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'I Felt Like the Shepherds that Night'

By Monte Church

Monte Church is director of North American Division Native Ministries, Northwest, for the Western United States and Western Canada and writes from Portland, Ore.

Native Ministries takes me to many remote and interesting places, among them northern Manitoba, Canada, near the boundary of the Northwest Territories, where last winter we were starting new work among our Native people.

To get to these places, I often must fly commercially to the nearest larger city and then drive for hours on gravel roads in four-wheel-drive vehicles to visit our Native pastors.

On this trip, we had been driving for almost eight hours. Dusk had set in, and we had just come over a small mountain range and started down into the great gravel bar flatland lake area near La Pas. As I surveyed the valley from the top of the range, I was startled to see an incredibly bright light hovering in the sky on the eastern horizon.

It was almost as bright as a welder's torch, and I thought at first that it must be a large military plane or helicopter, because few large commercial aircraft ever get that far north. Then I realized that the light wasn't moving.

When I asked the pastor traveling with me what it was, his bewildered response was, "I dun'no," so I pulled over at a turnout, stopped the car, and stepped out into the sub-zero air and frozen snow.

All I could do was stare at the sight. The light was a star-like body, flashing incredibly different prismic colors of red, green, and blue. Never had I seen an ordinary star or planet hover so close to the earth.

As we watched in silence, several thoughts flashed about in my mind. First, the astronomical apparition reminded me of what I believe Christ's Second Coming will be like—unearthly bright and glorious—not imaginary, but physically "real."

Then, as my boots squeaked in the frozen snow, my thoughts switched to another scene—the Bethlehem shepherds, who must have been shivering on that cold night when

the angels appeared in the sky to announce that their Savior had come to live with them.

Finally, I was overwhelmed by the unearthly "closeness" of the star to the earth, which flooded my mind with the realization that, really, "heaven is closer than we realize today."

We become so wrapped up in our daily concerns that we forget how carefully the universe is watching us—how "close" they are—to happenings here on earth, especially as the great controversy between good and evil comes to a close.

What a thrill there must be in heaven, I thought, as the gospel today progresses with such speed—even into the most remote areas of the world, as we are experiencing in Native Ministries, Northwest.

Later, our Native people explained to me that the star I had seen hovers in the eastern sky every year at this time because of the angle of the earth's axis, and that it seems especially brilliant because of the clear, cold, unpolluted air.

The star could have been either Sires or Rigeo, both of which are seen each year at that latitude.

As we climbed back into the sport wagon and drove on, my heart was warmed and comforted, secure in the knowledge that we are part of God's plan as surely as we are part of an astronomical system which God controls.

That we are so important to the Godhead that He would risk everything to send Jesus to earth to live and even die for us, amazes me even more.

The appearance of the massive star-apparition I saw that winter evening is a special phenomenon which our Native people believe the Creator has placed in the eastern sky of the far north at this time of the year.

They say it reminds them of that great event when Christ was born 2,000 years ago and of His Second Coming, soon to take place when "every eye" will see Him. 

ABOUT THE COVER

"Winter Morn" was taken in Haines, Alaska, at the Eagle Preserve just north of Haines on the Chilkat River. "It was a beautiful morning with fog and frost, and very cold! Even the Eagle's feathers were frosted. It was an exhilarating experience," says photographer Roberta Mae Foster of Dayton, Ohio. She used a Nikon FA with a Nikkor 35-105mm Zoom lens and Kodachrome ASA 64 film.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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tion. Letters which direct personal criticism at individuals will not be printed; conversely, letters which promote a person by name or description for gratuitous praise will be declined for publication. Highest priority will be given to letters which add information and commentary, pro and con, to material appearing in this journal. Address letters to Editor, Box 16677, Portland, OR 97216-0677.

New Fulfillments?

I am responding to the article written by Alden Thompson, titled "Near" in the GLEANER Oct. 16 issue.

The author refers to three dates, 1755, 1780, and 1833, which I believe he [applies to] the Lisbon earthquake, the "Dark Day," and the stars falling from heaven, respectively. The conclusion from the article . . . is that these three incidents are a fulfillment of prophecies found in Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24, and Luke 21:25.

I question the validity of this conclusion. Here is why.

. . . Verse 34 says "Verily I say unto you this generation will not pass away, till all of these things be fulfilled." . . .

How long does one generation last? . . .

The pioneers of our movement probably felt this prophecy was [fulfilled in the ways traditionally taught.] How could they think otherwise, after they themselves had witnessed the stars falling in 1833? But those in 1995 have a totally different prospective—at least maybe we ought to. . . .

*James W. Shaw
Silverdale, Wash.*

Translated Reformer

In the editorial of Oct. 16, Elijah was painted as an overzealous reformer who was "naturally critical," and delved into problems with which he should not have been concerned.

This poor deluded reformer was apparently, so busy being critical he missed completely the "grand themes" of the "full-gospel ministry" that he should have been proclaiming instead of being "fixated on wilderness dwelling."

But, for some reason, God must have approved of his work because translation was his reward.

Maybe the rewards are worth the criticism heaped upon the "critical."

*Winona Seibold
Madras, Ore.*

■ Elijah was indeed translated, which demonstrates how highly God values a faithful reformer. Elijah neither apostatized nor turned his back on God, but the editorial suggested that the call to serve as a true reformer carries with it certain built-in burdens and difficulties, among them the tendency to branch off from broad themes to become embroiled in less-consuming questions.

Reformers Needed

Your editorial of Oct. 16 confusingly cries peace and safety when every Adventist must be

a reformer. If speaking the truth marks me as a reformer and puts me in the company of Elijah, John, and Jesus, I say, AMEN!

Along with the love of Jesus, the world needs to hear that true sanctification can only come through perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to the will of God. Adventists, as reformers, must give this truth in the most loving way possible without fear of hurting feelings to those in the world, as well as those in the church. "The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God." Ellen G. White, *5 Testimonies*, page 211. There must be truth as well as encouragement. Knowing this, how can we be silent?

*Clyde Bright
Sitka, Alaska*

Prophetic Movement

Alden Thompson's pen was writing at its best (Oct. 16) in his article "Near" that complements so well the Sabbath school lesson for October 22-28. Lest we err as did our spiritual forebears when they failed to rightly interpret what the prophets had written, let us be ever mindful that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a prophetic movement. It was born out of prophecy, is fueled by prophecy, and will culminate in the greatest fulfillment of all that the seers have written—the restoration of the redeemed in the city of God here on planet Earth.

This is no time to be running scared, or looking for where blame can be placed. These days call for a clear sense of mission and an abiding commitment to it. The King is coming! That's present truth that becomes ever more relevant with each new sunrise. Yes, let us pray that the coming will be soon. But also, let us work unitedly with all diligence while the day of grace still lingers.

*Frank Stanyer
Walla Walla, Wash.*

God First

In your Oct. 2 issue, Alden Thompson states "the best way to love (God) is to love people." He quotes a 17th-century Puritan to support his conclusion.

Isn't this what got us into trouble in the first place? Wasn't it Adam's "love" for Eve that led him to disobey his Creator and thus bring 6,000 years of woe upon the race he fathered? See *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pps. 56 and 57.

The first and great commandment is to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind. Matthew 22:37, 38. Love for one's neigh-

bor is secondary. Verse 39.

Make no mistake: the best way to demonstrate love for God is to keep His commandments. 1 John 5:3. And His commandments are not grievous.

Placing love for men ahead of love for God is sometimes found in the writings of pagans and also in the doctrines of the fallen churches. . . .

*Clyde Bagby
Fredericksburg, Texas*

Slide Cover Contest Winners Announced

Twenty-two winning slides were selected on Monday, Nov. 27, at the conclusion of the 17th annual GLEANER cover slide contest. There were 883 entries from 81 photographers.

The 1996 GLEANER cover contest's winning slides belong to the following 17 photographers: Kenneth D. Albertsen, Anchorage, Alaska; Judi L. Baker, Petaluma, Calif.; Ruth Burley, Roseburg, Ore.; Bryce Casebolt, Milton, Wash.; Todd Gessele, Portland, Ore.; John L. Hinderman, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Gary Lackie, Anchorage, Alaska; Eugene Lambert, Redlands, Calif.; Matthew and Kristen McVane, Malo, Wash.; Bernard J. Penner, Gresham, Ore.; Roger Rosenquist, Gresham, Ore.; Robert Rouillard, Tacoma, Wash.; Albert Russell, Lebanon, Ore.; Jeffrey L. Torretta, La Grande, Ore.; George Waymire, Union Gap, Wash.; Duane Wilson, Kelso, Wash.; and Ken Wilson, Portland, Ore. Photographers Casebolt, Hinderman, McVane and Penner each had two slides chosen.

The following contestants had slides which qualified as runners up: Kenneth D. Albertsen, Anchorage, Alaska; Donald Altman, Puyallup, Wash.; Margaret Annala, Hood River, Ore.; Alex Betancourt, East Wenatchee, Wash.; Arlan Blodgett, Salem, Ore.; Bryce Casebolt, Milton, Wash.; Willard Colburn, Eugene, Ore.; John L. Corban, Gresham, Ore.; Roberta M. Foster, Dayton, Ohio; Scott Gibson, McMinnville, Ore.; Glen Greenwalt, Walla Walla, Wash.; John L. Hinderman, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Maretta Kandoll, Vancouver, Wash.; Herb Kramer, Seattle, Wash.; Gary Lackie, Anchorage, Alaska; Stephen Lackie, Talkeetna, Alaska; Eugene Lambert, Redlands, Calif.; R. L. Martin, Orofino, Idaho; Robert W. McNabb, Vancouver, Wash.; Matthew and Kristen McVane, Malo, Wash.; Darren Milam, Bellvue, Wash.; Colette Newer, Walla Walla, Wash.; Bernard J. Penner, Gresham, Ore.; Ralph Piuser, Molalla, Ore.; Roger Rosenquist, Gresham, Ore.; Albert Russell, Lebanon, Ore.; Mia Anne Sater, Ponderay, Idaho; Loren P. Schishler, Newberg, Ore.; Jeffrey L. Torretta, La Grande, Ore.; Duane Wahlman, Sitka, Alaska; Harold Wahlman, Sitka, Alaska; George Waymire, Union Gap, Wash.; Carl Wells, Polebridge, Mont.; Duane Wilson, Kelso, Wash.

The 1997 contest will be held Oct. 1 through Nov. 20, 1996. No slides are accepted on speculation for GLEANER covers except during the annual contest.

Shari Smith

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'God's Double Blessing to the Northwest'

By Duane McKey

Duane McKey, North Pacific Union Conference ministerial/church ministries coordinator, writes from Portland, Ore.



While sitting in my study recently, I found myself reflecting upon the following experiences and wondering, "Am I the only one seeing the connection between outreach abroad and evangelism in the Northwest?"

The Northwest

Standing in line for fellowship dinner at the conclusion of an evangelistic series in Sweet Home, Ore., a 75 year-old elder looked me in the face and with tears in his eyes said, "I've been converted. Six weeks ago I didn't believe in evangelism, but I do now."

Until five weeks before, his had been a church with fewer than 50 in attendance—a dying church where membership averaged more than 70 years of age. Now things had changed. With between 40 and 50 new people being baptized, the attendance had doubled as a result of evangelistic meetings.

Russia

"Spasiba; spasiba," said the elderly Russian lady. "Thank you, thank you for coming to Russia and telling us the story of Jesus. You baptized me," she said as she gave me a warm Babushka hug.

Then she added, "Every week I am here in church. It is so wonderful to see my Christian friends worship God and to

Is there a connection between foreign evangelistic outreach and evangelistic results on the home front?

read my Bible—the Bible you gave me. Spasiba. Bashoi spasiba."

The Northwest

While I was teaching a seminar on witnessing in Central Oregon a few weeks ago, a woman mentioned that she was from the Medford, Ore., Church. I knew that a recent evangelistic campaign led by Ken Cox at the Medford Church had been instrumental in leading more than 100 into church fellow-

ship, so I asked her how things were going now.

"Oh, it is wonderful," she said, "but different! Very different."

"How?" I asked.

"Well, before the meetings, between Sabbath school and church, the foyer was always full of people. No one was too much in a rush to get inside the sanctuary and get ready for the church service. But now it's different. Between Sabbath school and church, the foyer is empty. People hurry from Sabbath school into the sanctuary to find a seat, because if they don't, there are no seats available. The church is full. It's so exciting and thrilling now to go to church when we have so many new, happy faces."

Africa

Just outside of Harare, Zimbabwe, is the city of Chitungwiza, with more than a million inhabitants. This past spring, Bruce Johnston, Roscoe Howard, and I from the North Pacific Union office, and pastors Harold Goodloe and Hector Mouzon from the Washington Conference, participated in a *Hands Across the World* global mission project by holding an evangelistic series in the Harare area.

One evening, while I was preaching in the hall we had rented in Chitungwiza, Samuel and his father were passing by outside. Seeing the large banner, Samuel asked, "Daddy! Daddy, can I go?"

"No," was the reply.

"But Daddy, please let me go."

"No!" Being persistent, as some children are, Samuel said, "Pretty please, Daddy. I want to go inside."

"No!" responded his father.

At that, Samuel bolted for the door with Dad hot on his heels. The boy ran into the hall and down toward the front as his father pursued him, and then the father looked up to see me, an American, preaching. He was somewhat embarrassed, but being very polite, as Zimbabwean people are, he quietly found a seat part way down the aisle in the center of the building.



Russians prepare for baptism at a public beach in Petrozavodsk, Russia, where 12 volunteers from the Northwest began constructing a church last June. If you are interested in helping finish the project, contact Larry Goodhew, Rt. 1 Box 114B, Walla Walla, WA 99362 or phone (509) 522-2387.

