For some it was a long run into the wilderness, or the experience of being “herded” by caravan to a foreign country, or hiding in a wine vat. Others found themselves sleeping in the sanctuary, in the middle of plowing the back 40, or orphaned in a foreign country. Still others had to be struck off their horses, or have hot coals applied to their lips. One even found himself responding while nailed to a cross.

For some it was through a dramatic moment in time, a “light from heaven,” the taste and smell of gastric juices, or the loss of eyesight. For others it was the whisper of a voice, a dream at night, an opportunity presented, or the witness of a mother. Still others experienced it right in the middle of a business day, a fishing trip, a difficult marriage, a trip to the well, or a day with the sheep.

In 1 Peter 5:10 it says, “In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus.”

It wasn’t all wise persons, or elders, or men. It wasn’t even just adults, but children who responded to God’s call.

Called by God to Go—Members in Ministry means just that. God has called each of us in a variety of ways to carry His Good News to our world.

It can’t be done by a lone leader, but takes a whole body, a priesthood of all believers, the

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loud voice of angels in heaven carried by our friendship to the neighbor next door.

When I think of my dream for our conference this year, it includes visions of members each experiencing the joy of using God’s plethora of gifts in all sorts of ways to share God’s love all over.

I dream of media being used to get behind walls and gated communities, of friendships reaching across cubicles and fences, of smiles being the predominate facial expression each Sabbath, of the body of Christ experiencing joy as each part functions under God’s leadership. I also dream of a church that has room in ministry for children and seniors, men and women, young adults and families — all the varied and beautiful parts of Christ’s body functioning together and supporting each other in the mission to our world. I dream too, of the joy seen on each face as the beautiful picture of Jesus becomes clearer and the walk with Jesus becomes stronger.

Called...Involved. Not mission impossible, but rather mission invincible, and then His return.

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By the way, the first ten emails I receive with the names attached to the Biblical calls listed in the first two paragraphs will receive a ten dollar gift card from the ABC. Email me at al.reimche@ac.npuc.org.

TWO LUNCHES AND A BACKPACK

By Allison Cheng

Micah 6:8 says, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Growing up I never had to worry about where my next meal would come from. The sad reality is not everyone can say the same. To those who God gives many blessings, He requires much in return. Until I went to college, I never really had a face-to-face encounter with the stark reality that some people don’t have enough food to make it through the day, let alone the week. I knew hunger existed. I knew that people died from hunger, but it never hit home until I found out some of my friends were practically starving themselves because they didn’t have enough money.

God requires us to use our gifts to glorify him, and benefit others, and to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. He doesn’t want us to hide our gifts under a rock or run away from a situation that needs help. If I had asked myself two years ago what I could do to make a difference regarding hunger, I never would have thought I could do it with my voice.

Two years ago, when I was approached to record for the non-profit, People to People Ministries, I was excited that I would have a chance to make a CD. The experience has certainly opened my eyes and given me not only a new appreciation for recording artists, but the realization that it’s possible to use my talents for a cause and how blessed I am.

There are many ways to further God’s work in the world and you don’t have to go overseas to serve. Sometimes the greatest missionary work is in your own hometown. If you saw me on the street, you probably wouldn’t guess that I am a singer. But that’s the way God works. If God can use my voice to feed hungry children, He can use your talents for just about anything.

When I was asked what I wanted to do with the CD project profits, I said to donate it to the ministry. Apparently in today’s times, it is astonishing to some that a young person is not always driven by putting themselves first. I just don’t understand how doing the right thing seems so foreign. The only difference between me and some other people is that I took action to use my talents.

