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President Al Reimche spent some quality time with our OC educators this past month, and realized just how important they really are.

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NORTHWEST PATHFINDERS HEAD TO OSHKOSH FOR CAMPOREE

By Gary McLain

Can you imagine 46,000 Pathfinders camping in your back yard?! This is exactly what happens every five years in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Since 1999, the 800-acre Experimental Aircraft Association next to Pioneer Airport has become the campground for the International Pathfinder Camporee. Ron Whitehead, International Camporee Director, says, “This is the only place … found in the North American Division that can accommodate thousands of tent campers.” This August 11-16, 25 Pathfinder clubs from the Oregon Conference (about 750 Pathfinders) flew, drove, or took the train to the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh.

The Pathfinders that come from other countries are hosted by clubs from around the US, providing them with camping sites near host clubs, camping equipment, and meals while they are at the camporee. Oregon Conference clubs hosted three international clubs. The Meadow Glade club hosted a club from Uganda, the Vancouver and Gresham Spanish clubs teamed up to host a club from Mexico, and the Rockwood club hosted a Pathfinder club from Brazil.

Lots of different things happen at Camporee. Besides the basics (setting up camp, food preparation, and a lot of walking), there are tons of activities including pin trading, honor classes, the nightly program, and maybe even a little sleep here and there! Every conference also has the opportunity to teach an honor or have an activity available. This year, the Oregon Conference provided two activities.

The “cave trailer”, created by Oregon Pathfinder leaders Glen Campbell, Ed Betz, and Michael Gregory, took over 400 man-hours to build. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2...
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Housed in a 48-foot semi trailer, four separate tunnels wind up, down, and over before making their way out. Each “cave” takes 7-10 minutes to navigate. About 400 Pathfinder spelunkers went through the cave trailer each hour, and around 96,000 trips were made by the end of the week!

Oregon also hosted the “Oregon Trail” activity. Ten stations were set up to teach Pathfinders about pioneering. A couple stations walked visitors through building an old-fashioned wooden mallet, while visitors also churned butter and washed clothes on a washboard. Teen Pathfinders from Oregon Conference clubs volunteered their time to help run the cave trailer and Oregon Trail activities, and gained valuable experience in leading out at big events.

As Midwest weather is so apt to do, it provided this camporee with its share of weather-related excitement. This year, campers experienced heavy rain and thunderstorms through the week.

The North Cascade Eagles Club from the Washington Conference rose above the challenge of their campsite, which torrential downpours turned into a muddy bog. The Oregon Conference offered an open area in their grassy camping site, but the Eagles decided to stay put. Bark chips were put down throughout the muddy camp, helping raise them an inch or two out of the muck. The staff’s leadership and attitudes enabled the Eagles club to rise above and work through a less-than-ideal situation. The Oregon Pathfinder clubs watched with admiration, and Oregon Conference Pathfinder Director Tracy Wood said, “It was just amazing to watch how they worked together through this. This is what Pathfinder-ing is all about. They were a great example to us all!”

Having so many kids in one place is amazing. When you add all the volunteer staff committed to raising kids that are not their own to know Jesus, the experience is phenomenal. Whether it means taking vacation time they really couldn’t afford, spending a little extra of their own money, or mentoring and helping kids through situations 24 hours a day, every

MOTORCYCLE CAMP MEETING 2014

By Gary McLain

Dr. John Reeve, Assistant Professor of Church History at Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was an outstanding keynote speaker for this year’s Motorcycle Camp Meeting. He has been riding for years and currently rides a Honda 750 Shadow.

The three talks he gave were entitled “Motorcycling is Fun! (Unless the bike won’t start),” “Motorcycling is Fun! (Unless the trip is too long)” and “Motorcycling is Fun! (Unless the other guy doesn’t see you).” He used these titles to tie the story of Jonah into the reality that God calls us to places we don’t always want to go. And He uses us even when we choose not to be used by Him. He fulfills His promises, His grace, and His mercy even though we are disgruntled with what He is doing. Reeve also shared some of his personal motorcycling stories.

The theme for the weekend was Jesus Uncensored and was filled with wonderful opportunities for making new friends, equipping for ministry, and worshiping Jesus. There were workshops to attend, free riding times, and spiritual messages. The 75 people that attended were from Oregon, Washington, California, and British Columbia.

The weather was excellent and provided opportunity for great riding on Friday and Sabbath afternoons as well as Sunday.

