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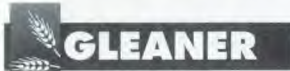
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A Skeptic's Review of Bearhug

By Edwin A. Schwisow

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Skeptical we were, those of quill and ink, when back in 1991 *Operation Bearhug* first stretched forth its paws and opened a Pacific passageway between Northwestern and Russian Adventism.

With that opening, we were told, would come an inevitable tidal effect—a "reflex" action—that would bring immense benefit to the Northwest as we focused on sharing the gospel abroad.

Nevertheless, those of us whose inkwells often run deeper than our faith wells, wondered at the time at the shift from "domestic issues" to "foreign affairs." Why did leadership want us looking elsewhere? Was there a coming crisis at home?

Even so, we thought, *Operation Bearhug* would be a good thing—it would make great GLEANER copy! But to have dreamt—out loud, at least—that it would imprint its psychic paw-prints as *the* story of the past five years, would have appeared in print as wild-eyed presumption.

Spinach-Like Aftertaste

Now, nearly four years later, as we wince at the spinach-like aftertaste of vegetarian crow, we can bask in the specifics of that once-illusive *Bearhug* "reflex."

For example, today, the Alaska Conference, birthplace of *Operation Bearhug*, leads the North American Division in percentage growth, and other early-*Operation Bearhug*-intensive conferences are hot on Alaska's heels.

In the second quarter of this year, the North Pacific Union led the division overall in per-capita financial as well as accessional growth.

In fact, the folks in Alaska tell me that percentage net growth this year will exceed that of church-growth-champion conferences in the Inter-American Division.

And, using a term native to Alaska, we're assured that the "pipeline" of people preparing for baptism and eager to attend evangelistic meetings in 1995 is full.

Trickle-Down Evangelism

This is nothing less than an amazing turn-about from days in the North Pacific Union when the good old "trickle-down evangelism"

theory held sway.

The "trickle-down" theory, as I understand it, said that if you nourished the saints at home, kept them happy in a homogeneous congregation and pastored them with charisma, evangelism would trickle down to the community and would eventually leach beyond to the world field.

I mean, this was Protestant church-growth orthodoxy! And to chronicle *Operation Bearhug* and its politically incorrect ursine leap from the diving-board of domesticity past every filtration system to the brine of the international deep seemed like radical revisionism.

And yet, that leap of faith has brought a day without parallel in our times, and rational explanations still elude us. Surely, some say, this is a blip—a feast-bump in the python line of Northwest history.

Hands Across the World

But the Richter-line seems unwilling to settle. We see no impending "reflex fatigue:" the folks from Sweet Home, Ore., for example, where public evangelism helped double church attendance earlier this year, to my knowledge have taken no board action to rename themselves the "Sweat Home" church in gasping epithet to the taskmastery of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, the very term "*Operation Bearhug*" now seems to be embarrassingly insufficient as a metaphor for spreading the gospel, personally and intentionally, from the Northwest.

A new phrase is needed—and is now gaining prominence—to express the vision *Bearhug* gave us.

"Hands Across the World"

Less than a month ago, in College Place, Wash., Robert S. Folkenberg, world church president, formally introduced the concept of "Hands Across the World" and challenged the Northwest to reach beyond Russia to the world field in the spirit of the Arctic bears.

"Hands Across the World," said Folkenberg, should be a plan of Northwesterners, by Northwesterners and for Northwesterners to interact with the world church "Global Mission" in reaching unreached people groups.

"Hands Across the World," he said, fills a
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ABOUT THE COVER

Kenneth Penner of St. Charles, Mo., skipped class to capture the cover shot he calls "Bridge in the Snow" while he was attending Walla Walla College with a Canon Ftb camera and Kodachrome 64 film.

void—a deficiency—which *Operation Bearhug* never got around to considering, and that is, “How do we channel the reflex action to our own territory as the Holy Spirit opens our windows of opportunity?”

Our Response

After careful consideration, Northwestern conferences have answered Folkenberg’s challenge.

Next year, Alaska has determined to organize a new group in Togiak and to strengthen presence in Katzebue while, internationally, raising up a church in Khabarovsk, Russia, and establishing a new church in southern Mexico.

Idaho plans to distribute *Steps to Christ* and to offer *Christ’s Object Lessons* and *The Desire of Ages* to every household in its territory; to spearhead establishment of a Native American church in Blackfoot; and to open two or more Spanish-speaking congregations in southeastern Idaho, while internationally cooperating with Russia’s North Caucasus Conference in a sister-conference relationship.

Montana has stretched its arms out to the Native American Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribes in southeastern Montana and internationally will maintain strong ties with church-development projects in Belgorod, Russia.

Oregon has targeted fast-growing Clark County in its territory north of the Columbia River for creation of a new congregation. It has covenanted, as well, to carry the gospel more deeply into ethnic groups in the conference and to target Oregon’s many unchurched with innovative outreaches, while internationally sending more and more young people on shorter-term mission assignments and holding evangelistic meetings next year in the former Soviet Union, Africa and South America.

Upper Columbia is developing a multiple-media strategy to contact every home (617,000 addresses) in its territory with an invitation to consider the Bible as the source for answers to life’s perplexing questions.

It will also utilize “Positive Life Radio” more effectively by beginning to add local content to its transmissions outside of the Walla Walla Valley; and, internationally, members will help conduct Sabbath school class action unit training in the Ukraine and Russia and carry forward mission projects in Asia, Mexico and Africa.


The Washington Conference will continue to sponsor extensive door-to-door activity through “Youth Challenge” and “Restore Ministry,” (both literature-evan-

gelistic ministries); will carry forward plans to establish a church in Redmond, Wash., and will target what it calls “struggling” churches in its own territory for special assistance. Internationally, it envisions projects in Russia, Asia and South America.

Meanwhile, from North Pacific headquarters in Portland, emphasis focuses on keeping up the sister-union relationship projects with Russia, assisting in projects in Asia, Inter-American and Euro-African divisions, and establishing new churches in Romania and Zimbabwe.

Clarion Overture

All told, *Operation Bearhug* has been a clarion overture to the main drama now unfolding. Its spirit is embracing the world, leaving in its wake pondering writers and theoreticians who stretch to explain the “reflex” effect of the *Bearhug* plunge.

But as wise men and skeptics stretch their minds, Northwest Adventists prepare, in faith, for stretching of another order—the stretching out of “Hands Across the World.” 

News Copy to be Mailed Directly to GLEANER

As of Jan. 1, 1995, news, announcements and notices submitted for GLEANER publication may be sent directly to GLEANER editorial offices in Portland, Ore.

This change alters past policy which directed writers to submit all local-church-related news reports for the GLEANER to local-conference correspondents.

Manuscripts and photos mailed to local conference offices will continue to be trans-shipped to the GLEANER; however, conference correspondents have voted approval of the new procedure and are encouraging writers to correspond directly with the Portland office, said Ed Schwisow, editor.

Conferences in Loop

“We’re not removing conference correspondents from the GLEANER news loop in any sense,” he said. “But as of January, technology will allow conference correspondents to view GLEANER materials on their computer screens immediately after the close of issue deadlines. This means that they will have the same access to materials as they would were they to physically review the articles on their desks.”

The change in policy was voted Nov. 17 by the GLEANER editorial board as recommended by conference communication directors this year.

More-Timely News

He noted that the new process will “help speed delivery of news and opinion to our subscribers,” and he urged writers to promptly submit news reports for publication.

“We will give higher priority this new year to stories whose authors are able to file their reports promptly. We need to have news reports in our hands, at the latest, within 30 days of the conclusion of any event, preferably sooner.

“I am continually amazed at the faithfulness of those who write for the GLEANER. We need now to work together to make our news sections more and more current.”

Longhand?


“Now, more than ever, it’s important that GLEANER news writers make every effort to have their copy typed, and that those who have access to a Macintosh or IBM-compatible computer place their copy on computer disks and enclose those disks with a printed copy of their material,” he said.

GLEANER will return all computer disks which are labeled with the writer’s name and address and which identify file name(s) for articles and brand of word processing used.

Handwritten reports—especially multi-page articles submitted in longhand—are the most difficult to process and may in some cases be delayed in publication, he said. Typewritten articles—even those not generated on a computer and which do not arrive accompanied by a disk—can in most cases be readily processed.

CompuServe

Schwisow noted that a plan is also under study to allow submission of news and opinion materials via CompuServe and to place GLEANER articles in the “Adventist News” section of SDA On-line Forum for speedy retrieval by those who have personal computers with access to CompuServe files.

Those who wish to comment on this proposed plan may communicate with Todd Gessele, GLEANER editorial assistant, CompuServe Number 74617,371, or write him at the GLEANER. 

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O P E R A T I O N B E A R H U G



By Todd Gessele

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As jets whisk evangelists and goodwill delegations from Seattle to St. Petersburg; from Moscow to Montana; from Caldwell to the Caucasus; and from Oregon to Orenburg; we often forget how *Operation Bearhug* camaraderie between the North Pacific Union and Russia began.

Since 1991, in fact, *Operation Bearhug* has been the means of drawing more than 6,300 Russians into Adventist fellowship. And yet, this mighty outreach might never have happened had it not been for the evangelistic lead taken by Adventist Native American Eskimos in Alaska.



Gerry Tungiyon shows the coordinates on a map of Siberia where he first met his relatives after years of separation.

Families Divided

In the early 1900s, Native Eskimos living on St. Lawrence Island in and around Gambell, Alaska, frequently traversed the 32 miles of treacherous Bering Straits waters on hunting and whaling expeditions to visit relatives who lived in coastal Siberia.

But then the oppression of Stalinism set in, and it became next to impossible to cross the ice-locked straits in the winter or to rendezvous in summer to exchange family news and supplies in the traditional way.

It was not until 1988 that Yupik-speaking Eskimo people on St. Lawrence Island were once again allowed to visit the Soviet Union to relocate long-lost relatives and friends as the Iron Curtain slowly crumpled into the Straits under the weight of its own antiquated armor.

In Search of Family

It was during this time that Gerry Tungiyon, an Adventist Yupik teacher at Gambell High School, took six students on a cultural exchange program to the city of Providenya, USSR, only a 20-minute flight from Gambell, to perform traditional Yupik Eskimo songs and dances.

While in Russia, he took a side trip to New Chaplino to try to make contact with his relatives. Suddenly, he was approached by a man who asked, "Are you Gerry?"

"Yes," Gerry responded, "but how do you know me?"

The man showed Gerry a picture his sister had sent him of Gerry and his wife, Eva, which the Russian Eskimo had studied intently for 40 years so that he would be able to recognize Gerry if he ever were to visit.

And so began a cross-cultural exchange of Yupik-speaking Eskimo relatives that continues to this day.

Archbishop Invites Adventists

At about this same time, Archbishop Frances Hurley of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska, contacted Igor Pavlov, a Russian who had been appointed director of religious affairs in Magadan, Russia, regarding the possible establishment of a Catholic presence in that Siberian city.

Pavlov's response was favorable, but, as if guided by divine insight, he stated that he also wanted other

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Christian denominations—including specifically Seventh-day Adventists—to be included in any discussions that might lead to a stronger Christian presence in that region.

Acting on Pavlov's request, the Archbishop felt compelled to contact Ron Watts, who was then president of the Alaska Conference, to request Adventist participation in discussions between religious leaders in Anchorage and Magadan.

Watts asked James Osborne, then Alaska Conference ministerial association secretary, to participate in the inter-church discussions, the first of which Pavlov held in Anchorage. Russian Pastor Kirill Movelyan was also included in the discussions.

An Appeal

At the time of his visit to Anchorage, Pastor Movelyan was invited to speak at the Anchorage Northside church on a Sabbath afternoon. His pleas for Bibles for his people elicited a freewill offering of \$1,300.

A few weeks later, Osborne joined a delegation of six people that traveled to Magadan for a second round of inter-church talks. He took 440 Bibles with him, which the Adventist pastor distributed during the following two weeks.

This dramatic opening of doors added further evidence that Alaska had somehow been divinely chosen as the opening breach in the iron curtain for the preaching of advent Christianity.

Missing Eskimos

Meanwhile, in July of 1990, Gerry Tungian flew again from St. Lawrence Island to New Chaplino, this time with wife Eva, to visit the relatives he had found on his first trip to Russia.

When it came time to eat, everyone gathered around a small table, and Gerry told his wife, "I will pray before we eat."

Faced with curious glances at the mention of prayer, Gerry explained to his long-lost relatives that "before we eat, we pray and ask the Lord's blessing."

Only a few words about Christianity were discussed at this time, however.

"I didn't want to go too fast so as not to frighten them from understanding about God's plan for their lives," says Gerry. "But my wife and I overheard them talking to others, explaining that we worship God in heaven and that we pray to Him every day."

Before returning to Gambell, he remembers, "I told them that we pray for them, too, and invited them to visit us at Gambell."

A short while later, four walrus-skin boats filled with women, young people, and Russian men indeed did set out to visit Gambell. Halfway across the straits, the boats became separated, lost in heavy fog. Only one craft managed to make it to land at Gambell on the western tip of St. Lawrence Island.

The others remained lost at sea and were in imminent danger of being caught by swift ocean currents.

Gerry and his wife prayed with the group on land for the safety of the Russians in the three boats, imploring the

Lord that the boats might be able to land safely somewhere, and that those aboard would discover God's ability to lead in even the foggiest weather.

