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*The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*  
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# MOMENTUM

BY JERE PATZER

**N**orthwest Adventists have always had a penchant for fulfilling the great Gospel Commission. In the late 1800s, they generously contributed to send one of the church's first mission boats, the *Pitcairn*, to the South Pacific. In 1886, some of the first missionaries to leave the U.S. went to Africa—again supported by the Northwest mission spirit.

In the early 1990s, Northwest Adventists rekindled that spirit with Operation Bearhug, traveling to the former Soviet Union to share their talents and their faith.

And since then literally hundreds of our members have made short-term incursions to numerous countries around the world. Thousands of baptisms have resulted. And those who participated were reminded of what Ellen G. White referred to as the “reflex influence.” She said, “To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off.”\*

We have seen these words come true. Those who have gone return with a deeper, stronger walk with the Lord. And, while millions of Adventist dollars have been sent overseas, God has certainly blessed us financially here as well. Sharing the gospel has been forever embedded in our Northwest DNA.

But one area especially haunts us: the relatively low number of new conversions here at home. Some would say it's easier to get baptisms in Africa or South America or India. But that is debatable. With the strong religious and family influences in some of these countries, people have to make great sacrifices to become Adventists. So then, why is the church growing so fast in many other places around the world yet only about 2 percent annually in North America? Certainly there are cultural differences, but I don't think that is the real reason.

## EVANGELIVING

As we have compared evangelism patterns around the world and here at home, we've noticed

something dramatic. In the U.S., we tend to think about evangelism as a once a year (or even less often) reaping series of meetings. In the areas of the world where our church is growing exponentially, members make it a way of life. In Bolivia, where we were this spring, they call it “evangeliving.” Each reaping series feeds into the next. Newly baptized members can bring their family and friends to the next series before the “fire” is lost. It's the simple yet powerful principle of momentum.

## MOMENTUM

So in a new and bold approach to evangelism, each of our local Northwest conferences have voted a new initiative called “Building Soul-winning Momentum.” Churches are encouraged to continue or begin regular community outreach, Bible studies and other interest-gathering programs. But then once in the fall and once in the spring each year beginning in 2007, there will be a one-week satellite reaping series for every church via the Hope Channel. These events, originating from key Northwest sites, will feature some of the church's great evangelists like Ron Halvorsen Sr. and Shawn Boonstra, with what we pray will be unprecedented results.

Where the church is growing, this ongoing reaping, this regular cycle of evangelistic outreach has been the key. Why not here in the Northwest?

When the advertising for each series blankets the Northwest and it says, “Come to the nearest Adventist church and other sites in your area,” we hope those who respond will find your church ready to welcome them. And members who receive the Hope Channel will want to consider opening up their homes to friends and neighbors to watch the series.

I invite you to join us in planning and praying for **Momentum** in what we believe will be an exciting and successful new initiative blessed by God. •

\* Ellen G. White, *Gospel Workers*, p. 465-466.



Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.



# Promises and Courage

Opmrssi

dan

Eucrgoa

These Bible verses were taken from the New International Version and are quoted in this issue of the GLEANER. The letters in each word are mixed up. See if you can sort them out. Answers on page 37.

1. Og ey refereoth, dan heatc lal tannios, pitzingba meht ni eth mean  
fo eht htearf, dan fo het nos, dan fo eht lohy stgho.

2. Os eht sehcruhc rewe tghnedenters ni het haitf dan regw liady  
ni nebusrm.

3. Nda hist sploge fo het gikodmn liwl eb caheerdp ni lla eth  
rodlw sa a isentws ot lal eth tansoni, dan ehtn het  
ned lliw omec.

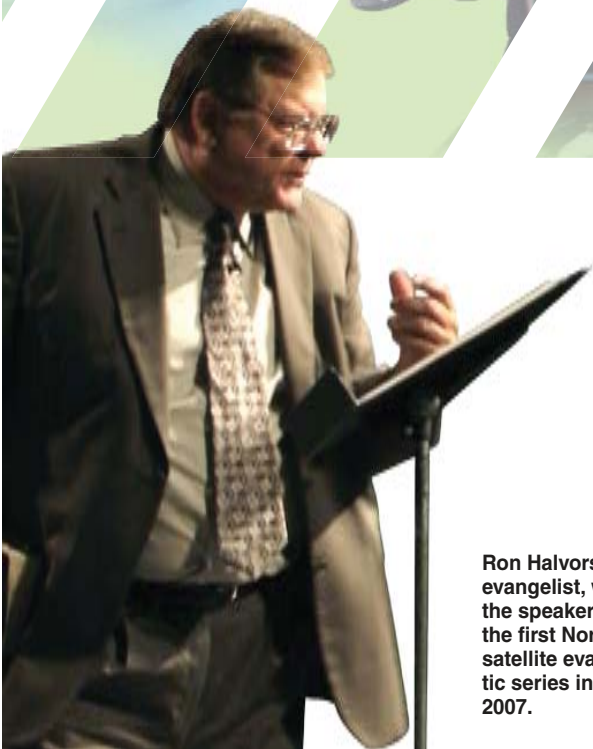
4. Tbu uyo laslh cerveie roewp henw eth yolh ritips ahs meoc noup  
oyu; dan oyu laslh eb neswistes ot em ni jalemerus, dan  
ni lal eadju dan mariaas, dan ot het ned fo eht tearh.

5. I rapy hatt ouy yam eb itcvea ni gringash rouy thaif, os  
ahtt uoy liwl vaeh a ufl dingtandersun of reevy dogo  
ithng ew aveh ni rhcist.



# BUILDING SOUL-WINNING **MOMENTUM** IN THE NORTHWEST

BY DAN SERNS



Ron Halvorsen Sr., evangelist, will be the speaker for the first Northwest satellite evangelistic series in April 2007.

## **MO-MEN-TUM**

Strength or force gained by motion or through the development of events. "So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers" (Acts 16:5, NIV).

## **IN-ER-TIA**

Resistance or disinclination to motion, action, or change; Laodiceanism. "So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" (Revelation 3:16–17, NIV).

## QUESTION #1

Last spring, the Kalispell, Montana, congregation, led by their pastor, Tom Glatts, went all-out to let their community know about Jesus and the Adventist message. They shared their faith with neighbors and friends and sent out tens of thousands of handbills for an evangelistic series by the North Pacific Union Conference evangelistic team of Jac and 'dena Colon. When it was all said and done, by God's grace there were about 40 new members of the Adventist Church!

Here's the question—When should the Kalispell Church have their next public evangelistic series?

- In twelve years, when it is their turn to have an NPUC evangelist again.
- In five years, when they have saved enough money to invite an Amazing Facts evangelist.
- In a year and a half, when the church members aren't tired from so much evangelistic effort.
- This fall.

## QUESTION #2

Lizzie Johnson graduated from Portland Adventist Academy last June. For a year and a half she has served as a volunteer assistant pastor of the Mt. Tabor Church at the invitation of her pastor, Bob Dale. She gained experience visiting, giving Bible studies and preaching. She and a few other youth in the church even held their own evangelistic series, taking turns speaking. When she was trying to decide what to do for her senior project, Pastor Bob suggested she write a set of baptismal guides that youth could use to study with their friends. She wrote and published her baptismal manual,<sup>1</sup> covering all the fundamental Adventist beliefs with a Christ-centered, Bible-based, teenage focus. This fall she will begin studying theology at one of our Adventist colleges. Lizzie said at her academy graduation she would love to preach her own evangelistic series.

Here's the question—When should Lizzie be given the opportunity to preach that series?

- When she graduates from the seminary.
- When she finishes her theology studies in college.
- When she is a student pastor during her college studies.
- This fall.



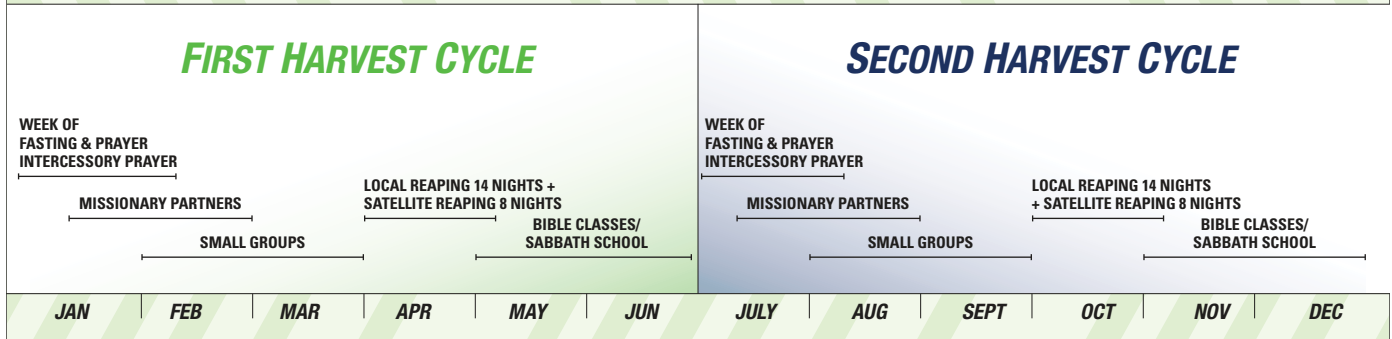
Missionary partners reach out together to meet the needs of friends, family, neighbors and co-workers.

## What are people saying where the Adventist message is spreading rapidly?

### They know what they're talking about—

- "Evangelism and soul winning is not a *department* of the church; it is the *LIFE* of the church. Either a church has life or it doesn't. And small groups are not a *program* of the church; they are a *LIFESTYLE* for a church that wants to grow." —*Melchor Ferreyra, president of the Adventist Church in Peru, one of the fastest growing fields in the world (in April he became Executive Secretary of the South American Division)*
- "Each church needs to be an evangelistic organization that does church well rather than a church that does evangelism and soul winning every few years" —*Bill McClendon, South Tulsa Adventist Fellowship pastor, one of the fastest growing English-speaking Adventist churches in North America. Every year every one of the 100,000+ homes in Tulsa receives at least five invitations to Bible meetings held by the church. Every new member is immediately involved in ministry and helps with a reaping series within a few months of being baptized.*
- "In the Old Testament times, the people of God followed the Sabbatical year cycle—six years of work then rest on the seventh. Unfortunately, many North American Adventist churches today follow the *reverse* Sabbatical cycle—six years of rest and then some evangelistic effort the seventh. Often they find it is so hard or frustrating that they wait another seven years before they try it again." —*Ramon Canals, NPUC evangelist and assistant to the president for Hispanic Ministries*
- "The character and importance of our work are judged by the efforts made to bring it before the public. When these efforts are so limited, the impression is given that the message we present is not worthy of notice" (*Evangelism*, p. 128.2). —*Ellen G. White, who personally helped start Adventist work on three continents*
- "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). —*Jesus Christ*

## BUILDING SOUL-WINNING MOMENTUM 2007



### What can a local church (or academy) do to begin its first Harvest Cycle?

Here's a simple plan that can be easily adapted to any situation—

**Dates (2007)—Church or School Activity—Who Might Lead Out January 6–12—Week of Fasting and Prayer—First Elder (or Academy Bible Teacher/Chaplain)**

**January–March—Small Groups:** Church members (or students) find a partner and begin a small group ministry or Bible study to meet the needs of their non-member friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers—Personal Ministries Leader and/or Sabbath School Leader (or Academy Student Association, Class and Club Leaders)

**April—Reaping Meetings:** 14 nights of reaping meetings—Team of Seven (Lay Preacher or Pastor, Assistant Leader, Secretary-Treasurer, Deacon, Deaconess, Two Children's Ministry Leaders)

**April—Satellite Reaping Meetings:** eight nights broadcast from one of the 10 largest cities in the Northwest—Pastor or Lay Leader

**May–June—Friendship Triads:** Two members team up with each new member to reach out to their friends and relatives—Deacon and Deaconess (or Academy SA, Class and Club Leaders)

**July 7–14—Week of Fasting and Prayer** to begin the next Harvest Cycle—First Elder (or Academy Bible Teacher/Chaplain)

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:18–20).

How we answer these two questions depends on our attitude toward the Adventist message and mission, who we think ought to be involved in taking the Adventist message to all the world in this generation, and what we understand about how people make decisions to embrace the Adventist message and unite with the movement.

There are about 13 million people in the North Pacific Union Conference territory<sup>2</sup> and about 90,000 Seventh-day Adventists, or one Adventist for every 144 people.

How long would it really take to give every person in the Northwest a chance to know Jesus, hear the Adventist message and join a vibrant Adventist group? This is what church leaders throughout the Northwest have been discussing in earnest recently.

For years the NPUC has been very active in Global Evangelism. Every year hundreds of academy and college students and laymen spend their Christmas or spring break or vacation taking the Adventist message to many corners of the globe. In addition, Walla Walla College sends out about 100 student missionaries each year. And the NPUC office staff, led by Jere Patzer, has assisted with large-scale evangelistic series, often with satellite uplinks, in Bolivia (2006), India (2005), Philippines and Brazil (2004), Dominican Republic (2003), Guatemala, Africa and Russia.

On these mission trips it became increasingly clear that God has people in every culture waiting to be gathered into the Adventist movement and that when church members, pastors and teachers work together to win souls there is a much larger harvest. Mission trip participants also noticed that in the parts of the world where the Adventist church is growing there is a continual involvement by the churches and schools in soul winning.

This has caused church leaders to ask what can be done to have a greater impact for God back home in the Northwest.

They have adopted a plan called “Building Soul-winning Momentum,” which challenges every church, school and institution to be involved in two harvest cycles a year for the next five years, beginning in 2007. Not just another program, it is an attitude toward the gospel commission, the role of the church and each member, and the importance of being involved continually in some aspect of the harvest. It includes a plan to reach the 10 largest cities, to provide soul-win-





## What can a church member do to become active in sharing their faith?

Here's a simple plan that can be easily adapted to any situation—

- 1. Intercessory Prayer**—Make a list of those you hope to reach with the Adventist message. Begin praying that God will bless them each day and open their hearts and minds to accept Jesus and embrace the message of His soon return.
- 2. Missionary Partners**—Find another church member of the same gender and ask them to become your missionary partner. They make a prayer list too. Each week you meet with them to pray for the people on each other's lists and to look for a way to demonstrate the love of Jesus to them.
- 3. Small Groups**—As soon as possible begin a small group with your missionary partner and anyone else who will join, particularly anyone on your prayer lists. The group might be for friendship and prayer, ministry and/or Bible Studies. Some excellent Bible study guides are the *Amazing Facts* Basic Set and the *Discover* Bible lessons.
- 4. Reaping Meetings**—Bring your friends to reaping meetings at your church or alternate location to help them reach a decision. If meetings are not scheduled soon then hold your own meetings in a home setting or alternate location using videos or DVD materials.
- 5. Bible Classes**—Encourage all newly baptized members and interests to become a regular part of a Bible class on Sabbath morning during Sabbath School. Team up as a missionary partner with a new member as they make their own prayer lists of those they hope to reach with their newfound relationship with Jesus and His church. Help them continue the cycle.

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ" (Philemon 1:6, NIV).