As in previous years, a motorcycle mission offering was taken for Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM). When Tracy asked AFM what they needed, he was told, “two motorcycles and one canoe.” Tracy was thinking, “A canoe? What is that about?” and went on to tell them that at this event they would be working toward getting offerings for the two motorcycles as he felt to raise $4,000 for two motorcycles would be a stretch at this event. But Tracy went ahead and asked how much they needed for the canoe and was told $800. At Motorcycle Camp Meeting, Tracy only mentioned the two motorcycles, but God had other plans. When they took up the offering at the Sabbath morning service they had just over $4,800 given and pledged! Enough for two motorcycles… and a canoe!

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Chosen Vessel, an Adventist gospel quartet out of British Columbia and Nancy Culver, Doyle Johnson, and Tom Infante sang special musics throughout the weekend.

This event is intended to be a spiritual event rather than a typical motorcycle rally. Many bikers friends that may not come to church, but are willing to attend an event such as this one. Also, there are many attendees that are actively involved in motorcycle ministry and use an event such as this to recharge, connect with other ministry areas, and find inspiration to continue sharing Jesus with unchurched people in the motorcycle world.

Next year’s motorcycle camp meeting will be held August 28-30, 2015.

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The reason for this huge camporee, according to Norm Middag, grandfather of Pathfinder ministry, is that “kids need to see that their church is bigger than their conference, bigger than their union, and they need to see it is bigger than their division. When kids realize their church is so big, it helps them realize what heaven might be like, and gives a sense that heaven is going to be fun!” You might even say this event is like a General Conference Session for the youth of the Adventist Church.

The nightly program, when everyone comes together in front of the huge stage is also a highlight. This year’s Forever Faithful theme focused on the story of Daniel. As the story unfolded through the on-stage musical drama each night, Daniel’s story and the importance of faithfulness to God came alive. It proved to be an excellently written program, and the actors (directed by Union College alum Sean Dale) did a fantastic job of lip-syncing to pre-recorded music. One of our own Big Lake staff, Brian Robak, took on the role of Nebuchadnezzar. Several other young adults from our conference were involved in various ways to make each night a success.

What an event! Ask a Pathfinder in your church what they liked best about camporee. The theme for the next International Pathfinder Camporee is “Chosen,” and it will focus on the life of David. Register now for the August 12 - 17, 2019 camporee at http://www.camporee.org.

If you’d like to see more photos from this year’s camporee visit http://bit.ly/1nJiZIX.

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Summer is gone and a new school year has begun. And we are blessed to have an extraordinary group of Adventist educators in our schools “ready to run through walls” so that our students will experience Jesus. How can we support the ministry that is happening every school day throughout our conference? Has your church taken the time to dedicate your educators this new school year? Are the teachers and students being prayed for regularly? Please commit with me to pray for this very important ministry.

SEPTEMBER BRINGS EDUCATION INTO FOCUS

By Al Reimche

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NOTE WORTHY...

**Hope Channel Moves to DIRECTV**
Hope Channel has moved to a high-definition satellite on DIRECTV. This change makes it available on DIRECTV all across the United States without limitations and without the need of an additional antennae as has previously been the case. DIRECTV customers who currently do not have high definition equipment and subscription package will need to upgrade. Please call 800-531-5000 for information about an upgrade. Hope Channel can also be viewed via their website, a mobile app, or through a Roku box available at many stores.

**New Walla Walla University Deans are NW Bred**
The Walla Walla University men’s residence halls welcome Scott Rae and Jon Nickell, two new associate deans of men, to their leadership of Sittner and Meske Halls beginning this summer. He is from Estacada, Ore. and is an alumnus of Milo Adventist Academy. He holds a Master’s in Education. Nickell previously worked as a graduate assistant, clinic manager, and substance abuse counselor. He was born and raised in Baker City, Ore. and is a Gem State Academy alumnus. He has a M.A. in Counseling Psychology. Both gentlemen are WWU graduates.

**Andrews Theologians Approve Statement on Headship**
Faculty of the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University released last week a seven-page study document “On the Unique Headship of Christ in the Church.” The document represents a consensus of the seminary faculty. While it does not specifically address the issue of women’s ordination, the topic of headship has been central to some perspectives in that discussion. The document does, however, speak to the biblical understanding on the roles of men and women. In part, the statement says, “Since Christ is the unique Husband of the church (Christ’s metaphorical bride), the members of the church cannot themselves be husbands of the church but collectively, men and women together, are the bride of Christ.” Read the full statement online at [http://bit.ly/1wD1fxr](http://bit.ly/1wD1fxr).