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Many African children brought their parents to see what the crusade in Harare, Zimbabwe, was all about. To date, more than 500 individuals have given their lives to Christ and requested baptism.

After a few minutes, the father became somewhat interested in the pictures and the words of Scripture—so interested, in fact, that on the next evening, both he and Samuel came again, and the next, and the next! Finally, on the last Sabbath, when 400-plus were baptized, Samuel and his daddy were both baptized.

Exciting things are certainly happening in Zimbabwean evangelism. The pastor of the church in Chitungwiza has 6,000 members overall, with oversight of 10 churches and five companies, and serves as half-time conference evangelist, as well.

Each month, members go out and seek to raise up companies of new believers in outlying areas. When asked what kind of books we could send them to help in their work in Chitungwiza, the pastor, Samuel Booni, and the other Harare pastors, said, "Send us the book *Evangelism*. We need to inspire our people to witness for Jesus."

The Northwest

A few days ago, I spoke with Pastor George Boundey of Great Falls, Mont., and he shared with me that he and the Great Falls members were at the midpoint of an evangelistic series.

It's exciting in a special way for Great Falls, because even the long-time members cannot remember the last time a series of evangelistic meetings was held in the city.

Boundey reports that 40 individuals are currently planning



Twenty-one individuals were baptized in Milton Freewater, Ore., at the conclusion of a four-week prophecy seminar conducted by evangelists Lyle and Peggy Albrecht. According to Gordon Mattison, Milton-Freewater pastor, many others are still studying; some have already indicated their desire to be baptized in the near future.

'We'll Let the Lord Decide'

By W. Benny Moore

W. Benny Moore is the recently elected treasurer of the North Pacific Union Conference.

I have been thrilled by reports of Northwestern evangelistic events and high numbers of resulting baptisms. This year could easily top 1994 as the best year ever for Northwest soul-winning.

Last month, during a meeting I attended with all Northwest local-conference presidents, James Stevens, president of the Alaska Conference, closed his report with an earnest plea for more dollars for 1996 evangelism. Otherwise, crusades already planned might have to be canceled. The other presidents unanimously seconded his plea.

I am excited about evangelism, and when pastors and churches sincerely want to do evangelism, I have a difficult time denying those requests!

As I studied the NPUC balance sheet and related schedules, I found that the Union had healthy reserves—modestly greater than are required by policy. Any treasurer experiences a sense of security and a comfort level with such reserves.

But, I thought, the Lord is coming soon! Perhaps we should somehow invest some of these funds in public evangelism. New members not only add to the Lord's kingdom but, with their tithes and offerings, support all levels of organized Church work.

After reviewing these ideas with Bruce Johnston, Union president, and LeRoy Rieley, undertreasurer, we presented the concept to the Council.

One president suggested that we draw \$100,000 from reserves, but we quickly realized that dividing this amount among six conferences would not give enough to make a significant difference. We were about to vote on the figure of \$200,000 when an idea came to me—why not let the Lord decide the amount?

We could take the Union's operating gain for 1995 (which will be affected largely by tithe received in our churches this month) and use it all for evangelism in 1996! Not only would our required reserves remain, but the Lord could pour out a blessing larger than we could humanly vote.

This request was enthusiastically voted and sent to the budget review committee, where it was unanimously voted as a recommendation to the Executive Committee, where final approval was given.

Now the positive vote is history, and we wait to see how the Lord blesses. The Lord certainly knows how much we need—and how much we can use wisely.

With all my heart I believe the Lord is coming back very soon. It is my prayer that we will all be faithful in our tithes and offerings for 1995. I can hardly wait to see what happens! What about you? 

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for baptism and that church attendance has jumped from 100 to 150. For a detailed report of the miracles God has worked during this crusade, read the more detailed story in Montana Conference News section of this GLEANER.

Alaska

At present, churches in the Alaska Conference are literally bursting at the seams, especially in the Fairbanks, Palmer, and Anchorage areas. During the past three years, membership has increased by 21.4 percent. That increase is being felt around the conference as church attendances are beginning to exceed present church facilities. Double services are being held, and new churches must be built immediately to accommodate future growth.

Jim Stevens, Alaska Conference president, notes that this is an exciting problem to contend with. Last summer, a group of construction volunteers working on the Wasilla Church began calling themselves the "Alaska Dream Team." Others are catching their vision. If you'd like to be a part of the "1996 Alaska Dream Team," phone Neil Biloff, (907) 745-2240.

Upper Columbia

Pastor Joe Kidder in the East Wenatchee, Wash., Church in the Upper Columbia Conference recently told me how church members thought when they built their church a few years ago they would never fill it. Now, following public evangelist meetings, the church is full.

Washington

Ken Parker, pastor in Centralia, Wash., relates that there is a new spirit in his church because of "Net '95." Churches throughout the Northwest, including Roseburg, Missoula, Spokane, Seattle, Tri-Cities, Portland, Caldwell, and Vancouver—coastal and inland areas alike—have caught a vision for evangelism. This year, 208 evangelistic campaigns were held in the Northwest—an unparalleled number for our North Pacific Union.

This year, to date, Northwest baptisms and professions of faith are running 25 percent above 1994's, when church figures surpassed records set 26 years ago.



Travel around the world and you'll find that the landscape of life often changes, but people's hearts remain the same—susceptible to God's life-changing love.

Next year promises to be another banner year. Our new union treasurer, Benny Moore, believes God, not budget committees, should decide how much money from the church's surplus-financial reserves should be spent on evangelism. (See Page 5 sidebar related story for details.) In



Duane McKey, the author, sits astride one of the 12 motorcycles Northwest members have donated for African pastors. Funds are now needed to ship the bikes to Africa. Contact McKey at (503) 255-7300 Ext. 230, if you would like to help with this project.

addition, three evangelistic couples have been added to our union staff.

Foreign Fields

And what of the foreign front? Evangelistic teams continue to go to Russia from the Northwest with *Operation Bearhug*. This year *Hands Across the World* Global Mission projects in Africa and South America were added to the list.

Since 1991, when *Operation Bearhug* officially began, more than 750 Northwesterners have been involved in one or more Global Mission projects, with close to 7,000 baptisms in our "foreign mission fields." For next year, plans are being laid for teams to go from the North Pacific Union to the Philippines, Africa, and Inter America.

What Does It All Mean?

I ask myself, what does it all mean? Could it be that we are doubly blessed by God here in the homeland when we endeavor to be a blessing to others in the overseas fields such as Russia and Africa?

Perhaps, what Ellen White wrote some 95 years ago in 1900 applies here: "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).

A Window of Northwest Opportunity

I wonder if you, like me, are beginning to see an unequalled, unprecedented window of opportunity we have right here in the Northwest. Now is the time to place our "all" on the altar, at a time when God's Spirit is being poured out as the day of His coming draws near. 🌿

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'I Feel Such a Fulfillment' An Adventist Secessionist Returns

By Cathy Law

Cathy Law writes from Deary, Idaho

Editor's Note: Ardent believers in the message of the Three Angels of Revelation 14 who became estranged from fellow Adventists are taking a second look at an increasingly revived and evangelistically active denomination. The following account is but one among scores of stories that underscore this trend.

Mark Turkington was looking at a car one day at Leroy Carlson's car lot. Now, Leroy, who is a member of the Deary, Idaho, Seventh-day Adventist Church, enjoys talking religion about as much as he enjoys selling cars, so it was not surprising that by the end of the conversation, the salesman had invited Mark to "come visit our church, sometime."

Mark took him up on the offer one Sabbath, and later, he brought his wife, Becky, and baby, Debbie. Leroy and Doris Carlson immediately befriended the family.

As weeks passed, the Carlsons asked others to join them in praying for their new friends and invited the family home for dinner and Sabbath-afternoon activities. Later, when Doris Carlson learned that Mark was unemployed, she notified Pastor Otis and Ann Parks, and the Parks surprised the Turkingtons with a gift of groceries.

Though Becky seemed to enjoy her visits to church, she soon stopped attending, and as local members began to ask why, they learned that she had once been a Seventh-day Adventist Church member, but had become disillusioned by what she regarded as a tolerance for worldly behavior among Adventist members.

As she had studied what others were writing about the problems they saw in the denomination, it had seemed to her that the only conscientious thing to do was to drop her membership; now, even though her husband was attending church, she felt that to participate, herself, was to compromise her convictions.

So members began to pray that God would guide Becky in her spiritual walk. Several wrote letters; one member sent her a copy of the book "Trials and Triumph of the Remnant Church," by Northwesterners Ty Forrest Gibson and James M. Rafferty of Malo, Wash.—a book that had helped the member during a time of disenchantment with the denomination.

After reading the book, Becky began to have doubts about her decision to leave the church, and, bowing her head one day, she prayed, "Dear God, help me settle this once and for all. Guide me."

She then opened a box of photocopied material and tapes that had influenced her to leave the church. Right on the top were some unfamiliar papers.

"The Remnant Church Not Babylon," the title on the papers read. She scanned the material, which consisted of a series of articles written by Ellen White published years ago in the "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald."

In the articles, she found that the author counseled that the act of urging people to separate from the church "is neither honorable, nor righteous."

Though she could not figure out why these particular articles had found their way into the box, the papers had a profound impact.

"I am still not sure who gave me those articles," Becky shakes her head. "It doesn't seem likely that they were from the same source as the other material in that box."

At about this time, Pat Jesseph, a specialist in home evangelism, and Pastor Parks of the Troy/Deary district knocked on the Turkington's door, and Mark and Becky accepted their invitation to study God's Word together.



Mark and Becky Turkington, with daughter Debbie, rejoice in their Christian experience in northern Idaho.

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Later, when church membership was mentioned, Becky admitted that she had concerns about "apostate" behavior in denominational churches.

Jesseph then asked her, "Well, Becky, what do you do when you see wrongs in Mark's life—just leave?"

Becky grins, remembering, "I got the point. That did it."

Mark, who was eager to be baptized, nevertheless faced a serious battle with nicotine addiction. But Jesseph challenged him to believe God's promise, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Then they prayed together.

After that night, he was able to claim victory over

tobacco—a victory that followed countless failed attempts to quit on his own.

"Pastor and Pat's visit was the culmination of many people's prayers and influence in my life," Mark maintains. He and Becky were both baptized into Christ last year.

Even before the local nominating committee named him personal ministries leader, Mark had begun planning to hold health screenings and take free blood pressures as a public service. Becky became a children's division leader and church treasurer.

"I feel such a fulfillment and usefulness now that I am a part of the church again!" she radiates. 🌿

God Spoke to Me

By Shannon Deedon

Shannon Deedon writes from Roseburg, Ore.

When Northwest Adventists first sent lay and full-time evangelists and ministers to Russia, public evangelism in the Northwest seemed downright lethargic, compared to what we see today. Then, suddenly, as word of standing-room-only crowds in Russia reached us, the same phenomena began to happen here, as if by sympathetic impulse. Today, as a rule, evangelistic services in the largely secularized Northwest are bursting the confines of meeting halls, and electric bills to heat baptistery water are skyrocketing. Coincidence? Or divine design? The following story is a simple first-hand account from a brand new member brought in among dozens of other new members this year to the Roseburg, Ore., Church.



Three times on that Wednesday God spoke to me. As I drove by the Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, I saw a large sign advertising a "Prophecy Seminar;" I also heard a very appealing announcement on the radio. Arriving home that day, I opened my mail box to find a colorful brochure explaining the dates and sub-

jects of the meetings which began Sept. 7.

I attended every meeting for the next four weeks and listened attentively as Brian McMahon of Amazing Facts ministry opened the Bible and step by step revealed God's will for me and how to live a Christian life.

When Pastor John Silvestri and his wife, Anita, visited my home, I told them that I had written to my pastor, asking him if our church kept the ten commandments. Two-and-a-half weeks passed, with no response from him. So I know God spoke to me not once, but three times on that memorable day in my life.

My husband attended a few of the meetings, but he felt more comfortable staying home to care for our one-year-old son and four-year-old daughter. My prayer is that God will speak to my husband, perhaps through me, and, as a complete family, our prayer will be as Samuel of old, "Speak; for thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3 :10). And we will be quick to follow and obey His will for our lives. 🌿

*Our refuge is your throne,
eternal, high and glorious*

Jeremiah 17:12 TLB

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'Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?'

By John Silvestri

John Silvestri writes from Roseburg, Ore., where he serves as associate pastor.

Daryl Coberly was a "wandering boy." The son of missionaries to China, Daryl decided at a young age to live life his way. His search for happiness took him all over the country.

Years passed as Dad and Mom prayed, "Where is our wandering boy tonight?"

They retired from mission service, and Dad passed away. Mom, now 92 years old, lived in College Place, Wash., but never gave up on her son, continuing her prayers for him and a flow of pamphlets.

One day, Mom called him and asked if he had read any of the literature she had sent to him. No, he said, he had not, but Mom encouraged him to read, and Daryl promised that he would. He kept his word and began to read, and from there, the process of salvation began to move forward.

God does not overlook the prayers of parents for their children. The ministry of many people combined to help Daryl in his return to God. Roy and Bertie Gregory of the Roseburg, Ore., Church, who belong to the "Masters of the Word" class, shared videos and lessons with him.

Pastor Carl Rose and his wife, Virginia, of the Winston, Ore., Church, created a loving, accepting atmosphere in which Daryl could grow spiritually.

Then it happened. Daryl told his Mom the good news about his soon-to-be baptism. What joy flooded Mom's soul that day! The wandering boy had come home!

