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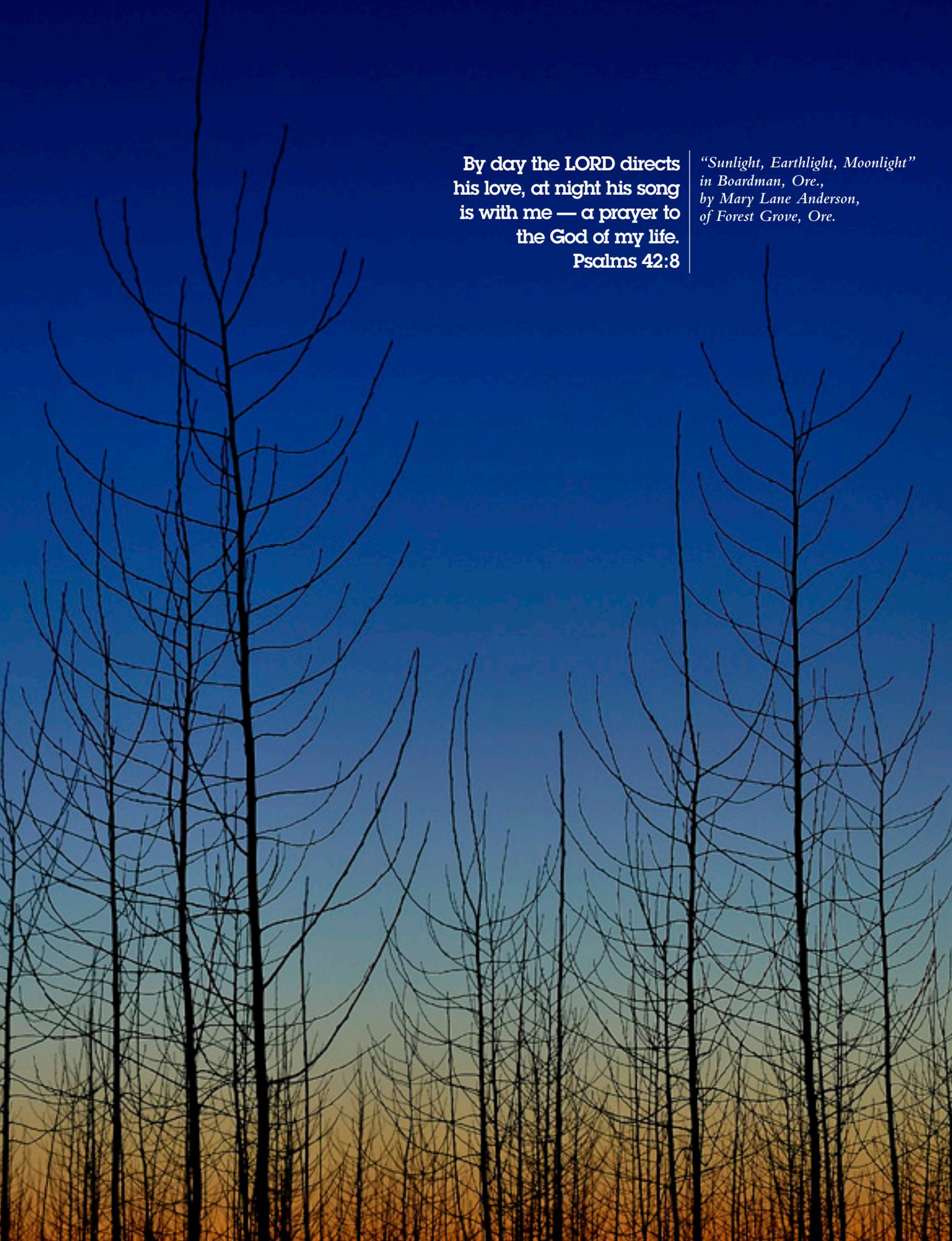
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TO MILO

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A photograph of a forest of bare trees against a blue and orange sky. The trees are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sky at the bottom, which transitions into a clear blue sky at the top. The trees are tall and thin, with many bare branches reaching upwards. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**By day the LORD directs
his love, at night his song
is with me — a prayer to
the God of my life.
Psalms 42:8**

*“Sunlight, Earthlight, Moonlight”
in Boardman, Ore.,
by Mary Lane Anderson,
of Forest Grove, Ore.*

HUNDREDS ATTEND NPUC CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

More photos online at glnr.in/childrensleadership

The best event of this sort I've ever attended." "Every session has been so helpful." These were just a couple of the comments overheard during this year's North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Children's Leadership Conference, held Sept. 24–27 in Portland, Ore. More than 300 individuals active in children's Sabbath School ministries and the Adventurers program came from around the Northwest to take part in a packed agenda.

Primarily coordinated by Alphonso McCarthy and Patricia Parris of the NPUC youth department and Shirley Allen, Oregon Conference children's ministries director, this conference featured eight general meetings and 80 individual breakout sessions. Guest presenters for general

meetings included Brenda Walsh, 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) Kids Network general manager, and Terry Johnson, executive director of mission integration at Adventist Medical Center in Portland. Breakout sessions included such diverse topics as "Making Budgets and the



Children perform special music Sabbath morning.

Church Board Work for Children's Ministry," "Making Scripture Stick," "Faith Development in Adventurers" and "Great Ideas for Children's Church."



Jeanine Goodwin leads Sabbath morning worship.

With the unmitigated success of this recent event, many are already asking when the next session will be scheduled. "If I had known it was going to be so good, I would have brought more of my friends" was a common refrain. Brad Forbes, director of AdventSource, which provides many resources and materials for children's ministries, suggested that additional coordination and promotion of these events could be done from the North American Division in the future.

Go to glnr.in/NPUCCLC to watch video links of the conference.

HUDSON TO INITIATE NPUC CREATION RESOURCE CENTER



STAN HUDSON, who has served as pastor of the Moscow (Idaho) and Pullman (Wash.) churches, will soon take on a new role, developing a North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Creation Resource Center. In this role, he will gather creation resources; coordinate study programs; plan field trips for pastors, teachers and students; present weekend

creation seminars at Northwest churches; and visit academies and elementary schools for science presentations and weeks of prayer. Hudson is known for his creation seminars and Lifetalk Radio show *Sink the Beagle*.

"I am delighted that Stan Hudson has accepted this important opportunity," says Max Torkelsen, NPUC president. "The more I have studied the creation topic, the more I realize how foundational it is to our biblical view as Adventists. This will provide an important resource for Northwest members, both young and old."

Hudson plans to begin this new task in January, initially establishing a resource center at the NPUC office in Ridgefield, Wash. Watch for further information at gleanernow.com and in future issues of the *Gleaner*.



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NEW BOOK FOR SHARING AT TRADE SHOWS



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A new witnessing tool for trade show enthusiasts is now available through a joint venture of the North Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Press Publishing Association.

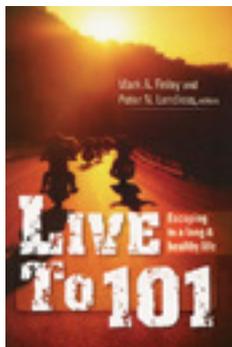
The concept is simple: a booklet on healthy living that can be customized and “bookended” with graphics and content pertaining to the unique audiences of varying trade shows. Every year, Adventist groups host booths at

fairs and trade shows as a way to reach target audiences. They depend on inexpensive ministry resources such as books and videos, which they can hand out for free.

This summer, the first book in the series, *Live to 101*, was produced through

the generosity of a private donor. Mark Finley, evangelist, and Peter Landless, General Conference health ministries director, served as editors.

The first version emphasizes motorcycles, which makes it an ideal resource for regional motorcycle ministries here in the Northwest such as Adventist Motorcycle Ministries and Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministries. Led by Richard Olsen and Paul Lattig, these outreach groups debuted the new sharing book at the annual motorcycle rally in Sturgis, S.D., during the first week in August. Several thousand copies of *Live to 101* added to many other resources available for distribution there.



Additional versions are already being considered on a number of other subjects. Adventist members who have a passion for trade show or fair book outreach should contact Jon Corder in the NPUC planned giving department with suggestions of other target audiences that could benefit from this gospel tool.

An Urgent Call for a Ministry Couple

If you are, or you know of, a retired married couple willing and eager to give at least two years to a very special Native American community, this call is for you. Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference Native ministries director, is looking for two married individuals to become the lay pastoral couple for the only church in the town of Queets, Wash., on the western coast of the Olympic Peninsula. This stipend position includes private housing with all utilities paid. Are you interested in prayerfully considering this unique Northwest mission field? If so, contact Monte Church as soon as possible by email at monte.church@nw.npuc.org.



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What academy
escaped these
flames?

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garden grows
and grows.

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Rittenbach
reaches rare
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helps healing.
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cultivates
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MARANATHA'S MISSION

TO MILO

MARANATHA REGULARLY ASSISTS SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES
WITHIN NORTH AMERICA IN ADDITION TO THEIR FULL
CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING PROJECTS.

Two volunteer groups from Maranatha Volunteers International worked on the campus of Milo Adventist Academy this summer. These volunteers are pouring cement for new cabins at Camp Umpqua on the school property.



DAVID LOPEZ

More than 130 volunteers took part in revamping the Milo campus, including some current and former students of the academy.

Tylar Childers, in the blue Ultimate Workout T-shirt, stands proudly with his team by the deck they built. The spiritual focus of the project changed the trajectory of his life.



MARANATHA VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL IS WELL-KNOWN FOR SHARING CONSTRUCTION SKILLS IN MISSION PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD. BUT THIS SUMMER, THEY DEBUTED ONE OF THEIR UNIQUE PROGRAMS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NORTH AMERICA. AND IT HAPPENED RIGHT HERE IN THE NORTHWEST, AT MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY.

This was a busy summer at Milo Adventist Academy. Two very distinct groups of missionary volunteers converged on the campus to renovate, rebuild and add on to the remote school campus in Days Creek, Oregon. “Milo has been in existence for about 60 years, so there’s a lot of buildings that are tired,” says Randy Thornton,

CARRIE PURKEYPILE



principal. The school requested assistance from Maranatha Volunteers International to help with campus repairs and upgrades to the existing buildings, as well as build four new cabins at Camp Umpqua, the youth camp on the Milo property.

YOUNG BLOOD

Maranatha responded to the need at Milo by mobilizing two groups of volunteers to assist. The first team was Maranatha’s Ultimate Workout (UW), an annual service project just for teenagers. The UW project takes place every summer, but it is usually overseas. The project has been drawing teen volunteers into extreme environments to live, serve and worship for the past 25 years. It provides an opportunity for teens to rediscover themselves and their connection with God, far from the expectations they leave at home.

Maranatha chose Milo as the site for



DAVID LOPEZ



Current and former students of Milo Adventist Academy also volunteered to revamp the campus.



Milo alumni who participated in the Maranatha projects included (from left) Dwight Shogren, Chuck Vliet, Judy Vliet, Sandi Chin, Fred Fox, Susie Fox and Karen Kemmerer.



SUSIE FOX

the first Ultimate Workout to be held in North America. “Milo was the perfect place for us to launch this first UW on American soil. One of the things that really stood out was how supportive the school was to having young people work on their campus,” says David Lopez, Maranatha Volunteers International volunteer projects director. “It was a great project and really opened the doors for us to do more UW teen projects in the United States.”

One of the teenagers most excited about UW’s arrival to campus was Milo senior Dannei Enciso. Dannei had high hopes of attending Milo’s spring break mission project to Panama in March but was unable to go. “I really want to make a difference. I probably can do it at home, but I want to ... feel like I’m doing something,” says Dannei. “So I asked God, ‘Give me the opportunity to go on a mission trip and have a good experience,’” she remembers.

Just a few months later, as Dannei was preparing to stay on campus and work all summer, she found out that Maranatha was coming to Milo and that all the summer workers would be joining the volunteer team. “That was an answer for my prayer!” she says.

Dannei and other Milo students in the summer work program moved from the dorms into tents at Milo’s Camp Umpqua to join the other volunteers when they arrived. The 90-plus Ultimate Workout participants lived simply, using the camp lodge for meals and worship twice a day. Their temporary home in the forest clearing was a peaceful place for reflection, especially for some of the volunteers who



CARRIE PURKEYPILE

Dannei Enciso, a student at Milo Adventist Academy, has been dreaming of attending a mission trip. She was delighted when the mission trip came to her.

had never experienced a similar environment. Teen volunteers attended from as far as Pennsylvania, New York and even the Bahamas.

