A Trip Down Memory Lane

On April 21 this year, I had the privilege of attending the Open House for the HMS Richards Library at La Sierra University in Riverside, California. What a thrill it was to take a nostalgic trip down memory lane and visit with long time friends, sit at Elder Richards’ desk, look at the lovingly-cared-for books in his library, and hear the beautiful music of Del Delker and the Kings Heralds. Ralph Pueshel (pictured with me standing next to a giant photograph of “the Chief”) was instrumental in putting the library together and arranging the Open House. The Richards Library is located beneath the Dining Commons of the University and is a wonderful resource center for ministerial students.

I had a lovely visit with Walt Cason, son-in-law of Elder Richards. We reminisced about the 100th birthday party for Mabel Richards in 1999. It was the last event I had taken both my parents, George and Nellie Vandeman, to and it had been the last time I had talked with Walt who attended the birthday party with his wife, the late Virginia (Ge Ge) Cason – daughter of HMS and Mabel Richards. We talked about our two families and the Richards-Vandeman connection over the years. So many friends, so many memories.

I can’t help but think of the countless millions who heard about Jesus through the ministry of HMS Richards – the Voice of Prophecy. What a blessing to have the HMS Richards Library to pay tribute to his life and legacy. Next time you’d like a trip down memory lane, stop by La Sierra University and visit the HMS Richards Library. You’ll be glad you did!

– Connie Vandeman Jeffery

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —
Searching for Certainty

In 2010 we had a very special guest in our Voice of Prophecy radio studios. Mark Finley, well-known as a leading evangelist, joined us for just two days. But in those two days we produced forty-five fifteen-minute programs in a series called “The Search for Certainty.”

Fred Kinsey played host on these programs, and would get Mark started talking about a topic, then let Mark take over.

The amazing thing is that in those forty-five programs Pastor Finley covered the vast majority of topics that he would handle in an entire evangelistic series.

These programs will air again in 2012, on the daily Voice of Prophecy broadcast (Monday through Friday), beginning May 21 and continuing through July 20. Each day listeners will be invited to enroll in the “Search for Certainty” Bible course. We trust that, as happened when the programs ran in 2010, many people will become interested in Bible study and want to enroll.

VOP On YouTube

Over Mother’s Day Weekend a one-minute nature and motherhood-focused video on the Voice of Prophecy YouTube channel had more than 1000 views, and the number is still increasing as people view it and share it. The video is the first in a series of spots designed to bless our viewers as well as draw them to the Voice of Prophecy page (vop.com) for further inspiration. Each video will share a biblical text or thought. Please pray for this new initiative, and if you haven’t already, be sure to view the video and share it with your friends. You’ll find it at: YouTube.com/VoiceOfProphecy

If you subscribe to the VOP channel at YouTube, you will be notified whenever a new video of any type is posted.

The spot-ministry videos are being produced by Ken Wade, head of our Program Department, who is an avid nature photographer and videographer. During the Reach Alaska event, some of the material will no doubt originate in Alaska.
**Revive Series in Anchorage**

The nine-meeting event begins on June 9. That’s less than a month away. If you can’t be present for the live event in Alaska, plan to view at home or church – via satellite downlink, online, on your mobile device, or with the Roku set-top box – or listen on LifeTalk Radio. Find all the details and times at [www.vop.com/alaska](http://www.vop.com/alaska). Why not invite some friends over to watch with you? The website includes a flyer, handbill, and posters you can use to share information about “Experiencing God – Finding Peace in a World in Turmoil.” Presenters include Dwight Nelson, Randy Roberts, Carlton Byrd, Ron Halvorsen, and other well-known speakers.

**VisionBuilders 2012**

Our only VisionBuilders Weekend this year will be in Anchorage, June 8-9. It’s not too late to plan to be there. Phone Rose Cabello at 805-955-7763 for details or visit [www.vop.com/visionbuilders](http://www.vop.com/visionbuilders). You can also watch at home. The Friday evening program, featuring Dwight Nelson, will be live on Hope Channel (DirecTV Channel 368) and online at [www.theadventistchannel.org](http://www.theadventistchannel.org) at 8 p.m. (all times in this item are PDT). It will air by tape delay on Hope Church Channel on Saturday at your choice of 2 p.m., 3 p.m., or 4 p.m. The Saturday morning meeting for VisionBuilders in Anchorage will be the Discover Bible School Graduation, when area students of VOP courses will receive diplomas or recognition of their progress in the lessons. Exciting video reports from other parts of Alaska are also scheduled. You can view the graduation service at home on either Hope Channel or Hope Church Channel at 10 a.m. This program will be repeated on Hope Church Channel at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. and will be online at [www.theadventistchannel.org](http://www.theadventistchannel.org) at 1 p.m.

**Family Reunion Concert**

This event is a production of AMP Studios, but VOP is pleased to invite you to attend – live in Anchorage on Saturday afternoon, June 9, or at your home or church a week later on Saturday, June 16. For the latter, the time is 2-5 p.m. (PDT). You can view on Hope Church Channel, online at The Adventist Channel, on your mobile device, or with the Roku set-top box. The first hour of the concert will be available in October on a new DVD and CD “How Big Is God.” You can preorder either the DVD or CD when you give $25 or more at [www.vop.com/annual](http://www.vop.com/annual).
Search for Certainty Bible Course and CDs
You can share “Search for Certainty” (see second item in this newsletter) by purchasing the set of 30 doctrinal studies by Mark Finley or the set of 9 CDs that include his 45 radio broadcasts for VOP. The Bible course is $8.99/set (plus shipping) and the set of CDs is $29.95 (postpaid in North America). To order, visit www.vop.com/store, then click on Bible Study and scroll down to the products.

Amazing Longevity!
Could it be true that something as simple as having a will can help you live longer? Well, here’s some interesting information we came upon recently:

According to Professor Adrian Sargeant, a well-known expert on philanthropy, someone without a will dies on average at age 69. A person with a will averages 79, and those who have a will and leave a legacy to charity average 82 years (See chart below).

Maybe it’s more an effect than a cause—taking the time to establish a legacy may be a characteristic of people who take better care of themselves all through life.

Are you taking good care of yourself—and your favorite charities—in your plans for the future? Now is a great time to sign a new or updated Will and leave a charitable bequest to the mission of Voice of Prophecy. A charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount, gift specific property, or designate a percentage of your estate in your will. If you wish to make a gift of your IRA or 401(k) plan, this can usually be done by filling out a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator. You can call 805-955-7624 or email us here to learn how you can leave a legacy to Voice of Prophecy through your Will.
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