Small-group Bible study with fellow church members, friends and family is one way to continually be involved in evangelism.

ning tools for youth and laymen, and local and satellite reaping resources twice a year.

Every church member will be invited to participate in intercessory prayer for those they hope to reach with the Adventist message. They will be encouraged to find a missionary partner to reach out together with and form a small Bible study or ministry group. Lay members and youth will be encouraged to hold short reaping meetings followed by an eight-night satellite meeting coming from one of the 10 largest cities in the Northwest. Those baptized from the reaping meetings will be invited to begin praying for their family and friends as the next harvest cycle begins. There are plans to have two cycles a year for five years, until soul winning becomes a lifestyle in all the churches, schools and institutions of the Northwest.

"Those who take up their appointed work will not only be a blessing to others, but they will themselves be blessed. The consciousness of duty well done will have a reflex influence upon their own souls. The despondent will forget their despondency, the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will find an unfailing helper in Him who has called them."<sup>3</sup>

You can expect to hear more and more about this exciting opportunity to take the Adventist message to everyone in this generation.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14, NKJV). •

<sup>1</sup> *My Journey with Jesus* by Lizzie Johnson, available at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) ID: 278500.

<sup>2</sup> The North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is comprised of six conferences (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Upper Columbia and Washington Conferences) that are united to take the Adventist message to everyone in their five-state region (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington) and beyond.

<sup>3</sup> Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 148.3.

*Dan Serns, North Pacific Union Conference assistant to the president for ministerial, global mission, evangelism and church planting, writes from Vancouver, Washington.*

# Northwest Spirit



Richard Wimer writes and edits his newsletter WITand-WISDOM™ from his home office in Sequim, Wash.

## Wit & Wisdom



Young Richard loved his father's stories.

*In the Lord's own way, a young boy who wanted to be a pastor now ministers full time to a global flock of thousands.*

In Richard's dream, he strides without effort through one of the city's arched gates, along a golden, translucent highway, until he arrives at a bright, flower-speckled meadow. Standing at its edge, a playful breeze ruffles long wisps of silvery grass, causing them to brush across his feet. He smiles at the ticklish sensation, but his eyes are on a group of people, some sitting, some standing, beckoning him to join them....

The youngest of five children, Richard Wimer grew up in the small community of Laurelwood, Oregon. His father, Gaylord, was a strong spiritual leader who worked as a literature evangelist. On Sabbath afternoons, while mom prepared the meal and after the family had eaten, Gaylord would read stories to his children—personal, true stories of God's power and love lived out in everyday people. As a result, Richard decided at an early age that he would become a pastor, one who would share uplifting stories with others, just like his dad.

Richard graduated from Laurelwood Academy in 1969. He had served his class and school as a Missionary Volunteer leader, student body president and religious vice president. As a member of the theology club, Richard had opportunities to preach sermons at area churches, valuable experience for his future as a pastor. With each sermon, he told stories gleaned from sources like *Quiet Hour Echoes*, *Reader's Digest* and his own life.

He attended Walla Walla College, continuing his education toward becoming a pastor, when a vocational test score changed his life's



Richard graduated from Laurelwood Academy in 1969.

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direction. Richard switched his major and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He married Nancy Simpson, a nurse from Portland, Oregon, in 1971, and together they raised two children, Elisa and Gary.

Over the next two decades, Richard's career included Blue Mountain Academy (Pennsylvania) assistant treasurer; Fletcher Hospital (North Carolina) chief accountant; Tillamook (Oregon) Hospital vice president; and Adventist Health System-West homecare coordinator in Roseville, California.

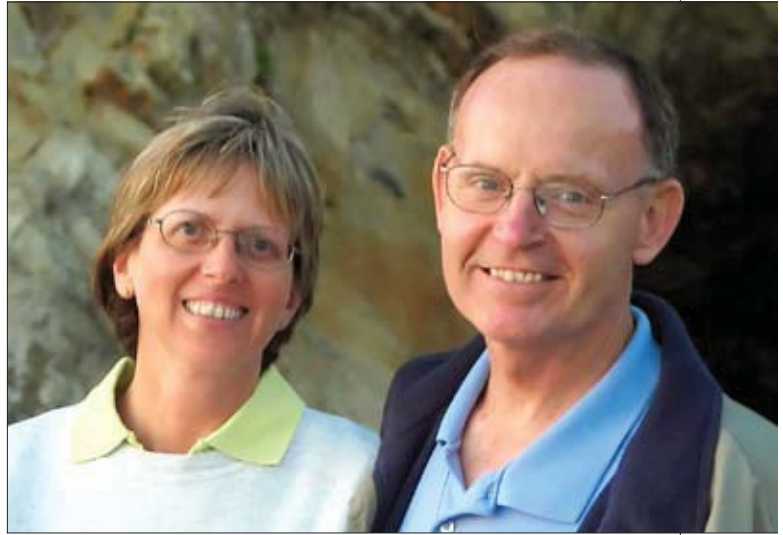
But in 1992, everything changed when Richard was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The chronic fatigue forced him to cut his work hours to half time in 1994 and stop completely by 1998.

Determined to keep his life meaningful, Richard began organizing uplifting, positive stories from a wide variety of sources and put together a magazine on the Internet—an "e-zine."

It is comprised of inspiring stories, a thought for the day, humor and a trivia section that includes a variety of subjects such as history, health, nature and odd events. The e-zine is then placed on his Web site in an archive that dates back to 1998. He named the e-zine and the Web site WITandWISDOM™.

Today, Richard's free e-zine is sent every weekday by e-mail to approximately 3,500 people in more than 60 countries, including Israel, Pakistan, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates. Subscribers include pastors, business owners, teachers, students and hospital workers who let Richard know how his ministry touches them:

**Richard and Nancy Wimer and their children, Gary and Elisa.**



**Richard and Nancy have been married for 35 years.**

*Student:* "As a freshman at The Citadel (military college), it is wonderful to get such inspirational messages and messages that make me laugh. That is something I don't do a lot..."

*Business Owner:* "I pass it onto my brother and cousin. The format you send is great to forward to non-church attendees like the two of them..."

*Pastor:* "I have already put to use many of your insights. Certainly my congregation thanks you for keeping their pastor informed and interesting..."

*Woman:* "Every morning it is the first thing I read. Many, many times, when my heart is heavy...as I started reading the different offerings, I would once again focus on the real issues and remember the joy of living..."

*Philippines:* "I have been forwarding your thoughts within our business group and that is the whole Philippines, nationwide! And they are very enthusiastic about it..."

*Britain:* "...I am not a religious person (yet) but I do find your e-mails inspiring..."

*South Africa:* "...there is no mail that I look forward to more than yours..."

*New Covenant Church, Ibadan:* "...My people are usually blessed and expectant each time I come to the podium. Some confessed to me that even if they forget the message, they never forget the stories..."

In the Lord's own way, a young boy who wanted to be a pastor now ministers full-time to a global flock of thousands. And when he dreams of heaven, he sees a special place where they will all finally meet to share their stories...

"He [Jesus] did not tell them anything without using stories" (Mark 4:34, CEV).

For more information about WITandWISDOM™, visit: <http://witandwisdom.org> or <http://visitme.org>. •

*Maureen Dowling, Sequim Church communication leader, writes from Sequim, Washington.*





Harold L. Wood  
**MISSIONARY TO ALASKA**

BY DOUG JOHNSON

**A**round the turn of the century, a number of Seventh-day Adventists traveled to Alaska to find wealth and adventure. Walter Sutherland, fourth president of Walla Walla College, along with Theodore Andrews, a teacher at the college, quit their jobs in 1900 and headed up north to the gold fields. Soon after arriving, Andrews drowned in a river and Sutherland returned home without ever finding any of the precious metal. About the same time Jasper N. Sylvester, a blacksmith and grandfather of H.M.S. Richards, also joined in the gold rush where he made more money shoeing horses than finding gold.

During the early decades of the 20th century a number of missionary ministers and literature evangelists made attempts to establish a presence for the denomination in Alaska, but they met with only minimal success. The challenges of reaching a small and isolated population spread over a large territory that is about one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states was overwhelming. By 1929, there were only 24 Seventh-day Adventists in all of Alaska. The only church building was in Ketchikan.

This same year the North Pacific Union Conference called Harold L. Wood to serve as superintendent of the Alaska Mission. He was a successful Minnesota businessman who had entered the ministry about 10 years earlier. Prior to coming to Alaska, he had served for two years as president of the British Columbia Conference.

Several years before, the NPUC had purchased an old fishing boat named *Dixie* for the work in Alaska. The vessel was adequate for short runs around Ketchikan but needed substantial repairs to make it seaworthy enough to travel throughout southeastern Alaska. Wood realized that without

the boat in proper condition, he would be unable to visit members and conduct evangelistic meetings in the region. So with no financial assistance available from the union or the few members in Alaska, Wood sold his two houses in Vancouver and Minnesota and donated the funds to repair *Dixie*, which he soon renamed *Messenger*.

The *Messenger* was a success. Wood was able to travel easily to both towns and logging camps throughout southeastern Alaska. As a result, the membership of the Alaska Mission increased to 91 members by 1933, when the first camp meeting took place in Ketchikan. Two years later, Mac Jackson, who had been the pastor of the Juneau Church, moved north and started churches in Anchorage and Palmer.

In 1934, an old Coast Guard patrol boat was purchased. The new vessel named *Messenger II* was 25 feet longer than the old boat and better able to handle the needs of the growing mission. In 1942, the U.S. Navy requisitioned the *Messenger II* for service in World War II. Twenty-eight years would go by before the mission would again purchase another boat, *Messenger III*, to provide ministerial transportation in southeastern Alaska. This time the skipper was Harold Dawson.

After losing the boat, the NPUC purchased a plane for the Alaska Mission. In the summer of 1944, Wood was flying to a logging camp not far from Ketchikan when he apparently had a heart attack and died in the crash. At the time the Alaska Mission had grown to seven organized churches, a number of companies and nearly 300 members. •

*Doug R. Johnson, Upper Columbia Conference executive secretary, writes from Spokane, Washington.*

# Fresh Start

**E**manuel Ninger's reputation as a counterfeiter is legendary. Known as "Jim the Penman" (named after a character in a play then running on Broadway), he drew, by hand, \$50 and \$100 Legal Tender Notes. Relying on his naked eye, he worked for weeks at a time on each note, using pen, pencil and brush with colored inks. Thus he gained a reputation as an extraordinary artist. In fact, his counterfeit notes circulated among the wealthy as works of art.

Prior to his capture, Ninger had been cranking out cash for two decades. Then on March 28, 1896, *The New York Times* reported that the Secret Service found \$244.25 of "good and bad money" in Ninger's home. Because of his clumsy, farmer-like hands, Secret Service agents did not believe Ninger to be the culprit they were hunting. He simply didn't match the physical profile that forgers were supposed to fit. Even after Ninger confessed, they didn't believe him.

Now, Ninger's story has reached mythic proportions. During the raid, three oil paintings were discovered. Experts estimate that it took Ninger as long to create one counterfeit bill as it did to paint one painting. After his arrest, Ninger's paintings sold for more than \$5,000 each. In other words, he

## Bogus Bills

could have earned more from his artwork than he did for his forgery. According to legend, people were so impressed by Ninger's artistic skill that when they found one of his bills, rather than report it to law enforcement they'd framed the bogus banknote.

*The New York Times* reports nothing about legitimate artwork from Ninger. The article simply describes his actions as "being engaged for 20 years in counterfeiting large denominations with pen and pencil."

Ninger's reign as King Counterfeiter came to an end when he entered the Cortlandt Street saloon and bought a glass of Rhine wine with a \$50 bill. Picking up the bill from the wet

counter, the bartender noticed some of the ink on his fingers. The bartender called police, and Ninger was caught while boarding the Cortlandt Street Ferry. During the trial, Ninger's lawyer requested a dismissal—though he had no legal basis for such a plea. The judge refused the request. Ninger was convicted and served his time before disappearing into anonymity.

Here's a case of a man with a rare talent that, if used properly, could have benefited society in significant ways. Instead, he employed his gifts illegitimately.

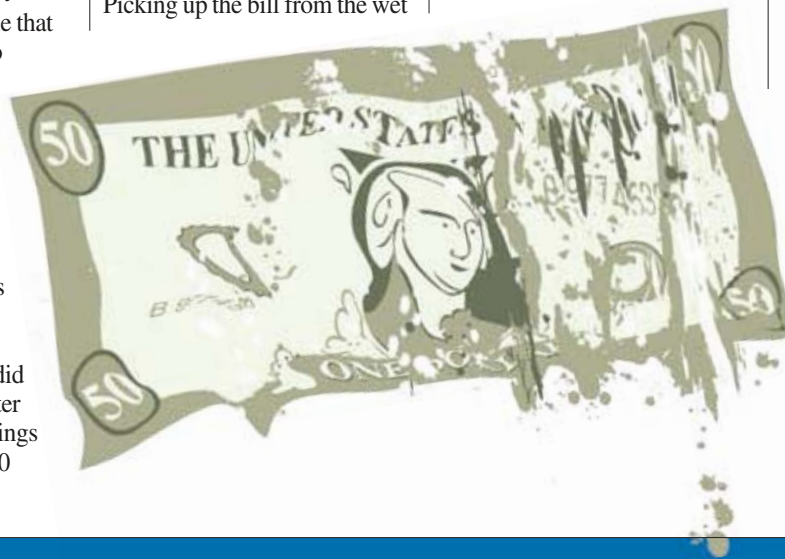
Similarly, you have unique talents. God has gifted you in ways unlike any other

person on the planet. Perhaps you can sing. Maybe you can rebuild a carburetor. Or you might be the best nanny in the state. I don't know what your gifts are, but I know you have special talent on loan from God. And He expects you to use your talents to bless others. In the words of Ellen G. White, "Those who truly love God will desire so to improve the talents that he has given them, that they may be a blessing to others. And by and by the gates of heaven will be thrown wide open to admit them, and from the lips of the King of Glory the benediction will fall upon their ear like richest music, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' Thus the redeemed will be welcomed to the mansions that Jesus is preparing for them."\*

God has given you talents to bless others. So share God's love. Witness of His grace. Tell others about Jesus. And know that someday you will receive your reward—a mansion on a street of gold. *Real gold.* •

\*Ellen G. White, *Southern Watchman*, March 31, 1908, p. 5.

Karl Haffner, *Walla Walla College Church senior pastor*, writes from *College Place, Washington*.



# Caring Heart Award

The Caring Heart Award is a Christian Service Recognition Award for secondary students who have demonstrated a personal commitment to service and witnessing activities.

A junior or senior from each school is chosen to receive the award, which includes a \$500 scholarship to be used toward a mission trip or for college tuition. The scholarship was established by the North American Division Board of Education with private funding. The following are this year's recipients.



**Summer Coggins, Milo Adventist Academy**

**Ashley Summer Coggins**, daughter of Robert Coggins and Ginnie Kim, and graduate of Milo Adventist Academy, is a "model of true servant leadership." Coggins was involved in several mission trips and was always ready to volunteer. She will start the pre-med program at Walla



**Vanessa Cutz, Livingstone Adventist Academy**

Walla College this fall. Coggins is a member of the Valley View Church, Medford, Ore.