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Though spiritual development is a primary goal of Ultimate Workout, work plays a central role in that transformation. Shane Anderson, of Spokane, Washington, was the work coordinator on the teen project. He encouraged volunteers to see work as an act of worship, to connect with why they were working and to see Jesus in their daily activities.

Tylar Childers, a volunteer from Oakland, Oregon, really fell in love with the work and the sense of meaning he found. Tylar joined a small team in demolishing and rebuilding a rotting old deck for a staff home. Each day the team prayed with the resident dean, Kim Person, and her family. Each day they watched her and her baby wave through the living room window.

It didn’t take long for Tylar to find

purpose in helping the family. By the end of the week, he insisted they had to finish the deck, upset at the thought of leaving it undone. On the last workday of the project, the teens worked long past quitting time to make the deck safe for the family and their guests.

But Tylar experienced something even deeper than the satisfaction of a job well done. He met God. “All my life I’ve never felt Him in my heart,” says Tylar. “He’s just been engraved in my brain. And this Ultimate Workout experience has just opened Him to my heart instead of just my brain.”

WHY WORK FOR FREE?

“I love Milo Academy. You know, it’s a special, special place,” says Fred Fox, Maranatha volunteer and Milo alumnus, class of 1962. Fred and his wife, Susie, joined the second wave of Maranatha volunteers, mostly retirees this time, to revamp and expand the Milo campus in August. Maranatha regularly assists schools and churches within North America in addition to their full calendar of international building projects.

This particular project felt like a meaningful way for Fred to reconnect with his alma mater. “We cleared our busy schedule so we could participate,” he says. Fred helped build Milo’s iconic cov-

Worship was an integral part of the Ultimate Workout on Milo’s campus. Maranatha brought volunteers to the campus as part of their annual teens-only mission project.





Building people and changing lives was the main focus of the Ultimate Workout service project this summer. Many teens experienced a spiritual renewal and deepened connection with Christ.

DAVID LOPEZ

ered bridge as part of Milo’s work-study program when he was a student. After 53 years away, he was excited to be back working on the Milo campus once again.

Susie is also a class of 1962 alumna. She was happy to join the Maranatha project and thank Milo for fond memories, life-long friends and even her husband, Fred. “Seventh-day Adventist education has been really important to me. I wouldn’t be an Adventist without it,” says Susie.

The two groups did a lot of renovations to staff housing, deep cleaned and painted the two dormitories, worked on landscaping, and built cabins at Camp Umpqua. The campus is noticeably refreshed because of volunteers willing to make a

LEO MACIAS



Volunteers started construction for four additional cabins at Milo’s Camp Umpqua. Two of the four are nearly completed.

mission impact without flying overseas.

But the real reason to serve speaks to many, even those who aren’t Milo

alumni — the effect of Adventist education.

“I think that it’s a very important element of the church. It’s a mission field,” says Fred of the Adventist school system. “The kids that come here, lots of them, really don’t have any idea what Christianity is all about. And it’s a golden opportunity at an impressionable age to have a lifetime influence on these kids.”

Fred is right.

“Milo means family to me,” says 17-year-old Dannei. “I came to Milo, and I realized that there are people that care about me — that actually care. And they brought me closer to God. I realized that God is always with me, no matter what happens in my life.”

That is worth working for.

And remember Tylar? He has been in public school all his life. But after two weeks working on the Milo campus, he wanted to stay.

Sitting in the expansive lawn between the cafeteria and the dorms, Tylar announced, completely unsolicited, “Milo is just like a family, a family unit. And I’d actually like to be a part of that.”

Two months later, Tylar showed up for school at Milo — his first day as part of the family he’s been craving his whole life. It’s a miracle made possible by these special Maranatha missions to an Adventist academy in need.

Carrie Purkeypile, Maranatha Volunteers International communication specialist

MARANATHA CHOSE MILO AS THE SITE FOR THE FIRST ULTIMATE WORKOUT TO BE HELD IN NORTH AMERICA.



LLAMADOS PARA SERVIR

Los especialistas en el área comentan que hay diferentes factores que determinan nuestra conducta. Dentro de estos factores podemos encontrar por ejemplo la cultura. Por naturaleza los hispanos somos hospitalarios.

De acuerdo a Romanos 12, Dios desea transformarnos al nivel conductual y como producto de esta transformación Él nos llama como iglesia y en particular, como individuos para servir.

Este llamado al servicio podríamos dividirlos en 5 puntos específicos.

- » Somos llamados a servir con diligencia. Diligencia representa intencionalidad, es el salir de nuestra zona de comodidad y avanzar por fe en lo que Dios nos invita a seguir.
- » Somos llamados a servir con fervor. Fervor no solo es pasión por lo que haces, es hacerlo con eficacia.
- » Somos llamados a servir con optimismo (esperanza) aun cuando los resultados no son como los esperamos.
- » Somos llamados a servir con paciencia
- » Somos llamados a servir con constancia

En respuesta al llamado de Dios a Servir, la Iglesia Adventista de McMinnville ha decidido avanzar en este proceso y ha trabajado en hacer

realidad el sueño de tener un Centro Comunitario, con la intención de servir a Dios en base a las necesidades que presenta nuestra comunidad.



La Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día Hispana de McMinnville la cual es parte de la Conferencia de Oregon, tiene al igual que la Conferencia la visión de ministrar, entrenar y empoderar a los miembros de las iglesias hispanas, dentro de su contexto cultural, para que lleguen a ser ministros del evangelio en la comunidad hispana de Oregón y más allá. Y es acorde con esta visión, que la iglesia de McMinnville siente la responsabilidad de atender, a la manera de Jesús, las necesidades de la población hispana.

Y para atender esas múltiples necesidades se proyecta que la construcción y desarrollo del Centro Comunitario se convierta en un sitio de referencia de orientación y atención a este sector de la población.



El plan abarca en su fase de construcción desde noviembre del 2014, hasta noviembre del 2015 brindar beneficio a un total de 8.614 personas de origen hispano lo que representa el 20,6% de la población total de McMinnville.

Entre los planes a seguir al ofrecer un lugar donde la población hispana pueda encontrar orientación y atención integral a sus múltiples desafíos y necesidades, oramos para que esto pueda brindar la oportunidad que sirva de cuña de entrada para entregar orientación a necesidades espirituales.

Es una realidad que entre los desafíos de la población de origen hispano están entre otros, dificultades con aspectos migratorios, serias limitaciones en la atención en salud, problemáticas en las relaciones familiares y dificultades de comunicación la cual en muchos casos es debido al desconocimiento del idioma inglés. Contemplando estas necesidades y ya que en la zona, no existe una instancia que brinde orientación o atención a este sector de la población. Esta construcción pretende ser una herramienta importante en la implementación del método de Jesús para alcanzar a las personas con su evangelio de salvación de amor: “El Salvador trataba con los hombres como

quien deseaba hacerles bien. Les mostraba simpatía, atendía a sus necesidades y se ganaba su confianza. Entonces les decía: “Seguidme”” (*El Ministerio de Curación*, p. 102).

La Iglesia de McMinnville ha destinado una porción de su predio para la construcción del mencionado Centro. Los cimientos del mismo ya han sido echados. El costo total del proyecto es de 145.000 dólares. Entre los resultados que se desean de este Centro Comunitario es tener 50 voluntarios de las iglesias de McMinnville y Newberg participando activamente, esto ayudará a crear un despertar evangelístico. Y al mismo tiempo poder brindar atención primaria de la salud, atención psicológica y de consejería, orientación sobre aspectos legales, seminarios de enriquecimiento familiar, aprendizaje del idioma inglés, así como orientación en emprendimientos. Entre la población a atender están contemplados niños, adolescentes, adultos mayores y mujeres cabeza de familia, todos hispanos con gran necesidad.

El llamado de servicio está a la puerta, McMinnville desea cumplirlo.

Abraham Acosta, pastor del Iglesia Adventista de McMinnville, Ore.

EAGLE RIVER YOUTH GIVE BACK

The year is three-fourths over, but the youth at Eagle River Valley Church aren't even halfway finished with community involvement.

The youth started their community outreach in January as they prepared 100 sack lunches for a local homeless shelter. The children eagerly divided into stations to spread peanut butter and jelly onto slices of bread, bag the sandwiches and hand them to the next station, where juice boxes, chips, nutritious dessert bars and, most importantly, *Signs of the Times* were added.

This quarter, funds are earmarked for Operation Christmas Child, an Eagle River Church tradition for the past three years. Last Christmas, the youth packaged small toys and usable items for children of various ages into 121 individual shoeboxes, sending them on their way to the Philippines, Indonesia, the Dominican Republic and other places. For more

information about Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org.

Plans for the final quarter of 2015 are to use designated offering funds to supply food baskets to 10 local families in need. Recipients are obtained from a program managed by Anchorage's parks and recreation department. Baskets are put together, along with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, then delivered personally by members.

If you are ever in Eagle River, the church family invites you on Sabbath to come see what other great things the youth are doing in the community and join them for a warm, friendly vegetarian-style potluck lunch. More information can be found at ervsdachurch.org or by emailing the church at pastor@ervsdachurch.org.

Angie Monteleone, Eagle River Church communication leader

(Front row, from left) A.J. Monteleone, Amber VanSandt, Nathan Caswell, Kennan Monteleone, Hope Marroquin, (back row, from left) Aiden and Zachary Knox, Ana Christine and Angeline Caswell, and Faith Marroquin are Eagle River Valley Church youth who are investing in their community.



JUNEAU STUDENTS LIVE SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON

American history is the topic of the year for social studies at Juneau Adventist Christian School, and the students had a living lesson the very first week of school. The students gathered on Friday morning, Aug. 21, at the federal courtroom of Judge Leslie Logenbaugh as 33 people were sworn in as U.S. citizens.

Included in this group, the largest ever at one time for the state of Alaska, was Jorghette Wales-Plang, mother to Matthew Plang, one of the school's own third-graders. After the ceremony was over, the students joined the celebration for all the friends and families of the newly minted U.S. citizens.

Having just learned about how the United States got started, from people emigrating from England, this made the lesson very personal to these students. On returning to the classroom, they studied the citizenship oath sentence by sentence to understand the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being a citizen.

This was a perfect lead-in to worship, which talked about our being adopted as citizens of the Father's kingdom and



A naturalization ceremony for 33 people, including a classmate's mother, gives Juneau Adventist Christian School students a firsthand social studies lesson.

the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being a citizen of heaven. The students also discussed how immigrants had to study for a test to be approved and so do heaven's citizens. It proved to be a joyful, delightful way to begin the school year.

Nickie Romine, Juneau Adventist Christian School head teacher

WOMEN EMBRACE THE ABUNDANT LIFE

More photos online at glnr.in/110-11-id_women

I have never been a “girly girl.” My sisters and I liked playing football, baseball, kickball. We liked competing with the boys. I don’t really like drinking tea either. I had more male friends than females when I was growing up. My husband and I had two boys. I associated women’s retreats and women’s ministries with frilly, and I didn’t do frilly. I’m not against

Emra Smith shares what God has done in her life for morning worship.



Most of the ladies had arrived in time for the Friday evening meeting.



them; they just weren’t for me. You might say I was a women’s ministries agnostic!

That changed this year. I went to the Christian Women’s Retreat at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall this fall. It was at the Friday evening meeting when I began to understand the importance of women’s ministries and women’s retreats.

Cheri Gatton, Idaho Conference women’s min-

istries leader, encouraged us to “Embrace the Abundant Life.” What she shared was her testimony, her conversion story and the journey she has been on the past year of becoming real with God.

Hearing Emmy Jackson, a young lady from Salmon, sing a song on Sabbath morning she

had written the night before was powerful. Emra Smith’s worships each morning gave me a greater understanding of God’s immeasurable, merciful love.

Gatton’s message on Saturday night brought us to the foot of the cross. She had a cross there for us to nail pieces of paper on which we had written what we wanted to give to Jesus, to turn over to Him. There were tears, prayers, hugs — ministry. I found myself praying with another woman, praying for her.

I am a believer in women’s ministries, in women’s retreats. Women can minister to others in ways that a man cannot because we are created differently. I may not ever go to a women’s tea, but I am a women’s ministries believer!

