More than 700 volunteers helped over the weekend at the ACS DR collection/distribution center in Loveland, Colo., located near the center of the population affected by the recent massive flooding. As of September 22, 15,000 food items have been distributed and 12,000 pieces of clothing have been given out. The center is directed by Rocky Mountain Conference ACS DR Director Kathy Kissner with the help of several ACS DR volunteers who are taking on leadership roles.

Volunteers from the community are also helping. They are partnering with Salvation Army, the Mormon Church and some of the mega churches in the area. Campion Academy students so far have volunteered over 500 hours helping with flood relief in Colo., and the senior boys have helped in putting up freestanding shelving in the center.

They will be collecting through September 29 from the public, but will continue to accept donations from corporations and companies. They are beginning to serve people from nearby Weld County also. Supplies will be taken to Greeley and Estes Park, and they anticipate that Longmont, Jamestown, and Lyons residents will be coming to them. Watch the NAD ACS website and Facebook page for updates and for information on how to donate.

Video Report of Let's Move Day (LMD)

Indy – LMD Indy is one of the “entry events” to lead up to the INDY 2014 evangelism outreach in Indianapolis, Ind., which will be the second in NAD’s "Mission to the Cities" evangelistic project for this quinquennium. Watch the video.

Be sure to send a written description of your LMD, pictures and/or videos, to NADHM@nad.adventist.org. You can also share your LMD pictures on the NAD Health Ministries Facebook page. Please remember to report your miles on the Adventists InStep for Life site. Learn how.

A new initiative for blinded home-coming veterans, "inSight4Vets," has been launched by the Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB) Board of Directors. It is designed to be a "thank you" gift of a digital audio player with a special collection of books and Scripture. "Including noncombat vision loss or loss in earlier conflicts, about 157,000 blind veterans and a million partially sighted vets are spread across our country and we care about every single one of them," stated CRSB President Larry Pitcher. MORE

ADRA Canada, the only ADRA Country office in the NAD, has just finished a multi-year project of moving from Oshawa, Ont. where they were located on the Kingsway College campus, to Toronto, Ont. The dedication ceremony was held on September 9, and attended by approximately 100 people.
James Astleford, Executive Director of ADRA Canada, said, “This move represents a big step for us. Our facility in Newcastle has been renovated to meet the needs of our expanding organization, and we welcome the opportunity that this will afford to improve our operating efficiency and capacity.”  

**Gone but not Forgotten – Norman Matiko**  
Born October 18, 1932 in Struan, Sask., died on September 20.  
Pastor Matiko last worked with the Voice of Prophecy from 1969-1982 as Field Services Director and as Associate Director for the Way Out youth outreach beginning in 1971.  

*MORE*

**Jackson’s Journeys**

Last week I had the privilege of attending the *Let’s Move Rally* in Indianapolis, Ind. A sizeable group of people showed up to run, jog and walk the 5K distance. The crowd was joined by U.S. Olympian, Terry Brahm; Indiana State Representative, Karlee Macer; and Michelle Hoersch, who is the Women’s Health Coordinator for Region Five, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There was a good spirit and people seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The walk was on a beautiful path that followed the canal through the city. The NAD was represented by Debra Brill, Ken Denslow, George Johnson, Katia Reinhert and Dan Weber.  

Dan Jackson, president, North American Division

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**Attention Communicators** - The **Society of Adventist Communicators Convention** will be in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 24-27. There’s still time to **register**.  

**The ONE project - Riverside (Spanish only)** has been moved to Andrews University. **Register** [here](http://www.oneproject.org/register).

