The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen.
Job 37:10 (NIV)

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in April when I was diagnosed with a very aggressive, stage 4, non-Hodgkins lymphoma cancer called mantle cell, I said, “I never wanted to have ‘cancer survivor’ on my résumé but now I desperately do.” On Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, when Sue and I heard the words from Dr. Nichols that my CT scan and bone marrow biopsy both confirmed I am cancer-free, the statement “cancer survivor” became a wonderful reality.

I think back to the long 76 days in the hospital, the radical treatment so brutal that I actually passed out at one point, and the faith-building times of uncertainty. I am reminded of the incredible support of family, friends and even people from around the world that we won’t know until eternity. Our hearts overflow with gratitude. God answered our combined prayers. He used the best of modern medicine to work a miracle in giving us my life back. And to Him and to all of you, Sue and I will be forever grateful. Thank you for your love and your support. We love you for it.

Some months ago Sue asked me what I had learned from this journey. There are many lessons, and others I am sure I have still to learn. But let me share some of them, for what they are worth to those of you who are going through a similar situation now or will in the future.

**Lessons I've Learned**

- Life beyond this moment is not guaranteed.
- Live one day at a time rather than five years in advance.
- God didn’t keep the three worthies from the fire—He kept them while they were in the fire.
- Suffering is no respecter of persons.
- He is the Potter; I am the clay.
- He is my Pilot; I am the passenger.
- The devil is an equal-opportunity destroyer.
- Don’t waste the suffering.
- A merry heart doeth good like a...chemo.
- His grace is indeed sufficient for me.
- I no longer fear the future, including the Time of Trouble.
- A seemingly insignificant (to the sender) call, card or e-mail is heaven’s medicine to the receiver.
- God is more concerned about my character than about my comfort.
- I will never again glibly pray, “Thank you for life, health and strength.” I lost two, almost the third.
- We have a very loving and supportive church family around the world, some of whom we haven’t met yet.
- To walk by faith, not by sight.
- I am His child; I am not His consultant.
- He gives His peace during the storm, not before it.
- Suffering takes our prayer life to another level.
- He keeps the storm out of the boat, not the boat out of the storm.
- To the Christian this is as bad as it gets; to the non-Christian this is as good as it gets.
- Whatever the outcome, it gets better either way.
- The past is forgiven, the present is secure, the future is assured.

So while I have not yet been able to thank the Lord for the suffering that we have been through, I am able to thank Him sincerely for what I have learned through that suffering. And to all of you who have supported us during this difficult journey we again say, “Thank you and we love you!”
The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) headquarters, located at Burnside and 102nd streets in Portland, Oregon, served the needs well in the Northwest for approximately 30 years. However, about 10 years ago it was determined that the facility had likely reached its investment potential. It was voted as part of the NPUC strategic plan in September 1997 to evaluate the status of the Portland property with the intention of relocating the office on a major freeway with high visibility. Subsequent actions ensued with the sale of the former office complex, a property purchase in Ridgefield, Washington, and a move to transition headquarters in Vancouver, Washington, in December 2001.

While building costs have increased significantly in recent years, the value of the property of the new site has increased dramatically. This reinvestment in a new asset will serve the church in the Northwest well into the future.

Bryce Pascoe, NPUC executive secretary

May 2, 2006—With the steel and roof trusses in place, the building starts to take its final form.

Throughout 2006, the GLEANER featured a monthly reader-response section called Let’s Talk. Now that column has moved from a monthly feature to a weekly or even daily online journal, or blog, as it is called on the Web.

Coordinated by Steve Vistautnet, assistant to the president for communication, this ongoing blog site invites your input. Your comments, as long as they are approved within the general site guidelines, will be posted there as well.

This is a work in progress. Eventually we plan to include sections targeting teens, young adults and even inactive members. Because the content will be changing more often than before, you may want to subscribe to the RSS feed of this section, which automatically connects you with any updates.

So check in frequently to the new and improved “Let’s Talk” section at www.gleaneronline.org.
The Story’s Next Chapter

As Walla Walla College undergoes several changes, a new president provides a link to the past and casts a vision for the future.

In an old office, books, papers and boxes lay in various stages of unpacking and repacking. A new office sits empty in a brand-new building. For Walla Walla College (WWC), it’s a new president, a new Administration Building. A fresh slate, a new beginning—yet one filled with the history and stories of the past.

And the story of John K. McVay’s past has become the story of his present.

Although he never attended classes here, it’s a homecoming for WWC’s 23rd president. His father, Ken, and brother, Bill, both graduated from WWC.

BY KRISTI SPURGEON
“Both my father and brother revered this place,” he says. “For my father, Walla Walla College was a sacred place where God’s presence invaded his life and where he sat in awe at the feet of Spirit-inspired teachers. Pull out all the metaphors of grandeur, greatness, true depth, spirituality, and joy, and load them onto the name. That’s what it was like in our family when you said ‘Walla Walla College.’”

To be president of an institution that played so prominently in family history provides a measure of personal satisfaction and completion, McVay says. “I’m surprised to be given this type of opportunity, but thrilled to see this story continue.”

McVay Brothers

The story begins in Meade, Washington, with McVay Brothers Roofing. Six McVay brothers founded the company, still in existence today, after their father died. One day, the next to the youngest son Kenneth broke his arm in a fall. During his recovery he stayed with his brother, Jewel, and was tended by Blanche, an Adventist girl working in Jewel’s home.

“Apparently he liked the care,” says McVay. “They fell in love, he became an Adventist, and they got married,” and later became John McVay’s parents.

After his stint as a World War II Army medic, Kenneth and Blanche McVay built a house in College Place, where they lived while Kenneth attended WWC, supported by his wife and five brothers. He graduated in 1950 with a degree in biblical languages and was called to pastor in Oregon, where John Kenneth McVay was born in 1958. Several years later they moved to Texas, then Georgia, then Tennessee.

“I did much of my growing up elsewhere,” McVay says. “But the Northwest was always home, and we would come back many summers to visit family and church members.”

Although his family roots were at WWC, McVay chose to attend Southern Adventist University (SAU). After completing his coursework in three years and spending another as a task force worker in Iowa, McVay graduated with a bachelor’s degree in theology.

Here the story of John becomes the story of John and Pam.

Family Beginnings

A self-described “pastor’s kid,” the future Mrs. McVay grew up in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, which includes Georgia, west North Carolina and east Tennessee.

John and Pam Aalborg became friends at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and began dating at age 16.

“I had attended Georgia-Cumberland Academy for only two weeks when I told my mother, ‘John McVay is the guy I want to marry someday,’” Pam says. “At 16, I suppose this was a rather bold statement, but six years later he did become my husband!”

Married on May 4, 1980, two weeks after graduating from college, the couple moved to Andrews University so John could

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**Fast Facts**

- Year founded: 1892
- Enrollment: 1,876
- Majors offered: 52
- Most popular majors: business, engineering, nursing, elementary education
- Average financial aid package: $17,448
- Average yearly family contributions: $4,356
- Rate of alumni giving: 25%
- Student to faculty ratio: 13 to 1
- Additional campuses: Anacortes, Washington; Billings and Missoula, Montana; and Portland, Oregon.

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Friends since high school, John and Pam were voted “Most Studious” by their classmates during their senior year at Georgia-Cumberland Academy.
The couple attend seminary. The couple spent the last semester of seminary training at England’s Newbold College. After the semester ended, they bought two-week Euro-rail passes. “It was great fun,” says McVay. “We were just two kids with backpacks and boots, and we had first-class tickets. They kept trying to throw us out of our car.”

After seminary, John and Pam were called to pastor in Douglasville, Georgia, where they “worked their socks off for several years,” especially since shortly after their arrival the senior pastor left, and McVay was asked to take his place.

In 1985, they moved to Angwin, California, where McVay taught at Pacific Union College (PUC), chaired the religion department for several years, and served as senior pastor of the PUC Church for parts of two school years. In the middle of it all, John completed his doctoral studies at England’s Sheffield University in 1995.

Malcolm Maxwell, PUC former president, remembers that time well. “John was very busy then, teaching, pastoring, finishing his dissertation and enjoying his family. And they were a delightful family,” Maxwell recalls. “They lived directly across the street from us in Angwin, and we loved to look out our front window and watch the kids play.”

In addition, McVay had a significant influence on the campus, says Maxwell. “John was popular with the students. They knew they could always drop by and see him. He was also a very competent professor, and the students felt that their time in class was well-spent.”

After 13 years, McVay was called again—this time to return to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University as associate dean and professor of New Testament studies. Two years later he became dean at the seminary, which is where he stayed until his journey home to WWC.

**Beyond the Office**

“He’s the same at 48 as he was at 16. His spirituality, leadership and interpersonal skills have grown and developed, but he’s always had those strong qualities,” says Pam McVay.

To his wife, McVay is full of contradictions that make him perfect for such a nuanced position. “John comes with a terrific set of skills. He’s not just the head, but also the heart,” she says. “He’s a great administrator, but he can also preach. John is a visionary and can see the big picture, but he’s also good at details.”

Pam, an obstetrics nurse, had never visited the campus before. “I’ve been to many other Adventist campuses in the world,” she says. “But I’d never been to Walla Walla College.” Still, it feels familiar. “Within a short time of stepping onto the campus, we met people who knew friends of ours, or people we worked with, or that we have a connection with. The Adventist family continues.”

Marshall, 19, is a freshman theology major at WWC. Like his father, he has always wanted to be a pastor, a desire that perhaps became stronger as he “grew up at the seminary,” says his mother.

“I am honored to serve my father’s school as we enter into the bold vision God has laid before us.”

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For 115 years Walla Walla College has been known as Walla Walla College. On September 1, 2007, that will change, as the institution becomes Walla Walla University.

WWC has been officially recognized as a university for more than a decade by the Carnegie Foundation’s Basic Classification System, which provides guidelines for naming higher education institutions. Classifications are based on programs and students graduating with master’s degrees.

Throughout the years, college administrators and the Board of Trustees exhaustively researched the pros and cons of changing the institution’s name. This year, the time was right. On October 1, at the WWC constituency meeting in Portland, Oregon, 83 percent of the 252 delegates in attendance voted to change the name.

About the enlightening and prayerful meeting, says John McVay, WWC president, “I appreciate very much the obvious interest the constituency took in the discussion and the gracious spirit of the debate.”

One factor contributing to the decision includes positioning the school more accurately to similar institutions. WWC is part of a consortium of 10 schools known as the Independent Colleges of Washington. Of those institutions, all but one has voted to become known as a university. There is also a shift among community colleges, who are increasingly dropping the label “community” and simply becoming known as a college. That is causing more schools to change to a university name in order to differentiate themselves from community colleges.

Being known as a university also clarifies the institution’s status to international students who associate “college” with high school.

“By changing the name, we aren’t trying to become something different,” says McVay. “We’re simply updating our name to reflect the reality of what we already are—a regional university.”

As part of the transition, the phrase “Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education” will also be used as a tagline to the university name. “Our name may be changing, but our education will continue to be rooted in the Seventh-day Adventist faith and tradition,” McVay says.
Until now both McVay children attended home-school, providing flexibility to match their parents’ jobs. “With Andrews University and the seminary being the international hub for theology, we have had the opportunity to travel the world together,” Pam says. “It’s been great for the kids. Right now, Marshall is taking an art class and he’s already seen, in person, all the things they’re learning about in class. They’ve had such a rich cultural experience.”

In fact, this year 14-year-old Macy is studying German at Bogenhoffen in Austria, one of the places John and Pam haven’t yet visited.