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director

ADVENTIST EDUCATION THRIVES IN EAGLE

Adventist Christian education is alive and well in Eagle. The Eagle Adventist Christian School and Preschool have a combined enrollment of 41, with 21 in preschool and kindergarten. The school has strong support from the church. Each Sabbath, a student is featured

during the announcement period, and the congregation is encouraged to remember that student and his or her family in prayer during the week. Volunteers come at least once a week to take the elementary students outside, weather permitting, for fresh air and exercise by walking or run-

ning laps around the field.

“We are happy to be one of a few preschools in the area accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We have also achieved the highest level with IdahoSTARS Steps to Quality by reaching Level 6,” says Bob Atteberry, Eagle Church pastor. God is incorporated into the developmentally appropriate daily curriculum.

Having a successful Adventist Christian school takes a lot of work, a lot of



Upper-grade students walk laps, working to beat their own personal times.

prayer and commitment from the church members.

Eve Rusk

CLOVERDALE HOSTS PRAYER CONCERT

More online at glnr.in/110-11-id_cloverdale

Randy Maxwell, Kuna Church pastor and Idaho Conference prayer ministries coordinator, led a concert of prayer at the Cloverdale Church in Boise on Sept. 23, the eve of Pope Francis' historic address to Congress. The focus of the evening wasn't about the pope's visit, but on our need to be in communication with our Father in heaven.

Maxwell shared that "thunder in the heavenlies" comes from our united cries to God for revival taking on the sound of thunder in heaven as they grow in urgency and number. It was inspired by a quotation from James Burns: "The heart of man begins to cry out for God, for spiritual certainties, for fresh visions. From a faith desire this multiplies, until it becomes a vast human need, until in its

urgency it seems to beat with violence at the very gates of heaven."

Music, Scripture, and lots of solo and group prayer were carefully planned. Prayer time began with a group sharing of praise, open to anyone who wanted to pray. Troy Haagen-son, Cloverdale Church pastor, and Chris Evenson, Nampa Church pastor, assisted Maxwell and led the group of more than 80 in Scripture and prayer based on Matthew, chapters 24 and 25. Six-year-old Sierra Haagen-son and 8-year-old Nathan Haagen-son participated in the prayers led from the front with their father.

The lesson of the fig tree reminded the group that it is easy to become desensitized by the noise around them and miss the signs of Jesus' coming. They prayed they would stay in tune with God's voice and



EVE RUSK

Perry, Tori and Terry Mace lead the concert of prayer with songs of praise and worship to God.

recognize the signs. The group asked for God to help them be in a constant state of readiness for His coming.

As the prayers continued, attendees were reminded, per Matthew 25, to be prepared, have the oil of the Holy Spirit, use and not bury the gifts God has given to them, and be Jesus' hands and feet to help others. The group's prayers focused on others instead of themselves for this part of the concert.

The greatest impact

seemed to be a testimony from Steve Echelmeier, Cloverdale Church member. His wife, Kim, has been suffering from a debilitating disease with little hope of recovery. After soul-searching and much



EVE RUSK

Nathan Haagen-son and his father, Troy, share Scripture and prayer.

prayer, the couple requested an anointing. Three possible outcomes were shared during the anointing — that she would experience immediate healing, that she would be healed over time or that healing would come when Jesus returned.

During the prayer concert, Steve shared, "We accepted the possibility of all three outcomes. When we got our focus off of us and onto Him, that's when the healing began." The day after the anointing, Kim felt better. Her doctor saw evidence of healing.

There is great power in prayer because there is great power in our God.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director

The concert attendees gather in a circle around the sanctuary for a closing prayer led by David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president.



EVE RUSK

HEARTLAND GETS RADIO MIRACLE

A couple of years ago, the Lewistown/ Roundup District pastor received a phone call from a man he had never seen or heard of before. Richard Thomas informed the pastor the FCC was granting new construction permits for low-power FM radio stations. He suggested church members jump on the opportunity.

The pastor knew nothing about radio stations, nor did the Lewistown and Roundup churches have the money to start developing a station, which typically costs about \$20,000. Two stations would be a staggering sum for a district of about 40 members.



Neil Rauch and Hank Slining work on the antenna in Lewistown.

Yet God was still in charge. Thomas lives in Las Vegas and works most of the time at sea. He has an enor-

mous burden for God's Word to be spread via the radio. He took it upon himself to call various churches and inform them about the radio openings. He called the Lewistown/ Roundup District, and members said yes. He offered to pay for all radio engineering and attorney's fees (which were substantial) in order that they could start the process. Eighteen months ago, members were ecstatic to learn they had a construction permit for both Lewistown and Roundup churches.

For the next year and a half, church members prepared, remodeled churches and anticipated the construction of

their radio stations. The only challenge was finances, and they did not have the nearly \$30,000 or more needed to purchase radio equipment for both churches.

God stepped in again to produce a miracle. Thomas came calling, and a few days later UPS and FedEx trucks delivered all the needed equipment for two radio stations. The stations (KQLW-LP 97.7 FM in Lewistown and KQLJ-LP 105.5 FM in Roundup) are now online and transmitting 24 hours a day.

Andrew Raduly, Lewistown Church pastor

HAVRE DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

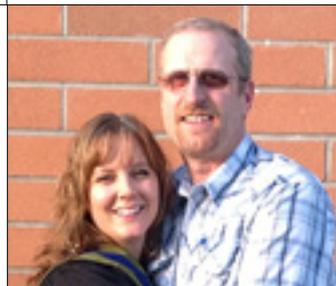
Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, presented a new pastoral family to the Havre District on Sabbath, Aug. 29. It had been more than 11 months since the former pastor had been called to the Ronan District, and the church family is happy to welcome Norman and Dawn Johnson and their son, Randy.

The Johnsons are from British Columbia, Canada, and getting through the Department of Homeland Security

process proved arduous. They bring considerable experience after pastoring churches in Minnesota and British Columbia for a number of years. Their interest in outdoor activities makes their new post a good fit, as does Norman's years of experience as a long-haul truck driver — the Havre District is more than 150 miles in length, from Fort Belknap in the east to Shelby and beyond in the west.

Knowles delivered an inspiring message on the

Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president, introduces the Havre District to its new pastoral family.



Norman and Dawn Johnson are taking the reins of the Havre District.

conversion of the thief on the cross, Christ's righteousness that is ours by faith, and God's grace and forgiveness.

Please keep the Havre Church's ongoing evangelistic efforts in your prayers.

Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader

More online at
glnr.in/110-11-or_milowildfire



MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY ESCAPES WILDFIRE

Flames leaped from tree tops, sending a huge column of smoke billowing just south of Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek on July 30. The Stouts Creek Fire grew to 200 acres in the first three hours. Students and staff wondered what would happen to their school.

Everyone met in the library to wait for instructions. Randy Thornton, Milo Adventist Academy principal, was upbeat as he shared the information he received from firefighters, confident that God would protect Milo. He gave instructions for everyone to go back to the dorms and pack a bag with anything they would need for

via social media for their friends and family to also pray for Milo.

In less than an hour, thousands of people were praying for the school. In what those present recognized as a direct answer to those prayers, the wind shifted away from the academy. Chad Reisig, Milo Academy Church pastor, pointed out that the fire seemed to be headed toward Milo's neighbors. More prayers ascended, and the wind blew the fire into a wilderness area.

The fire raged until it consumed more than 6,000 acres by 8 p.m. In spite of its intensity and speed, firefighters kept it away from homes, and no structures were consumed.

Several staff stayed up most of the night keeping an eye on the fire in case evacuation would be necessary.

Photography teacher Peter Hernandez says he "felt apprehensive and vulnerable," especially with his home being the closest among faculty homes to the blaze. "I wondered how far it would go," he admits.

Local television news station KVAL came out to Milo the next day and interviewed Thornton and David Echevarria, a Milo senior. KVAL showed photos and video footage of the Milo campus and plumes of smoke on its 6 p.m. news broadcast.

Every day helicopter pilots fought the fire from the air, dropping bucket after bucket of water from the river and nearby ponds. During church on Sabbath morning, the congregation praised God for answered prayers while the hum of helicopters continued overhead.

The fire is now contained, but first it burned more than 26,000 acres and came within one-half mile of Milo Adventist Academy.



KATHY HERNANDEZ

The Stouts Creek Fire rages behind Milo Adventist Academy Church.

A smoky haze still covered the campus three weeks later on registration day. Occasional flare ups near Milo were quickly mopped up by firefighters. The fire, started by a lawn mower, ultimately spread to more than 26,000 acres, cost more than \$38 million and was 98 percent contained by mid-September.

Milo staff and students are thanking God for His protection. To keep up with the latest news from Milo Adventist Academy, please like its page on Facebook.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter



PETER HERNANDEZ

Flames from the Stouts Creek Fire are visible from Milo Adventist Academy.

an overnight trip, in case they had to evacuate. After praying together, students and staff dispersed to make preparations.

Just before 4 p.m., the wind was blowing toward the campus, and the flames were only one-half mile away. A group of staff watching the smoke decided to pray together, then sent out word



PETER HERNANDEZ

GATEWAY CHURCH OFFERS COUNTY FAIR PIT STOP



Read more online at glnr.in/110-11-or_gateway

The Pee Wee Pit Stop booth was a huge hit with families at the Josephine County Fair this year. Volunteers from Gateway Church in Grants Pass, Ore., set up and staffed the booth, which provided a clean, private place for families to change their little ones' diapers while at the fair. More than 100 people took advantage of the offered services. Two rooms, with curtains for privacy, were available and furnished with a changing table, diapers, wipes and hand sanitizer.

A rocking chair was available in one room for mothers who wanted to nurse in a more relaxed setting. Sitting in the shade, with the fans blowing, it was one of the best seats at the fair.

Julie Jones, a mom to a 10-month-old herself, coordinated volunteers to staff the Josephine County Fair Pee Wee Pit Stop to help parents of young children have a spot to change diapers.



Volunteers gave away nearly 300 bottles of water to families with children, nursing mothers and elderly community members. Small bags of Cheerios and copies of *Our Little Friend* were available for little visitors, which were very popular as well. Visitors were given information about church services and invited to come join the church in worship.

Many fair attendees expressed appreciation for the services being offered. One older woman remarked, "I wish they'd had something like this when my kids were in diapers," one woman remarked.

Bill Zilverberg, Gateway Church communication leader

MICHAEL GREGORY



More than 700 Pathfinders of all ages gathered for this year's camporee.

OREGON CONFERENCE PATHFINDERS CONVERGE FOR CAMPOREE

About 700 Pathfinders of all ages gathered at the Skamania County Fairgrounds the weekend of Sept. 11–13 in Stevenson, Wash., for the annual Oregon Conference Pathfinder Camporee.

"We have outgrown state parks. That's why we were at the fairgrounds," says Desiree Rinza, youth ministries administrative assistant. Rinza isn't complaining. She says as long they are moving from smaller locations to bigger ones, it's a good problem to have.

Pathfinders at this year's camporee worshipped together through songs and devotionals and played together in the great outdoors. Activities included caving, hiking, swimming, canoeing and field trips in the Columbia Gorge.

Rinza and the planning team had an extra challenge this year. Tracy Wood, former Oregon Pathfinder director, accepted a position at the North American Division this spring, and the event had to be planned while the department was between directors.

"Camporee happened without Pastor Tracy because we have an amazing district coordinator team," says Rinza.

TLTs (Teen Leadership Training program members) Kerianne Kruger and Martessa Davis, both 15 and from the Riverside Pathfinder Club of Washougal, Wash., pronounced the weekend a success. Davis says she especially liked the praise music, special teen programming and outdoor activities. Kruger's favorite memory from the weekend was when her club "got to canoe around the lake and sing."

A fan-made Pathfinder website says that "being at camporee is like being in heaven." If that's true, Rinza and the coordinator team brought a piece of heaven to Pathfinders young and old this September.

"We don't differentiate between kids and staff," says Rinza. "Once you're a Pathfinder, you're a Pathfinder forever."

Rachel Scribner, Riverside Church communication leader

PAA INTRODUCES NEW CLASSES, DUAL-CREDIT COURSES

More photos online at
glnr.in/110-11-or_paa

At Portland Adventist Academy, new classes like 2-D animation, American Sign Language (ASL) and music appreciation are broadening students' minds. In addition, new dual-credit classes offer opportunity to earn college credit while completing high school requirements.

