A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.
Proverbs 15:30 (NIV)

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Adventists, Catholics, & Hewlett-Packard

By Jere Patzer

The Hewlett-Packard Company has a slogan that not only makes their employees stop and think, but it should make us think as well. It is, “Do we know what we already know?”

In light of recent world developments, I have done some serious reflecting. No doubt you have too. I’m seeing events taking shape that seem to have a ring of familiarity. I ask myself, “Am I taking seriously what I already know?”

Last year I had the privilege of speaking for a satellite crusade from Brazil. It was carried on 157 television stations and numerous downlink sites across South America and beyond. In light of that, I’ve been reminded of the Catholic Church’s response to the staggering growth of what they refer to as “sects” in Brazil.

At the 31st National Conference of Bishops in Brazil, Bishop Sinesio Bolm stated, “We will declare a holy war, don’t doubt it. The Catholic Church has a ponderous structure, but when we move, we’ll smash anyone beneath us.”

For obvious reasons, we should not be too specific in our speculation as to how this will all play out for us as Adventists, particularly in light of the church’s explosive growth in Latin America and other parts of the world. According to Adherents.com, we are now the eighth largest international church in the world.

But once again I hear the words of Daniel, John the Revelator, and Ellen G. White who said, “And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes … she is silently growing into power … stealthily and unsuspectingly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike” (The Great Controversy, page 581).

Many of us were impacted recently when we saw the picture of our last three U.S. presidents paying homage as they knelt before the casket of Pope John Paul II. They were accompanied by heads of state from 60 countries. We couldn’t help but think of the verse in Revelation 13:3, “… and all the world wondered after the beast.”

So with the reign of Pope John Paul II the Catholic Church has successfully, as predicted, reestablished itself as a recognized geopolitical power. It has gained significant credibility and favor with people in the United States and around the world.

Now there is a new head of the Catholic Church. Traditionally, popes put great significance on the names they choose for themselves. It is interesting that this new pope has named himself Pope Benedict XVI. The first 14 Benedictos were hard-line popes reigning during the Dark Ages (575–1798), a time of great persecution for God’s people. And Benedict XV was known for his emphasis on ecumenism. Immediately after the new pope, Benedict XVI, was elected, he announced that the first priority for his administration would be ecumenism. What does that mean? How will he strategize to accomplish it?

Now I write this article realizing that some might misinterpret what I have said. This is not a judgment on the many sincere Christian members of the Catholic Church. It does not even judge the moral characters of the popes themselves. That is rightly God’s responsibility. This article is talking about a system that has in the past demonstrated its ability to be an evil agency of the Devil and has the potential to be so again.

I realize that in recent years there are some prophetic revisionists within the Adventist Church. Despite the reformation view and our own Adventist historic position, they are advocating a multiple interpretive application to the beast power of Daniel. They believe that it may no longer even apply to the Catholic Church. This is despite the dozen or so specific characteristics described in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 that, when put together, clearly exclude any other entity or individual other than the Catholic Church. These individuals might have trouble seeing any significance to recent events as they relate to our Great Controversy world view.

But for most of us, we are again reminded of another inspired statement, “We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling … only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains” (6T, page 14).

Yes, I believe that we better take notice of “what we already know.” “Prophecies are fulfilling.” **
St. Louis is home to the famous 630-foot-tall Gateway Arch, built as a monument to U.S. President Thomas Jefferson.

The arch is the tallest national monument in America.

Source: www.gcsession.org
Marian stood and looked at the building. It was just a plain white building that had once been a mortuary. To her it was beautiful. Currently, it was being used as the Ft. Belknap (Harlem, Montana) Church, but someday it would also become an Adventist school—“her” school.

She had attended Vacation Bible School, Sabbath School and church since the Adventist church moved to the reservation. She listened to the adults dream, talk and pray about someday having a school where children could be in a safe environment, where the classes weren’t overcrowded and students could get the attention they needed and deserved, and where students could improve their social skills while learning a healthier lifestyle. Their goal was to have a place where a new generation of tribal members could learn and follow new values. Their dream was a school where each student would know God.

That’s what Marian wanted, and she told the other children that this was “her” school. She watched as the adults began laying plans for “her” school, but it seemed that every step of the way they were met with insurmountable obstacles.

First, there was no place to meet. As they began to look around, they realized that their church building could be remodeled to accommodate a one-room school. They would need new bathrooms and a new kitchen, and the attic would have to be restructured for a classroom. It seemed like a dead-end as there was no money for renovations.

One day John Loor Jr., Montana Conference president, called Jim Jenkins, Ft. Belknap Group pastor, and asked if he had filled out paperwork for a Versa Care grant. Pastor Jim hadn’t, as he was sure nothing they were doing would qualify. The pastor sent in the request anyway, and the small group of church members prayed for God’s leading. Three months later, Pastor Jim received a phone call saying they had been selected for a grant in the amount of

William “Snuffy” Main, tribal council member at the time the land for the church was donated, gives church leader Neoma Abbott the word that the school was approved. Neoma had prayed for 20 years that a church school could be established on the reservation.
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JUST THE AMOUNT THEY NEEDED TO DO THE REMODELING. THIS WAS TRULY AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Now they could see hope for a school, but would the tribal council even allow it on tribal land? Since the resurgence of native religion, there seemed to be growing reticence for allowing an Adventist Christian school on tribal ground. More prayer followed, and with the leadership of Neoma Abbott, local church leader, the request was made to the council and granted.

Since there were only limited funds available, how could they pay a teacher’s salary? Shortly, Larry Unterseher, Montana Conference education director, informed the congregation that the conference executive committee voted to cover the costs of the teacher/evangelist completely for the first year with evangelism funds. With that knowledge, a request was made to the K–12 board to operate the Ft. Belknap School, and it was granted.

Now, a teacher needed to be found who was culturally sensitive, willing to begin a school from scratch in an attic with no budget, supplies, library books or help. The teacher would need the ability to work well in a multi-grade classroom, prepare meals and be willing to live on the windy northern plains. The education superintendent warned the people that it might take a long time to find a person to fit this school.

Again, the people prayed earnestly that God would lead them to just the right person. When Debbie Smart, Walla Walla College School of Education and Psychology secretary, heard that we needed a teacher with those special qualifications, she said, “If that is what you need, I know just the person—Carrie Ferguson. She has been praying for a place where her talents could be best used.”

Debbie was correct. The interview, board approval and acceptance of the position were undeniably God’s leading. Carrie’s degree, with major emphases in elementary education, special education and art, prepared her with the skills we needed in a teacher. The fact that she has served in the Coast Guard, raised her own family, served the world church on several short-term mission projects, and was trained at WWC with the latest educational thought was just a bonus. Even though she will be a new graduate, she brings a wealth of experience to this position.

“This new school is nothing less than a miracle,” says Pastor Jim. “Every time it looked like we came to a dead-end, I hoped for a resolution, but was comfortable in feeling that God might be shutting the door. Now we can see God’s leading. We received funding, conference approval, and had a teacher accept the position in only 15 days. It certainly was God, for all we did was pray.”

There are many obstacles left unresolved as Montana Conference and the people of Ft. Belknap move out in faith with this evangelistic outreach. We need text books, library books, supplies and student scholarships. We also need funds for the teacher’s salary so our dream can continue beyond the first year.

There are many more answers to prayer yet to come, but for now, when Marian stands and looks at the building, her prayer for a school, “her” school, is becoming a reality. •

Author’s note: As of this writing, Marian is nine and part of the Assiniboine/Gros Ventre Tribe living on the Fort Belknap reservation. There are seven reservations in Montana, encompassing about 13,100 square miles, which are home to 11 tribes. This area is larger than nine of the US states, and yet taking the Adventist message to these nations is just in its infancy.

Larry Unterseher is the Montana Conference education director and writes from Bozeman, Montana.
DAN ROSS IS IN THE BUSINESS of building. He owns and operates DRE Design and Drafting, Inc., a firm specializing in the development of residential architectural plans in Eagle, Idaho.

Though raised in an Adventist family, Dan drifted away from God in his late teens and wasn’t excited about coming back. In 1992, he married Dene Sue who had sporadically attended the Lutheran Church. She was seeking a closer relationship with Jesus. When they discussed religious topics, Dan says, “My Adventist upbringing came back, and I started sharing my beliefs straight from the Bible.” Theologically, they got off to a rocky start, but during the next four years, the Lord was working in their lives. In 1996, Dan was re-baptized and Dene Sue was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As they left Boise’s Cloverdale Church one Sabbath, Dan said, “I have the strongest conviction that God wants me to work for Him, but I’m not sure how—maybe as a teacher or preacher?” Dene Sue confessed that she shared the same conviction but hadn’t known how to approach the subject.

Following Christ in this way would radically impact their world.

Besides Dan’s well-established business, Dene Sue owns and operates her own corporation called Write Way, Inc., which develops documentation and training programs for technology firms.

At the urging of his pastor, Dan decided to check out Andrews University. Wanting to know what preparation might be necessary before he could begin seminary, Dan and Dene Sue visited Michigan in October 1997 for an interview. In December, Andrews called. Dan’s scores on the GRE and the ministry profile allowed him to be admitted to the Master of Divinity program without further study. It looked like the door was opening wide.

In January 1998, a For Sale sign appeared in front of their home. Immediately Dan’s clients reacted with disbelief: “What are you doing?” they asked.

Dan had unprecedented opportunities to witness for Christ. Day after day, he shared his faith with a stream of secular business associates and employees. During this time, they had no serious offers on their home. Friends suggested that perhaps the Lord had a lay work for Dan. Nevertheless, they prayerfully stepped out in faith, and 30 days before Dan was to begin classes, Dene Sue gave her clients notice. “We still recall the relief of letting everything go!” she said.

The acceptance letter from Andrews was on the desk—but there were no offers on the house. After weeks of earnest prayer, they decided that abandoning both incomes, entering a study program 1,700 miles away, and maintaining an acreage in Idaho was not an option. Wondering about the Lord’s leading them to a seemingly closed door, they removed the sign and continued their careers.

Roger and Nancy Essink, Dan and Dene Sue’s friends, had attended the 1998 Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) convention in Palm
Springs and were enthusiastic. “You gotta go,” they said. So Dan and Dene Sue attended the next ASI Northwest Chapter meeting and caught their friends’ enthusiasm. At the 2000 Grand Rapids, Michigan, convention, they heard a lot of talk about church planting. Both couples felt inspired and decided to plant a church in Garden Valley, Idaho, located in a county with no Adventist presence.

