened with frostbite until my wife, Cherié, laid down the law: “Get that smelly fish out of my freezer.”

“But how can I cut it?” I asked. “It’s almost petrified.”

“Figure it out,” she snipped.

As I stood next to the freezer in my garage, something caught my attention—the table saw. I fired it up and filleted the fish. The only glitch was that the blade had such wide teeth it splattered fish guts everywhere. I had fish in my golf bag, on the sunroof of my car, and even in my ski boots (which I discovered a year later).

At first, Cherié was delighted. She got her freezer back. But then, as the fish guts melted, the place smelled. It was so stinky she refused to go near the garage. This was not the case, however, for every cat in the county. Suddenly it was like we were running the Humane Society.

I’m not much of a fisherman—at least when it comes to fishing for fish. But if you want to talk about fishing for men, well, that’s my primary business.

I’m not much of a fisherman—at least when it comes to fishing for fish. But if you want to talk about fishing for men—well, that’s my primary business. Jesus made this clear when He called His disciples. He said to them the same thing He says to you and me today—“Go fish. Be fishers of men.”

How? Remember the acronym FISH.

Find ways to connect with people who are far from God. If you want to catch fish, you’ve got to go to where the fish are. Try the bowling alley, the mall, or the local 4-H club—wherever there are people. Don’t expect the fish to jump out of their ponds and swim to you. You have to be intentional about fostering friendships with people who don’t know Jesus. Start there.

Initiate spiritual conversations. Drop hints early in the friendship about your spiritual commitment. For example, if a friend expresses a need, mention that you’ll pray for him. I have yet to find someone who is offended by that offer. It’s a simple way to cast a spiritual tone on a conversation.

Share a verbal witness. When the opportunity arises, share what Jesus means to you. Remember the time Jesus sent the demons from the man into the herd of pigs? The man was so pumped he wanted to tour with Jesus. But Jesus said, “No. Stay here and tell your friends and family what Jesus has done for you.” The man obeyed and the next time Jesus came to town there were many people who had come to faith through his testimony.

Hang in there. Sometimes you’ll go fishing and get skunked. Don’t sweat it. Just keep fishing. •

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.
Wibberding Ordained to Gospel Ministry

Lonnie Wibberding was ordained as a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Oct. 16. Wibberding currently pastors two churches in southeastern Alaska. The

Lonnie Wibberding, standing with his wife, Melanie, and sons, Anthony and Jeremiah, was ordained on Oct. 16 in Wrangell, Alaska.

service was attended by Ken Crawford, conference president; Jim Kincaid, conference secretary; and Neil Biloff, conference ministerial director.

After he completed the seminary program at Andrews University, Wibberding worked as a task force youth pastor at Burlington, then was invited to be assistant director of Alaska Youth Challenge, a door-to-door summer ministry in the Anchorage area. In 1999, Wibberding became a full-time pastor in the Valdez/ Glennallen district.

John Kriegelstein

Anchorage New Births: 35 New Members and One New Church

Beginning with a power-packed weekend directed towards those who wished to re-energize their lives, All Power Seminar speaker Leo Schreven addressed more than 500 people in a renovated Anchorage mall store.

Immediately following the All Power weekend, Schreven began a five-week series of evangelistic meetings. More than 35 people were baptized, and several joined the Adventist church in Anchorage by profession of faith. The event was coordinated by pastors of the Anchorage area churches, including Edson Joseph, Brant Berglin, Rick Cabero, Lloyd Hallock, Andrew Kim, Robert Martinez, and Lauilo Poua.

Live translation into Korean and Spanish was provided by low power FM broadcast.

As new members visited churches in Anchorage, they found small groups of various kinds—including a men’s accountability group, a knitting group, an exercise group, and several Bible study groups—ready to help them grow in Christ.

Anchorage’s newest congregation and ninth church, The Second Mile (a name taken from Jesus’ teachings in Matthew 5:41) planned its launch to coincide with the seminar’s conclusion, and on Nov. 6, more than 60 people attended, including several who had never made a commitment to Christ.

Several new members from the seminar joined The Second Mile’s “Milestones” course, a group experience designed to move people into a deeper walk with Jesus, study the special message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, prepare them for ministry in the local church, and develop them as leaders.

As the pastor of the Second Mile Church, I am excited about what has happened. The potential of new births in Christ in Anchorage is thrilling to witness and be a part of.

Brant Berglin, Anchorage pastor

Olson Ordained to Chaplaincy Ministry

Keith Olson was ordained to the chaplaincy ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at a special service Oct. 23 at the Midtown Church in Anchorage. Both local church

Keith Olson was ordained to the chaplaincy ministry in Anchorage on Oct. 23. He is pictured with his wife, Susan, and sons, Michael and Ian.

members and conference officials attended.

Olson currently serves as the spiritual care coordinator for Mary Conrad Center in Anchorage. He first thought that he wanted to be a public health worker in an underdeveloped country, but when he felt an unrelenting tug from God pulling him into theology, he surrendered his desire to God and found peace and reward as a chaplain.

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

John Kriegelstein

Leo Schreven, It Is Written evangelist, presented an All Power Seminar in October to more than 500 people in Anchorage.

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John Kriegelstein, Alaska
Conference communication
director
“Total Workout” Handbell Clinic
A Ringing Success

Bells flashed and rang, filling the air with a symphony of sound, delightful to the ear and invigorating to the senses. Hundreds of bells and more than 50 high school ringers had spent two days together in an intense clinic under bell choir director, Jason Wells, to master these pieces.

It had long been the desire of many high school handbell choirs to have a place to go for advanced training. At the urging of his students, Ben Purvis, Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) music director, put together the first “Total Workout” handbell clinic with Jason Wells conducting and teaching.

Wells’ renown in the handbell world is a result of his leadership and conducting skills with Ring of Fire, a group of junior high-age ringers from Tualatin Valley Junior Academy. Wells and Ring of Fire have performed three times at the Crystal Cathedral, at the Presidential Inaugural Ball, and have shared the stage with the Boston Pops, as well as traveled and performed in 22 states.

Purvis said, “When word got out Wells was coming, I started receiving calls from handbell directors all over the U.S. For many, the travel to Idaho was prohibitive, but many did come from all over the Pacific Northwest.”

Olympia (Wash.) Junior Academy, Tualatin Valley (Ore.) Junior Academy, and Franklin Junior Academy from Pasco, Wash., joined the beginning and advanced choirs from GSAA in Caldwell, Idaho, to form a bell group with more than 50 members.

Famous bell soloist from Nampa, Idaho, Phyllis Tincher, inspired students with a concert to kick things off.

Tincher soloed three octaves of bells and taught breakout sessions throughout the day. Eager to learn new techniques, students spent many hours in rehearsal with Wells.

After a long day of practice, bells students joined GSAA students for a “Total Workout” worship service with Jay Hagadorn, world-famous body builder. Hagadorn combined feats of strength, such as rolling up a new frying pan like a burrito, with spiritual truths about faith, and challenged students to a real commitment to Jesus, not just “playing” Christian.