When it comes to other interests, “I do a bit of everything,” McVay says, “but I’m happiest when I can put on my blue jeans and hiking boots and head out. It’s an interest that I share with my son, as well as with Pam and Macy, although more begrudgingly on their part.” He’s looking forward to spending time in the Blue Mountains, a nice change after the flatlands of Michigan.

Again a man of contradictions, McVay says he also needs to spend time indoors, researching and writing. “It helps keep me sane, and lends a certain substance or purpose to my life.” His area of focus is in New Testament studies, with an emphasis in the Pauline Epistles. His love of scholarly ventures is evident by the high volume of speaking engagements attended and articles penned in recent years.

“I admire his leadership ability and his scholarly commitment;” Jon Dybdahl, recently retired WWC president, commented during McVay’s inauguration in November. “WWC cares deeply about academic excellence, and is pleased when her president not only espouses that ideal, but embodies it as well. Dr. McVay is part of that fine tradition.”

Embracing the Bold Vision

Although familiar in some ways, McVay is treading into new territory at WWC, and not all of it is easy ground.

Only in office for a few weeks, McVay faced a challenge when approached about the possibility of changing the institution’s name to reflect its university status.

However, it all came together October 1, 2006, when the WWC constituency voted to change the school’s name to Walla Walla University (see story on page 9). “The change in the name doesn’t mean we will suddenly become a big research university, where there is increased distance between teachers and students. That’s not what we are about,” stresses McVay. “The updating of the name is simply to bring the way we refer to ourselves in line with our identity. We are excited about our future, and the opportunities that lie ahead for our university.”

In addition to the name change, McVay is now facing the challenge of replacing several members of the administrative team whose years of service had come to an end. Although WWC staff have stepped up to fill those roles, two positions have still to be permanently filled.

The new president says he is used to administrative challenges after his time at the seminary. Enrolling between 700 and 850 students each year, the institution employs nearly 40 full-time faculty and many adjunct professors and staff members. Aside from the main campus, numerous international campuses require management. There, in the midst of such responsibility, McVay honed his skills as a leader and visionary.

“John is a very able and competent leader and administrator,” says Clifford Jones, who worked with McVay at the seminary for six years. “He is also a natural at interpersonal relationships. He’s a warm, engaging person who knows how to lift others up.
and make them feel good about their contribution to the institution. You are blessed to have him at Walla Walla College.” Although he’s lauded for his ability to relate to others, McVay says his biggest adjustment here has been entering the world of undergraduate students. “They’re a tremendously wonderful group. But my challenge is that for the last eight years I’ve been hanging around graduate students, who are at a different stage of life,” McVay says. “If there is a learning curve, it’s entering into that otherness of the undergraduate student population and learning their world afresh. I’m learning their concerns, their interests, their lifestyle, and how they live out their Christian discipleship. It’s not that I’m finding it difficult or unpleasant. It’s really quite a joy,” he adds. “I’m just having to acquire a new vocabulary. But I needed an update, so now I’m re-engaging a new culture and that is being quite an invigorating process.”

That learning curve has not halted his big plans for the student body at WWC. “Second-rate academics will offer no note of praise to our Creator. The fact that our education is grounded in commitment to Christ and to Scripture doesn’t let us off the hook in terms of academic excellence. If anything, it should lead to broad-based excellence in thought and learning,” he says.

One future goal has the new president on the edge of his seat with excitement. “In Christian education as a whole, we have done an excellent job of providing service and outreach opportunities for our young people, and a variety of worship and witnessing opportunities on our campuses,” he says. “But I think we haven’t done such a good job in ensuring that when our students walk on our campus, they are accompanied in an intentional journey of spiritual formation, Christian discipleship and faith nurture.”

“I think some Adventist institution ought to wake up and craft a more intentional model, then put it into place and watch it work. We have work to do in that area, and I look forward to participating in developing a vigorous model on this campus. It’s a dream that has been growing in my heart for a long time.”

During his inaugural address McVay laid out “four rather daring prophecies” about WWC, which he called “elements of the bold vision for its future.” Noting the change in reference to WWC’s new name, Walla Walla University, those elements can be summed up as:

- WWU will continue to treasure and explore its past, the values on which the institution was founded, seeking and finding guiding principles and ideas there that remain insightful and formative as we confront the changing landscape of a very different era.
- WWU will practice careful stewardship, tending with care the resources offered to its keeping, in service of its God-ordained mission to offer excellent education.
- WWU will take seriously the central issue of the character, integrity and faith of its students. We will hone our skills in faith nurture, spiritual formation and Christian discipleship.
- WWU will steadfastly resist becoming an end in itself. It will seek to give itself in ministry to its students and to this world of ours.

Continuing the Story

It’s a story come full circle, but in no way close to its end. “My father had an endless mental file of stories from his years here, ones that he would trot out with some regularity … as you listened to the stories, you could tell that he loved this place.”

“We each have such stories. Our history is full of them. In each such story echoes that grace-filled message: The presence of the Lord is in this place. I am honored to serve my father’s school as we enter into the bold vision God has laid before us.”

Kristi Spurgeon, Walla Walla College public information officer, writes from College Place, Washington.
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On a hot July Sabbath in 2005 at the Oregon Camp Meeting, Ron and Virginia Oliver listened as Shawn Boonstra, speaker and director of *It Is Written*, talked about creation and how, when God created humans, He gave them a spark of adventure. “The desire to go on adventures was given to us by God,” Ron remembers hearing Boonstra say.

At the end of his sermon, Boonstra connected this spirit of adventure to the Bible’s commission to preach the gospel to the whole world. He called forward those people willing to commit to doing something great for God. “Virginia and I went forward, but I remember wondering what more we could do. At that time, we had already gone to Africa or India five times to preach two-week evangelistic programs.” But somehow the phrase, “God-given spirit of adventure,” got Ron thinking about the adventure of climbing Mt. Everest, Earth’s highest mountain.
Ron has been on many mountain-climbing adventures in the Northwest, South America, Africa, Europe and Asia. “When I am in the mountains, I find myself thinking about God,” Ron says. “And that’s fair, because sometimes in church I find myself thinking of mountains!”

But what did mountain climbing have to do with evangelism? “Climbing is recreation, not ministry,” Ron explains, “and God calls us to do a job, to spread the gospel, and calls us to serve him in every way we can. And that is a far higher calling than climbing. But God made the creation, and He gives us certain abilities and certain interests. I see Him interested in us using those abilities and interests He gives us, not only in evangelism but in all aspects of life.”

A Legacy of Service

An inherent sense of evangelism is a lifelong legacy for both Ron and Virginia. Ron, the son of missionary parents, is a certified public accountant in Vancouver, Washington, where he and Virginia are active members of the Vancouver Church. Four of Virginia’s siblings have been overseas missionaries, and she herself served in Irian Jaya (Indonesian New Guinea). Virginia is a musician and has a bachelor of science in nursing.

Though Ron and Virginia stay quite busy with a home rental business and a blended family of seven adult children and their families, they have been on at least 25 different mission trips, serving in many capacities around the world. Their first short-term mission trip was in July 1992 when they went to Magadan, Russia, as a part of Operation Bear Hug. When two containers of food for the project did not arrive in time, Virginia spent most of her time shopping and scavenging food for the group, while Ron and the other volunteers poured the foundations for a new church.

Adding to the adventure of their mission trips, Ron and Virginia, along with the other members of their party, would often take a side trip to see something interesting or climb another mountain. On one trip, their adventurous spirit made them a day late arriving in Lusaka, Zambia, for the evangelistic meetings because they had both climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. Upon arriving at the meeting site, they were surprised and unprepared when Ron was told that he was to preach in a church on Sabbath, and Virginia was invited to give some of the health lectures. Terrified of public speaking and unprepared, Virginia declined.

A year later, in October 2000, they went to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, for another evangelistic series. This time Virginia was prepared in her heart and willing to give health talks, and Ron preached, using chapters of a Mark Finley book. Although Ron had the words and pictures, they were not together, so Ron spent frantic days preparing the PowerPoint graphics to illustrate that night’s sermons. It was so stressful that he was ready to vow that he would never preach again.

Near the end of the series, Ron made a call for people to accept Jesus and be baptized, and the people came forward. That last Sabbath, as the people were baptized, Ron could hardly see because his eyes were so full of tears. “There are so many places to go, and the need is so great. It is so awesome when you preach the gospel, see people accept it and are baptized,” Ron says. “Each time I preach, I dread doing it, but I am hooked on the baptisms.”

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Ron and Virginia Oliver, Clarence Stroh and his daughter Angie, and Pat Leeson and her daughter Laura are the 2006 India evangelistic team from the Vancouver, Washington, Church.

After the baptism in the village of Goallipalli in November 2006, Ron Oliver prays for the new members.

Ron Oliver and Pasang, his Sherpa climbing companion, climbed up to about 7,000 meters (24,606 feet) before turning back on their quest to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.

Ron Oliver, center, sings with the Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus and his wife Virginia accompanies the group on the piano or organ.

Ron Oliver
“For me, I feel that Jesus is coming soon, and I want to do all I can to spread the gospel,” she says. “Time is short, and I want to tell as many people about Jesus as possible.”

A Spirit of Adventure

In addition to their mission adventures, Ron has been on 64 mountain-climbing trips, including his latest: a climbing expedition on Mt. Everest in May 2006. While Ron doesn’t think that God called him to climb Mt. Everest, he did wonder how he might use the experience to witness for God. With that in mind and with his video camera, he not only recorded pictures of the scenery and climbing adventures but some of his personal testimony as well.

Climbing attracted Ron’s interest many years ago when he saw a Mt. Everest exhibit at Mt. Rainier National Park. Through the years, he developed a goal to climb an 8,000-meter mountain. Ron reached that goal when he climbed Cho Oyu, an 8,201-meter (26,906-foot) Tibetan peak, in September 2004. From the summit of Cho Oyu, he could see the summit of Mt. Everest, and the sight gave him the idea that maybe he could also climb to the top of the world.

Ron discovered that climbing Mt. Everest is not a great technical challenge. The real problem is that it wears you down because it takes such a long time and is so grueling. “Oxygen, energy and time are three key things you need to be successful on Everest,” Ron explains. “You have to have enough of each to get back down, or you will get into trouble.”

Climbing with his Sherpa companion, Pasang, Ron attacked the mountain in stages. They climbed from Base Camp to the top of the Khumbu Ice Fall and then returned to Base Camp to rest for a day or so. Then they climbed up to Camp One, stayed the night and climbed down again to rest again before climbing higher.

Although food, water and rest were in bountiful supply, Ron caught a bad cold, which weakened his physical condition. He was able to climb up to 7,000 meters (24,606 feet) on the Lhotse Face, from which he could see Camp Three and the summit of Mt. Everest before finally turning back.

Three of Ron’s team members did reach the summit, and although he did not, he had a great trip. “I’ve never thought that the experience was worthless if I did not get to the summit,” Ron explains. “Getting to the summit does not mean very much by itself. It’s mostly the experience and the desire within a person to face a challenge. For a climber, having the opportunity to climb Mt. Everest is the chance of a lifetime. It was exciting to just be there, walk up through the Ice Fall and be on the slopes.”

The Greater Goal

In the end, though, the world’s highest point isn’t enough for Ron because his greater goal is for his Mt. Everest experience to be used as a witness to the One who created this mammoth peak. He hopes that someone who is interested in mountains and reads this story will sense Christ’s invitation for service as well as adventure.

“Maybe someone will come up to me some day and say, ‘I saw your pictures from Mt. Everest and heard your testimony, and I want to follow Jesus’ leading,’” Ron says. “If that ever happens, it will mean far more to me than reaching the summit.”