“If we’re going to be involved with this, we need to move,” Dan thought. Though November seemed like a bad month to sell, and remembering the previous lack of activity, they put up a For Sale by Owner sign. In January, the Lord brought a full-price buyer, enabling them to relocate both businesses to Eagle, a suburb of Boise and an easy commute to Garden Valley.

A church was planted in 2000 with 13 members meeting as a branch Sabbath School in a mobile home. The group became a company that same year and an organized church in 2002. Today a small church has been built to house the nearly 65 members. Some of the original group have already moved and started another church plant. Where there were no Adventist churches, now there are two.

Ellen White wrote, “A distinct work is assigned to every Christian” (Christian Service, p. 9). Dan says, “I had to allow God to lead in my life and change my thinking. Sometimes God calls us to ministry in a different direction than we would have gone on our own. I was surely called into business, not for selfish purposes, but for ministry. I have learned that my first priority is to spread the gospel, and my second is to make a living. I have opportunities to witness to both old and new clients.” Dan is fulfilling the commission to share the gospel story.

In addition to his full-time career and church responsibilities, Dan now serves as president of the ASI Northwest Chapter. He says, “ASI changed our lives. We heard stories of people in action, serving wherever they were. It helped me to believe that wherever I am, I’m a minister. God wanted me here; He wanted me to prioritize my spiritual life and use my business in sharing Christ where a preacher cannot go.”

Judy A. Thomsen, ASI communication director, writes from Silver Spring, Maryland.
How do you know an Adventist when you see one? Often it’s not that difficult, because Adventists tend to conform to a certain lifestyle (practices of dress, vocabulary, or style) that mark us as a “peculiar people.” Any group, for that matter, has corporate boundary markers that define their association. For example, if you spot a Volkswagen van plastered with peace signs and piloted by a long-haired, tie-dye-wearing man with granny-glasses, you might assume him to be a hippie stuck in the happy days.

In the same way, bikers, farmers, doctors, politicians, rock stars and every other group have their own ways of distinguishing who is a part of their fraternity. They do this by practicing customs of conformity. Similarly, as Adventists we conform to certain practices of Sabbath observance, worship, dress, and diet that help to define who we are.

With the 58th General Conference session just around the corner, I am reminded of the last G.C. meeting in Toronto. Over 60,000 Adventists invaded the SkyDome. The convention attracted a wonderful and global collection of people. But no matter where the Adventists came from, we all seemed to conform to certain lifestyle choices.

This became clear to me while watching a hot-dog vendor planted in prime real estate right in front of the stadium. Much to his dismay, thousands of disinterested folk hurried by his sign advertising “100% PORK HOT DOGS.” I wanted to explain to the poor fellow that most of the pedestrians were Seventh-day Adventists who abstain from “unclean” wieners.

Now mind you, we’re not always consistent in our health-reform message. Right next to the hot-dog vendor was an ice-cream truck. People lined up for a city block to score a soft serve. I figure that guy sold a million dollars worth of ice cream that week—of course that was in Canadian currency, which at the time was a hundred bucks or so, but still, a good pay day!

Now here’s the rub (mind if I meddle?): As Adventists, we won’t touch a piece of pork, because that’s an important boundary marker. Yet, we can gorge on ice cream and high-fat vegetarian dogs, fail to get adequate exercise and sleep, gossip, covet, and lust—and still remain Adventists in good and regular standing because we carefully observe the external markers that define us.

While conformity may be important, it is not the most important thing. As a church, we should not be peculiar because we conform to certain behaviors; rather, our uniqueness should come from having been transformed into the likeness of Christ. The apostle Paul said, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2).

It’s not enough to be informed on prophetic doctrines. Nor is it enough to simply conform to certain behaviors. Ultimately, we must be transformed into the loving character of Christ. By this will all people know that we are Adventists.

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.
A Prodigal Daughter Comes Home

Every missing and former member who returns to God has his or her own unique story of responding to a Savior who never gives up. Recently, at the Voice of Prophecy’s (VOP) VisionBuilders weekend held at Skamania Lodge, Lonnie Melashenko, VOP speaker/director, interviewed Pam Bolton. Out of the church for 24 years, she faced more than a few challenges in returning.

Pam grew up as an Adventist but had no relationship with Jesus during her early years. Her academy Bible teacher predicted she would go to hell and probably like it there. Her exit from the church had occurred in the early 1980s when it seemed to her she was more lonely in church than at home alone. Accepting a weekend job made it even easier for her to skip going to church.

Pam, a mammography and CT technologist, became involved in Wicca (witchcraft) for eight or nine years and was addicted to drugs prescribed by her physician. She also suffered from having been misdiagnosed with psychological disorders. “My real problem was that I had chosen the lead of Satan down a very dark path, which was in conflict with where God wanted me,” Pam says.

Recruited by the owner of a diagnostic imaging facility in Portland, Pam accepted the job offer more than two years ago, not knowing her new boss and another employee were Seventh-day Adventists. “I was sandwiched,” she says, remembering how both had talked with her for many months about Jesus and getting to know a loving and forgiving God.

Pam’s returning to church and finding a relationship with Jesus Christ involved a significant number of people. In addition to her boss and colleague, pastors from the Oregon Conference were involved in a January 2004 anointing. Many other friends were praying for her and had an impact on her decision.

“The anointing was a turning point in my life,” she says.

Another who became involved was Lonnie Melashenko. Pam had written a letter highly critical of one of VOP’s ads in the Adventist Review. “It was really negative,” she says, “and Lonnie responded with a warm and loving letter that blew me away.”

At first, Pam couldn’t believe that a ministry director like Lonnie would take the time for her. “But he did,” she says. Over the period of a year, their e-mail friendship grew to “big brother” and “little sis.” They didn’t actually meet until the day before Lonnie baptized Pam in the Rockwood Church on April 10.

When asked how her life has changed since accepting Jesus as her Savior and Lord and returning to church, she said, “I’m trying to focus on staying under the power of Jesus rather than under the power of Satan and my past. God is making order out of the chaos of my past life. I’m happier, softer as a person.”

Mike Jones, director of Operation Reconnect, Voice of Prophecy’s outreach to inactive and former members
A renewed sense of urgency permeated the members of the Northwest Chapter of Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) as they met at the Eagle Crest Resort near Redmond, Ore., for the annual Spring Fellowship weekend, April 14–17. The theme for the weekend, “Working, O Christ, with Thee,” was echoed in the meetings, reports and conversations.

Dan Ross, ASI Northwest Chapter president, spoke Sabbath evening and focused attention on how the news events of the last year and behind the scenes maneuverings of powerful interest groups are pointing to the final chapters in Earth’s history. He called for a renewed commitment of the ASI members and the Adventist Church in their efforts to share Christ in their spheres of influence.

The next ASI Spring Fellowship will be held at Harbor Towers in Victoria, B.C., April 13–16, 2006. •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

During a conversation at the ASI Spring Fellowship, Merlin Fjarli from Medford, Ore., said that when they first went to India in October 2001, they could finance a church, built with the help of Maranatha volunteers, for between $3,500 and $10,000, depending on its size. Today, because of the strength of the rupee and increases in building material costs, a church seating 150 people would cost $5,000, a church seating 250 people would cost $7,500 and a church seating 400 people would cost $11,000.

While this is still a bargain by American standards, it is costing more to provide churches for our newly baptized brothers and sisters in India. •
NPUC Breaks Ground for New Office

North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) officers, staff and executive committee members along with Ridgefield city council and port officials broke ground for the new Northwest Adventist headquarters office building, Wednesday, May 4.

This ceremony culminated a five-year effort to relocate the NPUC offices from Portland, Ore., to Clark County, Wash. When various applications with the county failed, the NPUC began working with officials from the city and port of Ridgefield, a process that paid high dividends. In January of this year, Ridgefield voted to annex the church’s property from the county, clearing the way for construction.

The NPUC sold its previous Portland office in May 2000, and moved to leased space in Vancouver, Wash., where it will continue until the new building is ready to occupy.

NPUC leaders believe the move will accomplish several major objectives, including 1) investing church resources wisely by buying in a lower-cost area where values are beginning to blossom; and 2) providing a smaller, yet more efficient, office space that more accurately reflects current and future needs.

When completed late next year, the new building will represent a significant down-sizing compared with the previous location in Portland. Located on 30 acres fronting the east side of Interstate 5 just north of exit 14, it will be highly visible to all freeway traffic, an ongoing witness to the God we serve and His church at work in the Northwest. •

Steve Vistaunet

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to Benefit Northwest

Evangelistic outreach potential in the Northwest will receive a direct boost from the June 25 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow.

This year’s North American Division offering will in part benefit the development of an Adventist radio presence in the greater Portland-Vancouver area. This will be the first major metro area along the Interstate 5 corridor to receive such attention.

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) has been studying the potential of reaching the growing population in the area and believes that a constant 24-hour, seven-day-a-week radio presence will enhance the effectiveness of local church evangelism and community outreach.

Over the past three years, the NPUC has been raising funds and looking at options for establishing regular contact with the 1.5 million people in the Portland metro area. A generous response during this nationwide offering will bring this constant radio presence closer to reality.

The NPUC is beginning this project in the Portland-Vancouver area because it provides the best initial combination of oversight, cost-per-person-reached, and a critical number of church members as a core support group and ongoing volunteer base. And it expands on a presence already in existence. For the past eight years, Jere Patzer, NPUC president, has also hosted the Issues & Interviews radio program from studios in Portland.

While specifics are still being determined, the plan will likely include the purchase and operation of a local radio station along with an emphasis on Internet podcasting and production of audio spots for wider distribution. Conference leaders also hope that this initial project will spur on a similar development plan for the Seattle-Tacoma metroplex.

Patzer invites Northwest members to join in this unique Thirteenth Sabbath Offering opportunity. “This chance to join our efforts with others across North America won’t come again in the foreseeable future. I hope we can all see this as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to mission right here in the Northwest.”

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president and communication director

Originating in Portland, the Issues & Interviews radio program, hosted by Jere Patzer, reaches many areas of the Northwest. An Adventist radio station in Portland will have a potential audience of 1.5 million people.
Mat-Su Signing Choir Produces DVD

When the 31-member Mat-Su Signing Choir, directed by Dorothy Johnson and composed of students from Matanuska Valley Seventh-day Adventist School and homeschoolers, performed for camp meeting last June, the emotive appeal of the young people using the American Sign Language to “speak” the words to songs such as “Bow the Knee” brought tears to more than one person’s eyes. Several attendees suggested that the students should have a professional DVD produced so that others could enjoy the experience.

Work on a DVD began last July. Proceeds from the expected sales of the 30-minute, seven-song DVD at the next camp meeting will be used to fund a scholarship program for choir members at the church school.