Bell students’ efforts culminated in a free Saturday evening concert. Concertgoers were amazed at the skill level of the group and their ability to stay together through several very challenging pieces.

“This year so many experienced students signed up for bells that both an advanced ensemble and a beginning group have been formed,” said Purvis. The advanced ensemble is made up of 6 members that play 4 octaves of bells normally played by 13 students.

In the last several years, the GSAA handbell program has grown and flourished partially because of the introduction of Cool Ringings, a handbell festival for 5th–8th grade students that teaches both beginning and intermediate students the skills of the art of ringing. The third annual Cool Ringings will take place Jan. 20–22. If you are interested in learning handbells, contact Ben Purvis at (208) 459-1627 ext. 127, for more information.

Debra McGarver, GSAA GLEANER correspondent
We Are His Daughters
Montana Women’s Retreat

Montana women gathered at Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse for the annual Women’s Retreat, Sept. 10–12. Hyveth Williams, Loma Linda (Calif.) Hill Church senior pastor, was the keynote speaker. Her messages focused on our privilege as “daughters of God” to rely on our heavenly Father for everything in life. She reminded all the women that though we are sinners, “Christ died for us.”

The highlight for many of the women was the anointing service on Saturday night. The anointing was given to the small wooden ball soaked in myrrh as a reminder of their anointing, and the promise that Jesus would bring them healing in every area of their lives.

Hyveth Williams was the featured speaker for the We Are His Daughters women’s retreat.

Also popular with the women were workshops led by Joy Swift, Hamilton Church communication leader; Buffy Halvorsen, Mt. Ellis Academy counselor; and Linnea Torkelsen, Upper Columbia Academy development director. The workshops were designed to give the women practical ideas for encouraging growth in their walk with God.

On Sabbath afternoon, our adventurous women carpooled into Glacier National Park for a boat trip on Lake McDonald, a trip over the Going-to-the-Sun highway, or a walk through the woods.

Women brought their friends, mothers and daughters came together, sisters got together and attended, and everyone went home refreshed, ready to take up their duties and family responsibilities again. As a result, many are already making plans to come to the retreat again next year!

Ruth Stanton, Montana Conference office secretary

On a snowy morning, the Mt. Ellis Academy class of 2005 officers soared through the air in medical helicopters. Suddenly the roar of helicopter blades could be heard over the campus, and the helicopters landed in the nick of time to announce the officers to the rest of the student body. With the theme song from “Mash” playing, the rest of the class waited anxiously in the chapel.

The officers quickly evacuated the helicopters and loaded their president, Liz Neuharth, on the backboard to be carried into the chapel. Ron Halvorsen, chaplain; Chris Gillig, vice president; Katie Burden, secretary; Emily McFadyen, treasurer; Patrik Fallang, sergeant-at-arms; and Ashley Duffy and Raygell Kierindongo, class representatives, carried the backboard. Bette Terwillegar, our historian, recorded the event for Mt. Ellis Academy history.

The officers were dressed in hospital scrubs and the rest of the class in camouflage clothes to reflect the theme of the announcement.

This dramatic introduction of the senior class officers was the kickoff for Senior Recognition Weekend. Saturday night the seniors performed “Shakespeare Comes to Gravel Gulch.”

Juanita Starkebaum, MEA senior class sponsor

MEA seniors performed the play, Shakespeare Comes to Gravel Gulch.

Arriving in a helicopter and dressed in hospital scrubs, MEA senior class officers were announced to the rest of the student body.
Rockwood Adventists Reach Out to Former Members

The Rockwood Adventist Church will launch an outreach to missing members via a television advertising campaign on Portland’s Channel 6 and a variety of seminars, concerts, and classes.

The TV ad campaign features two 30-second spots that will run during January and February with the newscasts, morning and noon, and with Dr. Phil in the afternoon. One of the spots will invite people to attend a “Bible Study Class for Dummies!” The other will be directed at those who are seeking answers to life’s issues and pain.

The first quarter features will include a healing-from-depression seminar, a seminar explaining the role of nutrition and exercise in cancer prevention, and a Valentine weekend concert with recording artist Rudy Micelli.

“We want to invite inactive or former members who read the GLEANER to attend these free events,” says W. Clarence Schilt, Rockwood pastor. “The ‘Healing from Depression and Anxiety!’ seminar will feature author-psychologist Douglas Bloch on Tues., Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. Bloch is author of Healing from Depression: 12 Weeks to a Better Mood.

On Tues., Jan. 18, Don Hall, lifestyle specialist, will present a seminar called “Preventing Cancer Through Nutrition and Exercise.” The seminar will demonstrate how lifestyle choices can significantly reduce cancer risk by up to 50 percent.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, recording artist Rudy Micelli will present a concert of Christian music and love songs. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and kick off an eight-week relationship enhancement class. This class will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 15.

“Inactive and former Adventists are especially encouraged to attend any of these events,” says Schilt. “We encourage regular members to attend only if they bring someone who is not currently active in church,” he says.

Rockwood is one of four pilot churches in North America reaching out to missing members in a program initiated by the Voice of Prophecy.

The Rockwood Church is located at 1910 SE 182nd Street just north of SE Division in Portland.

For further information, call (503) 661-4100.

PJ's Place

Q. Halo 2 just came out and I think it is cool, but my parents say it’s from the devil. Is it okay to play this?
A. I have a question for you. Do you want to value God in your life? Here is what He says in the last part of Phillipians 4:8: “... whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.” Does playing Halo 2 help you think about what is pure, lovely and admirable? I believe that Jesus has much more wonderful things for us to think about and do with our time.

Q. I really like this guy in my school but he doesn’t even know my name. What do I do?
A. Tell him your name! Until next time, keep looking up!

~PJ

Youth, e-mail your questions or comments to PJ at info@oc.npc.org. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.

PJ is a youth pastor currently serving as the Oregon Conference associate youth director.

Mike Jones, Voice of Prophecy reclaiming ministries director, and Clarence Schilt, Rockwood Church pastor, go over the script while Mark Beagle, KOIN commercial producer, and Craig Foltz, camera operator, get ready to tape the segment.
Senior Adventure Transformed: Community Service at Pathfinder Paradise

Of all the events that Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) seniors share in their final high school year, few are as highly impacting as Senior Adventure. This year’s class of 22 students and four staff spent nearly three days in early October at Pathfinder Paradise near Molalla, Ore. The primitive camping area offered just the environment needed for the bonding, introspection, and growth so vital to starting a positive senior year.

The days were full, but not hectic in the way a regular school schedule can be. There were the usual chores of cooking and cleaning, but more interesting pursuits were Bible class and interactive activities.

The focus of the Bible class was prayer. Matthew Butte, Bible teacher and campus chaplain, designed the class to be interactive yet personal. The students studied prayers from Scripture and then spent time alone praying and journaling. When they gathered again, they would share their experiences and encourage each other in their spiritual growth. Melissa Morauske shares, “It was a blessing. I feel privileged to experience what I did.”

