It’s a good day to be ten-years-old. You’re at Gladstone Camp Meeting outside Portland, Ore., and tonight the Reptile Man will be here! Yes, the adults are having a good time too. You see them standing in line for “Pronto Pups” from the Pathfinders who run the Snack Shack, they’re catching up on news, comparing photos of grandchildren, and talking about the classes they took on prayer, disaster response, or food safety. (Some even carry chainsaws; this makes you wonder if adults do craft-projects too.)

What’s more, some of the adults are pretty excited about the Evangelism Offering; that’s why they gave over $78,000 to tell people all about Jesus!

Even in the Children’s Amphitheater you can hear the adults as they worship – the loud notes of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” coming through the trees from the Plaza Pavilion, or Elizabeth Talbot leading the crowd in a shout of “Woohoo!” And on Saturday night, you could hear the Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus no matter where you are on the campground!

Then there are all the other things the adults do at camp meeting: the blood drive, the Evangelism Training Camp, the Fun Run on Friday morning. (You’ll join them for the Fun Run – in fact, you’ll finish the five-kilometer course in just 31 minutes!)

But even though the adults are having fun . . . . Do they have a water slide?
One of the most anticipated events each year for our churches is the Hispanic Camp Meeting. We know it is a wonderful opportunity that God gives to us not only to hear His word and participate in excellent seminars, but also to get together with our brothers and sisters from other churches that we may not have seen since last camp meeting.

The preparations began many months in advance. By Thursday, July 12th we were ready for the big beginning of our camp meeting. Although it was during the week, which is when our members are usually working until late, we had very good support from them.

Pastor Jose Luis Argumedo, a former Catholic priest, shared a powerful message that motivated us to continue the rest of the weekend by learning about his experience before and after conversion. David Lopez, a pastor from Tucson, Ariz., spoke to our youth about the story of Joseph and challenged them to live like "Royalty" so that God may use them no matter the circumstances that surround them. The children also had a great time with Edwin Vargas and Lisanette Curbelo as they learned about how God made them very special.

The morning of July 13th began with various seminars presented by different guest speakers, including Jerome Elguea, who is also a former Catholic priest, now the first elder in one of our churches in California. Seminar topics included the characteristics of Catholic thought patterns; Revelations; how to look for church members who have disappeared; health and many others.

The theme for our Hispanic Camp Meeting this year was “Reach Your World” which was also used during the English camp meeting.

Over 4,000 people attended the meetings that took place on Sabbath, with Sabbath evening culminating with six baptisms. Afterwards, guest singer, Pastor Tony Avila, shared some great music.

We thank God that He has allowed us to be part of camp meeting—another event that reminds us of our mission on this earth.

We wanted to personally thank all of the pastors and volunteers for the excellent work that they did to make this year’s Hispanic Camp Meeting a success.
If you have children, I’m sure they are the most important thing in your life. And if we want our children to grow up to be people who contribute to our society in positive ways, we need to exemplify that impact to them.

You can lie to your community, your friends, or your pastor; but you can’t hide things from your children! They can tell if you are a hypocrite.

Ghennadi prays daily that God will help him be the best example he can be for his four children. They see all the books he brings home to give away; they hear the stories of his experiences with God using him in those he comes in contact with.

He thought his kids were still too young to really know what he has been doing until one day when the kids were with him in the car and he stopped at the gas station to fill up.

Mind you, Ghennadi always keeps books to give away in his car. He struck up a conversation with the gas attendant, paid him, and then as he drove off the kids in the back seat started to shout “Daddy, Daddy you forgot to offer books to that person!”

1. Help your child avoid getting a sunburn while playing or attending school games and activities by wearing sunscreen or protective clothing.

2. Encourage your kids to drink plenty of water and avoid soda and other high-sugar drinks.

3. Intersperse studying with exercise! Getting out and moving, even for just a few minutes at a time throughout the day, can make all the difference!

4. Instead of giving your kids sugary snacks, make a fruit smoothie instead! Fruit, juice, yogurt, milk — all make good smoothie ingredients.

5. The surfaces your children touch once they’re back in school are also touched by a lot of other people. Minimize the germs they’re exposed to by encouraging them to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before eating or placing their hands near their face.

6. Make sure your child’s vaccines are up to date. Washington is experiencing a whooping cough outbreak of epidemic proportions at the moment. While you’re at it, you also may need to update your own vaccines.

7. Set up a schedule for sleeping, eating, studying, etc. It will help keep everyone in the house healthier!

8. Help your child learn to manage stress. Prayer, breathing deep, exercise, playing with their pet, all help!

9. Watch less TV. Turning off the television encourages interaction and movement and discourages snacking!

10. Teeth brushing is important! Brushing your teeth keeps germs from hanging around in your mouth. (Mouthwash and floss for extra points!)