A 2005-06 junior at Livingstone Adventist Academy, **Vanessa Cutz**, was chosen for her school leadership as well as being student director for this year's mission trip and a speaker for a student-led evangelistic series. She is the daughter of Dave and Sharon Cutz; all are members of the East Salem (Ore.) Church. Cutz plans to take education at Walla Walla College.

Columbia Adventist Academy is proud of one of



their top four graduating students this year, **Kevin Ford**, the son of Greg and Rhonda Ford. Ford served as a student leader at school and in his Sabbath School youth group at Meadow Glade Church, Battle Ground, Wash. The past four summers he served abroad as an Ultimate Workout team member, which is a Maranatha mission project for youth. Ford plans to study engineering at Walla Walla College.

**Korrine Hallam**, a senior at Auburn Adventist Academy, was on honor roll all four years, volunteered as a peer tutor and participated in four mission trips: Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Sri



**Korrine Hallam, Auburn Adventist Academy**

Lanka and Pearlinton, Miss., after Hurricane Katrina. Hallam, along with her parents Keith and Kandyce Hallam, are members of the Auburn Academy Church. She will be

**Kevin Ford, Columbia Adventist Academy**



**Jessie Michel, Gem State Adventist Academy**

attending Andrews University, studying architectural engineering.

**Jessica Michel** has been busy the last four years at Gem State Adventist

Academy with mission trips to Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic and Arizona. Michel also helped plan the 2006 student-led evangelistic meetings. Michel, along with her parents, Larry and Donna, are members of the Caldwell (Idaho) Church.

Secondary education will be her course of study at Walla Walla College.

Always looking on the bright side, **Amber Page** is a consistently positive influence in everything she does. Page is on the planning board at Milo Adventist Academy and helps with the youth programs at the Monroe (Ore.) Church and has participated in two mission trips. Her parents, Bill and



**Amber Page, Milo Adventist Academy**

Deanna Page, will be saying goodbye this fall as she heads off to Walla Walla College.

“It’s God’s love that inspires me to serve,” says **Tommy Poole**, a graduate of Upper Columbia Academy. Poole led out in planning a fund-raising banquet for Katrina survivors, raised funds for a leper colony in India along with participating in three mission trips, two to Borneo and one to Mississippi. His parents, Bill and Tammy Poole, serve



**Tommy Poole, Upper Columbia Academy**

as pastoral team to the Good News Fellowship Church in Clarkston, Wash., where Poole is a member. Poole is going to Walla Walla College.

Graduating with a 4.0 from Portland Adventist Academy, **Dustin Serns** has already made an impact on the world



**Dustin Serns, Portland Adventist Academy**

and his community. Upon returning from a mission trip to India his junior year, Serns recruited 15 of his classmates to start a once-a-month “Youth-led Adventist Church” in an unentered area of his hometown of Vancouver, Wash. Serns will attend Southwestern Adventist University to study theology. Dustin and his parents, Dan and Lois Serns, are members of the Meadow Glade Church, Battle Ground, Wash.

**Jon Solis**, an honors graduate of Walla Walla Valley Academy, has a gift for helping others be successful



**Jon Solis, Walla Walla Valley Academy**

academically, socially and personally. Solis volunteered as a tutor and teacher’s assistant at Rogers Adventist School and WWVA. He also volunteered for summer day camps at Village Church where he and his parents, Cindy and Dan, are members. Solis plans to major in history at Walla Walla College.

“A consistently caring human being” is how **Sarah Thomas** is described by her teachers at Orcas Christian School. Thomas assists her parents Burke and Barbara, from Eastsound, Wash., in community projects. Students know Thomas for her listening



**Sarah Thomas, Orcas Christian School**

ear, supporting words and nonjudgmental spirit. Mexico and Peru have benefited from four consecutive years of mission service trips. Thomas plans to attend Capendraw Bible College in England for one year and then Seattle Pacific University.

An honor roll student for the past five years at Cascade Christian Academy, a K–12 school, **Jonny Vargas** recently



**Jonny Vargas, Cascade Christian Academy**

help build a church in Fiji on his senior trip. He attends the Wenatchee Church with his parents Juan and Mary Vargas. Vargas plans to attend Walla Walla College.

**Bekka Weltz**, a 2005–06 junior, is an enthusiastic leader at Skagit Adventist School. Besides participating in a mission trip to Biloxi, Miss., Weltz organizes speakers and music for daily worship times. She also performs with the drama ministry. Weltz and her mother Laurie are members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Wash. Her future includes going to college for degrees in marine biology and acting.

**Heather Wilbur** is a fun, caring, hardworking person. A Mt. Ellis Academy graduate, she volunteered to help staff and students, tutoring a specific student to help him graduate. Heather and her mom Laurel are members of the Kalispell (Mont.) Church. •

*Kara Kreiger-McGhee, former administrative assistant to the NPUC vice president for education*

## Arthur Lickey: 1921–2006

Arthur R. Lickey was the North Pacific Union Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) director 1973–86. He died June 1, 2006.

He was tall. Lanky. He wore big shoes. And he was fearless.

One of Lickey's roles as North Pacific Union Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department director required him to be in contact with both employers and labor leaders. The contacts were frequently confrontational. Hostile bosses were not about to brook interference with the way they did their jobs. But Lickey was fearless, determined, and at the same time, consistently cordial—



From left, Richard Fenn, Gregory Hamilton and Arthur Lickey have given 33 years of service as the directors of the North Pacific Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department.

even in the face of those ready to get in *his* face.

When an Adventist—or any person, for that matter—called Lickey for help with

religious discrimination in the workplace, he helped—then and there. He presented the case for reasonable accommodation to employers

and conscientious exemption to labor chiefs. More often than not, he prevailed.

Lickey's other main PARL role involved the legislative assemblies of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. He and then-associate Glenn Patterson set up a network of pastors in each capital city to spot bad bills and support good ones. When the assemblies were not in session, Lickey hit the road to visit the legislators in their homes and offices, on their farms and ranches. They perceived him as a personal friend, not some pushy lobbyist. They knew him to be a minister committed to the principle that religious freedom is for everyone. •

*Richard Lee Fenn, NPUC PARL director, 1986–98*

## Tumwater Canyon Near Leavenworth Claims Two Lives

Two Adventist women, Meghan Doggett, 21, and Mindy Cosaert, 16, died by drowning in the Wenatchee River near Leavenworth, Washington, on July 15.

Cosaert and a friend were crossing the river on an air mattress and were caught in an unexpectedly strong current and swept downstream into the nearly mile-long rapids. Doggett dove in to try to save them but died in the attempt. Cosaert, however, was found unconscious after being underwater for some 15 minutes. Although CPR was administered, she never regained consciousness and passed away on Tuesday, July 18.

Cosaert had just completed her sophomore year at Walla Walla Valley Academy and was spending the summer with relatives in Wenatchee. She is the daughter of Walla Walla College professor of theology Carl Cosaert and his wife Carol. Carl gave the homily at his daughter's memorial service. He said, "Mindy was a very spiritual person. Her faith meant a lot to her."

Doggett is the daughter of Carol and Mark Doggett. For several years she had lived with Eric and Kris Collier and for the past two years with Mark and Wendy Witas. Mark Witas is the Cascade

Christian Academy principal in Wenatchee, Wash. Doggett worked at Children's Home Society in Wenatchee, volunteered as a youth leader in her church and was a former student at Walla Walla College.

Wendy Witas said, "Meghan was so amazing, enthusiastic and fun. She shared the light of Jesus to everyone around her."

"She would have been devastated if she hadn't jumped in that river and done



Mindy Cosaert



Meghan Doggett

everything she tried to do," Kris Collier said. •

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



# We've Come This Far by Faith

More than 750 people gathered near Palmer for Alaska's annual Southcentral Camp Meeting July 18–23. "We've Come This Far by Faith" was the theme for this year to celebrate more than 100 years of Adventist work in Alaska.

The first known permanent Adventist resident in Alaska was in 1896. Highlights throughout the week featured historical anecdotes of the struggle to get an Adventist "foothold" in this vast land. Five former Alaska Mission/Conference presidents and the wife of Joseph Hansen, Alaska Mission president from 1961–74, were in attendance. In addition to Nadine representing Joseph Hansen, there were Fred and Velma Beavon (1974–77), Steve and Sharon McPherson (1985–88), Jim and Rita Stevens (1991–96), Robert Peck (1996–98) and Russ Johnson (1999–2004). Together these people represented more than 35 years of mission and conference administration.



John Kriegelstein



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Five former Alaska Mission/Conference presidents came to Alaska's Southcentral Camp Meeting July 18–23. From left: Ken and Colleen Crawford (2004–present), Russ Johnson (1999–2004), Robert Peck (1996–98), Rita and Jim Stevens (1991–96), Sharon and Steve McPherson (1985–88), Velma and Fred Beavon (1974–77), and Nadine Hansen, wife of Joseph Hansen (1961–74). Together these people represented more than 35 years of mission and conference administration.

The evening meetings included a nightly interview with Nadine Hansen, who worked in the Alaska Mission office with her husband. She sat in a rocking chair from the original Palmer church during the first interview. Inspired by the stories of the devotion and commitment of those early Adventists in Alaska, Joseph and Nadine poured their hearts into the work. When she gets

**Nadine Hansen shared stories of the early work in Alaska each evening during Alaska's Southcentral Camp Meeting. Nadine has collected historical information on the Alaska Mission for 45 years and has compiled it into a "scrapbook" soon to be published. Nadine has requested that the books be given as a thank-you gift to those who make a financial contribution to support the gospel work in bush Alaska.**

started telling stories, it is evident that that enthusiasm is still very much alive.

Other camp meeting speakers included Don Schneider, North American Division (NAD) president; Alvin Kibble, NAD vice president; Hans Diehl, Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) founder; Harold Smith, clinical psychologist and teacher of pastoral counseling at Andrews University; and Herb Larson, a Canadian businessman with a passion to tell anybody about Jesus. Simultaneous health and spiritual seminars were conducted throughout the day by some of the above presenters and former presidents.

Rather than end on Sabbath evening, camp meeting was extended to include a family fun day on Sunday. The day started with a

pancake breakfast hosted and prepared by the conference administrators. Games for children, bike rides, a flea market benefiting local church programs, and a sign-up for a conference-wide "Walk Around the World" exercise program were a part of the day.

At the close of camp meeting, Ken Crawford, current Alaska Conference president, announced that next year's camp meeting would be a special NAD-wide fly-in for all pilots with an interest in Alaska. "Flying is an essential transportation mode in Alaska," said Crawford. "We want to celebrate the contribution of our pilots to the gospel work in this expansive land." •

*John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director*



## Volunteer Librarian Gave 30 Years to Alaska Junior Academy

For more than 30 years, Gloria Oakes has volunteered as Anchorage Junior Academy's librarian. When she first began, her three children were enrolled at AJA. They graduated and moved on, but Oakes has faithfully continued to maintain the library. Now that Bill, her husband, has retired, he accompanies her to quietly take care of whatever needs to be done around the school. Bill and Gloria Oakes know much of the history of AJA.

In 1941 before Alaska became a state and the city of Anchorage was a small town,

a church school with eight students taught by Jackie Moody was opened in the basement of the "church," a remodeled store located on Third Street.

Near the end of World War II, a new church was built on Seventh and A streets for the growing congregation. At that time, Ninth Street was on the edge of town and Anchorage had a population of about 3,500 people. Once again the school moved into the basement, and there it remained for more than 20 years.

During the 1960s, the church acquired a five-acre

tract of undeveloped forest land off O'Malley Road. A nice two-story structure was built, and in 1968 more than 40 students and three teachers moved in. For 65 continuous years many students have passed through the school doors. Children and grandchildren of original families have attended AJA. And some students are now the teachers. Linda Austermuhl Porter not only attended AJA but now teaches music. •

*Ruth Farnsworth, AJA principal*



**Gloria Oakes, member of the Northside Church, has been volunteer librarian at Anchorage Junior Academy for more than 30 years.**

## Summer Camps Alaska Style



end of the line. "I want to have a part in making that available for another camper." The resulting camp scholarship made it possible for Alaska Camps to invite another camper to enjoy the fun of a week of camp with friends. Alaska Camps offer the supervision of a well-trained and experienced staff who consistently point kids to Jesus as the source of life, fun and peace.

For three summers, Laurie Hosey, an Adventist teacher in Colville, Wash., has agreed to be camp director. Her team, including other school teachers, provides Alaska kids with a fun-filled Adventist summer camp experience in three locations—Camp Tukuskoya near Wasilla, Camp Polaris near Aleknagik and Camp Lorraine near Wrangell. The team provides two weeks

of camp at Camp Tukuskoya, packs up quickly to fly to Camp Polaris for a week and then flies to Camp Lorraine for the final week before rushing back to Washington to hastily prepare for the start of their teaching duties.

All three camps are accessible only by boat or float plane. While Camp Tukuskoya and Camp Lorraine have some permanent buildings, Camp Polaris is rustic with very few enclosed structures. The local camp boards for Camp Lorraine and Camp Polaris are dependent on donations for improvements and maintenance of facilities.

**Alaska Camps provides four weeks of Christian camp experience for Alaska's kids in three locations across the state.**

The operational cost per camper for Alaska Camps may be staggering, but the thrill of seeing a young person accept Jesus is of inestimable value. •

*John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference youth director*



**"I got it!" exclaimed the camper as he finally made the grass squawk between his thumbs. Under the nurturing attention of Alaska Camp staff, campers at the three locations are brought closer to God and nature.**

"Last year my children came home from a week at Camp Tukuskoya all excited about the fun they had. They loved it and were recommitted spiritually," said the person on the other

## Gilmore Ordination

*Reflects Life Journey*

Every pastor has a story. Idaho Conference members heard part of Steve Gilmore Sr.'s story at his ordination at camp meeting on June 17. The pastor who presented Steve as a candidate for ordination was the same pastor who baptized him 25 years ago. Don Kack Sr., Whipple Creek pastor, Ridgedale, Wash., had become acquainted with Steve through his wife, Merrilou. Merrilou had been baptized and was attending church. Kack and his wife Susanne became friends with the Gilmores. Over the course of seven years, the friendship deepened, as did Steve's desire to surrender his life to Christ.

Soon after his baptism, Gilmore felt the call to ministry. Over the next year,

God made it possible for the Gilmores to move their family to Walla Walla College, where Steve graduated from the theology program. Their first pastorate was in the Upper Columbia Conference.

Family considerations required a leave of absence from paid ministry. During that time, Steve and Merrilou were active in their local church. When the opportunity came to interview with the Idaho Conference for the Elgin/Enterprise, Ore., district, God was telling them it was time to come back. The conference, churches and Gilmores were all in agreement. The Gilmores have been ministering to the communities of Elgin and Enterprise since 2004.



Sharon McPherson welcomes Merrilou Gilmore to service as the supportive spouse of an ordained minister.