Daryl was baptized in the North Umpqua River on Sept. 30 along with two other candidates as 125 witnesses looked on. Now, Daryl, is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in the Roseburg and Winston area. ➤



Daryl Coberly is baptized by Carl Rose, pastor of the Winston, Ore., Church.

'Net '96' Takes Off

A continent-wide evangelistic series, "Net '96," will be conducted live Oct. 5 through Nov. 9, 1996, at Orlando, Fla. in Forest Lake Academy's 3,000-seat gymnasium and downlinked five nights a week to local churches via satellite. At present, more than 2,000 churches plan to participate in the series.

Pastor Mark Finley, speaker for the It Is Written television ministry, will again be the featured evangelist. Pastor C. D. Brooks of the Breath of Life television program will conduct the question-and-answer periods during the event.

Money Available

The following funds are now available to Northwest churches that wish to purchase satellite receivers and equipment:



The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Executive Committee has voted to grant \$500 in financial assistance to Northwest churches that purchase satellite equipment with funds that are matched by a local conference. NPUC funds are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact local-conference "Net '96" coordinators for details.

Loans for "Net '96" equipment purchases of up to \$5,000 are available from the "Revolving Fund" of the North Pacific Union Conference. On Nov. 15, the NPUC Executive Committee voted that loans will be made for purchases of "Net '96"-related equipment at the regular low "Revolving Fund" interest rate, with a payback schedule of 24 months. ➤

Duane McKey



'Problems With Paradise'

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.

Writer Toni Morrison says she is struggling to finish her new novel, "Paradise." Her problem, she claims, is writing effectively about a paradise that's lost its punch. Media glitz, amusement parks, and lotto sweepstakes have produced a paradise on earth. People still long for exclusivity and eternity, goals that remain elusive in today's world. But otherwise, paradise is now. . . .

Morrison, a Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner and currently a humanities professor at Princeton University, spoke in Philadelphia on Nov. 19 at the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL). That's the big one in religion, drawing some 7,000 academics from around the world.

And that's where I heard her.

Though hardly an evangelistic sermon, Morrison's address was nevertheless alive with religious impulses. She lamented that even among her own people, American blacks, unbelief is making inroads. That's a recent phenomenon, she said, for in the 19th century, virtually all were believers.

But times have changed. And now she struggles to depict a paradise of the future for people who think they've already seen one on earth. That's Morrison's dilemma as an author and explains the title of her address, "Problems with Paradise." But if we're honest, the dilemma is even more acute for Adventists.

Now, we could avoid the problem by keeping to ourselves. But as more and more Adventists move into the economic mainstream, we simply can't remain isolated. Furthermore, keeping to ourselves is hardly a faithful response to our Lord's command to take the Gospel to the world.

I can easily be absorbed in the prob-

lems that haunt my students or in the task of educating Adventists. But attending the AAR/SBL convention broadens my horizons. Not only do I meet with other Adventist scholars from around the world, but escaping the Adventist enclave also puts me in touch with other thoughtful Christians.

On the flight out, for example, I sat by a devout Lutheran who is actively involved in the work of establishing a Christian school in the town of Dayton, Wash., in a rural area near Walla Walla. And on one leg of the return flight, I sat beside a Lutheran pastor and his wife who had attended the convention.

He had purchased the new Jewish Publication Society's commentary on Genesis, a handsome volume with Hebrew and English in parallel columns. As he perused the book, I noticed that he paid special attention to the Hebrew. I was impressed and wondered how many Adventist pastors could be enticed to go and do likewise.

Despite its secular format, the convention itself revealed a generous sprinkling of devout Christians. Yet, for me, the major effect of attending has been that it forces me to confront the world of non-believers, a world we must take more seriously.

Recently, a promotional letter to "Signs of the Times" sponsors noted that 61 percent of Americans "believe Jesus will return to earth someday—and one third of these believe He will come in the next few years."

Put bluntly, that means only one in five Americans are able to grasp the straightforward preaching of the Advent. How do we reach the others, especially the 39 percent who don't believe in the Advent at all?

One morning in our hotel room at the convention, one of my roommates, a committed Adventist scholar from another campus, remarked that the "city" always challenges his faith, a stark

reminder of the myriads we have not reached. "Bombay does that for me," responded another colleague. I admitted that my sobering moment comes when I fly out of Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Looking down on the twinkling lights and toy cars, I try for a God's-eye view and wonder how many of the human ants on the ground are Christian, how many are Adventist.

Yet we agreed that the enormity of the task makes not the slightest difference in our responsibilities. God has called us to faithfulness and by His grace we can carry on His work.

I am grateful for a community of believers that preserves the hope of a better world. Toni Morrison is no doubt correct that many think they have seen paradise on earth. But it's a flawed paradise. On the way home from the convention, I called my wife from the Minneapolis airport and learned of the sudden and tragic death of her sister's boy. Ted Mackett was 26.

What kind of "paradise" would strike down a young man in his prime? And memory quickly fills up a list of other tragic and early deaths in our Adventist "paradise": Tom Bowen and Bob Schnibbe, Adventist physicians in their forties; Gayle Saxby and Charlie Liu, pastor-teachers in their thirties; college students Ed Zaugg, Meredith Fletcher, David Beale, Tim Eagan. You could easily multiple names. And then there are the life-changing injuries and illnesses. Paradise? Hardly.

But God knows all about our flawed world. That's why He came as a babe in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth, died in Jerusalem. And He rose from the tomb to give us hope—hope while we await His return.

I don't know how long we must wait. You don't know either. I'd rather not wait. I want Him to come—soon. I hope you share my hope. It's easier to hope if we don't have to hope alone. ➤



ALASKA



Daughter's Birth Reignites Parents' Desire for Fellowship

Ten years ago, Dan and Michelle Henry met, fell in love, and married. Dan, who had been reared in the Seventh-day Adventist faith and baptized in Anchorage, Alaska, at the age of 15, and Michelle, who was a Baptist as a teen, largely neglected their spiritual life until Danielle, their first daughter, arrived.

At that point, Dan felt a reawakening to spiritual things, quit smoking, and started attending the Adventist church sporadically. As Danielle grew older and more talkative, she began to pester her parents every time they passed the little Homer, Alaska, church building. "When are we going to Sabbath school?" she would ask.

Following the birth of their second child, Malcolm, Dan, a professional truck driver, began driving for a company that allowed him to have Sabbaths off. When he announced that the family would start attending church again, for three Sabbaths in a row, some member of the family woke up sick; effectively canceling the family's plans to attend church.

Finally Dan vowed, "No matter how sick I am, I'm going to church!" On the next Sabbath, no one was sick and the Henrys began regularly attending the Homer Church.

On Nov. 4, Michelle celebrated her one year victory over cigarettes by joining Dan in the baptismal tank. Eight-year-old Danielle listened as her father told the congregation of his spiritual "reawakening" at her birth. Pastor Bill Davis baptized Michelle and rebaptized Dan, noting how God led the prodigal couple steadily back to His "fold" by giving them a "lamb" of their own to train to follow the Master.

Reported by Paula Montgomery



Bill Davis, Kenai district pastor, baptizes Michelle and Dan Henry, who were led to the Homer, Alaska, Church by their eight-year-old daughter, Danielle.

Dec. 6, 1995

Dear GLEANER,

A pastor's phone is an unpredictable apparatus that should sport some type of water cooling system, if mine is any indication. A call in the middle of the night is always answered with trepidation. If it comes during the middle of supper, I resign myself to another cold meal.

There are exceptions, however, that give me courage to continue answering these devices. . . .

"Pastor, my name is Richard Miller. I am convicted that Saturday is the Sabbath. What else do Seventh-day Adventists believe?"

It was a joy to finally shake Richard's hand and begin sharing what God's word said about the state of the dead, hell fire, and so forth. Richard eagerly assimilated the many new biblical concepts and shared them with Veronica, his girlfriend of six years.

Richard, Veronica, and their two sons attended our evangelistic meetings and were convicted by God's word that they needed to make some changes in their lives. Their first decision was to be married, which I had the privilege of performing, and then they asked to be baptized. Praise God for telephones! Thank Him for microwaves!

A desire to share what they have learned has led Richard and Veronica Miller to Kaltag, Alaska, a small bush village, where they have started a study group.

Another phone call? Another adventure!

Pastor Neil Biloff
Palmer, Alaska



Richard and Veronica Miller on their wedding day.

Homer Women Lead Out in Health Seminar; 30 Attend

On Oct. 24, when Deb Ruzicka and Waynette Burkhardt, co-leaders of women's ministries in the Homer/Kenai, Alaska, district, invited Shirley Hon Spencer, M.D., to lecture on how diet affects heart disease and diabetes, 30 individuals showed up.

Spencer works as a health planner for the Seldovia, Alaska, native village tribe and periodically volunteers as a physician for Weimar Institute in Northern California.

After her informative slide presentation, Alice Huggard and Kym Chapman, Kenai members, gave cooking demonstrations on sugar-free, high fiber, low-cholesterol recipes.

Reported by Paula Montgomery

*Help me never
to judge
another until I
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two weeks
in his shoes.*

Apples of Gold



IDAHO



Large Numbers Attend Class Series Offered in Nampa

The doors of the Nampa, Idaho, Church opened on Wednesday, Sept. 13, to admit 87 attendees eager to participate in classes on health, family life, and spirituality.

Advertising by radio, newspaper, a large local banner, and hand-delivered flyers spread word of the classes to the surrounding community.

The classes, billed as "Making the Connection," are the action component of a planning process that began last February at the Nampa Church.

At that time, Pastor Stan Hudson and the Nampa Board of Elders met to formulate an evangelistic plan that would be comprehensive, inclusive, exciting, and a blessing to members as well as the larger community.

"Share the Vision" was adopted as the slogan for the long-term plan, and on May 6, in a special service, the Nampa Church family was asked to voice its opinion on "Share the Vision" planning.

At that time, an expansive survey was taken in which more than 150 members, ranging in age from 11-40-plus, participated. The results revealed the areas of interest to all age groups.

"Direct Connection" (spiritual enrichment) begins with six weeks during which participants study the life and miracles of Christ, using music, visual aids, interaction and prayer.

Pastor Hudson leads out in this new approach to a familiar theme. As a component of mid-week service themes at the Nampa Church, Don Mansell conducts in-depth studies of last-day events on Sabbath afternoons.

"Health Connection" (healthy lifestyles) covers various health-related topics. Meatless entrees and lectures on healthy living comprised the first six-week session. "Heartsaver" CPR and instruction in first aid began Oct. 25. Physicians Jeff and Sherri Hansen serve as coordinators.

"Kid Konnection/Kid Kare" (children's ministry) uses music, videos, storytelling, and hands-on activities to educate the younger set. Quality care for children from birth to eight years is available. Vesta Mansell coordinates the ministry.

All classes were recessed shortly before the holiday season; a new round begins in January.

"Making the Connection" is designed



A banner hangs on the outer wall of the Nampa, Idaho, Church, inviting attendance at a number of classes offered at the church.

to be a time of refreshing, encouragement, and fellowship for the entire family. The Nampa Church has been blessed by the interest and attendance of its members and

the community," reports program spokesman Shirley M. Maxwell of the Nampa Church.

Reported by Shirley M. Maxwell

Juniors Plot Maze-Complicated Path To Class Solvency

More than \$1,600 was raised by the Gem State Adventist Academy Junior Class during an Oct. 8 Fall Festival, which featured a difficult maze that contestants often failed to navigate.

The maze consisted of long lines and even longer tunnels that twisted, turned, and climbed through parts of the gym, library, and science office in the Academy administration building. Many bewildered adventurers were unable to find their way out within the 30-minute time limit.

Other highlights were a "Chapel Of Love," jail, dunk tank, and tables piled high with food—lasagna, tacos, hot dogs, fries, and desserts.

"We're grateful to Albertsons, Simplot, Carnation, and the other local businesses who donated food and supplies, the parents who spent their Sunday helping out, and the community at large for their overwhelming support of this GSAA tradition," said Gregory Davies, class sponsor.



The "just married" couple of Carry Costello, left, and Louie Wade, pose outside of the "Chapel of Love," joined together in matrimony by duct tape alone.

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart." Unknown



MONTANA



God Opens Doors During Great Falls Series; 40-Plus Join

How does an empty bar, a cancellation, and exactly the right change, prove God still gets personally involved in evangelistic efforts? Ask any member or one of the 40 soon-to-be members of the Great Falls, Mont., Church and they're likely to tell you the following three stories.

An Empty Bar

On Friday, Nov. 2, Kenneth Searson, a young man in the Air Force, was let off work early for no apparent reason. As he walked to his dormitory room at the Malmstrom AFB, Searson, who had left the Lord and the Adventist Church some years before, was overwhelmed with the powerful impression, "I'm supposed to go somewhere this Friday night—but I wonder where?"

A handbill posted on the wall caught his eye. It announced evangelistic meetings taking place at the Great Falls, Mont., Church.

"Who stuck that on the wall?" he wondered.

Although the topic didn't necessarily interest Kenneth, he felt a powerful conviction to attend. Finding the church, Kenneth discovered that the evangelist, Dan Bentzinger, had switched his topic—something he has NEVER done before during a series—to preach on baptism and rebaptism!

That evening Kenneth renewed his commitment with Jesus and decided to

be rebaptized. After the meeting, Searson phoned his father, Wayne Searson, a minister in the Upper Columbia Conference, and his mother, Sharon Searson, who also works for the Church, and told them, "If someone would have told me last year I would be at church on Friday night rather than drinking with my friends, I would not have believed them." Searson then invited his parents to Great Falls for the last day of the crusade and asked his Dad to rebaptize him!

