It was Sabbath afternoon, March 12 and the Sunnyside Church was filled to near capacity with Walla Walla University alumni, former students, and faculty, Sunnyside members and friends of Drs. West and Dickinson. The expectation was that once more every person who had ever heard these two men during an Evensong in the University Church at Walla Walla College (now University) (WWU) would be able to relive that special experience once again. No one left disappointed and everyone left feeling something special had just taken place. It was a time to worship, to remember, to reflect, to be quiet, and to appreciate words and music that were shared in harmony with one another and with the closing of another Sabbath day.

It all began the winter of 1963 when University Church’s organ arrived and was installed. It was an extraordinary item of curiosity for people who had never experienced the wonders of an instrument of that size. Dr. Melvin West, organist and Music Department Chairman, decided right away that he wanted to provide people with exposure to the instrument. He and his neighbor, Dr. Loren Dickinson, a faculty member in speech and communication, collaborated on putting together a program for Sabbath evenings – Evensong.

Dr. West chose a variety of music with the theme song being “Solemn Melody” by Walford Davies. The organ music was separated by selections read by Dr. Dickinson from poetry and prose that were

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**CONFessions of a CAMP HATER**
How one summer of camp changed the life of a counselor in a way she never expected.

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A very special book made a gift of inestimable value for the one who received it. Learn the story behind this precious gift.

**USA TODAY Publishes Story**
Recently, USA Today published a story on the membership rise of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Read more on...

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Bits of news from around the conference and around the world that we thought you might find interesting.
**FINAL EVENSONG**

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some of his favorite gems of literature. His selections were based on the nature and character of each piece Dr. West played. Every program began with the same theme song and at a particular point during the music Dr. Dickinson would begin by saying “This is Evensong.” If you attended Walla Walla College at any point between 1963 and 1977, you could once again hear the familiar words on March 12, 2011, while Dr. West played the familiar theme song.

At nearly every Evensong there was a vocal or instrumental solo. The Evensong programs happened on Sabbath evening, beginning 30 minutes before sunset and concluding 30 minutes after sunset. The programs continued until 1977 when Dr. West left Walla Walla for Kettering, Ohio. The two professors have continued to do occasional Evensong programs at Walla Walla and other locations in the Pacific Northwest, as opportunities have presented themselves.

On Sabbath, March 12, 2011, Dr. West performed a variety of music including works by J. S. Bach and an improvisation on “Come, Come, Ye Saints” which he did in the first Evensong in 1963. Dr. Dickinson read selections he chose in line with Dr. West’s organ music. One very special piece played by the pianist, Lynn Rognsvuo, a Portland resident, along with Ann van Bever on the English horn and Janet Bebb, playing the flute was a movement from Concerto in G Minor by Maurice Ravel. The congregation also participated in the service by singing “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.”

Evensong has been, and continues to be an important part of spiritual life at Walla Walla University. It is the kind of experience that allows an individual the opportunity to worship God in their own mind and to have that experience enhanced by music and spoken word. At the end of Sabbath, an unhurried, reflective time. It is a time for peace and quiet. Students attending WWU frequently comment that Evensong is an event that they don’t want to miss.

**CONFessions of a SUMMER CAMP HATER**

Big confession: I hated summer camp as a child. As an Adventist young adult, it feels sacrilegious to admit that out loud — but it’s true. I hated walking in lines, the high, sing-songy-voice of our camp counselor, the lack of personal time (yes, I was 12 and needed personal time), the girls in my cabin who wore lipstick to campfire, and the plastic mattress-cover that stuck to my face at night. And now, as the Big Lake Office Manager, it feels like an even bigger abomination that part of my job description is to try to convince kids to come to camp while I secretly lick my wounds from well over 15 years ago. But, the truth is — camp did change my life. It just changed my life in ways I didn’t expect.

I was 17 years old when I started working at Big Lake and this is what I expected my summer to look like: make friends, get a tan, maybe a boyfriend, and have some meaningful, mountain-top experiences with God. Instead, I worked in the kitchen, gained 10 pounds, was on the WORST softball team ever (Go Whitesocks!), and started having some serious doubts that God cared for me.