A highlight of the service was the special music, presented by a men's chorus of Idaho pastors and friends. They sang a medley of "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Lift High the Cross," arranged by Ben Purvis, Gem State Adventist Academy music director. Dan Serns, North Pacific Union Conference ministerial director, brought a message of encouragement to ministry. Alvin Kibble, North American Division vice president, offered the prayer of ordination. It was an awesome sight, with current pastors and retired ministers

joining those on the platform to recognize Gilmore's calling to the gospel ministry. The charge was delivered by Stephen McPherson, Idaho Conference president. Don Klinger, Idaho vice president for administration and Sharon McPherson, the president's wife, welcomed Steve and Merrilou to service—a continuation of the commitment they have already demonstrated. •

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication administrative assistant*

## Timberline Students Honor Teacher and Fund Mission Trips

The students at the Timberline Adventist School in Vale, Ore., showed teacher Cheri DeLaRosa how much they appreciated her during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. They started the week by presenting her with a certificate of appreciation. They also surprised her each day with a special gift: Monday—flowers and a gift; Tuesday—cards each student had made; Wednesday—various gifts; Thursday—a cake.

During the past school year the students had saved chore money, collected loose change and donated egg money for two

special projects. They presented a \$50 check to Allen and Glenna Maine and Sharon Gardner to use on their trip to help with the Katrina disaster clean-up effort. They also presented Cassi Heid, a Vale student attending Walla Walla Valley Academy, a \$280 check to help with her travel expenses for a trip she recently made to Peru, where she helped

at an orphanage. Heid gave a report of her mission trip with a slide show at the Vale Church on Memorial Day weekend. •

*Sylvia Ellis, Vale Church communication leader*

Students at Timberline School hold achievement awards while their teacher, Cheri DeLaRosa, holds her Teacher Appreciation Award. From left: (front row) Dinah Thomas, Faith Campbell, Jeremy Jones, Fritz Heid, Katrina DeLaRosa, Zachary Hicks; (back row) Teri Bonson, teacher's aid, Christina Palas, Brooke Heid, Ruth Mendoza, Cheri DeLaRosa, teacher.





Children sing during the opening exercises of VBS in Miles City, Mont.

## A New Approach to VBS in Miles City, Montana

This summer the Miles City Church tried something new for Vacation Bible School. ADRA offers a program called *Adventure for Kids*, which emphasizes the needs of people around the world. Each evening the group focused on a country and a type of project that ADRA uses to help the needy. A video showed how ADRA helps with basic medical care and clean water, education, housing and jobs. Then someone would tell how they had lived or worked in countries such as Sweden, England, Haiti and China.

Friday night, they heard from Charlie Smith, a student from Mt. Ellis Academy (MEA), who had gone on the spring mission trip to the Philippines to help with evangelistic meetings. For the

closing program on Sabbath morning, Patrik Fallang told about building a church on the Honduras MEA mission trip.

During the week, Bible stories illustrated the theme of helping others. Crafts helped show the difference between wants and needs like water, shelter and medical care.

We closed the week on Sabbath during the worship service. Parents and the church members enjoyed the program and stayed for the fellowship dinner after the program. Although we have only five kids from Adventist homes that fall into the VBS age-group, we had an attendance of 23 for the meetings. •

*Marilyn Delinger, Miles City Church communication leader*

## A Family Affair Two Families Baptized in Bridger Church

This story begins with the voice of a young boy saying, "Mom, I want to be baptized." This simple request prompted his grandmother, Joanne Martin, to learn more about Jesus. She began to study along with Billy by reading his junior baptismal booklet and attending a study group at the Bridger (Mont.) Church each Sabbath. She fell in love with Jesus and wanted to make the day special by joining her grandson in baptism.

The four Cumin children had been attending the Bridger Church. When they heard that a baptism was being planned, they decided to prepare for baptism too.

It was a high Sabbath on May 13 when two families came together to be joined to the family of God. •

*Mike Martinez, Billings District pastor*



Two families were baptized in the Bridger Church on May 13, from left: (back) Mike Martinez, Bridger pastor; April, Zach, Jeb and Erin Cumin; Joanne Martin and Richard Knapp, retired pastor, (front) Billy Bollinger.

## Service in Action

*At Libby Adventist Christian School*

Students at Libby Adventist Christian School served others in a variety of ways last school year. Early in the year, after Hurricane Katrina, the students baked and sold pumpkin pies to earn almost \$200 to send to hurricane survivors. In addition to collecting canned goods in the fall, the nine students (grades 1-8) prepared 120 dry bean soup packets to be

distributed from the local food bank.

At Christmas, students donated money they would normally use for gifts for their classmates to "buy" 11 blankets and mattresses through the ADRA gift catalog as well as to feed a Bangladesh infant for 40 days.

The students also make quarterly visits to the local



Libby School students perform for nursing home residents as a part of their service to their community.

nursing home and clean an adopted section of road. Twice during the year students presented the worship service at the church. With the enthusiastic

support from the church family, students have learned the joy of serving others. •

*Cindy Patten, LACS teacher*

# Christian Radio Station Broadcasting in Tillamook

Earlier this year, Christian radio station KGLS-LP at 99.1 FM in Tillamook, Ore., celebrated one year on the air. With the aim of "Sharing God's Love by the Sea," Good Life Radio is staffed by volunteers and broadcasts music and programming up to 18 hours a day. Programs include *Money Matters*, *Family Life Today*, *Vibrant Life* and *Bible Answers Live*.

Jaimy Hill, Good Life Radio CEO, reports a good listener response. "People stop me on the street and in the market to say they are tuning in. People tell me that they listen to the calming music when they have sleepless nights," said Hill.

The story starts five years ago with prayer, planning, paperwork, fund raising, miracles and more prayer. In April 2001, the church prayerfully voted to pursue the daunting task of application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Two years and four months after submission, on Sept. 30, 2003, Good Life Radio Inc. received a building permit for the station.

The next hurdle was funding. Even though the church was involved

in a number of other projects, they voted to promote fund raising for one year and decided that there must be \$33,000 on hand at that time for the project to continue. God blessed, and the funds were in hand with just days to spare.

God was also providing for the personnel needs. Tim Berthelsen, an engineer, moved to town in the midst of fund raising. He had spent a year setting up a radio station in Costa Rica for Adventist World Radio. Lyle Mohr became our assistant engineer. Judy Mohr, an avid radio listener, agreed to be the program consultant. David Harrison joined the group as the day-to-day computer programmer. Jaimy Hill headed the corporation and kept the paperwork straight.

In January 2005, we ordered the equipment. All was on track to be up and running by the March 30 deadline when suddenly two more major issues appeared. Since the original inquiries in 2001, the city of Tillamook had adopted new regulations regarding antenna tower limits that now made the proposed tower unacceptable. Also, since the broadcast antenna was 2.93 miles from another radio antenna, instead of the required three miles, the FCC required a \$20,000 field test to be sure that there was no interference with the other station's signal. We had less than eight weeks to solve these challenges. If we were not up and broadcasting by March 30, our building permit was null and void.

With God's guidance, our engineers designed and had manufactured an acceptable antenna framework. It is safe to say there is not another like it in the world! An engineer was found to do a computer simulation test for interference. This turned out to be acceptable to the FCC and the other radio station at one-tenth of the cost of the field test.

With a prayer of thanksgiving and a sigh of relief, we went "live" on March 21, 2005, eight days before the final FCC deadline. A low-power FM station has a projected footprint of 3.5 miles, line of sight, around the transmitting antenna. In Tillamook's case that would include a potential listening audience of 7,000 people. Our God is a God of miracles! The station has a range of more than 10 miles in every direction—essentially covering the entire Tillamook Valley and more than doubling the potential audience. •

*Shirley A. Thomas,  
Tillamook Church  
communication leader*

**Tillamook's new  
Christian radio station  
management, from left:  
David Harrison, Jaimy  
Hill, Tim Berthelsen,  
Judy Mohr.**



## Lassen Creek Camp Meeting

Many people from Oregon and Northern California attended Lassen Creek Camp Meeting in late June. People from as far away as Coos Bay came to worship in the pristine, mountain setting of Lassen Creek National Forest Campground.

Friday evening, George P. White, Lakeview Church pastor, was the evening speaker. Linda Poore was our pianist for weekend and had come with her husband Gene in their motor home from Coos Bay.



Danny Shelton provides accompaniment on his guitar and George White, Lakeview pastor, holds a microphone while a group of children sing at Lassen Creek Camp Meeting.

miracles to establish new outlets for 3ABN to reach around the world.

ABC manager Steve Hilde, his wife Jerilee, and their crew led out in a very enthusiastic children's program. The children participated in Bible scavenger hunts and many other activities to learn about Jesus. Our children told me how much they liked the program and the teachers.

The Oregon ABC set up their display of books and food. The ABC was very welcome because they are not often able to come all the way to Lakeview, Ore. Everyone in the southeastern corner of the Oregon Conference was very happy to be able to select books and vegetarian food in our local area.

We are already planning for next year and will be adding an extra day of meetings. The dates for 2007 Lassen Creek Camp Meeting are June 21–23. •

*George P. White, Lakeview Church pastor*

White spoke about God's desire and ability to transform us into soul winners for His kingdom. Moses had a "stick" (rod) in his hand but Moses' stick became a tool for our miracle-working God. Plagues descended—water parted—water for a thirsty nation came forth, all because Moses

let God use his "stick." Elisha let God use a stick he cut from a common tree and a metal ax head, something that cannot float, and helped it to float so it could be returned to its rightful owner. God can use even very common people to do wonderful things as we allow ourselves to become "sticks" in

His hand and love and obey His commands.

On Sabbath morning, Larry Cole, Lakeview Church head elder and Sabbath School teacher, gave a wonderful Sabbath School lesson on the Holy Spirit in the last days.

During our worship service, we listened to 3ABN's Danny Shelton as he brought us a stirring message about God's worldwide work. 3ABN is a Seventh-day Adventist supporting radio and TV ministry that joins local Adventist churches in preaching the gospel to the world. Sabbath afternoon, Shelton and his wife, Brandy, brought us a music program and also told us of the wonderful way God is leading 3ABN. In the evening, Shelton shared how God is working



Danny Shelton from 3ABN was the featured guest speaker during the Lassen Creek Camp Meeting.

## Gladstone Park Church Joins Hands With Youth for Jesus

The Gladstone Park Church held a prophecy seminar, *Unfolding Revelation*, June 16–July 15. They were assisted by students from the Mission College of Evangelism, who are part of a program called Youth for Jesus. These young people come from all over the U.S. to take classes to learn how to effectively share their faith with people in the community. This February they visited with people in the Gladstone area and invited them to attend the meetings.

Hiram Rester presented the seminar. He has held public meetings in Mississippi and recently was the evangelist for the Texico Conference.

Jane Fischen, who was baptized during the meetings said, “One of the students studied the Scriptures with me in my home. I enjoyed the seminar, and after six weeks I have decided to follow Jesus.”

“I guess you could call it practical Christianity,” Del Colton, a local elder, said. “When I visited the homes for Bible studies during the seminar, I always found people who needed their lawns mowed or cars repaired.”

Justin Howard, the evangelistic coordinator for the seminar, said, “There were 60 to 70 visitors in attendance every night; 33 of them were baptized during the

seminar or at camp meeting. Twenty more people are ready for baptism.” •

*Richard Cook,  
Gladstone Park Church,  
communication leader*

**Hiram Rester, evangelist, was the speaker for the Mission College of Evangelism’s Youth for Jesus series at the Gladstone Park Church.**



## Oregon Koreans Minister in Kenya

Hansoo Kim, Eugene Korean Church pastor, and Ken Shou, church head elder and a local physician, along with other team members, spent two weeks in June in Kenya conducting a weeklong evangelistic series and providing medical care to more than 2,000 people. They also distributed 635 bicycles and \$11,000 in scholarships to pastors and students in the area.

During the trip we visited the Eastern Africa Division, Eastern Africa Union, University of Eastern Africa Baraton (UEAB), and Western Kenya mission field. On Sabbath, June 3, we spent a wonderful time sharing the word of God with high school students at Baraton Adventist Secondary School.



**Hansoo Kim, Eugene Korean Church pastor, stands in the midst of the 21 people baptized on one Sabbath afternoon.**

On June 4, the team separated into two groups: one group went to the remote area of west Pokot to provide free medical treatment and to share the good news of the gospel. Shou went to Pokot. I remained at the university with the second group; along with the help of a team from

the local Jeremic Community Medical Centre, we provided free medical treatment to hundreds of residents around Kaplolo village.

Kaplolo, just three kilometers from the university, is a stronghold of Catholicism. The outreach team of the university church has tried to

enter and establish a church for the last 20 years.

I preached the Three Angels’ Message to hundreds of people nightly for a week. Most of people braved heavy tropical rain storms to come. At the end of a very fruitful medical rally and a spiritually loaded evangelistic crusade, a total of 57 people accepted Christ as their personal savior and were baptized into the Adventist faith. They are planning to build a church there soon.

The trip was coordinated by the nonprofit organization Bicycle Mission to the World (BMW), whose main mission is to provide bicycles to pastors and Bible workers in Africa. •

*Hansoo Kim, Eugene Korean Church pastor*

## PAA Health Class Takes Part in Disability Day

*Walk a mile in my moccasins* is what the old adage says. How often does one have the opportunity to do this? Portland Adventist Academy teacher Linda Johnson decided to give her students this opportunity. After studying a unit on various physical and mental disabilities, Johnson challenged her students to take it to another level: live a day with a physical impairment.

Using ear protectors, crutches, wheelchairs, and darkened sunglasses, Johnson's sophomore health class was required to rely on other senses and helpful friends to get them through their day. What started off as a prospective day of fun turned out to be a day of various



**Students in the sophomore health class assumed disabilities and needed assistance from helpful friends to get them through the day.**

challenges and even some frustrations. "I was so surprised how hard it was to complete simple tasks like opening a door," said Anelisse Johnson who simulated having a torn ACL (ligament in the knee) and was on crutches. "I can't imagine how difficult it must be for someone who has to live daily with this challenge."

Another student, Megan Prichard, also experienced frustration. With an avulsion to the eye, a condition where the retina detaches, often due to injury, Prichard had to wear a patch over the other eye. "I kept bumping into things," exclaimed Prichard. "I never realized how much you use your peripheral vision!"

This experience left a lasting impression on many of the students. "It truly makes you want to help anyone with a disability," said Johnson.

Johnson found that her students shared a mutual respect for people who live with impairments and what their daily lives truly involve. The original chatter of excitement was replaced by a quiet awe the next day. "I want my students to feel compassion for other's challenges, think twice about offering assistance, and, most of all, to feel a blessing for the gift of health," said Johnson. •

*Heather Fowler, PAA GLEANER correspondent*

## Cave Junction Celebrates Baptisms

Cave Junction Church's newly decorated baptistry, with waterfalls cascading to the blue water, was the colorful setting for the baptism of 12 people.

The Madrone Adventist Church School choir sang "Make Me a Servant," as sixth-grader Brittany Loncosky was baptized. Jennifer Berubee, a librarian from the Cave Junction Public Library, said her interest in the church began one year ago when her six-year-old daughter Krista attended Vacation Bible School (VBS). They have been in regular church attendance since that VBS. Neighbors to the church, Lucinda Carroll,

who has a daughter attending the church school, and Joan McNeela, who has a grandson attending church school, were the next to be baptized. Others to take their stand for Jesus in a public confession of faith included Helen Hartley, Marlin Deaton, Travis and Jan Maxwell, and the Wollerton family.