When the books were put away, the students joined teacher Ed Tillotson, CAA vice principal, for creative, yet challenging group activities. Sometimes the group would be given simple objects and asked to design a solution to a problem. When the initial attempts would fail, the students would be forced to persevere. By doing so, they learned a lot about each other and about problem-solving. Other activities were designed to foster reliance on their guides. There were no dull moments during these interactive activities.

During the debriefing session on the last day of Senior Adventure, an idea emerged that became reality within the month. Several students commented that while Pathfinder Paradise is a great place, some of the meeting shelters in the woods were in disrepair. The seniors wondered if they could be part of the solution. Later, when the seniors were asked in Bible class what they would like to do for their upcoming Community Service Day, the answer was quick and easy. It was a unanimous vote to go back to the campsite and begin repairs.

On Nov. 3, Tillotson and more than a dozen seniors donned work clothes and gloves, drove to Pathfinder Paradise, took down two of the shelters, then stacked the wood and cleaned up the area. The goal is to go again and begin the process of rebuilding. Using the cooperative skills they learned at Senior Adventure, the CAA class of 2005 intends to give future visitors a better experience at Pathfinder Paradise.

Students who didn’t go to that job site were involved in their own activities to improve the quality of life for strangers. They put together a music program, baked fresh cookies, and spent the day at Our House, a hospice in Portland for AIDS patients. The day always yields positive interactions when CAA students visit this facility. And that’s what this year’s seniors have as their goal: to be accepting and to make life better for others. Praise God for such positive leadership at CAA!

Chris Craig, CAA GLEANER correspondent
Northwest Men’s Conference:
A Call to Action

"I felt God’s power—I loved it!"
"This has been a deep spiritual blessing."
“My soul was extremely blessed.”

Three hundred men attended the Northwest Men’s Conference organized by Oregon Conference family ministries. Presenting the theme, “From Men to Husbands to Fathers,” this conference was created to bring positive change in homes.

“Our most important outreach program is men’s ministries,” says Joe Starnes, a participant from Vernonia. “We have tried everything from stop smoking clinics to Revelation seminars. With this program, we can envision pulling men in Vernonia together and building a strong program for our Lord.”

During the weekend, Charles A. Ballard, founder and CEO of the Institute for Resonsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization, presented messages challenging men to be the leaders God intended. “Dr. Charles Ballard was a strong motivational speaker,” shares Julius Jones, Your Bible Speaks Church pastor. “He was the right man at the right time and place.”

Breakout sessions featured such topics as: “Magnificent Maleness: Chiseled by the Hand of God,” “Men Are Clans, Women Are Crowbars,” and “The Male Emotion—What’s That?” Free professional counseling was also available.

The Northwest Men’s Conference was originally planned for every other year. However, due to incredible demand, Harvey Corwin, Oregon Conference family life director, has moved the date to Oct. 14–15, 2005.

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

A Win-Win Situation
Cultural Exchange in PAA’s Junior English Class

Joan Oksenholt, Portland Adventist Academy English teacher, reports that 15 out of 62 students in her junior English class are from countries such as Argentina, Korea, Japan, Norway, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Borneo, Romania, Germany, the Ukraine and Spain.

There are reasons for the migration of these students to PAA. Some are exchange students. Derek Lange from Finland is following his mother, who traveled from Finland to attend PAA when she was a secondary student.

Family immigration to America accounts for several more of the students.

Oksenholt says she is excited by this diversity because it brings a global perspective to the classroom. Foreign students are exposed to American thought as it is portrayed in our literature, and American students have an unusual opportunity to hear foreign students comment about American philosophy as they see it. Seeing these students persevere with English as their second language sets a good example for the U.S. students in their studies.

Derek Lange is struck by the open discussions in his classes. He states that in Finland, there is absolutely no social exchange between students and teachers, and rarely is there discussion; no student response is tolerated, much less encouraged. Britta Muller, from Germany, is pleased with a religious emphasis which is omitted from her country’s schools. Kelsey Hoff, from Australia, is impressed with the freedom of thought in the classroom and the number of subject choices that are available. Unfortunately, Luis Zaragoza says that math is easier at PAA than at home in Mexico.

John Long, an American student, emphasizes that this multiculturalism in the classroom helps him and other American students better understand other cultures. Alisa Wyman feels that she is learning as much from these students as they are learning here.

Teacher and students alike feel that this learning environment is a win-win situation.

Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Of the 62 students in Joan Oksenholt’s junior English class at PAA, 15 were born outside of the United States. This mix provides a rich cultural interchange among the students.
The Mystery of the Missing Brochures
Lakeview Church’s Evangelistic Series

Several years had passed since Lakeview Church had last held an evangelistic series, and members knew that their community needed to hear the three angels’ messages again.

Steve and Alberta Cook, Oregon Conference evangelists, were invited by George White, Lakeview pastor, to conduct a series of meetings called Revelation Speaks Hope. Each night would also feature a Health Nugget by Alberta Cook and a song service conducted by White and Steve Cook.

Brochures were to go out at least three days before the meetings would begin on Sept. 10. But when the evangelist arrived on Thursday, Sept. 9, the brochures had not been delivered.

The pastor and evangelist sped to the post office to inquire about the delay. The postmistress hadn’t seen the brochures. The men were relieved when she called and said they had found the ones for the post office boxes. These addresses made up three quarters of the towns’ addresses.

It was not too late for spots to be aired Friday and Sabbath on the local radio station. And the manager was gracious enough to replace some already programmed segments with our spots advertising the meetings.

Then, unfortunately, the postmaster called to inform them that only a few of the brochures addressed to post office boxes had been found. The mystery of the missing brochures was never solved, but the ones that were found finally did get out to some of the townspeople during the first week of the meetings.

The Lord holds the key to this mystery, and also to the one which included two decisions for baptism as a result of hearing the radio spots. The Lord is truly in charge of His work. We are “God’s fellow workers,” just doing our part to share His Word with as many as will listen—especially those who can’t receive their mail! •

George White, Lakeview Church pastor

Recovery Ministry Weekend
Features Smoking Cessation Pioneer

Linda Hyder Ferry, MD, MPH, was the featured speaker for this year’s Recovery Ministry weekend. Ferry is a Seventh-day Adventist pioneer in the field of smoking cessation and the primary consultant for the booklet, “Tobacco: You Can Be Free,” which was released by Pacific Press in June.

Participants listened eagerly as Ferry explained the nature of addictions and recovery from a biblical perspective. Ferry focuses on creating Christ-centered recovery within congregations so that members can then reach out to family, friends, and community.

A panel of smoking cessation leaders answered these questions from the audience:

—How can we educate our church family to be accepting and nurturing instead of critical and judgmental?
—Should baptism be contingent on stopping smoking?
—How can we take the information we learned this weekend back to our local churches and make practical applications?

Linda Hyder Ferry shares how to help and give hope to smokers.

—What role do medications play in a smoking cessation program?