The five-and-a-half-hour professional recording session took place in November at dotCONNproductions in Wasilla, Alaska. The three camera operators and production manager were deeply moved by the students’ performance; so much so that the choir was not charged for the three additional hours of studio time beyond what was originally contracted. The disk includes music sung by MVAS teacher, Laurie Cummings, and a former student, Jason Brady.

“The songs were selected to touch the heart and to remind the kids of God’s great love for each individual. It is my hope,” stated Dorothy Johnson, “that when life gets tough for each of these kids, they will remember the words to these songs and remember that God truly loves us.”

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference education director

Milestones Course Takes Members Beyond Baptism

Sixteen people graduated from The Second Mile’s discipleship course entitled Milestones. At a celebration banquet, Nathan Eastman, The Second Mile’s discipleship leader and course instructor, handed out certificates of achievement and individual congratulations to each graduate. The evening concluded with a prayer of dedication for the graduates. Five of the 16 graduates were baptized at the conclusion of the course.

Eastman and Brant Berglin, The Second Mile pastor, created the Milestones discipleship curriculum, which is designed to disciple someone through the process of Bible study, baptism and membership in the Adventist Church, and finally into active ministry and leadership. The core course covers three basic areas:

Disciplines—What the Bible is, who wrote it and when, why it can be trusted, and how to study it using prayer and meditation.

Doctrines—the foundational teachings of the Bible, including the distinctive beliefs of the Adventist Church. Topics are Christ-centered and encourage participants to believe and practice the Christian life.

Direction—Baptism and the role of the Adventist Church as it applies to the specific tasks of the local church body and its worldwide mission.

Class members were encouraged to reach the next milestone—discovering a ministry in the local church by means of the Connections and Becoming a Contagious Christian courses.

Twelve people have completed the one-weekend Connections course and are finding ministries in the local church. A mentoring process and leadership training to grow people into mature disciples of Jesus is being implemented.

Brant Berglin, The Second Mile pastor

Thirteen Milestones graduates stand with their instructors, Nathan Eastman and Pastor Brant Berglin, who created the program designed to take seekers from a point of little biblical knowledge to church membership and active ministry.
Oasis Adventist Church
Finally Has a Home!

It was a miracle that only God could have achieved! After 11 years of worshipping in rented facilities and moving nine times, it was a glorious day on Sabbath, Nov. 6, 2004, when the church family hosted a grand opening in its newly purchased facility. The worship center was filled to capacity with members and many visitors. Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference president, was the guest speaker and musical numbers were presented by the women’s singing group.

In 2002, when we committed ourselves to praying daily at 4 p.m. for God’s guidance and re-dedicated our efforts to raise money through individual and family pledges, the money began to come in quickly for a substantial down payment. The long-range planning committee searched for more than a year for a facility that met our criteria.

At the direction of Mike Devitt, one of the committee members, his nanny began calling churches in the Boise Yellow Pages to ask if their buildings might be for sale. The answer from Crossroads Christian Church’s pastor was, “Maybe. We’ve been sitting on the fence for some time about selling and moving to a larger facility.” That was all we needed. We are so happy to be located at 501 N. Curtis Road, in the central area of Boise.

Oasis is committed to community outreach. Once a month we serve dinner at Community House, a non-profit, temporary housing facility, and we raised $800 for their infant needs. We are organizing a program to provide transportation to church on Sabbath mornings and lunch for Community House residents.

Bf Wagner, Oasis Church
communication leader

After 11 years in temporary quarters, Oasis finally has a permanent home.

Gem State Students Help Elderly Residents

Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) students left the classroom on Service Day to help Neighborhood Housing Services with senior neighborhood cleanup. Students went in groups to seniors’ homes who could no longer care for their yards and helped with yard work and odd jobs. Neighborhood Housing Services was excited about having more than 150 willing hands to assist their efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of the elderly population in the valley.

“We do this to provide our young people with opportunities to participate in serving others instead of serving self,” said Travis Culver, GSAA guidance director and Bible teacher. “Service to others is a big part of our mission at Gem State and also part of the gospel commission. We’re excited about the opportunity to interact in the community.”

Daniel Perez said, “I could have been playing video games with my friend and watching movies and stuff, but I asked myself, ‘What would Jesus do?’ and I decided that it was about time for me to give something back to the community.”

Here at Gem State, we value the positive attitudes that the students have toward work and spreading God’s love in the community. For more information about GSAA, visit www.gemstate.org or call (208) 459-1627.

Debra McCarver,
GSAA GLEANER correspondent and Ariel Candies,
GSAA sophomore

Ariel Candies, a GSAA sophomore, talked to a few students in her group to get their reactions on Service Day. Hilary Prandl said, “Friends made the day fun and the feeling of doing something for the community was nice.”

Ariel Candies
Gem State Adventist Academy students weed flower beds for seniors in the community.

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Faith in Action

For Glen and Rhonda Hanley of Eureka, Mont., it was an easy decision to leave the comfort of their mountain home to help the Adventist mission in Nicaragua. Their son and daughter-in-law, Clint and Marilyn Hanley, run the mission for the Tasba Raya Adventist Clinic there.

Marilyn, a registered nurse, is the sole medical help at the clinic for most of the month. She handles everything from delivering babies to sewing up machete wounds. Situations beyond Marilyn’s expertise are transported to hospitals in Waspan, two and a half hours away, or Puerto Cabeza, five hours journey in the mission’s Toyota truck.

Bill and Catherine Patterson, also of Eureka, felt impressed to volunteer at the mission. Catherine is a horticulturist and Bill is a farmer, so they helped with the mission garden.

The villagers were shown that the soil needed to be enriched with manure and compost in order to grow good crops. Their diet is very limited, consisting of rice and beans, so Marilyn hopes to introduce easy-to-grow vegetables that will add variety and nutrition. Once successfully grown in the mission garden, she will distribute seeds to the villagers for them to plant in their gardens.

Clint’s foremost project was to teach the villagers how to make concrete building blocks. Wooden structures deteriorate rapidly in the hot, humid climate. Villagers mixed the concrete by hand and made the concrete blocks individually from a mold. American volunteers helped the villagers lay the blocks.

There is always work to be done at the mission. One long-term goal is to develop industry or agriculture endeavors that will be a continual source of income for the villagers. For more information, e-mail Patterson_Farm@yahoo.com.

Catherine Patterson, Eureka Church communication secretary

Learning Respect and Honor

Helena Karate for Christ Club

Eight members of the Helena Church were awarded Senior Student of the Year recognition, and Jessica Lindsey received the Assistant Instructor of the Year award from the Independent Martial Arts Federation (IMAF). The IMAF is made up of 46 registered schools and has 587 registered students. Their recognition is viewable at http://www.angelfire.com/ma/imaft/awards.html.

The Helena Karate for Christ Club (HKGCC), sponsored by the Helena Church, was formed April 1, 2003. Membership in this ministry has grown by word of mouth to 24 full-time students, representing both youth and adults from a variety of religious backgrounds.

James Lindsey, a Karate instructor who holds second degree black belt rank in W.S. Hapkido and brown belt in American Karate, believes this ministry could easily be reaching hundreds of non-churched persons in the Helena community if it could be operated as a full-time ministry. HKGCC meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday evening for Bible study, exercise and W.S. Hapkido class.

James Lindsey, Karate for Christ Club leader

KEUR Airs in Eureka

At approximately 2 p.m. March 8, 2005, Eureka, Mont., area residents were able to tune into a local radio station, 107.7 LPFM. Eureka Christian Radio, KEUR. The “LP” in LPFM stands for low power, but FCC studies showed that with a 100-foot tower, coverage would include much of this northwestern Montana community.

KEUR carries 24-hour Christian lifestyle programming simulcast from the 3ABN Radio Network. Future plans include local programming, when finances permit. Estimated costs for the additional equipment needed to do local broadcasting is approximately $7,000. There are still challenges ahead, but God will see His projects completed!

Catherine Patterson
You Are What You Eat

You are what you eat was the theme of a two-part cooking class held at Five Falls Christian School in Great Falls, Mont. Dana Wallace, graduate of the Natural Gourmet Cookery School in New York City, and her mother, Connie Melashenko, gave cooking classes on plant-based cuisine. Wallace talked about eating a natural diet and the connection between our modern refined foods diet and diseases, raising awareness of health and lifestyle choices.

Since eating breakfast is the most important food decision you can make each day for good health, part one of the cooking class dealt with quick-to-prepare, plant-based breakfast foods.

Dinner and dessert were the topic of the second cooking class with tips on seasoning, cooking vegetables and preparing desserts using fruit and grains. Wallace discussed food products that are tasty and good for you that could be stocked in every pantry.

Recipes and cooking tips were shared with participants.

Mary Lou Grossman, Great Falls Church member

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MEA’s Outdoor Playground

After a hard day of classes and tests, I need a place to unwind and release my stress. I find meditating in the wilderness surrounding Mount Ellis Academy the fastest way to blow off stress. Out there you can push your body to extremes and clear your mind.

One particular Sabbath, after a week of stress and other problems, I climbed a nearby peak. The beauty surrounding its high alpine slopes was intense. It was totally righteous. I now saw the world from another view. The snow, the trees, the whole world seemed to change.

This is my first and senior year at Mount Ellis. I chose to come here from Idaho Falls, Idaho, because of the area and activities that surround the school, many of which I enjoyed back home. This next fall I plan on studying engineering at Walla Walla College.

Here in Bozeman you are not limited to particular types of activities. Whether you like shooting the chutes on skies, a board, or a bike, or are searching for more endurance while trail running or jamming the crags, there is plenty for you to do here. It all starts at your back door and extends beyond the Bridgers, the Beartooths, and the Spanish Peaks.

Go ahead, come here and release the stress you have. Enjoy school and an awesome outdoor playground.
When Religion, Competition Clash

BATTLE GROUND — For seven of the past eight years, a Knowledge Bowl team from Columbia Adventist Academy has qualified for the state championship tournament. Each time, though, the students have smiled, cheered and declined the invitation to the competition, which this year will be on Saturday, March 26.

The state match always takes place on a Saturday, the day Seventh-day Adventists celebrate the Sabbath. From sundown Friday through sundown Saturday, Seventh-day Adventists take a spiritual break from work and school. They focus on family, fellowship and God.

Knowledge Bowl competitions don’t fit into Sabbath celebrations.

“It’s OK. We’re used to the idea,” said Caleb Woodruff, 18.

Woodruff and the four other members of the school’s varsity Knowledge Bowl team won first place for their division in the regional tournament Monday in Longview.