For three days there was no word. Then on the evening of the third day, the lost boats landed safely at Gambell.

When everything was unloaded, two of the elderly women related how that on the third day, while they seemed hopelessly lost in the fog, they had remembered what they had learned around the dinner table from Gerry and his wife about God and prayer.

So the women had prayed to "the God of the people of Gambell" while the men continued to stand watch in the boats.

Suddenly a tunnel-like passage the width of the boats opened through the fog and extended toward land. A strange, calming feeling came over them. Although the sea remained rough, they managed to guide their boats through the opening fog directly to the safety of Gambell.

"Your God is very strong," one elderly woman said. "Nothing can match Him. He has cared for us. I have no objection to Him, and I believe in Him," she said when Gerry told the visitors he had been praying for them.

Such early developments in Alaska were among the stories prominent in the heart of Bruce Johnston, North Pacific Union Conference president, as he presented to his executive board in Portland the needs and opportunities for outreach in Russia.

The term *Operation Bearhug* seemed to embrace the warmth of fellowship and faith-sharing—the supernatural opening of a "window of opportunity," figuratively portrayed by the divine passageway through the fog.

And so the logo of the two bears was born, drawn directly from the experience of the polar-bear hunters of Alaska who had embraced one another after years of separation across the narrow Bering Straits dividing the continents.

The two-bear logo, in months to come, would become a virtual trademark of goodwill which Russian custom officers came to instantly recognize and respect.

The rest is history. But we should never forget that it was the faith and rewarding Providence that hears all men in every language as they pray that sowed the seeds for what has become a landmark experience in the history of outreach by Northwestern Adventists to the world. 🐻



Children in the Arctic enjoy life, despite extremely cold weather that can threaten life and limb of those unprepared to face St. Lawrence Island winters.

God's promises are sure!

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Bearhug 1994: What Hath God Wrought?

By Duane McKey

Duane McKey serves as church ministries and Operation Bearhug coordinator for the North Pacific Union Conference.

While looking intently at the American pastor/evangelist, with tears in her eyes, the "Babushka" grandmother held the Bible to her breast and said gently, "Spasiba; bashoi spasiba," or "Thank you; thank you very much."

She then sank to her knees and kissed the Bible affectionately. This was her first Bible. As tears rolled down her cheeks, she repeated, "Spasiba."

Touching people's lives for Jesus has been what *Operation Bearhug* has been all about for Adventists in the Northwest—touching people's lives for Jesus in the former Soviet Union.

And it's all been done as part of a larger goal of "Global Mission," to reach every people group in the world with the message of the returning Christ.

Since 1991 when *Operation Bearhug* officially began, more than 706 visa applications have been processed by Darlene Clark, *Operation Bearhug* office secretary in Portland, Ore.

More than 33 evangelistic campaigns have been held in Russia by Northwest sponsors, resulting in 6,332 baptisms. In addition, many training programs have been conducted for pastors and laity, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on airfares and accommodations.

Public evangelism, Bibles, literature, training programs, church buildings, various types of equipment, tons of food, motor vehicles, and other project developments have been made possible because of gifts, prayers, and volunteer service.

The following are just a few glimpses of how Northwest involvement has affected and touched people in Russia.

A Russian woman, Denatara, comments, "I was changed when I accepted Christ into my life. I took Bible courses from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and I began to find the truth as it is in Jesus, which was explained to me in

the Holy Scriptures. I was baptized March 24, and my life began taking on new meaning. My relationship with my children improved. My husband, who had been separated from me for 18 years, returned home. I feel the love of my Savior, which I accept in my heart. He kept me from disease and gave me spiritual and physical fitness. He gave me hope for the future and eternal life."

Another new Russian Adventist, Clara, testifies that "I will never forget how I was filled with music in my soul on the day I was baptized. Something happened to me. I now have a feeling of joyful rest and a surety that whatever happens in the world, even though it may be bad, God is with me. He will help me touch other people's lives. I found out that God is alive and that He cares for me. Each day I'm surprised at myself. I am able to smile all the time. Even when I stand in long lines at the shops. Even in terribly uncomfortable situations that I'm in, I smile. I love my God. I love to read my Bible and go to church on Sabbath. Living for Jesus is a great joy for me. I'm sorry for one thing—that my way to God was so long and that before I found God there were so many sins. Soon I'll be 60 years of age, but I still feel very happy that I came to Jesus. Because He has forgiven me, I am a new person. Thank you."

Alexandra writes, "When I came to the water to be baptized, I cried. I can't describe what happened inside me. Everything inside me seemed to be moving. There was great victory in me. I felt myself free—very free. As I read my Bible and find my questions answered, I understand that we are living very close to the second coming of Jesus. When I realize this, the hair moves on my head. Thank you very much for the Bible. This beautiful book is a super book. Don't forget me. Until the next meeting in the heavenly city, may God keep and bless you. With great respect and love, your sister in Christ."

When Tonya went to a concert hall to attend a series of meetings, she reflected, "I had a million questions. I talked to the pastor about these questions. It was very interesting and calming to my soul. When I was baptized I know I found the Lord. Jesus gave His life for me, because I am the

Photo at Top: Through Operation Bearhug, this large St. Petersburg university is being reached by Walla Walla College students who are teaching English as a means of sharing Christian interaction with young people thirsting for the gospel.

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worst sinner, and He wanted to change me. I have come to God now, and I will never, never let Him go."

Olga writes, "I am old, and my life is already going to the sunset. I was so excited to receive a Bible free of charge. That is very important to me. I have always longed to have a Bible of my own, but I could not afford to buy one. When the American pastor began to preach, I couldn't understand the English words, but I could understand his gestures and emotions. We had an excellent translator. All of the audience was very attentive. I loved to visit these meetings. I loved the atmosphere. I began to study the Bible course. Then I was baptized and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since that time, every Sabbath I attend the morning worship. How good it is to be in the church. What a peaceful atmosphere. What beautiful music. When we come to the church, it is like an ointment to our wounds. We are so tired of this life with its difficulties and problems. We are very friendly with each other at church. Oh, how I long to be at church all week long. I'm so happy to meet my friends on Sabbath morning. What beautiful people we have in our church. Our pastors and teachers are so kind. It's just beautiful. Now I have found out what Jesus means to me. I pray every day. I am sorry for one thing—that I came to my dear Jesus so late. Forgive me, Lord. I thank you for everything. Amen."

These are the stories made possible by the thousands through *Operation Bearhug*—stories of touching people's lives for Jesus. From our very first missionary trip back in 1991, when Dave Weigley took that boat excursion up the Volga River, stopping at cities like Saratov, I've been excited.

You see, Saratov is where my own grandmother was born. My involvement in Russia with *Operation Bearhug* has been a double blessing.

But as we have touched lives in Russia, our own lives have been touched too—our lives have been changed forever.

Ellen White foresaw that this would indeed happen, writing in 1900 that "The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying,

self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to support the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the Source of all power" (6 *Testimonies* 27).

How true it is that the reflex influence of touching lives in Russia has blessed us here. This year—1994—has already become one of the best years for baptisms in the history of this union.

Interestingly enough, Alaska—that land where *Operation Bearhug* was born—has had more baptisms than in any single year in the history of the conference, and next year, Alaskans look forward to even greater blessing, again, due to the spirit of outreach and power of God expressed through reflex influence.


And the same applies to other Northwestern conferences, as for 1995 we have an unprecedented number of evangelistic campaigns planned.

We recognize that *Operation Bearhug* is a project of Global Mission. And now, as we reap the blessings of that outreach, we're compelled to admit that our vision should be expanded. Perhaps the embrace of the two bears should encompass other lands as well, by extending Northwestern "Hands Across the World."

And so, we see an inevitable expansion of *Operation Bearhug* to include a vision of "Hands Across the World," to touch places such as Africa, South America, and Asia while continuing to minister to our very special sister unions in the former Soviet Union.

With the experiences we've had and lessons we've learned through *Operation Bearhug*, we should not hold back from sharing that bear hug with the world.

As we move ahead, we will be able to touch many other lives and to continue to receive the blessings of the reflex influence that Ellen White spoke about almost 95 years ago.

Let us pray that God will continue to move in a mighty way here in the Northwest, as we reach around the world and touch other lives for Jesus. 

Operation Bearhug Statistical Review 1994

Campaign Dates	City	Evangelist	# Baptisms	# in Bapt. Class	High Attendance
April 29-May 28	Tambov	Perry Parks	20	30	450
June 10-July 2	Kirov	James Reinking	162	30	350
June 10-July 23	Komsomol 'sk na Amure	James Osborne	81	20	900
July 1-July 24	Bryansk	Dennis Carlson	120	60	600
July 1-July 30	Novokuznetsk	Phil Shultz	55	70	500+
July 23-Sept. 3	Gomel (Belarus)	Arnold Scherencel	204	400	2,500
July 29-Aug. 27	Biysk	Don Gladden	85	50	550
Sept. 10-Oct. 15	Kamensk	Don Mansell	20	30	550
Sept. 17-Oct. 29	Yeysk	David Glass	69	38	450
TOTALS			816	708	6,850

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Bear Hugs by the Container

By Edwin A. Schwisow

For months at a time, Dudley and Ginger Snarr's maroon Ford Taurus hibernates outside of its usual spot in the couple's Vancouver, Wash., triple-wide garage.

It's not that the couple relishes defrosting the car windows at great length each autumn morning. Rather, it's because the well-secured garage is usually piled high with donated supplies ranging from a complete dental lab to top-quality used medical supplies and staple foods bound for Russia.

During the past four years, the ministry of this middle-class Adventist couple has accounted for gathering and arranging for transportation for nearly two-million dollars in supplies bound for Russia.

"It all started six years ago," says Dudley, "when as a family we decided to stop giving Christmas gifts to adults in our extended family and to invite them to join us in giving the money we would all spend on such gifts to projects overseas."

Uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews joined in the plan, and the benefits soon translated into help for church building projects in Latin America and the Philippines, and when the windows of opportunity opened in the Eastern Bloc, to Russia.

The benevolent impulse coupled with Dudley's gift for analysis and diplomacy (he works as an appraiser for Housing and Urban Development—HUD—official in charge of projecting costs for multi-family housing projects contracts) have helped stoke that love affair with missions to one that today can only be expressed by the boxcar container-load.

Food, medical supplies, used electronic equipment

for dental and ophthalmologic physicians—nearly a million pounds have gone to Russia by the millions of pounds and are being used to help the Russian people. But getting the donated material to Russia is less than half the problem, says Dudley.

As word-of-mouth information about the couple's interest in sending supplies to Russia has spread, offers to donate surplus goods have poured in, mostly from secular, non-Adventist sources.

"I can tell you right up front that the problem is not in finding good things to send; it's far more difficult to dis-

tribute the goods than it is to send them," he smiles.

"Even when the materials are distributed equitably, it can excite feelings of jealousy. This is not what Russia needs! What it needs is planned distribution to alleviate suffering, and our gifts must be given in a way that safeguards dignity and creates, rather than alienates, potential friendships."

Amazingly, Dudley's analytical mind has been able to ferret out ways to make this happen.

For example, the Snarrs were asked recently to help send an anonymously donated shipment of 34 tons of much-needed commercial seeds of varieties adapted to the Russian climate.

When faced with the probable donation, he contacted high church officials in Russia—with whom by now he has first-name rapport—and apprised them of the situation.

With them he was able to devise a method of distribution which would avoid creating economic dislocation among Russian seed companies while channeling the needed supplies to those in desperate need of them for spring planting.

"Our plan is always, and foremost, to ask our Russian Adventists to take the lead in distributing that which we send," says Dudley. "Before we ship anything, we call on the local church boards to put together a plan which outlines the quantity of goods which the local membership will use, themselves, and to then allocate the remainder to distribute personally to neighbors."

This approach has had providential results for the morale of the people, says Dudley. It carries the *Operation Bearhug* message that Adventists elsewhere, in more prosperous climes, are fighting Russia's monster problems right along with them.

And added to this benefit is the blessing the Russians receive in becoming legmen for carrying relief to their neighbors—something they have no resources to provide on their own.

And these supplies have proved providential on many occasions, say the Snarrs, in silencing certain religious voices in Russia today whose major argument against Adventism has been that *Operation Bearhug* has come to prey on the emotions of the downtrodden and to harvest their resources through tithes and offerings, leaving nothing in return.

Because the Snarrs are able to keep their shipments of donated goods consistent with U.S. State Department regulations, which call for supplies to be confined to agricultural, medical, and food aid, (they actually send clothes too, but use the clothing as packing and space-fillers among the major payloads), the Snarrs have been able to call on the Federal Government for shipment expenses for the tons of supplies they have sent.

"If you have the will and the way to bring together supplies for Russia, please contact me, and I'll be glad to help you in any way I can," says Dudley.

Dudley and Ginger Snarr can be contacted by phoning (206) 256-9676. 🐻



Ginger and Dudley Snarr inspect medical supplies bound for Russia.

OPERATION BEARHUG

Speaking in Tongues In the City of St. Peter

By Kristin Bergman

Kristin Bergman is a student writer who serves in the Walla Walla College office of college relations in College Place, Wash.

Walla Walla College (WWC) graduates are making a difference in Russia. Last year three of them chose to lead out in *Operation Bearhug* outreach in aptly named St. Petersburg, recognized as the most cosmopolitan, multilingual of Russian cities.

Greg Davis, a 1992 psychology graduate, became interested in Russia during his senior year.