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor, writes from Vancouver, Washington.
Intercessory Prayer

Make a list of those you hope to reach with the Adventist message. Ask Jesus who you should put on the list. Often people in transition or trouble are most open to spiritual influences. 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.

A 20-something sits in a bar Friday night and lifts a beer to his lips. All of a sudden a song he learned in Kindergarten Sabbath School floods his mind—“God made the beautiful rainbow, I know, I know….” Across town his mother is on her knees praying that her son will have a conversion experience.

A single mom works two jobs to try to make ends meet. She cries out to God to help her survive the challenges of each day. Her co-worker, a Seventh-day Adventist, is praying one morning and has an overwhelming impression to talk to her about Jesus and the hope of His return, and to invite her to lunch that day.

The Bible shows us that God is far more intimately involved in the daily salvation of people around us, and the redemption of the human race, than we ever dreamed, because He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). In heaven someday we will discover how prayer really is “the key, in the hand of faith that unlocks heaven’s storehouse” (Steps to Christ, p. 94).

The story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel in 1 Kings 18 gives us a glimpse into how prayer works in The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan. According to the story, it is not how many people are praying, how long we pray, or how intensely we pray that matters. The most important thing about prayer is who we pray to.

Before praying, why not take a few minutes to reflect on who you are about to talk to? Then ask Him to show you those around you who are most receptive to the Adventist message right now.


Dan Serns, North Pacific Union Conference ministerial director

Luke Warm takes in a movie, watches TV, surfs the Internet, plays a video game or reads the newspaper, but he never seems to have time for prayer. “Prayer doesn’t work, so why waste your time with it,” he says.
Peladophobia: fear of baldness and bald people.
Chaetophobia: fear of hairy people.
Levophobia: fear of objects on the left side of the body.
Calyprophobia: fear of obscure meanings.
Porphyrophobia: fear of the color purple.
Graphophobia: fear of writing in public.
Phobophobia: fear of being afraid.

So what’s your phobia? According to a report I once read, our greatest fear is speaking in public. Our second biggest fear? Death. This strikes me as odd. I think about this when I’m preaching at a funeral; it seems peculiar that most people would rather be resting in the casket than standing with me behind the pulpit!

Study not!
Sadly, many of us allow fear to paralyze our lives. I once suffered from a severe case of Kirbackophobia—fear of Mrs. Kirback. Other students agreed. Mrs. Kirback was a pitbull. Just thinking about her made my fingernails sweat. I was so worried about taking her class the following year I crammed all summer in preparation. I stuck to Wilson’s Illustrated World History Book like bubble gum to Reeboks.

Fear not!

It was never God’s design for us to worry. This is helpful to remember as you make daily decisions and navigate through the potholes of life. God’s desire is that you approach life with a heart of faith, rather than fear. He wants us to live in peace, not panic.

Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, “Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear dishheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable—and, most of all, fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God.”

Isaiah 41:10 puts it this way (my translation, you understand): “So do not fear flunking chemistry or leading a university, for I am with you; do not be dismayed about the bully that humiliates you in P.E. or the antagonist that opposes you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you when life slaps you around. I will help you when you face a tough decision. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

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

Fearless Faith

The first day in class I parked myself in prime real estate—centered in the front row. Mrs. Kirback waddled into the classroom. I feverishly captured her every word in my notebook.

“Good morning, class.”

“Good morning, class,” I wrote.

“Just a few announcements before we begin”—her words duly noted. “First, I’ve decided to change textbooks.”

“What?” I gasped out loud. “You can’t do that!”

“I beg your pardon,” she puffed.

“I mean, um, some of us studied, um,... never mind.”

As it turned out, it didn’t matter. Mrs. Kirback was quite pleasant. My months of worry proved senseless. I did, however, learn one valuable lesson from her: Wait until the night before to study—in case the teacher changes the textbook!

1 As quoted at http://www.achristiancounselor.com/fear.html.
New Desire of Ages Edition Makes an Impact
Northwest Members Encouraged to Read It in 2007

One of the best New Year’s resolutions I have ever made was to read through the book, *The Desire of Ages*. A new edition of this devotional classic was mailed to every Northwest Adventist home in time for Christmas. And it’s better than ever since the references from the King James Version have been replaced with simply worded verses from the New King James Version.

The feedback we are receiving already clearly shows that I am not alone in my appreciation for this gift God has given us.

A young 20-something friend was attracted by the cover of this new edition lying on our end table at home. When I offered him a copy he promised to read it and got quite animated in describing to me how it could and should be marketed on a wider scale.

A nurse practitioner at the hospital where I received my recent chemotherapy treatments knew as soon as she began to read what an awesome book it was. She wanted to know where to purchase one as a Christmas gift for her son-in-law.

A senior citizen friend of ours commented, “I am so glad to get all the old ‘Thees and Thou’s’ out of the book!” She has sent a donation to help us toward sending a copy to each of the approximately 20,000 non-Adventist clergy in the Northwest by Easter.

A professor at Walla Walla College is so enthusiastic with the difference in readability that he intends to begin using it in one of his Bible classes.

I praise the Lord for this positive response.

Read It Again for the First Time
With just two and half pages a day, you’ll be able to read this new edition through during 2007—and that includes more than 80 full pages of beautiful artwork from Darrel Tank. It’s a perfect fit for personal or family worship.

Personally I feel my need for a closer walk with Jesus. And I know no better way than spending time contemplating His life. •

Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president

Native New Day TV Series
Receives Emmy Nomination

“The Great Spirit” segment from the *Native New Day* television series was recognized with an Emmy Award nomination by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Mid-America chapter, on Sept. 21, 2006. The *Native New Day* series, hosted by storyteller Monte Church of the Mohican tribe and North Pacific Union Conference/Canada Native Ministries director, is dedicated to bringing hope and dignity to all Native Peoples in a simple, yet beautiful way through the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

The Emmy Awards recognize excellence within various areas of the television industry and are a symbol of peer recognition from the members of the academy. While “The Great Spirit” segment did not win the coveted Emmy, “it was a great honor to be nominated,” said Church.

These awards reflect a joint effort of a team of dedicated people working together to accomplish a service to Native Peoples,” said Carlos Pardeiro, producer/director of the series. “We thank God for the blessings He continues to bestow on the *Native New Day* TV series not only by the awards received, but by the lives that have been touched as a result of Monte Church’s moving presentations.” •

Adapted from www.safetv.org
Principal Gets a $1,000 Haircut
In Hopes of a New Playground!

Community members and school supporters of all ages were shouting “Yee-haw” at Raven Hall on the Alaska State Fairgrounds on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, as 230 people gathered to raise money at their annual dinner auction. The money will be used for technology and playground equipment at the Mat Valley School in Palmer.

Community businesses, church members, school staff and parents donated tangible items and many acts of service, and baskets were filled with an array of festive treasures going from $20 to $300 during the auction. Horse rides on “Barb” (donated by the Koliadko family) were a huge attraction throughout the night, and a local “sheriff” handed out prizes to kids just for coming.

The fundraiser brought in more than $14,000 with supporters taking home everything from a pair of clippers to Ms. Marshall’s Traveling Bedtime Stories. Then there was the auction item that took the cake…Ken Nelson, school principal, agreed to have his head shaved if people donated $1,000! “Mr. Nelson thought he was home free and there was no way we could raise that much money,” said Kent Sandvik, who started the bidding. “However, we did, much to Mr. Nelson’s surprise.”

“Many spectators and students stayed just to see if we could reach our goal and watch his locks fall to the floor,” said Cora Carleson, co-organizer of the event.

Nelson sat patiently as the school secretary attempted to shave his head with a pair of clippers…and…the clippers would not work so…she pulled out the trusty old scissors and went to work leaving him looking like he should fire his barber.

We all look forward to a ‘boot-stompin’ good time next year! •

Tiffany Rye, Mat Valley School secretary

Encouragement and Bible Study
Brings New Member to Delta Junction

Christiana Havel’s decision to be baptized into the Delta Junction Church was not made quickly. In fact, when she first came to Delta Junction a number of years ago, she was not even sure that God existed.

After experiencing a devastating family tragedy while living in Germany, Havel became an interpreter for the U.S. Army. She eventually followed the Army to the United States.

After living in a number of locations in Alaska, she settled into a house right behind the Adventist church in Delta Junction. Through providential leadings, Havel came in contact with a number of local Adventists who encouraged her and offered Bible studies.

With the gentle guidance of her Adventist friends and the influence of the Spirit, she slowly began to see the loving God of the Bible instead of a harsh, punishing God. Lorraine Ueeck, church clerk, arranged for Havel to have access to a church key, which she used to let herself into the church during the week for private prayer and meditation.

Tammie Kovalenko, a Delta Junction member, first met Havel while working in a greenhouse five years ago. “Christiana is a very compassionate person who wants goodwill for all people,” remarked Kovalenko. “Through the members of our church, Christiana began to feel the influence of our persistent, pursuing God.” •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director
Friendship Baskets for Nampa Church

“A ministry of the heart” is how Pam Day describes her efforts in making “friendship baskets” for newly baptized members or members transferring into the Nampa Church.

When she first arrived, there was a basket for her containing welcome gifts of baked goods, food, a candle and numerous other things. The basket made a lasting impression on her and when she realized it wasn’t being done anymore, she took on the task of welcoming new members.

She says, “I have so much fun making these baskets.” She especially enjoys customizing them. For instance, a teenage girl might get bubble bath, lotion or funky socks. Puzzles and games might be the contents of a basket for a child.

Recently a Revelation Seminar with evangelist Richard Halversen presented Day with a new opportunity. The seminar, which finished in early October, resulted in 16 baptisms, 10 joined by profession of faith and there were 5 rebaptisms.

The week before the baptisms, Day asked for help from the church in getting things ready for 20 baskets. The response was amazing and some of the items that arrived for the baskets included homemade whole-wheat breads, cupcakes, cookies, books and candles. After making the baskets she found out that there would be two more baptisms on Sabbath, and Bonnie Tyson-Flyn offered to prepare those baskets.

Many of the recipients have shared their heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome they have received.

Ervin Furne, Nampa pastor, commented, “The Nampa Church members, as usual, are welcoming all who come through the doors of our church with open arms and hearts. The Spirit of our Lord is present here.”

Sherry Hoewing, Nampa Church member

Families Enjoy Fun and Fellowship at Children’s Church

Cloverdale Church Brings Unity Through Family Ministries

More than 400 people attended Cloverdale Church’s Harvest Party in Boise on Oct. 28, 2006. The whole day focused on children and family, including Children’s Church presented by Aileen Andres Sox, children’s editor for Pacific Press. Her talk about animals featured a dog who performed acrobatics.

The evening Harvest Party included picnics, dinner and lots of fall food treats, a hay ride, pony rides and various contests and games.

“This was truly a combined effort involving many people from area churches,” said Rhonda Morauske, Family Ministries co-director along with her husband, Tim. “There is a fabulous spiritual strength in unity,” continued Morauske. “The growth has been outstanding since the first Children’s Church in August 2005.”

Cloverdale’s Family Ministries hosts a quarterly Children’s Church with the goal of giving families a spiritual boost and to draw together area churches in a mini-retreat that is family-friendly. The Cloverdale Church is blessed with an excellent facility, central location and energetic leadership.

In September, the Children’s Church presenter was Ben Roy of the Science Zone (www.gosciencezone.com). The children watched and participated in a multitude of science experiments that brought home spiritual points.