During the team quiz-bowl rounds, judges ask questions on everything from politics and science to geography and popular culture. “We had to concede (the state tournament berth) to a team that we beat by like 15 points,” said Damian Donesky, 17.

For these team members, winning the regional title is the capstone of their season. They practice twice a week during lunch from the first week of school through the regional tournament.

The five students work together, picking up their own special areas of interest. Donesky is the science and mechanical buff. Adoree Hatton, 18, specializes in the English language and anything Canadian. The history guru is Regi Benson, 18. Kevin Ford, 17, tackles geography and history questions. And Woodruff, “He’s the star of the show,” Ford said.

Columbia Adventist Academy isn’t the only school in the area that has faced challenges when it comes to state events being scheduled on a Saturday. In January 2004, the Oregon Board of Education decided not to accommodate Portland Adventist Academy students’ religious beliefs and continued to hold state basketball playoffs on Saturday.

Columbia Adventist Knowledge Bowl coach and teacher Virlys Moller said several years ago the school asked that the academic competition be held on another day. However, because many public schools have policies against holding school activities on Sundays, the competition could not be shifted.

Hatton said she just considers the regional competition the end of the team’s season. “We don’t feel like it’s some huge sacrifice,” she said.

Moller said she is proud of the students, and their accomplishment is a reflection of the school’s success. The 100-student private high school has been recognized for high academic achievement and the students’ commitment to community service.

Now the three seniors and two juniors are thinking about the rest of the school year and enjoying lunches in the cafeteria with their friends. They are proud of their new trophy, but they aren’t dwelling on what could have been.

“If we don’t go, we can’t feel bad for not losing!”

Donesky said, laughing.

The Columbian

Amy McFall Prince covers education news for The Columbian, a newspaper serving Clark County, Washington. This article was reprinted from The Columbian with permission.

OREGON CONFERENCE REGULAR SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 55th regular session of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held September 18, 2005, at the Portland Adventist Academy auditorium, S.E. 96th Avenue and S.E. Market in Portland, Oregon. The session will begin Sunday morning at nine o’clock. This regular session is called for the purpose of electing officers and members of appropriate committees for the ensuing term, and for transacting other business that may properly come before the conference. Each organized church in the conference is entitled to one delegate. An additional 400 delegates shall be apportioned among the churches of the conference, prorated on the basis of the third quarter membership report of the preceding year.

Don Livesay, president; Al Reimche, vice president for administration
Jerusalem Marketplace


“We wanted to review the Easter weekend by choosing a topic for each of the five nights. Topics included Jesus’ triumphal entry, the Passover, Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, His arrest, crucifixion and resurrection,” said Connie Durbin, associate director for the event. The attendance was excellent, including some from Sunday churches who received a brochure that was distributed on nearby streets.

Before going into the church, visitors stopped to view a barnyard. “We wanted to give people an atmosphere like it was in Jesus’ time,” said Alan and Dana Allred. “Children had fun petting the llama.”

After signing the guest register, people were assigned to one of the tribes of Israel and received clothing appropriate for the time.

Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park associate pastor, teaches in the Jerusalem Synagogue school.

and after gathering for a short worship, guests could visit the Synagogue school and become apprentices at some of the village shops where they could listen to the latest news about Jesus, play with Jewish toys, use measuring sticks, and sample fruits, vegetables, candy, and bread.

Smiling as he took pictures of the presentation, Paul Johnson, Gladstone Park senior pastor, concluded, “This is fun, and I hope everyone is inspired with an increased desire to know Jesus better.”

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

Don Patchin Jr., PE teacher and librarian at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School, portrays the risen Jesus.

PJ’s Place

QUESTION:
Why do pastors move around?

ANSWER:
I’m not sure why others move; however, I can tell you why this youth pastor is moving.

In April, I received a surprise invitation to become the Illinois Conference youth director. I had just returned from a mission trip where our theme was taken from Isaiah 6:8. God was looking for someone to go, and Isaiah answered, “Here I am, send me!”

My wife, Amy, and I decided to go and look at the options.

With prayer, we surrendered our journey once again to Jesus, knowing that He has our best interest in mind.

The Bible talks about Jacob wrestling with God. I never quite understood what that would feel like until this decision. Back and forth. Back and forth. Wondering, “God, where are You leading and guiding? What is best for our family and ministry?”

We felt that God was calling us to Illinois, and we decided to answer, “Here we are, send us!”

From the moment we made that decision, absolute peace filled my heart.

It’s very difficult to say goodbye to our family here and to convey how deeply the Oregon and North Pacific Union conferences have touched our hearts and blessed our lives. We’ll miss you, pray for you, and know that our God keeps us close in heart.

Youth, how do I say on paper, with enough words or emphasis, how knowing you has given so much to my life? You all make being a youth pastor for Jesus such a rewarding experience. Each day, stay close to Jesus, and remember in the difficult times and in the happy times to keep looking up! Jesus is coming back. And if you happen to be traveling near Chicago, Illinois, stop by. I have candy for you.

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

PJ is a youth pastor currently serving as the Oregon Conference associate youth director.
Leadership Conferences Change Lives

Every April the Oregon Conference presents two leadership conferences: one in Grants Pass and one in Gladstone. “This event is designed for leadership teams from each church to come and be inspired, equipped, and empowered for more effective mission in God’s church,” says Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president.

“Leadership conferences have proven to be life-changing for churches and their members,” says Scott LeMert, Oregon Conference assistant to the president and leadership-conference coordinator. Bekki Gardner, from Tillamook, and Charles Shultz, Brookings/Gold Beach pastor, couldn’t agree more.

“Last year I did not want to drive over to the leadership conference and back by myself, so I talked my husband, Scott, into going with me,” Gardner said. Wanting to learn as much as possible, they decided to attend different workshops and then share the information with each other.

Because Scott’s first seminar choice was filled, he decided to attend Jere Patzer’s presentation on missions. During that seminar, a call for people to join the NPUC India mission project was extended, and Scott felt the Holy Spirit’s nudge. “From that hour or two that he spent there, Scott and God organized nine people into two teams to evangelize 10 villages in India,” Gardner adds. “There are 10 congregations that will be worshipping in 10 newly built churches this May in India because of the leadership conferences.”

Early in 2004, Shultz arrived at the Brookings Church, so when the leadership conference came to Grants Pass, he wasn’t sure what it was. A leadership team of eight members was sent. “We were not able to cover all the presentations,” says Shultz, “so we decided to split up and cover as many as we could.”

A few days later, the leadership team met to discuss what they had learned and how to put that knowledge into practice. They called a meeting and invited all the church members; about 25 people came.

Since the church had no formal personal ministries leader, this group decided to assume the duties of community outreach. Every four to six weeks, the group has met as an outreach think tank to discuss and implement projects.

“The ideas given for outreach could be classified as ‘friendship projects,’” says Shultz. Implemented projects have included organizing a community Fourth of July picnic, operating a fair booth that distributes water, and distributing Valentine’s Day cards, complete with candy kisses.

This year when the leadership conference came to Grants Pass again, Brookings Church sent a leadership team of 22 members! “I personally have learned a new concept of evangelism,” Shultz said. “Friendship evangelism consists of having 1) a full hand—something to give to people, 2) a full heart—genuine love and interest in people, and 3) a full head—learning how to explain what we believe. Leadership conferences are wonderful opportunities for churches to learn how to reach the people in their community.”

Bekki Gardner agrees. “I am so excited, because I don’t know what God has planned for me and our church this next year, but I know He is going to launch it at the leadership conference, and it will be an adventure.”

Amy L. Schnader, Oregon Conference communication director

Approximately 600 individuals attended this year’s leadership conferences.
Church Hosts Search and Rescue Operation

On Wednesday, April 13, nine-year-old Melvin got into trouble at school and the trouble followed him home. Angry at everybody, he took off. When he did not return home, the Clark County, Wash., sheriff’s department was called and a search was organized.

Local police often use the Orchards Church parking lot when a secluded place is needed to write reports or to take breaks. Since Melvin lives near the church, the officers decided to use the lot as their search staging area.

The weather that night was cold and wet. About 4:30 a.m., one of the sheriff’s deputies called his friends John and Londa Rau, Orchards Church members, to ask if they could open the church so the officers could have a warm and dry spot for their headquarters.

Once settled in the church lobby, the officers were provided with high-speed Internet connections, a copy machine, bathrooms, hot water for their coffee and fruit donated by members. John Fletcher, another church member, activated the local ham radio network to give communication help as necessary.

Searchers kept arriving throughout the day, and by 5 p.m., there were more than 100 people involved in the search, going house to house.

About 6 p.m., Melvin was found hiding in his grandfather’s basement. The search was called off, and his mother brought him to the church. The lobby was packed with the searchers who cheered as Melvin walked in. The Orchards Church members were pleased that their church could serve their community in this way.

Richard Dower, Orchards Church communication leader

Thirty-six people went to Nicaragua on the Oregon Conference teen Pathfinder mission trip, March 17, to help the International Children’s Care Orphanage with preparations for their new building site. We ended up digging a septic tank hole. A couple of the tools we used would be considered antique in America. It was a lot of hard work, and yet it was fun and rewarding.

Sabbath and in the evenings we had the opportunity to spend time with the children who live in the orphanage. Each of us were paired up with one of the kids who became our little “brother” or “sister.” We did several fun activities with the orphanage children, and they brought joy into our lives while we were there.

The thing that made an impression on me was the way the local people worshipped on Sabbath. They came on horses, bicycles and by foot. Their singing was so beautiful, and they didn’t seem to care what they were sitting on or kneeling on, they just seemed grateful for what God had provided.

After seeing this, it made me thankful for the comfortable benches, air conditioning, and nice carpet that I have at my church. It made me realize that I need to go to church to worship and praise God, and not just to see and talk with my friends. The whole trip was an awesome experience, and I can hardly wait to go on my next mission trip.

Camille Bascetta, Meadow Glade eighth-grader and Pathfinder

The Orchards Church lobby in Vancouver, Wash., served as the search and rescue headquarters for a missing child.

Digging a septic tank by hand was a challenging task for teens on the Oregon Conference mission trip.
God’s Love Flows Through Pipeline

Hey high schoolers, what are you doing this summer? You could have an entire week of fun, by getting to know God better and doing community service projects with friends. Pipeline is a youth-ministries outreach sponsored by Pleasant Valley Church that is all about sharing God’s love and helping others in need.

The last Pipeline happened over spring break when 14 kids came together for a “local” mission trip directed by Stephen Lundquist, Pleasant Valley Church youth pastor, and Keri Langston, youth leader. The youth helped clean up a park by pulling out weeds and thorn bushes and volunteered at the Children’s Museum. We also went to downtown Portland to feed some of the homeless. We painted a house for a single mother, and we helped clean bikes at the Community Cycling Center.