**Join the Let’s Move Day (LMD) Webinar.**

**How can technology based education be used to reach everyone?**

- **Oct. 1-3**, [Language Arts Clinic](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Oct. 3**, [Prayer Call](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Oct. 3-16**, GC Annual Council and pre-meetings
- **Oct. 4-5**, [Adventist Recovery Ministries Training](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Oct. 4-6**, Campus Catalyst/ Florida
- **Oct 10**, Miami Pastor’s Intro to Campus Catalyst
- **Oct 11-13**, Campus Catalyst Miami
- **Oct. 18-26**, [Nueva York Impacta](http://www.adventistatlas.com/) (NY13)
- **Oct. 24-26**, [Society of Adventist Communicators Convention](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Oct. 31 - Nov. 6**, NAD Year-end Meeting
- **Nov. 7**, [Prayer Call](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Nov. 8-10**, the **One project gathering/ Andrews University (Spanish only)**
- **Dec. 5**, [Prayer Call](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)

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- **Jan. 9-12**, [NAD Prayer Conference](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Jan. 12-15**, [NAD Ministries Convention](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
- **Jan. 24 - Feb. 2**, [NAD Health Summit](http://www.adventistatlas.com/)
October 15, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET. Learn about the LMD results and get the one million mile goal update, hear reports of activities across the Division and learn of plans for the 2014 LMD. You will have opportunities to ask questions and share your ideas. [Register](#).

**Supplement your health education efforts by sharing** special issues of *Vibrant Life* that were especially created to help target deep needs in your community. The [three newest specials](#) focus on weight loss, mental health, and cancer. Every issue addresses spiritual truths that can open the way to Bible studies and evangelistic meetings. You can get them in bulk at your Adventist Book Center for as little as $1.25 each.

October 6-12 is Health Education Week for the Division. It's an excellent time to introduce your community and members to *Vibrant Life* and the Adventist Lifestyle, and to continue the connections you might have made through the Let's Move Day and Let's Move Week events.

**Did you know that Jesus Christ died, rose and lives to save you?**

**Fundamental Belief video #4 from My Way to Jesus**

**Share on your own website:** Just go to [www.vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow](http://www.vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow) for the entire series and click on the "Share" button in the upper right corner of a specific video for the embed code, to share on social media or email to a friend.

**REACH: Community Outreach and Evangelism**

Every member an active and enthusiastic witness for God using the gifts He has given them to share hope and wholeness

**Elijah Radio WSJL** 88.1 FM Radio in Birmingham, Ala. has a broadcast reach of a half million listeners. The format is all talk, and includes sermons, health, creation science, personal testimonies and family programs. It came into the thoughts and plans of Birmingham First Church members Rose and Luke Rogers, when they prayed, asking God, "What can I do for You?"


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Feb. 7-9, [NAD Campus Ministries Convention](#)

Feb. 10-11, [the One project gathering/ Seattle](#)

Feb 19-23, [Just Claim It 4](#)

Mar. 16-23, [Adventist Community Services Convention](#) (cruise)

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**Remember**, there is a rare low power FM (LPFM) radio filing window being offered by the FCC for churches, schools, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations. The upcoming LPFM filing window is only 15 days long: October 15-29, and is the only one made available since 2001. Click [here](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=84ac041b8b705798057dab6f2&id=024fbe952c&e=3075540be8) to see if there is a radio frequency available in your community.

**Sept. 29 - Oct. 5:** Please pray for the [Maritime Conference](http://www.maritimeconference.org) and its 25 churches with 1,628 members, and the [Newfoundland/Labrador Conference](http://www.nladventist.org) and its 8 churches with 674 members.
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists® : 9-25-13 "Thank You" Gift to Blinded Veterans

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Innovative "Thank You" Gift to Blinded Veterans Uses Sunlight to Share Special Book Collection

September 18, 2013 ... Lincoln, NE [CRN]... InSight4Vets, a unique “Thank You” gift initiative for blinded veterans, was introduced on Tuesday, September 17 by an organization building on a century-plus of innovative service to individuals who can’t see.

“Together we saw a need. It connected perfectly with what we do best. Now it’s our privilege to share this gift with those coming home from military service without sight,” Larry Pitcher, president of Christian Record Services for the Blind, told the CRSB board of directors at their meeting.