"I wasn't sure what to do with my life," he recalls. "So I prayed about it." Impressed to serve in Russia, he contacted Chaplain John Cress.

"Pastor Cress told me that Walla Walla College didn't have a program in Russia," Greg says. "I bugged him for two months. Then, one day, he told me he'd had a call asking for English teachers to go to Russia. I said, 'Here I am, send me!'"

During his first year in Russia, Greg worked 20 hours a week as an English-language teacher at the St. Petersburg University of Transportation Systems, instructing students and university faculty.

In the evenings, he taught English to local Adventists. He also taught an English Sabbath school class at the St. Petersburg Central Adventist Church.

Then, he returned for a second year, serving as director of the English school and began a Bible study class at the university for about 15 Russians of all ages while broadening existing relationships with school administrators.

Greg believes attending WWC influenced his desire to serve in Russia. "Service is the purpose of Walla Walla College," he says. "It's part of the school's motto, and it's emphasized in the education you receive."

He believes that the emphasis in *Operation Bearhug* of forming relationships with people benefits American teachers and their Russian students.

"The program allows us to form relationships with the people. They learn to respect and trust us."

By the time he was preparing to return to the U.S. this summer, it was obvious to Greg that the Russian people had developed a great love for him.

"The Sabbath before I left, the church had a special 'send-off,'" he says. "During the service they said, 'Two years ago, America sent us a missionary to teach us English. Now we are sending one of our own back to America to teach them about us.' They meant me. They had accepted me as one of their own, that much."

Karin Thompson, a 1991 music performance graduate, developed an interest in missionary service after finishing her master's degree in 1993 at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

"I knew about *Operation Bearhug* through my involve-



A recent class of English students taught by Walla Walla College graduates in St. Petersburg

ment with Walla Walla College," remembers Karin. "I wanted to go overseas when I finished my master's degree, and I was interested in that part of the world."

Once in Russia, Karin taught English with Greg and soon fell in love with the Russian people.

Like Greg, Karin hopes to return to Russia. She now lives on the East Coast and has begun work on her doctorate in musicology at the University of Maryland. Her service in Russia, she says, "helped me come to discover how meaningful it really is to serve people."

Ralene Schilt, a 1993 humanities graduate, was the third member of the WWC *Bearhug* team during the 1993-1994 school year. She returned to St. Petersburg last August to spend a second year teaching English at the university. Before she left, she was interviewed by her hometown newspaper in Calimesa, Calif.

"Teaching in Russia is both a challenge and an opportunity," she told the reporter. "My time in Russia has been an invaluable experience."

Ralene is joined in her work this year by two 1994 graduates, Tracy Haney and Jolynn Fisher. In a recent message to Roland Blaich, chairman of the WWC history department and *Bearhug* sponsor, they said: "The university is pleased with our performance. We believe the program will continue to grow and prosper with each new year."

For more information or to contact the WWC *Bearhug* team, call Roland Blaich at (509) 527-2851 (office), (509) 529-4466 (home) or write to him at WWC.



Greg Davis, Ralene Schilt and Karin Thompson

OPERATION BEARHUG

How the Russian People See Operation Bearhug

By Ted Wilson

Ted Wilson serves as president of the Euro-Asia Division and writes from Moscow, Russia.

Operation Bearhug officially began in Russia when M. Murga, then president of the Russian Union, returned a phone call to Bruce Johnston, president of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC), back in 1991.

During that long-long-distance call, Murga remembers Johnston asking him: "How may I help you?"

Murga responded that each Russian church member needed to be equipped as a missionary and that he was intent upon developing church pastors and leaders in Russia who could lead their members to become dynamic disciples of Christ.

Murga was calling for a missionary *vision*, coupled with missionary *action*, that would result in a missionary *movement*. Four years later, it is time we reflect on *Operation Bearhug's* impact by asking the question, "How has *Operation Bearhug* helped the Euro-Asia Division?"



Ted Wilson, president of the Euro-Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Missionary Vision

Through miraculous intervention in 1992, God provided hundreds of NPUC prayer warriors who supported Bruce Johnston and Alf Birch, then NPUC *Operation Bearhug* coordinator, in the organization of the Church Leadership Development Institute (CLDI) under the direction of Eric Baumgartner, assisted by Russian Union leaders Vladimir Predulyuk, Valery Ivanov, and John McGhee.

Resulting from dynamic seminars attended by 90 percent of all Russian Union leaders and pastors, a decision was made for each church in the Russian

Union to become a missionary training center through the use of small groups, according to Bible principles underscored in Ellen G. White writings.

Today that vision is continuing to build momentum in the two newly organized unions in Russia and throughout the entire Euro-Asia Division (ESD). Not only is the ESD Church Ministries Department focusing on this vision by organizing Sabbath school action groups and home Bible fellowship groups, but the entire team has identified 1995 as a year especially dedicated to lay evangelism and to inspire "Every member (to be) a worker for God."

Next month, six regional lay-evangelism missionary congresses will be held for nearly 3,000 delegates representing the nearly 1,000 churches in the Euro-Asia Division. The theme for this congress is quite long, but pretty much tells the story: "Every Member a Mis-

sionary, Every Pastor a Teacher, Every Small Group a Team, Every Church a Family."

Inspiring, fresh experiences will highlight this congress. Many of these soul-winning testimonies will be shared by small-group leaders who were trained in the CLDI. Praise God for the missionary vision of *Operation Bearhug*.

Missionary Action

More than \$2 million have been given by Northwest "Bearhuggers" for training seminars, evangelistic campaigns, health education, Bibles, Sabbath school supplies, and church buildings. God has multiplied these gifts.

Today, more than 6,000 new Seventh-day Adventists are sharing salvation with their friends and families because someone in the NPUC wrote a check, planned an itinerary, got on a plane, preached a sermon, used outdoor plumbing, went hungry, and interceded in prayer. Praise God for the missionary action of *Operation Bearhug*.

Missionary Movement

During the past four years, this division has tripled its membership and now has a membership of 100,000. This phenomenal growth in the context of political, socio-economical, and spiritual change could not have happened without the involvement of the world church. *Operation Bearhug* involved the Pacific Northwest for such a time as this.

Adventism in the cities of Saratov, St. Petersburg, Elista, Tomsk, Orenberg, Khabarovsk, Barnaul, Togliatti, Ivanovo, Syktyvkar, Pyatigorsk, Pushkin, Chelyabinsk, Taganrog, Kamensk, Komsomolsk, Kirov, Novokuznetsk, Bryansk, Tambov, Biysk, Yeysk, Magadan and Gomel, which together represent a population of 12 million, will never be the same because of what Northwesterners have done. *Operation Bearhug* has led Northwesterners to conduct evangelistic campaigns, build churches, visit homes, and strengthen the church in so many ways in these cities.

The harvest is not yet over. In fact, it has only just begun. But a transition is necessary. It is time to put every resource into training of ESD members as missionaries.

From April 16 to May 2, 1995, for example, the ESD needs 20 "Bearhuggers" to spend 18 days to help division leaders train members. Volunteers from the Pacific Northwest will be teamed with volunteers in Russia and translators in a short training and orientation in Kiev. The training teams will then be sent out to hold training sessions the following week. We need qualified applicants who are successful small-group leaders. Duane McKey, NPUC *Operation Bearhug* coordinator, has details.

As we look to the next four years, let us pray that God expands *Bearhug's* missionary vision, multiplies her missionary action, and continues her vital contribution to a missionary movement, not only in the Euro-Asia Division, but throughout the world. 🌿



**Northwest Church,
World Mission**

'Adventist Bible, Adventist Message'

By Alden Thompson

*Alden Thompson writes Northwest Church, World Mission
from College Place, Wash., where he is professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla College.*

Earlier this year I was startled to discover how many Adventists believe that the King James Version (KJV) is the only "safe" translation of the Bible.

Even though all mainstream Adventist publications have been using modern translations for many years, a "KJV only" sentiment lives on.

But now I have been startled again, this time by the remarkable enthusiasm among Adventists for "The Clear Word Bible" by Jack Blanco. While KJV-only supporters find occasional disquieting changes in various versions, readers of the "Clear Word" are finding changes in abundance.

Given the dramatic and far-reaching revisions found in this book, a more appropriate title would be "The Clear Word Commentary on the Bible." In spite of Blanco's candid statement in the preface that the "Clear Word" is not intended for "in-depth study or for public reading in churches," many are making it their Bible companion for Sabbath school and church.

Since the KJV debate has had its share of coverage already, I'll focus my attention here on the "Clear Word," commenting under three headings that reflect my own mixed reactions: admiration, puzzlement, and alarm.

1. Admiration. My first reaction to "Clear Word" was a kind of awe at the depth of devotion represented by the book. Over a period of several years, Blanco carefully and prayerfully pondered every sentence in Scripture, writing out a paraphrased version that reflects the blessings he has received from his study of the Bible. As an act of devotion, "Clear Word" is a remarkable achievement.

I am also impressed by the general clarity and readability of "Clear Word." Sometimes its vocabulary and style are almost as daring as "The Message New

Testament." The fact that it makes for such good reading is a large part of its success. As one pastor told me, some believers are reading a modern English version of Scripture for the very first time, and they quite like being able to understand what they are reading!

So what's wrong with the "Clear Word?" Didn't the KJV translators declare that the king's speech is still the king's speech regardless of how it might be translated? Indeed they did, and I don't doubt that many are being blessed and helped by "Clear Word." But I still find myself both puzzled and alarmed. Let me explain.

2. Puzzlement. If "Clear Word" were simply a modern paraphrase of the original Hebrew and Greek, it could claim its rightful place among other Bible translations. After all, even the most "literal" translation is still in some sense a paraphrase. But "Clear Word" goes far beyond paraphrasing: It also harmonizes, expands and explains—and sometimes omits. One omission, for example, is the potentially troublesome phrase in Mark 7:19, that "Jesus declared all foods 'clean'" (NIV). It disappears without a trace in the "Clear Word."

By contrast, a striking addition appears in Revelation 21:22 where John declares that he saw no temple in the city. "Clear Word" adds: "The Temple or Sanctuary I had expected to see was located outside the City as a reminder of what God had done for His people."

Now, "devotional" writing can tempt one to avoid troublesome passages in Scripture. But I am puzzled—even alarmed—to see such a devotional paraphrase being used in place of a Bible. In short, "Clear Word" belongs with the commentaries in your library, not with the Bibles.

Another puzzler is that the Adventist publishing house Review and Herald is printing and distributing "Clear Word,"

but not publishing it. That distinction is clear on the title page, though not in the advertising. What it means is that the book was not approved through the rigorous editorial committee process that has been standard for all books officially "published" by the press. Are we seeing the makings of a precedent that could transform denominational publishing practices?

3. Alarm. I am not sure whether alarm or disappointment is the right word here. But Adventist pastors and scholars have long claimed that we need no special "Adventist" Bible. The tenets of our faith are clear in any translation. I hope we haven't compromised that important point. We don't have to re-write the Bible to present the truth.

But I must admit that my disappointment moves to alarm when I hear Adventists exclaim: "Finally! A Bible we can trust!" What's wrong with the Bibles we already have? And have we become afraid to tackle the hard passages in Scripture? Let's not confuse the simple beauty of the Gospel with the depth and complexity of Scripture.

The glue that holds us together—whether avid KJV defenders or enthusiastic readers of "Clear Word"—is simple and straightforward: We have covenanted to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. That's the Adventist message, and it must stay simple. But let's not compromise our Bible to make it happen.

Finally, there's a glimmer of good news in all of this. As I have pondered the two "startling," but opposite, trends in Adventist attitudes toward Scripture, I suspect that the Lord will use both tendencies to bring balance to the church. Some of us are careful and cautious (the KJV folks?); some of us are carefree and exuberant (the "Clear Word" people?). We need each other to keep from going astray—even as we read our Bibles. ➡



ALASKA



Dillingham Members Host Crowds of Visitors For Church Open House

More than 175 community people came to admire the nearly completed Adventist church in Dillingham, Alaska, during services held Sabbath, Nov. 5.

In just five-and-a-half months, Mission Church Builders, an interdenominational group of volunteer Christian workers under the auspices of Maranatha Volunteers, International, raised the building in Dillingham with the help of local members and friends.

"Many community people asked us, 'Why are you building such a big church when you only have 104 members?'" Len Tatom, Dillingham pastor said. "And we've been telling them all along, 'It's so you'll have a place to come and worship God with us.' So when the interior, minus the balcony, was completed, we decided it was time to hold an open house to get better acquainted with the people in our community. We were over-

whelmed with how many showed up."

Between Sabbath school and church, the temporary coat rack in the entryway collapsed under the weight of Alaskan wraps, multicolored gloves, hats, and coats belonging to the 150 people who attended church. With the aid of several clothes hangers, Dick Hanson wired it back into place and joked about adding coat rack repair to his job description as a greeter. Outside, an inch of snow fell, blanketing vehicles.

During the open house, Pastor Tatom invited the community to use the Dillingham Adventist church facility for weddings, funerals, and religious events, and spoke of how the Holy Spirit is working in Dillingham and in the lives of individuals.

Fifty young people occupied five of the six well-insulated sound-proof Sabbath school rooms during the open house. While the cradle roll department children sang, "Ring-a-ling-a-ling, Ring-a-ling-a-ling, Sabbath bells are ringing!" with Phyllis Libby, the kindergartners reviewed the seven days of creation next door without noticeable noise interference. The acoustics inside the sanctuary proved to be excellent and continued to surprise those sitting on the back rows whenever the makeshift sound system decided to temporarily cut out.

