

Oct. 22, 1844.

Dressed as "James White," Doug Venn, associate pastor, added to the historic flavor by entering the sanctuary singing "You Will See the Lord a Comin'" and was joined by Wanda Ferguson dressed as "Ellen Harmon" for an interview with Pastor Charles Ferguson.

Steve Pipkin represented early Adventist sabbatarian "Captain Joseph Bates" and Dawn Venn played the part of his wife, "Prudence Bates." The group formed a quintet to sing the Advent hymn, "Let Every Lamp Be Burning Bright."

Earlier last year on Aug. 13, Ross, who was reigning Miss National Teenager and is a sister of Spokane Valley member Dawn Sherman, visited the church to tell how she was able to share Christ with hundreds of people in her role as a national spokesperson for teenagers.

On the Sabbath of her visit, John Hanson, junior theology major from Walla Walla College and former Spokane Valley youth pastor, spoke for services.

One Sabbath earlier, Pat Jesseph, visitation evangelist for the Upper Columbia Conference, had come to the Spokane Valley Church to witness the baptisms of Kirk and Janna Brandt, Michael Utecht, Jodi Fant and Eric Stein in the Spokane River and the rebaptisms of Steve and Melissa Dexter and Brenda Torrey.

On that same day, Kerrie Mitchel-Hanson was received into fellowship by profession of faith, and Ana Gilbert was baptized in the church baptistery.



Jere Patzer, left, poses with Wanda Ferguson at the Spokane Valley Church on Oct. 22 as the two helped members visualize the historic contributions of Adventist leaders William Miller and Ellen Harmon. Patzer serves as Upper Columbia Conference president and delivered the sermon; Ferguson is wife of the Spokane Valley senior pastor, Charles Ferguson.

Inchelium Church Grows; Sends Out Missionaries

Though the Inchelium, Wash., Church has only 50 members and was organized only seven years ago, the congregation is growing as the influence of its members is felt across the globe.

Dennis Ranalla and Everett Stillwell have traveled to Russia where they helped unload 50,000 copies of Russian-language *The Desire of Ages*, a biography of Jesus written by Ellen G. White.

The two Inchelium members worked side-by-side with Russians for approximately four hours, and they note that the people were very appreciative as they accepted the books, which were distributed at no cost, and that the Russians wanted to give them gifts and would invite them in for food and drink.

Inchelium member Ellen Collins traveled to Russia several times to help with building projects.

Ranalla also took part in a building project in Russia, serving as a landscaper on tundra land, an experience he calls "quite a challenge."

Bolivia

Leanne and David Harding, daughter and son-in-law of Inchelium pastor Leroy Moore, followed in his family's footsteps by traveling to give missionary assistance in the South American country of Bolivia.

While they were there they put in a water system and helped build a mission home.

Africa

Bill Ridley, who has a great deal of experience in presenting health and cooking classes, traveled to Zambia to lecture on health and the gospel, a venture that has proved successful and has produced an invitation for him to "please come back."

Borneo

Among a group of 42 adults and youths who traveled to Borneo for three weeks to help in mission projects was Inchelium member Jason Schumacher. While in Borneo, group members built a church, ran a medical and dental clinic, and held a vacation Bible school.

Guest Missionary

Julia Settlemier visited the Inchelium Church to tell the story of her conversion in India. Though disowned by her Muslim family, most family members eventually joined the Adventist Church through her influence.

Dedication

Daniel LaMar, son of Stacy and Becky Stillwell, was dedicated this summer by Pastor Moor. Stacy Stillwell is currently studying nursing while Becky serves as a homemaker.

Joyce B. Depner

Palouse Immersion Recaps Baptisms of 41 Years Before

Jeremy Carscallen, son of Carey and Dorothy Carscallen, was baptized in August in the Palouse River at the same spot where his grandparents, Vern and Lois Carscallen, had been baptized 41 years earlier.

Pastor Ray Roth officiated at the baptism, which was part of weekend-long activities the Moscow-Pullman Church hosted at Laird Park, near Potlatch, Idaho.

Dorothy Carscallen



Pastor Ray Roth baptizes Jeremy Carscallen.

Milton-Stateline Students Learn How to Stay Safe

Kindergarten and first grade students attending the Milton-Stateline Adventist School in Milton-Freewater, Ore., recently completed a personal safety class taught by Susan Mason, who has been the youth services officer for the Milton-Freewater Police Department for the past nine years.

