Many people have asked us this question. Our typical answer is, “No, it is very safe. There are ‘correctional officers’ and cameras all around. We feel safer in prison than out on the streets. Besides, we get the ‘cream of the crop’ that come to the chapel services.”

My husband Lathern and I have been conducting monthly church services in maximum-security prisons at Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) in Salem and Coffee Creek Correctional facility (CCCF) in Wilsonville for almost twenty years with no problems, threats or close calls. Even my timid, small-stature, grown foster daughter Shalisha went in with us faithfully over the years, strongly defending and promoting prison ministry. Despite her many emotional and physical problems, the men and women of our prisons loved her as their little sister. After her death in November of 2011 from complications of Turner’s Syndrome, we were amazed at the many tears shed. Many of them cried and expressed how much they appreciated her coming in and caring about them. The beauty of their genuine love and caring came from hearts that had been touched by God’s love. Some of these beautiful hearts used to be filled with greed, lust and hate. Some of them have stolen, raped and murdered. But that’s not who they are anymore. Their pasts are washed away and they are new creations in Christ Jesus. The evidence is seen in their eyes, heard in their words and felt in their emotions.

Theirs pasts are washed away and they are "new creations" in Christ Jesus.

By Linda Seeber
We have been so very blessed to work in prison ministry. It offers us a front-row seat to watch lives change. These people are now dear friends to us and we value them highly. We don’t see them as criminals, just fellow sinners saved by the same grace we need.

We’ve seen so many examples of changed lives. One man came in deeply troubled and angry, but his heart melted over time and softened to let the compassion of God reign. He now works in the infirmary ministering to the sick. Then there is another who was confused and wrestling with the voices in his head. He now has joy and peace shining from his face. Several inmates were argumentative, but God’s love has changed their attitudes as well. One man could not find any reason to live and longed to die. He too, has found answers for his heart through the love of God, and he wants to help others.

Over the years we have seen so many changes, which we know are a result of not only our family going in, but all the other devoted Adventist volunteers that faithfully fulfill God’s commission to minister to the lowly ones (Matthew 25:40). To be honest, it’s really God doing the work and we just let Him shine through us. And by the way, the safest place you can be is the place where God calls you to minister.

Once again, on February 23rd, our Executive Committee met to address the decisions and directions facing our Conference. At each committee meeting we take a section of the book of Acts and after reading it together, look for the main thoughts and current applications that can be applied to our vision for the Conference. After this special time of Bible study and prayer, we had an opportunity to hear the vision of our Member Ministries Department, including descriptions of some of the events being planned, such as the Southern Ministry Fest, and an Evening with Russell Burrill.

David Freedman, the vice president for finance, shared the financial statement from 2011 which indicated that we had a 1.94 percent increase in our tithe from the previous year. This was both a blessing and, considering the economy, a miracle. God has continued to bless His people even during this downturn and the faithfulness of our members was clearly evident by this increase. Our expenses, which came in below our expectations, were also seen as a blessing.

Since this was the first committee meeting following the completion of the year-end report, we addressed the budget for our current year. Given some of the temporary measures of previous years and increases that are projected this year, we started the budgeting process short by around $1.2 million. As a result, a number of areas needed to be addressed in order to reach a balanced budget. Some of the significant changes included enlarging some districts so that there would be up to six fewer pastors in the field. Though this is a daunting task given the previous reductions, we plan to accomplish this, again, through retirements and transfers out of the conference. The budget also included reducing office personnel and reducing the budgets for the camp grounds and camp meeting. The committee also voted to pass on to the churches a portion of the costs associated with insurance coverage for church functions and personnel, while the Conference continues to cover the larger percentage.

One of the budget items included an opportunity for Conference members to keep our church on mission. We are asking God through our members to give us an additional $100,000 by camp meeting time in order to strengthen the evangelistic mission of our Conference. Already at our town-hall meetings and following we have received over $14,000 in cash and pledges, and are waiting with anticipation to see how God will answer this prayer. Our dream is to continue to hold evangelism high in our Conference by funding meetings held in the fall of this year. Along with that we hope to run a Magabook program this summer within our Conference. This will allow some of our students to have the opportunity of earning salary and scholarship funds so that they will be able to attend our university. We also see this as an exciting avenue to develop Bible study interests within our church communities.