The summer that changed my life was my 2nd summer. I was hired as a girl’s counselor, along with my best friend Stacey and I was sure it was finally going to be the BEST summer ever. Things were fantastic until mid-July when my parents drove up to camp to tell me they were getting a divorce. I was devastated and heartbroken by the news and didn’t know whether I should stay at camp or go home. Ultimately, I decided to stay on and finish out the summer — and it was the best decision I ever made. In those last few weeks of camp, I was given a glimpse of the character of God. Staff members showed up at my cabin door every morning, took my hand, and helped me get through the day hour-by-hour, sometimes minute-by-minute. People shared their own stories of broken families and offered me small glimpses of hope and light at the end of the tunnel. Darla and Monte Torkelsen checked up on me constantly, making sure I was okay.

And God finally showed up. Or, maybe I showed up for God. I finally got my mountain top experience. It was more like a sinkhole of despair — but the outcome was the same. I knew viscerally and sincerely that God had his hand on the small of my back and was guiding me along the way. I remember sitting on the floor in cabin 31, crying into a Kleenex box, and being aware that while I was really sad, I was also filled with great hope and peace about my life.

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Big Lake changed my life — and not in any way I expected. And maybe that’s why at 28 and 11 years into my Big Lake career, I can honestly say I believe in camp. I believe it’s good and important for kids to go to camp and have an adventure that is all their own. I also believe it’s good and important for the staff — who, like me — show up expecting one thing, and get something totally different, totally unexpected, and totally life changing.

— Jillany Wellman
Members Encouraged to Help ADRA Japan Relief

Adventists throughout the Northwest are urged to offer immediate support for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) efforts in earthquake/tsunami-stricken Japan, by texting or one of the additional methods listed here:

• On your mobile device, text SUPPORT to 85944 to make an immediate $10 donation
• Donate online at www.adra.org
• Donate by calling 1-800-424-ADRA
• Send your check for “Japan Relief” made payable to ADRA to: ADRA International 12501 Old Columbia Pike Silver Spring, MD 20904
• Place a donation in your local church offering envelope and mark it “Japan Relief”

ADRA continues to respond to the devastating tsunami that was triggered by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake that shook Japan on Friday, March 11.

Stay in touch as relief efforts progress by visiting www.ADRA.org.

USA TODAY RELEASES STORY ABOUT ADVENTISTS

Since the National Council of Churches released their 2011 Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches last month citing that membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church (in North American Division territory) has experienced a 4.31 percent growth since 2008, various reporters have been publishing stories reflecting the growth rate and quoting NAD leadership. On Friday, March 18, USA Today released a story titled "Adventists’ back-to-basics faith is fastest growing U.S. church." To read the story visit: http://usat.ly/dWOO7n. Please be sure to share this story with others.

Financially, 2010 was a miraculous year. Tithe was nearly $800,000 higher than in 2009. God knew we needed that vote of confidence. Not only was tithe up, but our expenses were down – significantly down – and I truly believe the only explanation for such a dramatic change was God working on our behalf.

As I would watch each month to see what tithe was and take note of special gifts we received, I was amazed at the faithfulness of God’s people. I knew there were stories of sacrifice associated with many of the dollars that came in. Some of our members had lost jobs or experienced pay cuts and yet, they were still faithfully returning their tithe and offerings. And yes, I felt a sacredness as I thought about that and knew that God was near. The value of the gifts received was far more than their face value dollar wise – they were of inestimable value because they were given in love, sacrificially.

Know that I will cherish the memory of your faithfulness and God’s goodness radiating through you for a long time. What a precious gift you gave me last year!

Not Just Any Gift

By Jon Corder

Today a dear friend gave me a gift. Not just any gift. The gift was an old book but not just any old book. It was an old book that was cherished greatly by my friend and was autographed by the author. And the author wasn’t just any old author either. The book was an original copy of Christ Object Lessons autographed by Ellen G. White!

The book had been delivered to me by someone else and as I stood there holding it in my hands I was overwhelmed. Overwhelmed because I knew how precious that book was to my friend and what they had sacrificed by giving it to me. They had told me some time ago, when they first showed it to me, that they would never part with it. I knew they were telling the truth.