Sparked by news reports of the prevalence of eye wounds from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the initiative caps months of research, collaboration, audio production, and planning. Eye trauma – from penetrating wounds and traumatic brain injury (TBI) – has been identified as the second most common injury among active military.1 Serious eye wounds have accumulated at almost twice the rate as wounds requiring amputations.2 Traumatic eye injuries have accounted for upwards of 16 percent of all injuries in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.3

“What could we do about it? . . . something to show we care? . . . something to encourage?” asked Pitcher, then elaborated, “Unfortunately, an unseen wound of war – the inner anguish of sight loss – often becomes greater than the physical injury itself.” Then he explained, “It’s to address these emotional, social, spiritual, and moral injuries that inSight4Vets was developed. Including noncombat vision loss or loss in earlier conflicts, about 157,000 blind veterans and a million partially sighted vets4 are spread across our country and we care about every single one of them.”

Exclusively available to these blinded veterans, at the heart of inSight4Vets is a pocket-size solar audio player pre-loaded with a special collection of books. “The books were chosen for their interest and inspiration. It’s a mix of lighter and heavier reading, to see veterans through perhaps the most difficult season of their lives, adjusting to their ‘new normal,’” Pitcher said. “The audio player’s filled with stories; stories about overcoming during the worst possible circumstances, stories of survival, stories of hope, and stories of transformation.”

“When I received the player, my first reaction was this: Such a small device but so much goodness in it!” says George Haley, blind veteran from Dowagiac, Michigan, and a consultant for the project. “In a small package I can carry with me a great amount of material that’s encouraging, entertaining, educational, and inspiring.” The audio player, smaller than an iPhone, is packed with seven complete audio books, about a hundred hours of listening. It can be charged by the sun or other light source, through USB cable, or with the plug-in charger provided.

“As grateful as we are, and as much as we would like to, we cannot restore sight to veterans who have lost it. But we can give them insight and hope as rays of inner light through this ‘library in your pocket’ player,” comments Chaplain (Colonel) US Army Retired, Dick Stenbakken, whose bestselling book, The Centurion, is included in the player. “This unique initiative will change lives,” he adds.

The “contents list” for the inSight4Vets player also includes Take the Risk by Ben Carson, Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, The Blessing of...
Adversity by the US Senate Chaplain Barry Black, Hope Unseen by Captain Scott Smiley, The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happen to a Good Person by Rabbi Harold Kushner, and No Greater Glory by Dan Kurzman, as well as offering portions of Scripture – the Four Gospels, Psalms, and Proverbs.

“By providing such an important service, Christian Record is contributing to mending a hole in a social safety net by reaching out to a small – yet so very important – group of people,” commented Chaplain (Colonel) US Army Retired, Gary Councell. Christian Record envisions cooperation with a number of organizations whose mission is to serve blind veterans.

Summing up Christian Record’s motivation for developing inSight4Vets, Pitcher states: “All of us benefit from the strength, courage, and talent of those who invested in military service. Many did so at great sacrifice. As an inSight4Vets digital player reaches a blinded veteran, we hope it will bring with it our love, appreciation, and encouragement.”

Initial start-up support for the inSight4Vets project came from individual donors and a Versacare grant. Among co-sponsors of inSight4Vets is the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) in Silver Spring, Maryland. To access more information about inSight4Vets, including how to donate to the project, go to: www.insight4vets.org.

Innovation to meet specific needs has been a hallmark of Christian Record Services for the Blind since 1899. That same year Austin Wilson, a blind man in his early 20’s, took a hand-cranked clothes wringer like his mother used on wash days, then fed through it a hand-embossed metal plate and a sheet of heavy paper to produce the first page of a Braille magazine he titled The Christian Record. Today as one of 10 Braille, large-print, and audio magazines produced by Christian Record for blind and partially sighted readers, it holds the record as the longest continuously produced Braille magazine in the world.

Subsequent innovations include introduction in 1959 of Full-Vision™ children’s books, the first print/braille books meeting the needs of blind parents with sighted children. National Camps for Blind Children, launched in 1967, have provided more than 50,000 campers with outdoor experiences they would otherwise have missed. [by Rajmund Dabrowski with Doris Burdick] [END] George Haley says: “Being blind is inconvenient – but this inSight4Vets pocket player takes away some of the inconvenience. It helps connect me to the rest of the reading world.”