Beyond budget and financial considerations a number of other decisions were made. Some of the issues addressed were building and remodeling loans to two of our schools, recommendations from our Personnel Committee concerning pastoral assignments and a request from one of our churches to reconsider a previous Executive Committee decision. Each of these decisions were prayerfully considered and voted by the committee. Our next executive committee will take place in April and we value your prayerful support as together we move closer to Jesus’ return.
Cranberry Orange Bread

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 egg or equivalent egg replacer
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- grated peel of 1 orange
- 2 tbsp melted margarine, such as Earth Balance
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or sliced almonds

**Directions**
In a large mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients. In another bowl, mix egg or replacer, orange juice, peel, margarine and hot water. Add to flour mixture, stirring just until moistened. Gently fold in cranberries and walnuts. Spoon into greased 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350°F for 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

The Recipe Exchange

Sweet breads seem to be loved by just about everyone, but often, they aren’t as healthy as they could be. This one has been modified to not only be delicious, but healthier as well!

For this recipe, you can use either eggs and butter or margarine, or the vegan alternatives as listed. This recipe comes out great either way and will disappear in no time!

Let us know what you think. You can also send your favorite recipe to share here at the recipe exchange. All recipes must be vegetarian or vegan and must come complete with directions for preparation.

Send your recipes by email or even snail mail! Email them to krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org. Snail mail your recipes to us at: Oregon Conference Communication Department, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027.
NOTE WORTHY...

It Is Written Moves to a New Station
It Is Written is excited to announce a programming update in Oregon. If you’ve been watching the weekly program in Portland (KRCW), please note that your It Is Written station has moved. The telecast may now be viewed on the Discovery Channel. Watch or record It Is Written every Sunday at 7:00 am. And since the program has moved from a local channel to a national one, this means you can watch It Is Written wherever you travel across the country. In addition to Discovery, you may also watch It Is Written on TBN every Sunday at 10:30 am, and via satellite on HOPE and 3ABN. For a full listing of the stations in your area by zip code, visit www.itiswritten.com/stations. If you’d rather view the program online, all of It Is Written’s telecasts and devotionals are available in the www.itiswritten.com program archives, as well as on iTunes.

Where in the World is Dan Jackson?
Have you checked the NAD blog, “Where in the World is Dan Jackson?” Get acquainted with our newest territory of the North American Division along with Pastor Jackson and other division leaders who are traveling in Guam and Micronesia. Check out his schedule for yesterday and today, and take a look at some photos of our new NAD family members on his blog at http://whereisdanjackson.wordpress.com/.

NPUC Executive Committee Actions
North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Executive Committee members met February 21 in Ridgefield, Wash., and re-appointed Alphonso McCarthy as vice president for regional affairs. McCarthy also serves as NPUC youth, human relations and multicultural ministries director. In additional actions, committee members approved a balanced budget for 2012 and invited Jason and Misty Morgan to join the NPUC as a new evangelistic team. Financial figures for 2011 show a combined tithe gain of 2.85 percent union-wide, with the Alaska and Upper Columbia conferences leading the way, showing 8.52 and 5.09 percent gains respectively.

New Child Protection Plan
A new child protection program from the Adventist Church’s risk management organization is galvanizing the church’s ongoing efforts to shield minors from abuse and misconduct. Through training for adults and children, as well as background screening for employees and volunteers who work closely with minors, the plan equips local leaders to make the church a safe place. Phyllis Washington, North American Division children’s ministries director, says “By recognizing that the problem exists in our congregations, we are taking a crucial step toward providing a safe environment, restoring trust, promoting healing and ultimately preventing child abuse.” Access more information and resources online at http://bit.ly/AvuQfG.

NAD Retreats on Conference President Policy
In a letter released February 6, Dan Jackson, North American Division (NAD) president, states that the NAD Working Policy 2011–2012 will omit “commissioned minister” as a qualification for conference president. This is a dramatic switch from the affirmation voted October 31, 2011, at the NAD year-end meeting. The North American leaders had been working under the assumption that the NAD had constituent authority. But, as a result of additional consultation with the General Conference office of general counsel, the NAD Executive Committee voted to ask Jackson to write a letter detailing the rationale for the policy revision. Read the full text of the letter at http://bit.ly/xT2qB5.