I also felt as if I was holding something sacred in my hands and I sensed the very presence of God in my office right then. Could I even accept it because of how precious their gift was? Yes, I would accept it and cherish it. And it would have an inestimable value because of how dear I knew it was to them.
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birthing the successful model for ShareHim. 
LA SIERRA ACKNOWLEDGES ISSUES WITH ORIGINS
In a March 9 open letter welcomed by many Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders
members across North America, La Sierra University acknowledged serious prob
les in its teaching of origins over the last several years. The university apologized for
not having adequately communicated Seventh-day Adventist beliefs about creation
ism to its students. "We found that only 50 percent of the students surveyed agreed or
strongly agreed that our Adventist view of creation was presented, and only 40
percent agreed or strongly agreed that our Adventist view was supported," Randall
Wisbey, president, and Ricardo Graham, board chairman, write in the open letter.
The letter accompanied the release of a board-approved report on the controversy
that has focused on the Riverside, Calif., campus for nearly two years. "This is not
acceptable, and we apologize," the two leaders added.

EXTREMISTS DESTROY ETHIOPIAN CHURCHES
Adventist News Network reports that at least 30 Protestant churches in western Ethi
opia, among them seven Seventh-day Adventist houses of worship, have been burned
in a series of attacks by religious extremists from the region. Unrest was first reported
on March 2 and has since killed at least one Christian, wounded several others,
left personal property destroyed and displaced thousands of Christians. Preliminary
reports indicate dozens of Adventist homes were burned alongside the churches,
members were robbed and food and farm animals were destroyed during the attacks.
Church officials in central Ethiopia estimate a total loss of more than US$300,000
in church property, including burned tithes and offerings. Approximately 170,000
Adventists worship in more than 800 churches across the country.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY AND
ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE VOTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
On March 9, the Trustees of Washington Adventist University (WAU) voted a
Memorandum of Understanding with Atlantic Union College (AUC). This MOU calls
for the two institutions to work toward an agreement to establish a branch
campus of Washington Adventist University at Atlantic Union College in South
Lancaster, Massachusetts. WAU would lease the facilities of AUC, and become
the sole provider of higher education at the New England location. All provisions
are dependent upon approval from the required accrediting and regulatory agencies.

AWR EXPANDS ITS COVERAGE
Adventist World Radio (AWR) has added a new delivery system that enables all
of its shortwave radio programs to be automatically repurposed as Internet podcasts.
Now listeners can access AWR’s programs in their native languages in any corner of
the world where there is Internet service. "AWR is reaching a digital continent of
immigrant people," says Marvin King, AWR web manager.

PREST CONSIDERS IDAHO CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY
In a vote taken Sunday, March 27, the Idaho Conference executive committee
elected David Prest Jr. for the position of conference president. Prest currently directs
the Montana Conference church ministries, ministerial and trust service departments.
He plans to travel to Boise with his family for a visit with Idaho Conference personnel
this weekend and hopes to announce a decision soon after. Keep the Prest family in
your prayers as they ponder this new opportunity for service.

INVESTIGATION CLEARS ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER OF WRONG-DOING
Adventist Medical Center in Portland was found in full compliance with the Emer
gency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act by the Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services (CMS), which discovered no deficiencies. U.S. Representative
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Investigation cleared Adventist Medical Center of wrongdoing.

NOTE WORTHY...

JON CORDE R TO FILL POSITION AT NPUC
Jon Corder will step into the position of Treasurer for the Association at the North
Pacific Union Headquarters (NPUC) beginning in April. He has held the position of
VP of Finance at the Oregon Conference since March of 2008. His wife, Cheri, will
continue in her role in the Member Ministries department of the Oregon Conference.

KIMBERLEY SCHROEDER ELECTED AS NPUC TRUST SERVICES DIRECTOR
As a result of an affirmative vote by the North Pacific Union Conference executive
committee on March 2, Kimberley Schroeder is the new NPUC trust services direc
tor. She replaces Gary Dodge who now fills a similar role for the General Conference.
Schroeder, who has held trust services certification from the General Conference since
1990, has served as the NPUC Association assistant treasurer since 2002. She has
held various positions connected with treasury and trust departments for the Oregon
and Alaska conferences.