**Walla Walla Nursing School Accreditation Information**
Walla Walla University was notified by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) that continuing accreditation for the baccalaureate nursing program would be denied, effective July 23, 2014. Through its attorney, the university issued a notice of appeal to the ACEN. The accreditation will remain in place during the time of the appeal. It’s important to note: The ACEN’s accreditation review did not fault the School of Nursing’s curriculum, quality or outcomes. The action was taken because of failure to meet one accreditation standard — that all Walla Walla University School of Nursing faculty possess a master’s degree. Read more from the WWU press release and statement online at [http://bit.ly/10q3aH7](http://bit.ly/10q3aH7).

**White Estate Closes for Renovation**
Adventist News Network reports that the Ellen G. White Estate is scheduled for an eight-month remodeling project that will offer an enhanced visitor center. Starting Aug. 15, the estate will be unavailable for tours and research at its location on the lower level at the Adventist Church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. The estate is scheduled to reopen next spring. The renovation will update the estate with additional interactive displays and exhibits. During the temporary closure researchers can visit one of the estate’s 23 regional centers located throughout the world.

**More than 600 Baptized at International Camporee**
Pathfinders from across the Northwest joined clubs from North America and around the world for the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., in August. The five-day event, with 46,000 people in attendance, is held at the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds and gives clubs the opportunity to participate in community service projects, earn new honors, and meet other Pathfinders from around the world. Each evening clubs came together for the highlight of the week, a nightly drama program on the life of Daniel, who chose to be forever faithful to God. While the week started with rain and mud, the sun came back the next day and stayed for the rest of the event. Baptisms were featured each night. More than 600 Pathfinders took this public vow, with 35 of them coming from the Northwest.

**Bike for Life Pedals to Oshkosh from North Carolina**
People traveled in a variety of ways to reach the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee held in Oshkosh, Wis., August 11-16, but eleven Carolina Conference Pathfinders rode their bikes.

Ranging in age from 13 to 67, the Bike for Life group from the Carolina’s pedaled 830 miles to attend the international event. The group left Asheville on July 27 and arrived in Oshkosh on August 12 around 12:30 pm. According to rider Brian Aalborg, from Charlotte, the bike riders average 60 miles per day, with 110 miles on a long day and 40 on a short day. The group stayed in Adventist churches and schools or other faith community locations along the way and even took time to stop in Battle Creek, Mich., to tour Adventist village. They also took Sabbath off from riding.

“When I started the ride I had not been on a bike for 6 weeks,” said Kathy New, who attends The Gate church in Canton, North Carolina, and sits on the Pathfinder Council for the conference. “The kids realized I could not keep up and the boys would ride in front of me and break the wind. The girls would say, ‘Come on Ms. Kathy. You can make it.’ It really encouraged me.” When people found out one rider was 67 and that New was 64 most were surprised.

New said the first ride took place in 1999. The group was so impressed with the changes for both Pathfinders and adults that they decided to make the Bike for Life an annual event and they have done so every year, except one. The Pathfinder group rides for one week each summer to locations in the Carolinas and beyond.

The group also gave away Forever Faithful Tour brochures that share health information and websites directing people to Bible studies and health sites.

**Behind the Adventist Hobby Lobby Perspective**
Todd McFarland, world church associate general counsel, writes in a *Adventist Review* article that the church’s stand on the Hobby Lobby decision brought forth both pro and con sentiments from members. Why did the church support the decision? Because, McFarland writes, the larger issue the court ruled on matters to the church. For the Adventist Church it was not whether the government could require denominational employers to provide the drugs required by the ACA, because the church already does that. Rather, the issue was the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Read the full article online at [http://bit.ly/1qCPLQB](http://bit.ly/1qCPLQB).

**YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT**
**When:** October 10-12, 2014  
**Location:** Big Lake Youth Camp

Plan now to attend the Young Adult Fall Retreat at Big Lake Youth Camp, October 10-12! This year’s theme, “Get Jesus – Get Life” will be facilitated by Sunnyside’s Pastor Jonathan Russell. Must be 18 or older to attend. The cost will be $25 per person before October 3, $35 per person after October 3. Register at http://bit.ly/XoWYb5.

**PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST – WITNESS TRAINING EVENT**
**When:** October 24-25, 2014  
**Location:** Holden Convention Center

You are invited to attend Oregon Conference’s 2014 witnessing training event – Preparing For The Harvest. This seminar is coming October 24-25 at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Ore. Breakout Sessions include Youth Evangelism & Glow Tracts, Reaching Missing Members, Small Groups, Health Evangelism, 21st Century Evangelism, Church Marketing 101, Making Sabbath School More Evangelistic, and You Can’t Do It Alone: Accessing Holy Spirit Power for Witnessing. This year’s speakers will include Jason Worf, Stan Beerman, Rico Hill, Paul & Corleen Johnson, and Dan Linrud. For more information, or to register, visit http://bit.ly/prepare4harvest.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE OREGON WOMEN’S RETREAT**
**When:** October 17-19, 2014  
**Location:** Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Ore.

Register now for the “Simply Beautiful” Oregon Women’s Retreat! This live event will take place October 17-19 at Eagle Crest Resort with Dr. Jo Ann Davidson from the seminary at Andrews University. Special musical guest: Margie Salcedo-Rice. Breakout speakers are Rise Rafferty, Maureen O’Kane, Sherri Uhrig and Margie Salcedo-Rice. Teen speaker: Elise LeBlanc. Teens come for only $25! Register by going to www.AdventSource.org or by calling 800-732-7587. For information on hosting a free live-streaming site visit www.OregonConference.org.

**REVIVAL WEEKEND WITH JERRY & JANET PAGE**
**When:** September 19-20, 2014  
**Location:** Hoodview Adventist Church

Jerry and Janet Page, Ministerial Secretary and Associate Ministerial Secretary of the General Conference, will share how the Lord has been teaching and changing them in their daily spiritual journeys. This focus on practical prayer experiences and the power of God’s Word can help you have a closer relationship with Jesus. Plan to attend Friday 7:00 pm, and Sabbath beginning at 9:00 am at the Hoodview Adventist Church in Boring, Ore.

**ADVENTIST RECOVERY MINISTRIES TRAINING**
**When:** October 3-5, 2014  
**Location:** Portland Adventist Medical Center

Are you interested in ministering to those with addictions? Attend the Adventist Recovery Ministries training October 3-5 at the Portland Adventist Medical Center. This is the official Journey to Wholeness training offered by the North American Division of Adventist Health Ministries Department and will feature speakers such as Dr. David Sedlacek, Dr. Duane McBride, and Dr. Ricardo Whyte. Cost: $55 or $75, depending on desired materials. Registration deadline is September 25, space is limited. For more info or to register, call the NIPUC office, 360-857-7013, or visit http://npuc.org/health2014.

**CHIP-COMPLETE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**
**When:** September 18, 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Portland Adventist Medical Center

CHIP, the Complete Health Improvement Program, is a 10-week, intensive therapeutic lifestyle improvement program which can dramatically reduce health risks associated with heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity and other conditions. CHIP is changing lives for the better wherever it is being offered. See www.CHIPhealth.com. CHIP starts again at Adventist Medical Center in October. Attend a free CHIP information session on September 18 at 6:30 pm at Adventist Medical Center Education Center A. Attend this session to witness the amazing benefits of CHIP. If you want to experience CHIP, you can sign-up at the same time. Regular sessions begin Thursday October 9 and are at 6:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 11. For more information call 503-512-9055 or email HoodViewCHIP@gmail.com.

**DEPRESSION RECOVERY INTRO SESSION**
**When:** September 23, 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Castle Rock Adventist Church

A free Depression Recovery Introductory Session will be held on September 23 at 6:30 pm at the Castle Rock Adventist Church. No one wants to admit being depressed, but perhaps being sad for prolonged periods of time, a change in sleep habits, or puzzling mood swings have you wondering what is going on. Neil Nedley, M.D. Internal Medicine, and Mental Health specialist, offers choices other than medication. There are eight sessions that make up this video class. Come check out the FREE intro to see if you would like to register for the additional eight (8) Tuesday sessions, beginning October 7, to November 25, 2014. There is a charge for the 8 sessions. Location: 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N. Castle Rock, Wash. For information: Ruth 360-274-7762.

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For more announcement & event information please visit www.oregonconference.org/announcements — this page is updated weekly.
Transitions

Rick Casebier (Peggy) has joined us from the Washington Conference to fill the position of pastor for the East Salem church.

Blake Engellart has joined the Oregon Conference as the assistant pastor for the Kelso-Longview church.

Jonathan Pawson (Tobi) is transitioning to the Florida Conference from his pastoral position at the Cascade and La Pine churches.

Sandy Heusser (Don) has retired to part-time in the Education Department.

Marisela Ventura (Raul) has joined the Oregon Conference as the administrative assistant for payroll.

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RUSHING RIVER

By Krissy Barber

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