Comments heard from participants were: “I could have listened to Dr. Ferry another whole day.” “We need to update our resources and develop a program using the new scientific information together with the biblical perspective that we have.” “Our church needs to step out again and become a leader.” •

Marilyn K. Renk, Oregon Conference health ministries director

A refurbished Lakeview Church was the site for Revelation Speaks Hope evangelistic meetings.
From Peanuts to the Passion of Christ:

Inspiring Times at Milo Adventist Academy

When Pastor Jeff Deming, also known as “P.J.,” came to Milo Adventist Academy to speak for week of prayer, he started out on the right foot. He got everyone laughing. Danita Rasmussen, a freshman from Modesto, Calif., says, “He asked us, ‘Do you know?’ questions. My favorite was, ‘Do you know what food that we eat is in dynamite?’ The answer was peanuts.”

Shelina Berglund, a junior from Medford, Ore., adds, “P.J. spoke to us about his struggles with Christianity. The moving part was that he used personal examples in his worship. That made me realize that everyone, even adults, have questions. I think it also helped him to relate to the kids. It made him seem real.”

Oct. 28 was MAA Neighbors Day, when once a quarter students share their talents and hard work with someone who needs help. Sometimes the work isn’t really “fun,” but the students always manage to find joy in their projects.

Rebecca Rodriguez, a junior from White City, Ore., says, “We went to Tiller Elementary School where they were having a costume contest and I got to help judge!” Sometimes the reward is knowing what the reaction will be when someone comes home and finds something completed. Mark Oh, a senior from Seoul, Korea, says, “We went to a house, and no one was home. But we went ahead and painted their trailer anyway. I’d have liked to see their faces when they got home!”

Eight $1,000 work ethic scholarships were awarded to, from left: Sarah Sexton, Carley Wilson, Lisa Hulse, Summer Coggins, Tess Harmon, Brian Duclos. Not pictured are Katie Jones and Hanna Rodriguez.

Joy in the Journey

Lives Changed at Sunriver

“Joy in the Journey,” this year’s Christian Women’s Retreat began with an unusual announcement by Corleen Johnson, women’s ministries director: “Tami Horst, our speaker, has been delayed. We just know God will bless in spite of this. Was it just a coincidence that three committee members packed sermons just in case?”

Diane Pestes set the tone for the weekend by sharing “God Moments” from the Bible and her life. Then came a praise and testimony time. Women poured to the front to share what God has done in their lives. By the time the speaker arrived on Sabbath, joyous hearts were made more joyful as Tami was mightily used by the Lord to touch lives and hearts.

Unique to this year’s retreat was a 45-foot-long prayer scroll where ladies wrote names of those they want to see in heaven.

Sunday morning it was stretched across the front of the auditorium for prayer. Then the retreat committee presented Corleen with a recognition award for 10 years of service to women’s ministries. The ladies surprised her with a standing ovation.

The retreat committee has never heard so many ladies say their lives were changed. One lady wrote, “We brought two guests with us. They were touched by the Spirit’s power and are preparing for baptism. Hallelujah!”

Diane Pestes, Oregon Conference women’s ministries department secretary

Women write the names of loved ones on the 45-foot-long prayer scroll.
Conference Open House
for New Church Members

New members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church attended the annual New Member Day Open House at the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) office on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004. The open house is held each year to give new members an opportunity to better understand the church organization and its methods of accomplishing the Lord’s work.

The day’s events included a tour of each department in the conference office, a presentation by Max Torkelsen, UCC president, and a video about the work of the church and how it is organized.

The most exciting part of the day was the testimonial time. Some of the new members shared stories about how they became Seventh-day Adventists.

One new member was baptized into the Adventist Church when he lived in Panama, but he was continually tempted to play on the soccer league that always played games on Sabbath. Eventually he gave up going to church. When he moved to Othello, Wash., he looked for an Adventist church to join, but couldn’t find one. Then one day he found the Spanish version of the Adventist Review, the Sentinel, and was excited to read it. In it he saw an ad for an evangelistic series in a church in Yakima. He attended and started making friends there, and that was all it took to get reconnected.

There are many different stories about how new members become Adventists, but they all have one thing in common: Someone in the church became their friend. “It’s true that only God can convert a human soul,” said Torkelsen, “but I believe he uses people and relationships as His instruments to make it happen.”

Jon Dalrymple

Something for Everyone
at the Family Fellowship Festival


This year’s special guests were G. Edward Reid, North American Division stewardship director and the keynote speaker of the event; Lee Venden, pastor of the College Place (Wash.) Village Church; and John Lomacang, a professional singer and pastor of the Thompsonville (Ill.) Church.

Lee Venden, College Place (Wash.) Village Church pastor, preaches at the Upper Columbia Conference Family Fellowship Festival. His Friday night sermon was “It’s Going to Rain.” In it he shared about how important it is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many local pastors and speakers also offered seminars on Sabbath afternoon. These seminars covered topics such as writing for the Gleaner, health, prayer, and family life.

The Family Fellowship Festival also offers many youth and children’s programs. During Sabbath School and the afternoon seminars, there is always a full crowd of children and youth in each level of classes from cradle roll through youth. Each class has several dedicated leaders and teachers who put many hours into preparing the programs.

It would be impossible to experience everything that happens at a Family Fellowship Festival. But there is definitely something for everyone.

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication assistant
With Jesus My Life Has Meaning
It Is as Simple as That

Meghan Collier became a ward of the state when she was nine years old. Meghan’s parents were sent to prison and Meghan, along with her brothers and sisters, were placed in foster homes. Hoping that Meghan could avoid the harassment her older sister had experienced in public school, her foster mother gave her the option of going to Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) in Wenatchee, Wash. Meghan chose CCA.

Meghan discovered Jesus in the Bible classes at CCA. When her parents were released from prison, she went to live with them and attended a public high school in Bothell, Wash. She says she felt herself slipping away from God just as soon as she got there. “While I was still so young in the faith and not exactly sure where I stood, I was put into this situation where I had to choose to stand up for God, which I was not prepared to do, and that was very hard.”

Wanting to reconnect with God, she told her parents that she wanted to graduate from a private school. They agreed, but told her they could not support her. She went back to live with her foster mother, who worked with CCA principal Doug Brown to make it happen.

In April of her senior year Meghan was baptized in the cold water of Puget Sound at a spiritual weekend retreat. “It was awesome,” she said.

Meghan, a freshman social work major at Walla Walla College, says that with Jesus “her life has meaning. It is as simple as that”.

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

Project Impact
WWVA Students Make an Impact in Their Community

The classrooms and halls at Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) were curiously quiet on Oct. 29, 2004. Nearly 300 students and teachers abandoned classes for the day to continue a wonderful annual tradition—“Project Impact.”

“For me, the day is all about getting out there in the community and touching people’s lives,” says Tom Graham, industrial technology teacher.

At 7:30 in the morning, students started the day with a breakfast cooked and served by John Deming, WWVA principal. Fueled with energy, students and advisors spread out in the community to complete a variety of projects.

Students picked up trash along city streets, did yard work for some elderly and disabled people, cleared brush at area parks, cleaned up a local cemetery, and helped in area elementary schools, while others spent the day playing table games and socializing with the residents at an assisted living facility.

Tom Graham has been taking WWVA students to do fall yard work at the home of an elderly couple for the past four years. The lady of the house shared, “I can’t tell you how much we appreciate it. With my husband being blind and all the yard work to do, it really takes a load off me to have the WWVA students come.”