Pastor Verne Hyland had the benediction and invited a show of hands for those wishing to study for the next baptism. We praise God for the many hands raised! •

*Patty Hyland, Cave Junction Church communication leader*



**Verne Hyland, pastor, his wife Patty (third and fourth from left) and Oregon Conference evangelist Steve Cook (center back) stand with the recently baptized members of the Cave Junction Church.**



## Prineville Church Member Awarded

### Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Miles Matthews was recognized as a 2005 adult volunteer of the year by Mike Wendel, Prineville mayor, at a ceremony honoring 29 volunteers in Crook County April 4.

An active member of the Prineville Church, Matthews spent about 1,200 hours doing volunteer work in 2005. Among the things he did was to provide daily transportation for five children from Prineville to Madras and back so they

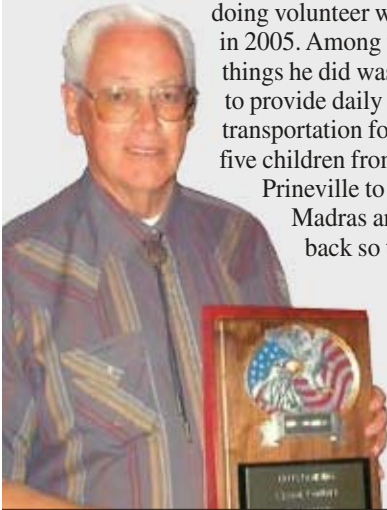
can attend the Gibson School for the 2004–05 school year.

Last July, Matthews underwent open-heart surgery, but by early September he was driving the dump truck hauling load after load of dirt. He continues to work almost every day helping with the church building. He is also a good neighbor. In the winter, he used his snow blower to clean neighbors' sidewalk, both near his home and by the church.

Following Christ's example, Matthews truly cares for others with a kind heart. •

*Yollie H. Jahn, Prineville Church communication leader*

**Miles Matthews, a member of the Prineville Church, was honored as Crook County, Ore., adult volunteer of the year.**



## Going to Guam for God



Recently Joe and Tammi Bullock were baptized by Robert Heisler, pastor, in Williams Creek, near the Williams (Ore.) Church. Joe, a dentist, and Tammi have received a call to go to Guam, and they wanted to recommit their lives to the Lord at the start of their mission service. •

*Iris J. Bradley, Williams Church clerk*

## Spirit Week

### at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School

Students and teachers at Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School took a break this spring from their academics and had some fun participating in Spirit Week.

Monday was Hat Day. Instructions: Wear a hat—any kind, color or size. Buy it or make it. The variety of hats brought lots of smiles and laughter.

Tuesday was Sports Day. The first event was a timed obstacle course. It started with doing hand over hand on the monkey bars, then crawling through a low eight-foot manmade tunnel without touching it. Next, students had to push a wheelbarrow for 50 feet without tipping it over, continue by running through a set of tires, run up a huge slide and then dribble a basketball around an orange cone maze and make a hoop at the finish line. Other events followed throughout the day.

On Wednesday, Culture Day, students and teachers dressed to represent such countries as Mexico and Sweden.

Thursday was Crazy Hair/Clash Day. Now this took the cake! Some students fashioned strands of hair to stick straight up or out. Others' hair turned either purple, green or red for the day. And the wigs—wonder what catalog they came from!

A much anticipated part of Thursday was the pie eating contest. No one really admitted getting sick or at least not for long. Actually the pie turned out to be a large jelly-filled doughnut.

Every day during the lunch period, Peter Hardy, principal, surprised the group with a special mystery event, like a student-propelled raft ride, a catapult water balloon game and tug of war.

"The whole student body and teachers enjoyed the fun, challenges and close friendship," said Hardy. •

*Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader, with Elaina Mathisen, MCACS Kindergarten teacher*



**Kindergartners gather around Joyce Gallentine, teacher's aid, on Hat Day during Spirit Week at MACS.**

## VBS Revived in Oroville

The Oroville (Wash.) Church decided they would like to offer a Vacation Bible School after at least 10 years without doing one. There wasn't a lot of time to prepare, but the church members decided to have their VBS July 10-14.

The Golden in the Brewster Church helped supply props and supplies. More supplies came from the Omak Church, along with the help of Jeff Crain, Omak/Oroville/Tonasket pastor who was "Serengeti Eddy," and his children Alyssa and Joey. Linda Tomarere led out in the "Mane Event." George Davis and Clara May

Watrous, from the Tonasket Church, led out in games and played the piano, respectively. From the Oroville Church, Dencia Hunter was in charge of crafts, Peggy Buis and Alma Bingner were at the registration table, Art Ralls was in charge of Chadder's Theater, Pat Scott told African stories, Don and Cheri McMeekin helped with snacks, and Esther Scott led out in the singing.

On Monday we were all set and ready to go...but no children came, except for the pastor's children. It seems that five churches in the Oroville area had together held a VBS

two weeks earlier with 80 in attendance. We also found out that swimming lessons were going on at this time, so we prayed some more and decided not to give up. We stayed around for an hour or so and decided to come back the next day.

Three girls came on Tuesday, so we went ahead with the program. We encouraged them to bring friends and the attendance doubled the next day. We know the Lord sent us these children and blessed our efforts. •

*Esther Scott, Oroville Church Sabbath School superintendent*



Besides the pastor's children, six girls showed up for Oroville's first VBS in many years.

## Nicaragua Mission Trip

My family and I have recently returned after an amazing two weeks conducting evangelistic meetings in Nicaragua's Northwestern Mission, a new mission plant organized by the Adventist Church. The headquarters is in the mountain city of Matagalpa, situated in a region that has 450,000 people. Of these inhabitants, 34,000 are Adventist members.

As we landed in Managua, the rain started and continued almost without stopping throughout our time in Nicaragua!

Our first meeting was on June 10, and the rain subsided briefly. We were surprised to have 250 people present, including 100 visitors! Every night, amid rain and lightning, the building was packed. People came ready to hear the



**Guillermo Garcia, pastor of the Matagalpa church in Nicaragua, baptizes two new believers.**

message and ready to make a decision for the Lord, and we had baptisms every night.

I could tell you many stories, but I'll share just one. Jorge went to Adventist schools and had been active in Pathfinders. However, he had not joined the



**During an evangelistic series of meetings, Kessle Hodgson, pastor of the East Wenatchee and Brewster churches, spoke to a standing-room-only audience in the Matagalpa, Nicaragua, church.**

church. Jorge was invited to our first meeting by friends and never missed

a meeting after that. After visiting with Jorge at his car painting shop and answering his questions, he said, "I'm ready. I will close my business on Sabbath for the first time, and my family and I will be in church on Sabbath morning."

Jorge and his wife were baptized Friday night.

Mr. Chaco, a local Adventist member, said, "I have never seen this happen before in this town. People are coming forward and falling into the pool like ripe oranges fall off the trees!" •

*Kessle R. Hodgson, East Wenatchee and Brewster (Wash.) pastor*

## Ten Commandments Shared with the Nez Perce Tribe

Gerry Mahn has a passion. His passion is sharing copies of the Ten Commandments with government leaders in the U.S. and overseas. He recently came to the Grangeville (Idaho) Church to talk about his work.

Leif Ove has a passion too. His passion is to share the gospel with the Native American people. When Ove heard Mahn's presentation, he thought, "Wouldn't it be great if we could share the Ten Commandments with the Tribal General Council?"

Ove knew how difficult it is for a non-tribal member to get on the agenda of the council. However, he knew one of the nine council members was

already taking the *Native New Day* Bible studies. Also, he was acquainted with another council member through native prayer meetings. After much prayer, Ove called that council member's office, asking if there would be an opening in the agenda for Mahn to make a gift presentation to the Tribal Council and to the Leader of the Longhouse. He said he would present our request to the agenda committee and call us back. A whole week went by—no word. Monday came—still no word.

We kept praying, although we began to doubt that we would hear from them. But on Tuesday, we received a

call from the secretary of the council, saying they were reserving a place for us on Thursday at 9 a.m., right after the opening ceremonies.

Some of our Adventist members who work for the tribe were astonished that morning to see us listed on the agenda that came in their e-mail. They kept asking, "How did you do it?" We kept saying, "It was the working of the Lord!"

The chairperson of the General Council graciously accepted our gift with much respect and appreciation. The audience was awestruck. Later, the native pastor said, "When the PiNeeWaus goes silent, you

know God is there!" What a testimony!

Mahn brought enough unframed Ten Commandments to give one to each home represented. He no sooner made the announcement and laid them on the table than a long line formed of those wanting a copy. They were all gone within minutes. We just pray the Holy Spirit will bless each home with His presence to draw these beautiful people to Him. •

*Leif Ove, Grangeville Church member*

## Pend Oreille Valley Honors Earl and Ginger Brockman

Earl and Ginger Brockman (standing in the middle of the back two rows), teachers at Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School, were honored at a retirement party at the Edgemere Church. They have spent all of their 42 years of educational service in the Upper Columbia Conference, the last eight at Pend Oreille Valley.

Several former students were there to remind Ginger and Earl of past memories. The Brockmans plan to continue living in the area and enjoy their hobbies of gardening, woodworking, sewing, camping and traveling. Ginger will also keep busy giving private music lessons, and Earl will keep a hand in education as academic director for Odyssey Wilderness Programs in Bellingham, Wash. •

*Earl Brockman, Newport Church communication leader*



## Many Lives Touched At 2006 NW Single Adult Retreat

*"The Singles Weekend at MiVoden was one of the best weekends I've had in quite awhile. It was a mountaintop experience."*

*"It was well-planned weekend. There was lots to do, never a dull moment. Clearly, the leaders put in a lot of work on the planning."*

*"A great spiritual weekend. Excellent speaker and topic!"*

These comments reflect what many experienced over Memorial Day Weekend at the Northwest Singles Spiritual Retreat at Camp MiVoden. Participants came from six states, and from British Columbia and Alberta, Canada.

This year's speaker was Kevin Wilfley, Linwood Church pastor from Spokane, Wash. The topic for the weekend was "The Power of Returning... to the Word, Prayer, Your Blessing, Your Dream, and to Service." Wilfley had the participants eagerly opening up their Bibles. The time in studying

God's word, along with group and personal prayer time, resulted in a spiritual revival.

Greg and Kathy Garvin met as singles at the MiVoden Memorial Weekend Retreat five years ago. Now married, they returned for the fourth year to share their ministry of music.

Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference family ministries and Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) director, along with his wife Jeri, led the prayer times. They shared how God had recently answered their prayers by healing Wayne, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.



One of the fun events during the Singles Weekend was a Sunday cruise on Lake Coeur d' Alene.

The testimonies of prayer and staying ever so close to God in time of trials and discouragement were inspiring.

The weekend was full of activities for the single adults to meet and make new friends. A special Hawaiian banquet was held Saturday night, ending with a candlelight vespers. Sunday, a group of 30 went on a cruise around Lake Coeur d' Alene.

If you are single or know someone who would like

to get involved in activities with other singles, contact Terrie Leen, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Single Adult Ministries and Northwest Retreat Coordinator. You can e-mail Terrie at [tleen@msn.com](mailto:tleen@msn.com) or call her at (541) 938-3767. Go to [www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.com](http://www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.com) for more information about upcoming events. •

Terrie Leen

## Ritzville Company Welcomes Pastor Doug and Marilyn Pond



Doug and Marilyn Pond have recently accepted an assignment to pastor the Ritzville Company. Pond, a native of Washington, was born in Walla Walla. Marilyn was born in Ocean Falls, British Columbia, Canada.

They met at Canadian Union College in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. After graduation they married and began teaching in schools around the globe, including Canada, Zaire (Congo) and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). Marilyn also taught in Colville, Wash.

In 1989, their careers took a new path. "We answered the Lord's call to ministry. We have pastored churches in British Columbia, Idaho and Washington," said Pond. They currently pastor churches in Spirit Lake and Athol, Idaho, besides the Ritzville church.

The Ponds reside in Spokane, centrally located among their three church responsibilities, where they enjoy making music, walking, gardening, interior decorating, photography, woodworking and cooking. They have two married daughters and two grandchildren. •

Billie Kouns, Ritzville Company communication leader

## Yakima Teachers Among America's Who's Who

Yakima Adventist Christian School is proud to announce that six teachers have been selected for the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2006. The teachers were nominated by students who have been included in the *Who's Who of American High School Students*.

Patrick Frey has taught at YACS for two years. He is the YACS principal and teaches seventh- through 10th-grade sciences and ninth- and 10th-grade English. Frey is an energetic, imaginative teacher who is a friend to students.

Alison Riegert, third- and fourth-grade teacher, has been at YACS for six years. Riegert's class is involved in weekly community service and

her classroom environment encourages independent thought and doing your best.

Rachel Riegert has been at YACS for six years. Her classroom fosters independent and cooperative learning.

Karen Wasiczko has taught at YACS for 16 years, first as ninth- and 10th-grade homeroom teacher and these last three years as our fifth- and sixth-grade teacher. Wasiczko stresses responsibility, organization and flexibility while helping the students remember to put Jesus first every day.

Shirlie White has been teaching music at YACS for eight years. She has established a well-rounded music program, which includes beginner,



**Yakima Adventist Christian School teachers honored, from left: Delmar Wolfkill, Alison Riegert, Rachel Riegert, Karen Wasiczko, Shirlie White and Patrick Frey.**

intermediate and advanced bands, choir and a select harmony choir.

This is Delmar Wolfkill's first year at YACS. He uses technology and current world problems to encourage his students to become an integral part of their world.

Every teacher at Yakima Adventist Christian School

prays for their students daily. They teach because they want to help each student achieve his or her potential. The entire faculty at Yakima Adventist Christian School strive to make a difference in the lives of their students every day. •

*Susan Bailey, YACS administrative assistant*

## He's Alive Television (KHBA) Moves to Channel 39

Many more viewers in Spokane can now watch He's Alive Television.

On Monday, July 24, the transition was made from channel 52 to 39. This move, mandated by the FCC, gives the station a greater presence because they are now in the core spectrum of TV channels and have a higher-power transmitter.

Already, many people are receiving a

clearer picture, and thousands more are able to watch Christian programming for the first time. The Spokane area has a potential viewing audience of 500,000 people.

He's Alive Television is locally owned and operated by eight local Spokane churches. KHBA rebroadcasts 3ABN and local programming and has been in operation for more than 12 years. •

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*

**Engineers Mike Peterson and Gary Baker work to connect He's Alive Television's new antenna to the 500-foot tower.**

Joe Stanfill

## Winter Sports Program Popular at Cascade Christian Academy

One of the many perks of living in Wenatchee is that we have Mission Ridge Ski Resort, a world-class ski hill, just 20 minutes from our school parking lot. For more than 30 years, Cascade Christian Academy has been taking advantage of the proximity of the ski hill by running a winter sports program. Six Thursdays in winter quarter are reserved for skiing, skating, tennis, gymnastics or indoor climbing. As long as we have snow on the hill, we will continue this wonderful tradition. •

*Mark Witas, CCA principal*



## Outreach Stories of Faith Told at Washington Camp Meeting

Seventh-day Adventists, primarily from western Washington, gathered in June for 10 days of spiritual enrichment and inspiration, building relationships, and camping.