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North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists® : 9-25-13 ADRA Canada Office Dedication Weekend

Guests gathered in the parking lot for the dedication ceremony before the luncheon and tour.

September 9, 2013 marked the culmination of the multi-year process of moving ADRA Canada from its previous office in Oshawa, ON to its new facility in Newcastle, ON. Under a clear blue sky, with perfect weather and beautiful sunshine, approximately 100 people gathered at ADRA Canada’s new office to celebrate the official dedication of the building. With pleasant banter among the guests, inspiring comments from distinguished speakers, and a mouth-watering luncheon served in artful arrangements, the event was by all counts a tremendous success.

Not everything about this process has gone so completely according to plan. ADRA Canada went to considerable lengths to present various proposals to address the challenges of the previous office in a way that would allow ADRA Canada to remain at the Kingsway Campus, but without success. The facility in Newcastle was purchased in June, 2012. Then began the long process of planning, negotiation, renovation, and moving. Anyone who has remodeled their own home, or even moved from one home to another, can probably imagine the level of stress created by the various setbacks and delays encountered.

Finally, this last Monday, ADRA Canada Board members, staff, and invited guests were pleased to dedicate the building and celebrate the completion of the extensive renovation process. Staff and guests gathered in the resurfaced parking lot as ADRA Canada Board members cut the ribbon looped over the balcony railing.

Jonathan Duffy, President of ADRA International, congratulated ADRA Canada on its successful growth in recent years—a time when many other non-profit agencies have been struggling amidst changing donor agendas and a general constricting of budgets.

Also present were many representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, including president Mark Johnson, vice president Daniel Stojanovic, and vice president John Ramsay, who also serve on the ADRA Canada Board of Directors. Debra Brill, ADRA Director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, also congratulated ADRA Canada on its growth. Part of the brief program included the presentation of a certificate from Erin O’Toole, the local Member of Parliament, who applauded ADRA Canada and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for their role in the local and international community.

James Astleford, executive director of ADRA Canada, thanked everyone who had helped make the new facility a reality, including staff members, who, while still carrying the burden of their regular workload, helped guide the project to completion. James was also quick to
thank various professionals and consultants, who provided invaluable expertise.

“The combined efforts of all these individuals have brought this project to completion,” said James. “The result, and this is important for us as a charity and as a ministry of the Adventist church, is a significantly lower occupancy cost than we had previously. And as a bonus we have an improved operational environment.”

ADRA Canada board members and Jonathan Duffy, president of ADRA International, pose in front of the new ADRA Canada office

As part of his closing remarks, James said, “While today we celebrate a building, I want to remind you that it is merely a tool for ministry, for service to the poor around the world.”

The final element of the ceremony was a litany, led by John Ramsay. In thoughtful tones, John led the group in reading:

“This building is not just wood and metal. It is much more than a physical entity. This building is a sacred place because it offers us the space to create something holy: a ministry for people of all ages, all religions, and all backgrounds. This building is our agency’s home. Today we are filled with joy and gratitude as we dedicate our new home to God and to the needs of the wider world.”

Earlier in the weekend, Jonathan Duffy presented an inspiring sermon on the topic of Jesus’ ministry to those in need. Duffy’s sermon was a powerful reminder of our sacred duty to care for those around us. Later that afternoon, the ADRA Canada staff invited local Seventh-day Adventist church members, community members, and the general public to attend an open-house event. With cake and juice in hand, visitors toured the office, met the staff, saw pictures detailing the transformation produced by the building’s renovation and ADRA Canada’s move, and learned more about ADRA Canada’s unique ministry to the poor.