A Divine Cancellation

When the leaders of the Great Falls Church began planning for evangelistic meetings, they discovered that the Adventist Media Center evangelists already had commitments into 1997. Despite this news, they prayed that God would send an evangelist to their church to hold evangelistic meetings. The very next day, Pastor George Boundey received a phone call stating that Dan Bentzinger, an Adventist Media Center evangelist, had had a cancellation. Dan and his wife, Gloria, would be available to conduct a series of meetings in Great Falls.

"As a direct answer to our prayers over a three day period of time, . . . God sent this warm and loving couple to share the gospel in a mighty way!" said Dick Clark, Great Falls head elder.

Exactly the Right Change

With the sudden appearance of an evangelist, a church business meeting was called and the members voted overwhelmingly to have the crusade right away. "We really need a commitment of \$5,500 from the church family tonight," Pastor Boundey explained as he passed out blank paper. "Write down what you think you can give to help with the crusade finances."

As the pledges were added up, everyone waited anxiously. The amount pledged was exactly \$5,500! And when it came time to mail brochures to every home in the Great Falls area, the cost exactly matched



Theresa Ripley is among the 40 individuals in Great Falls, Mont., who asked for baptism, rebaptism, or to join the church by profession of faith before the series ended.

the amount that had been set aside for advertising expenses.

"Although there were reasons before the meetings to think this might not be the best time for public evangelistic series in my church," Pastor Boundey said, "I am convinced the Holy Spirit knew this was *exactly* what we needed *now!*"

Al Holbrook, a Great Falls member who came near death last year during a heart-and-lung transplant, feels God gave him this extra time so he could invite and see five of his family members give their lives to Christ, be baptized, and join the church.

"Church-hopping" brought Beau and Edna Lloyd to the meetings. Both gained immediate victory over their 34 year-old tobacco habits when they were anointed. At press time, the Lloyds, along with 40 other individuals, had decided to be baptized, rebaptized or to join the church by profession of faith. That number is expected to grow by the time the series ends.

"We are seeing this happen in several places in Montana and experiencing manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit," says Perry Parks, conference president.

Reported by Gloria Bentzinger who writes for the Adventist Evangelistic Association from the Adventist Media Center.



"My ways of the past are gone!" exclaimed Kenneth Searson. "God opened my eyes in this evangelistic meeting, and I now plan to be a Seventh-day Adventist minister!"

Action Follows Mt. Ellis Academy's Service Emphasis

On Oct. 11, Mt. Ellis Academy (MEA) faculty and staff voted to offer MEA students two units of credit for 28 hours of community service. This action officially adds Christian service to the school's regular curriculum.

"When we teach young people about religion, without service, we create spiritually obese Christians," says Al Demsky, pastor of the Mt. Ellis Church.

In an effort to emphasize that Christ's first priority was service, Tuesday night at MEA has been set aside as mission night. Side by side, students and staff pack ADRA boxes, paint, adopt grandparents, and assist with community projects.

During the first week in November, 21 MEA students and six faculty members traveled to the Holbrook, Ariz., Indian School where they helped Sheetrock the new girls' dormitory. The students were challenged and learned to work together, placing the 12-foot sheets of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch-thick Sheetrock.

"The ceilings were the hardest because we had to hang two layers," said Lora Barlow, an MEA sophomore. "It took our whole team to hold them until we could get enough screws in them to keep them up."

Each evening, the group spent time singing, talking about the day and listening for God's voice through Scripture reading and prayer. Several students mentioned that these were some of the most valuable and memorable parts of the trip.

Although the group went to Arizona to hang Sheetrock, they found the most important part of the trip was spending



From left, Zach Pratt and James Boundey, under the direction of Ed Starkebaum, pack boxes for ADRA at the Livingston, Mont., Church, with fellow Mt. Ellis Academy students Phillip Damon, and Zach Koppelman.



Twenty-six students and six faculty members from Mt. Ellis Academy spent the first week of November Sheetrocking the new girls' dormitory at the Holbrook, Ariz., Indian School.

time with the students at the school. "It felt really good," said Brigette Wiegand, a sophomore, remembering how the Arizonians told the students they were angels in skin.

"I enjoyed the people the most," said Jaimie Wlasenko, a junior at MEA.

On Sabbath, the students accompanied the Holbrook High students for a

trip to the Grand Canyon. Jerry Rasmussen, MEA science teacher, spoke to the group about how the Grand Canyon supports the biblical flood story and should give us more confidence in the Bible.

"Christian service will turn your life around and make you different inside and out," says Stephanie Green, an MEA junior who appreciates the new curriculum's emphasis.

Reported by Amee Hamilton and Paul Jenks



Entire Class Baptized

Members of the Ronan, Hot Springs, Kalispell, and Mount Ellis, Mont., churches looked on as Pastor Dan Freedman baptized Katie Boose, daughter of Tim and Traci Boose, and Nathan Quaile, son of Leonard and Janna Quaile, in the Flathead River near Ronan. Katie and Nathan are the only eighth graders at the local Adventist elementary school.

Jenieme Kriegelstein

God's
Retirement
Is Out of
This World!



OREGON



First Southern Oregon Hispanic Congregation Organized in Medford

What do you do when another family moves into your home? How do you adjust your lifestyle if it appears they'll be staying for some time?

Those were the questions facing the Medford, Ore., Church after successful English and Spanish evangelistic crusades in 1995. Not only did growth occur in the English church, but the addition of Spanish-speaking members created an opportunity to establish the first Spanish-speaking congregation in Southern Oregon.

Rather than relegate some already-used space to the new group or suggest that they meet at some odd time, the Medford Church family set out to create a new sanctuary for the Hispanic members, through remodeling, in their own church structure.

With the remodeling complete, they watched as their sister Hispanic congregation began to grow in numbers. In fact, it was gaining momentum so rapidly that the Oregon Conference Executive Committee determined that the Spanish group was ready to be organized as a company.

The combined Medford Church

family celebrated the Hispanic congregation's official organization on Sabbath, Sept. 23, with special guests Evangelist Ramon Canals and his family, who returned to Medford for the big day, and Bob Dale, who represented the Oregon Conference president.

Though language was a barrier for some members of these two church families, a spirit of mutual acceptance and bonding was evident. As the Spanish members formed a receiving line through their sanctuary, members of the English church offered congratulations.

With smiles, handshakes, "God bless you" encouragement, and pats on the heads of toddlers in lace dresses, the communication challenges melted into the language of heaven—the language of love.

Pastor Jorge Rico thanked pastors Chad McComas, Chuck Hagele, and Floyd Bresee for their support and encouragement. He also praised four other members who had helped remodel the church or had been involved in music leadership during the early days of the congregation.

The Spanish members' business matters had previously been administered by Glen Finley, treasurer of the English church. But as organization brings greater financial independence, so, with a handshake and a check for nearly \$1,700, he transferred the accounting process to Lupita Rodriguez, charter Hispanic treasurer.

The special Sabbath included not only the formal signing of the company's charter document, but a time of congregational praise for God's goodness. The music of Rogelio Fernandez, Jessica Canals, and the voices of the people filled the sanctuary.

"Today is the culmination of a dream fulfilled," declared Bob Dale, the president's representative. "That's what becoming a company is all about. But it is time to dream again—to start a new journey."

Lazaro Ayala, a charter member, already had several dreams in mind. "We want to grow. Our goal is to claim 100 members in a year; now we have 40. We also don't want to remain a company. We want to become a church. God has some big plans for this group of people!"

Jay E. Prall writes from Gladstone, Ore.



Senior Pastor Chad McComas offers congratulations.



Lupita Rodriguez receives the Medford Spanish Church's seed money from Glen Finley. Watching are Ramon Canals, left, and Bob Dale.

Milo Students Challenged to Depend On Power of Prayer

Milo Adventist Academy students recently enjoyed their fall spiritual-emphasis week of prayer with guest speaker Maurice Battle of Sparks, Nev.

Battle's theme for the week, "No Prayer, No Power," centered on the importance of communication with God. He told students about his own experiences with prayer and of God's awesome intervention.

Said Tiffany Jessel, a senior: "I thought he was very interesting as a speaker; he gave object lessons to emphasize the point he was trying to get across."

Shaen Harvey, a sophomore, "thought [Battle] made people think of spiritual things from a different point of view than they usually would."

Through their experience with Pastor Battle, Milo students have come to recognize more fully the power available to them through prayer.

Lauren Tonn is a resident sophomore at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore., and comes from Troutdale, Ore.



Pastor Maurice Battle delivers a sermon titled "Pictures of My Dad" at the Milo Church, on Oct. 14.



Pastor Battle was accompanied by his wife, who tells the children's story for church service during the fall week of prayer.



Students Nathan Bardell, Tawni Zivney, Aaron Emmons, Jeremiah Fowler, and Misty Malone take part in music during the week of prayer.

"Young Farmers" In Medford Study Fruit of Spirit

"The Fruit of the Spirit" was the theme for vacation Bible school held last summer at the Valley View Church in Medford, Ore., attracting more than 70 "young farmers," according to Jonell Jepson, leader.

"The big hit of the week was our Son Country Farm Store where the kids could exchange their hard-earned 'talents' for prizes. The kids earned talents for attendance, memory verses, Bible lessons, bringing friends, and just being extra good," says Jepson.

A continuing mission story by Pastor Henry Zollbrecht brought each day to an exciting close, she said, adding, "Vacation Bible schools are an excellent way to minister to God's 'little people.' Please support your local VBS."

Reported by Jonell Jepson

Community Services Federation Draws 80 To Canyonville, Ore.

The Canyonville, Ore., Church hosted the annual Southern Oregon Dorcas Federation Recognition Luncheon on Monday, Sept. 18, at its community services center.

Betty Erps from Merlin, Ore., Federation president, welcomed the 80 guests from throughout Southern Oregon. Frank W. Baker, Oregon Conference director of community services, offered greetings, and Pastor Kevin Wilfley of the Canyonville Church was main speaker, addressing the question of granting "recognition."

Martha Harder

*I am with you always,
even to the end of the
World.*

Matthew 28:20 TLB



Candidates baptized in Roseburg, Ore., in October are shown with local pastors and the visiting evangelistic couple. Directly beneath the stained glass window is Scott LeMert, head pastor. To his left is Evangelist Brian McMahon and wife Heidi. To his right is John Silvestri, Roseburg associate pastor.

Twenty-two Join Roseburg Church Following Series

Twenty-two have been baptized and accepted into membership of the Roseburg, Ore., congregation following evangelistic meetings conducted by Brian and Heidi McMahon of the Amazing Facts organization.

Some of the new members, most baptized on Oct. 14, are reportedly facing difficult times at home and in their employment, but remain determined to

follow God's leading.

A special one-hour Sabbath school Bible study class is being conducted each week by John Silvestri, Roseburg associate pastor, to reaffirm the new members in their commitment.

Many who as yet remain undecided regarding church affiliation continue to attend this follow-up class, as well. Roseburg members anticipate that as-yet-undecided members of this group will continue to express their desire to be baptized in weeks and months ahead.

Reported by JoAnne Nowack

First-Ever College Fair at PAA Brings 250 Participants

On Oct. 13, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) hosted its first-ever national Seventh-day Adventist College Fair, attracting nearly 250 college-bound juniors and seniors.

Participating secondary schools were PAA, Columbia Adventist Academy, Lincoln City School, and Milo Adventist Academy.

Eight Adventist colleges and universities were represented on campus with display booths and school recruiters, including Andrews University, Walla Walla College, Pacific Union College, Oakwood College, Union College, Southwestern Adventist College, La Sierra University, and Loma Linda University.

Walla Walla College administered personality testing and vocational interest surveys, as well.

Additional information on this program is available through the office of Lynda Logan at Portland Adventist Academy.

Diana Fisher



The Walla Walla College booth is one of eight where 250 Oregon Conference juniors and seniors seek information about opportunities in higher education.

Youths from Dallas/Corvallis Build New Church in Mexico

Youths and young adults from the Dallas and Corvallis, Ore., churches recently built a church in Cerro Agudo, Mexico, conducted a vacation Bible school there, and attended villagers' medical and dental needs.

The young people and adults rose most mornings at 5 o'clock and worked on the building site until breakfast at 7:30. They then worked until noon, rested until 3 p.m., and then resumed their activities until sunset.

A vacation Bible school was held in the village square and attracted children as well as many parents.

Free medical and dental care was offered, as well, by Gayle Wilson, M.D., and Ted Flaiz, D.D.S.

Riverside Festival Features Apples; Raises \$1,700

The Riverside Christian School in Washougal, Wash., has held its third annual apple festival, raising more than \$1,700 in sales during the festival and in days immediately following.

Eight kinds of apples were offered for sale, ranging in price from \$.30 to \$.45 a pound. Also sold were apple pies, apple dumplings, apple cider, garden burgers, chili, and crafts.

Hati Norton coordinated the festival, with the assistance of many helpers, including those who baked 90 pies for the sale.

A men's musical group with harmonicas and stringed instruments played old Western songs during the festival. Poignant memories remain of Robert Nutter, who performed on his harmonica during the Oct. 29th festival, shortly before flying to Hawaii where a heart attack claimed his life.

Irma Cronk

Collegiate Speaker Exhorts Youths in Southern Oregon

Milo Adventist Academy recently hosted a youth rally for Southern Oregon, featuring guest speaker Donny Veverka, a senior theology major now studying at Walla Walla College.

Veverka spoke about "being yourself" in an adverse world; of having compassion on one's fellow men; of accepting others on a one-to-one level; and of living right, getting involved, and being a witness.

Meetings were held on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, and Sabbath afternoon, all of which began with a song service led by Milo students, and continued with prayer and special music by budding teenage vocal groups.