We do Pipeline to bring people closer to God and show them how much they are loved. This is a spiritual journey that’ll leave you craving more of God’s awesome power and love. Please join me at Pipeline. You’ll meet new people and be able to express how you feel about God!

For more information, contact Pastor Stephen at (503) 658-2248 or go to info@pvcsda.org. •

Jennifer Byrd, Pipeline participant

Milo in Nicaragua

A Student’s Afterglow

As the plane descended over the Columbia River and Portland, Ore., I stared out the window, excited about being home again. After spending two weeks on a mission trip in tropical Nicaragua with 33 other Milo students, coming home was bittersweet.

The 13 hot days we spent in Nicaragua started each morning at 6 o’clock with our leader John Kelley’s rendition of “Hi ho, hi ho, it’s off to work we go!” Our main project was to build a church. In addition, some of the students held a week of prayer for the local Adventist school. In the evenings all the students walked a couple blocks down the street to host Vacation Bible School at the public school. The first night we started with about 30 participants and ended up with nearly 80. By the end of the two weeks, we had close to 150 coming every night, ranging in age from toddlers to twelve-year-olds.

The last night we were there, the local pastor, Waldo Casildo, had worship for us. After sharing his impressive personal testimony, he gave us the best gift anyone could have asked for. As we all sat around him, he stood and read a letter to us from the church. In his letter he recounted many of our experiences—Mr. Kelley falling in a hole, our group being robbed during the night. He also thanked us for what we had done and invited us to meet him again in heaven.

I will never forget the blessing that I received in Nicaragua. •

Katie Currier, Milo junior

Camp Meeting Is Coming!

Debee Givens plants geraniums and lobelia at Gladstone’s entrance. This summer, bright colors will greet all who drive through the gate. For camp meeting information, visit www.OregonConference.org.
Seniors Take Missionary Adventure

The Fjarli mission team welcomed old and new missionaries from northern Idaho as they made their ninth trip to India, Feb. 9–28. Jay and Eileen Lantry, both 81; Georgia DeHart and Bernita Miller Smick, in their early 70s; and Rhonda Backman, the “baby” grandma of the team, were excited about the opportunity to visit Andhra Pradesh, India, where people are increasingly interested in Christianity. Only the Lantrys had been in India before.

What a privilege we enjoyed being welcomed to Hindu villages occupied by people of the lowest caste, which people of higher castes won’t even enter. No wonder these dear, poverty-stricken people were amazed that we not only came to see them, but entered their mud, thatched-roof homes, loved them, put our hands on their heads and prayed for them. We loved to hug the beautiful children. The adults met us, the first white people to ever enter their villages, with smiles and open arms.

Six teams worked with Maranatha Volunteers International in 100 villages. We stood amazed each evening as the huge trucks, hired by the Fjarlis, brought the villagers to our evangelistic site in the city of Podili. Each truck was packed with more than 250 people. As the people climbed down from the trucks, we greeters shook hands, touched, prayed and blessed them one by one before they found their seats. Then they eagerly listened to health talks, Bible stories for the children, and the comforting gospel story that told them there is a God who loves them—so unlike the heathen deities they fear. They were thrilled to know Jesus will soon come to take them to a land where they will no longer face the drought and the sickness and death so common in a land of poverty.

Within the Hindu culture, it is imperative to have a church to worship in, so Maranatha and the Fjarlis have teamed together to provided church homes in each of these 100 villages. Also a Gospel Outreach worker and his family will live in each village for three years, teaching and helping the new converts to live like Jesus.

On the last night, combined attendance at the six meeting sites swelled to over 62,000. The total number of people baptized at private baptismal services in all the entered villages totaled 31,704. These new Christians, who chose to turn from their Hindu gods and follow Jesus Christ, need our prayers and support.

What a privilege we enjoyed being welcomed to Hindu villages occupied by the lowest caste.

Truly we walked with Jesus on those dusty village roads. In the sparkling eyes of the villagers clutching their Telugu gift Bibles, we witnessed God’s love. They had received life’s greatest treasures: God’s friendship and saving love, providing them with hope for a better future.

Eileen E. Lantry, trip participant from Bonners Ferry, Idaho
New Health Director Highlights Community and Spiritual Needs

As you drive to church, is it possible you pass by homes with nutritionally starved families? Is it possible that many in nearby homes yearn for freedom from unhealthy addictions? Is it possible that members in your church need a new beginning toward wellness and healthy lifestyles? These questions are causing many churches to envision ways to meet the health needs in their communities. Assisting churches in this process is a high priority for Jay Sloop, M.D., who is the new volunteer health ministries director for Upper Columbia Conference (UCC).

This needs-based approach to community health is a vital ingredient for Sloop, who recently retired from private practice in Yakima where he and his wife, Sharlene, live. He is already meeting with individual churches and schools to assist them with their vision for community-health classes. He helps them bring all the necessary pieces—spiritual, mental and physical—to the class. “To present health programs without the spiritual piece is to tie individuals to a program that cannot work long-term,” says Sloop, “but with the spiritual piece, it will.”

A good example is the Yakima 35th Avenue Church “New Beginnings” cooking school. Attendees first sit down at a table with other guests to watch a cooking demonstration. Then they listen to a short health talk about the advantages of a vegetarian diet and a short spiritual talk on the importance of being healthy. Each group discusses questions with a group leader. This program works well for Yakima.

When churches or schools begin their visioning process, Ginger Pitfer, UCC health ministries department coordinator and registered dietitian, assists them in the process by locating resources and scheduling Sloop to attend their board meetings. Both are committed to helping churches and schools build effective, community-friendly health programs.

“Adventists have unique contributions to share with communities in all three areas—physical, mental and spiritual,” says Max Torkelsen II, UCC president. “I think we are truly blessed to have three talented individuals who are well-trained in the health field.” Fred Hardinge continues with the Fit4Him™ program, and Ginger Pitfer works with both Hardinge and Sloop to facilitate all the UCC health programs.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication department secretary

“To present health programs without the spiritual piece is to tie individuals to a program that cannot work long term.”

St. Maries Christian School

The St. Maries (Idaho) Church members began seriously working on a school as an outreach to their community in July 2004. They opened for school in September 2004 with two teachers. Financially, the Lord has blessed each month. They may only have $7 in the check book, but the bills are paid!

The school project has drawn them together, and many are praying more than they have before. In an effort to let the community know that they exist, they have held several seminars. “Protecting Your Child,” presented by Fred Cruzan, our local police chief, and a CERT training program to help prepare for emergency relief were very successful. They have also invited local business owners to come to the school to share about their businesses. The church has received a positive response from the community for this program.

Martha George, St. Maries school board chairwoman
**Vamos a Guatemala**

**A Short-term Medical and Dental Mission Trip**

Through God's Helping Hands, Inc., a Christian non-profit organization, a group of more than 40 students, doctors, dentists, interpreters and missionaries, led by coordinator David Lopez, traveled to Guatemala March 17–27. People came from far and near to work together to provide medical and dental care and to construct an Adventist hospital in the northern city of Poptun.

For more than 36 years, civil war ravaged Guatemalan society until a peace agreement was signed in 1996. Poverty, poor sanitation and health, and unemployment are just some of the major issues facing the Guatemalan people, especially in the rural areas.

This is the third year that God’s Helping Hands has organized a service group to go to Guatemala. After managing some missed flights and surviving the untamed Guatemalan driving, everyone made it in time for a good night’s sleep. The next day, the group spent a restful Sabbath worshiping with the local Adventists in Poptun.

In the rural villages, people came from miles around to get medical and dental help. The teams did extractions and dental hygiene, gave out much-needed medicines, and passed out clothing, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

“This place and these people changed my life,” said Eden Kietpongler, a pre-dental student at Walla Walla College. “I’m now going into dentistry because of my experiences in Guatemala.”

“I was struck by the warmth and gratitude of the people and genuinely impressed with their wealth even though they had so little,” said Jeremy Wageman, worship coordinator for the trip.

See our project online at www.godshelpinghands.org •

Nathan Williams, mission trip participant

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**Trash Your Cash**

**SJA Classes Surpass Goal**

“I t’s empty!” said Spokane Junior Academy (SJA) first-grader Morgan Stanyer, peering into her little purse. She poured out change and a dollar bill on the office counter. Counting $2.71, Kathy Craft, school office administrator, asked, “Morgan, why did you bring your money here?” “I want a new school,” answered the first-grader.

Morgan’s unselfish contribution was reported to the capital campaign cabinet that evening. Her father and grandfather were at the meeting. Morgan’s story rapidly reached the ears of her grandmother, Phyllis Stanyer, who came up with an idea.

Stanyer developed “Trash Your Cash,” a way of giving children a part to play in fundraising for their new school. Small trash cans were distributed to each classroom. Teachers had a 10-day window to try out the program before spring break. The announced goal was $500. On Friday, March 18, all classes marched into the SJA gym for a reporting assembly. Each class sent representatives forward, placed their heavy trash cans on the stage, and handed their counting sheets to upperclassmen who totaled the numbers on a board. The final tally was $2,258.93.

Fourth-grader Benjamin Fuller poured his jars of saved change, more than $100, into his class’s “trash” can. He and his brother Jonathan, a sixth-grader, told their visiting grandfather about “Trash Your Cash.” He donated substantially to each boy’s “trash” program.

The 39.2-acre school site is paid for, the well is drilled, and site development was scheduled to begin in May, reported Don Bryan, SJA principal.

David M. Wallace, SJA development director
Several WWVA students spent their spring break giving mission service in Pasco, Wash., by working in a Vacation Bible School and doing construction.

WWVA Breaks for Service

Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) students scattered abroad on various mission trips during spring break. Destinations included Pasco, Pohnpei and El Salvador. The mission projects were varied: building churches, running a basketball camp, and organizing Vacation Bible Schools.

WWVA students Heidi Reich, sophomore; Kevin Smith, senior; Misty Onjukka, senior; and Steven Neisner, junior, spent their spring break in San Juan Opico, El Salvador, along with 52 others. The group helped build a church, assisted with an evangelistic series and Vacation Bible School, and helped with medical outreach.

“Going there made me feel like the way we live here is selfish. We have so much, but often we aren’t even grateful,” said Heidi Reich.

Erin John, a freshman, spent the duration of her spring break in Pohnpei. The group conducted a week of prayer, a basketball clinic, and helped teach the lower grades at the elementary school.