“I thought it was really exciting and fun because he blew lots of things up and did experiments with chemical reactions,” said Zoe and Gracie Watson. “It was cool when he used dry ice to freeze plastic balls and shatter them.”

For more information on upcoming events, go to www.cloverdale.org.

Kimberly Miljatovic, Cloverdale Church member
Oh, are you going to Women’s Retreat?” That was the question that sped across Montana this fall—friend to friend, by e-mail and telephone. In October 2006, 130 women from all over the state gathered at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena for the 15th annual Montana Christian Women’s Retreat. “As I first walked into the meeting room full of ladies, I wondered if I really should have come,” said Laura, a first-time attendee. “But as Ginny Allen, our keynote speaker, began to talk to us, my anxiety and uncertainty vanished. I had asked God to show me in a tangible way during the weekend that He really cared about me and about decisions that I am making in my life. “You know, He did speak to me through the speaker and the workshops. But more than that He spoke to me through the simple touch of care that a lady gave me who didn’t even know me. The retreat experience has enriched my friendships with other ladies and it has assured me that God truly hears my prayers.” Workshops featured Montana women, including Jolynn Gugliotto from Condon, who gave us skills for personal Bible study; Cheryl Woolsey Desjarlais from Kalispell who shared with us principles of parenting that we can use in guiding our children—toddlers through grown adults; and Jeane Allison, also from Kalispell, a nurse practitioner and expert in female issues, who gave us practical instructions and solutions for several of the most common health problems that challenge women. Elaine, who had just joined the Seventh-day Adventist church a week before the retreat, said, “A friend encouraged me to attend this special weekend. What a fantastic group of Christian ladies. I thought to myself, ‘These could all be my friends; they are my sisters in Jesus.’” If you have never attended a Christian Women’s Retreat, do plan to join us next October! • Linda Glatts, Montana Conference Women’s Ministries director

This year the Mt. Ellis Academy seniors presented two performances of Tim Kelly’s melodrama No Opry at the Opera House Tonight? on Nov. 16 and 18, 2006. Traditionally, the senior class holds an auction during the intermission of the Saturday night performance. This auction typically brings in more than $6,000, and the seniors use the funds to buy their class gift. This year was different though. Not only is the senior class the smallest since 1954 (with 14 seniors), but 11 of the seniors had 45 minutes after Saturday night’s performance to change out of their costumes, wash off their stage makeup, eat a snack and get on a bus headed for the airport in Salt Lake City to start their mission trip service in Iquitos, Peru. This left no time for an hour-long fundraising auction, so seniors asked for sponsorship from local business people. Despite the obstacles, the class reached half of their goal for their senior class gift, which is smart boards and projectors for the math and science classrooms. The English department sponsors the play each year. Students not only hone their acting skills, but they also learn about fundraising, advertising and promotion, and public speaking. • Anita Strawn de Ojeda, MEA English and Spanish teacher
What Free Lunches Can Do

During the school year, the parking lot of the Bozeman Church is a busy place around lunchtime. Located next to the public high school, the church parking lot is like a rush-hour highway as students head to their cars or the local McDonalds located on the street next to the church.

The members often wondered how they could deal with the problems that come with being in such a high-traffic area. Some of the church’s stairwells were being used for smoking and drug use, and the grounds were littered with a lot of garbage. One solution was to try to keep the kids off the church grounds entirely.

But the church members came up with a better idea. They would give free lunches to the students who passed through the parking lot.

With each lunch, they would also give away some literature on topics ranging from salvation to tobacco and substance abuse. Free Bibles and other books would be available at the lunch table as well.

In May of 2006, the idea became a reality. Subway agreed to provide sandwiches and, with chips and a bottle of water, the lunches were complete. So far, last school year and this year, lunches were handed out seven times. More than 40 students were served each time.

The response of the kids was great. They couldn’t believe someone wanted to give them a free lunch.

The church also decided to have a giveaway as part of the lunch program. The most recent giveaway was a drawing for three ski passes donated by an area ski resort. On the entry form for the drawing there was a place for the students to request prayer. They could also sign up for Bible studies or a stop-smoking seminar.

More than 60 kids signed up for the ski passes and around 30 of those marked down their desire for prayer, Bible studies or help to stop smoking. When contacted about the stop-smoking seminar, one student had already quit smoking with the help from the flier in his lunch sack.

The members hope that this is just the beginning and are excited to find out what God will do next with this outreach. In the meantime, the stop-smoking seminar began at the end of November, and the church is praying for the students who have requested Bible studies.

As far as the problems in the stairwells and with the litter, things have improved, proving once again that the love of God is always a good solution.

Sandy Jenkins, Bozeman Church member

Sandy Jenkins stands ready to give free lunches to the students who use the church’s parking lot as a shortcut to their high school, which is located next to the church.
A strange dream startled Lenette Buchanan awake on Saturday morning, April 2, 2005. A powerful message gripped her mind with undeniable urgency: ‘Get up! You must go to the Canyonville Seventh-day Adventist Church today! Take your entire family!’

Buchanan had never been in any church before, and had no idea what a Seventh-day Adventist church was, but she knew she had to obey. She shook her husband Phil awake. Together they roused the other family members—two teenage children still living at home, plus their oldest daughter, her husband, and their two children living nearby. By mid-morning they were ready to go, and at approximately 11:30 a.m., eight strangers walked up to the entrance of the Canyonville Church. The greeters were dumbfounded by the Buchanans’ first question, “When do we go forward to get saved?”

April 2, 2005, happened to be Communion Sabbath at Canyonville. The footwashing service was in progress as the Buchanans arrived. Head elder Jim Knight managed to lead the family into a side room to help sort out their questions and needs. Two weeks prior to the Buchanans’ coming to the Canyonville Church, Knight had prayed that God would send him someone to study the Bible with. Their presence that Sabbath was an answer to his prayer.

The Buchanans quickly accepted his offer to study with them in their home. Over the course of the next 17 months old habits of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and other personal demons fought for the mastery, but in the end great victories were won in Jesus’ name.

On Sept. 23, 2006, Phil and Lenette sealed their commitment to Jesus Christ by being publicly baptized in the Canyonville Church. Two weeks later, on Oct. 7, their daughter Tracey was baptized, joining her parents in the family’s newfound faith.

Russ Salmans had another kind of dream. In 1991, Salmans requested that his name be removed from the membership roll of the Rogue River Adventist Church. Disenchantment with the organized church resulted in bitterness and alienation in his heart, but he never discarded the kind letter, which confirmed that the local church had honored his request, but also encouraged him to return when he felt ready.

Seeds of hope still lay buried somewhere under all the debris of bad feelings he felt. Many years later those seeds began to grow into a dream of reconciliation and restoration. Russ, his wife Barb, and his stepson Jake began attending Canyonville in search of a church with a Pathfinder club. The entire family soon became active in the newly reactivated club.

Together as family they dreamed of joining the Adventist church together, and on Oct. 7, 2006, those dreams were realized. Russ and Barb officially united with their new church family by profession of faith. Jake dedicated his life to Jesus through the waters of baptism.

Yes, sometimes, dreams still do come true. •

Loren Fenton, Canyonville Church pastor
Columbia Adventist Academy Presents Annie Warbucks

Play Raises Nearly $5,000 for Spring Music Tour

At the end of the movie Annie, little orphan Annie was adopted by Daddy Warbucks and the curtain drops while they celebrate Christmas morning in 1933. They are going to live happily ever after.

That is, until the curtain rises at the beginning of Annie Warbucks, the sequel and this year’s play put on by Columbia Adventist Academy students in this annual tradition.

The story starts with Annie (played by senior Hannah Shenk), Daddy Warbucks (played by senior Mike Morauske), his personal secretary Grace Farrell (played by senior Nickele Prahl) and Annie’s friends from the orphanage singing and celebrating Christmas.

Suddenly, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Child Welfare, Harriet Doyle (played by senior Caitlin Perry), shows up with the bad news. Since Oliver Warbucks is not married, he has broken the law by adopting Annie.

Commissioner Doyle has come to return Annie to the orphanage. Oliver’s attorney, Simon Whitehead (played by senior Ryan Boardman), suggests Warbucks get married quickly so he can keep Annie.

Of course, the adventure continues with new songs, new heroes, new villains and new problems to be solved. The story ends, however, with Oliver Warbucks finally figuring out that it has been Grace Farrell that he has loved all along. They wed, adopt all the orphans, and this time, along with Annie and her faithful dog Sandy (played by “Flora”), they will indeed live happily ever after.

This annual November play tradition started as a way for the Columbia music department to raise money for their yearly spring music tour.

The play featured 25 CAA students and five Meadow Glade Elementary School students. KaraLeigh Kandoll, CAA senior, was the featured accompanist on piano.

Directed by Columbia music teacher Nita Yuros along with Columbia parents Anne Lambert and Gayle Perry, this year’s play grossed just under $5,000 for the costs of the tour.

Lara Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Portland Russian Seventh-day Adventists

Organize as a Company

The Portland Russian group became an official company on Oct. 7, 2006—the second step toward being organized as a church body.

In the early 1990s, a Russian group of about nine people began to meet in the Tabernacle Church. In March of 1994 Pastor Alexander Sidorenko was asked by this small group to help establish a Russian Adventist Church. Their attendance has grown to about 100 members today. They also have active children’s and youth departments, with two baptisms in 2006.

Plans for the future include continuing growth of membership and looking to relocate in southeast Portland, either by way of purchasing an existing church or buying land.

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference assistant communication director

Alexander Sidorenko, Russian Company pastor, and Alex, his son (translating), tell the story of the Russian Adventist Group.
Cars for Kids

It was a cool but sunny autumn afternoon when Dan Patchin, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) development director, and Brian Gosney, vice principal of finance, made their way to Darrell Myers Auto Sales in Boring, Ore.

Earlier that year, a donor came to Patchin with a 1994 Subaru Wagon as a donation for PAA. “Not having a dealer’s license prevents us from selling cars,” he answered, when asked about the project. “So I thought of Darrell.”

Darrell Myers has been selling cars since he was a teenager. For the past 30 years it has been his home business. But beyond providing an income for his family, it’s allowed him the freedom of time and finances to give where it counts—and for him that’s missions. Myers has participated in and led countless mission trips.

Given his passion for mission work, it wasn’t hard for him to accept the task of rebuilding the ’94 Subaru. “It took about three days to clean up the engine and have it ready to sell,” he reported. The result was a $2,000 check for Portland Adventist Academy and the birth of Cars for Kids.

As the vice principal of finance, Gosney knows just how much parents are sacrificing to keep their children at the school. “That’s why I appreciate Darrell’s generosity,” said Gosney. “There are about 60 kids in our school each year who depend on people like Darrell.”

Since that first Subaru, Myers has two additional Cars for Kids ready to sell for PAA. “You can’t give a blessing to someone without getting a blessing right back,” he chuckled. “And it changes the kids. That’s why it’s so important.”

To find out more about Cars for Kids, contact the Portland Adventist Academy development office at (503) 255-8372, ext. 230.

Tracy Wood Ordained

Tracy Wood, Oregon Conference youth ministries associate director, was ordained on Oct. 14, 2006, at Big Lake Youth Camp. He and his wife Angelina were surrounded by friends, family and the Oregon Pathfinder leadership team.

Monte Torkelsen, Oregon Conference youth ministries director, told Tracy’s and Angelina’s story to the group saying, “Sometimes God works on our hearts, and we find ourselves in a different places than we’d planned.”

“God gives us gifts to use in ministry,” said Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, as he affirmed Tracy and Angelina for their devotion to ministry and passion for service.

Tracy and Angelina have definitely put those gifts to good use. They said, “We didn’t need to come into ministry to fulfill our calling, but God had a plan for us.”