Groups represented were His J.O.Y., the Messengers, the Grants Pass Choir, and Milo's own Chamber Singers and Vocal Ensemble.

"Overall, it was a very spiritual, uplifting weekend, and all those attending gained a blessing from it," says Greg Schneider, a Milo junior from Salem, Ore.

Salem Central Seniors Enjoy British Columbia Retreat

Salem Central Church members Pat McDaniel, Phyllis Sturgess, Lorraine Dupper, Ken and Lorene Trussell, and Normen and Barbara Hokkanen recently attended the Washington Conference SAGE Senior Convention at Camp Hope in British Columbia.

The theme for the convention was "Catch the Spirit," and participants report that they did just that during the "wonderfully orchestrated series of programs," according to Barbara Hokkanen.

Reported by Barbara Hokkanen



Silverton Groundbreaking

Ground was broken recently for the construction of a new community services building in Silverton, Ore.

The construction is needed because of the local community services center's role as the center of clothing distribution to the area's poor. A building fund has been raised in various ways, and includes sizable donations given by local Dorcas Society members, themselves.

It is expected that as construction begins, the current \$50,000 building

fund will be augmented by funds donated by the non-Adventist community, as well.

Bill Brown, third from left, serves as building chairman. With him during the Sept. 8 groundbreaking are, from left, Ethyl Tuell, Dave Kinney, interim Silverton City manager; Carl Dybdahl; (Brown); Eual Baker; Cathey DeFehr, community services director; Stan DeFehr; Charles Byram; and Clarence Houts.

Reported by Betty Nelson



UPPER COLUMBIA



Positive Life Radio Surpasses \$228,000 In Pledged Support

By the time Walla Walla College-affiliated Positive Life Radio's three-day Sharathon ended on Oct. 11, listeners had called in more than \$228,000 in pledges.

Positive Life Radio is a network service which blankets most of the Upper Columbia Conference territory and now is being downlinked from satellite in areas outside of the Conference boundaries, as well.

Positive Life Radio studios are located in College Place, Wash., in conjunction with Walla Walla Valley station KGTS-FM, 91.3.

In one unusual situation, a donor drove up to the station's remote broadcast van while the van was in Kennewick, Wash., and slapped down a \$100 bill. He had

never listened to Positive Life Radio until that very morning when, as he scanned his FM dial, he heard Positive Life Radio's pledge drive and instantly felt inspired to support it.

In other unusual stories, an eight-year-old girl emptied seven dollars from her piggy bank to give, and several adults pledged to cancel their cable-TV subscriptions and give to the station. They now "subscribe" to listener-supported Positive Life Radio.

Todd Isberner, a marketing consultant for Share Media, guest-hosted Sharathon for Positive Life Radio, commenting, "Listeners call in and share how God used something on the radio to encourage them, instruct them, comfort them. And I'm overwhelmed, knowing I had a small part in all of that."

Although Isberner has hosted more than 130 Sharathons, he stated that the ministry at Positive Life Radio is unique

among all Christian radio services. He was especially impressed with Positive Life Radio's objective to serve listeners' needs and with the management of Kevin Krueger.



Positive Life Radio representative Ted Dunker mans the Sharathon van, where a first-time listener during the network's annual fund drive gave a \$100 bill.

"Kevin Krueger has figured out a way to pull the staff together with such harmony and a sense of mission that more work gets done than one can imagine," he said.

According to a recent Walla Walla

"Union Bulletin" newspaper article, Jean Palmquist, a spokeswoman for another non-commercial radio broadcast, Northwest Public Radio, stated that Positive Life Radio raises more money in three days than her public radio station, reaching 30

counties, can raise in a week. She speculated that her Northwest Public Radio listeners donate less money than Positive Life Radio listeners because they know public radio is partially government funded.

Reported by Tami Latsha

Spokane Valley Members Break Ground for 40,000-sq.ft. Facility

Members of the Spokane Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Spokane, Wash., have broken ground for a new church and school complex on a 16-acre site.

The acreage is located on the corner of 16th and Sullivan Rd. in the Spokane Valley.

During the Oct. 1 ground breaking service, Valley members walked through an outlined area of the property where the eventual locations of a 600-seat sanctuary, classrooms, administrative area, fellowship hall, and school facility were marked.

Twenty church leaders with gleaming gold-painted shovels moved the first bits of earth for the 40,000-sq.-ft. complex. Gerald Anderson, master of ceremonies and groundbreaking service organizer, introduced short talks given by Bob Hayes, building committee chair; John Smith; Gerald Haeger, former local pastor; Kevin Jester, architect; Paul Keeble, contractor; and Charles Ferguson, senior pastor, who offered the dedicatory prayer.

Also participating were Bob and Janice Renck, directors of the Capital



Pastor Charles Ferguson, left, is shown with Spokane Valley Church leaders, Upper Columbia Conference officials, and building contractors as they prepare to move the first shovelfull of dirt in the construction of a new 40,000-sq.-ft. church/school complex.

Stewardship Program; Ted Lutts, Upper Columbia Conference Treasurer; Chuck Vetter, local church treasurer; Terry Gobel, a local attorney; Peter Rudy, a charter member of the congregation and head elder emeritus; and all Sabbath school department heads and a Pathfinder representative.

When services move to the new sanctuary, it will not be the first time a Seventh-day Adventist congregation

has met in a church on Sullivan Rd. The first Seventh-day Adventist members met in 1906 on Orchard Ave.; in 1910, a congregation met in Veradale on Sullivan Road. The two congregations merged on Nov. 24, 1951, when the current Spokane Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church building was dedicated.

Lola N. Lile writes from Spokane, Wash.

Belief in Creation Bolstered by UCC Geoscience Tour

For the third consecutive year, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) has sponsored continuing field education in creation science for all its pastors and selected teachers.

UCC is the first and only conference to offer such continuing education experience for every pastor.

Jere Patzer, UCC president, explains that the education is "... not designed to make our pastors and teachers geoscience experts, but to give them a basic understanding of the current issues involved in the biblical account of creation and a worldwide flood and to build confidence



The Upper Columbia geoscience group pauses during their hike for a group photograph.

and faith in our Adventist position."

These field trips are directed by Harold Coffin, Ph.D., a retired geologist from the Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, Calif., and by Elaine Kennedy, a Seventh-day Adventist geologist also from the Geoscience Research Institute. This year's field trip took place Sept. 4-11 with a total of 41 participants, eight of whom were science teachers.

Gary Thayer, a science teacher from Upper Columbia Academy, attended this year and commented that what impressed him most were the rhinoceros mold, the enormous ramifications of the Missoula flood, and the fossil forests where the trees are upright, as compared with trees and materials now floating upright in Spirit Lake.

These examples are part of the contradictory data that can be interpreted as

resulting from a worldwide flood or evolution, depending on presuppositions made, he said.

Roger Martin, an Upper Columbia Conference minister, said that his faith was strengthened by "... being able to see why the mountains look like they do, and to see petrified trees that have been around since the time of Noah."

Debbie Henry

'Just a Few Minutes Before 3 p.m.'

It was 5:30 a.m. in Seattle last July when Clayton and Darlene Prusia stepped off the plane after flying the red-eye from Anchorage, Alaska.

They found their luggage, loaded it into their car, which they'd parked at the airport two weeks earlier, and started for home across state in College Place, Wash.

They'd been with 60 other volunteers for two weeks in Wasilla, near Anchorage, helping to build a new church for members there.

So fatigue was a factor after 14 days of hard work in Alaska and the long flight to Seattle—still, they were eager to reach home, so they immediately continued their journey, by car, on I-90, and later by state highway routes diagonally across the state to their southeastern Washington home.

Fighting drowsiness, the couple alternated driving and sleeping, stopping in Prosser to visit Darlene's brother, and then in Kennewick to shop and eat lunch.

As Darlene tells it, it was just shortly after 3 p.m. when, "just as we entered Touchet, about 15 miles from home, Clayton dozed, crossed the yellow line, missed a U-Haul truck, but our front wheel hit the two tandem wheels of the

trailer the U-Haul pulled, carrying a little car, and blew the wheels to pieces. What a horrible noise! It woke me up. Next, our car, still free, headed for a blue car—head on. The blue car swerved one way and Clayton the other. We missed each other. We stopped—unhurt. The impact took a chunk out of Clayton's wheel, so he changed the tire and went back to the U-Haul."

The U-Haul driver, a woman from West Virginia on her way to Eugene, Ore., was shaken but unhurt. Clayton told her, "Don't worry about this. I'll take care of it for you." Within two hours, she was on her way.

That Sabbath, from the pulpit, the pastor, Gerald Haeger, acknowledged the near-tragedy, saying, "We're thankful that Clayton and Darlene weren't hurt in an accident this past week."

After church, Cindy Moore, a member of the church-building team who had also flown to Seattle from Alaska, but had taken an alternate route home by car through Portland, Ore., asked, "Darlene, did you have an accident?"

"Yes, we had an accident," Darlene answered.

"Do you know, while I was shopping in Portland, suddenly I felt a strong anxiety about you folks driving alone. I



couldn't shake that anxious feeling until I prayed, 'Dear Lord, Clayton and Darlene are very tired and driving alone. Please watch over them.' The Holy Spirit impressed me to pray for you, I'm sure."

"Cindy, what time did you do that?" Darlene asked.

"Just a few minutes before 3 p.m."

Nathalie Ladner-Bischoff writes from Walla Walla, Wash.

UCA Welcomes Six New Staff and Faculty Members

Three new staff members—Sharon Adams, women's dean; Fred Riffel, campus pastor, and family; Gayle Haeger, English and academy communications—and three "Taskforce" workers—Gena Cowen, assistant women's dean; Armand Devoir, gymnastics coach and transportation; and Brian Yager, who has been assigned to outreach activities—have joined Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash.

Adams and her husband, Wendel, have moved to UCA from Andrews University in Michigan where she served as assistant dean of women and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in behavioral science with an emphasis in student development.

Pastor Riffel moved to the Northwest from Illinois where he served as a pastor in the Iowa-Missouri Conference, most recently in Rockford, Ill. Riffel serves as UCA campus chaplain, sophomore Bible teacher, and recruiter. He is a graduate of Union College and the Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Public Health with an M.P.H. in health education and promotion.

His wife, Paula, is a registered nurse with a B.S. in nursing from LLU. They have two sons, Kevin, 7, and Derek, 4.

Haeger and her husband, Gerald, recently moved to the Spokane, Wash., area from Walla Walla, Wash. Her responsibilities at UCA include teaching English I and II and serving as a communications liaison for the academy. She holds



Gayle Haeger

an M.A. in biology from Andrews University and an M.P.H. from LLU. She most recently taught four years at Walla Walla Valley Academy. Her husband serves as ministerial director of the Upper Columbia Conference.

Taskforce worker Cowen serves as assistant to the women's dean; Devoir coaches gymnastics and helps with transportation; Yeager serves as Adventist Youth in Action (AYA) leader and conducts student outreach and spiritual activities. All come from Southern Adventist College.

Reported by Gayle Haeger



From left, Armand Devoir, Gena Cowen, and Brian Yeager

Pasco School Hosts Bible Conference on End-Times Themes

"We Have This Hope" was the theme for a recent Bible conference for self-supporting schools in the Northwest, held Oct. 12-14 on the campus of Country Haven Academy near Pasco, Wash.

Keynote speaker Lewis Walton, a Bakersfield, Calif., author of well-known books "Advent!" "Omega II," and "Decision at the Jordan," spoke on last-day events during the three-day conference.

Self-supporting schools Laurelwood, Weimar, and Fountainview joined with Country Haven for the weekend conference and shared testimonies of successes they have achieved in their outreach programs.

Music and seminar-like classes were interspersed during the conference with volleyball, hiking along the Columbia River, and a trip to Hanford, Wash. Saturday night concluded with a candlelight communion service.

"The purpose of the weekend was to strengthen and encourage each other in the hope we share, to prepare for the times ahead, and to go tell what Jesus is doing in our lives," reported Country Haven correspondent Jodi Genson.



Sharon and Wendel Adams

Better Living Center Gives Wide Variety Of Help in Spokane

The Better Living Center (BLC) in Spokane, Wash., located at the intersection of North Division and East Foothills Drive, features a rainbow of services.

Last year, it distributed food valued at \$144,051, most of it provided by the Spokane Food Bank. During the same period of time, it distributed 44,386 items of clothing, while giving thousands of bags of clothes to other groups—primarily churches serving recent Russian and Ukrainian immigrants.

In addition, it shipped 1,284 boxes of clothes to foreign missions.

BLC volunteers sew quilts for the needy and to sell at their bazaars to raise funds for their work. Their "Bed Project" collected and distributed more than 1,700 beds for people in need last year. They also distribute layettes for babies, including diapers, blankets, clothes, and toys.

As if this were not enough, BLC also provides appliances, furniture and even organs and pianos to those who may need them.

An example of innovation at work was a recent project by BLC's Ken Noah who, having obtained dozens of pairs of new, but out-of-style bell-bottom jeans, had them cut down to make shorts. The bottoms are being used to make quilts.

The BLC operates under the umbrella of the Adventist Community Services program, directed by Gertrude Rudd. The BLC building also houses the Adventist Health Network, directed by Mary Noah, which offers classes in cooking, health and physical fitness, smoking cessation, family life, and grief recovery. Its activities are supported by the South Hill, Linwood, and Central Adventist churches and the Upper Columbia Conference.