John Wagner Named President at Union College
John Wagner has spent most of his career guiding educational institutions and nonprofit foundations down the road to growth and success, but he thought that was coming to a close. When the Union College Board of Trustees called Wagner out of semi-retirement to return to Union as interim president, he expected to stay just long enough for the board to find a permanent replacement for David Smith. Now, just a half a school year later, the board has removed the “interim” and asked Wagner to stay on as president. Read more at http://www.ucollege.edu/wagner.

Oakwood University Establishes Adventist-Muslim Relations Center
A new Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations is located on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. Director Dr. Keith Augustus Burton is tasked with helping Seventh-day Adventists understand and respect Muslims. He hopes also, when he can, to help Muslims understand and respect Adventists and Christians. The center has developed an online certification program for pastors and church leaders that began the end of February. Read more at http://www.camr-ou.org/.

Check Out Adventist Finder App
Check out the cutting edge services available at Adventist Finder. This mobile directory app helps your members connect with churches and schools in your conference. Users can quickly locate Adventist organizations based on current location, zip code or North American Division (NAD) area conference selections. The app is available for free download in iTunes and the Android Market. NAD conference data is included in the app for a nominal annual subscription. For less than $10 a month, you can publish your organizations for Adventist Finder users in your area. Setup is easy. Email Jay Wintermeyer at jayw@uccsda.org today for an application and details.

Kelso-Longview Student is a Top Volunteer
Skyler Lee, Kelso-Longview Adventist School (Wash.) sixth-grader, has been named one of Washington’s top two youth volunteers for 2012. The recognition was issued by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Lee has collected and donated 1,500 coats for her local Salvation Army Christmas Center during the past five years to help needy families in her area get through the cool winter months. Her coat drives are now an annual event, yielding 250–350 coats a year to be distributed during the Christmas season. “Everyone who comes into the store is able to pick out a coat for themselves and family members at no charge,” says Lee. “There are so many people who need some type of help.”

Looking for an Elusive Gleaner Article?
Looking for a Gleaner article from back in the 40s or 50s, but have no idea where to look? Gleaner issues from 2001 until the present, are available for online searching and reading at the Gleaner website at http://bit.ly/vSNkG5. But if you need to search further back—even back to the very first issue in 1906, go to the General Conference online Gleaner archives at http://bit.ly/vZkatF.

Former GC President Receives Civilian Honor
Former world church President Jan Paulsen’s home country of Norway is recognizing the veteran church administrator for his “service for the good of humanity.” Paulsen was recently appointed Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, one of the country’s highest civilian honors. In an announcement, Norway’s Royal Palace stated that King Harald V appointed Paulsen for “meritorious” humanitarian work. “It warms my heart that the accolade came with the recognition, ‘service for the good of humanity,’ for that is what the life of Christian service is all about,” Paulsen says, noting the recognition came as a surprise. Paulsen will receive the insignia of the order at a presentation ceremony expected later this year.

For additional news visit www.OregonConference.org/news_entries
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DON COY
When: March 2, 10:00 am
Location: Evergreen Memorial Gardens
Dr. Don Coy passed away on February 27th. Services will be Friday, March 2, 10:00 am at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens located at 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, Wash.

CASTLE ROCK ADVENTIST HEALTH FAIR
When: March 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Sunnyside Grange, Castle Rock, Wash.
Stop by the Sunnyside Grange in Castle Rock on Sunday, March 4th, for the Castle Rock Adventist Health Fair. Hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Booths include body fat analysis, blood pressure tests, glucose tests (both fasting and non-fasting), Your Health Age survey, "Boozed and Confused" drunkeness simulator and much more! This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 360-355-2549.