In the midst of camp meeting activities, friends—old and new—shared stories of God’s blessings. Even Washington Camp Meeting speakers shared their stories. William Johnsson, *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* editor and first weekend speaker, shared five scenes from his life.

“I’m just an ordinary servant who does what God says. The glory isn’t for Bill Johnsson, but for God,” Johnsson said before encouraging the audience of more than 4,000 to share their personal stories. “Every one of us has a great story. Go back...tell people what God’s done for you.”

All aspects of camp meeting emphasized “It’s All About Jesus,” from classes on Sabbath School leadership, to disaster preparedness, to Adventurer/Pathfinder leadership, to daily presentations by Jack Sequeira, retired minister; Randy Maxwell, prayer leader and pastor; Heather-Dawn Small, General Conference women’s ministry director; and Dick Duerksen, Florida Hospital assistant vice president for mission development.



Two Washington Conference pastors interview three candidates for baptism. In all, five people were baptized at camp meeting.

Besides speaker’s stories each evening, Bruce Koch, Washington Conference evangelism coordinator, interviewed new members who joined the Adventist church in the last year. These individuals—a former Methodist minister, a family, a young woman who struggled with depression, and others—all shared how Jesus made a difference in their lives.

Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, originally scheduled to speak at camp meeting, instead shared a brief message via telephone during the second Sabbath services where Duerksen filled in for Patzer.

“Cancer wasn’t on my agenda or plan,” Patzer said. “[I’ve learned that] I’m not God’s coach; I’m His child.”



Heidi Martella

Dick Duerksen stepped into the Sabbath morning speaking role for NPUC president Jere Patzer, who is receiving intense treatment for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Patzer shared a message of faith and hope during a telephone interview.



Heidi Martella

Washington Conference administrators John Freedman, Doug Bing and Joel Tompkins present the 2006 camp meeting evangelism offering results of more than \$214,000 over the \$150,000 goal. The camp meeting evangelism offering goal for 2007 is \$250,000.

Additional evangelism funding will be available for churches and ministries in the coming year to “Tell Everyone: It’s All About Jesus” after camp meeting evangelism offerings resulted in donations and pledges totaling \$214,526.86. The final Sabbath morning offering alone was more than \$100,000—the largest evangelism offering

ever received at one time in Washington Conference history.

The conclusion of camp meeting did not signal the end of storytelling. People are still telling everyone about Jesus by sharing their stories online at <http://washingtonconference.org>.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

## Welcome to Auburn Adventist Academy

As a new school year begins, Auburn Adventist Academy is delighted to welcome both new and familiar faces to AAA's faculty.



**Deborah Turner will be serving as school registrar.**

**Deborah Turner** (whose husband Walter joined the teaching staff last school year) is the new school registrar. With degrees in accounting and education and with experience as a principal and school treasurer, Turner brings to the table a wealth of experience and a passion for ministry.

"I want to make a difference in the lives of young people," Turner said, "and I am excited for the opportunity to share Christ with AAA's young people and this community."

**Grace Gratias** has a new role at AAA. Last school year she joined the team as the village dean. This year, her responsibilities will also include that of vice principal. Gratias, who has served as the parent



**In addition to being village dean, Grace Gratias will also serve as vice principal.**



**Welcome to Auburn Adventist Academy!**

council president and volunteered numerous hours to support school programs, has been a great asset to AAA.

When asked why she is excited to continue on at AAA, she said, "I really like working with the students, and I enjoy this age-group. I want to share my love of Jesus with them."

**Kevin Ramkissoon**, a former AAA teacher (1999–2003), is returning to Auburn to teach American literature and history. Ramkissoon has a Master of Arts in teaching social studies. When asked what he was looking forward to at AAA, he said,



**Troy Carle will be working as AAA's boys' taskforce dean.**

"I'm most excited about teaching the literature class because I can do it from a historical point of view. I also enjoy the Northwest, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the team again."

**Troy Carle** and **Kristina Gabrys** will be working as the new boys' and girls' taskforce deans. Carle just graduated from Pacific Union College with a degree in English. Gabrys has been attending Andrews University and is also majoring in English. Both are alumni of AAA.

**Diana Heinrichs** will be joining the team as a music instructor. She will be teaching piano,

strings and harp. Moving from the Portland area, Heinrichs is looking forward to working with AAA's young people. "I am excited about starting a new program and meeting new people."

We are excited about the 2006–07 school year. Dedicated to providing excellent education, spiritual growth and memories to last a lifetime, the faculty and staff of AAA are eager to see what this school year will bring. •

*Jondelle McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent*



**Diana Heinrichs will be teaching piano, strings and harp.**



**Kristina Gabrys will serve as the girls' taskforce dean.**

# Church Prays

## For Mission Project Funding

Members of the New Life English ministry at the Seattle Central Korean Church in Auburn, Wash., decided to set aside one week of local church offerings each month to help fund mission projects through Adventist Southeast Asia Projects.

Two months into the mission offering program and with only a moderate response, Martin Kim, the pastor, felt impressed to pray about and set a giving goal.

The goal for the first month was modest: \$1,000 to send 200 Bibles to Vietnam. The result was far from modest: \$4,382 to send 876 Bibles.

Then they set two more goals: to build eight churches in Cambodia and to pay the salary of a dozen Bible workers. Again, expectations were exceeded, and there was enough to build 12 churches and pay 14 Bible workers for one year.



Members of New Life English ministry in the Seattle Korean Church practice active giving for mission projects including Bibles, radios and church facilities.

The blessings continued to flow. Armed with the challenge to “launch out into the deep” (Luke 5:4), the church asked God to bless their efforts to raise \$15,000 to support radio ministries in Cambodia and Vietnam and to provide 500 radios.

“As with all of our previous offerings, our church members

prayed that God will bless,” Kim said. “He did indeed [bless] with an offering of \$22,734. This is entirely God’s doing, and all the glory goes to Him.” •

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern, with Chan Hwang, Seattle Central Korean elder*

# Churches on Parade

## Share a Message of Religious Freedom

Port Angeles and Sequim, Wash., Seventh-day Adventists spread a message of religious freedom and joy in Christ during a hometown Independence Day “The Center of It All” parade.

Sequim Pathfinders carried flags and a bright banner with the words, “Celebrating our Precious Freedoms of Press, Speech, Worship and Peaceable Assembly” and encouraging all to “Make Christ the Center of Your All.”

In addition, nine adults and children handed out gold Scripture “coins” and inspirational ceramic lapel pins for kids. Adults received a copy of the “Written in the Heart” religious liberty brochure and a colorful bookmark based on the banner and listing contact resources for learning “eternal answers” from God’s Word for our “endless questions.”

The “love” message behind the sign gave a festive postscript demonstrating the hope and prayer that God’s love will become a reality in many hearts. •

*Kathy Nixon, Port Angeles Church communication leader*



Two Washington churches—Port Angeles and Sequim—teamed up to present a message of religious freedom in a Fourth of July parade.

# New Coordinators Appointed

## Grieve and Lewis Begin New Positions

Washington Conference recently welcomed two new ministry coordinators.

**Omar Grieve** has recently accepted a position as Hispanic coordinator for the Washington Conference. Grieve comes with a rich background of both pastoral ministry and evangelism in English- and Spanish-speaking churches.

His most recent position was Hispanic coordinator for the Arizona Conference. We welcome him and his wife Nesity Pittau to our conference.

**Eugene Lewis** has also accepted a position—regional coordinator. Lewis is currently the senior pastor of the Emerald City Church, a position that he will retain while he serves and works with all of the regional churches in our conference. We welcome him and his wife Johnnette to their new responsibilities. •

*Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president*

**Omar Grieve is the new Hispanic coordinator for Washington Conference.**



**Eugene Lewis, pastor of the Emerald City Adventist Church in Seattle, was appointed regional coordinator for Washington Conference.**

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# A Time in Thailand

## Social Work Sabbatical Studies Potential Program

The bond between Walla Walla College and Thailand's Mission College is growing closer with the possible addition of a social work program in the "Land of Smiles."

Marja McChesney, professor of social work and field practicum coordinator, returned in late spring from a sabbatical in Thailand and immediately submitted a feasibility study on the proposed program.

"There is a great need for trained social workers in Thailand," McChesney says. Prostitution and AIDS are widespread, and other humanitarian issues plague the area. Although many agencies provide social



This Thai woman is from a Karen longneck tribe, near Chiang Mai. WWC professor Marja McChesney discovered a great need for social workers during a sabbatical in Thailand, during which she studied the possibility of creating a social work program at Mission College.

services, there are few people with the necessary social work skills.

"I have a personal interest in Thai people and their culture,"

Marja McChesney (left) worked closely with George Kimani, who has an MSW degree from Andrews University, on a feasibility study for the development of a social work program at Mission College. Kimani's wife Huang is in the middle.



says McChesney, who has taught at WWC since 1989 and used to live in Indonesia, a country with roots based in Thailand.

Beyond uncovering many issues facing the Thai people, McChesney's feasibility study touched on potential support for the new major and whether qualified faculty could be found.

Mission College is an internationally focused school

with more than 950 students from 32 countries. Most classes are offered in English. A social work major at Mission College would be the only program of its kind in Southeast Asia offered in English.

If the details work according to plan, students will be able to begin social work classes there in two years.

That would enhance the collaboration between the two colleges, McChesney says. The curriculum would be based on WWC's, so students would easily be able to transfer between the two schools, or complete a master's degree at WWC following studies in Thailand. WWC students would also have the opportunity to participate in international field practicum opportunities, while faculty from both schools could take part in an exchange program. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

# Ringling in the New Academic Year

It's nearly that time again. The new academic year at Walla Walla College (WWC) begins Monday, Sept. 25, on the main campus.

Returning students will find some things unfamiliar—new college administration, new

professors, even new classes and majors are being offered this year. First-time students will have the opportunity to get a jump on the changes during JumpStart, the college orientation program, set to begin Sept. 17.

As those dates draw near, new and returning students should be finalizing their plans for the 2006–07 year. Visit [www.wwc.edu](http://www.wwc.edu) to register for classes, find a job, choose a dorm room, and take care of that financial aid package.

If you have any questions about beginning classes at WWC, contact the Office of Enrollment at (509) 527-2615. •

Kristi Spurgeon

## Teamwork and Expertise Saves Adventist Medical Center Patient

For Jerry and Sharon Kruger, May 3, began as a typical spring day in central Oregon's picturesque Willamette Valley. The pair spent the morning working in the yard of their McMinnville home, until Sharon retreated back into the house. When Jerry joined her a few minutes later, he discovered she wasn't feeling well. Just a little heartburn, Sharon said—nothing to worry about.

But in the moments that followed, Sharon's discomfort drastically escalated. Heartburn turned to nausea; in the bathroom, Sharon lost consciousness and collapsed.

Jerry quickly dialed the local hospital and followed CPR instructions from the person on the other end of the line. Within minutes, EMTs arrived to attend to Sharon.

At the hospital in McMinnville, the news was grim. Sharon had suffered a heart attack and would likely need a stent—a tiny wire mesh tube that would hold open her artery after it was cleared.

A cardiologist at the hospital suggested two area physicians he could call. One of those doctors was interventional cardiologist Brad Titus, a member of the medical staff at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland. The decision was quickly made, and Sharon was prepped for transport to AMC.

### Rapid Response

Although the cities are more than an hour apart by road, a helicopter rushed Sharon from McMinnville to Portland in minutes. Titus and his team went right to work when Sharon arrived, inserting two stents into her arteries.

"With a heart attack patient, the saying is 'time is muscle,'"

Titus said. "So when the artery is closed, for every minute that passes, the patient loses more heart muscle. Here at AMC, we have a well-established team of physicians, nurses and technicians who work together very well to get a patient into a cardiac cath lab quickly, with the goal of opening the artery promptly to preserve heart muscle and function."

### A Debt of Gratitude

Sharon was transferred from AMC's cardiac catheterization lab to the facility's intensive care unit (ICU) and spent five days in the hospital. Thankfully, doctors determined that she had sustained no brain damage from oxygen deprivation during her heart attack.

The Krugers credit the rapid response of McMinnville's paramedics and the expertise of Titus and his team for saving Sharon's life and preserving her heart and brain function.

"Everything went like clockwork," Sharon said. "Everyone knew what they needed to do, and they did it."

But beyond outstanding medical skill, the Krugers said they were deeply touched by the kindness and compassion of the physicians, nurses and other staff at AMC who attended to them during Sharon's hospitalization.

"It would be hard to put into words the gratitude we have for the care they gave," Jerry said. "They all went above and beyond. All I can say is 'thank you.'"

See and hear Jerry and Sharon's story in their own words at [www.AdventistHealthStories.com](http://www.AdventistHealthStories.com). •

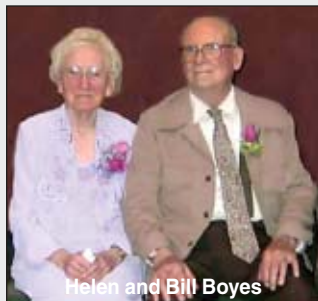
Steve Willis, freelance writer for Adventist Health

**Jerry Kruger is grateful for the care his wife, Sharon, received at Adventist Medical Center after she had a heart attack.**



### Boyes 70th

Bill and Helen Boyes celebrated their 70th anniversary on June 4, 2006, with a reception hosted by



Helen and Bill Boyes

their children in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They are members of the Coeur d'Alene Church.

Bill Boyes married Helen Madson on June 4, 1936, in Coeur d'Alene. For nearly 60 years the hands of Bill and Helen have literally helped shape much of our Adventist landscape. Beginning in 1947 Bill and Helen spent two years at Upper Columbia Academy where he taught woodworking and was responsible for completing the boys' dorm while Helen taught piano. Starting in 1960, Bill built many of the buildings at Camp MiVoden

while Helen cooked for the camp for eight years. Later as conference builder they built 23 parsonages. Retiring, they joined Maranatha and Mission Church Builders. They worked in six states building schools, churches and day cares totaling 18 projects. The Coeur d'Alene Church is especially thankful for the many hours given to building the Couer d'Alene church and Lake City Junior Academy.

The Boyes family includes Allie and Rex Rickey of Spokane, Wash.; Jim and Linda Boyes of Coeur d'Alene; 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

### Dickerson 95th

Family and friends met on Sept. 17, 2005, at the Garden Center at Pioneer Park in Walla Walla, Wash., to celebrate Wilma Dickerson's 95th birthday. She is a member of Country Haven Church.

