Did you know that the Oregon Conference supports a new congregation in the Vancouver area? This week I talked with two leaders in this new congregation and was blessed with the stories that came from a recent series of meetings that took place at Beit Shalom Balev. I asked them to write down some experiences and here is that report.

“I attended Conservative Synagogues since my childhood! Every Yom Kippur I was making sure that my synagogue dues [were] paid and the fees for the seat during the High Holidays were covered, but I have never heard such a clear Biblical explanation of the Day of Atonement.” It is for people like Jacob, that Beit Shalom Balev: Jewish-Adventist Congregation (House of Peace in the Heart) conducted a mini-series last week dedicated to Jewish High holidays, Rosh HaShanah (the feast of Trumpets) and Yom Kippur.

The congregation meets in a rented facility, a simple storefront. They moved into this facility last May after Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Bolotnikov conducted the evangelistic program “The Gospel Through the Eyes of a Jew.” More than 65 people attended the meetings conducted on Wednesday, Friday, and Sabbath each week.

Dr. Bolotnikov is an evangelist for the Oregon Conference, and coordinates Jewish ministries in the area. He also directs the Shalom Learning Center, a training center of the North American Division that teaches Adventists how to reach the Jewish people.

The mini-series “Shofars of Judgment” which started in September, covers subjects that are not usually discussed in depth at regular evangelistic series or in weekly church services, but are vital for the understanding of the Three Angels’ Message. Topics, such as the pre-advent judgment, the cleansing of the sanctuary, and mystery of atonement, require serious attention to the Biblical text. Nevertheless, these are issues that Jews are thinking about during...
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There are FOUR WAYS to get in on the blessings of this year’s women’s retreat!

• Attend at Eagle Crest!
Registration through AdventSource concludes Thursday, October 9. To register, call 800-732-7587 or visit http://bit.ly/1nYN2lB. – Remember, TEENS can attend for only $25!

• Host/attend a live-streaming site!
There are currently twelve (12) open sites, and five (5) private sites. Find the one closest to you by visiting http://orgcwomen.netadvent.org/livestreaming.

• Watch the live stream from anywhere you have internet!
Just go to http://orgcwomen.netadvent.org/livestreaming.

• See the Sabbath morning program as part of church!
Some churches will be offering the Sabbath morning program as their church service on October 18. It will feature Dr. JoAnn Davidson as the speaker and will run from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm. This is free and requires no registration.

To learn more about this year’s speakers and breakout sessions visit www.OregonConference.org.

Still have questions? Contact Cheri Corder (503-850-3558 or cheri.corder@oc.npuc.org), or Jane Nicola (503-850-3555 or jane.nicola@oc.npuc.org).

We hope you can join us!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
TRAINING HELPS LEADERS
KEEP UP WITH TODAY'S KIDS

Simply Kids!...Oregon Conference Children’s Ministry training for people who are passionate about revolutionizing a generation for Jesus!

The Oregon Conference Children’s Ministries Conference took place on September 14 at the Holden Convention Center and trained Children’s Sabbath School leaders how to teach age appropriate Sabbath School Classes… But that wasn’t all!

The majority of the afternoon was spent in breakout sessions specific to the attendees interests. The Children’s Sabbath School demonstrations was taught by veteran Children’s Sabbath School leader, Sara Lausevic. Sara teaches the Beginner Sabbath School class at the Beaverton church. She taught her training class as though the kids were there, but interjected tips and tidbits for the adults who were there to learn. Jaimy Hill and Julie Alvarez from Tillamook Adventist Church led out by demonstrating an actual Kindergarten class, including music and teaching the A.C.T.S. of prayer where kids learn to pray and listen to God. Amy Quinn, Primary Sabbath School teacher from Sandy, demonstrated the following week’s lesson and readiness activity, and followed with a lively Q&A. Susan Aldridge teaches Juniors at the Sunny Side Church. “If the kids start to get distracted while you are teaching, just start naming the books of the Bible from memory. Make a mistake or two and they will be digging into their Bibles to tell you how it goes. You could even do the same with memory verses,” says Susan.

The second set of breakout sessions that were offered were Teaching Children to Pray, Making Scripture Memory Sticks, Decorating on a Dime, and Bible Learning Activities using Science. All were designed to enhance the Sabbath School experience.

As the guests entered Mt. Hood Auditorium for the conclusion of the day they were instructed to enter quietly and reverently… five worship stations were set up where they could experience children’s worship.

Simply Kids! Children’s Ministry training was a spiritually uplifting experience for those who are passionate about leading kids to the foot of the cross! See you next year for the 2015 NPUC Children’s Ministry Conference at Double Tree Hotel by the Hilton in Portland, Oregon!

...if you just listen to someone speak you will only retain about 10% of what was said?

But incorporating sight, interaction, repeating, and listening can increase that retention to 80%!
Alicia Meier Viera passed away on September 24, 2014 at 7:45 am in the City of Hope Research Hospital in California. She was the mother of Elizabeth Talbot, speaker-director of the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, and wife of Elder Juan Carlos Viera, former director of the Ellen G. White Estate. A memorial service of celebration and thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, November 1 at 4:00 pm at the Alhambra Adventist Church, 220 South Chapel Avenue, Alhambra, Calif.

Ted N.C. Wilson, Adventist world church president, is urging church members to join together on October 11 for prayer on behalf of those directly affected by the Ebola epidemic in Africa. Wilson and his family spent nine years serving the church in West Africa. In his remarks this week, Wilson said, ‘I am urgently imploring all Seventh-day Adventists around this globe to make Sabbath, October 11 a special Day of Prayer for our brothers and sisters in West Africa and for the entire population in that region as they face this virtually unprecedented tragedy.” Read more from the Adventist News Network at http://bit.ly/1pMrLqc.