DON GRAY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS IMPACT ON CHURCH MINISTRY
Longtime champion of Adventist evangelism, Don Gray, was honored during the
March 2 North Pacific Union Conference executive committee session. Max
Torkelsen, NPUC president, and Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, pre
sented an engraved plaque to Gray in recognition of his "innovative leadership, pas
sion for new media and legacy of evangelistic ideas and success." Don and his wife,
Marge, began their pastoral ministry in 1946 in a five-church district in Oregon.
They served in Oregon, Upper Columbia and Idaho for years. He finished his official
pastoral career in Michigan in 1988. Since then, Gray has been active in retirement,
helping create the New Beginnings DVD program distributed in 40 languages and
birthing the successful model for ShareHim.

ADRA INTERNATIONAL TO REDUCE STAFF
Confronted by a decline in current and projected revenue from public sources, the
ADRA International administrative committee has decided to reduce the workforce
at its international headquarters by 20 percent and has undertaken corporate wide
restructuring. This difficult decision to reduce the number of professional, dedicated
ADRA staff came after a close review of the agency’s current and projected financial
situation. These projections indicated that expenses, if not modified, would exceed
the budget allocation for administrative costs. All departments have been affected by
the reduction in staff. In total, 17 positions were eliminated and transition packages
were offered to exiting employees.

"BLUE ZONES" ICON DIES AT 106
Marge Jetton, a retired nurse who garnered national attention for her longevity and
healthy lifestyle, died February 15 in Loma Linda. She was 106. Jetton drew wide
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Geographic article and subsequent book about "blue zones" where people live longer
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For additional news visit www.OregonConference.org/news_entries
CAMP SAFARI
When: June 20 - July 29
Location: Hood View Church
Camp Safari at Hood View Church this summer! - Hood View church is sponsoring week-long summer day-camps for ages 6-12 from June 20 to July 29! Enjoy praising God & exciting adventures like BMX biking, wakeboarding, drama, crafts, swimming, model rocketry, basketball, golf, tie-dye and much more! Only $150 per week from 8:30am-4:30pm. Before and after care is also available. Sign up by April 15 for a 10% discount on registration fee. For more details go to www.campsafarinw.org or call 503-663-5611.

MINISTRYFEST SOUTH
When: April 9, 3:00 PM
Location: Grants Pass Adventist School
Have you asked, “What can my church do to reach out to others? What can I do?” This is your opportunity! On April 9, come to MinistryFest South at Grants Pass Adventist School. See live demonstrations, review program materials, and ask questions as you visit dozens of interactive ministry displays and booths. Be sure to enter the drawings, experience the InfoBlitzes, and pick up lots of free resources and handouts. After sundown visit the Adventist Book Center and enjoy veggie hot dogs, salad, brownies and a great Saturday night social. Doors open at 3:00pm. Free childcare for ages 0-9!

MEMBER MINISTRIES TRAININGS
When: April 10, 9:00 AM
Location: Grants Pass Adventist School
In conjunction with MinistryFest South, six training tracks will be offered Sunday, April 10, at the Grants Pass Adventist School. They are: “Love and Logic” parenting curriculum with Wayne Westland 9:00am; Intro to Wellness Coaching with Bryce Pascoe 9:00am; Full Plate Diet group facilitator training with Dr. Diana Fleming 9:00am; “Make a Splash in Your Community” with Chuck Burkeen 9:00am; ACS Disaster Response Donations Operations Certification, $35, 9:00am and Chainsaw Ministries, $5, 1:00pm with Sam Pellicer and Dan Patchin. For more info visit www.oregonconference.org or call 503-850-3555.

REVEALING REVELATION
When: March 26 - April 23
Location: Vancouver Community Adventist Church
Don’t miss this exciting event with Richard Halversen beginning March 26! It’s going to be a full church and you too can learn about Revelation at this special event designed for busy people! Visit http://bit.ly/eFp.lhT for more information.

RESCUE CONCERT
When: April 9, 7:00 pm
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
Rescue - Lifting His Name in Harmony, Saturday, April 2, 7:00pm at Sunnyside Church. Sunnyside Church is located at 10501 SE Market St. Portland. Email info@sunnyside-sda.org for more information.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD
When: April 29 & 30
Location: Holden Convention Center, Gladstone, OR
Psalms 46:10 will be presented by Pastor Lori (Farr) Whitted, from the Ohio Conference. Pastor Lori has a talent to empower God’s people to be disciples and to “Love Won Another”. We are excited that she will be able to come to the northwest on April 29 & 30 at the Holden Convention Center. This will be a treat for everyone that can attend. The fee is $20/person all inclusive. For reservations please contact Linda Hill 971-244-2397 or email hillsarealive@comcast.net.