ADRA Canada is so grateful to all of those who have supported, and continue to support, our work of sharing God’s love in practical ways. We appreciate everyone who attended our events this last weekend, and only wish that we could have shared the moment with more of you. We are sending a huge “Thank you” to all our friends and family, donors, Facebook friends, partners, those who have prayed for our work, and anyone who shares our passion to empower the poor. May God bless you richly.

Regardless of our physical location, we are a Canada-wide agency with the goal of providing help to those around the world who may be unable to help themselves. We here at ADRA Canada are blessed with, and grateful to God for, the steady support of compassionate supporters and generous donors from across Canada. We are thankful that you have chosen to partner with us in heeding Christ’s call to minister to “the least of these” (Matt. 25:45).

For more information, please visit www.ada.ca or call 905-446-2372.
Bucs, Florida Hospital join forces to promote healthy living

TAMPA – Positioned inside Florida Hospital Tampa’s center courtyard in a simulated likeness of Tampa Bay Buccaneers’ signature pirate ship, the team’s co-chairman, Bryan Glazer, along with Mike Schultz, president and CEO of the Adventist Health System Florida Region, recently staged a pep rally aimed at tackling major health issues that plague the greater community.

In the company of selected Bucs players, cheerleaders, and an enthusiastic crowd of hospital staff members, the duo announced a first-of-its-kind Florida Hospital/Buccaneer partnership in an all-out blitz to curb the incidence of life-threatening human conditions like diabetes and obesity.

“We all know the best offense is a good defense and in health, the same rules apply,” said Schultz, who oversees Florida Hospital’s 23 facilities across the state.

Glazer concurred.

“We strive to be community champions and it’s obvious the hospital shares that same focus,” he said.

Glazer presented Schultz with a Buccaneer jersey imprinted with the words, “Florida Hospital 1,” and in exchange, Schultz gave him a lab shop coat emblazoned with the Bucs red and pewter logo.

Schultz noted that 12 percent of people in the Tampa area suffer from diabetes, a two percent greater incidence than the statewide average. He also pointed to the fact that one in four residents in the community are obese.

Those statistics alone, he said, are reason enough to do battle to block unhealthy life styles.

Several joint health initiatives are in the works, including a Fitness Challenge in November. Others include a Day of Wellness, A Bucs Dream Youth Program and Bucs Play 60, a Super Bowl-based contest in which one school from the Tampa Bay area will be the recipient of a National Football League grant to be used for programs that promote healthy practices.
The chosen school will also be treated to a visit from the Bucs players.

It’s a promotion that will take place in all 32 NFL markets as well as two communities with no NFL affiliation.

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Adventist Health Recognized for Transparency in Quality

Healthcare Consumers are doing their homework these days. Before selecting a health plan or physician, they are going online to study hospital outcomes and evaluating which hospital provides the safest care. Once they’ve done their research, they are better equipped to make intelligent decisions about who should navigate their care. Adventist Medical Center (AMC) has recently achieved national recognition for providing credible online transparency about quality outcomes.

URAC, an independent organization evaluating health care quality through its accreditation, education and measurement programs and The Leapfrog Group, an organization examining national healthcare standards of safety, quality, and efficiency awarded AMC the Excellence in Hospital Website Transparency Award. The award identifies outstanding hospital websites that promote transparency of quality measures in a manner that is useful and user-friendly for consumers. Hospitals websites were evaluated for communicating patient care results. Criteria included credibility, literacy, connectivity, and design as well as evaluation of the Leapfrog’s Hospital Quality Results.

“We’re transparent with our outcomes because we want to keep the community well informed about the care being provided by our team of 2,000 employees who are committed to make patient safety a priority,” states Carolyn Kozik, RN, director of Quality Resources at Adventist Health. 59% of adults in the United States say they have looked online for health information in the past year. “By viewing our online data, the public can evaluate our ability to prevent complications and re-admissions, while providing safe, timely and appropriate care for their loved ones. Our goal is perfect care, every patient, every time,” continues Kozik.