JOINT GOSPEL CONCERTS
When: March 17, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm
Location: Chehalis & Sunnyside Adventist Churches
His Praise Men's Chorus and Salem Adventist Men's Chorus will be presenting two gospel concerts on Sabbath, March 17. At Chehalis Adventist Church they will perform at 10:45 am. Then at 5:00 pm they will perform at Sunnyside Adventist Church in Portland. His Praise is a group of about 30 men drawn from the Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., areas and from all walks of life, directed by Finis Johnson. Salem Adventist Men's Chorus is a group of about 30 men from the Salem, Ore. Lou Wildman is their conductor and artistic director. Each group will present music individually, they will then perform jointly. Come and enjoy their music with receptions to meet the singers following the concert.

SPANISH BIBLES NEEDED
When: Now until Fall 2012
Location: For Guatemala
Light Bearers Ministry is currently conducting an evangelistic series in Guatemala. People are hungry for the Word of God. Light Bearers has a need of 3,000-5,000 Spanish Bibles to go in the next container to Guatemala. The target date is the fall of this year or sooner. If you have a Spanish Bible that you would like to donate, please send it to Light Bearers Ministry at 37457 Jasper Lowell Rd. Jasper, OR 97438. Light Bearers is taking English Bibles as well. For more information call 541-988-3333.

APRIL FOOL’S DAY 5K & 10K RUN/WALK
When: April 1, race begins at 10:00 am
Location: Willamette Mission State Park
Please join us as South Salem Adventist Church sponsors the April Fool’s Day 5k & 10k Run/Walk! Onsite registration begins at 9:00 am with the race starting at 10:00 am at Willamette Mission State Park. The entry fee is $25.00 for ages 18 and up and $20.00 for kids 17 and under. T-shirts are available. For registration forms visit www.EclecticEdgeRacing.com. Email Linda Walker at LindaWalkerRN@comcast.net for more information.

AN EVENING WITH DR. RUSSELL BURRILL
When: March 3-10, 2012
Location: Various Locations
You’re invited to attend one of eight (8) presentations by Dr. Russell Burrill, March 3 through 10. Locations include: Vancouver church on March 3, Beaverton Church on March 4, Sunnyside Church on March 5, East Salem Church on March 6, Springfield Church on March 7, Roseburg Church on March 8, Grants Pass Church on March 9, and Bend Church on March 10. Dr. Burrill will speak on material from his book Revolution In The Church – Unleashing the Awesome Power of Lay Ministry. After the message, Dr. Burrill will lead you and your church teams to brainstorm and begin making plans on how to move your members who are sitting on the sidelines into active ministry. To download a flyer with more information visit http://bit.ly/xFgw2I. Supper will begin at 5:30pm. Go to http://bit.ly/4648R to reserve your place at the location of your choice. Our host churches need an accurate head count to plan for the meals, so register soon!

AREAS 3 WOMEN’S MINISTRIES RETREAT
When: March 25, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Springhill Country Club, Albany, Ore.
All are welcome to attend the Area 3 Women’s Ministries Retreat “Live Like It Matters...Living today for tomorrow in mind” on Sunday, March 25th from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Springhill Country Club, located at 155 NW Country Club Road in Albany. Tammy Milligan will be our keynote speaker and Joyce Burkeen, Cheri Corder and Tawny Sportsman will be holding breakout sessions. For more information or to register, call 541-367-4485. Registration is $30.00 by March 10th or $35.00 after March 10th. Registration cost includes all sessions, breakfast snack, lunch, and handouts. Bring a new stuffed toy for donation to children visiting the local ER and an offering for books to be shipped to Oregon inmates. (Our goal is 250 books at $500.00) Register early to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket. For more information email d3heartsonfire@yahoo.com.

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OREGON CONFERENCE PRAYER RETREAT
When: March 30 - April 1, 2012
Location: Grove Christian Camp, Dorena, Ore.

MISSION TRIP: PROJECT AMAZON
When: June 11 - June 27, 2012
Location: Amazon region of Brazil
Experience 16 adventure-filled days in mission service on the Rio Negro in the Amazon region of Brazil. Plan to join us June 11-27! Project Amazon 2012 is a challenge to build a home for missionaries in a small town on the Rio Negro. Some participants will be assigned to work with the medical team to assist professionals in the treatment of medical and dental infirmities. Others will be assigned to teach the children of Novo Airoa about Jesus during the weeklong VBS. All will have the opportunity to help with the construction of a home for missionaries under the supervision of skilled carpenters. For more information go to www.projectamazon.info. You can also contact the trip coordinators, Hans & Kim Hess by email at missiontrip@projectamazon.info.