Each child learned about available support systems, appropriate and inappropriate touching, how to be assertive, and when to make a decision or take action.

The students noted that they enjoyed the classes, which were designed to help the children avoid situations in which they might be in danger.



WASHINGTON



Dave Weigley Elected Conference Secretary With Ground-Swell Support

Widespread interest surrounds the selection of any conference officer, and as background on the selection process for new Washington Conference Executive Secretary Dave Weigley, and as get-acquainted information, I am glad to report the following to the conference family.

There was really little expectation that selection of a new executive secretary would take place as it did on Tuesday, Nov. 8. When we learned that Dennis N. Carlson, former executive secretary, had accepted a call to the Upper Columbia Conference, several things occurred which led to the Spirit-filled participatory process we all desired.

At first we envisioned that selection would take place in December or at some specially called meetings. Basically, however, there were several upcoming get-togethers which in the end proved helpful in moving the process along: Staff Meeting, Ministry Fellowship, Board of Education, Pastor-First Elder Meeting, as well as the regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

A special letter was sent out early to Washington Conference pastors, Lay Advisory delegates, and the Executive Committee, seeking input for the selection process. Job descriptions and lists of qualities needed were developed and circulated.

After further counsel with union leadership and with Wayne Culmore, principal of Auburn Adventist Academy, the committee placed 37 names on

a list. Lay Advisory members, staff and pastors, and even some church board members responded with helpful information.

Therefore, when the Executive Committee convened at 9 a.m. on Nov. 8, it immediately began to consider what selection process should be followed. Once again, the job description was reviewed and desired qualities discussed. Selected names were also discussed and taken to a vote.

Just a little after lunch, Dave was selected as conference executive secretary. It was a very moving process to see the spirit of consensus that developed, aided by wide agreement as to Dave Weigley's qualifications and experience.

After special prayer time which Dave and his wife took together and after counseling several times with me, he accepted the call late that afternoon.

Dave is currently pursuing a masters-of-business-administration degree at City University. He has had rich experience in summer youth ministry, student literature work in the mission field, and evangelistic and pastoral responsibilities while working in four conferences.

He has always been at the forefront of leadership, beginning with his election as senior class president at Blue Mountain Academy. He organized the first evangelistic team to go into Russia under the North Pacific Union Conference-sponsored *Operation Bearhug* program.



The name of Dave Weigley was selected from a list of 37 names as executive secretary of the Washington Conference on Nov. 8.

He is married to the former Rebecca (Becky) Norskov, and they have two children, Christina, 15, and Jonathan, 14.

Shortly after his selection, Dave met with the Conference Committee and expressed excitement as well as a sense of deep need.

He desires to have frequent contacts with the field in order to experience even-more-focused interaction with lay leaders. He believes that the service he has given in this conference during the past six years will provide a platform for strategic work with his fellow officers, pastors, teachers, the Conference Committee, and Lay Advisory members.

Lenard D. Jaecks serves as president of the Washington Conference and writes from Bothell, Wash.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Members Asked to Voice Opinions at Open-Forum Events

Washington Conference leaders will make special visits to a majority of conference churches on the Sabbaths of Jan. 21, Jan. 28, and Feb. 4 to speak during worship hours and to follow up with open-forum meetings.

The purpose of the gatherings, known as "Conversation Sabbaths," is to discuss the work of the conference and to receive input from members.

What resources does the conference have for growth in the local church? What are students at Auburn Adventist Academy doing in the way of outreach? Are there any plans to build a lodge at Sunset Lake? What will be the focus of the conference for the next five years? What priority is being given to prayer in our plans for the future? are topics which could headline discussion time, but the open-forum events encourage participants to introduce questions and opinions of their own.

The 1995 meetings are the second series of "Conversation Sabbaths" hosted in conference churches in recent years. While

conference leaders often speak in local churches, "Conversation Sabbaths" have a distinctive format designed to maximize input to the conference office.

Dave Weigley

*And Satan trembles
when he sees the weakest
saint upon his
knees. — Cowper*

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Poulsbo Norwegians

The Dec. 12 GLEANER article about the opening of the new Bremerton, Wash., Church contained some interesting facts about Kitsap County Adventist churches.