I encourage you to take action and support the Weekend Backpack Program. Many children do not have enough/anything to eat from the time school ends on Friday until classes begin again on Monday. The backpack programs help fill that gap by providing two sack lunches to a child during the weekend. Many children in your own neighborhood probably go hungry and you may never even know about it. Every child deserves the chance to have a full stomach. If you want to be the change, help a hungry child today because you will be investing in the future of tomorrow. For more information about feeding hungry children through the Weekend Backpack Program visit www.PeopleToPeopleMinistries.com.
Oregon Youth Rush is a 10-week summer adventure that will challenge, inspire, and bless you as you witness through Christ-centered literature door-to-door. You’ll learn how to share your faith practically, make lots of friends, and get money for school! Youth Rush is a great opportunity to learn and apply ministry. The program starts June 8 and ends August 14 and is open to ages 16 to 25. If you’d like more information check out our website at www.OregonYouthRush.com, or give us a call at 503-850-3548!

SHIFT TRAINING EVENT

January 26 at the Holden Center (on the Conference Office grounds), SHIFT will be hosting our first training event. Have you ever wanted some practical skills and methods of sharing your faith? SHIFT helps make ministry easy and practical. Jeffrey Rosario will be presenting this free event, starting at 10:00 am with three one-hour sessions. For lunch, food will be available in the cafeteria for $7 per person, there are nearby eateries, or you can bring your own. Join us for this exciting event!

Schedule:
10:00-12:30–First Two Sessions
12:30-1:30–Lunch
1:30-2:30–Final Session

Questions?
Call Jeff Kimmel @ 503-850-3548

What happened at your church or school over the holidays?

Share photos with captions of your church or school holiday events!

Email them to krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org by January 25 for inclusion in the February eCommunique!
Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. — ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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**Members in Ministry!**
CHURCH SUFFERS CYBER THEFT
The world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventists Church has been the victim of cyber theft. The theft involved approximately $500,000 that was being transferred on behalf of a denominational entity. Church officials are cooperating with federal authorities in the ongoing investigation and working with the banks and insurance companies to determine what recoveries may be possible. Find out more about the investigation at http://bit.ly/1a11Qqi.

SLAIN CANADIAN MISSIONARY LEAVES LEGACY OF SERVICE
A body found in the country of Guatemala has been identified as that of Brian Townsend, a 64-year-old Canadian Adventist, who had been working in the country of Belize. Townsend was first reported missing on December 25, 2013 after his cook found his small house broken into and Townsend missing. There were signs of a struggle and his truck was also missing. A search of the area ensued with the assistance of a local Pathfinder club and one of Brian’s three adult children, Kory Townsend, who traveled from Edmonton, Alberta to find his father. Townsend had moved to Belize in 2004 to help with the construction of an Adventist school and church in the Valley of Peace area of Belize. After the buildings were completed, he stayed on to continue working in the local community.

WORLD CHURCH 2014 BUDGET ANNOUNCED
The Adventist 2014 world church budget of nearly $180 million will fund mission work and administrative support outside of North America, as well as the operation of the world headquarters building. This year’s budget includes $46.2 million for operating costs, salaries and programs of the world headquarters building, $44 million in appropriations to the fields outside of North America, and $29.3 million for missionaries and employees serving in other divisions. Operating costs for the headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., is limited to 2 percent of world tithe. Until 2012, the North American Division (NAD) contributed 8 percent of its tithe to the world budget, while the other 12 divisions each contributed 2 percent. The 2012 vote reduced NAD’s tithe percentage contribution down to 6 percent, implemented over several years. With North America’s tithe at nearly $1 billion, the 2014 adjustment means an approximately $10 million reduction.

PACS RECEIVES WALMART GRANT
Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) has received a grant of $62,738 from the Walmart Foundation State Giving Program for a new refrigerated box truck. It will be used to transport fresh food donations which will be distributed to low-income families through the PACS Food Pantry.