While most students went overseas for their mission projects, Yessica Gutierrez, freshman; Freddy Gonzalez, junior; Heather Reeves, sophomore; Jordan Riley, freshman; and Wendy Frazier, junior, stayed closer to home. These students went to Pasco, Wash., to perform community service, hold a Vacation Bible School, and begin sheetrocking the Ephesus Church.

“What I will always remember is the kids at story hour listening to the Bible stories. It was a good feeling to be teaching them about Jesus,” said Yessica Gutierrez.

The students are now all safely back at WWVA. They feel good—knowing that they were Jesus’ hands, and that they helped Him touch lives.

Jaci Toews, WWVA student GLEANER correspondent

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**Adventist Soloist Performs with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra**

When Denice Dameron walked onto the Meany Hall stage on the campus of the University of Washington, there was enthusiastic applause. The house was nicely filled, and Adventists from a number of Seattle-area churches were present, including her daughter Kamila, cellist, and son Benjamin, classical guitarist. They had all come to support the musician they greatly appreciate, one whose mission is to share the love of Jesus through her beautiful piano playing and soprano voice.

Dameron took her seat at the grand piano, maestro Adam Stern, Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra conductor, lifted his arms, and the magical melodies of Mozart’s Piano Concerto 23 in A began. When the third movement concluded, the crowd went wild! Several bouquets of flowers were offered, including flowers from a first violinist who scampered off stage and ran back to present them! There were several curtain calls.

Just before the concert began, the pianist had invited her friend Annie Klein to join her in the concert hall dressing room to pray that God would be glorified in the performance. Klein brought a message from scripture: “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). And He was.

Dameron was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the daughter of Adventist missionaries. She began musical studies at age four. When her parents moved to Portugal, she continued studies at the National Conservatory. She continued formal studies at the Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in piano from Walla Walla College and a master’s degree in piano from Northern Illinois University.

Now living in the Northwest, she plays for several regional professional groups, including the Seattle Opera, the Seattle Symphony Summer Sings program, the Bellevue Symphony, and now the Seattle Philharmonic. She is about to release her first CD of hymns in which she both plays and sings, supported by several professional musician friends.

Dameron is in constant demand from area churches as a pianist, a vocal soloist, and more recently as a preacher—like her late father. The Adventist churches of Seattle thank God for the ministry of this gifted and spiritual musician.

**A Heavenly Adventure**

The Washington Conference Adventurer program has been steadily growing. More and more churches have started their own clubs as they recognize the value of a family-centered children’s ministry. To enhance and equip these ministries, the North American Division youth ministries department put on the 2005 Adventurer Leadership Convention in Portland, Ore.

The Washington Conference had 13 delegates who attended the convention. They were able to gain needed resources through seminars, general session presentations and networking with others involved in the Adventurer ministry.

The theme, “Heaven—The Ultimate Adventure,” illustrated the goal of all ministries to children and adults: that we will meet them in the courts of heaven because they have come to know Jesus Christ through us.

Washington Conference delegates to the NAD Adventurer Leadership Convention in Portland are pictured with James Black, NAD youth director.

W A S H I N G T O N
Renton Spanish Church Is Organized

Spanish church members from throughout the conference gathered Sabbath, April 23, in the Puget Sound Adventist Academy gymnasium to welcome the Renton Spanish Church officially into the sisterhood of churches.

The Renton Church began as a dream of the Bellevue Spanish Church. They knew that a church could be planted in the Renton area. In 1999, a group was formed that met in people's homes and in city parks as well as in the Renton English-speaking church. Evangelism and outreach in many different forms was carried out in the area; and in 2002, company status was achieved for the growing church.

Current pastor José Luque has been working with the dedicated church leaders and members to continually reach out and grow. Church membership stands at 64, while attendance is more than 80 each Sabbath. The church is working hard to raise funds for a church home that they can call their own. Until then, they will continue to focus on reaching the community for Christ. •

Members of all ages eagerly sign their names as charter members of the Renton Spanish Church.

Spring Break Mission Trip

Ten students and four adults from the Skagit Adventist School in Burlington, Wash., spent their spring break in southern Mexico, near Guatemala. Their goal was to construct an elementary school at the Linda Vista University, Pueblo Nuevo, Chiapas, Mexico. This project took place March 16–28 and was part of a multiple group project organized by Maranatha. The other groups were from the Bethany Christian School of Montgomery, Ala., a church group from Canyon City, Colo., and Olympia (Wash.) Junior Academy.

Skagit Adventist School students call it a day after working hard to help build a new elementary school in Pueblo Nuevo, Chiapas, Mexico.

Construction of an education and evangelism center on the campus was necessary due to the growth of the university. The space used by the former elementary school was badly needed by the university.

Terry Lee, Skagit Adventist School principal, said, “All who participated had a great time serving the Lord by building a quality facility for the churches in that area to use for the spreading of the gospel. All look forward to next year’s trip.” •

Pat Mehler, North Cascades Church communication leader
Sign Language Sabbath School at Ferndale Church

At 10:00 a.m. on Sabbath mornings at Ferndale Church, you will find one particular Sabbath School class where there is a lot of discussion but no one is talking. No one talks because the class, taught by Nancy Brown, is in sign language. The Ferndale Church has made arrangements to have a sign language interpreter for the 11 a.m. worship service each Sabbath as well.

Nancy Brown, who is deaf, graduated from Gallaudet College in 1967 and later moved to Oak Harbor, Wash., in 1989. After attending an evangelistic series, she gave her heart to the Lord in baptism. Later she moved to Everson and started attending the Ferndale Church.

Brown has always had a strong desire to reach out to the deaf community. Through the encouragement of Pastor John and Alberta Blake, the idea of teaching Sabbath School for the deaf became Brown’s goal, so she has been prayerfully planning to expand her ministry and reach out to those who would like to study with her.

Everyone at the Ferndale Church is very supportive and hopes there will be several in the deaf community who will want to study the Bible and learn about Jesus. If you are deaf or know of someone who is deaf, please accept this invitation to join us. •

LeRoy Brown, Ferndale Church elder and spouse of the teacher

Debbie Roth signs for a Ferndale Church service.

Students from the Lewis County Adventist School work to clean up a neighborhood as part of their community service outreach.

Christian Values Shown Through Community Service

Each year Lewis County Adventist School chooses to emphasize one aspect of Christian values for its students. This year the focus is on community service. To that end, our associate pastor, Jonathan Fetrick, takes students from the fourth- through 10th-grade classrooms to do service in the Centralia and Chehalis area one afternoon a week. Some of the projects they have been involved with include doing yard work for the elderly, painting equipment in public parks, clearing brush from cemeteries, working with the local animal shelter, helping at the Salvation Army food bank, writing letters for nursing-home residents, and volunteering at the hospital.

Approximately 40 hours of community service are performed each week. Fetrick says, “I get excited about seeing our students involved in their community. They’re learning so much through these service projects. A key element of Christianity is service. Another key element is a Christian’s ability to relate with and operate in the community at large. During our service projects, I’ve been able to witness firsthand a dramatic improvement in the students’ work ethic and interpersonal skills. We praise God for what has been taking place this year in the lives of our students.” •

Keith Lindsey, Lewis County Adventist School principal
Student Projects 
Benefit Children with Special Needs

Katie Aguilar is a 10-year-old with a neurological disorder called Rett Syndrome, or RS. RS affects girls almost exclusively and causes developmental problems. Katie has limited use of her left hand and almost continual, small, involuntary movements of her right hand. She is non-verbal, but communicates with vocalizations and her eyes. She walks, but must have someone close by to help her balance.

Educational equipment for children with RS isn’t available commercially. Before January, there were no learning tools in Katie’s classroom at Davis Elementary School in College Place, Wash., that were perfectly suited to her needs. With the new year, however, came a wealth of new equipment to help her develop cognitive and fine motor skills. Best of all, the equipment was designed specifically with Katie’s range of motion, interests, and capabilities in mind. The designs incorporate her interest in music and her love of Barney, the purple dinosaur. The educational learning tools were designed and created by Walla Walla College students taking Introduction to Engineering, taught by Marlene Baerg, assistant professor of engineering.

“I just had a vision of some ideas that I wanted for this child, and I didn’t know how to make them come about,” says Joyce Beecroft, special education teacher at Davis, who happens to live next door to Baerg. Beecroft mentioned her dilemma to Baerg. Inspired to help, Baerg soon had 10 groups of six students designing equipment based on a specific set of guidelines.

Many of the teams came to Beecroft’s classroom to visit with her and observe Katie to get as much information as they could before beginning their designs. Though the equipment was tailored to Katie, it will benefit other children with similar limitations. “We really have a nice assortment of equipment that we plan to take care of and use for several years throughout the district,” says Beecroft. •

Kristi Spurgeon

Education Professor Honored 
with National Advising Award

Tamara Randolph, assistant professor of education, was selected as an Outstanding New Adviser Certificate of Merit recipient in the Faculty Academic Advising category from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) this year. This award is presented to individuals who have exemplified outstanding academic advisement to students and who have only served as an adviser for three or fewer years. The category includes individuals whose primary responsibility is teaching and who spend just part of their time advising students.

Randolph is one of two faculty advisers nationwide honored with this award this year.

“I have never worked with a professor who invests as much time, energy, care and personal concern in her advising as does Dr. Randolph,” said Mark Haynal, dean of the School of Education and Psychology at Walla Walla College. “She is nearly always available to the students, encouraging them and helping them believe they can succeed. Dr. Randolph makes her advisees feel like the time they spend together is the most important thing happening on campus.”

Randolph will be honored and presented with this award in Las Vegas, Nev., during the annual NACADA National Conference in October. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent
Adventist Medical Center Wins CAPE Award
Adventist Medical Center recently won a 2004 CAPE Award from the California Council for Excellence (CCE). The CAPE Award recognizes companies, government agencies, educational institutions, health-care facilities and non-profit organizations that have complied with the Malcolm Baldrige Award criteria and completed a thorough review of the evaluation of their application. The Portland, Oregon-based hospital was a bronze-level award winner, recognized for its performance in several areas—including leadership, customer satisfaction, process improvement and business results. While the facility is not based in California, it applied for the award and was granted consideration because it is part of Adventist Health, which is headquartered in Roseville, Calif.

Walla Walla General Hospital Expands Home-Health Services
Walla Walla General Hospital has acquired Blue Mountain Home Health from Dayton General Hospital. The two southeastern Washington facilities, which are within a 30-mile radius of each other, have been working together since early 2004 to ensure a smooth transition. Blue Mountain Home Health has served the Columbia County area since the 1980s and is a Medicare-certified home-health agency. Since the acquisition, Walla Walla’s Home-Care Services have already experienced a 10 percent increase in business volume.

