GOD STILL PERFORMS MIRACLES

God still performs miracles today! This can be seen clearly in the 23-year history of Better Life Broadcasting. For instance, for 10 long years we prayed that we’d be able to broadcast into Portland, Oregon. At first this seemed like an impossible dream because initial research indicated this would cost a minimum of $4 million.

Then in 2010, we unexpectedly received a call from a Christian who told us he had a television station for sale in Portland – not for $4 million, but for only $750,000. Amazingly, before the phone call was over, he reduced the price to $700,000, as a broker would not be required to complete the transaction.

As we began fund-raising the seller called again and said, “I want to be part of what God is doing in Portland, so we would like to donate $100,000 back to you!” This second price reduction made the effective cost of the station only $600,000. What a miracle!

But that wasn’t the only miracle we saw for the Portland station. While touring some broadcast tower sites in Portland, the engineer showing us around said, “While cleaning out the warehouse, we found a TV broadcasting antenna. It’s 10 years old, still in the crate and has never been used, and it happens to be tuned to channel 36, your exact channel number! [Antennas are built...]

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By Marta Davis

NOTE WORTHY NEWS

Bits of news from around the Conference and around the world that we thought you might find interesting.

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Change is a given in life. Read about the changes happening in the lives of our pastors, school staff, and office personnel.

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specifically for the channel number it will broadcast.] We don’t need it and were planning to sell it for scrap.”

The seller purchased this $20,000 antenna for only $500 then donated it to Better Life. Looking back we realized this antenna had been purchased 10 years before—at the same time we had started praying for a Portland station. God had reserved it just for us!

And God still wasn’t done working miracles. The Portland station had the ability to reach south down into Salem as well. However, at that time there was another broadcaster transmitting on channel 36 in Salem. When we looked into it further, we found that this station was soon going to switch to digital and its channel number would change, allowing us to broadcast into Salem. Praise the Lord!

As wonderful as these miracles are, even more amazing is how many people are coming to the truth by watching Better Life. We hear from people weekly who are being touched by the ministry. One church alone has baptized 232 people in the past 12 years because of the ministry of Better Life. Surely God is moving mightily to finish His work!

The Hispanic Camp Meeting Choir came to share their music with the delegates. Patty Pacheco, one of our pastor’s wives, directed the choir.

[One of the stories told was that of Cesar & Margaret. How their faith not only carried them through great loss, but became stronger because of their experience. Visit http://bit.ly/1oPqJ6o to watch their story.]

Dave Allen, VP for Administration, shared with the group five new churches that have been formed during the past four years.

Harold Altamirano told us the rest of the story of Cesar and Margaret, starting with the miracle of another beautiful baby boy, and the hearts that Cesar and Margaret now have for God and His mission.

Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union President, and John Loor, NPUC VP for Administration, gave the Nominating Committee’s report to the delegates.

Chuck Burkeen, Member Ministries Director, shared some of the miracles he has witnessed during the last quadrennium. Cheri Corder, Member Ministries Associate Director, also told some of the experiences she has been a part of.

The Portland Better Life antenna sits on the west side of Portland.
Gale Crosby, the VP for Education, shared a vision of the ministry to our students, families, and churches taking place within each of our schools.

The key passage of Scripture for our session was Matthew 28:19-20, from which our vision and mission come. We have committed ourselves to this focus as our guiding direction for this next quadrennium. Called by God to Go! Members in Ministry.

Delegates listened to the reports and used their voting devices to make decisions throughout the day.

The re-elected Conference Administrative Team from left to right: Gale (VP for Education) and Sharon Crosby, Al (President) and Beth Reimche, Shirley and Dave (VP for Administration) Allen, and Ann and David (VP for Finance) Freedman.

David Freedman, VP for finance, gave the financial report to the delegates and addressed the corporate structure that we began four years ago.

The Oregon Conference delegates re-elected the four administrators: Al Reimche, President; David Allen, Vice President for Administration; David Freedman, Vice President for Finance; and Gale Crosby, Vice President for Education.

Healing Hope, a Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship, was welcomed into the sisterhood of churches. This new church was formed by combining the Columbia Gorge, Gresham, and Open Arms churches. They are currently meeting in the former Open Arms church building.

Four congregations moved from company to church status: Cascade Church in Bend, Ore.; Ohana Christian Fellowship in West Linn, Ore.; Samoan Church in White City, Ore.; and TurningPoint Adventist Community Church in Roseburg, Ore. Newport Church has returned to company status.