11. While the title of this article is “10 Ways to Stay Healthy After School Starts”, there is one more important way to help stay healthy and it doesn’t matter whether you’re in school or not. Develop and grow your relationship with God! Prayer, reading your Bible, attending church, and being part of a religious community encourage a healthier, longer-living, and happier person. That goes for kids and adults!

So, have a great school year whether you’re a kid, parent, grandparent, or even a great-grandparent! Everyone can work on being healthier!

**Smashed Garbanzo & Avocado Salad Sandwiches**

**Ingredients**

- 1 (15 oz) can garbanzos (chickpeas)
- 1 large ripe avocado
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 tbsp chopped green onion
- Juice from 1 lime
- salt & pepper to taste
- bread of your choice
- fresh spinach leaves and/or other sandwich toppings such as tomatoes, lettuce, sprouts, etc.

**Directions**

1. Rinse and drain the garbanzos. Place on a paper towel and remove the outer skins. You can leave them on, but I like to remove them. • In a medium bowl, using a fork or potato masher, smash the garbanzos and avocado together. Add in cilantro, green onion, and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste. • Spread salad on bread and top with your favorite sandwich toppings. I like to add fresh spinach leaves.

**Note:** This salad also makes a great dip. Serve with cut veggies, crackers, or pita chips.
NOTE WORTHY...

**Columbia Union Constituency Overwhelmingly Approves Ordination Without Regard to Gender**

In a specially called session of the Columbia Union Conference constituency, delegates from its eight conferences voted overwhelmingly to approve a recommendation from the union executive committee authorizing ordination without regard to gender. The historic vote was 209 in favor and 51 opposed, with nine abstentions—a ratio of 4 to 1. The approved motion states that the Columbia Union Conference authorize ordination to the gospel ministry without regard to gender. “This means that the union will no longer deny requests from conferences to ordain female ministers to the gospel ministry. The four-hour meeting was streamed live and will be available shortly at www.columbiaunion.org/2012specialconstituency. A news story and photos will be published at www.columbiaunion.org and in the August Visitor.

**Sheridan Meadow Camp Meeting Hit by Storm**

Vehicles and RV’s were crushed by falling trees in a sudden wind storm that swept through the Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting grounds near Republic, Wash., on Friday, June 20. Miraculously, no lives were lost. Campers from across the northwest had gathered there for the Northeast Washington Camp Meeting, held June 17–21 at the Sheridan Meadows Retreat Center. Campers were relaxing and visiting Friday afternoon when the storm hit. Suddenly there was heavy wind and trees started falling. The main meeting tent lifted, but did not blow away. One smaller tent, used for children’s meetings, was completely demolished. Four vehicles were reported completely totaled and others sustained damage. Even with the heavy damage, only one injury required medical attention. A man suffered a broken leg when the RV he was in was crushed by a falling tree. In spite of the destruction, the camp meeting continued Friday night as planned. Read more and view photos at the Upper Columbia Conference at http://bit.ly/O1zSki.

**Statement Regarding Colorado Theatre Shooting**

From the Rocky Mountain Conference and North American Division

The news of the senseless tragedy at the Aurora, Colo. theater is on everyone’s mind. At this point, we are not aware of any connection with Seventh-day Adventist members who may have been affected. Among the several hospitals that have attended to the wounded, Parker Adventist Hospital has had the opportunity to treat and release two victims with minor injuries, according to hospital officials. Rocky Mountain Conference president, Gary Thurber, stated, “Our hearts go out to all those affected by the theater shooting. The victims and their families will remain in our thoughts and prayers.” Elder Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division also shared, “As caring Seventh-day Adventist Christians we need to lift up the bereaved and the suffering and appeal to God for the survival of those who are presently struggling to stay alive. Oh, that Jesus would come soon!”

**Ligman Named WWU Acting VP for Academic Administration**

Scott Ligman has been named Walla Walla University (WWU) acting vice president for academic administration. Ligman’s appointment began July 1 following the departure of Ginger Ketting-Weller who is now dean of the School of Education at La Sierra University. Ligman is currently WWU associate vice president for academic administration, a position he has held since 2008. He also holds the rank of professor in the department of biology where he served for nine years as chairman. Ligman earned his doctoral degree in zoology with an emphasis in physiology and neurobiology from Oregon State University, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Andrews University.

**Adventist Group Wins At World Choir Games**

Student singers from the Oakwood University, located in Huntsville, Ala., took home three awards from the world’s largest choir completion last week. At the seventh World Choir Games, the Oakwood Aeolians won the championship trophy in the “Spiritual” category, besting 15 other choirs for the honor. The 42-member Aeolians also won one of several gold medals in two other categories: “Music of Religions” and “Musica Contemporanea.” The international event was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, from July 4–14, and included more than 15,000 choristers in 362 choirs. The Aeolians were the only Adventist representatives at the event. Read the full story from the Adventist News Network at http://bit.ly/NrWhdy.