STEPHEN BOHR SEMINAR
When: March 23 & 24, 2012
Location: Riverside Adventist Church
Stephen Bohr will be giving a seminar at the Riverside Adventist Church the weekend of March 23 & 24. Bohr currently pastors in Fresno, Calif. and is regularly seen on Hope TV, Amazing Facts TV and 3ABN. The meetings will be held Friday at 7:00 pm, and Sabbath at 11:00 am, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. The Riverside Adventist Church is located at 463 N Shepard Rd, Washougal, Wash. Please bring toppings for a haystack potluck at noon. For more information call 360-953-1372 or email pmcaviness@msn.com.

CHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING
When: March 30 - April 1, 2012
Location: Gladstone, Ore.
Have you been inspired by stories of lives transformed by CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project), the premier Adventist health ministry? Now you can share CHIP’s proven results and priceless benefits with your community. To form a team and attend CHIP leadership training, plan with your pastor or health ministries leader soon—early bird rate ends March 15. For registration and details see www.sdachip.org/workshops.html or call 423-546-4719. Visit http://bit.ly/lPsSR to download flyers, bulletin inserts or posters.

OREGON SINFONIETTA AT SUNNYSIDE
When: March 18, 3:00 pm
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
Visit Sunnyside Adventist Church for a concert by the Oregon Sinfonietta, Sunday, March 18 at 3:00pm. Donald Appert will conduct. Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St. Portland, Ore. For more information call 503-252-8080.

SINGLES SNOW WEEKEND
When: March 16-18, 2012
Location: Big Lake Youth Camp
Singles! Come and enjoy a winter weekend at Big Lake Youth Camp March 16-18. Bring snowmobiles, skis, snowshoes, sleds, snowboards and clothes for playing in the snow. Don’t forget to bring your Bible, sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Place all items in an easily identifiable, snow-proof bag. Snowmobile rides are available for all. Cost is $75 per person until March 4, and then the price increases by $10. Your fee includes a 5:30 pm snow cat ride in from the Ray Benson Snow Park (snow park permits are required for the weekend), five meals, and two nights lodging. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Jerry Walter, marked for Big Lake. Mail to Big Lake Weekend, c/o Jerry Walter, 92395 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448. For more information, call Jerry at 503-709-8911 or Gary at 503-936-7211.

LINCOLN STEED TO SPEAK IN EUGENE
When: March 17, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Eugene Adventist Church
Lincoln Steed, editor of Religious Liberty magazine will be speaking at Eugene Adventist Church on March 17. He will be speaking for the sermon, as well as an afternoon program including a Q&A, to share the Biblical basis for religious liberty, how it has been featured in the Adventist experience, and how it connects to the need for revival. There will be a fellowship meal between the service and the afternoon presentations. For more information call the church office at 541-683-4169. Eugene Adventist Church is located at 1275 Polk Street, Eugene, Ore.

SINGLE MINISTRIES CONVENTION
When: May 25-26, 2012
Location: Denver, Colorado
Calling all Adventist Single Adult Ministry Leaders! Have you registered for the Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention yet? Don’t miss this great opportunity to network and hear great speakers. We hope to see you in Denver on May 25-26. Register before April 5 to receive the discounted early-bird rate. Register now at www.AReflectionofHim.com.

COLLEGIATE CHURCH AT SUNNYSIDE
When: March 10, 11:20 am
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
WWU VP for Student Life and Mission. The Sunny- side Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St, Portland. For more information call 503-252-8080 or contact Katie Harris at 406-750-1370.

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**Transitions**

Steve Wall (Janice) has joined the Oregon Conference from the Chesapeake Conference. He will fill the position of interim pastor for the Seaside/Astoria/Long Beach district.

Oswaldo Villalobos (Lorena) will be transferring from the Eugene/Albany Spanish district to the position of pastor for the Forest Grove Spanish congregation.

Alaka Worana (Martha) has resigned his position as pastor of the Oromo Company as of March 1.

Juan Pacheco (Patricia) will be pastoring the Eugene Spanish congregation in addition to McMinnville Spanish beginning in March.

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

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