This year PAA expanded the dual-credit course list to include Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. history, English literature and composition, and calculus, plus honors anatomy and physiology. Students in these classes are on track to develop better study and learning habits as well as completing future prerequisites earlier than their college peers.

In music appreciation class, teacher Emmett McCutchenne emphasizes the evolution of Western music over the centuries. "Students will come away from my class understanding how and why music developed over time and how it affects our music today," he says. "For instance, during the Renaissance era, music was made and performed by the church only. But when Martin Luther challenged the idea that God is accessible to all people, music then became accessible as well."

ASL teacher Herbert Terreri says that many students



American Sign Language students like Zoe Minden (left) and Adoniah Simon (middle) learn the language by practicing in class. With a large deaf community in the Portland area, ASL is a compelling elective. The class may spark a student's interest in translating, speech therapy, social work and other service careers that benefit the deaf community and are prevalent in Portland.

take ASL because they think it will be fun and easy. "But they're often surprised," he says. "We build on the foundations of English so if a student struggles over the simple differences between 'they're', 'their' and 'there,' it becomes a barrier to communication in ASL. It's important that understanding and usage is already strong."

Other students expect to use ASL in daily life. One student has a young sibling who struggles with speech. This student is learning ASL to support the family as they make efforts to adapt to a new way of communicating.

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In PAA's new 2-D animation class, Frank Jin teaches students to master programs like Adobe Flash, which gives them the fundamental skills in technical creativity — a useful skill if students pursue careers in Web development, advertising, film, animation or even teaching.

"The students draw their characters; borrow clip art; add photos, videos, sound effects and text; [and] move them around on the screen," says Jin.

"Then they can morph one figure into another, from one background to another, and end up telling a story in a creative and entertaining way."

New classes along with new options for dual-credit courses mean the future is bright for PAA students. "We are constantly exploring ways to broaden and enrich our students' academic experiences," says Dan Nicola, PAA principal. "Our goal is to



In PAA's new 2-D animation class, teacher Frank Jin teaches students like Brenton Rackley to master programs like Adobe Flash.

expose them to a broad realm of knowledge so that they can begin to formulate an idea of how their academic interests align with God's plan for their lives."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



GARDEN FEEDS COMMUNITY

Rick and Cindy Wilson of Grants Pass, Ore., have a “growing” ministry.

Each year they prepare a large garden that feeds their family, their church and their community.

The Wilsons begin by removing the old plants and cleaning the garden space for the next season. With the help of family and friends, the pair are able to plant, weed, water, grow and harvest an abundance of vegetables. They till the soil, remove the rocks, readjust the watering system, make new rows, lay weed barriers, install stakes with twine for trellises and prepare the greenhouse for the starter plants.

This year the Wilsons have expanded their garden to 200 feet by 150 feet, with 12 rows at 160 feet long. Their garden includes several varieties of different vegetables such as beans, chard, cabbage, zucchini, blueberries, lettuce, peppers, pumpkins, cucumbers, squash and more than 200 plants of tomatoes.

There have been many challenges along the way; the Wilsons had to learn how to farm and still maintain their jobs. With such a large garden, time is a huge factor in their lives, and weeding can take up much of it. Canning and preserving is all part of the process as well. Despite their challenges, their garden produces an abundance of vegetables to share.



The Wilsons' garden has grown to 200 feet by 150 feet.

The Wilsons faithfully harvest the garden each week to share with their Gateway Church family, the Gospel Rescue Mission, the Boys and Girls Club, Dorcas, the Food Bank, and other organizations.

The Wilsons have a greenhouse that is in great need of repair and actually needs to be replaced with a



The church family contributes to the Wilsons' garden, which provides food to the church family and the greater community.

larger one for more diversity. Although plumbing and electricity are readily available, a new greenhouse would cost \$4,000 to \$6,000 with all the necessary equipment. There is also a shortage of containers for harvesting. The Wilsons give all the abundance away and do not charge for or sell any of the produce.

Rick and Cindy's son Ryan also gets in on the action by raising pigs and chickens for 4-H Club and sells eggs for extra money. The money he earns goes to the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church

School, where he attends.

The Wilsons are always in need of extra hands to help with planting, weeding and harvesting, and any donations are greatly appreciated by the couple to help with the purchase of a new greenhouse and any other expenses that come along with their “growing” ministry. Those interested may contact Rick at wilson2.rick@gmail.com for more information.

Bill Silverberg, Gateway Church communication leader



COQUILLE MEMBERS PACK BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

More photos online at
glnr.in/110-11-or_coquille

The Coquille Church packed 64 boxes for Operation Christmas Child during its first children's packing party for the year.

A generous church member gave Sally McSherry \$2,000 to be his personal shopper and purchase supplies for the boxes. Everything was available at the Dollar Store, so that generosity supplied 200 boxes.

Sally McSherry, Coquille Church communication leader

NORTHWEST FIRE RECOVERY +

More online at glnr.in/110-11-uc_fire

Washington wildfires broke all-time records this summer, according to Tom Vilsack, U.S. secretary of agriculture, with hundreds of thousands of acres scorched in the Northwest. How did the schools and churches in Upper Columbia Conference fare? As of this writing, no schools or churches have been destroyed, but many members had to evacuate their homes and there were some close calls.

Henry Buursma, head teacher of Peaceful Valley School in Tonasket, Wash., says, “School started a week late due to the fires. None of the students had to evacuate.” But as Buursma was at school



BEN BROOKS

Firefighters are the heroes who saw the fire come within 250 feet of Sandy Zimcheck’s property.

before it destroyed the whole valley. Buursma was able to go back home and watch the back-burning from his house as ash floated down.

Ryan Kilgore, pastor of Brewster and Chelan churches

in Washington, reports, “I had a number of church members who were evacuated from their homes. To my knowledge, no one lost any property in these fires.”

The Chelan Church’s Everest-themed

Vacation Bible School was able to continue all week, but as the staff wrapped up the last day, the fire on a nearby butte gained momentum and inched closer to some members’ homes.

VBS director Sandy Zimcheck wasn’t concerned,

since her home was across the river. But when she got home, the unthinkable was happening — the wind was blowing hot embers across the river and igniting fires near her home. She evacuated immediately. She later learned the fire miraculously halted just 250 feet from her property.

The fire also halted the church’s final VBS celebration that Sabbath. Members had gathered food like lasagna, apple pie, salad and peaches for Sabbath lunch, which would go to waste.

But God had a plan for that food. Jan Ellis, a Chelan Church elder, learned the Red Cross needed food for displaced families. Ellis used the VBS food, and, along with more food from the Lutheran pastor, they had enough. “We felt God used that food for the community anyway,” reports Jennifer Kilgore, VBS volunteer.

Each day the kids had

learned a Bible verse and took home a key chain with the same verse. This was hope to hang on to as they went through the fires. As a result of VBS, a new family is attending and looking for a church home.

There are many stories out there of how churches had to grapple with feeding evacuees, the stress of close fires and the possibilities of “having to



The fire coming down the butte just south of Chelan on Friday.

grab and go,” as Darlene Clark, Republic (Wash.) Church newsletter editor, stated. Much land has been scorched in these communities. Many lost their homes and will need help.

Some members are working with local organizations to meet needs. Many have lost more than everything because they could not afford fire insurance. Adventists will need to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the months ahead to those in need.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant



KING 5 NEWS

Thankfully, firefighters kept the fire near Lake Chelan at bay. The Chelan Church and all the nearby homes were safe.

preparing for registration, he learned the fire was heading straight for his home and he had to evacuate.

Ted Hunter, local Adventist church member and firefighter, said the wind changed direction, allowing them to get a handle on the fire

SOCIAL MEDIA HELPS STUDENTS ATTEND UCA

It was a simple Facebook post this summer: “Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) registration opens tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. There are TWENTY kids who are on the ‘Waiting for a Miracle’ list. Total financial miracle needed is \$65,000 that must be committed before they can move into the dorm. Two families are waiting by the phone to see if we get the funds ... several are coming on faith and waiting outside the business office to be told if they can register ...”

Linnea Torkelsen, UCA alumni and development director, created that post knowing we have a God who is able to do more than we could ask or think, as well as generous alumni and friends who believe in UCA. For the next two days, she was glued to her phone and computer, updating the total given as alumni challenged each other, made matching pledges and invited friends to get involved with them.

Torkelsen posted on Aug. 24, just two days later, “As of 5 p.m. this evening — 44 hours after we began, we have reached our goal of \$65,000. ... I stand in awe of our big God and the partners He has. THANK YOU for your prayers, for encouraging others to give, for giving sacrificially yourselves ... and for caring about making it possible for



Dean Kravig, (on the right) UCA music teacher, assists Joe, left, and Joseph Urbin, freshman, with band sign-ups.

God’s kids to have a superb Adventist education at Upper Columbia Academy!”

“It was exciting to see the energy this Facebook blitz generated. I loved the comments that people posted. My favorite was from a young alumnus who said she was going to donate on a monthly basis to help a student because she had once been on that ‘Waiting for a Miracle’ list a few years before,” Torkelsen says.

UCA currently has 239 students, with the majority living in the dormitory residences. “We know our parents willingly sacrifice to have their child attend UCA, and we take

that responsibility seriously,” John Winslow, principal, says. “We have a wonderful staff totally dedicated to enriching each student physically, mentally and spiritually, and we consider each one family.”

That family extends beyond the campus, as each student is given a volunteer prayer guardian who commits to pray for him or her on a regular basis. This ministry, called Prayer PATCH, was created by Sue Patzer when her husband, Jere, was president of the Upper Columbia Conference and has continued for more than 20 years. Some prayer warriors choose to remain anonymous.

Others reach out and make connections that last a lifetime. Either way, the power of prayer is at work on the UCA campus.

If you would like more information about UCA, how you can help students in need or the Prayer PATCH program, please email info@uca.org, call 509-245-3600 or visit uca.org.

*Tamara Michalenko Terry,
Upper Columbia Academy
communication coordinator*



Students learn survival skills and teamwork as they carry a "wounded" teacher.

STUDENTS LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS

During the second week of September, students from Milton Stateline Adventist School departed for their annual leadership trip in what for many was a "new" form of transportation: covered wagons. Under the direction of Bill Vixie, a local contractor and owner of Oregon State Wagon Train, students participated in many aspects of pioneer travel. They were responsible for harnessing the horses, cooking their own meals, setting up shelters and even driving the teams pulling the wagons.

Most students loved building their own shelters and the independence that came from cooking their own meals. It seemed that the most unpopular aspect of the trip was the hardtack that students had made the previous week. "I could barely bite into the hardtack. It was really tough," says Ian Scholl, a seventh-grader.

Learning survival and leadership skills was a major focus of the trip. Students learned to work together to solve problems such as transporting an "unconscious" teacher across a field of natural obstacles.

They also learned import-



Making fire is one of the survival skills Milton Stateline students learned.

ant survival techniques like building tinder piles to light fires, walking a straight line through the woods and roasting grasshoppers so they are palatable. Eighth-grader Lesly Jimenez says, "I really liked building the shelters because it could help us survive the cold."

While valuable lessons about leadership and survival were learned, worships presented by parent Jason James were one of the highlights of the trip, as was the quiet time spent in nature. Students were encouraged to really get to know their heavenly Father and grow in their walk with Him.

Matthew Bryant, Milton Stateline Adventist School teacher

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CHURCH AND SCHOOL TEAM UP FOR VBS

For the second summer now, Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) and the Wenatchee (Wash.) Church have teamed up to provide a Vacation Bible School program for the local community. This year's theme was "The Creator Is My Friend."

The Wenatchee Church members rallied to donate supplies and funds for the VBS program. A staff of more than 20 adults and CCA teens worked together to create an enjoyable gospel-filled experience for the 60–80 smiling children that came each day to learn about our Creator. Joe Savino, Wenatchee Church pastor, played his guitar for the opening songs, and Stephanie Gates, CCA principal, led out in the theme talks and prayer each morning before the children divided by age groups for rotations through Bible stories, health nuggets, crafts and

physical activities that complemented the theme.

During the closing exercises, CCA's new science teacher, Jeremiah Rich, performed science demonstrations as object lessons to reinforce each day's message. He and his wife, Kristi, and their young son, Carson, have just moved to Wenatchee from Bozeman, Mont. Rich is teaching junior and senior high school science classes and replacing Diana Hernandez, who retired this summer.