**GC Appeals For Ordination Unity**

Since the beginning of 2012, several union conferences within North America have expressed support for, or commitment to, the ministerial ordination of women. The world church is currently engaged in a study of the theology of ordination and its implications scheduled for completion by the 2014 Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee. In the light of this current study and the previously referred union actions, world church officers have unanimously issued an appeal for unity in ordination practices. The appeal calls for: 1) Unity in respecting a global church action (i.e. the 1990 and 1995 General Conference Session decisions on ministerial ordination); 2) Each union executive committee to carefully review the far-reaching effects of pursuing a course of action that is contrary to the decisions of the General Conference in session; and 3) Each union to participate in the current study about the theology of ordination and its implication. Read more from Adventist World at http://bit.ly/MwdVhC.

**Gone But Not Forgotten**

Gone but not forgotten, Dr. Gordon G. Hadley was dean of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University and for decades defined the school’s medical outreach to India, China and Afghanistan. Hadley, who died on June 29 at age 91, also served a term as director of the Adventist world church’s Health Ministries department.

**A Unique Twist On The Great Controversy Story**

Jason Satterlund, an Adventist filmmaker based in Portland, Ore., has produced the pilot episode for “The Record Keeper.” He describes it as a steam-punk web series about the politics of angels as they observe the downfall of mankind. The main character, “Raina” records the events of history and interviews angels on both sides to get their version of events. Satterlund collaborated with Garrett Caldwell, General Conference public relations director, on the script. Watch the eight-minute pilot episode for yourself on YouTube at http://bit.ly/OoVDWJ.

**The Great Hope Project Rumors**

Statement received from Williams Costa, Jr., Communication Director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists... “Rumors in some world regions claim that there is litigation involved with The Great Hope project, which is a worldwide mass distribution of the book The Great Controversy, written by Seventh-day Adventist Church founder Ellen G. White. Those rumors are untrue. Any event of major significance affecting the Seventh-day Adventist Church would be reported on Adventist News Network, the official news service of the denomination. If not reported there, the rumor is likely unreliable.”

**Peddling 3,000 Miles For Diapers**

Eric Shadle, Richland (Wash.) church pastor, began a cross-country bicycle trip from his hometown on Sunday, July 8, with a plan to arrive in Silver Spring, Md. on Sept. 5. He hopes to raise awareness that many parents of babies in this country do not have enough money for diapers. His goal is to raise $250,000 to purchase 1 million diapers for distribution across America. His sponsors include the Upper Columbia Conference, North American Division Adventist Community Services, PowerBar, and a number of other local and regional organizations. Learn more about this project at www.ride4diapers.org.
MINI MISSION TRIP
When: September 14-16, 2012
Location: Canyonville, Ore.
Join us on a mini mission trip, September 14-16! This community-impact weekend will be a gift with no strings attached. Projects include roofing, painting, stacking wood, trimming shrubs, health fair, etc. Come and join us for a full weekend of being His hands and feet. We will be located off exits 98 & 99 on I-5, 200 miles south of Portland and 100 miles north of the California border. Register soon at minimission12@gmail.com. We are delighted to be His hands and feet with you!

SPANISH BIBLES NEEDED
When: Now until Fall 2012
Location: For Guatemala
Light Bearers Ministry is in the middle of 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. 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 37457 Jasper Lowell Rd. Jasper, OR 97438. Light Bearers is still taking English Bibles as well. For more information call 541-988-3333.

WOMEN’S RETREAT BROCHURES AVAILABLE
When: October 5-7, 2012
Location: Eagle Crest Resort near Bend, Ore.
Women’s retreat brochures are now available! Pick one up at church, visit http://bit.ly/NyvME, or call 503-850-3555. The retreat will be held October 5-7 at Eagle Crest Resort near Bend, Ore. In keeping with the theme “When Love Sees You: Stories of Transforming Grace.” Our four main speakers will each share their stories: Dr. Jo Ann Davidson, Dr. Mable Dunbar, Sue Patzer and Ginny Allen. Early bird special: $99, teens 15-18 come for $25! Lodging is not included in rates. Stay wherever you wish, but special rates are available at Eagle Crest. For the lowest rate per person, get a group together and rent a condo! For sample bulletin announcements visit http://orgcwomen.adventistnw.org/

PASTOR LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT
When: Move in by Aug. 17
Location: Gladstone, Ore.
An Oregon Conference pastor and his family are returning from seminary this summer and are looking for a house to rent around the area of Riverrite Adventist Elementary. They are looking for a 2-3 bedroom home and are hoping to move in by August 17. If you know of a home they may be interested in, contact Pastor Edwin Vargas at pr.vargas@edvision@yahoo.com.