“I think Project Impact helps the community see that students really do care,” says Megan Harris, sophomore.

“It makes the community a friendlier, more open place for everyone.” Once again, students were reminded that to serve Jesus is to serve those around us.

Jaci Toews, WWVA sophomore

Senior Chibuike Opara enjoys watching a video with Jeffrey Hays in the kindergarten class at Rogers Adventist School.
WWVA Puts Mission In Action with Food Drive

Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) freshmen Brittany Englehart and Sonja Rootvik sit in the Bible classroom at Walla Walla Valley Academy with 6,000 pounds of food collected by students for the holiday season at the Blue Mountain Action Council Food Distribution Center in Walla Walla. The food drive was sponsored by Mission in Action (MIA) an outreach group headed by WWVA senior, Karen Villanueva. “Each class was challenged to bring in as many pounds of food as possible,” she said. The sophomores claimed first place with a stunning 3,000 pounds, followed by the juniors, freshmen, and seniors. •

Jaci Toews, WWVA sophomore

Post Falls Sanctuary Dedication
Caps High Weekend

When the Post Falls (Idaho) Church hosted an *agape* feast for their district on Friday night Oct. 22, the Otis Orchards (Wash.) Church joined them.

Following the joint communion, there was a joint baptismal service—the first in the church in its 27-year history. The baptistry had been put in as part of the remodeling project this year. Formerly all baptisms were in other churches or in lakes or creeks, until this special weekend. Close friends or family members were allowed to actually assist with the baptism of their loved ones.

Following the service, the members of both churches united in prayer for the candidates. It was a special night and a historic date—the beginning of a fifth generation of Adventists.

The Post Falls Church family dedicated their sanctuary Sabbath morning, Oct. 23, 2004, Perely Smith, along with Aubrey and Whilman Clure, were honored as charter members who had faithfully served their church for the past 27 years. Honorable mention was made of those who had served as pastors of the Post Falls Church: J. D. (Jewell) Bolejack (1977–1984); Jim McLain (1985–1989); and Clinton Schultz (1990–2000). •

Willard Santee, Otis Orchards/Post Falls pastor

Warren J. Blanck
Ordained in Goldendale

Warren J. Blanck was ordained Oct. 9, 2004, at the Goldendale (Wash.) Church.

Gerald Haeger, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ministerial director, led out in the ordination charge.

Gordon Pircher, UCC executive secretary, spoke on the “Challenge in Ministry.”

Blanck was born in Loma Linda, Calif., the third child of Joseph and Betty Blanck. When he was two years old, he moved with his family to Spokane, Wash., where he spent his childhood years. His inquisitive and spiritually inclined mind led him to take a theology degree from Walla Walla College in 1972.

He finished a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1976. His wife, Cheryl Stuart, was born in Hermiston, Ore., where she graduated from high school in 1972 and then attended Walla Walla College. Warren and Cheryl met at choir practice and were married April 17, 1988. The Blancks have three children, Robert “Ben,” Dianne, and Jason.

Warren and Cheryl have a real passion for sharing Jesus. Leading out and experiencing worship is a joy for Warren. He has served as a pastor in Tennessee, Washington, and Oregon.

As they look to the future, Warren and Cheryl like to think of the words of Paul in Phil. 3:14: “I’ve got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward to Jesus.” Warren and Cheryl’s prayer is that Jesus will reproduce His character in them so that others will be drawn to Him. •

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader
One Blessing After Another

Katie Church grew up in a strong Christian family and went to a Sunday church each week. “We just had a great life growing up surrounded by God, love, the Bible and everything,” she remembers.

In high school, however, Katie dabbled in alcohol and drugs. In college she became more involved, and even spent seven years of her life using and selling drugs.

When she was arrested on Jan. 31, 2003, she ended up in a treatment center. There she felt the need to reconnect with the Lord, started reading the Bible, and rededicated her life to God. She knew she needed to surround herself with other Christians in order to be successful in her Christian walk, so she decided to go back to church.

Meanwhile, after a divorce, her mother started reading and studying the Bible. There she discovered the biblical Sabbath and determined to find a church that kept the seventh-day Sabbath. A friend suggested that she go to the East Central Church in Spokane, Wash., where she was soon baptized. Not long after, Katie started attending with her.

Katie studied with Colin Dunbar, East Central Church pastor, his daughter Elizabeth and Doug McCoy, an East Central member. She was baptized in July 2004.

“My life was a living hell,” she says. “I was sad, I was depressed, and I felt that I had nothing to live for. If something hadn’t changed, I probably would be dead. Now that I am a Christian again, I have had one blessing after another.”

-Katie Church shares her testimony with East Central Church member Nita Adams, saying that with Christ in her life, she has had one blessing after another.

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

Wenatchee Church Presents the 12th Annual Brody Award

The Wenatchee Church presented its 12th annual Brody award to Carl and Betty Campbell at its church service on Oct. 23, 2004.

The Campbells have given so much to our community in their graceful, humble way. They have received other awards and have been recognized for their generosity outside of our community as well. But this year the Wenatchee Church wanted to thank and honor them with the Brody award for their lifetime achievements in community service.

Carl takes great pleasure in gardening and still enjoys singing. He has blessed our church with his deep rich voice on many occasions. You will find Betty working in her office surrounded by pictures of their two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Betty worked for several years in the community health food store and still volunteers in the cradle roll.

The original Brody award was given in 1992 to Elmer and Lila Brody. It was called the “Perpetual Brody Award” because of the lifelong commitment Elmer and Lila Brody made to the Wenatchee community through the Adventist Community Service center. Awards have been received by persons such as Earl Tilly, Wenatchee mayor, and Elizabeth Rogers, who recently passed away at the age of 102. All those who have received the award have made a difference in the Wenatchee community.

The Brody award recognizes individuals who have made an impact on their church and community. Its presentation always coincides with the national “Make a Difference Day.”

-Kim Eastman, Wenatchee Church communication leader
Conference Office Move Update

Plans are in motion to move the Washington Conference headquarters from the current location in Bothell to a more central site. During the 2002 conference constituency session, it was voted that the office could be moved if the transaction would not involve any long-term debt.

A buyer has agreed to pay 6.6 million dollars for the almost 17 acres located in Bothell. The sale is expected to close in mid-2005.

A search committee was formed by the executive committee to find a new location. After reviewing a number of possibilities, the committee recommended a Federal Way site on the corner of 323rd and Weyerhouser Way. This site consists of almost three acres of commercially-zoned land with utilities already in place, for the price of $697,334. An earlier search committee had previously selected this site prior to finally moving to the current Bothell location.

A feasibility study has been completed on this land by a number of experts who recommended that the purchase go forward. Thus the sale was closed on Nov. 15, 2004.

While the new office is being built, conference headquarters will lease a facility in the Federal Way area just off Highway 18 and Weyerhouser Way. The office is expected to move into this facility in February 2005. The Adventist Book Center committee and the executive committee continue to study how to best serve the northern part of the conference. •

Doug Bing

New Youth Director Selected for the Washington Conference

David Yeagley was recently elected to serve as the Washington Conference youth director. David replaces Craig Heinrich, who recently moved to Northern California. Yeagley has a rich history of working with youth in both church and summer camp settings.