Wilma was born in Kansas City, Kan., on Sept. 17, 1910, to William and Mary Miller. Her parents were teachers. At the age of 13 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church

during the Kansas camp meeting. She attended Southwestern Junior College from 1926-29. Then she began teaching school in Arkansas and Texas. During this time she met Leonard Dickerson whom she married in 1932 in College Place, Wash. Wilma spent 10 years teaching elementary church school in the Pacific Northwest. She worked in the Walla Walla College laundry from 1963-76 to help with her children's school expenses. Leonard passed to his rest in 2000.

The Dickerson family includes Bill and Beth Dickerson of Pasco, Wash.; Leonardine Steinfelt of Denver, Colo.; Clinton and Lynette Dickerson of Milton Freewater, Ore.; Burton and Debbie Dickerson of Bellingham, Wash.; JoElla and George Harlan of Amboy, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

### McDowell 65th

Alvin and Julia McDowell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a formal family dinner hosted by their three great-grandsons at their daughter's

home in Caldwell, Idaho.

Alvin McDowell met Julia Bryan in May 1940 while he was initiating his career in the United States Navy. The friendship continued for a year, and they were married on June 25, 1941. Alvin's Navy enlistment found him on the battleship USS Maryland, which was stationed in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. When his Navy enlistment was over he began a career in electronic engineering working for the federal government. During some of this time he was involved with NASA, where he was in charge of supervising inspection of electronic equipment that was sent to the moon. In retirement Alvin was invited to be a volunteer staff member for Adventist World Radio to inspect many of their transmitters. Today Al works as an AWR field representative. Julia kept the family on the move with her work in home construction and remodeling.

The McDowell family includes Judy and Lloyd Shaner of Caldwell, Idaho; 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**AMMON-HILDE**—Bonnie Ammon and Ted Hilde were married June 4, 2006, in Carver, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Bonnie is the daughter of Herbert and Alvaletta (Schield) Ammon. Ted is the son of Willis and Doris (Stepanic) Hilde.

**CAWDERY-AMUNDSON**—Lynda J. Cawdery and Rene Amundson were married Aug. 7, 2005, in Fish Lake, Wash. They are making their home in Cashmere, Wash. Lynda is the daughter of Gerald T. and Carol A. Cawdery.

Rene is the son of Rebecca Fisher.

**COY-CLARK**—Amanda I. Coy and Chad M. Clark were married Feb. 19, 2006, in Spokane, Wash. They are making their home in Pendleton, Ore. Amanda is the daughter of Curt and Stacy (Sage) Coy. Chad is the son of Rocky and Lisa (Biegler) Whitman and Mike and Annette (Schaffer) Clark.

**HOPIDA-BYRAM**—Rosemaryne Hopida and Thomas Byram were married May 21, 2006, in Salem, Ore., where they are making their

home. Rosemaryne is the daughter of Gemimo and Benigna Gumarang. Thomas is the son of Charles R. and Shirley L. Byram.

**PAGE-BROWN**—Stacy Page and Daniel Brown were married May 28, 2006, in Hayden Lake, Idaho. They are making their home in Sandpoint, Idaho. Stacy is the daughter of Howard and DeJuan (Werner) Page. Daniel is the son of David and Robin (Battig) Brown.

**PARKER-INGERSOLL**—Kimberly Parker and Ben Ingersoll were married May 14,

2006, in Seattle, Wash. They are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich. Kimberly is the daughter of Ken and Brenda Parker. Ben is the son of Tony and Cynthia Ingersoll.

**TESSIER-WERNER**—Michelle L. Tessier and Ryan D. Werner were married June 8, 2006, in Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Michelle is the daughter of Mark and Dorita Tessier. Ryan is the son of Douglas and Patricia Werner.

B I R T H S

**ADAMS**—Camilyn was born May 8, 2005, to T.C. and Mirand (Wagner) Adams, St. Helens, Ore.

**BLACKBURN**—Johnathan A. was born June 13, 2006, to Jesse and Kittie (Lanning) Blackburn, Walla Walla, Wash.

**BOBBITT**—Levi L. was born July 12, 2006, to Matt and Shana (Blumenberg) Bobbitt, College Place, Wash.

**DUFFY**—Tanner Benjamin was born May 20, 2006, to Loury and April (Garcia) Duffy of College Place, Wash.

**NEBERGALL**—Andrew Olin was born April 27, 2006, to Darren and MaryLou (Bullard) Nebergall, Olympia, Wash.

**O'DANIEL**—Seth Thomas was born July 12, 2006, to Jennifer O'Daniel, Tillamook, Ore.

**PATTON**—Cody Daniel was born May 3, 2006, to Daniel and Michelle (Malott) Patton, Napa, Calif.

**POULIVAATI**—Izabella R. was born May 29, 2006, to Haloti and Stephanie A. (Coey) Poulivaati, Fairview, Ore.

**SEIGENTHALER**—Melody N. was born May 30, 2006, to Richard and Robin (Bennett) Siegenthaler, Walla Walla, Wash.

**STRUBE**—Juliana E. was born June 18, 2006, to Matthew and Mindy (Lydie) Strube, Portland, Ore.



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**BRADLEY**—Abbie E. (St. Clair) Johnson, 67; born July 6, 1938, Wenatchee, Wash.; died June 17, 2006, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Douglas, Brewster, Wash.; son, Robert Johnson, East Wenatchee; stepson, James Bradley, Lynnwood, Wash.; Charles Bradley, Mossyrock, Wash.; stepdaughter, Denise Crocker, Brewster; sister, Catherine Kirk, Brewster; a grandchild, 14 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

**BRADY**—Barnell, 98; born March 25, 1908, Kevil, Ky.; died May 13, 2006, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Miriam Redfield and Marguerite Brady-Ciampa, both of Vancouver; Eleanor Hetke, Camarillo, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**CAWDERY**—Gerald T. Jr., 47; born Feb. 2, 1959, Clarkston, Wash.; died April 6, 2006, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: parents, Gerald T. Sr. and Carol A. (Dammarell) Cawdery, Wenatchee; sisters, Tricia Mace, Wenatchee; Lynda Amundson, Cashmere, Wash.; Cynthia Fisher, Wenatchee, Wash.; and Robyn Featherston, Sagle, Idaho.

**COLE**—Wallace E., 94; born July 13, 1911, Grant County, Wash.;

died June 22, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Hazel (Goode), College Place, Wash.; sons, Fredrick, College Place; Perry, Hood River, Ore.; daughter, Carrie Ann Fernald, College Place; brother Gerald Weidman, Sherwood, Ore.; sisters, Eva (Wallace) Beck, Walla Walla; Hazel (Wallace) Borgford, Wasilla, Alaska.

**COSAERT**—Melinda "Mindy" R., 16; born May 15, 1990, Shakopee, Minn.; died July 18, 2006, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: parents, Carl P. and Carol A. (Browning) Cosaert, College Place, Wash.; brother, Matthew, College Place; sisters, Marissa and McKenzie Cosaert, College Place; grandparents, Phill and Darla Peterson, Oakdale, Calif.; Edgar and Etha Browning, Houston, Texas; and great-grandmother, Lois Lewis, Wenatchee.

**GADBURY**—William H., 80; born Sept. 1, 1925, Mexico City, Mexico; died June 15, 2006, Burns, Ore. Surviving: wife, Robin E. (Woodside); daughters, Lynnette Gadbury, Burns; Suzanne Baldwin, Twisp, Wash.; Delise Greer, Mokelumne Hill, Calif.; Cheryl Bolles, Lakeview, Ore.; sister, Mary Maxwell, Omaha, Neb.; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**GALE**—John A., 81; born Dec. 2, 1924, Canton, Ill.; died May 29, 2006, Naples, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Jackie (Denney) Gale; son, Mark, Naples; daughter, Cheri Sadler, Redlands, Calif.; mother, Charlotte (Whitney) Gale, Santa Barbara, Calif.; sister, Beatrice Amendola, Santa Barbara; and 4 grandchildren.

**GATES**—William H., 84; born Nov. 30, 1921, Hood River, Ore.; died April 11, 2006, Seattle. Surviving: wife, Dora

(Warren) Gates, Pasco, Wash.; sons, Jimmy, Pacific, Wash.; Robert, Pasco; daughters, Nancy Egnew, Graham, Wash.; Karen Fiedler, Bonney Lake, Wash.; sisters, Betty Clontz and Emma Kaufman, both of Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

**LEVY**—Virginia M. (Wolfkill) Angvik, 90; born May 27, 1916, Sonoma, Calif.; June 29, 2006, Seattle. Surviving: sons, David, Palm Springs, Calif.; Steve, Seattle; daughters, Barbara Gravesen, Lady Lake, Fla.; Connie Cook, Seattle; brother, Bud Wolfkill, Mukilteo, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**LICKEY**—Arthur R., 85; born April 11, 1921, Glendale, Calif.; died June 1, 2006, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Helen (Webster); sons, Arthur E. and Ronald S., both of Portland, Ore.; daughter, Janet S. Swetnam, Portland; stepdaughters, Linda (Rasmussen) Ivy, Oronoco, Minn.; Pamela (Rasmussen) Gottfried, Okemos, Mich.; Sally (Rasmussen) Herigstad, Kent, Wash.; brother, Harold, Oregon City, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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**MALICK**—Curtis E., 41; born July 11, 1965, Klamath Falls, Ore.; died July 13, 2006, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: son, Conner, Albany, Ore.; parents, Ron and Harriet (Foster) Malick, Albany; and sister, Rhonda Williams, Tangent, Ore.

**MARGART**—Bernard K., 47; born Nov. 1, 1958, St. Helena, Calif.; died June 6, 2006, Mount Shasta, Calif. Surviving: sons, Kenny and Kris, both of College Place, Wash.; parents, Lester and Janet (Manning) Margart, Eureka, Calif.; brothers, Greg, Eureka; and Geoff, Mount Shasta, Calif.

**RHODES**—Raymond L., 65; born Aug. 30, 1940, Goldendale, Wash.; died June 19, 2006, The Dalles, Ore. Surviving: wife, Linda A. (Strode).

**RING**—William W., 90; born April 30, 1915, Whitetail, Mont.; died April 20, 2006, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: son, Jack, Gatland, Texas; daughters, Judy Thorton, Springfield; Susan Ring, Gresham, Ore.; sister, Marion Norgen, Spokane, Wash.

**ROE**—Laura L. (Yarno), 93; born June 29, 1912, Central City, Neb.; died Dec. 26, 2005, Homedale, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Orville, New Plymouth, Idaho.; son, Rodney, Homedale; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**ROE**—Orville G., 93; born April 11, 1913, Payette, Idaho; died Feb. 26, 2006, New Plymouth, Idaho. Surviving: son, Rodney, Homedale, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**ROGERS**—Eldon J., 84; born April 11, 1922, Halfway, Ore.; died May 23, 2006, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Betty J. (Huskey), Emmett, Idaho; step-son, Rick Campbell, Emmett; daughters, Karen Higgins, Ridgecrest, Calif.; Kathy Pagel, Casper, Wyo.; Susan Rogers, Columbus, Ohio; step-daughters, Judy Paine, Boise;

Karen Weekes, Emmett; Marie Hopkins, Emmett; and 13 grandchildren.

**ROGERS**—Lucille (Ginter), 77; born Sept. 9, 1928, St. Joseph, Mo.; died May 24, 2006, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Irwin; sons, Gary, Boise; Kenneth, Salmon, Idaho; daughter, Jana Rogers, Boise; brothers, Harold Ginter, Sandpoint, Idaho; Ben Giner, Deary, Idaho; Russ Ginter, Umapine, Ore.; Bill Ginter and Paul Ginter, both of Kennewick, Wash.; sisters, Ann Pester and Millie Walcott, both of Hayden, Idaho; Viola Ganz, Wenatchee, Wash.; Ellen Pflugrad, Brownsville, Texas; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**ROTTHOFF**—Margaret E. (Adams), 88; born July 13, 1917, Greensburg, Pa.; died June 18, 2006, Garden Valley, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Dan; daughters, Carolyn Longstreet, Garden Valley; Dawn Carter, Baker City, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

G U I D E L I N E S

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**SCHULER**—Elizabeth J. (Miller), 84; born Feb. 14, 1922, Johnstown, Penn.; died June 16, 2006, Palm Desert, Calif. Surviving: sons, Frank, Palm Desert; Grant, Gresham, Ore.; daughter, Ann Nation, Long Beach, Calif.; Mary Lou Schuler, Palm Desert; and a grandchild.

**SMITH**—Mary Isabell (Knopf), 89; born July 15, 1916, Wapinitia, Ore.; died June 18, 2006, Brookings, Ore. Surviving: son, Calvin L., Rogue River, Ore.; daughter, Sharon L. Winn, Citrus Heights, Calif.; sister, Vera Wood, Redmond, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**STELLING**—Jason T., 27; born Feb. 15, 1977, Palm Springs, Calif.; died Dec. 4, 2005, Washington, D.C. Surviving: father, Donald E. Stelling, Fulsom, Calif.; mother Sue (Wedin) Noble Jones, Centralia, Wash.; brothers, Adam and Baron, both of Fulsom; sisters, Regina D. Cuccia, Bonney Lake, Wash.; Donna Heckman Frost, Centralia; and grandmother, Elizabeth (Nix) Wedin, Centralia.

**STRAUSZ**—Sophia G. (McKellar), 89; born Nov. 2, 1916, Yakima, Wash.; died May

7, 2006, Yakima. Surviving: son, Mike, Yakima; daughters, Sue Christenson, Yakima; Kay Duffy, Edmonds, Wash.; Rosalind Beavers, Orlando, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

**SUTTON**—Gina S., 24; born Aug. 12, 1981, Princeton, British Columbia, Canada; died May 18, 2006, Dayton, Ore. Surviving: mother, Carol (Hewitt) Sutton, Carlton, Ore.; sister, Jamie Sutton, Carlton; grandparents, Eugene and Lucille Hewitt, Umatilla, Ore.

**WEDIN**—Elizabeth M. (Nix), 92; born Dec. 16, 1913, Sumner, Wash.; died June 10, 2006, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: son, Galen R., Chehalis, Wash.; daughter, Sue (Wedin) Noble Jones, Centralia; sister, Alberta Johnson, Chehalis; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**WHITEHEAD**—Harry L., 91; born Oct. 18, 1914, Port of Spain, Trinidad; died March 21, 2006, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joan (Maggs); daughters, Helen Teske and Stella Hubbard, both of Selah, Wash.; sister, Terri Feucker, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; and 2 grandchildren.

*Bible Scramble Answers*

1. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV).
2. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers (Acts 16:5).
3. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14).
4. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).
5. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ (Philemon 1:6).



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## NPUC

### Offerings

**Sept. 2**—Local Church Budget; **Sept. 9**—Fall Mission Appeal (World Budget); **Sept. 16**—Local Church Budget; **Sept. 23**—Local Conference Advance; **Sept. 30**—Alaska Conference; **Oct. 7**—Local Church Budget.

### Special Days

*September is Family Life month.*

**Sept. 2**—Men's Day of Prayer; **Sept. 3-9**—Nurture Periodicals (*Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend*); **Sept. 10-6**—Family Togetherness Week; **Sept. 17-23**—Hispanic Heritage week; **Oct. 7**—Children's Sabbath.