Adventist Health Hospital Acquires New Technology
Tillamook County General Hospital’s radiology department has been able to serve more patients since the hospital installed a new permanent scanner. The new equipment, which became available to area residents in 2004, has increased the hospital’s MRI business by 25 percent. In addition, the hospital has increased its MRI service to five days a week.

Walla Walla General Hospital is now home to a new GE Lightspeed 16-slice CT Scanner. The new equipment provides patients and physicians with exceptional image quality, shorter scan times, lower radiation and more accurate diagnoses. The scanner also has software that makes emergency scans much faster, which will enable doctors to take more immediate action when necessary.

Adventist Medical Center Receives Oregon Hospital Quality Award
In late 2004, Adventist Medical Center was presented with the Oregon Hospital Quality Award from OMPRO, a health-care quality improvement organization. The award, which was presented at the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems annual conference, recognizes performance improvement in one of four clinical areas. Adventist Medical Center—one of six winning hospitals—was specifically recognized for its work on acute myocardial infarction. To qualify for an award, health-care facilities were required to provide a description of the performance improvement actions they implemented and data demonstrating notable progress in the targeted area.

Tillamook County General Hospital Recognized by PRC
Tillamook County General Hospital was recognized by PRC, a national physician satisfaction rating corporation, as a 2004 Medical Staff Satisfaction Award winner. The hospital received 5-Star Customer Service Awards for: overall quality of patient care, emergency room services, radiology services and for a place to practice medicine.

Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent
Bolyard 60th
Roy and Kathleen Bolyard celebrated their 60th anniversary on Feb. 20, 2005, with a reception at Marysville, Wash., hosted by their children and grandchildren. They are members of the Marysville Church.

Roy and Kathleen met on a church hike in Chelan, Wash. They started dating and were married on Feb. 18, 1945. Roy was 18 and Kathleen was 16. They lived in Wenatchee, where their two children were born, and then moved to western Washington. They were members of the Forest Park Church in Everett for several years before going to the Snohomish Church.

The Bolyard family includes Gerald and Evelyn (Downs) Bolyard of Arlington, Wash.; Annette Johnson of Marysville, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Carr 50th
Dalles and Aileen Carr celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends, family and former students June 27, 2004, with a luncheon buffet hosted by their children and grandchildren at Mid-Columbia Adventist School in Hood River, Ore.

Dalles L. Carr and Aileen Chaney were married June 13, 1954, in College Place, Wash. Both were educators who devoted 40 years to teaching and guiding young lives. When they retired, they moved to Hood River, Ore., where they are now members.

The Carr family includes Douglas and Kimberly (Hewitt) Carr of Mobile, Ala.; Joyce Beldin of Minneapolis, Minn.; John Beldin of Lincoln, Neb.; Jeanne and Bob Hubert of Rainier, Ore.; Duane and Becky (Sanders) Carr of Mobile; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Gray 90th
Virginia L. Gray celebrated her 90th birthday with a family dinner at her daughter’s home.

Virginia Lucille Howard was born April 24, 1915, in Bloomington, Ind. She is the oldest of nine children. Virginia spent most of her early years in the Midwest, living mainly in Missouri. She moved to the Northwest in 1931. Virginia married Robert F. Gray in Dec. 1947. Robert and Virginia started their lives together in central Oregon before making their permanent home near Pendleton, Ore. It is here that they became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After Robert passed away in Feb. 1990, Virginia spent time with family in Ephrata, Wash., Reedsport, Ore., and Prineville, Ore., before moving back to Pendleton where she resides today. Virginia enjoys gardening, quilting, crocheting, and spending time with family.

Virginia’s family includes: Barbara and Loren Immroth of Montezuma, Kan.; Robert and Carole (Pierce) Gray of Pilot Rock, Ore.; Carol and Lance Johnson of Pendleton; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Hoag 95th
Lillian (Atkinson) Foster Radke Cornelson Hoag celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends at Eagle Meadows Assisted Living Center in College Place, Wash., on April 6, 2005.

Lillian was the second of four girls born to Rose and Thomas Atkinson in Jacksonville, Fla. One sister, Ruby Leonard, 93, is still living in Portland, Ore. In 1992, Lillian and her husband, Al Hoag, moved to Battle Ground, Wash., where they made their home with Lillian’s daughter, Anna May, for 12 years until a year ago when Lillian had a stroke and had to move into assisted living.

Lillian’s family includes Jim and Nelle (Carscallen) Cornelson; Anna May and Herb Waters; 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tucker 50th
Richard and Ruth Tucker of Sandpoint, Idaho, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Sept. 12, 2004, with a reception at the Sandpoint Church, hosted by their three daughters.

Richard “Dick” Tucker and Ruth Sleeter met at Upper Columbia Academy and married Dec. 4, 1954, in the Walla Walla (Wash.) Church. Dick graduated from WWC in 1959 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as a civil engineer in Newport, Wash., and in Denver, Colo., before opening an engineering firm and a logging company in 1968 in Sandpoint, Idaho. He retired from engineering in 2000. Dick still owns a logging and road-building company. Ruth occasionally worked in their office as a secretary and has always been the bookkeeper. They enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

The Tucker family includes Carol and Don Nord of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Lynda and Gilbert Bailey of Sandpoint, Idaho; Lori and Kendall Kyle of Dixie, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

GUIDELINES
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BURNS-MICHEL—Linzi Burns and Terry Michel were married Nov. 21, 2004, in Quincy, Wash. Linzi is the daughter of Ray and Betty Burns. Terry is the son of L. Davis Michel and Betty and David Bunnell. The Michels are making their home in Quincy.

EDGEMON-VAN DORN—Amber Edgemon and Daniel Van Dorn were married March 27, 2005, in woodland, Wash. Amber is the daughter of Wayne Edgemon and Heather and Larry Bilyeu. Daniel is the son of Darren and Dana Van Dorn. The Van Dorns are making their home in Belfair, Wash.

GARCIA-MCDANIEL—Alicia Garcia and Dean McDaniel were married April 3, 2005, in Springfield, Ore. Alicia is the daughter of Santiago Garcia and Esther Alonzo. Dean is the son of David McDaniel and Deena Hochstetter. The McDaniels are making their home in Eugene, Ore.

JIRON-WORLEY—Rachel S. Jiron and Micah K. Worley were married Dec. 18, 2004, in Pueblo, Colo. Rachel is the daughter of Jack and Pat Jiron. Micah is the son of Roger and Judy Worley. The Worleys are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

LOTT-HEMIGHAUS—Vicky Lott and Mark Hemighaus were married Oct. 24, 2004, in Clarkston, Wash. Vicky is the daughter of Eldon J. Lott and Mary Lou (Gessele) Oldham. Mark is the son of John H. and Lillian Ruth (Ott) Hemighaus. The Hemighauses are making their home in Clarkston.

MAYFIELD-ZAPPINA—Candice D. Mayfield and Jesse R. Zappina were married Sept. 5, 2004, in Nampa, Idaho. Candice is the daughter of Randy and Suzette Mayfield. Jesse is the son of Joseph and Betty Jo Zappia. The Zappinas are making their home in Boise, Idaho.

MYERS-MILLER—Cynthia J. (Dittman) Myers and Terrance L. Miller were married Aug. 8, 2004, in Quincy, Wash. Cynthia is the daughter of William and June Dittman. Terrance is the son of Albert (deceased) and Ella Mae (Appleby) Disney and William (deceased) and Lorraine (Nickolson) Miller. The Millers are making their home in Everett, Wash.

STATES-BROWN—LeAnn States and David Brown were married March 27, 2005, in Sandpoint, Idaho. LeAnn is the daughter of Newton and Karen (Mabee) States. David is the son of David and Robyn Brown. The Browns are making their home in Post Falls, Idaho.

SWISHER-ROYER—Jennifer S. Swisher and David Royer were married Aug. 31, 2003, in Pasco, Wash. Jennifer is the daughter of Larry and Suzanne (Shephard) Swisher. David is the son of Richard and Shirley Royer. The Royers are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

GUARDIAN—Randy Poole was born April 23, 2005, to Randy and Cindy Poole, Milwaukie, Ore.

OLSON—Eden Sky was born Feb. 13, 2005, to Lisa Olson, Olympia, Wash.

POE—Bobbiee Millisa was born Jan. 21, 2005, to Howard and Lisa (Millard) Poe, Valley Springs, Calif.

WRIGHT—Kona Kale was born April 12, 2005, to G. Hanale and LaVonne A. (Jones) Wright, Tillamook, Ore.

GUIDELINES

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DODGE—Ronald E., 63; born Dec. 18, 1940, Boise, Idaho; died April 5, 2004, Mountain Home, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Mary A. (Wells), sons, Wesly and Jonathan, both of Mountain Home; daughter, Rebecca Dodge, Mountain Home; brother, William, Seattle, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

FALLANG—Rudolph P., 90; born May 16, 1914, Big Timber, Mont.; died April 8, 2005, Helena, Mont. Surviving: wife, Gladys L. (McKinstry), Big Timber; sons, Paul, College Place, Wash., Rudolph L., Miles City, Mont.; daughters, Suzann Valley, Lake Stevens, Wash., Sandra Smith, Big Timber; brother, Harold Fallang, Elk Park, Mont.; sister, Peggy Scephyrs, Butte, Mont.; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

HAMBURGH—Lynda Diane (Kolstad), 55; born July 12, 1949, Fresno, Calif.; died March 18, 2005, Salt Lake City, Utah. Surviving: husband, Gary Hamburgh, College Place, Wash.; son, Brian Hamburgh, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Laurie Borger, Salt Lake City; parents, Stan and Mary Lou (Powers) Kolstad, Fresno; brothers, Ron Kolstad and Rick Kolstad, both of Fresno; and a grandchild.


HILL—Raymond C., 84; born May 19, 1920, Mooresville, Ind.; died March 24, 2005, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: wife, Geraldine (Sutter); sons, Calvin, Tillamook, Bradley, Buford, Ga.; daughters, Marjorie Schwartz, Roseburg, Ore., Sherrilyn Lorenz, Gilcrest, Colo.; foster brother, Richard Robbins of Indiana; foster sister, Ruby Hall of Indiana; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.