The interior of the church is warm and functional, with simple built-ins that lend an elegant touch. For instance, the stained glass window features three angels hovering over the state of Alaska at Christ's return. The entryway has two large walk-in closets, and the entrance to the pastor's study, located just inside the large foyer, provides a place for a private conversation only a step away.

Monte Church, director of Northwest Native Ministries in the North Pacific Union Conference, complimented the people of Dillingham on their accomplishment and reminded them that "a community looks for four things when considering which church to join: the pastor, the building, the people, and the teachings. The building is the least important thing at which a community will

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Dillingham "old timers," from left, are Evelyn Wren, May Wren, Kenny Wren, Dr. John Libby, Clarence Wren, Mary Cline, Phyllis Libby, Joe Chythlook, Molly Chythlook, Adam Chythlook, Beverly Moody, Roland Moody, Bill Crow, Ena Crow, and Alice Fox.



Adventist work in Dillingham, Alaska, began in 1942 when Pastor Fred Wagner and his wife held a series of meetings. Now, 52 years later, the lighted steeple of the nearly completed Dillingham church can be seen for miles.



Don Macomber of Riverside, Calif., was working in Alaska for an Aleknagik member when it was discovered he was a dry wall contractor. His experience and the talents of many other paid and unpaid volunteers from across the country can be seen in the elegant, practical, yet simple craftsmanship present throughout the new Dillingham, Alaska, Church.

look, because unless they see the grace of God working in the hearts and lives of the people, the proof simply isn't in the pudding."

He challenged those in the church "to be broadminded in the acceptability of everyone in the community, of every culture, of every denomination, and of anyone with any kind of problem, just as Jesus was. For He is the only real answer."

A huge potluck meal was held after the first service, and 120 people attended the afternoon interdenominational gospel musical program and enjoyed eating supper together.

After participating in both services, helping set up for the two potlucks, eating and visiting extensively with guests, head elder Joe Chythlook, overwhelmed by the number of community people who showed up for the open house, jokingly asked Pastor Tatom, "Can I go home now, I'm tired of smiling!" Overheard, his comment created laughter that rumbled throughout the tight dining quarters.

Todd Gessele serves as editorial assistant for the GLEANER and recently filed this report following a Nov. 5 visit to Dillingham, Alaska. Todd writes from Portland, Ore.



More than 80 volunteers who came from all across the country to work with Gary Rusk to raise the Dillingham, Alaska, church stayed at the Peter Pan Cannery, which offered them free use of its bunkhouse, kitchen, dining room, and laundry facilities while the church was being built.

God Speaks Yupik

Len Tatom, pastor of the Dillingham, Alaska Church, was welcoming visitors Sabbath, Nov. 5, to the "Dillingham Church Community Open House," when a young Native Yupik-speaking man approached him and, with a big smile on his face, said, "Pastor, this is my seventh year staying off alcohol and cigarettes. And I don't do drugs either."

"Well, how did that happen?" Pastor Tatom asked.

"I was in the National Guard at the time, and the first sergeant and I had been drinking. We went over to the barracks," the young man explained in broken English. "The pastor of the guards, I remember, he gave me a small Bible. I didn't read it before then. I was scared that night after we drunk beer. When I checked my pocket for cigarettes, I found the Bible and I opened it and it said, 'God's Protection Verses.' Even though I was high from the bottle, I read those verses and put it under my pillow and went to bed."

"During the night I thought someone turned on the lights! And I got up and said, 'Turn off the lights! We're trying to sleep!' Then I got up and I could see everything, even the bunks at the far end of the barracks and the guys sleeping next to me. A voice told me in Yupik, the Native Eskimo language, 'Don't be afraid, I will guard you.'"

"And then slowly the bright light started to dim out. I forgot all about it until I went to Togiak, Alaska. It came back to my mind. I told my grandmother, and she told me her and grandpa had been praying for me. Now it's been seven years since I used drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes and I'm interested in learning more about God and taking Bible studies."

Since the new Dillingham Church has been completed, many non-Adventists and former Adventists, like this young man, have walked into the church and have shared with the members amazing testimonies of how God has guided them back to Him through supernatural encounters, dreams, and experiences.

Todd Gessele



IDAHO



Maranatha Volunteers Begin Construction for Payette School

Sixty men and women, all members of a Maranatha Volunteers International (MVI) crew of builders, arrived in Payette, Idaho, this fall to invest two weeks of volunteer work to begin construction for a new 6,900-square-foot church school.

MVI, with corporate headquarters in Sacramento, Calif., sends volunteer builders worldwide primarily to construct churches and church schools. Members of the volunteer crews accept no compensation for their work.

Thirty campers and recreational vehicles were parked in the church yard of the local church to house many of the volunteers, while others stayed as guests in members' homes nearby.

The local Adventist community services center, which normally is used as a base for distribution of clothing and bedding to those in need, served as a

kitchen and dining room for the visiting crew members who came from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, California, Missouri and British Columbia.

Evelyn Wesslen of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, provided food service; construction superintendents were Don Wesslen of Coeur d'Alene and Ken Casper of Henderson, Nev.

The youngest volunteer was 14-year-old David Donaldson of Forest Grove, Ore.; the oldest was 78-year-old George Rasmussen of Spangle, Wash.

MVI volunteers Red and Elaine Warner of Boise, Idaho, noted that they have participated in more than 70 projects worldwide.

Local masons and volunteers from the local church were responsible for the initial stages of the building, and cement slabs and block walls were in place



Pastor Ron Hessel surveys building materials.

before the volunteers arrived.

The structure, which was completed to the point of having all parts protected from the weather before the volunteers left, will house two classrooms, an office, rest rooms, and a multi-purpose room/gymnasium.

Joyce Klocko writes from Payette, Idaho.



Volunteers work on the new school building, located next to the existing community services center, at right, which served as a dining hall for the volunteers.



Maranatha volunteers, dressed in their Sabbath best for services, gather for a group photo.



Payette members Morris Ford, Lee Reed, and Robert Knab prepare the site for new church school before volunteers arrive.



GSAA Senior Officers

The Senior Class of Gem State Adventist Academy has announced its officers for the 1994-1995 school year. Shown in front row, from left, are Anna McCart, pastor; Stacey Siver, vice president; Celena Eckley, senior recreation coordinator; and Carrie Clark, photog-

rapher. Shown in back row, from left, are Karen Schneider, treasurer; Kari Roberts, secretary; Ryan Biegler, senior representative; Ken Riebow III, president; and Det Robinson, music coordinator.

Evelyn Hainey

Daughter's Plantive Question Moves Father to Baptism

"Daddy, I want to be baptized. Will you be baptized with me?" This question asked of her father by Michelle Brown after she had attended Sabbath school for some time in Boise, Idaho, with her maternal grandmother, Frieda Gibson, did not get an immediate response.

Michelle's experience with the church in Boise had begun a couple of years before when the family moved into a new development across the street from the Cloverdale Adventist Church.

"When I got married to Rose, I had never read the Bible, and I was not wanting to be involved with Christians. I thought they were different," says Mike Brown of his feelings earlier in life.

But his bride was a Seventh-day Adventist, and periodically Mike would attend church with her. Little by little his encounter with Adventists and other Christians changed his attitude, and his mother-in-law, Frieda, and sister-in-law, Madeline Gilbert, also had an influence.

At one time, in fact, about two years ago, Barry Kimbrough, assistant pastor, had begun studying the Bible with Mike.

During a baptism held earlier this year, anyone "thinking about baptism" had been encouraged to prepare to do so, and at the close of the worship service Mike and Rose asked to speak to the pastor.

During the next few weeks it was revealed how deeply Michelle wished to become a follower of Jesus, even as her father struggled with his decision.

But in the end, Michelle's question was answered in the affirmative as she and her father were baptized together in the Cloverdale Church.

Now, Michelle's brother, Kyler, 6, is looking forward to the day he, too, can be baptized, to join his parents and sisters as active baptized members.

Don Driver



Don Driver, pastor of the Cloverdale Church in Boise, Idaho, prepares to baptize Mike Brown as Michelle, his daughter, waits in background.

Nampa's Goering Pays Mayoral Call During Church

Mayor Winston K. Goering of Nampa, Idaho, recently visited the Nampa Church as special guest of Mike Djernes, M.D., church family life coordinator.

The mayor, who has held office continuously since 1982, is also a certified doctor of veterinary medicine and has practiced in Nampa for more than 25 years. He has been a frequent and welcome guest at the Nampa Church.

Interviewed during his visit, he noted that he is an active member of the local Church of the Brethren, has been married to his wife, Margaret, for 46 years, and that they are parents of three adult children.

He spoke of his strong interest in people and in "trying to make a positive difference." One of his goals as Nampa mayor, he said, is to ensure equitable education for all Nampa-area children.

Though there are many denominations represented in the Treasure Valley, he said, all seem to respect one another and to be willing to fellowship together. He specifically mentioned that he values the presence of Pacific Press Publishing Association, an Adventist-owned publishing firm, which came to the Nampa area in 1984.

Shirley Maxwell



Winston K. Goering, mayor of Nampa, Idaho, recently was a featured guest at the Nampa Church.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:3



MONTANA



Mountains of Blessings

Members of the Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) Church thank God for a year of blessings—a year of new births, such as the one celebrated at the dedication of baby Mackenzie Dixon (shown with parents Jennifer and Joe), as well as at spiritual rebirths solemnized by baptism.

Shown in photo at left are recently baptized young people with officiating

pastors Al Demsky, left, and Larry Unterseher, right. Baptismal candidates shown, from left, are Craig Weiather, Dustin Rich, Tom Duffy and Tori Stuber.

MEA church members ask for GLEANER readers' prayers as the congregation opens a new calendar year.

Mona Dixon

Convocation Takes Members to Lake For Yearly Festival

As they do each year, members of the Montana churches of Butte, Helena, Dillon, Boulder and Deer Lodge held a day-long convocation in August at scenic Georgetown Lake, 15 miles west of Anaconda.

Members report that the weather was perfect, and the enthusiastic group met in St. Timothy's Chapel, a non-denominational structure high on a mountain which overlooks the lake and valley.

Helena church members with their pastor, Rod Bieber, led out in the worship service, and Butte members took charge of Sabbath school. Individuals and groups from all churches provided music.

A musical program followed a potluck meal served by Phyllis Kenison of Anaconda and assistants from all of the churches.

Participants report that they were richly blessed by the association in the beautiful mountain setting, and Pastor Orville Baer of Butte invited all to make plans to take part in a similar convocation in 1995.

Ruth Rosich

Mountain Climbing A Strong Tradition At Mt. Ellis Academy

Traditions are meant to last a long time, and the yearly "Mount Ellis Climb" for students and faculty of Mt. Ellis Academy near Bozeman, Mont., is no exception.

From campus, the peak is easily visible, inviting annual climbers to ferret out new ways to reach its summit.

The climb began at 9 in the morning this year, and within 58 minutes and 20 seconds, Bozeman sophomore Matt Beavon had reached the summit. Kim Unterseher from Bozeman was the first girl to make the grade, clocking in 16 minutes and 59 seconds later.

Forty-three students and faculty eventually reached the top. The first 10 to arrive were Beavon, Nick Johnson, Travis Stuber, Nathan Minnick, Ryan Nollan, Colin Reinke, Tyler Duffy, Unterseher, Chris Dingman and Scott Schafer.

Principal John Kriegelstein and senior Daniel Parker rode to the top in a helicopter with pilot Murray Duffy, who for several years has volunteered to transport



Headmaster Headdresses

Mount Ellis Elementary School students recently gave a Montana welcome to visiting education superintendents for each union in the North American Division and Gil Plubell, North American Division education director.

Patti Thompson's first, second, and third graders shared a presentation on creation, and students in grades seven

and eight performed their version of "Hailing the Chief."

These selections were followed by a number presented by a choir of fourth-to-eighth-graders, "Lamb of God," under the direction of Luana Knable. At the close, students gave each superintendent a "Big Sky Welcome" and a cowboy hat.

Jenienne Kriegelstein

lunches and water to the top of Mt. Ellis along with an administrator/timekeeper to authenticate participants' times-of-arrival.

Mt. Ellis Academy administration

thanks all who took part in "Mount Ellis Climb" this year—even those who tried, but couldn't quite make it to the top!

Juanita Starkebaum



The summit of Mount Ellis in the Gallatin Range of Montana State is a logical perch-point for students of Mount Ellis Academy who annually race to its top.

Plentywood Outreach Yields Long-Awaited Baptism

Plentywood, Mont., members recently hosted a cooking school and a mini-series of meetings, the latter leading directly to the baptism of new Plentywood member Joe Sebastian.

The series of community cooking school sessions, titled "It's Your World of Good Food," was taught by Dorothy Toppenberg, R.N., of Brownsville, Calif., and attracted an average nightly attendance of 13 non-Adventist participants.

The mini-series of evangelistic meetings, titled "Panorama of the Apocalypse," covered major themes in the biblical book of Revelation.

The story of Sebastian's baptism began last year when the Plentywood Church

sponsored a crusade conducted by Ernie and Dorothy Toppenberg.

In preparation for that crusade, three literature evangelists were brought to Plentywood to canvas door-to-door and to offer personal invitations to attend the crusade.

Literature evangelist Chris Martin knocked on Joe's door, and after interesting him in various books, invited him to come to attend the crusade.