Guide magazine is looking for stories and people to write them. Along with regular-length true character-building stories (750–1,300 words), Guide editors currently need some continued stories. These series are typically 3-5 chapters total. While they are open to historical, character-building stories, the current need revolves around stories in contemporary settings, such as school, around the neighborhood, etc. Find more information about submitting stories to Guide magazine online at http://bit.ly/1twmCnj.

William A. Loveless, a 1949 Walla Walla University graduate who went on to become a prominent Adventist pastor and administrator, died on September 15 at the age of 86. During his years of service to the denomination, Loveless pastored two of the church’s largest congregations: Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Md., and Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, Calif. Early in his ministry he partnered with Winton Beaven, dean of Washington Missionary College, to send, according to many, the first student missionary. His funeral service was held on September 28, at the Loma Linda University Church. Read more online from the Adventist News Network at http://bit.ly/1pMiLqz.

Adventist leaders from the North America Division (NAD) met in September at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., to discuss “Pathways to Effective Pastoral Ministry.” Demographics show that more than 400 pastors across the NAD are at or beyond retirement age, with more joining their ranks each year. Without adequately trained replacements, a shortage of qualified pastors looms. While this summit has no formal authority to implement changes, its recommendations will be passed on to conferences and training institutions. Those recommendations, when complete, will suggest a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and development of effective pastors.

For additional news visit http://www.oregonconference.org/news_entries.
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, and Making Sabbath School More Evangelistic. 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.

VEGETARIAN COOKING 101 FOR GUYS

When: October 28, 6:30 pm
Location: Eugene Adventist Church

This month’s vegetarian cooking class, to be held at the Eugene Adventist Church on Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm is destined to be very special! When: October 28, 6:30 pm Location: Eugene Adventist Church

Vegetarian Cooking 101 for Guys, Pastor Greg will be demonstrating how to cook two dishes: Tater Tot Casserole, and Bean Burrito Casserole. The Eugene Church is located at 1275 Polk Street in Eugene. You can contact Crystal at 541-863-9706 or email her at veggiechefCD@aol.com to learn more.

HEART HEALTHY COOKING CLASS

When: October 12, 1:00 pm
Location: Valley View Adventist Church

Heart Healthy Cooking Class, with plant-based holiday roast alternatives! This event will be held at the Valley View Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 3677 South Stage Road in Medford, Ore. Class will begin at 1:00 pm on October 12th. For more information contact the church at 541-773-6097, or visit www.vvsda.org. There is no cost for this event. Donations will, however, be accepted.

WOMEN’S RETREAT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT LENTS CHURCH

When: October 17-19, 2014
Location: Lents Adventist Church Activity Center

Attend this year’s Oregon Conference Women’s Retreat via live stream at the Lents Adventist Church Activity Center. Lents will be hosting the retreat live streamed from Eagle Crest as we did last year. The cost for this local event is only $20 for Friday evening, Sabbath morning & evening, and Sunday morning. Meals will be provided Sabbath lunch & early evening only, but snacks and drinks will be available throughout the weekend. Please register by calling 503-774-7290 and leave your name, number and the number in your party so that we can plan ahead for materials, gifts, and food! There will be an overnight slumber party on Saturday night like last year! We look forward to seeing you! The Lents Activity Center is located at 8815 SE Woodstock Blvd, in Portland.

CAMERA 101 CERTIFICATION SERIES SESSION 2 - RESCHEDULED

When: November 9, 2014 - NEW DATE
Location: Holden Convention Center

Attend this class series to become a certified church video camera operator! We will be packing all of the last 3 units into this session. So you will be able to graduate after this class! In this session learn camera man vs director, zoom technics, outdoor camera operation, formats, color correction... This class will be offered November 9, (with lunch provided), from 9:00 am-5:00 pm at the Holden Convention Center. The cost is $10 per person. No experience is necessary to take this certification. If you did not attend the first session you can still get certified if you attend this last session. If you have a video camera or camcorder please bring it and a tripod to this session. Register at http://bit.ly/1mNBtuY.

MONTANA CONFERENCE SEeks ACCOUNTANT/ASSISTANT TREASURer

When: Taking applications now
Location: Montana Conference

Montana Conference is looking for an accountant/assistant treasurer. Education and experience in accounting field required. Familiarity with AASI, APS, Donation Accounting, Jewel Church and ASM School accounting programs a plus. Responsibilities: general ledger, payroll, remittances, accounts receivable, church financial reviews. Send resume to merlin.knowles@mc.npuc.org.

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

David Crockett (Veronica) has transitioned to the Upper Columbia Conference from pastoring the Sandy church.

Charles Brown (Marjorie) will be the interim pastor at the Sandy church.

Jose Galvez (Sherry) has transitioned from pastoring the Brookings/Gold Beach churches to Silverton/Stayton.

Lee Larson (Ema) is transitioning from his interim position at Silverton/Stayton to Brookings/Gold Beach.

Brian Simmons (Chantelle) is transferring from the Central California Conference and seminary to join the Oregon Conference as the assistant pastor for the Hood View and Estacada churches.

Sara Withers (Josh) has returned from seminary at Andrews University and joined the pastoral team at the Beaverton church.

Jamie Wyman has resigned his position as moving van driver for the Oregon Conference.

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