The Poulsbo Church was mentioned as being organized in 1967 with 34 Bremerton members forming its nucleus. It is true that the Poulsbo Church was "reorganized" in 1967. But the original Poulsbo Church was established April 30, 1904. The original church record book, written in Norwegian, is in my family's possession here in Poulsbo.

Before there was an Adventist church in Poulsbo, the pastor of the Lutheran church became dissatisfied with that denomination and became a Seventh-day Adventist. In 1902, this man, Henry Langeland, began publication of a religious quarterly, the "Morning Star" in Poulsbo. It ran about two years.

*Karen Johnson
Poulsbo, Wash.*

Poor Editorial Taste

Regarding the article written by Mae Ertman in the Nov. 21 NPUC GLEANER concerning their investment projects in the Custer, Mont., Church, I am very surprised and truly shocked that you would print the projects listed that different members are using to raise funds to advance "missionary outreach."

Whatever the reason is that these folks are using to kill coyotes and then to use the proceeds of \$10 of each coyote pelt sold is shameful and then to use the dollars for the Lord's work. Can the Lord truly bless such a "gift"? I believe it was in very poor taste that this got by the editor's desk. Can't we as Seventh-day Adventists come up with an Investment Project that does not include killing animals?

*Marjorie West-Palmer
Seattle, Wash.*

Bravo, Bearhug!

This is just a very brief note to thank you for your outstanding editorial in the Dec. 12, 1994, edition of the North Pacific Union GLEANER titled, "A Skeptic's Review of Bearhug."

It was not only candid, well-written and thought-provoking but inspiring. I wish this could be written with a wider audience in mind that would a) report the accomplishments of "Operation Bearhug" in Russia, and b) describe the soul-winning and financial (tithe, mission giving and local offerings)

"reflex action" in the North Pacific Union. Therein lies a story that desperately needs to be told in a louder voice. You have done it well for NPUC, for which I want to express my sincere thanks.

*Robert Folkenberg, President
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists
Silver Spring, Md.*

Big Thank-You

Just want to say a big thank-you for your perpetual faithfulness in creating and mailing my favorite paper each month. You are doing a great job, and I look forward to each copy—and usually can't put it down from the mail box until I have read it from cover to cover. The GLEANER is one of my most meaningful best friends.

*Lorry Yates
Milton-Freewater, Ore.*

Good for Alden

Alden Thompson and I don't agree on a lot these days, but his analysis of the "Clear Word Bible" was excellent. Good for him! Maranatha!

*Clyde Bagby
Fredericksburg, Texas*

No Offense Intended

I would like to thank you for your kindness concerning my last two letters. I would like to say that I never intend to offend with my written thoughts. I believe with all my heart that Jesus is coming back soon and his reward is with him. John 5: 28, 29.

*Jeff Hoffman
St. Marys, Ga.*

Problem Texts

Alden Thompson's article on the "Clear Word" paraphrase in your 12 December 1994 issue raised a disturbing issue regarding the omission of passages troubling to Adventists. . . . Can we trust a Bible that leaves texts out only because they are difficult to explain?

In the Middle Ages, the Catholic church attempted to restrict people's access to God's word. They also modified and omitted some texts to better suit their theological bias. Are we any better?

Our early church leaders, led by the Spirit, discovered the Sabbath truth in the 1840s through reading their Bibles. The translators of these Bibles (chiefly KJV) were Sunday

keepers. They could have methodically removed the many texts that support keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath. . . . Had they done so, our church would not exist today. . . .

The textual question concerns the omission and modification of certain texts. Modern scholars make these changes to try to get closer to the original autographs. Should we add to the confusion by deleting texts from an "Adventist" paraphrase? . . .

*Conrad Gren
Clackamas, Ore.*

Set No Dates

This is in response to Clyde Bagby's letter in the Jan. 2 GLEANER.

I read the passage he quoted from *Early Writings*, page 246 [which was used by the letter writer to suggest that the Millerites were led by God to set an 1844 date for Christ's return.] However, instead of taking one sentence to determine a whole thought, in reading the passage completely I found that Ellen White was not insinuating that we preach a definite time of Christ's return, but rather of God's wanting to "bring His people to a point of decision." That was the "work designed of God" she was speaking of.

How can we preach a definite time when 1 Thessalonians 5:2 and 2 Peter 3:10 tell us the "day" will come as a thief in the night? We must be ready daily.