REINER APPOINTED TO TOP ADVENTIST HEALTH POSITION
Scott Reiner, executive vice president and COO of Adventist Health, has been appointed president. Reiner will succeed Robert G. Carmen, who announced his intent to retire in September. With the vote at December’s board of directors meeting, Reiner became president-elect with immediate transitioning of executive responsibilities, according to Ricardo Graham, Adventist Health board chairman. The transition is to be completed by March 31. Reiner has spent a significant number of years within Adventist Health. He started his leadership as the CEO of Glendale Adventist Medical Center (GAMC), a 515-bed facility in southern California. After seven years of service at GAMC, Reiner assumed the role of senior vice president of Adventist Health in 2006. In 2010, he was named the executive vice president and COO.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS WWU PROFESSOR
Bruce Toews, associate professor of accounting and finance at Walla Walla University (WWU), was presented with the Walla Walla University Community Service Award at the annual Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce gala banquet in early December. Each year, the chamber hosts this banquet, which brings community members together to honor local citizens who have made a positive impact in society. At this banquet, Whitman College, Walla Walla University, and Walla Walla Community College each present an award to a local citizen for their community service. WWU president John McVay presented the award, honoring Toews for his generosity and service to the community.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR TILLAMOOK HOSPITAL
David Butler has been named president and CEO of Tillamook Regional Medical Center (TRMC) in Tillamook, Ore. Butler will assume his responsibility for TRMC, their multiple physician clinics and Urgent Care Centers along the Oregon coast on February 3, 2014. Butler has more than 25 years of experience leading large and rural-sized health care facilities. He currently serves as CEO for North Canyon Medical Center, a critical access hospital in Gooding, Idaho.

LINDA WALTER PASSES AWAY
The Adventist Media Center is sad to announce that Linda Walter passed away at 12:21 a.m., December 19. She passed peacefully, surrounded by family members and friends. Linda began working for the Voice of Prophecy radio ministry on June 1, 1970, and carried many different responsibilities over the years. In 1987, she began working for Faith For Today as a researcher/writer in the production department and in 1989 she transferred to the Adventist Media Center television production department where she worked as a producer. In 1999, she was appointed the director of the Adventist Media Services (AMS) Agency and she held that position until she passed away. Condolences for the family may be sent to Adventist Media Center, 101 West Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

BATTLE GROUND CLINIC RECEIVES $184,000 GRANT
The Battle Ground Healthcare Free Clinic has been awarded a $184,000 three-year grant from the Washington State Attorney General’s office. The funds will help institute a formal treatment plan at the clinic for patients experiencing chronic pain. The clinic, started in 2011 as an outreach project of the Meadow Glade Adventist Church in Battle Ground, Wash., specializes in treating chronic health conditions for the uninsured at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and between the ages of 18 and 65.

BRYAN TO RETURN AS WWU SENIOR PASTOR
Alex Bryan has accepted the invitation to once again lead the Walla Walla University (WWU) Church as senior pastor. Bryan served as senior pastor of the University Church from 2009 to June of 2013. During his tenure, he expanded ministry programs and led renewal projects to commemorate the church’s 50th anniversary. He also taught university classes and served as an advisor to the WWU president for vision and strategy. Bryan has most recently been serving as president of Kettering College in Kettering, Ohio. His expected date of return to WWU is yet to be determined.

CATLETT IS NEW WWU DEAN OF STUDENTS
Hilary Catlett, formerly Walla Walla University (WWU) contract professor of social work and sociology, has been appointed as the university’s dean of students. Catlett earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from WWU in 1997 and her Masters of Social Work from WWU in 1998. After graduation, Catlett worked in California for several years as a social worker in various capacities. She returned to Walla Walla, Wash., serving the local domestic violence shelter and Walla Walla County. She is currently a licensed clinical social worker through Washington state.

For additional news visit http://www.oregonconference.org/news_entries.
**MATT & JOSIE MINIKUS CONCERT**

**When:** January 24, 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Tabernacle Adventist Church

Tabernacle Adventist Church is pleased to host the husband/wife ministry team of Matt & Josie Minikus, who have toured America with their unique acoustic music program. You’re invited to bring family and friends to enjoy this special evening of worship at 26 SW Condor Way, Portland. For more information, call 503-293-0623 or email tabernacleSDA@yahoo.com.