The 20 elected members of the Executive Committee were voted in to serve for the next four years. This committee is the Board of Directors for the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and consists of individuals who are Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing within the Oregon Conference. The Financial Review Committee and the Articles & By-Laws Committee members were also voted in.

Dave Allen, Vice President for Administration, reported on the fluctuating membership in the Oregon Conference over the past few years. As of August 2013 there were 35,606 members in the Oregon Conference. Although the average attendance is down, Allen encouraged the local church to develop a plan for getting members involved in their local churches.

David Freedman, Vice President for Finance, balanced the budget for 2013 with tithe slightly up from last year.

Al Reimche, President, gave a final word, encouraging us to rally together to finish the work here on earth. He said the Conference was available to support our members. “By resourcing, training, mentoring, and funding, we will empower our ‘Members in Ministry’ to teach, baptize and disciple 5,000 new ‘Members in Ministry’ within the next four years!”

A few of the details...

One of the stories shared was of a young family dealing with loss and how their faith not only took them through but became stronger because of their experience. Visit http://bit.ly/1aPqJ6o to watch their story.
NOTE WORTHY...

Adventist Family Member Among Mall Victims

The husband of an Adventist church member from Nairobi was killed during the terrorist attack in Nairobi’s Westgate Shopping Mall in which more than 60 people were killed and more than 170 injured. Harun Oyieke, a lecturer at Co-operative University College of Kenya, was among those killed in the attack. He was the husband of Florence Avino, a professor at the University of Nairobi. Read more at http://bit.ly/15LENKT.

Let’s Go On A Hayride … Safely

Serious injuries and even deaths have occurred during hayrides. Participants have fallen from wagons and been run over by the wagon’s wheel, vehicles have struck poorly lit wagons, and cars have struck participating walking behind wagons. Excess speeds and loss of control have also caused injuries. Safety measures should always be maintained and include several simple-to-remember instructions. Read more about these steps at Adventist Risk Management online (http://bit.ly/18tBWtm) and how your church, school or other sponsored activity can ensure a fun and safe event.

NPUC Walks The Talk

The national Let’s Move Day was celebrated by many on Sunday, Sept. 22, but the activity came a day later at the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) headquarters. NPUC staff put sack lunches aside, donned T-shirts and headed out on a brisk walk through the neighboring community during the noon hour. Even at the workplace, Adventists can and should be a living example that regular exercise is a healthy thing.

Does New Mexico City’s Ordinance Limit Religious Liberty?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church last week filed a lawsuit against the city of Las Cruces in the U.S. state of New Mexico over an ordinance church lawyers say violates religious expression and unfairly targets pastor-led faith groups, especially Latino churches. The ordinance ostensibly requires all pastor-led churches within city limits to register with the city, pay a registration fee and pass a discretionary review process before gaining approval to conduct worship services or provide pastoral care. Faith groups that are lay-led rather than clergy-led are not subject to the requirements, lawyers said. Read more at http://bit.ly/154u15l.

Bradshaw Responds to Health Concerns

Several emails circulating in the past couple weeks suggest that the cancer reported by John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, has now spread to his lymphatic system. In a memo to It Is Written partners at the end of September, Bradshaw clarifies that only four of the 61 lymph nodes examined following surgery (to remove a small tumor from his tongue) were found to contain cancerous cells. He also stresses that, contrary to rumors, the radiation treatment he is currently undergoing does not pose an imminent threat to his voice or vocal chords. Regardless of specific details, we continue to urge members to keep John Bradshaw and the It Is Written ministry in prayer.

New Collegiate Alliance May Slow Rising Costs

Three Adventist colleges and universities plan this fall to begin Adventist Educational Alliance, a collaborative effort to help strengthen and economize their programs. Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, and Union College in Lincoln, Neb., hope these efficiencies will help slow the rising cost of tuition. While the three institutions currently serve just 1 percent of Adventist higher education students, more colleges and universities may join. Read more about this new direction at http://bit.ly/17O4wF.

Oshkosh Camporee Tickets Going On Sale

The International Pathfinder Camporee will be held August 11-16, 2014, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin! The theme will be "Forever Faithful." 36,000 North American, 2,000 International, and 2,000 Day-Pass tickets are now being sold! Ticket prices will go up on February 1, 2014. To learn more visit http://bit.ly/GzGl4F.