Reported by Janet J. Miller

(Based on an article which appeared in the local food-bank publication)



Fred Riffel and family

*Today is the tomorrow
you worried about
yesterday. Apples of Gold*



Overwhelming Love

Lucille Campbell, who moved to Brewster, Wash., from Burien (near Seattle) three years ago, after the death of her husband in 1991, has been baptized and has joined the Brewster Church.

A devout Christian, she was introduced to Adventism by her friend, local member Milton Ringer, who she met at the local Senior Center. They spent many hours studying together and attended "Net '95" evangelistic meetings last winter.

Pastor Stan Beerman baptized her at the Brewster Seventh-day Adventist Church in a service in which she expressed her testimony of overwhelming love for Jesus.

Verona Schnibbe



Prisoners' Project

Excitement ran high at the Tonasket, Wash., Church School as the students' missionary project for the year was chosen. After June Graham, their teacher, showed them videotaped recordings of prison ministry activity in Russia, the students decided to raise money to send Bibles to the prisoners as soon as possible. Sacrificial dollars began coming in, and as their enthusiasm grew, they were able to develop a plan to sell naturally sweetened cookies, door-to-door.

Pictured above are six students who went door-to-door one afternoon. "Happiness Digest" booklets were given out, and prayers were offered in several homes. In a few hours time, the students were blessed with \$127 to swell their project fund. Shown in back row, from left, are Daniel Verdin, Ruth Heinemann, and Michael Lopez; in front, from left, are Brandon Clarke, Chris Verdin, and Odra Verdin.

Alta Sype

Coeur d'Alene Rain Fails to Turn Back Corn Feed Crowd

A record crowd at Lake City Junior Academy in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, braved rainy weather to kick off the new school year indoors at the school's annual corn feed.

Alice Dorn, home-and-school association leader, says that it was the largest group ever to attend a corn feed at the school, with 350 plates used and 15-dozen ears of corn consumed. The local home-and-school association provided the corn and fixings, and families brought salads, breads, and desserts.

In conjunction with the corn feed each year, students display their entries for the "Plant and Flower Show" in the school library. These consist of creative flower and/or fruit-and-vegetable arrangements.

Gourds, eggplant, and squashes become the bodies of birds, insects, and ani-



Chewelah Chewables

Chewelah, Wash., Church members recently served a vegetarian meal for members of the community to introduce them to healthful, tasty vegetarian cooking. More than 30 attended the dinner, as well as many church members. Door prizes of vegetarian meat analogs and subscriptions to "Vibrant Life" magazine were awarded.

Organizer Shirley Holmes said she was pleased by the turnout and plans to hold another community vegetarian dinners next year. She also said she was delighted by the support given by the local newspaper as well as by a non-Adventist physician in the community.

Brett Bauer

mals, while carrots, celery, peppers, tomatoes, and other fruits and vegetables become antennae, eyes, ears, teeth, legs, feet, feathers, and fur.

Katherine Printz

VBS Army

Not enough helpers for church activities? Don't forget the "army of workers as our youth, rightly trained" (*Education*, page 271, by E.G. White). When members of the Troy, Idaho, Church needed vacation Bible school leaders, Heather Nelson and her cousin, Katie Nelson, said, "We'll do it."



Left to right, front row: Kristal Hunt, Heidi Ham, Heather Nelson, Chelsey Ham. Middle row: Devin Hunt, J.B. Ham, Katie Nelson, Rachel Nelson. Back row: Charlie Drury, Denae Hunt.

Soon, other young people, catching the spirit, joined in leading the songs, organizing the skits, and helping with crafts. More than 25 enthusiastic children enjoyed the leadership of the youth, as did grateful adult church members.

Elaine Drury

Pathfinders Collect 1,000 Food Items in Milton-Freewater

Twenty-five Milton Voyager Pathfinders, three junior staff members, and eight senior staff members recently collected more than 1,000 food items. Door-to-door calls in the community produced 500 items, and Milton Church members contributed an additional 500 food items.

Lyla Lampson



Milton Voyager Pathfinders recently collected more than 1,000 food items for holiday distribution.



WASHINGTON



Women Eschew Controversies: Opt For 'Godly Women'

Teens as well as octogenarians—an ethnically diverse group of 172 women—attended the Washington Conference's Seventh Annual Women's Retreat, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, at Camp Hope, B.C.

The featured speaker, Jo Ann Davidson, teaches theology at Andrews University in Michigan, as does her husband. She spoke on the theme, "Far Above Rubies."

Using the Bible often as she spoke, Davidson shared insights on the value of women. One listener commented, "It helps to get a thinking, Christian woman's interpretation to balance out the feminist and/or male interpretations."

During the Friday evening candle-light meal, which included loaves of authentic Jewish Sabbath bread, Davidson explained some Jewish Sabbath welcome customs she had learned while living in Israel. Then, speaking as a wife and mother, she suggested ways to make the Sabbath a delight for the family, using all five senses.

These include back rubs, clean bed sheets, using the best dishes on Friday evening, and singing hymns as the children go to sleep.

Group sharing of family Sabbath customs followed. More than one woman wanted to race home and start using the new ideas.

On Sabbath morning, Davidson used text after text as she spoke about the



'dena Colon and Marion Pattee, left, present Jo Ann Davidson with a thank-you gift.



Women spend much-appreciated moments in the retreat prayer room during their recent gathering in British Columbia.

numerous children in Scripture and how much God loves the children.

"God did not need the little boy's lunch," she said, "but He needed that little boy and taught him a lesson he never forgot." She challenged every woman to remember how special children are to God and to be a "mother in Israel" to the young people in the church.

On Sabbath afternoon, Davidson highlighted nearly two dozen Bible women and their memorable roles. Daniel's mother, for instance, had apparently taught him to live healthfully, have a prayer life, and do his homework. The widow who gave two mites is remembered as a model of generosity and the woman with the issue of blood as an example of faith.

In her final presentation, Davidson updated the "virtuous woman" of Proverbs 3. Elsewhere in the Bible the term "virtuous" is used to describe soldiers. Thus, a virtuous woman is a woman of strength, possessing courage and valor. In the 1990s, such a woman, among other things, is a good manager, builds people up, and works willingly and tirelessly. She also plans

Jo Ann Davidson exhorts Washington women to be "godly women who fear the Lord."



ahead and looks as nice as she can.

"The highest calling God gives any woman," Davidson concluded, "is to be a godly woman who fears the Lord."

"I can apply this so well to my life," said one audience member. "I've needed this uplifting!" said another. A third noted: "The speaker was very uplifting and encouraging. She gave me hope and a deep desire to do better."

The next Washington Conference retreat, set for Sept. 6-8, 1996 at Camp Hope, will feature Teeny Finley, wife of Evangelist Mark Finley.

Fannie L. Houck writes from Port Townsend, Wash.

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Young People Urged To Attend Jan. 12, 13 Celebration of Youth

If asked to choose between your arms and your relationship with Jesus, which would you choose? Daniel Segovia, a young man from Central America, chose Jesus. His death-defying testimony will be heard during the Washington Conference Celebration of Youth weekend on Jan. 12 and 13, 1996, at Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA).

The compelling words of speaker Richard Barron, the testimony of Segovia, and music and testimonies of young people from the entire conference will highlight the weekend.

Barron is one of the most sought-after youth speakers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and now serves as associate youth director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

"Friends Forever!" is the theme of the upcoming Celebration of Youth rally and is co-sponsored by the Washington Conference and Auburn Adventist Academy. Programs begin on Friday evening at 7:30

p.m. and continue all weekend.

Free lunches and suppers are available, but advance arrangements should be made. For more information and to reserve meals, phone the Washington Conference Youth Department at (206) 481-7171.



Speaker Richard Barron, associate youth director of the General Conference, will be just one of the highlighted speakers during the "Friends Forever!" Celebration of Youth weekend at Auburn Adventist Academy, next Jan. 12 and 13.



Folkenberg Scheduled

Robert S. Folkenberg, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is scheduled to speak during the Washington Conference Camp Meeting, to be held June 20-29 in Auburn, Wash.



WALLA WALLA COLLEGE



Students Give Community Full Day of Service on Oct. 18

More than 750 Walla Walla College (WVC) and Walla Walla Valley Academy (WVVA) students, faculty, and staff recently each volunteered a day of personal support for 64 community projects.

Classes were cancelled and offices closed on Oct. 18 for "Service Day '95," the latest installment of a now-annual day of service to the surrounding community.

The day has its roots in the WVC Centennial Celebration of three years ago, known as Service 100 Day, which was planned as a "thank-you" to the local community for its support through the years.

Now an annual event, the day allows participants to help solve community problems at the grass-roots level while getting to know the community members they serve. Classes are canceled and administrative offices are closed for the day.

W. G. Nelson, WVC president, began the day by giving a short devotional talk to the more than 750 students gathered in front of the Administration Building.

Among the 64 Service Day '95 projects completed later in the day were making and serving lunch to some of Walla Walla's homeless at the Christian Aid Center, stocking food shelves at the Blue Mountain Action Council food distribution center, playing table games and walking with the elderly at Park Manor and Blue Mountain Convalescent centers, building a wheelchair ramp in the home of a young woman who recently became wheelchair bound, working on a Habitat for Humanity home, and helping Special Olympic hopefuls train.

"Part of the mission and vision of Service Day is to create better citizens for the world we live in," says Nelle Cornelison, a Service Day '95 organizer and assistant director of career development.

"We're all learning that we can't sit back and let someone else take care of all the problems, because that will never happen."

Service Day '95 organizers also encouraged participants to get to know one another better and to learn to work as groups. Campus clubs, administrative offices with their student employees, and classes formed work groups for the day.

Some of those groups are now committed to supporting Service Day '95 project sites throughout the year. "The more people do, the more they want to do," says Cornelison. "Once they get a taste of what it is like to become part of a community, they really become engaged in it."

"We participants had a great feeling of community spirit and were so richly rewarded . . ." says Tom Emmerson, professor of art, who worked at Blue Ridge Elementary School, helping students draw and paint their own faces on the entry-way walls of the school.

"The old adage, 'many hands make light work' was especially true for our project," he says.

A spring service day, "Spring Into Action," is already being planned for next April. Held on a Sabbath, according to Cornelison, it will be a "a day to emphasize part of what we really believe Sabbath to be—a time to nurture and help others."

A thank-you letter received from Paula Kennedy at the Christian Aid Center in Walla Walla reads: "Christ sees and treasures all selfless actions, and I know He's got a 'Well done my faithful servant' for you."

Kim Strobel



A Walla Walla College Service Day '95 volunteer helps Blue Ridge Elementary School paint a living memorial to its students.



ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM/WEST

Adventist Hospital Employees Go Extra Mile in Holiday Giving

All she asked for was a "Christmas tree" for her grandchildren, in a letter addressed to "Public Relations, Portland Adventist Medical Center."

The unusual letter piqued the interest of the marketing department at Portland Adventist Medical Center (PAMC). Was this a bona fide request? Director Monty Knittel decided to investigate.

A call to the woman's pastor verified that indeed the family was in genuine need. Because her daughter was unable to care for her two elementary-aged children, Grandma had taken them into her humble North Portland home. Unless somebody at PAMC responded to that letter, it would be a bleak holiday season for the youngsters.

Knittel and his co-workers decided to "adopt" the family as their special holiday-season project—and they gave more than a mere tree. They also collected money and shopped for warm coats and toys.

"That was the most rewarding Christmas project we've done," Knittel says. "As we set up a six-foot evergreen—and piled presents underneath it—we were nearly as excited as the kids!"

Reaching Out to Employees

This year, PAMC employees will be bringing joy to approximately 20 families, many of them within their own employee group. "We're focusing more on helping workers who are going through difficult times," says Dorothy Kuehnel, director of the employee assistance program.

Hospital departments work together to collect food, gifts, and clothing appropriate for each recipient. Volunteers put together the boxes, and some are delivered to homes. Other recipients choose to stop by Kuehnel's office to pick up their gifts.

Feeding Hungry People

Thanks to a new program, PAMC's Christmas outreach is expanding. Hungry people in the Portland, Ore., area will enjoy Christmas dinner this year, thanks to a cooperative program of PAMC and a local charity. PAMC provides cooked food from their food service department, and the charity packages it, freezes the meals, and then distributes them.

"Because of the nature of health-care,

we always have food left after every tray line three times a day, 365 days a year," says Walter Thurnhofer, PAMC food service director. "Patients go home, diet orders are changed, and so on. So we have food left in serving pans that we thought we were going to need.

"We also have extra food from our Garden Café (PAMC's employee and guest cafeteria) and from numerous catering jobs our department handles. In the past, much of this good food has been wasted."

Now, charity volunteers stop by the PAMC dietary department daily and collect vegetarian entrees, potatoes, pasta and other menu items—high quality food that cannot be served at the hospital. The food is then taken to a licensed kitchen, where other volunteers put together balanced meals on special disposable plates.

Each plate is shrink-wrapped, labeled, and rushed to a blast freezer, where it is quickly frozen. After being delivered by a volunteer, the recipient heats the meal, either in a conventional or microwave oven.

PAMC is the first hospital in the Portland area to participate in this, a feeding program developed by St. Vincent DePaul charity. Leaders of the program are especially appreciative of the vegetarian entrees provided; PAMC is the only donor of such items, and St. Vincent has a number of requests for vegetarian meals.

"We're thrilled to be part of this pro-

ject," Thurnhofer says. He estimates that PAMC donates approximately \$40 worth of food each day—or nearly \$15,000 over a year's time.

Sharing with Needy Families

Other Adventist Health System/West hospitals in the Northwest also reach out to needy families in their towns. Last year, nursing staffs of the emergency department and medical/surgical floor at Walla Walla General Hospital decided not to exchange gifts with each other. Instead, they brought gifts of clothing, toys, and food to give to two needy families.