The program was made extra special by Janelle Cornforth singing “You are My Destiny.” Cornforth is a good friend of Tracy’s and Angelina’s and came all the way from St. Joseph, Mich., for the ordination.

Jayne Johnson, Oregon Conference staff member
She was sad, lonely and cold. But for Sherry Sullivan of Liberty, Ky., hope knocked on her front door with ambitious hands and open hearts. Armed with tools and energy, 34 Meadow Glade Church members joined with three other Adventist school groups during October 2006, bringing hope to people in the Appalachian region.

For the last 12 years, under the leadership of Donnie Keele of Georgia-Cumberland Academy and Alan Craig of Madison Academy, Meadow Glade youth have had the opportunity to spend a week at the Galilean Home and serve the people of this poverty-stricken region.

The Galilean Home is a nonprofit ministry for underprivileged children that opens its doors to mission teams each fall. In addition to participating with the children at the home, the mission group goes out into the community. This year the theme “Got Hope?” was the driving force behind five successful projects, including Sherry Sullivan’s home.

Sixteen-year-old Gabrielle Smith was on the work team that arrived to find Sullivan’s house in a state of disrepair. She had heat in only one room and her bathroom had severe plumbing issues. During the next three days, her home was transformed with new paint and a completely remodeled bathroom.

“I worked on the roof,” says Smith, “putting sealant on it to help insulate the house. It was cold and windy and kind of scary. I was really nervous that I wouldn’t be able to handle some of the yucky stuff of this job, but when I saw how much hope we brought Sherry, I could deal with it.”

Jacob Davis, Columbia Adventist Academy senior, has participated in the Appalachian trip for the last three years. During his first trip he helped rebuild a house for a man with Alzheimer’s. “I really enjoyed helping the people and meeting the kids from the other schools.”

Shelly Williams, Meadow Glade Church communication leader

Rivergate Elementary School in Gladstone, Ore., hosted a Veterans Day Program for the community and school on Nov. 10, 2006.

The program started with the Rivergate Band playing “American Spirit March.” Ann Campbell, Rivergate School principal, welcomed everyone and opened the program with prayer. Posting of the Colors was by our own community veterans—John Reeves, Marine Corps; Cash Catrell, Army; Rick Frazee, Navy; Ed Binder, Marine Corps; and Jim Erickson, Air Force.

The program continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short speech on respecting our flag by Rick Frazee, Navy. Various musical groups performed “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “America the Beautiful” among other musical numbers.

Dan Conner, Senior Master Sergeant and father of a Rivergate student, was the featured speaker. This part of the ceremony concluded with a moment of silence honoring our veterans. Each veteran received flowers, which the students helped distribute.

To close the entire program, the students of Rivergate stood around the outside of the gym and sang “God Bless America with a Prayer.”

Rivergate Elementary School students sing a patriotic song during the Veterans Day program.
Men of Faith Return to Milo
Darold Bigger and Robert Folkenberg Make Alumni Weekend a Spiritual Feast

Several hundred alumni returned to Milo Adventist Academy at its newly-scheduled homecoming time in October.

Darold Bigger, Class of ’62 and currently a Walla Walla College Theology department professor, spoke Friday night. He shared lessons he learned about himself following his daughter’s tragic murder. His powerful testimony of forgiveness and righteousness by faith learned from this experience opened many minds to a new appreciation of God’s redemption.

Robert Folkenberg, Class of ’58 and former General Conference president, spoke for the worship service. Folkenberg emphasized that the No. 1 reason parents send their children to Adventist schools is so that they might see them in the kingdom. His research has shown that enrollment in our schools has a positive correlation to the difference between the Adventist institutions and the public schools. “The more alike they are, the less they are willing to send them. The more different they are, the more people are lined up to come.”

Folkenburg’s sermon asserted that only one sin exists: putting our will above God’s will. Biblical and personal examples helped make this a life-changing message.

Throughout the day, honored classes met around campus. Alumni officers were voted in at the Saturday evening banquet. Everyone was entertained after the banquet by the alumni proving their experience over the new varsity basketball teams.

Students and alumni agreed that they had truly been spiritually blessed and that bonds of friendship had been strengthened. •

Emerald Christian Academy Students Reach Out to Community and Classmates

More than 35 Emerald Christian Academy (ECA) students, staff and family participated in the annual three-mile “Walk to D’Feet ALS,” on Sept. 17, 2006. They raised more than $500 for the walk in a show of support for student Chad Hansen, whose mom Pam has ALS.

What was unexpected, however, is that the group was the featured story on the evening news. The three-minute spot included interviews with Pam, her son Chad, and walk organizer and fifth-grade teacher, Suzanne Dassenko.

“It was fun to go as a class to help someone I actually knew,” said Grant Perdew, ECA ninth-grader.

In October, the academy held their Fall Week of Prayer, all planned and presented by the upperclassmen. Ninth- and 10th-grade drama students wrote and delivered a monologue about a Bible character such as David or Esther, focusing on themes of courage, forgiveness and trusting in God.

Next seventh- and eighth-grade students divided into four teams that developed and enhanced the theme for each day. The “Praise Team” chose songs and Bible verses for each program. The “Service Team” planned service activities for the class. The “Interactive Team” developed an activity for audience members. And the “Message Team” summarized the message of each monologue.

“It was great to see older students being excited about God in front of the younger students,” said Sheila Armstead, kindergarten teacher. “And what an affirmation to our older students,” said Scott Sprenkle, seventh- through tenth-grade teacher, “to see the positive effect they can have on the younger students.” •

Suzanne Dassenko, Emerald Christian Academy teacher
The long-awaited day arrived Nov. 9, 2006, as Upper Columbia Academy’s (UCA) new bus rolled onto campus, surrounded by excited students, faculty and board members. Many generous donations from around the country made this day a reality. The 1994 Privost was purchased in Virginia, with recruiting/marketing director, Scott North, making the five-day trek back to Spokane with it. “It’s a gorgeous bus, and a heartfelt thanks goes out to all donors and supporters of this project,” said Jeff Bovee, UCA’s principal.

Linnea Torkelsen, alumni and development director, shares how it all started last year when UCA received the 2006 Academy of Excellence Award. The $25,000 check that came with that award was then put toward a new bus. In recognition of receiving that award, an anonymous alumnus offered a matching grant for fellow alumni and friends of the school who would give the last $50,000 needed to purchase a good used bus. In September, only four months after launching the project, the goal was met, thanks to alumni, friends, the seniors of 2006 and many others.

As the ASB officers led out in a letter-writing campaign for a second bus, the Choraliers, gymnastics team, HOPE Task Force group and Thanksgiving home-leave riders have already put the new bus to good use in just the first few weeks of having it on campus.

Andrea Cook, a senior from Arlington, Wash., enjoys the new comfort and especially the TV screens! “The time passes so much more quickly now. It’s really nice!”

Carmen Slavens, UCA GLEANER correspondent

Pathfinder Leadership Retreat
A Time to Learn and Recharge

Leadership Retreat in the Upper Columbia Conference is a time when Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders learn and recharge. This year’s motivational leader was Robert Holbrook. In addition to club director, he also served as conference Pathfinder director and world Pathfinder director. Each of his talks centered around one recurring theme. You cannot lead where you will not go; you cannot teach what you do not know. This simple yet emphatic message is key when working with God’s youth in today’s world.

Holbrook has “been there” and “done that.” He shared why Pathfinders is important to him and inspired us to continue leading children to stay on the right pathway. More than 200 attendees were blessed and encouraged to go and do likewise.

Presentations and workshops shared how to complete basic staff training, or how to become involved in Pathfinder leadership. At an evening service on Sabbath, leaders received Service Star pins indicating the number of years they had served the local church in Pathfinder ministry.

One of our leaders commented, “Leadership Retreat is always special, but this year was even more so. At every class Jesus seemed the focal point. And the prayer chain was fantastic! There is so much power in prayer! Bob Holbrook is a most amazing speaker and as I listened to his stories, profound thoughts just kept coming from his mouth.”

Opportunities and new resources are available at each UCC Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Retreat. Plan to attend next year.

Cheryl Wallace, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder/Adventurers Family Life department administrative assistant
ADRA Honors Churches

In Upper Columbia Conference

Twenty-seven churches in the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) were recently honored for their faithfulness in sorting and packing clothing for distribution by ADRA in developing countries. This is a ministry that was started by ADRA’s forerunner, Seventh-day Adventist World Services (SAWS) in the mid-fifties, and was a part of Adventist Community Services (ACS) efforts all over the United States.

The ministry ended in the Upper Columbia Conference this fall when Upper Columbia Academy closed the ADRA depot on their campus and ADRA decided not to open another one on the West Coast. The only remaining ADRA depot is in Indiana.

The ministry of shipping used clothing overseas has been winding down in recent years all across the country for a variety of reasons, including the soaring costs of shipping. Increasingly, it is becoming possible and more cost-effective to purchase new clothes right in the country where they are needed. When that is done, the local economy benefits and the people have clothing more suitable to their climate and culture.

As part of the fall ACS federation meetings held in four locations around the conference, the churches who have recently been active with ADRA received plaques of appreciation. The plaques, unique to UCC, read:

“In partnership with Upper Columbia Conference this plaque is presented with deep appreciation to the volunteers of the [name] Seventh-day Adventist Church for their years of service packing countless boxes of clothing used in humanitarian work around the world.”

According to the unique needs of each community and as a result of asking for the Lord’s guidance, the ACS centers who had been packing these boxes are finding a wide variety of new outlets for the clothing, and the volunteers who had spent hours every week packing the boxes are finding new opportunities for meaningful service.

Other areas of ACS ministries, such as inner-city and social action programs, health-related outreach projects, disaster response, and tutoring and mentoring, continue to grow. (See the December 2006 GLEANER.)

Cheri Corder, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services director

Ritzville Company Takes a Look Into the Past

To Celebrate Heritage Sabbath

Members of the Ritzville Company recently celebrated Heritage Sabbath as a remembrance of when and how the Seventh-day Adventist Church began. Donning vintage clothing, the members enjoyed listening to Doug Pond, their pastor, deliver the sermon dressed as one of the founding fathers, James White. Pond even wore a beard to look more like the James White of the 1860s.

Old photos provided inspiration for the costumes worn by the members. The church was also decorated to depict the period with crocheted doilies and handmade quilts. Member Sandy Bowman brought her antique family Bible in which was recorded the marriage of her ancestors, Henry Crittenden and Elizabeth Miles, on Oct. 21, 1844. The Bible, which originally came in a five-volume set, was published in 1815. The volumes were distributed among family members long ago.

With the aid of hurricane lamps for light, the group sang songs from 100-year-old hymnals. A pump organ provided the music for singing.

Some members said stepping back into the past was enlightening, and there’s talk of making the celebration an annual event.

Billie Kouns, Ritzville Company communication leader
Native Americans Request Health Expo

Could your church do some kind of health-educating program at our Inchelium Pow Wow?” Juanita asked Eugene Panasuk, the personal ministries leader. The Inchelium Church had longed to somehow reach the local Natives in one of their areas of greatest need—Health! Now they were asking us! Why?

At that time the Inchelium Church was conducting a Child Evangelism program every Sabbath afternoon for the Native children under the leadership of Lisa (Panasuk) Quade, director of Feeding His Lambs Ministries. Each week health nuggets and activities were part of the children’s program. At school, Juanita, the head cook, began noticing changes in the children. Instead of soda pop they requested water; instead of cookies they told Juanita about the healthy cookies they’d made at the children’s program; and in class they said “no-thank-you” to the snacks.