The hospital believes that consumers should know how they are performing and that by tracking this information they have improved as an organization in establishing processes which lead to better outcomes. It’s all part of the hospital’s continual process improvement plan. To learn more visit AdventistHealthNW.com

About Adventist Medical Center (AMC)

Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. It is ranked in the top 5% of hospitals nationwide for patient safety. Adventist Health Medical Group represents more than 100 primary care and specialty physicians who treat and admit their patients to Adventist Medical Center.

Adventist Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system with nearly 21,000 employees serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 18 hospitals, more than 135 clinics (rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit AdventistHealth.org for more information.

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Southern Named Top Tier Institution By U.S. News & World Report

Southern Adventist University announced a Top Tier ranking by U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges” guide for the 12th consecutive year. In addition to that overall honor, the report also singles out the university’s online Master of Business Administration program as being Top Tier as well.

“Our ranking speaks for the quality of the educational offerings and environment available at Southern,” said Vinita Sauder, vice president for Strategic Initiatives. “We provide superior value through extraordinary professors who mentor students by combining their career trajectory with Christian service.”

Nearly 1,600 institutions are evaluated annually by U.S. News & World Report before results are compiled and released. The magazine’s collection of objective data is used by students and parents to make informed decisions about where to invest in an education. The guide divides colleges are universities into categories based on both geography and the curriculum they offer. Southern earned its honors in the “Regional Colleges” category, which includes schools that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

To view complete ranking, and to learn more about methodology, visit http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges.

In related news, Southern is once again recognized by Princeton Review in their “Best in the Southeast” category, a designation earned by only 25 percent of the institutions studied. Princeton Review is an education services company widely known for its test prep programs and college and graduate school guides.

“We’re pleased to recommend these colleges to users of our site and chose them mainly for their excellent academic programs,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president. “From several hundred schools in each region, we winnowed our list based on data we collected directly from the schools, our visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of college counselors and advisors whose recommendations we invite.”

Southern Adventist University is a private institution run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Founded in 1892, the university is located in Collegedale, Tennessee and currently enrolls more than 3,200 students pursuing a variety of undergraduate and graduate level degrees.
Pioneer evangelists portrayed at Fort Walla Walla Museum

- As of Thursday, September 19, 2013

WALLA WALLA — Pioneer Seventh-day Adventist leaders Augusta Moorehouse and Caroline Maxson Wood will be re-enacted at the Living History portrayal at 2 p.m. Sunday in Fort Walla Walla Museum, 755 Myra Road.

Caroline Maxson Wood came to the Walla Walla Valley by wagon train in 1859 with her husband J. Franklin Wood, her parents Stephen and Lois Maxson, and her three siblings.

Wood is portrayed by Gladys Wentland.

They settled in the Russell Creek area. Stephen Maxson later brought the first piano to the valley via Cape Horn for his musical daughter, who became a teacher in the Walla Walla schools and eventually a music teacher at Walla Walla College.

Wood’s husband served as superintendent of the Walla Walla school district and was one of the first Seventh-day Adventist evangelists in the area.

Moorehouse, portrayed by Cleo Forgey, was a native of Wurtenberg, Germany, who emigrated to the United States at age 9.

In 1861, she, her husband and eight children came to the Walla Walla region as part of the Morgan wagon train, settling on Birch Creek.

She was a pioneer Seventh-day Adventist settler in the Walla Walla Valley and was instrumental in founding the first Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater Adventist churches.

Her son, Major Lee Moorehouse, was a famed photographer of Indians and the West, a lieutenant colonel in the Bannock War, and also served as mayor of Pendleton and Indian agent at the Umatilla Reservation.

Wood and Moorehouse will discuss the life and visions of Ellen White, Seventh-day Adventist prophetess.

Performances are held in the pioneer settlement at Fort Walla Walla Museum.

Visitors are encouraged to question re-enactors about their lives and times.

The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through October.

Admission is free to Fort Walla Walla Museum members, eligible service personnel and their families through the Blue Star Museums program, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute’s Inwai Circle cardholders, enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and all children under 6.

Paid admission is $3 for children 6-12; $6 for seniors 62 and up and students and $7 for adults. Admission fees can be applied to a membership.