**THrive AWAY FROM HOME SEMINAR**

**When:** January 25, 6:30-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Cedar Creek Adventist Community Center

Join us for this seminar on January 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Cedar Creek Adventist Community Center. (Light get-acquainted supper at 5:30 pm.) This seminar is part of the Emergency Preparedness Learning Series. The topics addressed will include: care and office planning, personal evacuation procedures, sanitation, family reunification planning, and evacuation with pets. Our instructor will be Marcie Maynes, president & founder of PreparingHeroes.org. Visit www.preparingheroes.org for more information. To RSVP please email seminars@preparingheroes.org with the number of adults. Please include the ages & number of children needing childcare. You can help cover the cost of this seminar with a suggested donation of $5 per person or $10 per family of 2 or more.

**“TICKET TO RIDE” MOVIE SHOWING**

**When:** January 11, 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:15)  
**Location:** Columbia Adventist Academy Gym

Join us for a showing of Warren Miller’s “Ticket to Ride” at Columbia Adventist Academy’s gym, on January 11, at 7:00 pm. The price is $10 per person, or $45 per family (immediate family only). Children under 5 are free. To learn more call 360-687-3161 or email warrenmillermovie@gmail.com. You can also buy tickets at the door. The Class of 2016 is collecting hats and gloves for Open House Ministries, a local non-profit that provides shelter, safety and hope to families without homes, so please bring new (or like-new) hats and gloves of all sizes. Sponsored by CAA Class of 2016.

**THE NEW CHIP PLUS (+)**

**When:** February 11 (Info sessions Jan. 21 & 30)  
**Location:** Portland Adventist Medical Center

The New CHIP Plus begins February 11th at Portland Adventist Medical Center, Education Center A. Free information sessions on January 21 and 30 at 6:30 pm. Regence BCBS and other major health plans may reimburse all or a portion of fees for eligible members. Discover, experience, explore and share CHIP, a journey to better health. For more information call the Hood View CHIP information line at 503-512-9055 or see www.chishealth.com.

**PARENTING WITH LOVE & LOGIC CLASS**

**When:** January 9-February 20, 6:30pm  
**Location:** Lents Activity Center

Learn a parenting approach that provides loving support from parents while expecting respect and responsibility. This program is known as Parenting with Love and Logic, a philosophy founded by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D., and based on the experience of a combined total of over 75 years working with, and raising kids. This class will begin on Thursday evening, January 9th at 6:30 pm at the Lents Activity Center at 8815 SE Woodstock Boulevard in Portland (next to the Lents Church) and end on February 20th. Please call 503-381-5130 to register. There is a $20 fee to cover materials. Free child care is provided.

**DEPRESSION RECOVERY CLASSES PREVIEW**

**When:** January 20, 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Stone Tower Adventist Church

Join Dr. Nedley for this eight-part series recorded in front of a live audience. Hear from people who have struggled with depression and reclaimed their lives, as they tell which aspects of the program benefited those most. Learn all the keys of the Twenty-Week Turn Around as you walk systematically through this comprehensive program. Using the workbook filled with in-depth exercises and slides from Dr. Nedley’s presentations, you will find all the help you need to begin your path to recovery. A Complete Map for Your Journey! This series begins January 20 at 6:30 pm at the Stone Tower Adventist Church.

**Chiloquin Adventist Church**

**IN SEARCH OF ITEMS FOR NEW BUILDING**

**When:** Needed before February  
**Location:** Chiloquin, Ore.

Chiloquin Adventist Church near Crater Lake, Ore. plans to open its own doors in February. Our little 1035 sq foot church is almost finished but still needs, among other things, 40 padded chairs and a certified wood stove. If you have one of these items, and might be able to help, please contact Tabitha at 541-891-6159 or TabithaAbel@yahoo.com.