LITTLER—Walter E., 90; born Feb. 21, 1915, Absarokee, Mont.; died March 10, 2005, Troy, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Judy Zachrison, Boring, Ore.; sister, Mary E. Carlson, Troy; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. [3/10/05]


PORCIELLO—Anthony L., 77; born Aug. 10, 1927, Manhattan, N.Y.; died April 7, 2005, Chiloquin, Ore. Surviving: wife, Edith (Shimm); son, Tony, Medford, Ore.; daughters, Maren Porciello, Medford, Tina Miller, Chiloquin; sisters, Virginia Porciello, Hauppauge, N.Y., Phyllis Porciello, Hauppauge, Josephine Contino, Florida; 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.


RUE—Benjamin “Zuma,” 72; born June 4, 1932, Lincoln, N.M.; died Jan. 16, 2005, Quartzsite, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Beverly (Sponser), Boise, Idaho; sons, Boyd, Nampa, Idaho, Jon, Boise; daughter, Tammy Rue, Meridian, Idaho; and 2 grandchildren.


SMITH—Frank E., 81; born Aug. 8, 1923, Riverside, Calif.; died March 31, 2005, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, LaVerne (Burns), Williams, Ore.; son, Gary, Okanogan, Wash.; daughters, Isma Brown and Janine Smith, both of Williams; sister, Dorothy Rosemar of Michigan; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.


Family

At Rest

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

June 4—Local Church Budget; June 11—World Budget: General Conference Special Project Offering: Hope for Big Cities (go to www.adventist.org for information); June 18—Local Church Budget; June 25—Local Conference Advance; 13th Sabbath Offering overflow: radio station in the Portland metro area (see news story on page 13 of this issue); July 2—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

June 4—Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day; July 9—Home Study International Promotional Day.

Walla Walla College

Calendar of Events

June 4—wwcdrama: Festival of the Actors, 9 p.m., Donnie Rigby Stage (DRS); June 5—wwcdrama: Festival of the Actors, 2 and 8 p.m., DRS; June 5—hooding ceremony/graduation celebration, 2 p.m., Missoula campus; June 10–12—graduation weekend, College Place campus; June 16, vespers: consecration, 8 p.m., College Church; June 11, nurses pinning ceremony, 4 p.m., College Church; master’s degree hooding ceremony, 7 p.m., Walla Walla Valley Academy; Evensong, 8 p.m., College Church; June 12, commencement, 8:30 a.m., Centennial Green; June 17–18—Upper Columbia Conference camp meeting; June 20—WJC summer school orientation, 5 p.m., Student Association Center.

Oregon

Retired Workers’ Fellowship

June 7—Oregon Conference President Don Livesay will fellowship with us and share some thoughts. All retired denominational workers are invited to attend. This monthly potluck meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Bring food and table service. For information, call Franklin Gearhart at (503) 674-4951.

Sunnyside Church Events

June 4—Walla Walla College nurse’s baccalaureate service at 11:30 a.m.; Canticle of Praise concert, directed by Lynn Hansen at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy various hymn arrangements for choir and instruments, along with audience participation. June 11—Sunnyside Chorus and the Common Cup Chorus concert, with the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra, directed by Travis Hatton at 4 p.m., featuring soloists, Donna Mitchell and Julie Smith, sopranos; Tuesday
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Kingsbury, alto; Clifford Fairley, tenor; and Andrew Willette, bass. (They will also be appearing June 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 S.W. Jefferson at 4 p.m.) June 18—Sunny side’s annual Strawberry Vespers, the traditional welcome to summer organized by Lloyd Westcott, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a concert by The Heritage Singers. June 18–July 16—Evangelistic tent meetings in conjunction with Mission College of Evangelism, with Louis Torres, begin at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Randy Courtad, pastor and evangelist. Come and bring your friends, relatives and co-workers who are searching for Jesus. June 26–30—Vacation Bible School. Serengeti Trek—Where Kids Are Wild About God, 6:30–8 p.m. The Sunny side Church is located at 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore. For more information or directions, call (503) 252-8080.

Southern Oregon Youth Festival June 17–18—Youth pastors Randy Hill, Carl Wilkens, Jared Spano, and Ed Nelson will be leading a spiritual growth weekend campout on Milo Adventist Academy property at Camp Umpqua. For information, contact Carl Wilkens at (541) 825-3626 or carl.wilkens@miloacademy.org.

Southern Oregon Camp Meeting June 17–18—at Milo Adventist Academy. Friday 7–9 p.m.; Sabbath 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m. The featured speaker is Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, and Carlos Camacho will be presenting the Spanish meetings. For lodging reservations call (541) 825-3200, ext. 3201. June 18—

Health Update: Join health educator Marilyn Renk, MPH, as she addresses the question, “Do current health studies confirm that a biblically based, well-rounded lifestyle is best for optimal living?” This seminar is presented by the Oregon Conference health ministries department.

Singles Activities June 18—Potluck at Beaverton Church, 12:30; after potluck an afternoon hike, then in the evening to a private home for games and potluck snacks. June 19—Meet at the Beaverton Church at 8 a.m. and carpool to Hood River to ride the Mt. Hood Railroad Excursion; www.mthoodrr.com. For more information, call Charlotte at (503) 579-9549, Tom at (503) 684-7971, the hotline (503) 654-6054 opt. 4, or visit the Beaverton Church Web site at www.beavertonsda.com and follow the prompts to the singles section.

Evangelism Training Camp July 19–24—Youth and young adults, are you ready to make a difference for eternity? Join Pastor David Asscherick and other young people at the free Evangelism Training Camp happening at Gladstone camp meeting. Registration is required. For information, call (503) 652-2225, ext. 406; or visit www.EvangelismTrainingCamp.org.


Disaster Response Training A multi-step training system has been developed by Adventist Community Services to prepare leaders and skilled volunteers for disaster response. Completion of each training step will qualify a person to participate in a specific role in disaster response. The following training sessions will be taught by Dave Russell, Oregon Conference northern disaster response coordinator, at Gladstone camp meeting. July 20—Step 2 emergency distribution operations, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; July 21—Step 3 disaster preparedness instruction in the necessary procedures for planning, organizing and developing internal and inter-agency communications before a disaster, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. This course qualifies you to serve as a disaster/safety officer at your local church or area level. July 22—forklift certification, 10:30 and 1:30 p.m. Classwork and hands-on training will be provided. Upon successful completion, you will be certified to operate a class-5 internal-combustion engine forklift. Class size is limited, so you must pre-register at (503) 652-2225, ext. 413.

Newbold College Reunion Potluck July 23—During the 2005 Oregon Conference camp meeting, a potluck lunch will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Rivergate School gymnasium, 1505 Ohlson Road, Gladstone, Ore. (located just behind the Gladstone Park Convention Center). For more information, contact Lora Woodruff at (503) 803-3000; or lora_woodruff@yahoo.com.

Laurelwood Academy Alumni July 29–July 31—Laurelwood Academy class of 1975 will hold their 30th class reunion in Lincoln City, Ore. Please contact Jodi Douglas for more information; (503) 621-9754 or jodi.douglas@att.net.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Pathfinder Reunion July 28–Aug. 1—All Hermiston Pathfinders and staff from 1971–1990 will be celebrating a reunion at Cutsforth Park in Oregon. Come and enjoy this special time to renew friendships and share memories. If you can’t make it for the whole time, come when you can. Carolyn Bullock at (509) 531-6310 or familyenrichment@junoo.com or Sue (White) Wein at (603) 434-8207 or swhitewein@aol.com are eager to provide you with more information. Or, if you absolutely can’t come, please send scrapbook information (You know—pictures, the true story of your life, etc.) to Harold Harvey, 310 S.E. 4th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Northern Idaho Camp Meeting June 21–25—Come set apart a time to be with fellow believers in northern Idaho to listen to Lewis and Jo Ellen Walton and Ivor and Attante Myer speak about our relationship with Jesus at this time in history. A vegetarian noon meal and RV tent spaces are available at Cornerstone Christian School, six miles north of Bonners Ferry on Hwy. 95. For information, contact Leslie Dudley at (406) 295-5044 or Walter Tschoepe at (208) 267-2395.
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WORLD CHURCH

Camp Meetings on Satellite

Three conferences will uplink their camp meetings on the Adventist Communication Network this year: May 27–June 4 — Florida Conference; June 10–11 and 17–18 — Southeastern Conference; and July 21–30 — Central California Conference. Visit www.acn.info for Florida’s camp meeting schedule, and keep checking back for other camp meeting schedules as they become available.

General Conference Offering

Every five years the world church chooses a special project for the General Conference offering. In 2005, the focus turns to the rapidly growing populations of the world’s great urban areas. Hope for Big Cities will provide seed money for world divisions to focus on long-term plans to establish and nurture new churches in major cities where the Adventist Church is struggling to get a foothold. The offering will be taken in all NAD churches as well as at the session on July 9. Learn more about this at the world church’s official Web site, www.adventist.org. Click on Hope for Big Cities.

GC Coverage in Northwest

With wide media coverage provided by Adventist News Network (ANN), Adventist Review, Adventist World Radio (AWR) and Adventist Television Network (ATN), people will have access to the events at GC Session.

Hope Channel broadcasts for the session are planned in four languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish and French. June 29–July 9, daily uplinks: morning devotional, 8–9 a.m. PDT; news show anchored by Mark Finley, 3:30–4:30 p.m. PDT; music program, 4:30–5 p.m. PDT; division reports, 5–7 p.m. PDT; rebroadcast of the news show, 7–8 p.m. PDT. Sabbath: worship service, 9 a.m.—10:30 a.m. PDT. The afternoon mission program also may be uplinked (to be announced). The full daily schedule of TV broadcasts is available at www.hopeTV.org. Hope Channel will also provide the full broadcast via streaming video at www.hopeTV.org.

We have asked our Northwest delegates to share their impressions during the session at www.gleaneronline.org in the new GleanerNOW! front-page feature. A final Northwest wrap-up will appear in the September print edition of GLEANER, since the August issue will already have gone to press before the editors leave for the session.

25th Annual ASDAL Conference

July 11–16 — “Christian Librarianship: Occupation, Vocation, or Ministry,” Union College, Lincoln, Neb. Adventist Resources pre-session. School librarians have concurrent sessions with a post-conference workshop, “Practical Aspects of Library Leadership.” For information, go to www.asdal.org; or contact Linda Mack at mack@Andrews.org; or call (269) 471-3114.

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Fairbanks  12:34  12:53  12:46  12:46
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Corvallis  8:52  8:57  9:00  9:01
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Portland  8:54  8:59  9:02  9:03

UPPER COLUMBIA
Pendleton  8:39  8:44  8:47  8:49
Spokane  8:42  8:47  8:50  8:52
Walla Walla  8:39  8:44  8:47  8:48
Wenatchee  8:52  8:57  9:01  9:02
Vancouver  8:50  8:55  8:58  8:59

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