This year's VBS provided a wonderful opportunity for church and school to work together to spread the gospel of Christ. Planting seeds of Jesus' love to children will someday bring a great harvest for His kingdom.

Julie Savino, Cascade Christian Academy chaplain

Each day 60–80 kids came to "The Creator is My Friend" Vacation Bible School, a joint venture for Cascade Christian Academy and the Wenatchee Adventist Church.



AUBURN FINDS SOLID GROUND

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY (AAA) IS BACK ON SOLID GROUND AFTER FIVE YEARS OF STRUGGLING WITH DECLINING ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.

Washington Conference executive committee prayed about possible solutions for several years before voting in January 2015 to close the dorms and form a day academy if the academy could not provide an acceptable plan for reversing its decline by December 2015. In March, a plan was presented and accepted that would allow AAA four years to grow back to sustainability if it could meet growth and funding milestones.

The **VISION FOR GROWTH** plan creates and funds a new academy department for growth and development. This new department focuses on communication, recruiting,



SAM TOOLEY

Dorm enrollment at Auburn Adventist Academy is up 50 percent this year.

marketing, work and industry opportunities, fundraising, and alumni development. Most importantly, this is being driven by a revival of community support for Adventist education.

Since launching the plan in April, the community has responded with an outpouring of support in time, talent and money. More inspiring yet has been to watch the community actively seek out kindergarten through 12th-grade students who are not part of Adventist education. The acceptance of the growth plan has provided hope to our constituency. This is

our **VISION FOR GROWTH!**

Implementing the vision for growth included the AAA board redefining the academy's mission and vision and hiring John Soulé, a principal with a passion for boarding academies and growing students.

The growth and development team reached out to parents and students convicting them of the necessity of participation in Adventist Christian education. The team presented the plan to more than 40 churches and followed up with 20 in-depth church board meetings creating the foundation for a four-year support network that will continue to grow.

With all of this energy combined with God's blessing, I am elated to report that AAA has a freshmen class of 60, and 20 former public school students are attending. Dorm enrollment is up 50 percent, the school opened with 233 students, the budget is balanced for the first time in several years, and the four-year Growth and Development Plan is ahead of schedule and under budget. We praise God for His goodness and answering many prayers!

Now is not the right time to declare victory because God is continuing to call us to a higher level of excellence. We need you to pray about joining this journey. Join in praying for students and staff. Help us recruit students, grow the scholarship fund and improve the campus.

Working together, with the Holy Spirit's blessing, we are seeking to nurture a thriving campus to positively influence the lives of students for eternity.

Read Auburn's Growth and Development Plan at glnr.in/AAAvision and learn how you can be involved.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president

BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



IRA BARTOLOME

Involvement in Pathfinders is on the rise this year. More than 550 Pathfinders and adults attended the Washington Conference Pathfinder Camporee in September, representing the largest conference camporee in recent memory.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Medical professionals, health ministry leaders and pastors are continuing conversations about how to better work together to meet the health needs of the church and community. This conversation included a health ministry rally in September with speakers John Torquato, David Levy (pictured) and Herb Larsen.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Adventist Community Services leaders from multiple conferences met for the second session of the Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program in Federal Way. This certification program equips service-oriented leaders with a training foundation to evaluate, plan and deliver community ministry programs.

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70 YEARS OF MINISTRY CELEBRATED+

Fred and Minnie Hurd opened up their home one summer day in 1944 for a group of fellow church members from Seattle Central Church (and beyond) to discuss their non-involvement in church other than attending services each Sabbath, Wednesday night prayer meeting, returning tithe and giving offering.

Twenty-eight individuals from Seattle, Tacoma and Bremerton prayed together and asked God for guidance and direction. They felt called to start a church company and worked with Washington Conference over a two-year period to establish the new congregation and purchase their first building on the corner of 23rd Avenue and East Spruce Street.

From this early beginning at Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church sprang 70 years of ministry to African-American blacks in Seattle.

“For seven decades, the church has been known as the mother church that has fostered the development and growth of three other churches: Maranatha Church, Breath of Life Church and Mount Tahoma,” says EuGene Lewis, Emerald City senior pastor. “We’ve been a beacon in the greater Seattle area and pray to continue building on our heritage and history.”

MINISTRY IN SEATTLE

Through the years, the Shiloh congregation stayed in a similar vicinity but transitioned their facility location and name to Spruce Street in the 1950s and then to Emerald City Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1986 — each time with great effort and sacrifice of church members as they followed God’s leading.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Michelle Charity, choir director, recalls how she came to Emerald City Church as a college student and continues to be involved years later because the “mothers of the church” prayed for her.

Early on, the congregation established a hospitable church where visitors were always welcome. Members offer a weekly breakfast for the homeless, community services activities, Vacation Bible School, youth ministry, prophecy and Revelation seminars (with membership growing to 605 in the late 1980s), and music ministry.

Spruce Street Church operated an elementary school for 49 students from 1956 to 1966 under the leadership of Grace Bushnell, John and Enid



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Roscoe Howard relates how he received his first call to ministry at Emerald City Church.

Hunter, and Florence Jacobsen.

The pastoral roster includes: William Cleveland (1945–1952); J.H. Lawrence (1952–1963); Donald Crowder (1963–1968); Ned A. Lindsay (1968–1972); David G. Rand (1972–1976); Emerson Miller (1976–1978); Perry Jennings (1979–1980); Roscoe Howard III (1979–1980 and 1988–1991), Robert L. Whitaker and Arther R. Leatores (1980–1988); Hector Mouzon and Marlon Perkins (1992–1994); and EuGene Lewis (1994–present), with several associate pastors throughout the years.

HERITAGE CELEBRATION

To mark the 70-year milestone, Emerald City members organized an anniversary weekend celebration from Sept. 18–20.

The weekend began at the old Shiloh Church facility (still in use by another denomination) for a preach-out on

Friday night.

The Sabbath services featured praise, music, learning, preaching and outreach to capture the essence of the church’s ministry in the past 70 years. Afternoon workshops covered reclamation, multicultural outreach, forgiveness and social media outreach. An anniversary concert on Saturday night and a picnic on Sunday afternoon completed the celebration.

Roscoe Howard, who previously pastored at Emerald City, provided the keynote sermon on Sabbath.

“God’s kept you for a purpose,” Howard says. “Listen when God talks to you. He will protect you. Hold on for heaven.”

Read Emerald City’s full history at glnr.in/emeraldcityhistory.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

SEQUIM MEMBERS PACKAGE HEALTHY MEALS FOR KIDS

Sequim Church members, through their Adventist Community Service (ACS) program, have been providing food and clothes for adults for many years and, in a recent development, are now working more closely with the Sequim Food Bank. Every Thursday, eight church members volunteer at the food bank for an hour to put 15 food items into each of 120 bags for Sequim public school students to take home for the weekend.

The food bank purchases the items with funds they have raised for this purpose. Northwest Harvest donates some of the food each week. On Fridays, the Sequim schools give students in kindergarten through grade 12 a bag of nutritious food to take home with them in their backpacks.

“This program is very important because it allows students to get the nutrition they need so when they return

to school on Monday they can function well,” says Wayne Christensen, Sequim ACS director. Christensen also fills backpack bags each week with the Nazarene Church in Carlsborg to provide food for a local elementary school there.

The Sequim Boys and Girls Club provides lunches each summer for elementary age kids through the Federal Department of Agriculture. Local churches, including the Sequim Adventist Church members, volunteer to distribute these at locations in Sequim. “These opportunities allow Sequim Adventists to mix with other volunteers in the community,” says Collette Pekar, Sequim associate pastor. “We make friendships and relationships while helping to provide healthy meals for kids.”

John Gatchet, Sequim Church communication leader

Maureen O’Kane, along with other members from Sequim Church, package nutritious foods for public school students to eat over the weekend.



Washington Youth Rush participants are sharing stories of their mountaintop experiences in working with God through sharing literature in neighborhoods.

YOUTH RUSH PRODUCES E-BOOK

Participants in Washington Youth Rush produced a 32-page e-book about their answers to prayer and divine appointments while ministering door to door in western Washington.

“We wrote it with the goal of having something to remind us how God led us throughout this year and give us something to share with others,” explains Caleb Maccarone, Washington Conference literature ministries coordinator. “These stories not only demonstrate to the reader God’s leading and collaboration with us in our ministry, but also give a realistic picture of the personal experiences of each student.”

The stories are told on a first-name basis. One story tells how money was tight, and a family member was in the hospital battling cancer at one household. The couple expressed interest in two children’s books, and Desiree felt impressed to pull out a copy of *Peace Above the Storm (Steps to Christ)* too.

As Desiree placed the book in the woman’s hand, she said, “It will help you find freedom from worry, guilt and fear.”

The woman looked shocked and surprised. “Were you sent here or something?” she asked. She showed the book to her husband, who started crying. The book was just what they needed in the moment.



Download the e-book *The Word of Our Testimony* to read how God works through Washington Youth Rush.

The Youth Rush e-book, *The Word of Our Testimony*, contains this story and others, like about a young boy who only read books about God, a grieving drunk, a gentleman who had previously purchased and abandoned a copy of *The Great Controversy*, and more. Download a copy at washingtonconference.org/youthrush.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

PSAA CONNECTS WITH STUDENTS

Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) students celebrated the start of the 2015–2016 school year in traditional style with a three-day trip, called Connect, to Walla Walla University's Rosario Marine Station.

This annual extravaganza began the morning before departure. In teams, students headed into Seattle to interact with the homeless, chatting with them about their stories and sharing socks, toiletries and prayer as a fitting way to kick off a retreat dedicated to unity.

Then it was on to Rosario, where everyone settled into cabins and the fun began. Student-led worships, friendly class competitions and group excursions kept everyone interacting and entertained.

Senior Carly Ursino felt it was "a great last [Connect] for seniors." She adds, "My favorite part was the activities that helped us get to know

PSAA is seeking to foster meaningful relationships among students, staff and, most importantly, with Jesus.



PSAA students, like sophomores Loren Montague and Savana Williams, gather at Rosario Beach each year for a spiritual retreat and student connection time.

each other better — especially the seniors and freshmen."

Event coordinator Troy Ahrens agrees. "Connect was incredible," he says. "[There were] lots of genuine, spontaneous conversations among friends and those who became friends because of our time at Rosario."

Connect culminated in an agape feast. It was an evening communion with "moments in the Spirit that I will never forget," reflects Ahrens.

The staff's prayer for the school year is to continue fostering meaningful relationships at PSAA among students, staff and, most importantly, with Jesus. They are looking forward to more fantastic connections there and in their community.

Anika Zebon, Puget Sound Adventist Academy teacher



MUSIC PROGRAM DEVELOPS YOUNG TALENT

Read more online at glnr.in/110-11-wa_music

Trent Russell is more than a music teacher. He is a coach and mentor to the next generation of musicians.

This purpose in his life began in high school when Russell realized that a school without music is like the sun without warmth; it's nice enough, but you are always left wanting more.

Following the example of his favorite music teacher, Russell pursued a college degree, began as a music educator at Auburn Adventist Academy eight years ago and recently completed a master's degree in music education from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.

Russell is also teaching a relatively new class: audio engineering. The class is designed to integrate music and technology by teaching students to run a live sound system, create original electronic music, manipulate someone else's music and record their own praise song.

Being able to work with young people in a setting other than the regular classroom gives Russell the ability to

connect with them on a different level.

Take Dylan Turner, a four-year senior, who plays saxophone with three campus ensembles and cello with the orchestra. Russell, as a music coach, is able to build rapport



Dylan Turner, a four-year Auburn Adventist Academy senior who plays cello and saxophone, is one of the young musicians who Trent Russell coaches.

with Turner and help him further refine his musical abilities.

As Russell works at developing young musical talent, he says, "I ask my students to give their absolute best because in the end, no matter what we are doing, it isn't about them or me; it's about the talents God has given us and how we use them for His glory."

Auburn Adventist Academy staff

RITTENBACH SHARES SPIRITUAL LESSONS LEARNED FROM RUNNING

Irun to stay healthy,” says Gary Rittenbach, Walla Walla University (WVU) academic computing director. “People think our bodies are like cars, but they’re not. They don’t break down the more you use them. The more you use it, the stronger you become.”