Volunteers Step Up In Colorado

More than 700 volunteers helped over the weekend at the Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief collection/distribution center in Loveland, Colo., located near the center of the population affected by the recent massive flooding. As of Sept. 22, 15,000 food items have been distributed and 12,000 pieces of clothing have been given out. Volunteers from the community are also helping. They are partnering with the Salvation Army, the Mormon Church and some of the mega churches in the area. Campion Academy students have volunteered over 500 hours helping with flood relief in Colorado. Watch the North American Division Adventist Community Services website (http://bit.ly/17yVISx) and Facebook page (http://on.fb.me/1dWnpbC) for updates and for information on how to donate.

Adventist Health CEO To Retire

Robert G. Carmen, Adventist Health president and CEO since 2007, has announced his retirement. On April 1, 2014, Carmen will conclude his 44-year career with the health system which spans the states of California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. The Adventist Health board of directors regretfully accepted Carmen’s decision during regular meetings held this week and has initiated a process to select his successor. That decision is expected before the end of the year. An occupational therapist by training, Carmen’s four decades of service include stints as president of White Memorial Medical Center, Glendale Adventist Medical Center — both in California — and also Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii.

Adventist Medical Center Gets Platinum Award

The Adventist Medical Center in Portland (AMC) has received the Platinum Performance Achievement Award for the second straight year from the National Cardiovascular Data Registry. The award recognizes the hospital’s Northwest Regional Heart Center for maintaining a 90 percent performance rate or better for eight consecutive quarters. AMC has also been recognized by HealthGrades as a 5-Star hospital for gynecologic surgery for the third consecutive year. In other news, the 18th Annual Golf Benefit hosted by the AMC foundation, raised more than $107,000 to benefit the Family Birth Place and efforts to be designated as a Baby-Friendly Hospital.

Oregon Pastor, Doug Clayville Succumbs To Cancer

Douglas Clayville, pastor of the Dallas and Falls City churches, and Northwest Religious Liberty Association (NRLA) vice president for Oregon, died September 10 after a battle with metastatic melanoma. Clayville had served as a missionary for many years. In recent years he worked closely with Greg Hamilton, NRLA president, and other legislative partners in a successful bid to encourage the Oregon legislature to enact the Workplace Religious Freedom Act. He also partnered with Hamilton to lobby for the repeal of Oregon’s prohibition of religious garb worn by teachers in public schools. A memorial service was held at the East Salem Church on Sept. 14.

Dr. Sloop Update

Many of our members continue to call and write expressing concern for Dr. Jay Sloop and ask for new information about his disappearance. At this point we know little more than we did when Dr. Sloop went for a walk and disappeared May 14, 2013. The local police in Kiev continue to follow up on leads, including investigating recent sighting reports. Unfortunately no new information has turned up. All sighting reports have turned out to be other people not even closely resembling Dr. Sloop. Thank you for your love and concern. Please continue to keep the Sloop family in your prayers. Read more at http://bit.ly/141dhtm.

For additional news visit http://www.oregonconference.org/news_entries
Events

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR
When: November 8 & 10, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Location: Gladstone Park Adventist Church
Catch the holiday spirit at our holiday craft bazaar, benefiting the church fellowship hall and junior high wing! Enjoy shopping a huge selection of unique items, including 30+ booths with crafts, gifts, collectibles, antiques, and decorations. Home-based business displays, gift baskets, a bake sale, gourmet chocolate, cotton candy and more! Door prizes and fun for everyone! Calling all vendors, come join us! Table space is still available. Application and rules are available at www.gladstonepark.org. The Gladstone Park Adventist Church is located at 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone, Ore. For more information, call 503-655-2514 or email fundraising@gladstonepark.org

JESUS MATTERS! SERIES
When: Begins October 19, 2013
Location: Lents Adventist Church
Jesus Matters! seminar series at the Lents Church & Activity Center - Oct. 19, 24, 25, 26, 31, Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9. All are welcome to attend this series. Steve Madsen, pastor of the Lents Church, will be facilitating each session, exploring topics of our faith journey in the context of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Sabbath seminars will be held from 9:45-11:30 am during the regular worship time. Thursday and Friday seminars will be held from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Activity Center. Free admission, free child care (ages 2-12), free parking, and free study materials! The Lents Adventist Church is located at 8835 SE Woodstock Avenue in Portland. Call 503-774-7290 for more information.

27TH ANNUAL OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT
When: October 18-20, 2013
Location: Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Ore.
Register now for this exciting event online by visiting http://bit.ly/14cn3Yj! This year’s speaker is Elizabeth Talbot from the Jesus 101 Institute. Hundreds of women who have never been able to access the blessings of our fall retreat will be able to this year! How? Learn more here at http://bit.ly/164Yg0K.