“I think our whole school needs to know about this health-educating program that’s making such a difference,” Juanita told Panasuk.

After displaying the 16 Health Expo panels at the Pow Wow, Juanita asked us to share with the entire community during Inchelium Days.

For the past three years, we have been privileged to conduct the Health Expo with great interest from the community. Quade has also created a children’s corner which the children love!

According to Panasuk, Health Expo coordinator, the leaders in the community are very supportive. The organizer of the 2006 Inchelium Days said, “You have to come back and conduct the health program for you are an integral part of our Inchelium Days celebration.” One regular participant, said, “I will be back to go through the health screening as I want to see the test results. I have been making the changes in my life you recommended the past two years.”

Yes, the hearts of our Native friends can be reached through the right arm of the gospel. “Medical missionary work... is the gospel practiced, the compassion of Christ revealed. Of this work there is great need, and the world is open for it” (Ellen G. White, Medical Ministry, p. 239). •

Eugene Panasuk, Inchelium Church communication leader

Six Young People Baptized

Bonners Ferry Church welcomed six young people into the church last summer. Preston Rogers was baptized at Smith Lake on July 1, 2006, by Jim Kack, Bonners Ferry Church pastor. Robin Kelley was also baptized at Smith Lake on July 22.

Christopher Harlan, Tony Onstott, Josiah McIntosh and Madalynn Kack were baptized on Aug. 25 in the Kootenai River at the Yaak River Campground in Montana.

All six young people are serving as junior deacons and deaconesses for the coming year. •

Karen Drechsel, Bonners Ferry Church communication leader

From left: Christopher Harlan, Tony Onstott, Josiah McIntosh, along with Jim Kack, pastor, and his daughter Madalynn Kack gather for a picture on the shore of the Kootenai River before the baptism Aug. 25.
Spokane Students Celebrate Japanese Culture

**SJA Shares with Japanese Students**

Join us for Bunka no Hi,” Fumihiko Mori, Japanese Cultural Center director at Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute (MFWI) in Spokane invited Spokane Junior Academy (SJA).

Bunka no Hi is a Japanese national culture day, celebrated on Nov. 2 in 2006, at MFWI and by Japanese people around the world.

MFWI, the U.S. campus of Japan’s Mukogawa Women’s University, invited SJA students and three other groups for the celebration.

The Americans joined the 183 Japanese MFWI students and faculty in recognition of culture interwoven with the fall season.

First, students from the four schools dispersed to International Greeting Circles to meet one another. Japanese and American students introduced themselves to each other, followed by conversation about their schools, families, and a variety of interests among them.

Japanese students shared singing, an instrumental performance on the Koto and a traditional dance by the women students. They invited American students to join with them in their performances.


Mori described the importance of learning another language to gain understanding of another culture. As a student, he experienced great interest in Israel as he learned Hebrew.

SJA students relish the cultural opportunities in associating with MFWI students. Exchange students from Korea and the Netherlands were part of the SJA student body last year. And SJA has sponsored mission trips to Peru and Bolivia. “We value such cultural exchanges as we learn about this world created by our Lord Jesus Christ,” said Don Bryan, SJA principal.

David M. Wallace, SJA GLEANER correspondent

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**The Hidden Disability**

**Undetected Vision Problems**

Eight-year-old Brooke passed the 20/20 eye chart test with flying colors—yet she saw letters move around on the page, words and letters disappear, and the print go in and out of focus. When asked if she had ever told her parents or the teacher that this was happening, Brooke replied, “No, I thought books did that to everyone.”

The community was invited to the St. Maries Christian School Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, for a seminar presented by Desi Weber, Chris Hill and Paula Cumpton, vision therapists who work with Dr. Todd Wylie in Spokane. They explained that vision is more than 20/20 eyesight. Nearly 80 percent of what a child perceives, comprehends and remembers depends on the efficiency of the visual system.

Current research indicates that approximately one out of four children and seven out of 10 juvenile delinquents have vision problems, which interfere with their ability to achieve. Many children are programmed for academic failure simply because their visual systems are not sufficiently developed to cope with the demand of reading and writing tasks at the kindergarten and first-grade levels. Ask your child how they see. If any vision problems are detected, maybe your child or student needs to see a specialist—an optometrist with the (ovd) after his/her name.

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For more information, contact Martha George through the school Web site www.stmariesidahochristianschool.com.

Martha George, St. Maries School board chairman
AAA Students Return to Mississippi
To Aid Hurricane Victims

For the second consecutive year, Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) students and sponsors traveled nearly 3,000 miles by bus to bring aid to hurricane victims. Despite the 52-hour drive from Auburn, Wash., to Pearlington, Miss., the students were eager to respond to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Returning to the same town where they had helped gut houses last year, a team of 16 students plus faculty members spent the week of Thanksgiving rebuilding homes. This year, instead of tearing down mold-blackened walls, shoveling rubble from houses, and extracting debris from contaminated water, students and staff put up insulation and drywall, painted interiors, and cleaned yards.

The Mississippi mission trip group was made up of both students who participated last year, as well as others who were inspired to join after hearing stories from their friends.

“This was my first time to Mississippi,” said Shelby Paulsen, sophomore student from Edgewood, Wash. “I went on the trip because I wanted to do more mission work, and I knew I could have Thanksgiving any time.”

In addition to rebuilding homes, students worked at the Pearl Mart, an elementary school gymnasium converted into a food bank. Students organized the clothes, toys and food that had been donated for anyone who needed them.

Traveling to bring aid to the hurricane survivors not only made an impact on the people they helped, but on the students themselves. Vishesh Narula, senior student from Thailand, said, “Going on this trip reminded me that nothing in life is more valuable than relationships. Even when the people lost their own houses, they would still go and help their neighbors.”

“When asked what was the best part of the experience, Narula said, “I really liked being able to witness God to others.”

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Shredded and Burned
Churches Eliminate Debt

It’s a proud moment in a church’s history when a mortgage is paid in full. Two churches in Washington Conference recently celebrated this milestone: Auburn Academy Church and Tacoma South Side Church.

Six years ago, the Auburn Academy Church secured a mortgage to renovate their church facilities. In early November, the church celebrated completing the payments by shredding the mortgage during the church service.

The Tacoma South Side congregation hit an even bigger milestone. They eliminated their debt on their entire church facility. The congregation had worshiped in two other church buildings before constructing their current $1.25 million church building 13 years ago.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, spoke during the Sabbath afternoon mortgage-burning ceremony. A church with a paid-off mortgage, Freedman explained, is now able to pursue more ministry opportunities with the resources previously tied up in payment plans.

“Tacoma South Side is here to spread a message of freedom [from sin] in this community,” Freedman said. “You’ve been set free from debt, not just of finances but also from sin. I challenge you to let this church be a place of freedom and a house of prayer where people can encounter God, break the chains of sin and be set free.”
SAS Auction
School Involves Students, Parents and Community in Fundraiser

What’s the most you have ever spent for a tray of cookies? How about salsa? Would you give $50 for a dish full? How about $550 for a Brazilian dinner?

At the end of October, Skagit Adventist School (SAS) hosted the eighth annual “Light Up A Star” auction. More than 150 community members attended the event, giving of their time and supporting the school while enjoying an evening out.

As auctioneer Kip Toner said, “Where else can you pay $550 for $200 worth of electrical work, and still feel good about it?”

As in years past, SAS teachers have involved their students in making a project that is sold during the live auction. This year the teachers raised more than $5,000 of the auction total ($59,000) through these items. The most popular item was a United States flag that was held by Stephanie Gates’ sixth-grade class, then sent to fly in Iraq with the 351st RAOC. Lisa Dills, second-grade teacher, auctioned off a bedtime story, complete with milk and cookies for the lucky winner.

Photos of the first graduating class of seniors from Skagit Adventist School, cookbooks, memory boxes, clocks and a table runner rounded out the creative donations.

“This is the highest amount ever raised in this portion of the auction,” said Ken Knudsen, principal. For the first time this year students themselves got involved in the fundraising, bringing dollars and coins to school in the weeks leading up to the auction, raising money to update the music department.

“We wouldn’t have been this successful without Jane Fish and Jennifer Coon,” said Knudsen. “They co-chaired the event and brought a level of sophistication and creativity that encouraged people to give, and the school is so grateful.”

Lisa Knudsen, SAS GLEANER correspondent

Empowering the Laity
School of Evangelism Teaches Tools for Soul Winning

People across Washington Conference are accepting the challenge of evangelism, not just abroad, but here at home too. And when the Bible says to preach the gospel to all the world, this is exactly what the Spanish members in Washington Conference plan to do in Western Washington.

Last September, 402 Hispanic church members registered for a School of Evangelism. Since then, participants have attended regular training sessions and weekend rallies conducted by Omar Grieve, Washington Conference Spanish coordinator.

Members enrolled in the school can obtain two different credentials: Bible instructor and lay preacher.

The instruction sessions aren’t all about theory. Part of this program is combined with practical evangelism. By the conclusion of the program, each evangelism student will have given at least three Bible studies and/or an evangelistic meeting.

The goal is to form 100 action groups in the next several months where each group will consist of two Bible instructors, two missionary mailmen and one lay evangelist.

The training period supports the growing momentum toward a lifestyle of evangelism which will lead into an initial special harvest in April.

The teams currently in training will be conducting evangelistic meetings in March with a goal of three to five baptisms per action group.

Omar Grieve, Washington Conference Spanish coordinator

Fund-A-Need raised more than $12,000 for Skagit Adventist Academy’s music program.

Gerry Rowland and Nanette Crowell browse items in the silent auction.
North Creek Invites Community To Hear Mansfield Testimony

North Creek Christian Fellowship (NCCF) northeast of Seattle invited Ken Mansfield in early November to share his testimony with members of the community.

Mansfield is a born-again Christian, former Beatles road manager and former vice president of Apple Music.

Mansfield and his wife, Connie, spent the day at NCCF worshipping with members, sharing in a potluck with the church, then, that evening, giving his testimony.

After sharing his testimony, Mansfield and Ron Preast, NCCF pastor, participated in a question-and-answer session where questions ranged from Yoko Ono to the state of the dead.

In preparation for the event, church members spent countless hours painting, remodeling, re-carpeting and cleaning the church. This marked the first event after fixing up the facilities.

The Sabbath morning lesson study about the flood seemed to be mirrored by the weather of the day. God, however, was showing His church that He controls the weather. When the searchlights were turned on one hour prior to the event, God turned the rain off.

Ken and Connie Mansfield stand with Jeanene and Ron Preast at the conclusion of Ken Mansfield’s testimony. Mansfield is a born-again Christian, former Beatles road manager and former Apple Music executive.

With the searchlights reaching the heavens and comments such as: “I never thought I’d hear ‘A Hard Day’s Night’ in a church,” and “I can’t believe this rain stopped,” NCCF finished a successful community outreach event.

Approximately 175 people attended the event with more than 100 first-time visitors. Additional outreach events to build community internally and externally are planned for 2007.

Aaron Christensen, communication assistant

International Food Fair Raises Funds to Help Complete School Building

The Poulsbo Adventist School combined food and fun during their annual International Food Fair on Oct. 15, 2006. With foods from India, the Philippines, Italy, Honduras and beyond, the hungry guests experienced the world via their taste buds!

In addition, as a part of their Social Studies class, the children prepared foods from the Middle East and decorated their classroom.

This fundraiser brought in $776 as part of an effort to raise $50,000 by the end of 2006 in order to take advantage of matching funds offered by a donor to help finish the new school facility.