At Tillamook County General Hospital, employees worked together through "Christmas Is For Sharing." Nonperishable food items, toys, and other gifts were collected at the hospital and prepared for five families with 12 children.

During the week of December 20, volunteers delivered the baskets to recipient families.

Sharing is one of the most important ingredients of a happy holiday celebration. Employees at Adventist hospitals find many ways to express the blessedness of giving.

Pat Horning Benton enjoys participating in—and writing about—holiday outreach projects. She writes from Buena Vista, Colo., for Adventist Health System/West, with headquarters in Roseville, Calif.



Portland Adventist Medical Center gives surplus prepared vegetarian food for the needy through a local meal-providing charity.

GLEANER Material

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Missing Members

The Tabernacle Church in Portland, Ore., seeks the complete addresses and telephone numbers for the following individuals: Hazel Dunn, Linda Dunn, Peggy Dunn, David Dunn, Jr., Daniel Glen, Ronald Glen, Denise Kittle, and Janice Parker.

Please send information to the Tabernacle Church clerk, 26 SW Condon Way, Portland, OR 97201 or phone (503) 223-0623.

Christmas Musical

Invite your friends to join you, Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. for the 14th annual Christmas musical to be held at the Sunnyside Church, in **Portland, Ore.** Bring a "Messiah" score so you can sing along as Martha Natiuk plays the organ and Harold Licky directs various bell choirs, string, brass, trombone and vocal groups through the "Hallelujah Chorus."

For more information, phone (503) 252-8080.

Considering Marriage?

Couples who are dating, engaged, or contemplating marriage are invited to a one-day, "Christians in Commitment" seminar, to be held Jan. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oregon Conference office, located at 13455 SE 97th Ave, in **Clackamas, Ore.** Harvey and Kathy Corwin, family life directors, will present the following subjects: "What to Look for in a Mate," "How to Know if You're Really in Love," "What Makes a Good Marriage," "His Needs/Her Needs," "Conflict Management," "Communication," and more.

To find out more about meals and materials, phone the 24-hour

Family Life Line, (503) 654-6054, before Jan. 5.

Sojourners' Concerts

The Sojourners vocal group will perform Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at the **Gresham, Ore., Church** (223 SE Cleveland), and at 6 p.m. at the **Sandy, Ore., Church**, located on the corner of Hwy. 26 and University St. On Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. they will present their Christmas concert at the "Festival of Lights" at the Grotto, located at NE 85th and Sandy Blvd., in **Portland, Ore.**

Snowmobile Retreat

Camp MiVoden staff invite all Adventist snowmobilers to a long weekend of eventful snow-machining, Jan. 12 to 15, 1996, during Camp MiVoden's "Seventh Annual Snowmobile Retreat." Lodging will be available beginning Thursday evening, Jan. 11. The first trail ride through Northern Idaho's back country begins early Friday morning.

Please note that Camp MiVoden does not provide snowmobiles. For additional details, write Camp MiVoden, Rt. 2 Box 259, **Hayden Lake, ID** 83835 or phone (208) 772-3484.

Christmas Musical

Plan now to attend "Christmas Around the Piano," Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Issaquah Family Worship Center located on 425 E. Sunset, in **Issaquah, Wash.** For additional details, phone (206) 392-8826.

Live Nativity

The **Edmonds, Wash., Church** invites members to bring their friends and neighbors through the annual outdoor live nativity pageant to be held Dec. 15-16, from 6 to 9 p.m., at 8625 196th St. SW. The pageant features live animals, a real infant in the stable, true-to-life biblical scenery and structures, choir performances, caroling, refreshments, and recurring reenactments of the Christmas story.

Christmas Concert

The **Green Lake Church in Seattle**, will present its annual Christmas "Candlelight Concert of Lessons and Carols," Friday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., at 6350 E. Green Lake Way N. Under the direction of James Denman, the Green Lake Choir, Christians Choir, and Orchestra, will pre-

sent favorite holiday carols and choral selections, including Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" and John Rutter's "Gloria."

For more information, phone (206) 522-1330.

Kirkland School 50th

All former students, staff, pastors, parents and friends of the Kirkland Adventist School are invited to attend a 50th anniversary reunion on the weekend of April 12-13, 1996. Vespers begins Friday evening at 7 p.m. Speakers include Dick Jewett and Dan Matthews.

For additional information, send your current address/phone number to KSAD, 5320 108th Ave. NE, **Kirkland, WA** 98033 or phone (206) 822-7554.

WWGH Seminars

Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) in **Walla Walla, Wash.**, presents the following events and seminars: "Medic First Aid Class," Dec. 12-14 from 7 to 10 p.m.; "Body Fat Testing," Dec. 20 at 8 to 10 a.m.; "Infant and Child CPR," Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.; "Better Weigh Class," Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.; "Break Free From Smoking," Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

For additional information, phone WWGH at (509) 522-2424.

AMC's New Address

The Adventist Media Center (AMC) has relocated its headquarters from Newbury Park, Calif., to 101 W. Cochran, Simi Valley, CA 93065. Please note the new street address. The Voice of Prophecy mailing addresses (Box 55, Los Angeles; and Box 2525, Newbury Park) will continue to be serviced and, for the time being, fax and phone numbers, will remain the same.

Name Change

In the interest of liability protection, effective Aug. 10, 1995, the risk management functions of the church have been organized under the new name "Adventist Risk Management, Inc."

The risk management function of the Church has operated under many names and structures since 1935. These included General Conference Insurance Service, Gencon Risk Management, and Risk Management Services.

The new name, according to Robert L. Sweezey, clearly reflects affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and, it is

hoped, will remove confusion that has traditionally plagued the risk management process.

Four-Color Papers

Starting with the Dec. 30 issue, the "Primary Treasure" and "Our Little Friend," both Sabbath school lesson magazines for children, will be produced in full color. Improved printing and pre-press technology allows Pacific Press to create the two magazines at no additional cost to churches.

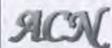
Andrews/ADRA Degree

Increasingly, government agencies that fund projects are asking that international development agencies, such as Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), provide extensive training to their workers.

On Oct. 5, an agreement of cooperation was signed between Andrews University and ADRA to create a training partnership for ADRA employees who currently staff offices and manage international development projects in more than 130 countries.

The program will be open to other qualified institutional and church employees as well as ADRA staff. The agreement is the first step toward the offering of a master's of science degree in "international development." The degree will be offered at selected sites among Andrews' 12 affiliated college campuses, which span the globe.

For more information, contact Jeannette Johnson at ADRA by phoning (301) 680-6367 or CompuServe 74617,2105.



Adventist Communication Network (ACN) will carry the following broadcasts: Jan. 3 "News and Mission Reports," featuring host Lonnie Melashenko and North American Division president, Alfred McClure, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (CT & ET) on Galaxy 4 Channel 5; Jan. 5 "People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers," from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. (ET) on Galaxy 4 Channel 5; Jan. 13 "Starting a Youth Ministry in Your Church," with José Rojas, the youth ministries director for North America from 4 to 6 p.m. (ET) on Galaxy 4 Channel 7; Jan. 20 "Net '96 Event #3," from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (ET) on Galaxy 4 Channel 5; and Jan. 21 "Conflict with Your Teen," from 7 to 9 p.m. (ET) on Galaxy 4 Channel 5.

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Phone (800) ACN-1119 to obtain the satellite coordinates for each program. If you have access to CompuServe, you may post questions via Compuserve E-mail at 74617,14 or contact Celeste Ryan at 74617,1575 to request ACN schedules be E-mailed directly to you. ACN's Internet address is 74617.14@compuserve.com.

**MILESTONES**

NOTE: Priority in this section will be given to tributes submitted for those attaining 50 years of marriage and above, in five year increments, and in one-year increments beyond the sixtieth anniversary. Priority will also be given to birthday tributes submitted for those 80 years and above, in five-year increments.

Correction

Helen (Waddle) Warren's maiden name was mistakenly listed as Hoffman in the Nov. 20 issue of the GLEANER Milestone section. We regret this error; Hoffman is her sister's married name.

**Brown 90th**

Retired Seventh-day Adventist minister **Meryle Brown** celebrated his 90th birthday on Oct. 7 at a Silverton, Ore., Church potluck with his wife, Rosalie, and Bill and Reba Brown, his son and daughter-in-law.

Notable in Bill's life was the opportunity he had, a few years ago, to baptize his own father.

**Conklin 66th**

George and Vesta Conklin, members of the Springfield, Ore., Church, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25 at their home, which is built on property their parents purchased in 1889 after traveling by covered wagon from Nebraska to the McKenzie Valley.

The Conklins have two daughters, Eunice and Sharon, and one adopted son, Mike. They have devoted their entire lives to caring for the severely handicapped. To date, they've cared for 57.

**Hines 50th**

Gladys and John Hines celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Ardys and Gayle, their two daughters, seven grandchildren, and Silverton, Ore., members on Sept. 21.

Their two sons-in-law, Jim Slusser and Duane Dick, assisted their wives in presenting a family history, several songs, and a prayer of rededication.

**Kennedy 100th**

Ray Kennedy, survivor of five major battles during World War I as a non-combatant, celebrated his 100th birthday on Oct. 21 at the Canyonville, Ore., Adventist Community Center with 120 friends and relatives.

Kennedy, a long-time resident of Days Creek, Ore., and charter member of the Canyonville Church, which he helped build, still takes daily walks downtown to visit friends. As a carpenter, he helped build many of the buildings in the area, including a physician's office, the Forest Glen Senior Residence, and Milo Ad-

ventist Academy. He has spent many summers above the Arctic Circle working as a carpenter/foreman for the Alaska Native Service.

In the community, Kennedy is known as a skilled cabinet builder and as the creator of many beautiful and highly functional spinning wheels.

Kennedy's two daughters, Betty Skeels and Lola Sylvester, along with numerous nieces, nephews, granddaughters and grandsons, including Doug Johnson, pastor of the Blue Mountain district, and Kevin Wilfley, pastor at Canyonville, were present to help him celebrate his 100th birthday.

**Ungudruk 50th**

Mabel and Irving Ungudruk, members of the Sitka, Alaska, Church, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by holding a candlelight ceremony for 100 friends and relatives. The service was conducted by Pastor Monte Church of Portland, Ore., and Pastor Wendell Downs, of Sitka.

Assisted by Peggy Martens, the Ungudruks, who were married on the front porch of the Gambell, Alaska, school when they were both 17, re-exchanged their wedding vows during a service complete with an organist, Bible boy, flower girl, ushers, soloist, a photographer, and a guest book.

Sandy Boyle and Ungudruk's daughter, Edna Peters of Ruby, Alaska, planned the reception, which was held at the local senior center.

BIRTHS

ACOSTA—Kayla Elizabeth Acosta was born March 14 to Rick and Kim Acosta, Kent, Wash.

BORNEMANN—Kenneth Bornemann was born April 19 to Rob and Renee Bornemann, Medford, Ore.

CUMBEE—Akasha Mercedes

Cumbee was born Sept. 23 to Mike and Heidi Cumbee, Medford, Ore.

CUMMINGS—Samuel Marcus Cummings was born Sept. 27 to Bruce and Marjorie (Hoofard) Cummings, Soldotna, Alaska.

CUNNINGHAM—Emma Judith Cunningham was born Sept. 29 to Russ and Kelli (Kennedy) Cunningham, Edmonds, Wash.

DAVIES—Mason Randall Davies was born Oct. 4 to Don and Tami (Rood) Davies, Ridgefield, Wash.

FORSS—Katherine Elizabeth Forss was born Oct. 18 to Rod and Karen Forss, College Place, Wash.

GILES—Joshua Giles was born Oct. 24 to Edwin and Janet Giles, College Place, Wash.

JAMES—Jonathan Andrew James was born Oct. 13 to Timothy and Jennifer (Alspaugh) James, Tillamook, Ore.

JOHNSON—Branden Ray Johnson was born Feb. 22 to Brian and Vickie Johnson, Renton, Wash.

JOHNSON—Zachary David Johnson was born July 1 to Larry and Cindy Johnson, Mattawa, Wash.

KANSKY—Kaitlyn Noelle Kansky was born July 25 to Robin and Tracy Kansky, Malaga, Wash.

KEELER—Sheridan Rose Keeler was born Aug. 9 to Jeffrey J. Keeler and Julie (Brothers) Keeler, Winnetka, Calif.

KOKINOS—Joshua Kokinos was born Aug. 24 to John and Linnea (Johnson) Kokinos, Tigard, Ore.

KRUGER—Kehlan Daniel Kruger was born Aug. 7 to Timothy Allen and Heidi Lynn Kruger, Wenatchee, Wash.

LEE—Bradley Chin Lee was born May 14 to Dennis and Joyce Lee, Medford, Ore.

LONG—Isaac Gilbert Long was born Sept. 26 to Wade and Becky (Trusley) Long, Everett, Wash.

MACE—Courteney Jo Mace was born Sept. 14 to Perry and Tori Mace, Wenatchee, Wash.

MEEKS—Cailyn Mae Meeks was born Nov. 4, 1994, to Jeff and Christina Meeks, Renton, Wash.

NELSON—Haley Brooke Nelson was born Oct. 9 to Frank and Connie (Alspaugh) Nelson, Loma Linda, Calif.

NELSON—Jeremy Thomas Nelson was born Sept. 12 to Bill and Nancy (Johnson) Nelson, Boise, Idaho.

RICE—Caleigh Sophia Rice was born May 17 to Gary and Amy (Margaris) Rice, Virginia.