*Linda Tigner
Kent, Wash.*

Copy Submission

Writers of obituaries and other announcements related to births, weddings and anniversaries should submit their material directly to the GLEANER office for processing.

While those who write longer articles for the GLEANER seem to be readily making the adjustment to direct submission, some writers of shorter notices are still sending those announcements through local-conference correspondents. This is no longer necessary.

The GLEANER is pleased to note a trend among article writers of filing their stories very shortly after the conclusion of events. Quality articles which arrive in our offices within 15 days of the conclusion of significant events mentioned in the articles will automatically be given priority handling and placement in the pages of the GLEANER as a reward for promptness.

Stories and photos which arrive long after the events mentioned will be given decreasing priority and may be returned to authors with letters of regret.

The editorial staff thanks all who write, take photographs and in any other way communicate through the pages of the GLEANER.

Edwin A. Schwisow

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Responsible Women

I wish to thank Carrol Grady (Feb. 6 GLEANER) for highlighting some of the women who work at Auburn Adventist Academy. However, there are more "positions of responsibility" than the four she mentioned. The following are names of Washington women who work closely with the greatest responsibility this church has—young people.

Dee Myers is, until year's end, school counselor, a position of trust and importance in today's troubled teenage culture. Janet Goltz serves as food service director along with Nancy Myers, associate director. Kay Sanborn is dean of women, with Taskforce workers Terri McFarland and Stacy Howland assisting. Office staff includes Sylvia Culmore, Sherry Hyde, Carmen Slavens, Carol Rick, Sue Pike, and Marilyn Thomas. Judy Worley serves as school nurse. Teaching faculty include Morna Bahnsen, Mary Kobberstad, Ila Zbaraschuk (English), Carolyn Withrow (math), KarrLayn Beck (athletics), Shelley Kilgore (practical arts and English), JoAnn McKey (librarian), Jeanene Miller (music), and Judy Toop (sciences).

All faculty and staff understand theirs to be "positions of responsibility," especially in light of Paul's message that teaching is a spiritual gift.

Morna G. Bahnsen
Auburn, Wash.

Custer's Coyotes

I am writing in regard to the letter titled "Poor Editorial Taste" in the Feb. 6 GLEANER.

Someone should provide support for the Custer, Mont., Church and their interesting investment project. Would many of you, city-folk readers, stand by while coyotes separate a newborn calf from her mother then sever a tendon so that the helpless animal can't escape? Would you continue to watch?

Cattle and sheep raising is often a marginal-profit venture. Predators have always been a problem to sheep and cattle owners. Spring and summer, coyotes lurch on Columbia ground squirrels and prairie dogs whereas in the Montana fall and winter their menu changes to calves and lambs. With few natural enemies, coyotes overrun many range lands.

I have found Sabbath-keeping "Montana coyote hunters" to be devout folks and dedicated to the mission of this church. On the flip side, I suspect that women and children are safer on the streets of Custer and drive-by-shootings are rare also.

Dick Boose
Olympia, Wash.

I'm writing in regard to a letter to the editor in the Feb. 6 issue of the GLEANER.

The harsh, critical spirit that blazes in some people's letters is just as repulsive to readers as certain "Investment" projects are to certain other readers. I would suggest that when something outrages you, drop to your knees and ask God to either make them clean up their act (i.e. do things your way) or give you a more relaxed and accepting attitude toward others' differences. If nothing else, politely agree to disagree.

Loral Lee Besola
Livingston, Mont.

In regard to Marjorie West-Palmer's Feb. 6 letter about Custer, Mont., Church investment, it would be well for her to read a bit.

The investment program was heavenly born. The first investment was started by a dear Sabbath school teacher that gave five cents to her class of five pupils. Some raised vegetables and some raised chickens and sold them for a total of \$11.52. The major investment offering is derived from agriculture and livestock.

My wife and I each have an investment cow. We have had this project for years back. We sell the calves for investment. The people that buy them buy them to eat. They don't eat them alive.

We used to run sheep in Wyoming. Foxes and coyotes are the most destructive animals in the Western U. S. We would kill all of them if by any means we could. . . .

I'm surprised that any pious, devout Adventist would criticize any legal investment project, or the editor. . . . The Dalles (my local church) investment for 1994 was \$2,886.74.