Kerry Trethewey, PAS principal

Pathfinders Garrett Wilson and Kelby Carambot help sort the collected food.

Cascade Eagle Pathfinders Collect Food Donations For Thanksgiving and Christmas

The North Cascade Eagles Pathfinder Club, of Burlington, Wash., dropped off empty grocery bags in mid-November to nearby neighborhoods asking for food donations.

The Pathfinders returned to pick up the bags two days later and received 74 bags of donations. This community donation was a significant part of putting together several Thanksgiving food baskets for neighbors in need.

Pathfinder members braved the wet and rainy weather to get this job done and sorted the incredible amount of food. Leaders and Pathfinders alike were amazed by the generosity of the neighbors including some who added a second food bag in addition to the one provided.

The Pathfinders also had the opportunity to help with this project once again in December and assisted in delivering the food baskets just before Christmas.

Becky Rice, Cascade Eagles Pathfinder Club counselor

Gabriella and Amy Morris, of Poulsbo School, serve food from Honduras at their International Food Fair.
Making Connections

Students Meet Alumni Through Annual Phonathon

Nearly every afternoon and evening, students filled the basement of the Havstad Alumni Center last quarter, hoping to connect with Walla Walla College (WWC) alumni. Those 25 students were part of the annual Phonathon, a yearly effort to stay in touch with alumni while raising money for student scholarships and grants.

Approximately 87 percent of WWC students benefit from the money raised during Phonathon. The callers benefit in even more ways: by gaining a better understanding of WWC, improving their communication skills, making new friends among the calling team, and getting to know WWC alumni and friends.

“There is an obvious positive energy created when they work,” says Darius Fleck, a member of the Office of College Advancement at WWC and coordinator of this year’s Phonathon. “The alumni we call help create this energy too. They often share entertaining stories of their experience here at WWC, and many give an encouraging word to the student callers.”

“My favorite calls are the ones to people who went to medical school with my dad or grandpa. It’s fun to hear their stories and to make a connection,” says Kristine Jones, a junior nursing major.

The students, who range from freshmen to seniors and represent majors across campus, agree that the best calls are ones to alumni who are interested in having a conversation or who want to pray with the students—regardless of whether or not they pledge a gift.

By the middle of November, alumni had made more than 1,100 pledges, resulting in $115,852. That’s slightly above the callers’ self-set goal of $115,000.

Fleck is excited, but not surprised, at how quickly the students surpassed their goal. “They’re a really hard-working group. They have experienced great success and have really done a good job at motivating themselves and each other.”

After several hours, however, the calls can begin to blend together, especially when faced with yet another answering machine. That’s when the students find ways to entertain themselves—though often unintentionally. “One night I was leaving a message and I introduced myself, saying that I was from ‘Walla Walla Walla College,’” says Ken Anderson, a freshman speech communication major.

Freshman nursing major Kirstin Schmidt says one of the biggest challenges is dealing with people who are “grumpy or just mean. It’s hard to keep sounding cheerful when you just had somebody hang up on you.”

“But even that challenge becomes a neat experience when we start supporting each other through the tough nights,” adds Saida Mejia, a junior business major.

Overall, the students think the Phonathon was a great success and look forward to reconnecting with each other, and WWC alumni, during next year’s Phonathon. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

The team of Phonathon callers consisted of 25 students. Throughout the quarter those students became friends, sharing the joys and frustrations of the daily calls.
Building on the Foundation of Whole Person Care

More than a century ago Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., launched a legacy from a tiny, six-patient sanitarium. With its Seventh-day Adventist mission, AMC laid the symbolic foundation of whole person care, paving the way for growth that has expanded to a modern multi-building campus, clinic system and imaging center. Today that growth is expressed in the groundbreaking of a new pavilion building and parking structure.

Breaking Ground for the Future

With a special ceremony late last year, AMC broke ground on the project, which attracted local dignitaries, Adventist Health system executives, area physicians and the hospital family. The new four-story pavilion will combine a number of existing and new services in a facility that offers convenient access for patients.

“What’s happening here today wouldn’t be possible without a dedicated leadership team with vision, fortitude and a strong commitment to the mission of this organization and a passion for the community,” said Larry Dodds, Adventist Health senior vice president, at the ceremony. “We take pride in our past and look forward to the promise of our future.”

“This is a great place to care for patients,” said Daniel Crawford, president-elect of AMC’s medical staff. “The building of this new complex will allow us to provide quality, compassionate care in a technically advanced setting.”

Improving Access, Supporting the Community

When completed, the $104 million project will add 181,000 square feet to the hospital campus and a new multi-level parking garage with 440 new parking spaces. Services at the new pavilion will include an expanded emergency department, additional inpatient operating rooms and a new center for cardiovascular services that will provide a one-stop location for diagnosis and treatment. “Adventist Medical Center is expanding what health care should be through this state-of-the-art complex,” said Tom Russell, AMC’s senior vice president in charge of the building project.

“This project is the result of considerable effort in planning for the future needs of our community,” said Deryl Jones, president and CEO of the hospital. “Our goal is to provide improved access for our patients and to create an optimum environment for advanced medical care.”

The Honorable Jeff Merkley, Democratic Leader of the Oregon House of Representatives, participated in the ceremony, remarking that AMC is the largest employer in Portland’s District 47 and its Emergency Department is one of the busiest in the city. “This complex signals a continued commitment to building a healthy community,” said Merkley.

Symbolizing the Mission

At the ceremony, eight symbolic stones were laid to represent the core aspects of the hospital’s mission of demonstrating the human expression of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Attendees were invited to write a word on individual river rocks denoting what health care should be.

“The actual stones will be incorporated into the foundation of the pavilion structure and will be the bedrock from which we will function,” said Jones.

The new pavilion is scheduled to be completed in mid-2009. For the latest information, please visit www.adventisthealthnw.com.

Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent
New Year’s Day a year ago I was in the hospital, recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

I had abdominal pain the whole week between Christmas and New Year’s, not too bad, (I kept working) but bad enough that midweek I went to see the doctor. She told me she thought I might have appendicitis and to go to the emergency room if the pain got worse.

She ordered some labwork and x-rays, and we scheduled a CT scan for 4:45 Saturday afternoon.

I awoke early Friday morning. As I lay there evaluating my pain I decided it was getting worse. When I got up I packed things I would need for a stay at the hospital. Since the pain was still not too bad I went to work, taking my overnight bag with me.

About midafternoon I decided I should not put off going to the emergency room any longer, and that I should not wait for the CT scan until 4:45 the next day.

At the ER they did more lab work. When the doctor came in he was skeptical. “You’re not sick, no nausea, no vomiting, no diarrhea, no fever, even your white blood count is not elevated. You are not doubled over in pain, and, after poking around a bit, “the pain you do have is not even in the right place. No appendicitis here.” He did decide to do a CT scan right then anyway, for which I am very thankful.

The CT scan came back “acute appendicitis.” After consulting with the doctor, the surgeons came into my room. They too were skeptical saying, “Although the CT scan is fairly certain you just don’t have the rest of the symptoms to go along with it. You ought to at least be doubled over in pain. We are considering waiting until tomorrow to make a decision.” They did say it looked like there was “something” on the side of the appendix, maybe a growth of some kind, maybe cancer. And they did decide to go ahead and do surgery anyway, as soon as the one ahead of me was done.

When they got to it they found the appendix rotten, ready to disintegrate, with pus all around it. After removing it they had to flood the abdominal cavity to clean it. They gave me a strong antibiotic intravenously for 24 hours and encouraged me to get up and be active as soon as possible.

Some have said to me, “What a way to begin the New Year.” Yes, what a wonderful way, alive and healing. Praise God!

Many of us go along thinking we’re doing well, at times painfully aware of our shortcomings, but not overly concerned. We may appear to others as spiritually healthy, but when the Holy Spirit searches our hearts and minds, we are full of gangrene. We are caught up in our own little world of work, sports, entertainment, worldly cares, unconcerned about the plight of those about us, willing to put off coming to grips with our diseased condition, spiritually almost dead.

It’s time to go to the emergency room. It’s time to come to God for a heart transplant (Ezekiel 36:26-27). We need Him to really clean out our minds—flood them with new thoughts and desires—until we can say with Jesus, “I must be about my Father’s business” (Luke 2:49). We need Him to implant a zeal in us to encourage our brothers and sisters in the church, and to help others in our plight to find in Jesus the healing they need before it’s too late.

Let’s take strong antibiotics—God’s Word—daily and in-depth. Let’s get the exercise we need in claiming God’s promises, experiencing their fulfillment and sharing them with others so we can say, “Praise God, we are alive and healing!” Let’s not put it off any longer. •

Gloria Treanton writes from Vancouver, Washington
Allen 50th
Mert and Margie Allen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 28, 2006, with a reception hosted by their children at the fellowship hall at Sunnyside Church.

F. Merton Allen married Margie L. Parish on May 28, 1956, in College Place, Wash. Mert sold insurance, then real estate, starting about 1958. He established Mt. Tabor Realty, and then added Mt. Tabor Cruise and Travel in the early 1980s. Margie worked at Adventist Medical Center from 1979-2002.

The Allen family includes Therese Allen of Loma Linda, Calif.; Darilynne Allen of Gresham, Ore.; Terrill and Iovonne Allen of Happy Valley, Ore.; Tisa and Bryan Stitz of Apopka, Fla.; and 4 grandchildren.

Bolton 70th
Earl and Marjorie Bolton celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 13, 2006, quietly at home.

The Bolton family includes Erlene and Raymond Lau of Banning, Calif.; Bob and Rhonda Bolton of Vancouver, Wash.; Alice and Dick Brown of Redlands, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Ringering 50th
Leon and Delores Ringering celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 19 in the church fellowship hall in McMinnville, Ore., by renewing the family pact that they had signed with their children at their 25th wedding anniversary, vowing to meet together with Jesus in the heavenly kingdom. This time their grandchildren all signed the pact with them.

Leon Ringering married Delores J. May Aug. 19, 1956, in McMinnville. Leon graduated from Walla Walla College in 1958 and Potomac University, Takoma Park, Md., in 1960. He pastored in the East Pennsylvania, Indiana, Washington and Alaska conferences. After dropping out of nurses’ training and working as a nurse’s aid to support the family while Leon went through school, Delores has been a homemaker and Leon’s partner in ministry.

The Ringering family includes Pat and Mike Owens of Nome, Alaska; Ken and Chris Ringering of Lacey, Wash.; Stella and Joe Mucha of Surfside Beach, S.C.; and 8 grandchildren.

Smith 50th
Bill and Sue Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family at a beach picnic on Aug. 11 and with their Newburg Church family on Aug. 12.

Bill Smith married Sue McDaniel Aug. 11, 1956, in Bozeman, Mont. Bill graduated from Walla Walla College in 1957 and completed a Master of Theology degree from Potomac University, Takoma Park, Md., in 1958. The couple interned in Yakima and Colfax, Wash., then did mission service in Malacca, Malaya; Sabah, Malaysia; and Irian Jaya, Indonesia. On furloughs Bill worked on another degree at Andrews University.

As director of the Adventist Aviation Center at Andrews’ airport facility for the General Conference, Bill’s work included mission pilot training, mechanical training, approving and renewing all mission pilot licenses, purchasing equipment, and delivering airplanes across the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans to different mission areas.

In 1984 Bill graduated with his Master of Divinity degree. As their children were now grown, Bill and Sue returned to BaliKapan, Indonesia, to serve as mission pilot, evangelist and director of the aviation program for the Far Eastern Division.

In 1986, Bill was constructing airstrips in the jungles of central Borneo when Sue contracted both Dengue fever and St. Louis encephalitis, severe enough to bring them back to America for adequate medical care.