**Adventist World Aviation**

**IN NEED OF PILOT FOR ALASKA**

Adventist World Aviation and the Alaska Conference are urgently in need of a pastor/pilot, with a unique combination of talents to serve the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska. The applicant must provide pastoral leadership for the leading church and school in Dillingham and continue supporting a number of village mission outposts, including Tojag, Alednagik, and Manokotak, as well as make periodic visits to Bethel. Applicant must also be a USA certified pilot with commercial and instrument ratings and a current second class medical certificate and have a minimum of 500 total flight hours. Applicant would be the lead pilot among several volunteer pilots in the local church. The aircraft and hangar is provided by Adventist World Aviation. For more information, please contact either Adventist World Aviation at 414-226-5195 or the Alaska Conference at 907-346-1004.

**Organ Concert by Dr. Kimo Smith**

**When:** February 15, 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Sunnyside Adventist Church

Save the date: Saturday evening, February 15 at 7:00 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church will present an organ concert by Dr. Kimo Smith, Associate Professor of Music at La Sierra University and organist at Loma Linda University Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Join us for this free concert. The Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland in Ore.

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VEGAN COOKING CLASS
When: January 28, 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: Eugene Adventist Church

The Eugene Adventist Church is sponsoring a Vegan Cooking Class series presented by chef Brian Igarta and his wife Crystal DuBoyce. The next class will be held on Tuesday, January 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church, located at 1275 Polk Street (corner of 13th and Polk). The January class will feature “Wrap & Roll,” including the following recipes: Sushi Rolls (It’s not as hard to do as you think), Hand-held Salad (Summer Rolls with Thai Peanut Sauce), Raw Wraps (Healthy Fast Food), and Natural Remedies Solutions (Medicinal Herb Tea Helps). If you have questions about this class, call or email Crystal at 541-863-9706 or email veggiechefCd@aol.com.

AREA 3 WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENT
When: March 16, 2014
Location: Springhill Country Club

Join us on March 16 at the Springhill Country Club in Albany for a special women’s ministry event. The keynote speaker will be Lisa Marie Buster. Lisa has devoted her life to helping those that are poor and crippled of heart find the kind of love and healing that only Jesus can give. Break out presenters and titles forthcoming. Register by February 7 and receive the early bird special, $35 per person. Space is limited. Contact Jackie Johnson at macwomensministry@gmail.com to get on the email list and/or to register. Or you can mail your information to: McMinnville Seventh-day Adventist Church, Attn: Jackie Johnson, PO Box 448, McMinnville, OR 97128.

SANDRA ROMERO CONCERT
When: January 11, 4:00 pm
Location: Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship

Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music with Sandra Romero, Sabbath, January 11 at 4:00 pm at Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship. Sandra’s music will fill your heart with peace and joyful inspiration as you experience her message of hope. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be collected. Bring a friend! Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship is located at 15150 NE Glisan St. in Portland.

All links are clickable here and elsewhere in the eCommuniqué.

Transitions

Toni Woods has partially retired, but will continue working in Trust Services on a part-time basis.

Jane Nicola (Dan) has joined the Oregon Conference as administrative assistant for Member Ministries and Evangelism.

Ben Barcenas (Becky) has transitioned from pastoring at the Stone Tower church to Salem Central.

Jeff Richards (Stephanie) has left his position as pastor at the Vancouver church to join the Northern California Conference.

Abraham Acosta (Natalya) has transitioned to full-time status, taking over as interim pastor for the Eugene and Albany Spanish churches, in addition to his Bible Worker Training duties.

Samuel Castro (Belinda) has transitioned to full-time status as pastor of the Vancouver, Woodland, and Kelso Spanish churches.

Julio Chazarreta (Lourdes) has left his pastoral position at the Eugene, Albany, and Coos Bay Spanish churches to join Pacific Press.

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