When Rittenbach crossed the finish line of the London Marathon last April, he became one of only 428 runners worldwide to be named a Six Star Finisher of the Abbot World Marathon Majors. This title is awarded only to runners who have completed the big six marathons: New York, Chicago, Berlin, Boston, Tokyo and London.

Rittenbach has logged more than 10,000 miles during the last 10 years. Hours spent training have given him time to think about the connections between running and living a Christian life. He shares a few lessons learned:

1. HELP AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER.

“At a marathon, thousands of spectators shout encouragement to the runners: ‘Good job,’ ‘You’re almost there,’ ‘You can do it,’” says Rittenbach. “Church should be like this — Christians encouraging each other on life’s way.”

“[Let us encourage] one



another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25).

2. DON'T BE OVERWHELMED BY THE SIZE OF THE WHOLE TASK. GET STARTED IN SIMPLE WAYS.

“Running a marathon may seem impossible now, but it will seem more possible after running a 10K or half-marathon,” he says. “When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, the water didn’t part until their feet got wet.”

“Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing” (Joshua 3:15–16).

3. DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW. FOCUS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TODAY.

“Don’t worry about all the runs and miles necessary to

be ready on race day,” he adds. “Just do the run in your plan for today.”

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matt. 6:34).

4. PERSEVERE.

“The race isn’t over until you cross the finish line. In 2010, when I ran the NYC Marathon, my wife took a picture of a runner who collapsed a few hundred feet from the finish line and had to be carried away. In 2011 when I ran the Chicago Marathon, a 35-year-old firefighter collapsed at the mile-26 aid station, just 385 yards from the finish.”

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness ...” (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

Read more of Rittenbach’s spiritual lessons learned while running and his tips for a successful running program and race preparation at wallawalla.edu/running.

Kim Strobel, Walla Walla University marketing and university relations supervisor



LIMB PRESERVATION TEAM PROVIDES MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT FOR DIABETES PATIENTS

At Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., modern medical technology paired with a whole-person approach to health is saving patients' toes, feet, legs and hands — every day.

Adventist Health's limb preservation team offers the only comprehensive program of its kind in the Portland metro area that is equipped to save someone's foot or hand due to diabetes. Among the hundreds of patients who have already benefited from the team's expertise, 82 percent have diabetes.

The limb preservation team, part of the hospital's wound healing and hyperbaric medicine program, addresses the entire patient and his or her lifestyle before beginning treatment or recommending amputation. Each patient has a team of experts working to save the limb, including specialists in vascular, orthopedics, diabetes, wound care and primary care, who work together to save people's toes, feet and legs. It's a unique multidisciplinary approach that starts with dietary and lifestyle changes, diabetes education, advanced screening tools, and



C.J. ANDERSON

Hyperbaric treatment is one method for improving blood circulation in a whole-person approach to care.

hyperbaric treatments that improve blood circulation to deteriorating limbs.

Just as Jesus reached out to save life and limb time and time again, the limb preservation team is touching lives. Each day they see patients such as Dennis Prezeau, whose foot was at tremendous risk of amputation. "I didn't realize how serious it was," says Prezeau. At first, he thought the pain was related to arthritis in his toe, but when he ended up in the emergency room with an infection that went all the way to his bone, he learned how very tenuous his situation was.

Care for patients at

Adventist Health goes beyond what is traditionally provided in the hospital or clinic. In Prezeau's case, he fought against being admitted to the hospital and against any limb-saving treatments until the team realized he was desperately worried about his dog at home. "One of our team visited Dennis' house every day to feed and play with his dog," says Shannon Lang, manager of the wound healing and hyperbaric medicine clinic.

Prezeau was resistant to receiving care in a skilled nursing facility as his leg was recovering, so a team of

Adventist Health employees arranged necessary renovations to his home that allowed him — and his dog — to stay at home safely.

"The limb preservation team didn't just save my leg; they've also improved my life by teaching me more about how to keep my blood sugar levels under control and how to exercise within the limits of my conditions," says Prezeau. "I can't stress enough how good this team is at their job."



MATT SCHOOLFIELD

Enoch Huang talks with a patient before her treatment in the hyperbaric chamber.

Without them, I'd be walking around on a wooden leg or stuck in a wheelchair, and instead I'm able to care for myself and for my dog."

Kristi Spurgeon Johnson, Adventist Medical Center marketing and communication director in Portland, Ore.



Roy and Rubye Ames

Ames 70th

Roy and Rubye (Kinman) Ames celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with close friends and family.

The couple met and married near Fort Worth, Texas, on June 3, 1945. After Roy was discharged from the Army, he brought his bride back to Chewelah, Wash., where he had been born and raised.

Employment, church family and a bright future awaited them. Since that time, Roy has farmed and been employed at the local rock-crushing plant and in Springdale, Wash., as a millwright.

Rubye enjoyed serving as a school teacher, nurse aide and medical secretary during her years of employment. They have been blessed with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. At ages 87 and 95, they continue to live on their farm in the Valley, Wash., area as they have since 1963.



Ira and Winifred "Freddie" Blackburn

Blackburn 60th

Ira and Winifred "Freddie" Blackburn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 6, 2015, in Payette, Idaho with a potluck.

Both Ira and Freddie graduated from Campion Academy in Colorado in 1954. Ira went into the Army in March 1955, and they were married June 6, 1955, in Craig, Colo. They spent the first 21 months of their marriage in Washington, D.C., while Ira participated in the Army's biodefense research program Operation Whitecoat.

In time, they worked and went to school. Ira graduated in 1974 from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. They worked at Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota, at Oakpark Academy in Iowa and at Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska. They also served at Lavida Mission in New Mexico. They continued working at various types of work until retirement.

Their family includes sons Tom of Russellville, Ark.; Don of Goodland, Kan.; Ron of Payette, Idaho; adopted daughter, Kendra, of Meridian, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Dressel 95th

Paul Dressel celebrated his 95th birthday with little fuss.

Born June 11, 1920, in Los Angeles, Calif., Paul wasn't raised an Adventist, although his grandparents were members of the church. Their influence on him was very positive. His father had been a colporteur but eventually left the church.

Paul married Margaret (now deceased) on Feb. 18, 1941, and they were baptized together into the Yakima (Wash.) Church in 1945. Paul started the Dressel Roofing Company in 1950 and retired in 1986. His son, Paul Jr., joined him in the business after attending Upper Columbia Academy, and Paul Sr. retired in 2013.

Paul was instrumental in obtaining the land on which

the current Yakima Church and Food Bank are located. He still lives independently, drives, gardens and is very active in the religious literature ministry that he started several years ago for the Adventist Food Bank.

Paul's family includes Paul Jr. and Sharon Dressel of Yakima, Wash.; Linda and Wayne Mollett of Yakima; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.



Sharon and Richard Smith

Smith 60th

Richard and Sharon Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015, at the home of their daughter, Julie. After a family dinner, the family enjoyed sharing memories.

Richard met Sharon Lorren at Auburn (Wash.) Adventist Academy, where they graduated in 1954. While attending Walla Walla College, Richard proposed to Sharon, and they married on Aug. 22, 1955, in Pendleton, Ore.

After two years at Walla Walla, Richard started dental school in Loma Linda, Calif. They had two daughters while living in Loma Linda and moved briefly to Petersburg, Alaska, before settling in Auburn.

Richard and Sharon worked together in their dental practice in Auburn until they retired in 1989. Richard also had a commercial salmon fishing business in Alaska for almost 50 years. After retirement, Richard taught at a local

dental hygiene school and began his art career. Sharon enjoyed her grandchildren, spent time with friends, went on three mission trips and traveled with Richard.

Richard and Sharon's family includes Julie and Richard Hermanson of Lake Tapps, Wash.; Kelly and Ed Kauzlarich of Spanaway, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandsons.

Summers 50th

On May 3, 2015, Charles and Judy Summers' children honored them with a gathering of family and friends for the rededication of their vows from May 1, 1965. Charles and Judy were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After they married, they moved from Tri-Cities, Wash., where Chuck worked as an electronics technician, to Half Moon Bay, Calif., where he was a ship-to-shore telegraph operator. During the Vietnam War, Chuck signed onto a Victory ship as its radio officer. The couple stayed in contact via ham radio.



Charles and Judy Summers

Judy's doctor, Fred Schnibbe, invited them in 1970 to visit the new church in Brewster. This led to the couple's baptism.

Sabbath work conflicts forced the family to move several times. Eventually, they settled in Corvallis, Ore., where Chuck worked in electronics and built houses. Judy was a nurse aide, worked for a clinic as manager and

billing specialist, and worked as a special education bus driver, carpenter and greeting card display manager for Ambassador Cards.

After retirement, the couple ranched in Klamath Falls, Ore., and enjoyed showing the grandkids how to chase cows with a tractor, buck hay and bake bread.

Charles and Judy now reside in Eugene, Ore., and attend the Santa Clara Church. They enjoy helping others in many ways and maintaining the church buildings.

The Summers family includes their daughters Corinna Ransom of Wolf Point, Mont.; Shannon Summers of Eugene, Ore.; Renae Summers; Aimee Anderson of Florence, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Dale and Louise Warren

Warren 60th

H. Dale and L. Louise Warren celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

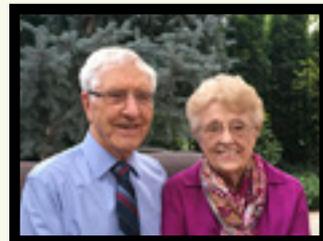
They met at Walla Walla College in 1955 and married in Spokane, Wash. Louise graduated from nursing school and later helped Dale through Loma Linda School of Dentistry. Dale practiced in Forest Grove, Ore., for one and half years and in Corvallis, Ore., for 40 years.

The Warren family includes Eric R. Warren of Goldendale, Wash.; Candi Warren Butler of Loma Linda,

Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Wood 60th

Clarence “Woodie” and Crystal (Clymer) Wood celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2015. Their children provided them with a luxurious getaway in a plush five-star hotel.



Clarence “Woodie” and Crystal Wood

Woodie was born and raised in the scenic and enchanting Black Hills of South Dakota. He attended Plainview Academy in eastern South Dakota. Crystal spent her early years in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, until, following Crystal’s first year at Walla Walla College (WWC) in 1951, her parents accepted positions at Plainview Academy in South Dakota.

Woodie was working in Rapid City, S.D., and the couple dated often during that summer until Crystal returned to Oregon and began working at the Oregon Conference.

The couple continued their special friendship by correspondence while Woodie was in the Army. After Woodie’s discharge, they became engaged. They married on June 26, 1955, in Portland.

They became the proud parents of four children. Sadly, they lost their youngest son, Darrin, at the age of 10 to a brain tumor.

After Woodie finished his master’s degree, he created and directed a new program in speech pathology/audiology

at Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University).

Crystal worked as an administrative assistant before obtaining a nursing home administrator’s license to oversee the small nursing homes they owned. After completing her nursing degree, she worked in the field for 20 years before becoming director of the Walla Walla College career center until her retirement.

The couple enjoyed mission trips throughout their lives, an adventure they’ve continued in retirement. They live in a motor home full-time and enjoy a snowbird lifestyle in the winter.

The Wood family includes Camille and her husband, Jerry Wood, of Prineville, Ore.; Kevin Wood of Bismarck, N.D.; Janelle and her husband, Robert Schmidt, of Boise, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

FAMILY BIRTHS

CARLSON — Adelyn Riley was born Aug. 18, 2015, to Scott and Tiffany (Rider) Carlson, Lynnwood, Wash.

KIRK — Gemma Everly was born Aug. 20, 2015, to Jack and Brooke (Rigby) Kirk, Brookings, Ore.

PARSON — Azariah Joe was born May 27, 2015, to Joshua and Christina (Eberhardt) Parson, Astoria, Ore.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

CLOKE-WHITE

Carrie Cloke and Anthony White were married Sept. 6, 2015, in Manteca, Calif. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Carrie is the daughter of John and Alyson (Wahlen) Cloke. Anthony is the son of Phil and Jan (Zaugg) White.