RASMUSSEN—Benjamin Norman Rasmussen was born May 25 to Stan and Janina (Sutton) Rasmussen, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

SHAW—Kainan James Shaw was born Oct. 11 to Steve and Jennifer Shaw, Medford, Ore.

SPROED—Johanna Elizabeth Sproed was born Sept. 4 to Devin

Robert and Jessica Lynn (Boyd) Sproed, Salem, Ore.

TALAVERA—John Franklin Talavera was born Oct. 26 to Jose and Michelle Talavera, Seattle.

TUTYKO—Taylor Nicole Tutyko was born Sept. 23 to Paul and Juli (Sleeter) Tutyko, Renton, Wash.

WALKER—Branden James Walker was born Aug. 24 to Larry and Shannon Walker, Evans, Wash.

ZAPARA—Jenna Claire Zapara was born June 19 to Jack and Priscilla (Perry) Zapara, Edmonds, Wash.

*He who lives content
with little poss-
esses everything.
The Complete Book of Zingers*

WEDDINGS

ANDERSON—Myeong Busbin and Phil Anderson, Feb. 14, Seoul, Korea, where they are making their home.

BROWN—Vickie Fitzhugh and Bob Brown, Oct. 29, Portland, Ore., where they are living.

CHEN—Amy Beth Whitlock and Kevin Michael Chen, July 29, McCall, Idaho. They are living in Salt Lake City.

COLLIER—Rani Carmelle Stiles and Duncan Clement Collier, Sept. 17, Boise, Idaho, where they are making their home.

DIAZ—Laurtina Ziegele-Caldwell and Francisco Diaz, Oct. 1, Federal Way, Wash. They are living in West Seattle, Wash.

EGBERT—Marlene Burgeson and Clifford Egbert, June 6, Monmouth, Ore., where they are currently living.

FRITCH—Tami Jean-Ellen McKenzie Miller and Michael Steven Fritch, July 16, Everett, Wash. They are making their home in Bothell, Wash.

JUDGE—Nicole Middleton and Jake Judge, Sept. 24, Pasco, Wash., where they are currently living.

LAWS—Evelyn Hunt and Mark Laws, July 16, Portland, Ore., where they are making their home.

MCCOON—Trina Sprecher and Scott McCoon, July 23, Portland, Ore., where they are currently living.

MCKEY—Rhonda Kay McNamara and Wesley Nathan McKey, July 16, Sequim, Wash. They are living in College Place, Wash.

NEAL—Kandi Goltz and Rodney Neal, Aug. 13, Auburn, Wash., where they are making their home.

RICHARDS—Heather Tooley and Anton Richards, June 25, Auburn, Wash. They will be living at Helderberg College, South Africa.

WARD—Leeann Rochelle Schoenberger and Robert Gary Ward, Jr., Sept 3, Sumner, Wash. They are making their home in Auburn, Wash.

WRIGHTSON—Ellen Collins and John W. Wrightson, Aug. 27, Kettle Falls, Wash., where they are making their home.

ZIESMER—Shari Wolcott and William Ziesmer, July 23, Auburn, Wash. They are making their home in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

OBITUARIES

NOTE: Obituaries are published as space is available so it may be several months from the time information is submitted until the report appears in the GLEANER. Only immediate family members are listed as survivors unless the only survivors are nieces, nephews or grandchildren. Please be careful to send correct information the first time so we don't have to reprint with corrections.

ALEXANDER—Ardis D., 77, born May 21, 1918, Hillsboro, Ore.; died Sept. 12, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary Alexander, Pendleton; sons, David Alexander, Pasco, Wash., Richard Alexander, Union, Ore., Eldon Alexander and Harold McKay, both of Pendleton; daughters, Charlene Alcorn, Redding, Calif., Arlene Howard, Klamath Falls, Ore.; step-daughters, Gloria Brunelle, Kelso, Wash., Yvonne Elfsring, Hermiston, Ore.; brother, Edward Alexander, Sacramento, Calif.

ANSTED—Lovina, 87, born Nov. 1, 1907, Minden, Neb.; died May 2, Medford, Ore. Surviving: sons, Ron Ansted and John Ansted, both of Salem, Ore., daughter, Martha Harris, White City, Ore.

BIEGLER—Fred P., 91, born July 1, 1904, Silver Leaf, Minn.; died Oct. 14, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Brenda Robinson, Colombo, Sri Lanka; sons, Merv Biegler, Baker City, Ore., Keith Biegler and Roland Biegler, Pendleton. He survived his wife, Ruby, by two days. (See following obituary.)

BIEGLER—Ruby Marie, 80, born May 18, 1915, Silver Leaf, Minn.; died Oct. 12, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Brenda Robinson, Colombo, Sri Lanka; sons, Merv Biegler, Baker City, Ore., Keith Biegler and Roland Biegler, Pendleton; brother, Ray Jacobson, Frazee, Minn.

BORRIS—Peter William, 95, born Sept. 18, 1899, Leduc, Alberta; died Sept. 5, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ann Borris, Eugene; daughters, Barbara Hutchinson, St. Helena, Calif., Debbie Wilson, Cottage Grove, Ore., Marlene Shrock, Denver; brother, Alex Borris, Castro Valley, Calif.; sister, Lena Fraser, Kelowna, B.C., Canada.

BRUMMETT—James H., 82, born June 15, 1913, Clovis, N. M.; died Oct. 5, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Cindy E.

Jones, Vancouver, Wash., Tamara McNabb, Tolleson, Ariz.; step-daughter, Carol Atkins, Boise, Idaho; sister, Thelma O'Neal, Baker City, Ore.

CASSELARY—Ethel Gunn, 98, born July 1, 1896, Painesville, Ohio; died April 26, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: sons, Moe Casselary and Ray Casselary, both of Sequim; sister, Gertrude Faa, Ephrata, Wash.

COLE—Doris Marie, 74, born Dec. 11, 1920, Cushing, Okla.; died Oct. 2, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: husband, Perry Cole, Pendleton; daughters, Sharon Polston, Syracuse, Ind., Louise Cole, Pendleton; sisters, Faye Watkins, Stataline, Ore., Dorothy Harvey, Portland, Ore.

DODGE—Harvey A., 72, born July 12, 1923, Brule, Wis.; died Oct. 6, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Wayne Dodge, Carlton, Ore., Ron Dodge, Denver, Colo., Eric Dodge, Long Island, N.Y.; daughters, Judy Meives, Chana, Ill., Janice Dougherty, Enterprise, Ore.; brother, Arnette Dodge; sister, Garland Coon, both of Sumner, Wash.

GREET—James E., 76, born July 10, 1918, Bigtrails, Wyo., died July 4, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dorothy Greet, College Place, Wash., daughter, Elizabeth Stanton, Mount Vernon, Wash.; son, James Greet, Ontario, Calif.; sisters, Marjorie Smith, Ten Sleep, Wyo., Mary Egbert, College Place; brothers, George Greet and John Greet, both of Ten Sleep, Wyo., Neil Greet, Worland, Wyo.

HAMLIN—Wesley W., 91, born July 10, 1904, Sebeka, Minn.; died Sept. 22, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Doris Hamlin, Portland; sons, Donald W. Hamlin, Myrtle Creek, Ore., Edwin G. Hamlin, Portland; daughter, Linda L. Bowker, Portland; brother, Lorne Hamlin, Springfield, Ore., Roy Hamlin, Oregon City, Ore.; sisters, Mae Mendoza, Hillsboro, Ore., Mamie Wiggs, Forest Grove, Ore.

HAND—Evelyn Mable, 84, born July 14, 1910, Cambridge, Idaho; died April 9, Littleton, Colo. Surviving: husband, Ray Hand, Littleton; daughter, Myrna McGee, Ukiah Calif.; sons, Dale Hand, Littleton, Rolland Cook, Sandy, Ore.; sister, Lorraine Willoughby, Boise, Idaho; brother, Arthur McKenzie, Caldwell, Idaho.

HARRIS—Gwen V., 85, born March 15, 1910, Wisconsin; died Oct. 9, Toppenish, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Muriel Hanks, Toppenish, Janet Graham, Outlook, Wash.; sisters, Pat Wendt, Puyallup, Wash., Violet Poole and Opal Wilson, both of Berrien Springs, Mich.

HOLT—Florence M., 74, born March 10, 1921, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 3, Heppner, Ore. Surviving: sons, Jack Holt, Pendleton, Ore., Bud Holt, LaPine, Ore., Chuck Holt, Heppner; daughter, Jan Turpin, Pendleton; sister, Pat Hunt, LaPine; brothers, Bob Coulter and Harold Coulter, both of LaPine.

HORTON—Anita D., 85, born Jan 22, 1910; died Sept. 1, Rogue River, Ore. There are no survivors.

HUETHER—Esther Block, 96, born Sept. 6, 1898, College View, Neb.; died Aug. 27, Tigard, Ore. Survivors: daughter, Phoebe Britz, Tigard; sons, Lloyd Huether, Colorado Springs, Colo., James Huether, Seattle, Ken Huether, Sequim, Wash., Lyndon Huether, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

IVERSON—Sherry M., 49, born March 11, 1946, Wyoming; died Oct. 7, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Clyde Iverson, sons, Clyde Iverson, III, Ron Iverson and Greg Iverson, all of Salem; daughter, Jody Seigal, Salem; parents, Harry and Merle Johnson, Salem; brothers, Del Johnson, Vienna, W.Va., Ron Johnson, Buchanan, Mich.

JACOBS—Henry Andrew, Jr., 57, born Feb. 15, 1938, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 24, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Rosemary Jacobs and son, William Jacobs, both of Gresham.

JAMES—Ester Winnifred, 83, born Nov. 11, 1912, Riverside, Calif.; died Sept. 9, Medford, Ore. Surviving: son, John James, Grants Pass, Ore., and three grandchildren.

KOORENNY—Ralph L., 76, born May 18, 1918, Ryder, N.D.; died April 28, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Pauline Koorennny, College Place; brothers, Raymond Koorennny, Elkins Lake, Texas, LaVerne Koorennny, Sagle, Idaho, Floyd Koorennny, Redlands, Calif.; sister, LouElla Dawes, Lebanon, Ore., Donna LeFore, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Mr. Koorennny was an educator in the Adventist education system for much of his life, serving in the Afro-Mideast Division, at Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon, at Loma Linda University, and at Walla Walla College.

LEFORE—William L., 84, born Feb. 18, 1911, Coronation, Alberta; died Sept. 14, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, LaVerne LeFore, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; son, Kenton LeFore, San Francisco; sisters, Ann Otto and Vi Allison, both of Milton-Freewater, Dee Hagstrom, San Diego, Calif.; brothers, Johnnie LeFore, Vancouver, Wash. and Eddie LeFore.

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Idaho Conference				
Boise	5:09	5:12	5:16	5:23
La Grande	4:10	4:13	4:17	4:24
Pocatello	4:57	4:59	5:04	5:10
Montana Conference				
Billings	4:30	4:33	4:37	4:44
Havre	4:23	4:26	4:31	4:38
Helena	4:41	4:43	4:48	4:55
Miles City	4:17	4:19	4:24	4:31
Missoula	4:48	4:51	4:55	5:02
Oregon Conference				
Coos Bay	4:41	4:44	4:49	4:55
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Pendleton	4:12	4:14	4:19	4:26
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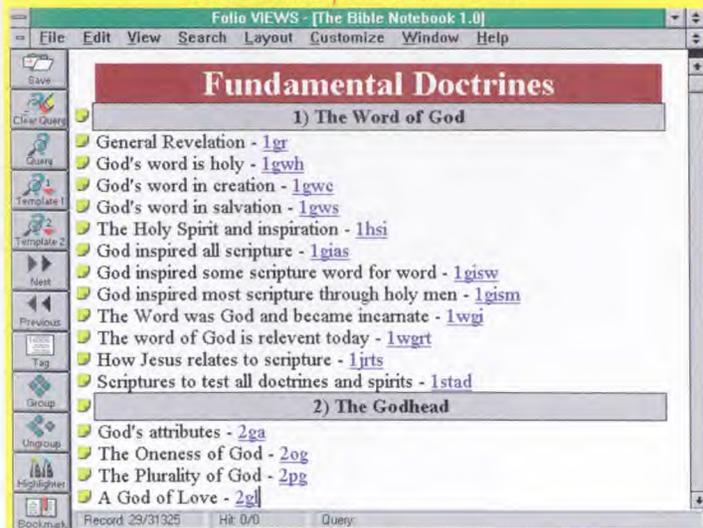
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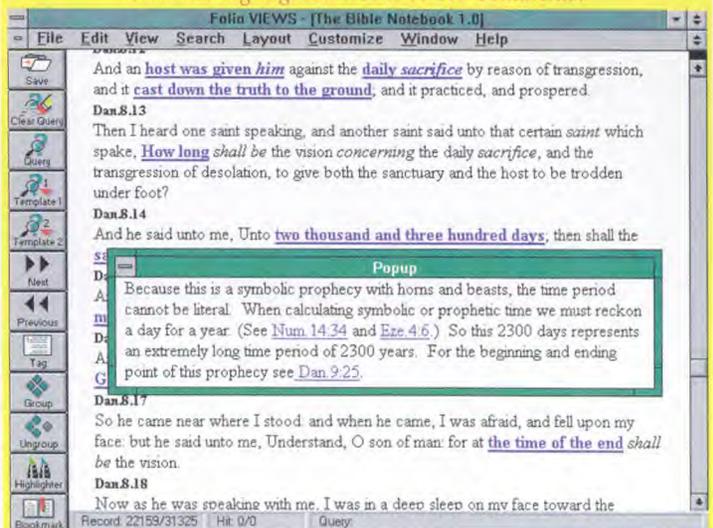
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