### NPUC and WWC Constituency Sessions

Official notice is hereby given that the 26th regular constituency meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) of Seventh-day Adventists and Walla Walla College (WWC) will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River-Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Ore., **Oct. 1, 2006**, at 9 a.m. The purpose of the constituency meeting is to present reports covering the five-year period ending Dec. 31, 2005; to elect officers, boards and committees for the ensuing quinquennial period; to consider and act upon recommended changes to the constitution; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the constituents.

The present constitution provides that the voters of this meeting shall be the duly appointed delegates from the local conferences within the union, and certain ex officio and other delegates. Registration of delegates is scheduled to take place at the Red Lion Hotel on the River-Jantzen Beach from 8-9 a.m., Oct. 1, 2006. All duly accredited delegates are urged to be in attendance at this constituency session.

*Jere Patzer, NPUC president and WWC Board chairman  
Bryce Pascoe, NPUC executive secretary*

### NPUC Association

Official notice is hereby given that a regular membership meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association (NPUCA) is called for 2 p.m., on **Oct. 1, 2006**, and will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River-Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Ore.

The membership is comprised of the members of the Board of Trustees of the NPUCA, the appointed ex officio members and other delegates to the Oct. 1, 2006, NPUC constituency meeting.

The purpose of this regular meeting is to receive reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*Jere Patzer, NPUCA president  
Gary W. Dodge, NPUCA secretary*

## WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

### Calendar of Events

**Sept. 18**—JumpStart and college orientation begins; **Sept. 25**—Instruction begins.

## IDAHO

### Meridian 30-year Celebration

**Sept. 16**—The Meridian Church will be hosting an open house/30-year anniversary celebration. All of our former pastors, church members and friends are cordially invited to come celebrate with us and praise God for our brand-new church facility at 1855 N. Black Cat Road, Meridian, Idaho. Please RSVP if you will be staying for lunch. Call Pastor Garey Gantz at (208) 288-2727.

## OREGON

### Young Adult Retreat

**Sept. 8-10**—Young Adult Retreat at Big Lake Youth Camp sponsored by the Oregon Conference. The fee covers food, lodging, and activities. For information, contact

Pastor Rodney Payne II at ocyoungadultretreat@yahoo.com or (503) 329-2134.

### Retired Workers' Fellowship

**Sept. 12**—The monthly potluck will begin at 12 noon. The Tsikerai Family from Africa will be blessing us with their music and recitation of Scripture. Although the potluck is for retired denominational workers, we would encourage and welcome other retirees to join us. Bring food and your own table service. The potluck is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. For more information, phone the Jorgensons at (630) 423-1612.

### Evangelistic Meetings in Salem

**Sept. 15-23**—*The Most Amazing Prophecies* seminar hosted by Doug Batchelor and Dwight Nelson via satellite at 7 p.m. in the Central Salem Church, 1330 Summer Street, Salem, Ore. Call (503) 364-4626 or fax (503) 364-6838.

### SAGE Oregon

**Sept. 20-21**—Two-day trip to Astoria. **Oct. 6-8**—Maximizing Your Greatest Resource seminar by Arlene Taylor. Seminar is SAGE-sponsored but open to the public. For additional information, contact Wynn Knowing (503) 343-9548.

### Adventist Singles Activity

**Sept. 22-24**—Silver Falls Christian Renewal Center Retreat (www.christianrenewalcenter.org) sponsored by the Beaverton Adventist Singles. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday. Supper is at 6:30-7 p.m. Then we will have the first devotional from Pastor Rodney Payne. Dress for hiking on trails (Trail of Ten Falls). Bring your Bible, your own bedding and favorite table games. Saturday evening, help celebrate Sabbath with your musical instruments and talent. Space is limited. For info about cost, call: Charlotte at (503) 579-

9549; or Tom at (503) 684-7971, tom.te@verizon.net. Maps will be available at the Beaverton Church foyer. More info at www.beavertonsda.com, then to the Singles Page.

### Orchestra Auditions

The Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra is currently holding auditions for new members for a concert on Nov. 4. Positions are available in these sections: 1st violin, 2nd violin, viola, French horn and principal bassoon. For more information, please contact music director Travis Hatton at (360) 882-5153 or by e-mail at travishatton@comcast.net.

### "The Presence" Seminar

**Sept. 29-Oct. 3**—Central Salem Church will screen Shawn Boonstra via satellite at 7 p.m. at 1330 Summer Street, Salem, Ore. Call (503) 364-4626; fax (503) 364-6838.

### True Improv

**Oct. 14**—Improv Ministry coming to the Portland area. Details at www.trueimprov.com.

### Glide Church 25th Anniversary

**Oct. 27-28**—Former members and friends of the Glide Church are invited to a 25th anniversary celebration of the church. There will be a vespers service Friday and worship service followed by a fellowship dinner on Sabbath, Oct. 28. Please join us and share your favorite memories and pictures of your time in Glide. Call Michelle (541) 957-5461, e-mail punches@rio.com.

### Forgiveness Seminar

**Sept. 29-30**—An eight-hour seminar on "Forgiveness" will be held Friday from 6:30-9 p.m. and continue Sabbath from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Road, Boring, Ore. A research team at Walla Walla College has received a substantial grant to study forgiveness and its effect on Adventist families. Explore the role of forgiveness in your



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life and others. You will not be required to divulge personal stories. Participants must be 18 years or older. Seminar presenters: Dr. Darold Bigger, WWC School of Theology, and Dr. Barbara Hernandez, Department of Counseling and Family Science, Loma Linda University. To register and receive more information, e-mail the Forgiveness Team at [forgive@wwc.edu](mailto:forgive@wwc.edu). Please provide name, address and a phone number where you can be reached. You may also register by calling the School of Social Work at (509) 527-2590.

## Taylor Brain Seminar

**Oct. 6–8**—Maximizing Your Greatest Resource brain seminar by Dr. Arlene Taylor at Gladstone Park Conference Center. Learn how your brain functions, how to manage your energy expenditures more effectively, how to improve your chances for personal and professional success, how to enhance all of your relationships, and more. Though this seminar is sponsored by SAGE Oregon, all ages are welcome. Registration is required; contact Wynn Knowing for more information at [wynn.knowling@oc.npuc.org](mailto:wynn.knowling@oc.npuc.org) or (503) 652-2225 or (503) 343-9548.

## Oasis Celebrates 10 Years

**Oct. 14**—Oasis Christian Center will celebrate our 10-year anniversary. Anyone who has been a part of Oasis over the past decade is encouraged to attend. Visit our Web site, [www.oasislive.org](http://www.oasislive.org) or call (360) 882-1842 for details.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### Christian Car Show

**Sept. 3**—Car show sponsored by Anchorpoint Church, Stanfield, Ore., beginning at 10 a.m., Umatilla County Fair Grounds. Christian concert featuring Lisa Marie Buster. For your questions, please call (541) 567-2692. Message machine available.

### Sandpoint Missing

The Sandpoint Church would like information regarding the following members: Cheryl

Adkison, Sherry Brunson, Daniel Buhler, Timothy Buhler, Glenna Crawford, Irene Dorn, Gaylah Duchow, Mary Eakin, Tim Fort, Susan Fort, Desiree Fort, Tory Fort, Elizabeth Fowler, Nancy Hackney, David Hackney, Wayne Handy, Marian Handy, Pauline Harding, Harold Hartmann, Anthony Jones, Trina Jorgensen, Tasha Knowles, Erick Morton, Stephan Payton, Vicki Payton, Kristyann Pierce, Heather Rivers, Kelli Swader, Shannon White, and Dustie Williams. If you have information regarding these members, please contact Lynda Bailey at (209) 265-9309.

## Troy Church Anniversary

**Sept. 23**—All friends, members and former members are invited to the 60th anniversary celebration at the Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church. Come share in a day of fellowship and reminiscing. For more information about the day or lodging, contact Dixie Hunt at (208) 835-5322 or [dhunt@tds.net](mailto:dhunt@tds.net).

## WASHINGTON

### SAGE Washington

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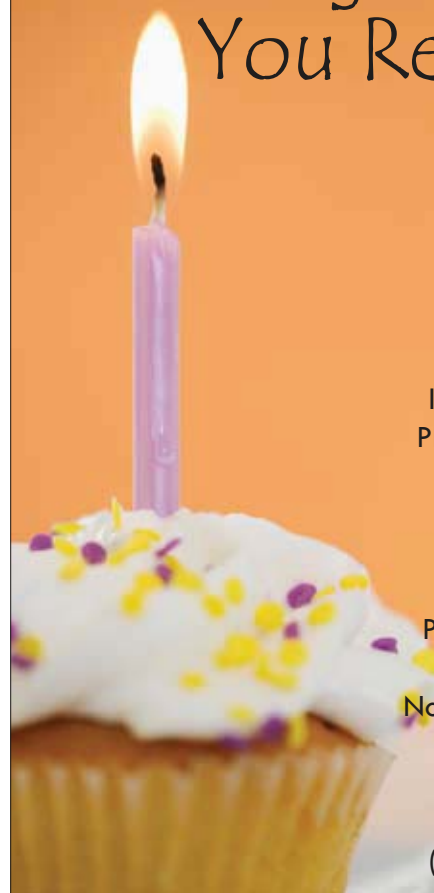
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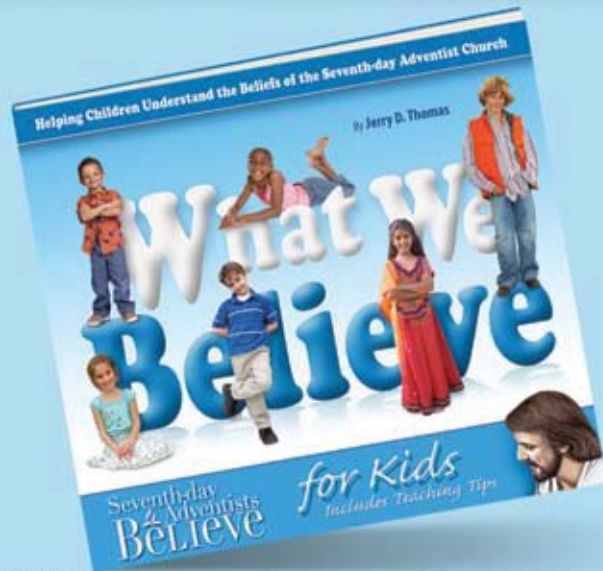
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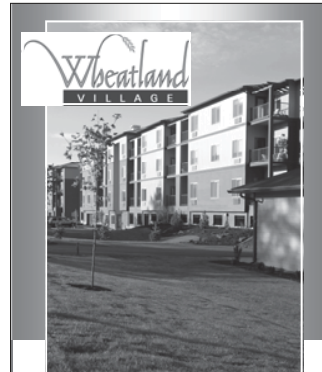
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# The Adventist Mission Who Are We ... Why Are We Here?

As a teenager I remember sitting in a class designed to help me figure out the answer to three questions: Who am I, why am I here, and where am I going? In theory, it was a helpful exercise. It forced me to think. Yet, even now, at the first light of day, when my alarm awakens me abruptly from the deep, these are still questions that demand a daily response.

We might ask the same of our church and how we relate to it. Does the Adventist church have a unique God-given role? If so, how does that affect my relationship to Sabbath worship as well as everyday living?

I would venture to guess that many of our members are uncertain about a unique Adventist mission. Is our mission to emphasize the seventh-day Sabbath, the sanctuary, the health message, or the major issues of the great controversy between Christ and Satan? Or, like other mainline churches, are we to concentrate on the core teachings of the gospel and let unique doctrinal issues filter in where appropriate?

The official Seventh-day Adventist Web site lists our church's mission statement: "To proclaim to all peoples the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels Message of Revelation 14:6-12, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and to unite with His church, and nurturing them in preparation for His soon return."

That's what we have in writing. But what do we have in practice? While members in many parts of the world are excitedly baptizing thousands, I think we here in North America are at a critical juncture, with many of our members in limbo, awaiting a clear call to

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action and a mission they can really sink their teeth into. Relationship-building is important, even critical. But, like Christ, with every relationship we must have a clear Kingdom-focused purpose.

There is a call to action in the "Building Soul-winning Momentum" article near the front of this issue. Perhaps it's what we here in our Northwest corner of the world need, something to change our inertia of inaction. I invite you to ask yourself: "How do I fit into this plan, this mission?" Then e-mail me at [talk@gleaneronline.org](mailto:talk@gleaneronline.org) or go online. Let's Talk. •



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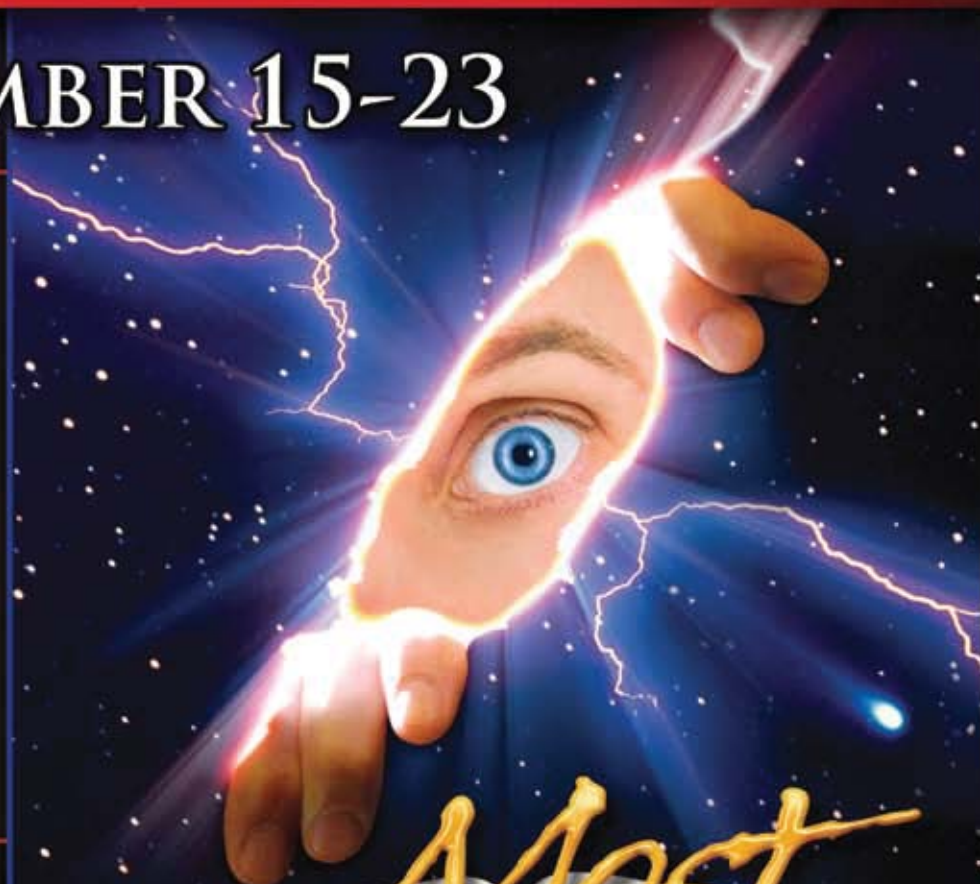
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