Though Joe and his wife did accept the invitation, they did not feel ready to make a commitment for baptism at the close of the meetings, so Pastor Bob Benson studied with him for a year, covering material which Joe had missed during the crusade.

Because more than 30 non-Adventists had attended the meetings at some point,



Joe Sebastian, center, is congratulated on his day of baptism by Randy Steffans, left, Joe's spiritual guardian, and Pastor Bob Benson.



Evangelist Bill Baxter displays his "Panorama of the Apocalypse" graph which helps explain end-time prophecy in context of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries.

Plentywood members decided to sponsor a reaping mini-series this fall, conducted by Bill Baxter.

As a result, Joe was baptized on Oct. 8, bringing what the pastor calls "a glorious ending, or should we say beginning, to the story of Joe Sebastian."

Bob and Elsen Benson



Havre Note-Shavers

Havre members recently enjoyed a sacred concert by the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Chorus during the worship hour. Church members Leo Beardsley and Darrell Lamberton sing in the chorus.

Ann Lamberton



Havre Music—Canned and Boxed

For music classes, upper-grade students at Havre, Mont., school have made guitars out of cardboard boxes, and lower-grade students have made drums from cans. Pictured in back, from left, are teacher Kristie Smith and music instructor MaryLee Bakker with "guitar-makers" Michael Hixson and Suellen Lamberton. In front with "drums" are Jennifer Hixson and Lisa Recupero.

Ann Lamberton

In His will is our peace.



OREGON



Home Run for Christ Reaches Salmon River

Softball games have played an important role in the decision of Jennifer Pellecer to be baptized in an outdoor



Jennifer Pellecer is baptized in the Salmon River by Dennis Krause.

service celebrated by members of the Hood View church in Boring, Ore.

Jennifer is one of four new Hood View church members to be baptized in outdoor services in recent months.

She had married into an Adventist family and had joined the church softball team, and as a baseball player, had began to discuss Bible teachings with Dennis Krause, the team manager, and with her husband Scott's family.

This led to her decision to seek baptism during the Hood View Church annual "Outdoor Church," and the service was conducted in the Salmon River near Wildwood Park by Krause, who is himself a former pastor.

Also baptized at that time by Hood View youth pastor Paul Savino was Heidi Brown, now a seventh grader at Hood View Junior Academy (HVJA), who had completed baptismal studies with Pastor Savino.

Suzanne Kaiser, a HVJA fifth-grader, and Jonathan Bowe, 11, were baptized this past summer in outdoor services at Big Lake Camp near Sisters, Ore.

Lorraine Juberg writes from Boring, Ore.



Pastor Paul Savino baptizes Heidi Brown.



Pastor Bill Bossert baptized Suzanne Kaizer and Jonathan Bowe this past summer at Big Lake Youth Camp.

"Among Friends."

Speaker Ed Keyes shared how Jesus had saved him from gang life on the streets of New York City, and visiting pastor Doug Batchelor told of a life where he once had everything money could buy—except happiness—before turning to Christianity for answers.

Former drug smuggler Steve Arrington testified of how God saved him from his former way of life, and he concluded by showing slides of his deep-sea diving experiences with the Jacques Cousteau diving team.

The fast-paced afternoon program offered a different presentation every hour on the hour from 2 to 8 p.m., with 15-minute breaks after each 45-minute segment.

Refreshments were provided for those gathered in the 100-degree heat, as was free literature. As the amphitheater provided no formal seating, worshipers brought lawn chairs and blankets, umbrellas for shade and picnic baskets.

Because of the relaxed format and attractive presentations, members had felt at ease to invite friends and work associates to attend with them. One member stated that 15 people from her workplace had come.

One observer said that the more than 1,000 people gathered on the grassy amphitheater slopes reminded him of the followers of Jesus who in New Testament times would come to listen to the Lord in Galilee.

Pastors from other denominations came to find out what was going on, and their comments included, "What a wonderful ministry for your church to do."

According to Pastor McComas, Medford head pastor, "Jesus in the Park" was designed to be a no-pressure event. There were no walls, no ushers, no offerings, and no altar calls. People could come as they were in all manner of dress and stay as long as they wanted to learn more about Jesus.

He views the event as an "enormous success," and preparations are now being made to repeat "Jesus in the Park" next year.

Inquiries regarding "Jesus in the Park" should be directed to Pastor Chad McComas at the Medford Church, 1900 Greenwood St., Medford OR 97504-8014.

Terry Whitted

Enormous Medford Crowd Shows Up to Hear Gospel in Park

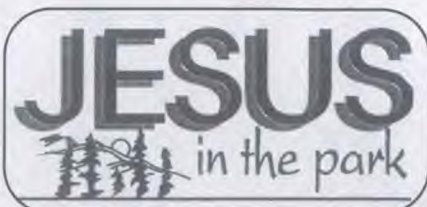
A crowd of 1,000 worshipers, most non-Adventist, has braved 100-degree heat to take part in "Jesus in the Park" outreach services held by members of the Medford, Ore., church.

The Sept. 24 event, which featured six hours of presentations by Christian guest

speakers, musicians, and artists, attracted the large crowd to Bear Creek Park Amphitheater, two blocks west of the Medford Church.

The turnout was nearly quadruple the number of worshipers which usually attend Sabbath-morning services at the Medford Church, and the event led some visitors to sign up for Bible studies.

"Jesus in the Park" featured local Christian musicians, a special children's program, and Christian drama group



"Jesus in the Park" was headlined with a logo design illustrating the non-threatening atmosphere enjoyed during a recent Sabbath-afternoon outreach event in Medford, Ore.



Hood River Baptisms

Pastor Omar Flores, left, stands with three Spanish-speaking baptismal candidates recently received into fellowship of the Hood River, Ore., Church, which hosts Spanish-language services for a growing group of members.

The baptisms of Francisco Salgado, Doysi Espinoza and Rosalina Torres highlight the results of a concerted effort in Hood River to serve Spanish-speaking residents.

A room of the church has been set aside as a Hispanic chapel, and baptisms take place in the sanctuary

where the main body of English-speaking members meets; however, they worship together at least once a quarter to celebrate communion.

Some Hood River members, including district pastor Steve McHan, are taking Spanish-language classes in order to better communicate with the local Hispanic community.

Pastor Flores, who pastors the Woodland, Wash., Spanish company and the Gladstone, Ore., Spanish company, speaks at Hood River Spanish services once each month.

Joyce E. Gallentine

bers, parents, grandparents, and friends visited the newly acquired property with chain saws and other tools to prepare the acreage for camping.

Half of the property consists of level to gently sloping terrain with large fir trees, mingled with pine, alder, cottonwood, cedar, manzanita, and dogwood. Drinking water is available from a spring on the land.

The property has red huckleberries, salmonberries, skunk cabbage, and rare plants such as Indian smoke pipe. Many squirrels live in the trees.

A second portion of the property consists of an ancient lava flow from nearby Mt. Hood. Once a gravel quarry, this area, which offers picturesque views of Mt. Hood and the Upper Hood River Valley, is seen as ideal for holding outdoor meetings and services.

"We are really looking forward to camping and using the area for many years to come," states Ralph Staley, a Mid-Columbia Pathfinder Club leader.

Joyce E. Gallentine

Your Bible Speaks Members Prepare To Build Church

As members of the Portland, Ore., Your Bible Speaks Church celebrated their fourth anniversary and prepared to begin a church-building program, they invited Hector Mouzon, Washington Conference black coordinator and stewardship director, to conduct a stewardship seminar.

During the day-and-a-half of instruction in Portland, Mouzon stressed the importance of systematic benevolence.

As the congregation prepares for its building project, it is calling for a monthly day of fasting and prayer and members are implementing Mouzon's message of systematic benevolence.

Hulbert, Lee, Earn Academic Commendation at CAA

Kelly Bock, principal of Columbia Adventist Academy in Battle Ground, Wash., has announced that Gregory A. Hurlbert and John B. Lee have been named "Commended Students" by the 1995 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Gregory is the son of Alan and Duska Hurlbert of Ridgefield, Wash.; John is the son of Pastor Choon and Byang Lee of Vancouver, Wash.

A letter of commendation from National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented to the two seniors.

About 35,000 "Commended Students" from throughout the nation are being honored this year for their exceptional academic promise as indicated by scoring among the top five percent of more than a million students who entered the 1995 Merit Program.

Hood River Pathfinders Negotiate Title to Campsite

Members of the Mid-Columbia Pathfinders Club recently gained owner's rights to 14 acres of prime camping land some 15 miles south of Hood River, Ore.

Though title is technically held by the Oregon Conference Association, the tract of Mid-Columbia land near Parkdale on Highway 35 has been dedicated to use by local pathfinders.

The acreage was acquired recently through a formal land swap with Hood River County initiated by local pathfinder leaders.

Twenty acres of picturesque, but precipitous, poison-oak-infested land which the church has owned for many years was exchanged for the present campsite.

On Oct. 2, club members, church mem-



Gregory A. Hurlbert



John B. Lee

*God's
Retirement
Is Out of
This World!*

Pathfinders Follow Hurricane-Tailwind from Colorado

The following is a first-hand account by 11-year-old Christie Brewer of Hood River, Ore., who traveled with fellow club members to Denver, Colo., this past August to attend a camporee which attracted adolescent Adventists from throughout the North American continent.

"We started in Hood River, Ore., on July 30. We had no idea what was in store for us in the next week and a half.

"We mostly read books and slept. The first stop was Twin Falls, Idaho, and we were very happy to stop for the night. The next day was pretty much the same except when we stopped at Grand Junction, it was great (if you ignored all the busy beetles around your feet.)

"On the third day we got to the campground in Colorado at about 12 noon. We ate lunch and set up camp. That night we went to our nightly meeting at Red Rocks. It was hard to believe it would hold 10,000 pathfinders!

"We all loved it! The next few days we did many activities—horseback-riding, go-carts, archery, kayaking, canoeing, hot air balloon rides for a few pathfinders, and many more activities.

"They even had a mile-long hot dog. It took 3,000 Pathfinders to hold it.

"After the camporee, we stayed a couple of days longer. We went to the Denver mint. It was closed already, but we went into the gift shop. We watched the TV and saw tornado warnings—yes, for the area where we were camped!

"When we got back, it had struck. Thankfully, we were the only ones there, and we weren't there when it happened. One of the tents ripped more than 10 feet. Papers were scattered everywhere, and some of the dishes were scattered over an acre away.

"We cleaned up the area as best we could, but in the earliest part of the windstorm one of the clubs had lost its banner. We luckily found it, and better



Christie Brewer, 11, of Hood River, Ore.

yet, they lived in Oregon so it was easy to return it to them.

"The camporee was great, and God kept us safe."

Joyce E. Gallentine

PAA Officers Elected



Students of Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) in Portland, Ore., recently elected senior and junior class officers and installed student association

relations.

PAA Senior Class officers, in bottom photo, are Chuck McKinney, president; Tricia Williams, vice president; Becky

officers chosen last spring, as captioned in each photo from left to right.

PAA Student Association officers, shown in top photo, are Erin Otis, president; Adrienne Waters, executive vice president; Jaime Gilmore and Julie Logan, social vice presidents; Jorge Gurolla, spiritual vice president; Michelle Brooks, secretary; Angela Morgan, treasurer; Shane Stepper, sergeant-at-arms; and Kristi Richardson, public



Griffin, chaplain; Breanne Nelson, secretary; Kami Hanchett, treasurer; Bonnie Cafferky, chorister; Julie Logan, historian; Angela Morgan and Mark Stillwell, sergeants-at-arms; and Andra Henriques, Barry Humphreys, and Shannon Owen, senators.

PAA Junior Class officers, in above photo, are Ryan Carl, president; Rachel Kendall, vice president; Cameron Gray, chaplain; Sharika Boland, secretary; Edwin Schwisow, treasurer; Amber Browning and Zeke Lindsay, sergeants-at-arms; and Damon Lewis and Damion McCarthey, senators.

Diana Fisher



UPPER COLUMBIA



Upper Columbia Women Train for Ministry

The Upper Columbia Conference has asked that every local-church nominating committee include in its team of officers a coordinator for women's ministries.

The coordinator's responsibility is to establish a group to plan meaningful activities for women of her church congregation as well as to act as a liaison to women in her church and the conference women's retreat committee.

A recent all-day training seminar for women's ministries coordinators helped answer significant questions about the role and function of the position: What

kinds of activities would you plan? How does one get started? What if there is no budget? Why should a person accept the position in the first place?

More than 100 women, representing 42 churches, attended the recent workshop held by the Upper Columbia Conference Women's Retreat Committee, chaired by Sue Patzer.

Some traveled from as far away as southern Oregon and southern Idaho.

A highlight of the all-day workshop was the presence of Lisa Nelson of the Troy, Idaho, Church, who told of her plans to be baptized because of the sig-



Mary Maxson opens the day with devotional thoughts on being fully submitted to God. Other presentations were made by Sue Patzer, who gave an overview of the development of women's ministries in the Upper Columbia Conference, and Betty Rayle, women's ministries director for the North Pacific Union Conference, who reported on developments in women's ministries at the North American Division and world levels of the church.



Twenty-five women who have been active in successful women's ministries programs participated in five panels which I moderated. Each panel covered one of these areas of women's ministries: study/prayer/support groups, secret sister programs, special events, local church retreats, and creative inreach/outreach activities.

nificant role played by her local women's study group.