AHENAKEW — Della Louise (Gopher), 73; born Feb. 16, 1942, Hill 57, Mont.; died May 15, 2015, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: son, Anthony, Spokane; daughters, Karen Ahenakew, Charlene Ahenakew, Leona Rowles, Jennifer Ahenakew, LaVonne Ahenakew, Elaine Ahenakew and Stephanie Ahenakew, all of Spokane; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

AHLBERG — Jean (Keisling), 85; born June 12, 1930, Celina, Tenn.; died July 15, 2015, Celina. Surviving: husband, Clifford; son, Joel, Bonney Lake, Wash.; daughter, Brenda Mitchell, Celina; 5 grandchildren, a step-grandchild and 5 great-grandchildren.

BAUMGARTNER — Irene Elizabeth (Eadus), 86; born May 5, 1928, Tillamook, Ore.; died April 18, 2015, Richmond, Wash. Surviving: sons, Paul Michael, Molalla, Ore.; Monte, Warrenton, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BURDETTE — Milly Avis (Bonsall), 90; born Sept. 21, 1924, Ord, Neb.; died May 16, 2015, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: sons, Don Wheeler and Floyd Wheeler, both of Tucson, Ariz.; Thomas Paine, Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Donna Bottgenbach and Delores Mead, both of Sequim; 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DOROFTEI — Aristide, 99; born July 11, 1915, Luncani, Bacau, Romania; died June 26, 2015, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Mugar, of Texas; daughters, Graziella Stanculescu, Gresham; Natalia Ispirescu, of Idaho; Amelia Constantinescu,

Gresham; 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

KARLOW-REICHARD — Vera Marie (Cornwell), 93; born Jan. 25, 1922, Chowchilla, Calif.; died June 27, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Edwin A. Karlow, Walla Walla, Wash.; Richard M. Karlow, Tualatin, Ore.; stepson, Phillip Reichard, Middletown, Calif.; stepdaughters, Patricia (Riechard) Goetz, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; Shirley (Reichard) Pancher, Heber, Ariz.; Kathleen (Reichard) Bruce, Templeton, Calif.; 3 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

MABLEY — Virginia Alene (Miller), 92; born Sept. 23, 1922, Nyssa, Ore.; died July 11, 2015, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Elwood; son, Gary, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Jeannie Mabley, Spokane, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

MESSINGER — Franklin A., 94; born June 16, 1920, Mishicot, Wis.; died May 17, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Barbara J. (Messinger) Bigger, Walla Walla; stepdaughters, Marilyn (Bright) Westerbeck, Walla Walla; Elizabeth (Bright) Brandt, Glendale, Calif.; brother, Herbert Messinger, College Place, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

NELSON — LaVelle Joy (Cookson), 87; born Dec. 5, 1927, Eureka, Calif.; died June 21, 2015, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Warren, Vancouver; Doug,

Ukiah, Calif.; daughters, Carole Nelson, Vancouver; Connie Craw, Aloha, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PHILLIPS — Clyde Walter, 66; born May 20, 1949, Chicago, Ill.; died June 30, 2015, Dease Lake, British Columbia, Canada. Surviving: wife, Sandra (Burrows), Tacoma, Wash.; son, Daniel, Seattle, Wash.; daughters, Jennifer Nelson, Tacoma; Karen Yao, Sacramento, Calif.; Jenna Phillips, Tacoma; and 7 grandchildren.

PULLEY — Helen Gladys (Aronson), 83; born Aug. 10, 1931, Mineral, Wash.; died July 9, 2015, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: husband, Donald; sons, D. Steven, Buckley, Wash.; Edward, Bonney Lake, Wash.; daughters, Donna Bussard, Auburn; Lori Balmes, Selah, Wash.; brothers, Alfred, Battle Ground, Wash.; Dwight, Marysville, Wash.; Edward, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; sister, Evelyn Smith, College Place, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

RALPH — Elizabeth “Betty” Shirley (Hambling), 87; born Sept. 27, 1927, Westport, South New Zealand; died July 15, 2015, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Surviving: sons, Glen and Richard, both of Brisbane; daughter, Wendy Stewart, Brisbane; 6 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren.

ROBINSON — Sama Delia (Werner) Rothchild Evans, 83; born July 18, 1933, Perry, Okla.; died July 30, 2015, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Jerald Rothchild, Grangeville, Idaho; Steven Evans, Caldwell; daughters,

Linda (Rothchild) Beckman, Caldwell; Sama Delia Robinson, Nampa, Idaho; brothers, Guy Werner, New Plymouth, Idaho; Elmer Werner, Nampa; sister, Lourabella (Werner) Hutchison, Ola, Idaho; 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

STAFFORD — Richard A., 87; born Dec. 27, 1927, in Kansas; died June 19, 2015, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: brother, Gene Stafford, Milliken, Colo.; and 2 grandchildren.

STEINGAS — Elsie Marie (Poster), 87; born July 30, 1927, International Falls, Minn.; died June 27, 2015, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: sons, John, Woodbury, Minn.; Roy, Missoula; David, Karnack, Texas; Robert, Springfield, Ore.; Gary, Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Diane Crider, Alberton, Mont.; Lynda Knapp, Boring, Ore.; sister, Dorothy Fries, Rochester, Minn.; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

STRATTON — Eldon Epard, 88; born May 14, 1927, Granger, Wash.; died May 25, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Barbara Jean (Stotts), College Place, Wash.; son, Marc, Redondo Beach, Calif.; daughters, Yvonne Eloise Stratton, College Place; Bonnie Lu White, Angwin, Calif.; Aletha Mae Ensminger, Carmichael, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WHEELER — Virginia L. (Leslie) Estes, 78; born Aug. 4, 1936, Startup, Wash.; died July 9, 2015, Sioux County, Neb. Surviving: husband, Glenn

H.; son, Gregory, Sandpoint, Idaho; daughters, Debra Chadbourne, Riverview, Fla.; Desiree Wheeler-Hissong, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rochelle Lain, Boise, Idaho; Marcella Myers, South Bend, Ind.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WOLFE — Wade Hamilton, 92; born Jan. 20, 1923, Huntsville, Wash.; died May 30, 2015, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Rosalee Kathleen (Smith); daughter, Melissa Lu Wolfe, College Place, Wash.; sisters, Betty Myers, Bellevue, Wash.; Ruth Wolfe, Spokane, Wash.; and a grandchild.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

Nov. 7 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 14 — World Budget Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission);

Nov. 21 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 28 — Local Conference Advance.

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WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Nov. 14 — Parent Sabbath on the Portland, Ore., campus in connection with the Nurses Dedication.

Walla Walla University alumni events with John McVay, president, and the WWU alumni staff will be held at the Medford (Ore.) Church on **Oct. 16–17**, the Yakima (Wash.) Church on **Nov. 7** and the Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, Ore., on **Nov. 14**. For a list of activities and other information, call 800-377-2586, visit alumni.wallawalla.edu or wallawalla.edu/family-weekend.

Ellen White: Celebrating the Gift

Nov. 13–14 — One century has passed since the death of Ellen G. White in 1915. Walla Walla University Church and the North Pacific Union Conference are hosting a weekend to examine how the gifts she shared with our church relate to the issues of today. Special presentations by Cindy Tutsch and Jonathan Thompson will include Friday evening vespers, Sabbath divine worship services and afternoon seminars. All meetings will be at the WWU Church on the university campus in College Place, Wash.

MONTANA

Missing Members

The North Valley Church is looking for the following missing members: Steve Wallace, Steve Wallace Jr., Kathy Owynn, Selena Janetski and Leif E. Over Jr. If you have any information about these missing members, please contact Diane Cross, North Valley Church clerk, P.O. Box 2750, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Missing Members

The Colville (Wash.) Church is looking for the following missing members: Shira Chambers, Sharron Jackson, Sara Melhus, Marion Prichard, Gwen Prichard, Katie (Lane) Pella, Lawrence Thompson, Tenisha Thompson, Timothy Walsler, Heather Zastera, Jessica Zastera and Joshua Zastera. If you have any information, contact JudyAnn Hoerler, Colville Church clerk, at 509-684-8345 or jjhoerler@usa.net.

Missing Members

Sandpoint (Idaho) Church is looking for the following missing members: Garry Bullock, Amber Carlton, Kimberly Salow, Deanna Showmake and Kaline Swader. If you know the contact for these missing members, please contact Lynda Bailey at sandpointsdachurch@frontier.com or 208-263-3648.

WASHINGTON

Missing Members

Washington Conference Church is looking for the following missing members: Ferreira T. Soto, Donald Stallworth III, Anita Stanley, Quanisha Stanley, Randy Stephens, Alberta M. Stevens, Judith M. Stevenson, Jerry St. Germaine, Roy D. Stout, Holly Stuart, James S. Szewick Jr., Charlene Ta'Atiti, Luni Ta'Atiti, Saufua Ta'Atiti, Siatu Ta'Atiti, Uimaitua Ta'Atiti, Karite Ta'Atiti, Brenda L. Taggart, Teresa A. Tajalle, Apela Tamasoalii, Etenauca Tamasoalii, Amioga L. Taufan, Marrelle Taylor, Susan C. Taylor, Freda Tela, George Thompson, Shelley R. Thompson, Tranquility Crystal Thur, Rafael Tomas, Yesenia Torralua, Emilio Torrejon, Moreno G. Torres, Rolando A. Torres, Travis Trammell, Kia Travis, Jose Troncoso, Julieta Troncoso, Elsie Tuffree, Moses Tupito, Solia Tupito, Ilai Tupua, Laufofoga Tupua, Olive Tupua Jr., Ova Tupua and Toalima Tupua. Please contact Elida Jerez at 253-681-6008 with any information.



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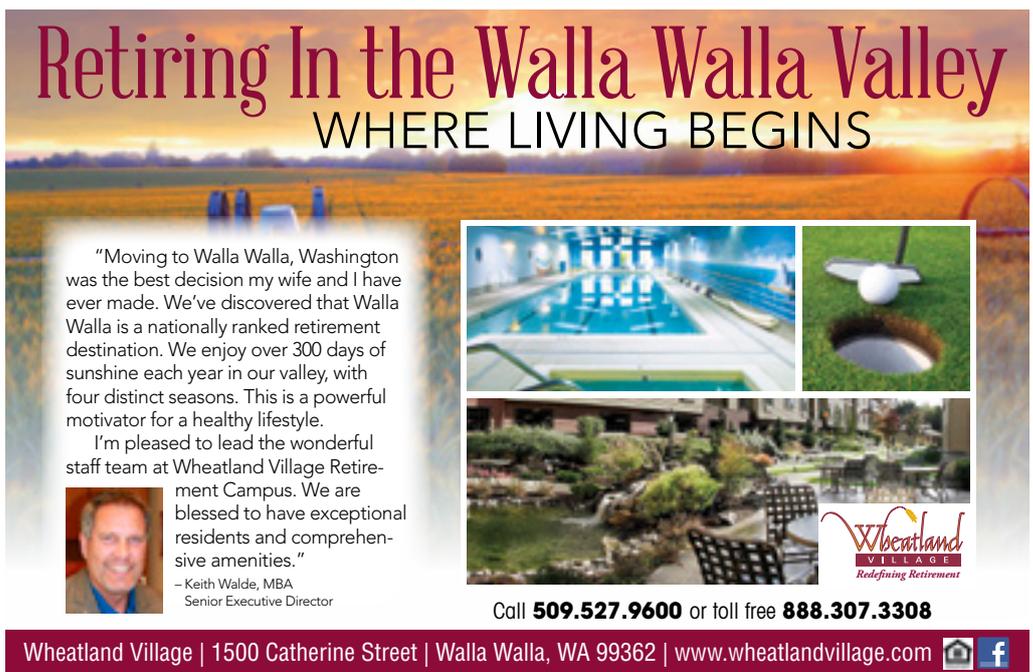
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his past summer my friend Christian gave unto me every writer's dream — a crazy story. Not just a crazy story: a multilayered bonanza of bizarre bonkers so delightful my typing fingers tremble at the possibilities. It's like when you attend a good buffet (Costco) and can't make up your mind what to taste — there's so much to sample. However, before I reveal this masterpiece ... a bit of background.

In late June, my friend, a husband/father/pastor, broke his C2 vertebra in two places, along with his wrist. The near-fatal accident involving some heavy machinery nearly paralyzed

him. Thanks to good medical care, and the goodness

and grace of God, he lived to enjoy his family and help grow God's family. This story was featured in the local newspaper, where readers should have responded with a hearty "amen" and a personal challenge to make the most of our lives and loved ones ... except it doesn't end there. If it did, that would be normal, and functional, and life prefers to avoid such extravagant luxuries.