ADVENTURES FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD VBS IN SALEM
When: August 6-10, 2012
Location: Salem Central Adventist Church
Children ages 5-12 are invited to VBS at Salem Central SDA Church, 1330 Summer St. NE, Salem, Ore. August 6-8 from 6:00-8:00 pm each evening. They will receive a “passport” and explore their world with a variety of activities. Snacks provided nightly! Contact Adrianna at 503-856-4416 for more information.

OREGON STATE FAIR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS
When: August 24-September 3, 2012
Location: Oregon State Fairground
Applications are now being accepted for volunteering at the Oregon State Fair Seventh-day Adventist booth. Please contact Salem Central Church at 503-364-4626 or central7da@msn.com for more information.

ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY PRESENTATION
When: October 12-22, 2012
Location: Pleasant Valley Church
Save the date for Oct. 12-22. Pleasant Valley Church (PVC) is hosting the first full series, Islam and Christianity in the Portland area with Pastor Tim Roosenberg. He has been presenting this series to large crowds across the US. If you would like to know more about this series, we would encourage you to visit the website www.IslamandChristianity.org. Many have commented that the messages are Christ-centered and that the prophetic teachings are being presented in a fresh, timely way. PVC is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave. in Happy Valley (one mile north of SE Sunnyside Rd.).

READY ALWAYS: A REASON FOR THIS HOPE
When: September 12-16, 2012
Location: Camp Kuratli near Boring, Ore.
Oregon Youth for Christ Annual Conference is for all ages. Presentations on affirming and sharing your faith, intercessory prayer, and Muslim ministries. Featuring Justin Kim, Janet Pege, and Stephen Dickie. For the schedule, meal information, lodging, and registration, visit www.oregonyc.org or call 503-974-4OYC.

ASANTE EAST AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR
When: August 5, 6:30 pm
Location: Open Arms Adventist Church
“The Sound of Hope Tour” – August 5, 6:30 pm at Open Arms Adventist Church at 15150 NE Gilson St. Portland, Ore. The Asante Children’s Choir is made up of vibrant young boys and girls from Burundi in East Africa. The children were selected for the choir based on their musical talent and desperate need. Their personal stories are brilliantly told through cultural music, costumes and dancing. Nearly all the children in the choir have been orphaned, but now receive free education and medical care through the work of the choir. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. You will also have a chance to sponsor a child if you would like. For more information visit http://asantechoir.org/

DASH & BASH
When: September 9, 10:00 am
Location: Willamette Mission State Park
Join South Salem Adventist Church for a 5 or 10K run/walk followed by a family-fun BBQ on Sept. 9! The run starts at 10:00 am, with onsite registration beginning at 9:00 am. BBQ includes a meal with hot dogs (vegetarian and beef options), a bouncy house, dunk tank, horseshoes, volley ball and more! Run/ walk entry fee, including lunch, is $30/adults and $10/child. BBQ only, $5/person. Visit www.ElecticEdgeRacing.com to register online or print your registration form and mail it in. Email LindaWalkerRN@comcast.net for more information.
### Transitions

- **Gayla Rogers** (Kelly) has joined the Oregon Conference as a part-time auditor.
- **Linda Dayen** (Steve) has joined the Oregon Conference as a part-time Bible worker for the Klamath Falls district.
- **Gary Parks** (Shelly) is transitioning from his position as senior pastor for the East Salem congregation to that of trust officer at the Oregon Conference office.
- **William Hurtado** (Shelley) will be transferring to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference from the Milo Academy church.
- **Jessica Porter** (Steve) has joined the Oregon Conference from Rio Lindo Academy in Calif. She has filled the position of Administrative Assistant to the VP for Administration.
- **Lee Larson** (Erma) has come out of retirement to serve as interim pastor to the Corvallis district.
- **Ben Blian** (Violeta) has returned from seminary to fill the position of pastor for the Sutherlin/Winston district.
- **Edwin Vargas** (Lisanette) has returned from seminary to fill the position of pastor for the Remix/Canby Spanish district.
- **Joel Bennett** (Jocelyn) is joining the staff of the Kelso-Longview Adventist School as principal and teacher.
- **Trevor Kendall** (Natusha) is joining the staff of Livingston Adventist Academy as principal.
- **Angela White** (Kelly) is joining the staff of Scapoose Adventist School as principal and upper grade teacher.
- **Charla Suppé** (Derik) will be joining the staff of Tualatin Valley Academy as principal.
- **Sara Withers** (Josh) is headed to seminary this fall.
- **Sam Moreno** (Wendy) is headed to seminary this fall.

### SUNSET CALENDAR

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