At the end of this day, comments by those who had attended included: "It was well worth my 200-mile trip this morning;" "I really appreciated the hopeful and helpful ideas from women of all kinds and sizes of churches. The Lord surely is working miracles through those willing to serve."

Information about ordering a videotape recording of the training seminar is available by contacting Londa Raines at (509) 838-2761.

Cheri Corder writes from Spokane, Wash.

UPPER COLUMBIA NEWS

From Kenya to Goldendale

Tom Hunt, new principal of the Goldendale, Wash., school, may not be able to look out his window and see giraffe and gazelle as he could at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, where he taught last year, but accounts of his international travels and missionary past do enliven his teaching days.

The first five years of his life were spent with missionary parents in Uganda and Kenya; later he studied at Newbold College, in England, and taught in Palmer, Alaska, in addition to teaching for several years in the lower-48 United States.

His wife, Nancy (Koval) co-teaches at the Goldendale school. They are the parents of Heidi, 5, and Donald, 2½. The family displays artifacts and keepsakes from Kenya.

Annette K. Chase



MiVoden Needs Volunteers

The Upper Columbia Conference thanks the 45 volunteers who this year helped complete a tie garden, cleaned up grounds, constructed fire-escape stairs for lodges, and added value in many other ways to the Camp MiVoden retreat facility located on Hayden Lake north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

More projects remain, and GLEANER readers are urged to consider volunteering to help complete them next year.

Recreational and devotional experiences are encouraged as volunteers



A fire escape is completed for one of the lodges.



A group of volunteers, young and old, pause in the shade as they cultivate the lakeside resort's natural surroundings.

give sacrificially of their time and energy. For information, phone the Upper Columbia Conference Youth

Department at (509) 838-2761.

Cheryl Wallace

Eight Stateline Members Join Church After Self-Baptisms

Two families of believers who first baptized one another on their own after accepting Adventism, have been received into fellowship of the Stateline, Ore., Church.

Stateline first elder Paul Massey first spoke with a member of the British family

by phone as he was duplicating bulletins in the church office one Thursday evening.

In a very thick accent, Carl Smith pleaded on behalf of his sick mother for someone from the church to come out and anoint her, noting that he had previously called and left messages on the machines of two other churches, without response.

He had called Stateline, he said, because he had seen a newspaper advertisement about Revelation Lectures set to

begin last Aug. 26.

Massey assured him he would contact the pastor immediately and they would plan to conduct the anointing on the following evening.

Making good on the promise, on the next day, after a half-hour drive up Mill Creek Road, Massey and Pastor Dick Jewett left the paved road and shortly came to a winding path and a lighted cabin which had electricity but no water or plumbing facilities.

June Smith, the mother of Lynette, Carl, and Lindsay, had been diagnosed with a sharp floating bone fragment pressing upon her spinal cord, and a doctor had advised that surgery was required immediately to prevent the possibility of permanent disability.

The four told Massey and Pastor Jewett that they had initially come to the United States as tourists, but after attending a Revelation Seminar in California, they had become convicted of the importance of the seventh-day Sabbath and had been baptized.

Their husband and father had been unconvinced, however, and had returned to England, leaving them with no re-



Pastor Dick Jewett, fourth from left, introduces Lynette Smith, left, Lindsay Smith, June Smith, and Carl Smith to his congregation after their baptisms.

sources other than their simple faith: "The Lord will supply our needs."

Pastor Jewett and Massey noticed that the spotless cabin the family lived in seemed filled with Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books on every available ledge or shelf.

"As we anointed June and prayed together, a compelling sense of the spirit of God pervaded the cabin," says Pastor Jewett.

"I cannot describe adequately the heavenly ambiance: You had to be there."

They learned that to sustain themselves, the children, aged 16, 25, and 30, had been spending their days on the streets of Walla Walla selling or giving away Christian literature, though they had no car, no additional income and no insurance.

Yet, says the pastor, the family seemed absolutely unafraid for the future.

"They were living on the edge by faith and they provided a rich spiritual blessing to those of us who visited in their home."

Healing after the anointing did not come immediately, says the pastor.

"God wanted to broaden the base of the blessing to include many of the members of the Stateline Church and others who became acquainted with the needs of the family."

As a British citizen, "Mum" was eligible for medical treatment in England, so local elder Bill Kelsay suggested: "Why can't we take up an offering at the Sunday night church board meeting to provide airplane tickets for June and daughter Lynette as her traveling companion?"

John Deming, Walla Walla Valley Academy principal, said, "I'll try to find a dentist to pull Carl's badly abscessed tooth," and as a result, David Hernandez generously provided his services.

The family rejoiced at these blessings and spoke of their eagerness to join the Stateline congregation as soon as possible.

The pastor remembers, "I said, 'Well, where is your membership?'"

"They said, 'We don't belong to any church.'"

"I said, 'Uh, well, when you attended the Revelation Seminar in California and were baptized, they must have baptized you into a church?'"

"They said, 'We baptized each other in



Renie Stiles, Felicia Stiles, Tammie Stiles, and Charles Stiles were rebaptized and accepted into church fellowship in late August.

a mountain stream."

Now, however, they wanted to be baptized by a minister, and so June and Lynette were indeed baptized during prayer meeting on the following Wednesday before being driven to Seattle to be put on a plane the following day for Britain.

Carl and Lindsay were baptized the next Sabbath. A car was provided for them to use as they traveled door-to-door, inviting people to come to evangelistic meetings and giving Bible studies.

At about this same time, Tammie Stiles, her daughters, Renie and Felicia, and son Charles started driving 80 miles round trip to attend Stateline Church. There was no question about their readiness for church membership, says Pastor Jewett, given their family history of Adventism and many months of personal Bible study.

Yet, like the Smiths, this mother had been so concerned for the spiritual safety of her children they had baptized each other in their bathtub. They were rebaptized by

Pastor Jewett on Aug. 20 and accepted into fellowship.

Members of the Stateline Church find it more than coincidental that these eight new members came into fellowship in such unusual ways on the eve of the beginning of evangelistic meetings in September.

The experience has spiritually energized the congregation, says Pastor Jewett, convincing members that many are awaiting the opportunity to be baptized, if only they can be found.

Says the pastor: "We hope to get as many as possible before they have to baptize themselves! Something is happening. We think this is the beginning of the fulfillment of a certain conditional prophecy in our church: 'If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one,' (9T 189).

Dick Jewett

Pasco Campout Survives Despite Fire and Smoke

Despite smoke and fire from raging fires in the region, a late-summer campout by members of the Pasco, Wash., River-view Church attracted 93 participants to Camp Elkanah.

Warm, clear skies provided a relaxing environment for worship and recreation as members Obie and Paul DeWeber shared their musical talents and young people of the church performed inspirational skits which encouraged members to take serious looks at their lives and to seek to improve them.

On Sunday morning, the men of the church took charge of breakfast and prepared what the campers regarded as a

"scrumptious" meal.

Those who attended note that they are looking forward to summer campout again next year.

Alta Axford



Pastor Dick Jewett baptizes June Smith.

*I have fought a
good fight, I have
finished my
course, I have
kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7



WASHINGTON



From Billowing Tent to Brand-New Building: Bremerton Opens New Church

Eighty years after evangelistic efforts were first conducted in the Bremerton, Wash., area, a newly constructed church has been dedicated by the 337 members who sacrificed to make it possible.

Adventism in the Bremerton area first began in the summer of 1914 when two Adventist evangelists set up a tent on the corner of Sixth and Pacific.

Meetings in the tent continued until cool autumn weather forced them to rent a heated hall. Two years later, on Dec. 16, 1916, 24 members were organized to form the Bremerton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A church building program began

soon thereafter, and on July 4, 1917, the congregation's first church building was dedicated. The 100-seat facility was reportedly filled with worshipers to hear Taylor G. Bunch as he gave the dedicatory address.

By 1941, the congregation had outgrown the 1917 facility, and it was sold. A new building was opened on Sept. 18, 1943, M. L. Andreasen and C. A. Scriven officiating.

On June 16, 1991, the groundbreaking ceremony for the current facility took place in a field across from the current Kitsap County Adventist School. The grand opening of the new facility took

place this year on Aug. 20.

Lenard Jaecks, conference president, gave the opening address. During the service, it was noted that 24 pastors have served the congregation, including Gary Fogelquist, who has served as pastor since 1990.

Christian Education

Since 1925, Christian education has been a part of Bremerton church outreach, and in 1966 the Bremerton and Port Orchard churches banded together to establish the Kitsap school.

The Poulsbo church, which was organized in 1967 when 34 Bremerton members formed its nucleus, is also a constituent member of the Kitsap school.

Evangelistic Growth

Public evangelism not only was responsible for the formation of the church in 1914, but has contributed to its growth and prosperity ever since.

This past spring, 47 new members joined the Bremerton church after their baptism in the new building.

Dennis N. Carlson served as executive secretary and communication director at the time of this writing. He has since accepted the post of executive secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference and lives in Spokane, Wash.



Participants in the Bremerton church grand opening weekend include, from left, Jannette Serel, Pastor Gary Fogelquist, John Schoegart, Judd Gebhardt, Gene Penninger, Charles Dick, Pastor D. James, Lenard Jaecks, Washington Conference president, and Debra Jackson.



The new Bremerton church parking lot facility is crowded on its official opening day by members and visitors from around the country.



A tastefully decorated church interior seats nearly 400 worshipers.

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Jac & 'dena Colon

Speaker Says Women Becoming Evangelistic Force

Adventist women throughout the world are becoming a greater and greater force in evangelism, and women should take heed of their growing potential.

This was one message delivered during the Sixth Annual Washington Conference Women's Retreat held this fall near Camp Hope, B.C.

Of the more than 100 in attendance, 40 came from Whatcom County, enabled by energetic fundraising conducted last summer.

From its beginning with a candlelight dinner on Friday evening to the final prayer on Sunday, those who attended with the expectation of receiving many blessings were not disappointed.

Throughout the weekend, a colorful banner and a lively theme song, both created specifically for the retreat, reinforced the chosen theme, "Paint Your World with the Joy of the Lord."

Speakers Ellen Bresee and 'dena Colon shared the spotlight, telling of their life journeys and struggles. Colon, an Andrews

University theology graduate, directs the women's ministries and Sabbath school departments of the Washington Conference.

Bresee, now retired, founded Shepherdless International, a support organization for pastors' wives.

She told of women's activities in other parts of the world, noting that "women are becoming more up-front in the Adventist church, especially in evangelism."

To illustrate, she told of active community services volunteers in "Dorcas" societies who recently donned their blue uniforms and marched around a village singing Christian songs. This attracted people to their cooking classes and to the evening evangelistic meetings. As a result, some 800 people were baptized.

In a talk titled "From Pain to Praise," Bresee also outlined her nine-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. Devastated by the diagnosis, she at first felt a bit angry with God. But now, she says, "I would not exchange my experience for what God has taught me (through it)."

Picturing life as a huge canvas, Colon advised the women to throw as much paint as possible onto that canvas.

"It's not what we are that holds us back, but what we think we aren't," she claimed.

"God wants you to be happy and do great things for Him."

She stressed the need to have a definite aim, to set priorities, to discipline the thoughts, and to choose to find beauty everywhere.

"Identify areas where you want to grow," she said. "Review your affirmations daily when you pray—and you will change."

In the last meeting, participants pooled their ideas on ways women can use their talents for God. Suggestions flowed freely and ranged from prayer partners and prayer brunches to support groups and day camps.

Some of the ideas may be implemented during 1995, which has been designated by the world church as "Year of the Adventist Woman."

Reflecting on her weekend experience, one woman said, "I was in need of all that went on this weekend. It was a wonderful experience and time of healing and uplifting."

Another added, "I was pleased to find how useful this weekend was to me." Still another said, "I've never been to this type of retreat and can see the value of women getting together to grow individually and together."

Fannie L. Houck

Did you know?

Twenty-five students and staff from **Auburn Adventist Academy** have committed their resources and their '94 Christmas vacation to working on AAA's second international mission project:

Venture - VIETNAM

Since the war, no American teenagers have had the opportunity to witness in Vietnam. At the invitation of the Communist Vietnamese government through ADRA Vietnam, the group will work side by side with Vietnamese villagers to build a gravity-fed water system providing fresh water for a village of 4,000 people.

Celebrating
25 years

*He shall cover thee
with his feathers,
and under his
wings shalt thou
trust: his truth
shall be thy shield
and buckler.*

Psalms 91:4 KJV



Shoreline Scholars

Of 20 children and adolescents who attend Sabbath school at Shoreline church in north Seattle, 14 are enrolled at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood, Wash. Attending grades three through 10, from left in front, are Jon Weigley, Amanda Shipowick,

Jennifer Morehouse, TJ Heup, Jonathan Medhus, Joey Harrison, and Ben Heup; from left in back are Eric Henton, Chris Birmele, Christy Weigley, Becky Heup, Jeffery Robertson, Justin Shipowick, and Michael Birmele.

Ricardo Birmele



Cans of Burien Love

"Love Thy Neighbor," is illustrated at the Burien, Wash., school by the cheerful faces and more than 1,500 cans of food for the needy which have been gathered in the school's 1994 annual food drive. Teachers indicate that the canned-food drive helps children learn about the need in the community for food, prayer and friend-

ship. The children this year nearly doubled the number of cans brought in, compared to 1993, and although they recognize that the food they supply makes only a small dent in total community needs, they see it as a tangible way of expressing their love for their neighbors.