Most recently, Yeagley and his wife, Elizabeth, have served as the senior pastoral couple for the Lansing (Mich.) Church. A graduate of both Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University, David has 19 years of experience working with youth at summer camps and in local churches.

David and Elizabeth have a passion for involving the entire family in youth ministry. Summers have found David writing, producing, and helping the camp staff with the evening and weekend programs at Michigan’s Camp Au Sable. The programming has been written each year to help the camp staff clearly portray Christ to the campers through drama and music. We welcome David, Elizabeth and their two boys to our conference and pray God’s blessing as they take up their new duties. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, signs closing papers on the new conference office property as Dave Wolkwitz, trust services director, looks on.
Tackling Prophecy
Students at AAA Lead Evangelistic Series

Students at Auburn Adventist Academy have taken spiritual leadership to another level this year through an entirely student-run evangelistic series entitled Students Equipped to Evangelize for the Kingdom (SEEK). Students involved with SEEK have discovered that a successful series happens because of more than just a speaker. It takes lights, sound, PowerPoint support, music, organization, and much more. This very complexity is the reason that Brian Kittleson, vice principal, can honestly say, “It is inspiring to see students leading a church in a spiritual harvest.”

Although the meetings were geared to the community, many AAA students came faithfully and were blessed. They realized that, as Jashira Nieves, AAA sophomore, stated, “Hearing God’s Word through friends made me understand it more.”

SEEK was especially powerful because of the impact it had on the peers of the students involved. Krysta Moench, AAA junior, commented, “It was very inspirational to see my peers go up front and talk about their love for God. It inspired me to want to do the same.”

What many found most amazing about the SEEK meetings was the depth and difficulty of the material that the student speakers tackled. But they tackled it, and they did it well. •

Nelita Davamony, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Scholarship Endowment Fund to Honor Cesar Umayam

The Kirkland Church family was deeply saddened by the death of a most beloved member, Cesar Umayam, on Oct. 19, just a few days before his 51st birthday. A skilled carpenter, handyman and mechanic, he used his talents to serve anyone in need.

Blessed with a beautiful tenor voice, Umayam was an original member of the Men of Kirkland, a chorale of Christian men from the greater Seattle area. He had served as an elder for several years, and he and his wife were favorite leaders in the junior department. •

Cheryl Donnelly, Kirkland Church communication leader

Spanish Lay Congress Trains Members for Outreach

Recently the Spanish-speaking members of our conference gathered in the Kirkland school gym to hold a lay congress featuring training on various aspects of ministry for the local church.

The afternoon meeting highlighted the importance of using small groups for both outreach in the community and spiritual growth in the local church. Delegates came from throughout the conference to fellowship, renew friendships, and most of all, to learn all they could about how to serve Christ in their local communities. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference Spanish coordinator
Greenlake Church Begins New Ministry
Improv Comes to Seattle

Greenlake church recently began a series of events carefully designed to reach out to the people in their neighborhood, as well as to the young adults and University of Washington students in the area. One such event, a special program on marriage, took place on Nov. 6, 2004. John Gottman, a renowned expert on marriage, was the featured speaker. Gottman has studied thousands of couples to determine how to have a successful relationship.

During the Sabbath evening seminar, Gottman shared highlights of his study, and a question and answer session followed. The session gave clear, concise ideas for keeping marriages strong.

The majority of the large crowd were community guests who were invited to share refreshments, upcoming musical events, and the brand new Improv ministry to begin one week later.

Opening night of the Improv ministry was Nov. 13, 2004. David Wood and Jennifer Scott, Greenlake pastors, report that it was very successful. Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College senior pastor, was the keynote speaker and 110 people attended. The Clean Slate Improv team members are Brian Cafferky, Will Frie, Tina Guldhammer and Ryan Lunsford.

Greenlake Church is planning to continue this innovative ministry for Seattle’s young adult community in the University District throughout 2005. •

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president

Amahl and the Night Visitors
A Four-star Performance

As Amahl left his mother in their poor shepherd’s hut to follow the three kings to the Christ child, the curtains slowly fell to thunderous applause, almost drowning out the final notes of the live orchestra. Then the curtains opened again for a standing ovation for the talented cast and musicians who performed Gian-Carlo Menotti’s opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors.

The performers were exhausted but exuberant after two performances at the Kirkland Performing Arts Center in Kirkland, Wash., Oct. 30, 2004. The cast consisted of members from the following musical groups: Impact, Puget Sound Adventist Youth Chorale (PSAYC), and the Men of Kirkland. Estyn Goss, director of the three singing groups, came up with this ambitious project last spring as a fundraiser to help finance an educational music trip to Europe next June.

After practicing throughout the summer and performing at three different churches this fall, the musicians were ready to tackle this delightful opera. Teresa MacDonald, a PSAA senior, performed the part of Amahl, a crippled shepherd boy. Carina Kretschmier, a junior, played the part of Amahl’s mother. Men of Kirkland, Estyn Goss, Jack Barrow III and Richard Graham were decked out in all their royalty as the three kings who visited the poor shepherd’s hut.

The Impact and PSAYC singers, who were the shepherds, polished both their musical and physical skills by singing with live orchestra accompaniment while maneuvering down the steep steps of the performing arts center.

The musical performance was made possible with the help and support of the PSAA faculty, the families of the performers, and many church members. •

Sandra Clay, PSAA parent

PSAA students and friends perform Amahl and the Night Visitors in Kirkland.
Positive Life Radio
Listeners Provide Relief for Cambodian Flood Victims

Positive Life Radio’s (PLR) fund-raising campaign, Rice for Cambodia, recently brought in a total of $82,393.32 to purchase rice for victims of flooding in Cambodia. The money will purchase 317 tons of rice, or 12,675 50-pound bags of rice. Each 50-pound bag will feed a family of four for four to six weeks.

PLR partners in this campaign with Musicianaries International, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Christian recording artist Bobby Michaels to promote the gospel. PLR listeners donated $78,009.32 of the funds raised, with the remaining $4,383.00 raised through concerts performed by Michaels.

“We will be able to make a huge difference in thousands and thousands of people’s lives on this next trip to Cambodia!” says Michaels. “We are humbled by the outpouring of the PLR listeners’ love for the Cambodian people through their generous pledges.”

Musicianaries team members who travel to Cambodia to distribute the rice also nourish the Cambodian people spiritually, providing them with the gospels of John and Luke in the Khmer language. They look forward to the trip in February and seeing the smiles of 50,000 Cambodians.

For more information on the Rice for Cambodia campaign, visit www.plr.org, and for more information on Musicianaries International, Inc., visit www.musicianaries.org.

Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent

Organ Artist Brings Us Baroque

Kraig Scott didn’t set out to become an organist. But he did have an intense interest in music. “Many people don’t realize that there has been more music composed for pipe organ than for any other instrument—a repertoire spanning almost 700 years,” says Scott, a music professor at Walla Walla College since 1986.