Call 509-525-7703, or email info@fortwallawallamuseum.org.
Three former Adventist pastors see jet plane business take off

From left, Jet Mall co-owners Jack DuBosque and Elwyn Owen and president Steve Gifford with a small twin-engine plane ready to be repainted at the company's 52,000-square-foot hanger at Spinks Airport. The three are former pastors in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (Paul Gnadt)

Three former pastors who operate a business at Spinks Airport are amazed by the blessings coming their way from the heavens.

Jack DuBosque, Elwyn Owen and Steve Gifford are former pastors in the Seventh-day Adventist Church who operate Jet Mall, which, in only five years, has become one of the most respected service providers for business aircraft and commercial airlines in the United States.

Operating out of a 52,000 square-foot hangar on the east side of Spinks, Jet Mall recently repainted the exterior and redesigned the interior of a private jet owned by former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and current TV personality Terry Bradshaw, and the Boeing 737 that took off last week was owned by Air Peace, a charter company headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria, Africa.

Air Peace will be bringing 16 more aircraft to Spinks to be repainted and refurbished by Jet Mall. The 52,000 sq.-ft. hanger on the east side of Spinks consists of three separate bays, with one bay dedicated as a painting facility, while the others are used for preparation work and interior installation or maintenance.

The company also has a separate 8,500 square-foot shop for interior fabrication and installation at Spinks. DuBosque and Owen are co-owners and Gifford is company president.

Jet Mall currently provides services for general aviation, business aircraft and commercial airlines. Revenue is generated from aircraft exterior painting and cabin interior refurbishments, cockpit avionics upgrades and light airframe and engine maintenance services performed on site through third-party agreements, Gifford said.

“Jet Mall's mission is to deliver products and services that offer world class quality and as a result, produce repeat customer business,” DuBosque said.

Jet Mall refurbished the interior of this Hawker private jet. (Keene Star/Courtesy Art Humphrey)

The co-owners, each with a lifelong love with aviation, became acquainted while working for the Texas Adventist Conference in Alvarado, DuBosque as an evangelist and Owen as director of building construction, supervising the building of Adventist schools and churches in Texas including the new Joshua Adventist School in Joshua.

Gifford, who served as president of the Texas Adventist Conference from 1994-2004, brings years of administrative and business skills to the job.

DuBosque, who has owned three planes and is a licensed commercial pilot, served as a navigator on an aircraft carrier during an six-year career with the Navy. He also taught navigation to midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

When DuBosque left the Navy, he earned a Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University, the Adventist seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich. and flew as a missionary pilot. He continues to present evangelistic meetings on weekends throughout the U.S., flying his own plane.
out on Thursday night and returning Sunday afternoon.

“For me, the general idea is that Jet Mall supports my evangelistic endeavors,” DuBosque said. “That's why I do this.”

Owens started flying in 1964 while in high school in Loveland, Colo., and was able to amass a lot of hours by ferrying planes for a small-plane dealer in nearby Greeley.

“I got a lot of free hours doing that,” he said. “During my senior year I leased a plane for $7 an hour and continued to build up hours.”

After graduation from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., Owen became a missionary pilot in Central America and bought a plane there. He came back to the U.S. for a while but returned to Brazil as a pilot for the Adventist Church in the Amazon, acquiring a multitude of hours flying low over the Amazon jungle.

“If you have fuel, it's the safest place in the world to fly because there's nothing taller than 1,000 feet for hundreds of miles in any direction,” Owen said.

After leaving work for the Adventist denomination and with their aviation backgrounds, the co-owners decided to start a business that involved airplanes, hoping to obtain military contracts for aircraft maintenance. But that didn't happen.

Instead, business at Jet Mall, the largest employer at Spinks with 50 employees, is taking off through word of mouth among aviation brokers, the middle men who negotiate the sale and purchase of business jets to private individuals and small companies and commercial passenger gets to smaller airlines.