So far I say, "Custer, go for it!"

Elgin Miller
Dufur, Ore.

Operation Bearhug
Goes to Africa

By Edwin A. Schwisow

Edwin A. Schwisow is editor of the GLEANER and writes from Portland, Ore.

Three members of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) administration and staff have left Portland, Ore., to conduct three three-week evangelistic crusades, March 18 to April 8, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Bruce Johnston, NPUC president; Duane McKey, NPUC church ministries coordinator; and Roscoe Howard, special assistant to the NPUC president, joined Wayne Shepperd, Pacific Union Conference vice president from Westlake Village, Calif., to open the crusades in a single auditorium on March 18, and are now continuing the crusades in four separate auditoriums in various parts of the city.

"Division presidents have heard about the North Pacific Union Conference experience with Russia through *Operation Bearhug*, and there's strong interest now in working to develop *Bearhug* relationships with us in other parts of the world," says Bruce Johnston, in explaining how the opportunity to hold major crusades in Zimbabwe developed.

"This is an example of how, for the Northwestern people, *Operation Bearhug* is expanding into an organized, 'Hands Across the World' experience, as we are receiving new opportunities to minister

in areas of great gospel opportunity, as we have, and continue to do, in Russia," he says.

Meanwhile, in the Pacific Northwest, reports of many who are seeking baptism after attending "Net '95" meetings continue to come into the GLEANER office, and a mid-crusade report will be published next issue, with a round-up report on "Net '95" to follow in the May 15 issue.

Readers are invited to contact the GLEANER editorial offices directly with reports of all kinds regarding "Net '95" for the May 15 issue. Deadline for such reports is April 19.

Reports from across North America indicate that an average of about 20 visitors are attending nightly sessions of "Net '95," an average consistent with findings in the Pacific Northwest, said Al McClure, president of the North American Division.

He notes that the Adventist Communication Network plans to carry monthly training seminars which churches and individuals with satellite-receiving equipment can view, and that the Adventist Media Center is currently studying how and when future evangelistic meetings on satellite can be broadcast in a coordinated campaign similar to "Net '95."

sell, 86, born Jan. 5, 1908, Sundance, Wyo.; died Dec. 11, 1994, Seattle. Surviving: husband, Robert

Young, Seattle; daughters, Betty Virginia Delhany, Pittsburg, Calif., Judy Elaine Havens, Kent, Wash.

Hands Across the World Project

Thirty volunteers are needed June 5 to 25 to help construct a concrete block church north of St. Petersburg at Petrozavodsk, Russia, where 85 church members are in need of a church building. Seventh-day Adventist Finns of Finland have planned this



project. Contact Larry Goodhew at (509) 522-2387 for additional details about the trip which will cost volunteers approximately \$1,450 and includes food, lodging, and travel through Finland and a seven hour rail ride into Russia.

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EVENTS

Marriage Encounter Weekend. Take time to enhance your marriage by attending the next one on April 28-30, 1995 held in the brand new Living Enrichment Center, Wilsonville, Ore. Call 800-817-7926. (6,20,3,17)

La Sierra Academy Alumni Reunion, April 21 & 22, 1995. To get on the mailing list, send address to: Alumni, La Sierra Academy, 4900 Golden Ave., Riverside, CA 92505. (20)

An alumni reunion of Yakima Valley Academy and Upper Columbia Academy will be held at UCA Gym, April 7-9, during which special recognition will be given to anniversary classes celebrating 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years since graduation. An alumni potluck is planned after church. Those not on the alumni mailing list should immediately contact UCA, Spangle, WA 99031, or phone 509-245-3600. (20)

Bill Irwin, author of Blind Courage, will speak to city-wide assembly of students at Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Friday morning, March 31 and again at a 7 p.m. vespers program at Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES). Irwin, who is blind, walked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail with his guide dog, Orient. (20)



ALASKA



New Leader Carries Forward Work in Bethel

For a long time, Gary Reed had the desire to be more involved in the Lord's work. When his wife, Louise, was given the opportunity a few months ago to be the head of the hospital x-ray department in Bethel, Alaska, Gary told James Stevens, Alaska conference president, and Len Tatom, Native ministries coordinator, of his dream. It just so happened that the church parsonage in Bethel was empty. God led the Reeds to rent the parsonage, and as a result, Gary, normally a quiet man, is now very involved as a volunteer.