LINCOLN STEED SPEAKING LOCALLY
When: April 16, 9:10 AM & 11:40 AM
Location: Pleasant Valley Adventist Church
Lincoln Steed, editor of Liberty Magazine, will be the speaker at Pleasant Valley Adventist Church on April 16, at 9:10am and at 11:40am. You are invited to participate in the potluck that will follow the 11:40am service and stay for his presentation at 2:00pm. Liberty is a religious journal that is circulated to nearly 200,000 readers internationally. Pleasant Valley is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave., Happy Valley, Ore. Call 503-658-2248 for more information.

DELIGHT IN HIS WORD SEMINAR
When: April 29-30, 2011
Location: Rockwood Adventist Church
Are you looking for a more rewarding Bible studying experience? Would you like to know how to hear God speak through His Word? Then this practical seminar is for you! Friday, 7:00pm - “Getting the Most Out of Your Bible Study” Sabbath School 9:30am - “Trusting the Word” Church Service 10:55am - “Word of God Speak” Sabbath 2:00pm - “Trusting the Translations” Visit http://bit.ly/sapkAF for more information.

THE LAST SUPPER: A LIVING TABLEAU
When: April 23, 7:00 PM
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
Leonardo da Vinci’s magnificent fresco in the dining hall of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan portrays the dramatic moment during the Passover supper when Jesus tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. In “The Last Supper: A Living Tableau” each disciple, in turn, steps out of the scene to tell the world how he feels about Christ’s shocking revelation. Plan to attend this free special event, Sabbath, April 23 at 7:00pm at the Sunnyside Church, Portland.

SWEET HOME MINI-MISSION TRIP
When: April 29-May 1, 2011
Location: Sweet Home, Ore.
The Sweet Home Adventist Church, along with members from our sister Adventist churches will partner to help meet the needs in the Sweet Home community on April 29 - May 1. Plans are underway. We will be providing selective free medical services, a military honor board, a free vegetarian banquet, a country gospel concert and do as many things in our community as possible to make an impact for our town. If you can help contact Tawny at 541-367-4485 or 541-401-2521. Small things can make a big difference! Help us impact Sweet Home in a way that will increase the population of Heaven. We can’t do it without you!
OAMC JOINS ACADEMIES FOR CONCERT
When: April 30, 4:30 PM
Location: Vancouver Community Adventist Church
Don’t miss it! Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus will join the young men of the northwest Adventist academies for a special concert, Sabbath, April 30th at 4:30pm at the Vancouver Community Adventist Church. This is a free concert, no tickets needed. The church is located at 9711 NE St Johns Rd., Vancouver, Wash.

NAD EDUCATION WEBINARS
When: April & May, 2011
Location: Your Computer
Two exciting and useful webinar series have been designed for Seventh-day Adventist Educators, the Pathways Series and the Technology Series. The Pathways Series (held the first Tuesday of each month, through April, 7-8pm EST) focuses specifically on different components of the Pathways program. The upcoming topics are multi-grade 5-8 Strategies, Principles of Classroom Assessment, and Literacy Records/Progress Reports. The Technology Series (held the third Thursday of each month, through May, 7-8pm EST) features a variety of topics of interest to educators with all levels of technological expertise including topics such as Visual Thesaurus, Marketing Your School’s Website features, and more. Visit www.nadeducation.org/tdec for more.

FULL PLATE DIET CLASS
When: April 4, 6:30 PM
Location: Riverside Adventist Church
It’s not too late to join the bigger and better than ever Full Plate Diet class! Program begins at 6:30pm for a half hour of cooking demos, delicious high-fiber food samples and success secrets for battling fat and becoming healthier. Class runs from 7:00-8:00pm. Class fees are $32 a person, $84 per couple, $12 for alumni. Friends and neighbors are welcome too. Call 360-835-3114 or email Riverside-SDA@juno.com right away. Class size is limited and begins April 4 and runs through May 23. Riverside Adventist Church is located at 463 N Shepherd Rd, Washougal, Wash.