The painting of the 737 for Air Peace becomes a flying billboard for Jet Mall that will attract attention throughout Africa. The broker who arranged for Jet Mall to paint the Air Peace 737 has contracted with Jet Mall for 16 additional commercial aircraft, including more 737s and MD-80s.

The world of business jets includes the smaller, or medium jets, such as those owned by Bradshaw and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, and numerous professional golfers; the larger 737s and MD-80s also used by commercial airlines; and the wide-body jets owned by charter companies and Mideastern sheiks and oil barons.

“It was a broker who knew about the excellent quality work performed by Jet Mall that led Bradshaw to send his jet to us,” DuBosque said.

There are brokers who represent all aspects of airplane work, DuBosque said. “There are brokers for maintenance, for exterior painting and for interior renovations,” he said. “Most private jet owners don't manage their planes. They just fly in them.”

Jet Mall also paints, refurbishes and performs maintenance on helicopters and large drilling rigs gas companies to power fracking operations. Currently in the shop is a drilling rig power plant scheduled for shipment to Brazil.

The former pastors located at Spinks because DuBosque owned a hanger there and had been flying out of Spinks since he arrived in Texas.

“In the current economic environment, Jet Mall is correctly positioned to capture more opportunities as business aircraft operators retain their airplanes longer and plan updates rather than replacing them with new,” Gifford said.
During the recent Vacation Bible School (VBS) program at Birmingham, Alabama, First Church, one of the leaders ran to a nearby grocery store. When she was checking out, the clerk saw her VBS name tag and asked what church she was with. "I'm with the Seventh-day Adventist Church up here on Lorna Road." "Oh!" replied the clerk, "I've been listening to your radio station!"

Elijah Radio began with a prayer in 2005, when Rose Rogers asked God, "What can I do for You?" God made it clear: "Start a radio station."

To Luke and Rose Rogers, members of Birmingham First, this was a new, scary idea. Rose explains, "We didn't know anything about radio! I'm a homeschool mom, and Luke is an engineer." Still, they were convinced that God was leading and encouraging with promises from Psalm 92:4 and Habakkuk 2:2,3.

They began to look into a low-power FM, something small and affordable, but God closed that door and taught them to think bigger. During the next three years they read and heard many mission stories about how God can provide for His Work when His people invest themselves wholly. Luke and Rose began to realize that God might want a full-power radio station to reach as many souls as possible.

Attending the 2008 ASI Convention, they found much-needed mentors at a radio meeting. Then the Rogers felt impressed to give the ministry a name from Malachi 4:5, "Elijah Radio," to prepare individuals for Jesus' soon return. Later that year, God guided the selection of a board of directors, and a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation was formed.

Now they needed a radio station. In 2009, letters of inquiry were sent to Birmingham station owners. One corporation had two large AM stations for sale, and negotiations began for the biggest one. Luke says, "Elijah Radio didn't have the money, but we believed that if God wanted it, He would provide for it." Then the negotiations fell through. "God always sent us the encouragement that we needed," says Rose.

In November 2012, someone offered to give Elijah Radio an FM radio license and a construction permit for Bessemer, on the west side of Birmingham. There were two problems — the license had expired, and the construction permit would expire in two and a half months. The board decided to move forward any way.

Many prayed, and miracles happened. In December, God turned several "No's" into a "Yes" to provide space on a leased tower. In January, even Elijah Radio's FCC lawyer was astonished, when the FCC not only granted the license transfer, but also gave an unheard of extension to the construction permit. After hundreds of hours of work, the new deadline was met with six hours to spare!

Since March 22, 2013, WSJL 88.1 FM has been broadcasting 24/7 to a half million listeners. The format is all talk and includes sermons, health, creation science, personal testimonies, and family programs. Luke and Rose have a vision of the station working closely with all of the area Adventist churches to be a hands-on blessing in the listening community.

Recently, the Elijah Radio board decided to look for a full-time station manager, and plan to renovate a building to add a sound room for creating local radio programs. If you would like to help in any way or get more information, contact info@elijahradio.org.