In addition to holding down his regular job, Gary makes prison visits, counsels

with members of the community, preaches almost every Sabbath, and teaches a Sabbath school class.

Several members have recently transferred to Bethel, where the weekly attendance has increased to more than 20, and three new members were baptized recently. In January Gary arranged transportation for 16 people in Bethel so they could attend Native camp meeting in Dillingham. More would like to have traveled to Dillingham but the weather prevented them from making the trip.

The Alaska Conference is excited that the Lord impressed Gary to step forward and say, "Here I am Lord. I'm here. Use me to complete your work in Bethel. . ." when it seemed the work in Bethel was about to come to a standstill without a leader.

Nita Hinman



Gary Reed, church leader and volunteer at Bethel, Alaska, speaks at Native camp meeting in Dillingham, Alaska.

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Miracle Rummage Sale May Save Russian Girl's Life

Church members in Nampa, Idaho, have been stunned by how God blessed their efforts to raise \$3,500 needed to fly an 11-year-old Russian girl and her mother to Boise, Idaho, where the nine-year-old will undergo extensive abdominal corrective surgery.

In October 1993, as a part of *Operation Bearhug*, the Nampa Church sent their first team of four: Pastor Stan Hudson; Steve McPherson, Idaho Conference President; and Steve and Jaymee Frimml, who are both doctors, to conduct evangelistic and health seminars in Pystigorsk, Russia.

There they met Michael Moritz, pastor of the Pystigorsk Church, his wife, Galena, and their daughter, Ilona, who needed extensive abdominal corrective surgery. Because this procedure was not available in her homeland, Ilona's future was in jeopardy.

Upon returning to Idaho, Dr. Jaymee Frimml headed up an effort to make this little girl's dream for physical health a real-

ity. Dr. Frimml contacted West Valley Medical Center and Dr. Kent Kreuder, and all agreed to donate services if the girl could be flown to Boise.

The Nampa Church began collecting offerings to raise money for two plane tickets from Russia, and while the funds were growing, so was the seriousness of Ilona's medical problems.

As of Feb. 18, Nampa Church members were \$1,272 short of their goal of \$3,500. Amid nagging doubts about the church's ability to raise the needed funds, Cindy Hudson, the Nampa pastor's wife, suggested that the church hold a "Miracle" rummage sale.

On Feb. 19 and 20 church members and their friends held the "miracle" rummage sale and at the conclusion of the two-day sale, more than \$1,600 had been collected.

"I now know what the Lord means by 'mustard seed faith,'" Cindy said after the plane fare had been raised for Ilona and her mother to be flown to Boise on March 21.

Nampa Church members ask Northwest Adventists to pray for Ilona's complete recovery.

Reported by Shirley Maxwell



From left, Cindy Hudson shows Lynda Krun and Paula Lawrence another "Miracle" rummage sale knick-knack which a Nampa member parted with in order to raise funds to fly an 11-year-old Russian girl who need corrective adominal surgery from Russia to Boise, Idaho.

IDAHO NEWS

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

Psalm 38:18



WALLA WALLA COLLEGE



WWC Encourages Non-English-Speaking Enrollment

"It's a bit like a reverse *Bearhug* program," says Donald Carson, part-time English-as-a-second language (ESL) teacher at Walla Walla College.

The program to which he refers makes it possible for students from non-English-speaking cultures to integrate academically and socially at WWC.

"We live in a multicultural world, and Walla Walla College—any college—needs to reflect that diversity more accurately. As a church, we have a world mission and need a world view," says Pat Gustin, ESL department head. Current ESL students come from Asia, the Pacific Islands, Europe, Africa, and Russia.

Until 1992, WWC offered only one ESL class per quarter, but a full-fledged program has been offered ever since. Students arrive on campus with varying degrees of English mastery, and the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) gives ESL teachers an idea of their students' abilities.

"The highest possible score on the test is 660," says Gustin. "We accept students with scores as low as 325 and 330."

Beginning English students take only ESL classes, but as soon as their test scores reach 500, they are partially mainstreamed into "sheltered classes."

Taught by ESL staff members, sheltered classes in Bible, history, and drama offer the same content as mainstream classes, but in simpler language. Once a student scores at least 550, he or she enters a regular college curriculum.