Scott’s interest in learning and sharing organ music has taken him on study tours to Sweden, Holland, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, as well as on concert tours to the west coast, Canada, Salt Lake City, New Jersey, Germany, and Holland.

Last summer he co-founded a new arts organization in Walla Walla with Robert Bode, a Whitman College music professor. “The goal of Walla Walla Baroque is to allow people to hear the beauty of Baroque music on original period instruments.”

In October Scott performed in the annual All-Bach recital at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle. He based the recital on Bach’s chorale variations, entitled O God Thou Faithful God. Scott says, “By incorporating in the program the words of various hymns set by Bach, I wanted to allow him to preach us a sermon about how faithful God is, even at those times when it seems God isn’t near.”

Scott’s concept attracted the interest of Seattle’s classical music station, KING 98.1 FM, which aired an interview with him the day before the concert.

Scott has just finished a new CD entitled “SDG,” an acronym for “Soli Deo Gloria.” These three letters, or the entire Latin phrase meaning “To God alone be glory,” appear on many manuscripts by J. S. Bach, the composer of the music featured on the recording.

The CD, 68 minutes of music recorded on the College Church’s Casavant organ, is available through the Department of Music at Walla Walla College, at (509) 527-2561, or by contacting Kraig Scott at scotkr@wwc.edu.
Preserving the Spirit of Healing: The Chaplains’ Endowment

At AMC, chaplains are a critical component of patient care. To that end, the hospital has established a Chaplains’ Endowment Fund with the ambitious goal of raising $6.2 million. After four years, more than $5.2 million has already been donated and pledged. “Our chaplains’ program is so important to the mission of this hospital that the board chose to make this the first program to endow,” stated John Korb, AMC philanthropy services director. “The purpose of the Chaplains’ Endowment is to preserve the spiritual care component of this facility, no matter what.”

The campaign is breaking new ground. According to Korb, it’s the first time a chaplains’ endowment has been tried in an Adventist hospital, and possibly the first time it has been attempted in any health care setting.

Thanks to the Chaplains’ Endowment Fund, patients and their family members will always be able to count on receiving spiritual care at AMC. To learn more about the campaign, please contact the hospital’s Philanthropy Services at (503) 251-6197 or visit the hospital’s Web site at www.adventisthealthnw.com.

Night Duty: Answering God’s Call

Tom Stafford unlocked the door to the chaplain’s office and flipped on the light. Everyone was gone for the day, but as a relief chaplain at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., Tom had just finished his evening rounds on the units. As usual, he returned to the office to jot down a few notes before leaving. He knew he could be reached via pager in the event that anyone else at the hospital needed him during the night.

As he sat in the quiet office documenting his activities, the phone at the reception desk started to ring. Knowing he could be paged, Tom debated whether to let the call go to voice mail. But after hearing the phone ring again and again, he instinctively reached for it. “This is the pastoral care office,” he said. “May I help you?”

Tom’s query was returned by an urgent voice on the other end of the phone. “I need to talk to an Adventist minister; can you help me? I’m in the emergency room, and I desperately need a pastor.”

Tom assured the woman he could help her, and rushed to the ER. Having met with patients and family members in the ER many times, Tom was surprised when a well-dressed woman—who was clearly not in need of medical care—greeted him. She explained that she was not sick but, rather, in need of spiritual help. “I knew I could find that here,” she explained to Tom. In the quietness of the hospital’s chapel, the “patient” poured her heart out and expressed her desire to come back to Jesus and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As the woman’s story tumbled out, Tom learned that after she had graduated from an Adventist academy, she had turned to drugs, alcohol, and other illicit activities. Recently, she had gone through a treatment program but knew that none of it would be complete without Jesus. Reverently the woman knelt with Tom in the chapel, and through her tears she sought a new relationship with Jesus Christ. After praying and talking with Tom, she left the hospital comforted and armed with the address and phone number of a local Adventist church. And Tom went home knowing that healing can occur without ever seeing a doctor.
**Binford 50th**

Don and Marie Binford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their children on Nov. 7, 2004, in the Springfield (Ore.) Church fellowship hall.

Iris Binford introduced her brother, Don E. Binford, to Marie L. Zaborski. Don and Marie were married Nov. 6, 1954, in Stevenson, Wash. Don is retired after working 27 years at Weyerhaeuser. Marie is a homemaker and is also retired after 20 years with Whittier Wood products. Longtime members of the Springfield Church, Don and Marie also enjoy being members of the Emerald RV Club.

The Binford family includes Donna Blashford of Springfield, Donald and Deborah Binford of Marcola, Ore., and Ronald and Mary Binford of Springfield; and 6 grandchildren.

**Kretz 100th**

Eunice Kretz celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on Aug. 23, 2004, at the Soap Lake (Wash.) Community Church. Eunice is a member of the Ephrata Church.

Eunice Kjellman was born Aug. 24, 1904, in Big Stone Lake, Minn., on a family farm close to Minneapolis. Her family, including five siblings, moved to Washington in her early years. She went to Oakville High School and graduated from Grays Harbor Business College in Aberdeen, Wash. Eunice worked at Pickering & Sons as a stenographer/bookkeeper for several years. While working there she met John Kretz, a logger and carpenter. They were married Oct. 8, 1924, in Montesano, Wash.

The Kretz family includes Janice Fogerson of Soap Lake; Willadene and Everett Burts of Wenatchee, Wash.; James and Diana Kretz of Campbell River, Calif.; Darrell and John Jr, both deceased; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

**Pettay 50th**

Richard and Jeanette Pettay celebrated their 50th anniversary Nov. 25, 2004, with a Thanksgiving evening reception hosted by their children in the Ozark Adventist Academy cafeteria, Gentry, Ark.

Richard T. Pettay married Jeanette A. Barnett Nov. 23, 1954, in the Gentry Church. Richard and Jeanette grew up in the Gentry area and graduated from Ozark Adventist Academy together in 1951. Richard operated the broom shop at Oak Park Academy, and started broom/mop shops at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) and Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA). Jeanette taught business education classes and served as registrar at Oak Park Academy. She also served as treasurer of UCA, business manager of Columbia Adventist Academy, and treasurer of AAA. After returning to Gentry in 1995, Richard started his own mop business. Richard retired in 1996 and Jeanette currently works for a realtor in Siloam Springs, Ark.

The Pettay family includes Juanita and Mike Edge of Oxford, Wis., and Vernon and Karina Pettay of Fort Worth, Texas; and 6 grandchildren.

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**GUIDELINES**

GLEANER Milestones are for 50, 60, 65, 70 and 75th anniversaries and 90, 95 and 100th birthdays. Information to include: date, location and type of celebration; date and location of birth or wedding; women’s maiden names: a brief résumé; first and last names of only the honorees’ children and their spouses with city/state of residence; total number of grandchildren; contact’s daytime phone number. Original color photos or 300 dpi JPG photos (no published pictures) are only accepted for 60 and 70th anniversaries or 100th birthdays. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

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**TIPS FOR AUTHORS**

New Information Requested in Wedding Forms

You will notice some of the wedding announcements in this issue have more information listed in them. In the interest of providing more information for future genealogists, we are asking for the names of the couple’s parents and the person who officiated at the ceremony—whether religious or civil.