They pastored the Tillamook (Ore.) Church until retirement in September 1997.

The Smith family includes Daniel J. Smith of Arizona; William E. and Hazel Smith of Banning, Calif.; Bob and Marye McInnes of McMinnville, Ore.; and 7 grandchildren.

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ALEXANDER-EVerson — Maria Alexander and Kevin J. Everson were married June 9, 2006, in Rose Lake, Idaho. They are making their home in Caldwell, Idaho. Maria is the daughter of Margaret and Roy Emiley. Kevin is the son of Jon and Carol Everson.

BERGER–OLTMAN — Cassie L. Berger and Joshua P. Oltman were married Sept. 3, 2006, in Hermiston, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Cassie is the daughter of Stanley and Wendy Berger. Joshua is the son of Guy and Paula Oltman.

BOGGS–NELSON — Heidi R. Boggs and Greg S. Nelson were married April 22, 2006, in Anacortes, Wash. They are making their home in Campbell, Calif. Heidi is the daughter of Rae Harbin and Gordon and Mayra Boggs. Greg is the son of Kay and Deane (deceased) Nelson.

BOUCHER–QUAST — Danielle A. Boucher and Douglas B. Quast were married Oct. 29, 2006, in Kauai, Hawaii. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Danielle is the daughter of Edward Boucher and Linda and Michael (deceased) Di’Orio. Douglas is the son of Rick and Linda Quast.

ENGELHART–OLTMAN — Jessica L. Engelhart and Jonas H. Oltman were married July 2, 2006, in Pasco, Wash. They are making their home in Boise, Idaho. Jessica is the daughter of Mark Engelhart (deceased) and Jenny Morse. Jonas is the son of Guy and Paula Oltman.

PARRISH–BLACKBURN — Rachel D. Parrish and Michael A. Blackburn were married May 21, 2006, in Fullbrook, Calif. They are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich. Rachel is the daughter of Maurice and Judy Parrish. Michael is the son of Terry and Pamela (Pflugrad) Blackburn.

STUART–WOLcOTT — Jennifer L. Stuart and Donald James Wolcott III were married July 22, 2006, in Cathlamet, Wash., where they are making their home. Jennifer is the daughter of Linda Lee Stuart. Donald is the son of Donald and Beckie Wolcott.

TORKelsen–KLEven — Analisa Torkelsen and Brian Kleven were married Sept. 22, 2006, in Honolulu, Hawaii. They are making their home in Beaverton, Ore. Analisa is the daughter of Max and Linnea Torkelsen. Brian is the son of Gary and Linda Kleven.

ALLEN — F. Merton, 81; born Aug. 27, 1925, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; died Sept. 26, 2006, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Margie (Parish); son, Terrill, Happy Valley, Ore.; daughters, Therese, Loma Linda, Calif.; Darilyyn, Gresham, Ore.; Tisa Stultz, Apopka, Fla.; brothers, Chester, 100 Mile House, British Columbia, Canada; Bonner, Portland; and 4 grandchildren.


CROSS — Birdie L. (Crane), 80; born April 14, 1926, Alton, Ill.; died Oct. 6, 2006, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: husband, Robert; son, Robert W., Newberg, Ore.; daughter, Judy Fogarty, McMinnville; brother, Donald Crane, Godfrey, Ill.; sisters, Virginia Taylor and Shirley Callahan, both of Godfrey; 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.


LAUMA—Lemasaniai Gaea, 53; born Nov. 22, 1952, Leusoali’i Manu’a, American Samoa; died Oct. 15, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Peggy (Shipley), Hermiston, Ore.; mother, Tutelaio Li, Aunuu Island, American Samoa; brothers, Toetu Lotoa, of Ohio; Futi Lotoa, Long Beach, Calif.; Fiti Lotoa, Las Vegas, Nev.; Faualauli and Toma Lotoa, both of Aunuu Island; Fano Faualauli, San Francisco, Calif.; sisters, Ula and Toma Lotoa, both of Aunuu Island; Fiti Toetu Lotoa, of Ohio; Futi Lotoa, Long Beach, Calif.; Faauliuli, San Francisco, Calif.; husband, D. Keith, Sutherlin, Ore.; son, Dale Lang, Sutherlin; daughter, Glenda (Lang) Villegas, Sutherlin; stepdaughter, Paulette Barber, Roseburg; 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.


MOHR—Marion M., 94; born March 27, 1912, Shaffer, Kan.; died Oct. 21, 2006, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: wife, Greta Jean (Rowland), Portland, Ore.; son, Lyle, Tillamook; daughter, Julene Anderson, Victorville, Calif.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.


TODD—Charles O., 83; born April 4, 1923, Wewoka, Okla.; died July 9, 2006, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Penny (Jewell); sons, Dan, Tucson, Ariz.; Mark, Roseburg; and daughter, Tami Beckett, Bozeman, Mont.


WOLCOTT—Calvin W., 85; born July 15, 1920, Whitebird, Idaho; died April 26, 2006, Cathlamet, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bernace (Gillett); sons, John, Astoria, Ore.; Jim, Sebastian, Fla.; Jerry, Libby, Mont.; Don, Cathlamet; sister, Doris Hoelker, Sparks, Nev.; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings
Jan. 6—Local Church Budget; Jan. 13—Local Conference Advance; Jan. 20—Local Church Budget; Jan. 20–27—NAD/Religious Liberty week.* Special Days

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events
Jan. 3—Instruction begins; Jan. 3–8—ASWCC Week of Worship; Jan. 15—Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Chapel, 11 a.m., College Church; Jan. 24–27—NPUC Choral/Orchestra Festival; Jan. 27—OPS Amateur Hour, 8 p.m., Alumni Gymnasium.

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Central Acres Christian School 50th Anniversary
April 27–29—CACS is celebrating their 50th year of providing quality Christian education to our children. We will be hosting a reunion celebration at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Billings, Mont. All alumni and those who have supported our school are invited to attend. Please RSVP by March 1. For more information, please contact Steve Schaal at (406) 534-2437 or schaakinc@yahoo.com.

OREGON

Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church Activities
Jan. 6—Vespers, 4 p.m., featuring the inspirational gospel music of Mike and Marilyn Bishop; Jan. 13—Vespers, 4 p.m., featuring Jim McDonald, well-known bass singer from the Heritage Singers. Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore., (503) 252-8080.

Hood View Presents
Jan. 13—“Brazil Nature Expedition,” a new travelogue by Neil Pestes, will be shown at 4 p.m. on a large screen at Hood View Church, Boring, Ore. The video will feature the Amazon rainforest, some of the most colorful birds in the world, searching for the nearly extinct hyaenct macaws, the giant river otter, sharp-toothed piranha and the capybara. Also see cayman that inhabit all the inland rivers, the giant anteater and other jungle animals seen by spotlights on night hunts. Admission is free. For more information, contact Lorraine Juberg at jubmor@aol.com.

Oregon SAGE Activities
Jan. 20—Sabbath School, church and potluck at the Seaside Church in the morning, barbershop quartets in the evening; Feb. 18—Annual Valentine luncheon at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Call Wynn at (503) 343-9548 for more information.

Adventist Singles Activity
Jan. 26–28—Big Lake Retreat, sponsored by Beaverton Adventist Singles, Friday afternoon to Sunday after lunch. There is no Singles Conference held at the Big Lake Event this year but there is one building set aside for singles who would like to join the Beaverton Adventist Church at Big Lake. See Web page for more information at www.beavertonsda.com, then to the Singles page. Your check is your reservation and it must be received by Jan. 6. For questions please contact Jane: (503) 504-9243. This will fill up fast so please don’t delay! Please save Feb. 17—Feed the Homeless at City Team Ministries.

Milo Senior Recognition
Jan. 26–27—Parents, relatives and friends are invited to Senior Recognition, Friday at 7:30 for vespers, and all day Sabbath. Salad and dessert potluck on Sabbath with entree, vegetable and tableware provided. Benefit banquet Saturday night. For details, call (541) 825-3200 ext. 3321; 324 Milo Drive, Days Creek, OR 97429.

McMinnville Presents
Jan. 27—Jaime Jorge in concert at the McMinnville Adventist Church, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., at 7:00 p.m.

Columbia Adventist Academy invites all alumni to join us on campus for Alumni Weekend. The graduating classes ending in “7” will be honored, along with the graduating class of 1982. We will also be celebrating the 100th anniversary of CAA’s first graduating class, 1907. For information contact Lara Dowie at (360) 687-3161, ext. 17, or dowila@caaschool.org.

All Nations Center 90th Anniversary
Sept. 7–9—All past and present members are urged to attend The All Nations Center’s 90th anniversary homecoming celebration. Mark your calendars now so you won’t miss out. For more information, please contact the program director at (509) 877-0960 or Mrdansmith@gmail.com, P.O. Box 187, Wapato, WA, 98951, or go to Allnationscenter.com.

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WASHINGTON

Revelation Now
Jan. 12—Revelation Now, an evangelistic series of meetings with Jac and “dena Colon, is coming to Mt. Vernon at the Adventist Church, 4520 E. College Way, Mt. Vernon, Wash., at 7:15 p.m. You are welcome to come, and invite your friends and relatives.

Lacey Church Celebration
Jan. 13—A special homecoming celebration is planned at the Lacey (Wash.) Church, to commemorate 25 years in the present church building. Sabbath School is at 9:30 a.m.; the first pastor of the congregation, David Glenn, will preach at 11 a.m., and a dinner will follow. Pastors Corbett, Glenn, and Quast will present a special program at 2:30 p.m., followed by vespers. For more information and/or directions, phone Jack and Maxine Barnett, (360) 491-3144.

Youth Rally
Jan. 19–20—Teens are invited to attend a youth rally at Auburn Academy Church. The weekend, themed “Embrace His Scars: Life Hurts... But Our Scars Match Up,” will focus on how to deal with the pain, hurt and isolation many teens face today. Seating is limited. Register your group by calling the Washington Conference Youth Department at (253) 681-6008.

Washington SAGE Seniors
Feb. 11—Valentine banquet at La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, featuring the Schurch family singers; March 18–25—Hawaii cruise; April 29–30—Marine biology trip to Anacortes. Contact Joanie at (253) 681-6008 or joan.libby@wc.npuc.org or go to www.sage-washington.com.

Missing Members
The Washington Conference church seeks information regarding the following missing members: Alicia Arellano, Gabriela Arellano, Gonzalo Arellano, Gonzalo Arellano Jr., Maria Arellano, Gloria Arellanos,
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Fairbanks  3:05  3:25  3:48  4:12
Juneau  3:23  3:36  3:50  4:06
Ketchikan  3:32  3:43  3:56  4:10

IDAHO CONFERENCE
Boise  5:23  5:30  5:39  5:48
La Grande  4:24  4:32  4:41  4:51
Pocatello  5:10  5:17  5:26  5:35

MONTANA CONFERENCE
Billings  4:44  4:52  5:01  5:11
Helena  4:55  5:03  5:13  5:23
Missoula  5:02  5:10  5:20  5:30

OREGON CONFERENCE
Coe Bay  4:55  5:03  5:11  5:21
Medford  4:53  5:01  5:09  5:18
Portland  4:42  4:50  4:59  5:08

UPPER COLUMBIA
Pendleton  4:26  4:34  4:43  4:53
Spokane  4:13  4:21  4:31  4:41
Walla Walla  4:22  4:30  4:40  4:50
Yakima  4:29  4:37  4:47  4:57

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Bellingham  4:28  4:37  4:47  4:58
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