Instead, after appearing in the local newspaper, my friend recounts:

A voicemail that I received today gets some kind of award. I haven't yet determined what, but it deserves one. After a cordial greeting, he proceeds to say, "... But the fact is that your accident would not have happened if you had not been wearing that Babylonian garment which tried to kill you." At this point, he has my undivided attention. He continues, "A Christian should never wear shorts. Especially exposed to the public in the daily newspaper for all to see your legs, but we all make mistakes and God gave you a warning." At this point, I have mixed emotions. He concludes, "... To avoid blood on my hands, I had to say what I said"¹

While the crisis of Babylonian short-wearing certainly deserves undivided attention, my attention is drawn to that last line: "to avoid blood on my hands"

This phraseology, as well as a dozen variations, alludes to a passage from Scripture:

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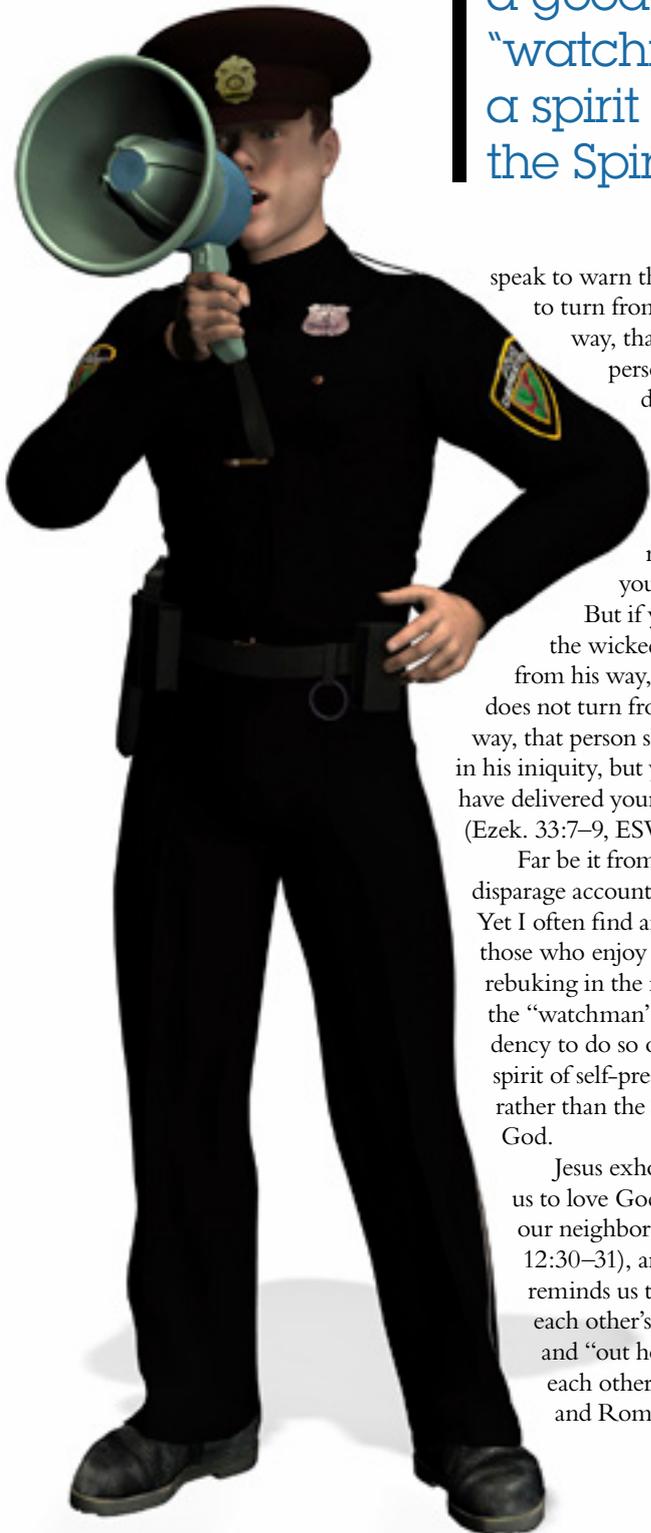


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I often find among those who enjoy a good rebuking in the name of the “watchman” a tendency to do so out of a spirit of self-preservation rather than the Spirit of God.



“I will speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul” (Ezek. 33:7–9, ESV).

Far be it from me to disparage accountability. Yet I often find among those who enjoy a good rebuking in the name of the “watchman” a tendency to do so out of a spirit of self-preservation rather than the Spirit of God.

Jesus exhorts us to love God and our neighbor (Mark 12:30–31), and Paul reminds us to bear each other’s burdens and “out honor” each other (Gal. 6:2 and Rom. 12:10).

Even old Zeek was appointed to watch over the House of Israel — not just himself. If my only concern in becoming a “watchman” is to make sure I don’t end up in hell, then I have missed a vital nuance of what it means to be a watcher. Until someone else’s perceived folly affects me at the level of sadness for their sake — not my own — I am not fit to watch anybody but myself.

The danger of embracing the identity of the watchman is the assumption that I possess 20/20 prophetic vision like Ezekiel. Instead, I’m usually just another Pharisee decked out in robes of self-righteousness thanking God I’m not like the sinner I think I see (Luke 18:13). One of the classic litmus tests to assess a potential all-seeing watchman is to consider if this person ever catches someone doing something right. If not, there is a good chance they have something stuck in their eye — an eyelash, a contact or a piece of wood perhaps (Matt. 7:4–5).

Conflict resolution and radical accountability from friends are necessary for spiritual well-being — but we must keep vigilant for wander-

ing watchmen looking for an opportunity to save their own souls by discouraging others. Much can be said of a rogue caller who cites benign fashion choices as a reason for God to take the life of a young pastor, husband and father; however, I will restrain my typings and allow my friend’s words to point us in the direction we should go:

“I pray we will be led to the precious truth of a loving, compassionate God as revealed in the life of Jesus. Read the gospels, study the character of Jesus, and let its truth guard your heart.”

Amen.

1. Christian Martin, Facebook post, July 19, 2015.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

THANKSGIVING FOR JESUS IN THE PSALMS

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bove all the blessings for which we may praise God this Thanksgiving season is the gift of Jesus Himself. Although we can't see Him (yet), we find Him everywhere in Scripture, including the beloved Psalms. In fact, Jesus gave a Bible study about Himself that included the Psalms (see Luke 24:44).

In Psalm 119, the longest chapter of the Bible, we see Jesus in a new way when we insert His name everywhere it fits. Consider verse 105, for example:

“Thy Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” Since Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:14), we can also read that verse like this: “Jesus is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” Indeed, the light of the world is also the light of our lives.

Here are other verses scattered throughout Psalm 119 that can light up with the name of Jesus:

2: Blessed are those who have Jesus, and who seek Him with their whole heart.

9: How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to Jesus.

11: Jesus I have hid in my heart that I might not sin against You.

14: I have rejoiced in the way of Jesus, as much as in all riches.

15: I will meditate in Jesus and have respect for Your ways.

16: I will delight myself in Jesus; I will not forget Him.

17: Deal bountifully with

Your servant, that I may live and trust in Jesus.

18: Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Jesus.

19: I am a stranger in the earth; hide not Jesus from me.

24: Jesus is my delight and my counselor.

25: My soul is dragging in the dust. Give me life through Jesus.

32: I will run the way of Jesus, when You will enlarge my heart.

33: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Jesus, and I will keep it to the end.

34: Give me understanding and I will trust in Jesus, yes, I will follow Him with my whole heart.

35: Make me travel in the path of Jesus, for in that do I delight.

36: Direct my heart to Jesus, and not to covetousness.

37: Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity, and give me life in Jesus.

45: And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Jesus.

49: Remember Jesus when You think about me; upon Him You have caused me to hope.

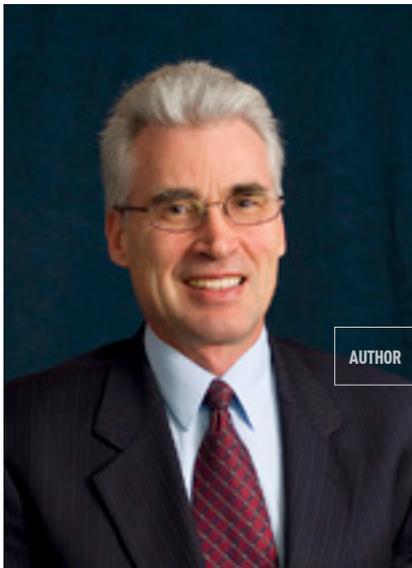
50: This is my comfort in my affliction: Jesus has given me life.

58: I beg for Your favor with my whole heart, be merciful to me through Jesus.

67: Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I follow Jesus.

71: It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn about Jesus.

77: Let Your tender mercies



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“Jesus I have taken as my heritage forever, for He is the rejoicing of my heart.” — Psalm 119:111

come to me that I may live, for Jesus is my delight.

92: Unless Jesus had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

93: I will never forget Jesus, for with Him You have given me life.

94: I am Yours, save me; for I have sought Jesus.

97: O how I love Jesus! He is my meditation all the day.

104: Through Jesus I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way.

107: I am afflicted very much; give me life, O Lord, through Jesus.

111: Jesus I have taken as my heritage forever, for He is the rejoicing of my heart.

114: You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Jesus.

124: Deal with Your servant through Your mercy, and teach me about Jesus.

126: It is time for You to work, Lord, for they have disregarded Jesus.

129: Jesus is wonderful, therefore my soul trusts in Him.

133: Establish my steps in Jesus, and let not any sin have dominion over me.

134: Deliver me from the oppression of man; so will I trust in Jesus.

145: I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord, I will trust in Jesus.

146: I cried to You; save

me, and I will follow Jesus.

147: I arose before the dawning of the morning and cried, I hoped in Jesus.

154: Plead my cause and deliver me, give me life through Jesus.

162: I rejoice in Jesus as one who finds great wealth.

163: I hate and despise lying, but I love Jesus.

164: Seven times a day I praise You because of Jesus.

165: Great peace have they who love Jesus, and nothing will offend them.

To summarize: All Scripture testifies of Jesus, and this is

beautifully evident throughout Psalm 119. May He deeply inspire you this Thanksgiving season.

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BELONG

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he bell rings, books slam shut, doors burst open and a flood of little feet hit the pavement. It's recess time.

I remember it well — a release from boredom, the outdoor exuberance, team

of poetic justice. A natural aptitude for sports does not necessarily equate with future success. Many of those “captains” now work for the very ones they judged so inept.

Yet much of our human essence is caught up in an innate desire to belong, to be part of a group, to fit in. Even “loners” are often secretly ruled by peer pressure. All of us unthinkingly catalog our own worth and that of others based on perceived social or economic status.

And that's the lingering stigma of those early school teams. Each was made up of at least two groups — the wanted and the unwanted. Both were part of the team, but only one group felt like they truly belonged.

Some find this imperfect dynamic within their local churches. It's as if they don't have the right skill, the appropriate income or textbook family. They come each Sabbath, but they are always on the outside of the circle. They sit in the pew, in the church but not of it.

Does God have a pecking order in His house? Does He include a few just out of obligation? “Higher than the highest human thought is God's ideal for His children,” says Sister Ellen. And none of us, on our own accord, measure up.

Yet, the apostle Paul, who knew something about group dynamics, reminds us that we have all been chosen. We've been chosen by Someone who wanted us so badly that He paid an incalculable price.

Eph. 1:4 says, “He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.” *The Message* version adds some additional nuance: “Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.”

This next Sabbath, put your arm around someone and let them know they are wanted. They've been chosen on the merits of our Father's sacrificial love for them as the apple of His eye (Zech. 2:8).

And because of that, they belong.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

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sports and the sheer joy of running. There on the ball field, long before ABC's *Wide World of Sports* made it popular, we experienced the thrill of victory and agony of defeat.

But not everyone looked forward to recess. What brought joy and excitement to me caused trepidation in others. Outdoors they would be expected to join a team. They would be thrust into a game for which they had no physical aptitude. Two captains would pick one by one, from a long line of eager faces. Once again, the unfortunate few would be left until last. Once again they would be chosen because no one else was available.

The pain of those experiences has been at times mitigated by an ironic bit

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