For this usage ministers who pastor churches should be listed as Pastor, while ministers who work in administrative, chaplain or other roles should be listed as Elder. Local church elders who performed ceremonies should be listed as “elder.” Do not use the title Dr. for anyone because it does not represent their role in the church, but is rather a professional title. Persons who performed civil ceremonies might include Justice of the Peace, or Judge.

Please use the new wedding forms that are provided on the Web site www.gleaneronline.org. If you don’t have access to the Internet, have someone who does print them out for you. Complete information for how to obtain those forms was published in the December GLEANER.
CHRISTENSEN—Elise M. was born July 23, 2004, to James and Shawna (Moyer) Christensen, Portland, Ore.

COOK—Parris Renee was born Feb. 28, 2004, to Neil and Heather (Schieman) Cook, Spokane, Wash.

IRVINE—Darin was born Jan. 14, 2004, to Brian and Shawna (Johnson) Irvine, Gresham, Ore.

LUTT—Penelope Rose was born Oct. 28, 2004, to Geoff and Rachel (Cafferky) Lutt, Beaverton, Ore.

MEYER—Caleb R. was born Aug. 5, 2004, to Bob and Mindy (Johnson) Meyer, College Place, Wash.

MOHR—Braydon D. was born Oct. 15, 2004, to Rob and Michelle (Spiva) Mohr, Hermiston, Ore.

PARRY—Riley B. was born Oct. 11, 2004, to Brett and Janeé (Houser) Parry, Portland, Ore.

ROGERS—Sean Michael was born Sept. 29, 2004, to John and Tonya (Robinson) Rogers, Sandy, Ore.

ROSAASEN—Natalie Beth was born Sept. 5, 2004, to Matthew and Rashel (Ensminger) Rosaaesen, College Place, Wash.

ROSE—Madeline Sydney was born Feb. 8, 2004, to Adam and Charissa (Craw) Rose, Portland, Ore.

SCHNEIDER—Jedidiah was born Sept. 7, 2004, to Matthew and Leonara (Pesterfield) Schneider, Portland, Ore.


STILES—Alexander Christian was born Aug. 18, 2004, to Peter and Lisa (Case) Stiles, Bend, Ore.

GUIDELINES

Information to include: first and last names including the mother’s maiden name, date of birth, city/state of residence and contact’s daytime phone number. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

BUSBY-JOHNSON—C. Elizabeth Busby and Sean E. Johnson were married July 11, 2004, in Seattle, Wash., with Ronald Busby officiating. Elizabeth is the daughter of Dan and Patty Busby and Sean is the son of Dennis and Anita Johnson. The Johnsons are making their home in Milford, N.H.

CALKINS-GEIGLE—Heather Calkins and Nathan Geigle, Oct. 10, 2004, Vallejo, Calif. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore.


GENSON-THOMAS—Bethany LuRie Genson and Jarod David Thomas, June 20, 2004, Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in LaFayette, Colo.

HAM-WATERS—Chelsey J. Ham and Matthew D. Waters were married June 25, 2004, in Camas, Wash., with Penny Ray Ammon officiating. Chelsey is the daughter of Bruce and Mary Lou Ham and Matthew is the son of Bruce and Debbie Ware. The Waters are making their home in College Place, Wash.


MCINTYRE-CARLSON—Meghann McIntyre and Justin Carlson, Aug. 29, 2004, Rockaway, Ore. They are making their home in Boring, Ore.


ZHIVOTOVSKAYA-PALMER—Marina Zhivotovskaya and Ronald Palmer were married Sept. 12, 2004, in Manhattan, N.Y. Marina is the daughter of Antonina Zhivotovskaya and Ronald is the son of Gerald and Christine Palmer. The Palmers are making their home in Burleson, Texas.

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DAVIS—George W., 75; born Sept. 13, 1928, Mason City, Iowa; died June 1, 2004, Scappoose, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evelyn (Nagustin), Tigard, Ore.; daughter, Brenda Preddie, Kennedwick, Wash.; sister, Marge Davis, Hampton, Iowa.


We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers... 1 Thes. 1:2 [NKJV]
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings
Jan. 1—Local Church Budget/Outreach; Jan. 8—Local Conference Advance; Jan. 15—Local Church Budget; Jan. 22—Religious Liberty; Jan. 31—Local Church Budget; Feb. 5—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Walla Walla College Area Theological Seminar
Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 3 and 4:30 p.m.—Walla Walla College professors David Thomas, Roy Campbell, and Linda Emmerson will present a seminar entitled, “Philosophy, Theology, and Science Go to Church” at the WWC Fine Arts Auditorium. Come, listen, and participate in the presentations and lively discussions. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church, and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology www.wwc.edu/ibcc. Contact Cheryl Weiss for more information at: (509) 527-2194 or weissc@wwc.edu.

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Boise Area Theology Seminar
Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., and Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.—Walla Walla College theology professor Paul Dybdahl will present a seminar entitled, “Evangelism in America: The Boogie Monster and the Truth.” The sessions will be held at the Cloverdale Church, 1115 N. Cloverdale, Boise.

Come, listen, and participate in the presentations and lively discussions. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church, and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology www.wwc.edu/ibcc. Contact Pastor Brown at (503) 363-0390 or e-mail the church at: eastsalemsda@msn.com.

Milo Senior Recognition Weekend
Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. for vespers, and all day Jan. 22—Parents are invited to campus for Sabbath services and activities celebrating Senior Recognition Weekend. Saturday evening Spanish/mystery theme benefit banquet with drama, an auction, and a WWC financial aid workshop. Call (541) 825-3200 or 3330, fax (541) 825-3723, e-mail teresa.wilken@miloadcademy.org, or the Web at: http://www.miloadcademy.org.

Bounding the Wounds
Jan. 22–23—Ron and Nancy Rockey, co-directors of Faith for Today’s family ministries, are conducting a weekend Bounding the Wounds seminar at the Holden Convention Center, Gladstone Park Conference Center. This exciting and informative seminar has been proven not only to educate, but to effect healing from destructive behaviors and emotional anguish. To register or for more information, call (888) 940-0062.

Eastern Salem Area Theology Seminar
Jan. 28, 7 p.m., and Jan. 29 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.—Walla Walla College theology professor Alden Thompson will present a seminar entitled, “Adventism Facing Changing Times” at the East Salem Church, 5575 Fruitland Rd. NE, Salem, Ore. Come, listen, and participate in the presentations and lively discussions. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church, and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology www.wwc.edu/ibcc. Contact Pastor Brown at (503) 363-0390 or e-mail the church at: eastsalemsda@msn.com.

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2. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitteth his children, so the Lord pitteth them that fear him. Psalm 103:11-13

3. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:20-21

4. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 John 3:1

5. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. II Corinthians 1:3-4

6. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Ephesians 1:7

7. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. Genesis 12:7

8. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:12-13

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