Patricia Newman

God's promises are sure!



WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

**Dale B. Hepker — 1930-1994**

The flag flew at half mast on the campus of Walla Walla College (WWC) Nov. 9 in memory of Dale B. Hepker, professor of English and director of the Teaching Learning Center (TLC), who had passed away that morning at Walla Walla General Hospital.

He had been ill for several weeks and suffered heart failure at approximately 8:15 a.m. He was 64.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, chair of the WWC Department of Social Work and Sociology, and four adult children: Devin, a social worker in Spokane, Wash.; David, a Boeing engineer in Seattle; Donnie, a teacher and coach in the Touchet, Wash., school district; and Donna, a student in the mas-

ters-of-social-work program at WWC. He is survived, as well, by his brother, Robert, of Toddville, Iowa.

Hepker joined the WWC faculty in 1973 and taught classes such as Romantic English Literature, Linguistics, and English Grammar. He received his doctorate from the University of Nebraska in 1978.

Before coming to WWC, Hepker taught at Union College in Lincoln, Neb., and at Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon.

In the early 1980s, Hepker won government funding for what was later to become the Teaching Learning Center, a place where students could get help when faced with academic challenges.

In addition to his administrative and teaching duties, Hepker led travel tours for alumni and friends of the college. In June and July of this year, he visited Europe and the Middle East.

Doug Clark, dean of the School of Theology, recalled Hepker's fondness for and understanding of Middle Eastern life.

"He enjoyed travel—but more than that, he loved to share his discoveries with others," said Clark.

Clark said Hepker was an "unobtrusive but powerful force," able to persuade others to share his journey.

"His contribution to Walla Walla College was far-reaching," said Mel Lang, associate academic dean. "He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues, but also by the multitudes of

students with whom he worked. I can hardly say enough good about him."

"He showed students how to succeed," said Beverly Beem, chair of the English department. "And he took his personal tutoring and mentoring skill and established it as part of the college. That is his legacy."

Beem remembers Hepker as a "wise counselor" who took the time to introduce her to College Dairy veggieburgers when she first arrived on campus.

Gary Wiss, a WWC professor of English, remembers Hepker as "the kindest man I ever knew."

Robert Gardner, former registrar and associate academic dean, once saw a basketball trophy on Hepker's bookcase.

"He was an all-state basketball player in high school before he contracted polio," said Gardner, "but he was never bitter about the polio."

"When I think of a person who was honest, real, loyal, a person committed to true friendship, I think of Dale Hepker," said Standley Gellineau, professor of social work. "My family and I are very fortunate that our paths crossed with his."

Classes were canceled for 1 p.m. funeral services held on Monday, Nov. 14, at the College Church. He was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

The Dale Hepker Memorial Fund has been established at Walla Walla College for program enhancement or capital funding of the WWC Teaching Learning Center.

David and Lisa Lennox

WWC Accepts Federal Assistance to Study Drug Abuse

Walla Walla College (WWC) has received a \$44,950 drug-prevention grant from the United States Department of Education Fund.

The grant will allow WWC to pool its knowledge in a consortium with 12 other Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher education across North America to pre-

vent drug abuse on campuses.

The grant allows vice presidents of student administration (or their designees) on the 13 campuses to meet three times during the two-year grant period for training in the development and improvement of prevention endeavors.

Monthly teleconferencing, newsletter articles and needs assessment to establish a database of drug use and attitude information are also covered through the grant, according to Wendy Hernandez, director of the Student

Assistance Program at WWC.

Hernandez, who wrote the grant proposal, will coordinate information and meetings for the consortium.

Survey services will be coordinated by Pat Mutch of the Andrews Institute of Drug Dependency of Berrien Springs, Mich. The Seventh-day Adventist North American Division Board of Higher Education will provide additional funding. Plans call for the consortium to continue to function after the grant period ends.

Joanne Reinke

GLENER Material

All GLEANER news and announcements (with the exception of material published in the "Viewpoints" and "Advertising" sections of this journal) are submitted to the GLEANER through conference/institutional correspondents, as listed on Page 2 of this issue. Correspondents individually determine cut-off times for copy submission, but a minimum average of one month lead time is required from submission of an article to its appearance in print. Contact local correspondents for specific deadline information.

Advertising, letters-to-the-editor and personal opinion/testimonial material may be delivered directly to the GLEANER office in Portland, Ore., and must arrive in the GLEANER office as follows to meet publication deadlines for upcoming issues:

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Correction

In the Nov. 7 GLEANER "TV Station Rally" announcement, it was erroneously stated that the Caldwell, Idaho Church and pastor William Hull put TV channel 11 on the air. Channel 11 is located in Twin Falls, Idaho and on Sundays it carries *Lifestyle Magazine* which is hosted by Dan Matthews who took part in the station rally for channel 22 in Caldwell. Pastor William Hull and the Caldwell church developed channel 22 and Matthews attended their station rally to help them raise funds Nov. 17-19 so channel 22, like channel 11 in Twin Falls, could soon begin airing *Lifestyle Magazine*.



Missing Members

The Grants Pass, Ore., Church seeks the addresses of the following baptized members currently on the church records: Jim Backes, Yolanda Barnes, Clint and Robin Bickham, Skip Blunt, Scott Blunt, Van Bivens, Susan Boettger, Randy Cline, Reggie Cline, Sandra Cobian, Lewis Cohn, Susan Crump, Randi Driggers, Carol Drushella, Paul Eastridge, Karen Hancock, Lloyd and Betty Helm, Jethro Mantle, Michael Marsh, Gordon and Paula Mitchell, Jim Pascall, Alan and Carol Rummer, Robert Santee, Ron Slack, Sr., Ron Slack, Jr., Scott Slack, Larry Strauch, Cynthia Swan, Valerie Slaughter, Barbara Tackett, David Tackett, Billie and Tim Tworek, David Welch, Sonja Wessels, Bruce Wilson, Robert Woods, and Diane Weston.

Please contact the Grants Pass, Ore., church office with information regarding the whereabouts of these individuals by phoning (503) 476-6313 or writing to 1360 NE 9th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Sojourners Concert

All are invited to hear the Sojourners in concert at the Gresham, Ore., church, located on 223 SE Cleveland, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m.

Sacred Concert

The New England Youth Ensemble will hold a sacred concert on Friday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. in Sunnyside Church, located on 10501 SE Market Street, in Portland, Ore. All are invited to the program which will be preceded by the "Ordinance of Humility" at 6:45 p.m., and the Lord's Supper at 7:15 p.m.

Alf Birch, Oregon Conference president, will deliver the homily and will officiate. The Ensemble will assist with communion. All who confess Jesus as Lord are invited to participate.

Christmas Program

All are invited to attend the 14th annual Christmas program to be held at the Sunnyside Church, in Portland, Ore., Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Plan to bring your own music for the Hallelujah Chorus so you can sing along with some of Portland's finest musicians during the finale. Traditionally the choice seats go to the earlybirds.

Pre-marriage Seminar

Couples who are dating, engaged or contemplating marriage are invited Jan. 14 to attend "Christians In Commitment Seminar," which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Oregon Conference headquarters, located on 13455 SE 97 Ave., in Clackamas, Ore.

Harvey and Kathy Corwin, family life directors, will tackle the following subjects: "What to Look for in a Mate," "How to Know if You Are Really in Love," "What Makes a Good Marriage," "God in Your Home," "His Needs/Her Needs," "Conflict Management," and "Communication."

Phone the Oregon Conference 24-hour Family Life Line at (503) 654-6054 immediately so your seminar workbooks and materials may be prepared.

Marriage Seminar

Harvey and Kathy Corwin, marriage and family speakers, will hold a "Love Takes Time" marriage seminar at the Walla Walla, Wash., General Hospital, Jan. 21. Couples of all ages are invited to attend and spend a weekend renewing commitment to each other. The seminar includes private test counseling and a T.J.T.A. training class will be

held afterwards. Register at the Village Church in College Place, Wash., or phone (509) 525-0882 for more information.



Missing Members

The Pendleton, Ore., Church seeks addresses and information for the following members: Sarajeon Abel, Gary Adams, Jody Adams, Billy Adams, Dennis Baird, Kimberly Bemis, Clifford Betts, Julie Blackburn, Nelson Brown, Donald Burrows, William Burrows, David Calderwood, Kimberly Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Tammie Campbell, Dalles Chillquist, Bonnie (Hyman) Clark, Coleen Collyer, Lon Coombes, Louise Coombes, Lon Coombes, Jr., Tom Coombes, Ken Coombes, and James Coombes, Catherine Crain, Lois Crawford, Enola Culverhouse, Timothy Davis, Daren Dufloth, Mike Fowler, Cathy Grimmer, James Haley, Linda Hanson and Dominga Hernandez.

Information may be sent to Sylvia Wells, church clerk, at 1111 SW Goodwin Place, Pendleton OR 97801 or you may phone (503) 276-0882, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., otherwise dial (503) 276-0172.



Stress Seminar

Sabbath, Jan. 14, 1995 Gunter Reiss, D.P.H., from Loma Linda University School of Public Health, will present a "Your Health and Stress" seminar at the Auburn City Church, located 402 29th S.E., in Auburn, Wash.

The three-part seminar will begin during Sabbath school, continue during the 11 o'clock service, and resume immediately after the church potluck.

Christmas Musical

"Come Home For Christmas," a live musical drama, will be held in the family worship center of the Issaquah, Wash., Church Sabbath, Dec. 17, at 11:20 a.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. For more information or directions to the church located on 425 E. Sunset, in Issaquah, Wash., phone (206) 392-8826.

Christmas Program

Green Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church will present its annual "Christmas Candlelight Concert of Lessons and Carols" on Friday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in its sanctuary at 6350 East Green Lake Way, N., in Seattle, Wash.

The Green Lake choir, children's choir, and orchestra, under the direction of James Denman, will present favorite holiday carols and choral selections for Christmas, featuring Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Gustav Holst's "Christmas Day," and John Rutter's "Bring A Torch," plus anthems with the Junior Choir and carol singing with the congregation and orchestra.

Child care will be available. Phone James Denman at (206) 522-1330 for more information.

Youth Outreach

The Washington Conference youth department seeks the names and addresses of young adults attending public colleges and universities in the Seattle area and the names of military personnel stationed at McChord Air Force Base or Fort Lewis. Please phone (206) 481-7171 and ask for the youth department when volunteering information that will help local pastors get in touch with these young people.



St. Johns Alumni

All former students and staff of the St. John's Adventist Academy in St. John, Newfoundland, Canada, are invited to attend a reunion celebrating the school's 100th year anniversary planned for 1995.

For more information regarding plans and the specific dates for this upcoming reunion, or if you can supply names and addresses of alumni, please contact Jennifer Morgan, 100th Year Reunion Planning Committee, 108 Freshwater Rd., St. John's, NF, Canada A1C 2N8 or phone (709) 579-2718.

Just for Moslems

A brand new set of health and Bible correspondence lessons prepared for Iranian Moslems in their own language is now available for Adventists who have Moslem friends, neighbors, and acquaintances who have immigrated to the United States. Often they are looking for something better than what they had in their own country, including God. Tell them about these studies, "Asayesh Jesm O Jon," and they will recognize the title as the "Buildup of Body and Soul."

To receive this new evangelistic outreach tool, write out your friend's full name and address in English, and mail it to: AJOJ, 1880 John Muir Drive, Colfax, CA 95713.

Adventist Women

The Association of Adventist Women is seeking nominations for the 1995 "Adventist Women of the Year" awards. Nominees should be women who serve, work and make a difference in their church, community or home. Their stories should inspire and encourage other women.

Each application form must be accompanied with a biographical sketch with the outstanding qualities and achievements of the Adventist woman and three letters of recommendation including, or in addition to, a recommendation by an Adventist pastor. The nomination deadline is Feb. 28, 1995.

If you have previously nominated someone and they have not been selected, you can reactivate that nomination by writing to the Adventist women-of-the-year coordinator.

To request an application, write Coordinator of Adventist Women of the Year Awards, Association of Adventist Women, Box 7414, Langley Park, MD 20787.

ABC TV at AU

American Broadcasting Company (ABC) television, which donates air-time to the National Council of Churches, will broadcast its annual one-hour Christmas Eve service from the Pioneer Memorial church on the campus of Andrews University (AU) in Berrien Springs, Mich. The broadcast, designed especially for television audiences, will feature Dwight Nelson, senior pastor at Pioneer Memorial, and Stephen Zork from the AU music department.

A half-page ad for the program will appear in the Dec. 24 issue of *TV Guide*. Please consult your TV listings for the specific time of the showing in your area.

Musical Tour

New England Youth Ensemble and Columbia Collegiate Chorale's 1994-1995 tour of the west coast includes performances as follows: Friday, Dec. 30 at 3:30 p.m., in the Stone Tower Church in **Portland, Ore.**; Sabbath, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m., in the **Beaverton, Ore.** Church; Sabbath, Dec. 31 at 7:45 p.m., at the Sunnyside Church in **Portland, Ore.**; Sabbath, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m., at the Pleasant Hill, Ore., Church located on 35549 Zephyr Street in **Eugene, Ore.**; Sunday, Jan. 1, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., in the **College Place, Wash.**, Village Church; Monday, Jan. 2, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., in the **Spokane, Wash.**, South Hill Church; Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1995, at 11 a.m., at Upper Columbia Academy located on 2525 Spangle Waverly Road in **Spangle, Wash.**

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Payment — Payment in advance must accompany all advertisements or they will not be accepted/published.