WINGS OF SONG EASTER CANTATA
When: April 16, 4:00 PM
Location: Vancouver Community Adventist Church
The Wings of Song Concert Series presents an Easter Cantata - “No More Night”, Sabbath, April 16, at 4:00 pm at the Vancouver Adventist Church. The concert will feature groups including: Belle Cantori, His Praise, and the Portland Adventist String Orchestra. The Vancouver Community Adventist Church is located at 9711 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, Wash.

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Subscribe to NAD NewsPoints, your official North American Division news source for ministry stories, breaking news, announcements, evangelism news, resources, and video devotionals. Learn more or sign up at http://bit.ly/suQMPZ.

FULL PLATE DIET CLASSES
When: April 10, 2011
Location: Grants Pass & Portland
Teach people how to eat more and still lose weight using The Full Plate Diet. With so many people in our culture wanting to lose weight, this is a timely, inexpensive community outreach and health ministry. Groups meet for one hour per week for eight weeks. It’s an easy ministry to facilitate -- YOU could do it! The two-hour group facilitator training will be done by Dr. Diana Fleming, one of the FPD authors. The only cost for the training is for the facilitator kit: $49 per group or church (reduced from $60). Space is limited to 25 groups or churches - each group or church may bring multiple people. There are two class options on Sunday, April 10 - choose from:
• S. Oregon, Grants Pass Church: 9:00 - 11:00am
• Portland area, Sunnyside Church: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

For more info, or to reserve your group’s spot, please call or email Linda Schrader at 503-850-3555 or linda.schrader@oc.npuc.org.

SOUTHERN OREGON WOMEN’S RETREAT
When: June 3-5, 2011
Location: Milo Adventist Academy
Our speaker will be Tawny Sportman. Her presentation is called “Out of the Pit, Onto the Rock, Singing a Song”. Depression, discouragement, despair, hopelessness, and pain is the pit, but God is ready to reach down and lift you out! There will also be 3 workshops, all different presenters. Contact Nancy at nlhkeb@arrtech.com with your mailing information and a registration form will be sent to you.

FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY
When: September 7-10, 2011
Location: Dallas, Tex.
Are you looking for training for your church’s officers and ministry leaders? Come to Festival of the Laity in Dallas, Texas Sept. 7-10 for ministry training, networking opportunities, personal testimonies, and powerful preaching that will strengthen your ministry team. More than 50 seminar tracks will cover all of your church’s ministries, including discipleship, prayer ministries, music and worship, and more. Featured speakers include Ted N.C. Wilson, Dan Jackson, and Mark Finley. Register by July 26 for the early-bird rate of $199 per person. Visit www.festivalofthelaity.com for more information.

MISSIONARIES NEEDED
When: Beginning July 1, 2011
Location: Madras, Ore.
The Jefferson County Food Bank, managed by our local church for several years, needs new committed directorship, starting July 1, 2011. Several excellent volunteers are already in place, and the program is formatted, but leadership is needed. For more information, contact John Curnutt at 541-610-3576.

All links are clickable here and elsewhere in the eCommuniqué.
Transitions

Bruce Fox (Martha) has taken the position of interim pastor for Whipple Creek.

Dale Beaulieu (Lorene) has stepped in as interim Oregon Conference Treasurer until Jon Corder’s replacement is found.

John Wesslen (Karen) has taken on the Yacolt Church in addition to the Orchards Church.

Enoc Marquez (Nohemi) has taken the position of pastor for the Gresham Spanish/Hood River Spanish churches. He joins us from the Upper Columbia Conference.

John Jokela (Lisa) has joined the Oregon Conference as the new Association Treasurer. He previously held the position of senior accountant for the Charles K Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Peggy Fisher is transitioning from Oregon Conference Education Associate Superintendent to a teaching position with the Gold Coast Christian School.

Phyllis Bretsch (Vernon) has joined the Oregon Conference auditing team and will be working in the northern portion of the region that Ron Barnes has been serving.

Southern Oregon

Ministry Fest 2011

Discovering ministry has never been so much fun!

April 9, 2011
Grants Pass Adventist School
Doors open at 3 p.m.

Interactive ministry idea booths and Info-Blitzes!
Childcare for ages 0-9! Drawings! And so much more!

In the evening:
A live concert!
Special ABC sale on site!
Free supper! - Donations will go to the Grants Pass Adventist School mission trip!

Visit www.OregonConference.org for more information!

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