LIFE ON THE SUNNYSIDE HEALTH LECTURE SERIES
When: October 11-13 & 18-20, 6:30 pm
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
Attend this health lecture series over two weekends to learn how to prevent disease, become more fit, and live a healthier, happier life! Join us October 11-13 and 18-20 at Sunnyside Adventist Church for these free programs. Each evening begins at 6:30 pm. There’s even programming for the kids! Call 503-252-8080 or visit www.SunnysideAdventist.org, or to learn more!

THE ADVENTISTS 2 TO BE SHOWN ON PUBLIC TELEVISION
When: October 10, 8:00 pm
Location: OPB PLUS (Channel 10-2 in Portland)
The Adventists 2 will be aired on OPB PLUS, (channel 10-2 in the Portland metro area, check your local listings for other areas) on October 10th at 8:00 pm. This is the 2nd part of the documentary, The Adventists. The Adventists 2 tells of the Adventist’s commitment to medical mission work. It was filmed in Haiti, the Amazon, Malawi, Africa, China, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Learn more and watch the trailer at http://bit.ly/10XeH8.

39TH ANNUAL WILDWOOD MEDICAL SEMINAR
When: October 9-13, 2013
Location: Wildwood Lifestyle Center, Wildwood, GA
This year we will focus on the various methods for relieving pain. It is designed for health professionals and enthusiastic people who are interested in health. A variety of medical professionals will speak on the different causes of pain and methods of pain management. This year’s presenters include Joe Gager, PT, Roby Sherman, MD, Zeno Charles-Marcel, MD, Agatha Thrash, MD, and Mark Johnson, MD and more. Topics will include physical therapy, overlooked causes of pain, cancer pain, nerve blocks, epidurals, treatment for acute pain, opioid withdrawal. For more information call 1-800-844-1099 ext. 1043 or visit http://bit.ly/1885Ot.

PROJECT PATCH IDAHO RANCH JOB OPENINGS
When: Open Now
Location: Garden Valley, Idaho
Project PATCH, a Christian residential facility for at-risk youth, has full-time openings for both boys’ and girls’ dorm direct-care staff. PATCH follows Adventist principles in leading teens to positive choices in life. Applicants need to be over the age of 21 with a valid driver’s license, high school diploma or equivalency, and a heart to work with at-risk teens. More “mature” adults are encouraged to apply as well. Duties would include planning, organizing, supervising, and participating in the lives of teenagers throughout their daily activities. The Project PATCH Youth Ranch is located in Garden Valley, Idaho. Contact Colleen Donald at Cdonald@protocolpatch.org or at 208-462-3074 for more information.

THE BRETHREN IN CONCERT PRESENTED BY OAMC
When: October 5, 7:30 pm
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church
The Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus is pleased to present a free concert by Brethren, a nationally-renowned choral group. Brethren present music ranging from classical to gospel. They will be joined by the Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus on select numbers. This unique concert will be held at 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 5, at the Sunnyside Adventist Church at 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. The concert is free but seating is limited and tickets are required. Reserve your free tickets by visiting the OAMC website at www.OAMC.org. For a sample of the music you will hear, go to www.youtube.com and search for “Brethren, Conductor Patrick Vaughn.”

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Transitions

Monte Robison (Karla) has transitioned from the Open Arms/Columbia Gorge district to the Florida Conference.

Phil Dunham (Evie) has vacated the position of interim pastor for the Salem Central church.

Rafael Escobar (Lorraine) will be transitioning to the McMinnville/Newberg Spanish district from associate pastor at Hillsboro Spanish.

Jonathan Pawson (Tobi) will be ordained on Sabbath, October 19.

Michael Brackett (Dawn) will be coming from the Carolina Conference to fill the position of associate pastor for the Medford church.

Juancarlos Muñoz will be joining the Oregon Conference from the Adventist Media Center in California to take the position of associate director for Communications, and director of the Media Center in Forest Grove.

Tony Rodríguez (Sayuri) will be joining the Oregon Conference from the Central California Conference to fill the position of associate pastor for the Grants Pass congregation.

Juan Pacheco (Patricia) will be transitioning from the McMinnville/Albany/Eugene/Coos Bay Spanish district to the Beaverton Spanish church.

Julio Chazarreta (Lourdes) will be transitioning from the Beaverton Spanish congregation to the Eugene/Albany/Coos Bay Spanish district.

Hipolito Morales (Herlinda) will be transitioning from the Newberg/Kelso-Longview Spanish district to be the associate pastor for the Hood River and The Dalles Spanish churches.

Doug Clayville (Sue) passed away on September 10.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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