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NOTE: Color Press, 1-800 222-2145 will design your ad according to GLEANER Advertising Specifications for an ART FEE if you do not have an in-house person, or service bureau capable of designing your advertisement. **IMPORTANT:** Always contact the GLEANER first to reserve space, before contacting Color Press.

Advertising Deadlines — Place ads at least three weeks in advance of their publication. In order for an ad to appear in the next issue, it must reach the GLEANER office before 11 a.m. Wednesday — three weeks before the new issue. Payment required by deadline.

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RATES

Classified Ads, NPUC Advertisers* — For those advertisers residing in the North Pacific Union Conference: \$16.50 for 30 words or less; 60 cents for each extra word; 10 percent discount for three or more consecutive insertions without copy changes.

Classified Ads, Other Advertisers* — For those advertisers residing outside the North Pacific Union Conference: \$27.50 for 30 words or less; \$1 for each extra word; 10 percent discount for three or more consecutive insertions without copy changes.

About Counting Words: Count each unit of a date as one word unless it appears as xx/xx/xx, which counts as one word. Every space between characters marks the beginning of a new word, except in these instances: [P.O. Box] and each [area code plus telephone number] is counted as just one word.

Display Advertisements, Black/White — \$800, Back Cover full page ad; \$600, Full page size; \$500, 3/4 page; \$350, 1/2 page; \$325, 1/3 page; \$250, 1/4 page; \$175, 1/8 page; A \$44 per column inch charge also applies to all non-standard display advertisements. Submit Black and White Display Ads camera ready and/or in a film-ready negative.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Cadillac, Chevrolet, Geo, Lincoln/Mercury, Olds, Toyota, Used Cars/Trucks. For wholesale prices and delivery information call Don Vories, at Abajian Motors, Walla, Walla, Wash. Toll-free 1-800-542-0333 or (509) 525-1920. (PA3,7,12)

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a good fight, I
have finished
my course, I
have kept the
faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7

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HEALTH CLAIMS EXAMINER—Adventist Health System/West located northeast of Sacramento, Calif, is seeking health claims examiners with at least two years of previous experience. Responsibilities include processing medical, dental, and vision claims per established guidelines within scheduled time limits and providing telephone support service to claimants. Requires familiarity with medical terminology, ICD-9 and CPT codes; familiarity with Eldorado claims processing software is also beneficial. Must be well-organized, detail-oriented, and able to work effectively with all contacts. Excellent working environment with competitive benefits and salary. Please send résumé to: Darlene Mercer, Adventist Health System/West, PO Box 619002, Roseville, CA 95661-9002, or phone 916-781-4649. (12)

POSITION AVAILABLE AT Southwestern Adventist College: Assistant or associate professor in history/social sciences. Will be responsible for design and teaching of undergraduate-level courses, advising history/social science majors. Requirements: doctorate in a social science or master's degree with doctoral work, and teaching experience. Contact Dr. Marie Redwine, Academic VP, Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, TX 76059, 800-433-2240. (12,2)

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SEEKS A FINANCE TEACHER for graduate and undergraduate courses. An appropriate doctorate (or ABD) preferred. A second strength in Economics helpful. Teaching and/or leadership experience desirable. Adventists send résumé to: Dr. Ann Gibson, Search Committee Chair, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0024. (21,12,2)

Teacher needed: Sept., 1995, for six-grade, one-room Native Indian school near Pendleton, Ore. If interested in this full-salaried position, contact the Upper Columbia Conference Education Dept., 509-838-2761. (12)

POSITION AVAILABLE AUG. 1995: Southern College is seeking applications for Health, Physical Education, Recreation Dept. Duties include teaching Exercise Physiology, Adaptive PE, PE Measurements, Care and Prevention, activity courses. College experience with Doctorate preferred. MS degree minimum. Send résumé to: Phil Garver, PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315. Telephone: 615-238-2852. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. (12)

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST WANTED. Steck Medical Group seeks licensed eligible Clinical Ph.D. or Psy. D. for full-time practice. Join multi-disciplinary medical clinic in offering full range of mental health services to a diverse clinical population. Contact Helgi Douay at 1-800-736-2611. (12)

Regional Sales Person: Leading health care publisher located in NW seeks regional sales person. Travel required. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills. Publishing and health care industry knowledge desirable. BA in business, marketing, communications or related field, or equivalent education preferred. Three year's experience in business sales. Salary base—commission—bonus. Full benefit package. Send résumé to: Sales Person, Human Resources, 1505 Business One Circle, Walla Walla, WA 99362. (12)

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Kind person to care for mentally alert, physically weak, elderly lady in Clackamas, Ore. Several hours a day, hourly wage or live in with room, board/salary. 503-657-7148 or 503-557-3954. (12)

Home Health Care Director: Manage our home care agency in Stevensville, MI. Health professionals with home care and management experience preferred and Master's Degree required. Competitive salary/benefit package. Send résumé to: Search Committee, Health Care at Home Management Corp., 9047-2 US 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, FAX 616-471-7073. (7,21,12,2,16)

WANTED: Married caretaker. Prefer semi-retired man 60-65 healthy and handy. Park-like country home near Portland. Home furnished. Phone O. Ogden 503-777-2666 or 503-678-5330. (7,21,12)

DEAN, SCHOOL OF NURSING—Requirements: Doctorate; teaching and administrative experience in nursing education. Interested Adventists contact Dr. John Brunt, VP for Academic Administration, Walla Walla College, WA 99324. 509-527-2431; FAX 509-527-2253. (21,12)

Associate Director of Information Systems Services—Position available for individual who works well with people. Chief responsibilities will be to provide user support for software. Knowledge of Personal Computers, Windows, Network, Word Processing and Spreadsheets a must! A knowledge of programming helpful. Send résumé to: Director of Information Systems Services, North Pacific Union Conference of SDA, PO Box 16677, Portland, OR 97216, or FAX to 503-253-2455. (21,12)

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Angel Award Winning Music on tape (\$10) or CD (\$15). Minute by Minute by John (JP) Curnutt. Call Petals 'n' Poseys flower & gift shop 1-800-568-6266 to order. A Blessing. (21,12,2)

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DELUXE CHURCH FURNISHINGS: Solid oak upholstered pews, pulpits, communion tables, carpet, stacking chairs, pew padding, re-upholstering and refinishing. National Church Furnishings, Centralia, Wash., 800-225-4599. (12,2,16,6,20,6)

MISCELLANEOUS

WHY BE LONELY? SDA Singles photo directories, including names, addresses, phone numbers and full descriptions, bring new Adventist friendships. Ages 18-85. Reasonable. Send stamped addressed envelope to: 1467 Osprey Lane, College Place, WA 99324 or call 509-522-2379. (7,21,12)

ARE YOU SINGLE, OVER 50, would like to correspond with Adventists also single, widowed or divorced? For information send self-addressed stamped envelope to Adventist Singles, PO Box 527, Canyonville, OR 97417. (12,16,20)

LOOKING FOR CLASSMATE: Evelyne Smythe, once lived in Shreveport, La., and North Platte, Neb. Attended school at Campion Academy. Had a brother who attended Platte Valley in Neb. Contact: Phyllis Gardner, 3544 B St., Lincoln, NE 68510. (12)

Certified massage and hydrotherapy classes for preparation in medical missionary work beginning Jan. 3, 1995. For more information please contact Dr. Charles Thomas 619-329-5066. (12)

CAMPION'S MOST WANTED FROM CLASS OF "42": Barbara Bradshaw, Dorothy Brown, Dorothy Lee Hull, Betty Lou Ireland, Ellen Johnson, La Vonne Mathieson, and Ester May Wilkins. If you have an address or phone number, please call/write Dean Turner, PO Box 226, St. Helena, CA 94574. Office phone: 707-963-2701, home phone: 707-963-4138. The class of "42" and "43" will meet together in 1995. (12)

Small, 3-room country apartment with all utilities paid, free for six hours weekly house cleaning plus some supervision of 11-year-old daughter. Prefer grandmother type. Must have own car. 206-835-2470. (12,2,16,6,20,6)

CASH FOR MORTGAGES AND BUSINESS NOTES: If you're currently receiving monthly payments from a trust deed, mortgage or business note and need cash, call Ed at 301-774-3620 for a free quote. (7,12,2,6,6,3)

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING Opportunity; earn extra cash for Christmas, and help your local church or school project by selling "Peace Above the Storm," our brand new edition of "Steps to Christ." Features include: Large print, nature scenes, Bible promises, stories, and much more. For Free information call 1-800-777-2848, ask about our Spanish edition. (7,12)

PERSON-TO-PERSON

TO RESPOND: You must be an NPUC member in good standing and submit a letter from your pastor indicating this. These letters are kept on file.

PROCEDURE: Put your letter to the individual in a STAMPED, sealed envelope and place the identification number on the outside. Place this letter in another envelope and mail it to Person-to-Person, GLEANER, Box 16677, Portland, OR 97216. Put your FULL NAME and RETURN ADDRESS on ALL envelopes you send to us. We do not forward unmarked mail.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: The GLEANER assumes no responsibility as to the marital status of the respondents or advertisers except they are NPUC members in good standing. If a relationship develops with an advertiser or respondent, it is your responsibility to check with that person's pastor, fellow church members and/or friends.

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#823

Fit and active SWF, mid 30s, hopes to meet an intelligent, special man to enhance an already full and interesting life. Travel, reading, beaches, day hikes, rainy days and even some Mondays, friends, Sabbath School discussions, picnics, and museums are some of the things I enjoy. If you'd like to get acquainted, please write. Will exchange photos. (12)

REAL ESTATE

PORTLAND AREA REAL ESTATE NEEDS? Call Denny Krause, SDA Associate Broker, 20/20 Properties Inc. Experienced in residential, commercial, investment, buyer's brokerage and nationwide referral. References. 503-666-2022 or 800-269-6125 anytime. (P21,12,2)

BEAUTIFUL WALLA WALLA VALLEY: 5-bdrm, 3-bath on Highland Park, \$174,900; One-level 3-bdrm, 2-bath, \$143,900; 1-acre, 3-bdrm, \$182,500; Updated vintage 4-bdrm, 2-bath, \$134,900. Call Arda Blevins; Linscott, Wylie & Blize/Better Homes & Gardens, 509-525-8700. (7,21,12)

HOLIDAY DELUXE: Rent or buy Time Share Mazatlan, Mexico; 2-bdrm, 2-bath, living, dining, kitchen. Everything furnished. Ocean view. 2-4 weeks. Exchange options: Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, US, Hawaii resorts. Paid \$14,500. Sell \$7,500. Rent \$350 week. Recently widowed. 503-842-1755. (12)

SDA experienced realtor. Residential/ acreage/investment/commercial. Thinking of moving to Eastern Wash.? I can find you a home and help you sell your present home, no matter where you live! Please call Zandi Spicer. Windermere/Northwall. (509) 489-4663. (12,2,6)

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You've prepared for that special day and now that moment has arrived filled with love and emotion. Because of our experience specializing in wedding photography, we are able to create wedding memories that will last forever. Call today for information at Kight Photography, 1410 E. Powell, Gresham, Ore., 503-667-0937. Yes, we can photograph your out of town wedding. (7,21,12)

HEARING PROBLEMS? Are you hearing your grandchildren, Sabbath sermons and nature sounds clearly? SDA rates on major brands of hearing aids including the new mini-aids. Follow-up care emphasized. Financing plans. Batteries available by mail. Over 36 years' experience as dispensing audiologist. Northwest Speech & Hearing Clinics, 1142 Willagillespie Rd. #20, Eugene, OR 97401, 503-683-1202. OR, WA, ID, call 1-800-310-1202. (P12,2,16)

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Anchorage	3:41	3:43	3:50	4:02
Fairbanks	2:41	2:42	2:51	3:08
Juneau	3:06	3:08	3:15	3:25
Ketchikan	4:16	4:19	4:24	4:33

Idaho Conference

Boise	5:09	5:12	5:17	5:24
La Grande	4:10	4:13	4:18	4:25
Pocatello	4:57	5:00	5:05	5:11

Montana Conference

Billings	4:30	4:33	4:38	4:45
Havre	4:24	4:26	4:32	4:39
Helena	4:41	4:44	4:49	4:56
Miles City	4:17	4:20	4:25	4:32
Missoula	4:48	4:51	4:56	5:03

Oregon Conference

Coos Bay	4:42	4:45	4:50	4:56
Medford	4:40	4:43	4:48	4:54
Portland	4:28	4:31	4:36	4:43

Upper Columbia Conference

Pendleton	4:12	4:15	4:20	4:27
Spokane	3:59	4:02	4:07	4:14
Walla Walla	4:09	4:12	4:17	4:24
Wenatchee	4:11	4:14	4:19	4:26
Yakima	4:15	4:18	4:23	4:30

Washington Conference

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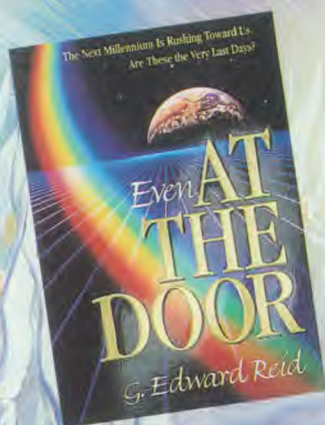
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