A score increase of 25 points per ESL quarter is normal, but some students jump more than 100 points from one quarterly test to the next.

"It's wonderful to see kids laughing and talking in the hall, when only a few months ago, they couldn't hold a conversation,"

Gustin says. "The kids go from answering 'How are you?' with 'It's three o'clock,' to answering with a long speech about how life is really going," adds full-time ESL teacher Sandy Zaugg.

Gustin spent 17 years in Thailand as a missionary, and while there, became involved with an ESL program while teaching at an Adventist academy. By the time she left Thailand to get her master's degree in the United States and teach at WWC, she had established two English-language schools.

She met Zaugg at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore where Zaugg was a women's dean for five years.

ESL teachers find that the program challenges them and encourages them to continue their own education to better serve the students. Part-time teacher Tammy Randolph is working on two master's degrees, one as a reading specialist and one in special education.

ESL students form close friendships with one another, and often gather in classrooms even when they don't have classes, just to visit.

"We were hired to teach the kids English," Gustin says, "but we believe what's really important is binding them to the college. We have fun parties, field trips, and holiday get-togethers as well as our regular classes."

Extracurricular activities expose the students to a wide variety of English-speakers, help them become comfortable in an American environment, and deepen friendships.

About 25 percent of ESL students are from non-Christian religions and for many, it is their first exposure to Christianity.

"I feel privileged to introduce my students to God and the teachings of the Bible," Gustin says. Students seek her out to ask further questions about Bible class material or their personal lives, trying to sort out truth.

The ESL department is now developing two programs to enrich WWC's cultural diversity. One program entails working with Saniku Gakuin Junior College (SGJC), an Adventist institution in Japan, to give Japanese nursing students an opportunity to visit America for a "Home Stay" program. Students would stay with families in the

Walla Walla Valley for three weeks of intensive English study at WWC, American cultural experience and tours of area nursing facilities.

A weekend in Portland, Ore., camping trips and field trips to Fort Walla Walla and other area historical sights would enrich the Northwestern cultural experience.

A second program calls for WWC to develop an exchange student program with SGJC, Gustin says. Japanese students would spend one quarter at WWC, staying in the dormitories and attending ESL classes to improve their English.

"They would get acquainted with American life and broaden their horizons," she says.

WWC students going to SGJC would stay in that college's dormitories, take basic Japanese language classes and absorb Japanese culture.

Multicultural exchange often seems to benefit the college as much as it helps the students. "The ESL program adds to the college by providing a different perspective," Carson states. "In the regular college writing classes I teach, the ESL students' English skills are not as sophisticated, but those kids often have a deeper, more interesting perspective on life."

Kristin Bergman

Planned Alumni Giving Enhances WWC Programs

More than \$3 million have been pledged to Walla Walla College (WWC) this school year through estate plans, according to Allan Fisher, director of planned giving.

In establishing the estate plans, alumni and friends have also drawn up legal agreements with the college that provide for future scholarships and support for several academic departments.

As a result of planned giving contacts, an additional \$243,000 has been received in outright gifts, says Fisher. "Because of family commitments, many people find that they can make the most significant investment in Walla Walla College through a planned gift," he explained.

Several donors have given specific instructions for how proceeds from their wills or trusts can be used by the college to establish scholarships in the name of a family or individual.

Support for the college also is coming from unitrusts and annuities. Through these arrangements, individuals receive lifetime incomes of up to 11 percent of their investment, as well as tax deductions.

Estate planning assistance with no obligation is available by phoning Allan Fisher at 509/527-2099 or 1/800/377-2586.

Rosa Jimenez



Recent English-as-a-second-language WWC students



Back Home At Last

Christopher Donovan, center, whose roots on the San Juan Islands go back several generations, has come to the Friday Harbor Church as assistant pastor after several years of Bible work and evangelism in Russia. He is shown as he is dedicated to local ministry by Pastor Hal Gates, right, and local head elder Ron Fowler.

"What a blessing and faith-building experiences these evangelistic adventures have been as another step in preparation for my ministry here at home in Friday Harbor!" he says.

After his baptism in Friday Harbor in the early 1980s, Donovan served for two years as a Bible worker on a Seattle "Restore" personal evangelism team and was part of a public evangelistic team to Orenburg, Russia, in both 1993 and 1994. He later served on evangelistic teams in Latvia.

Reported by Hal Gates

PATHFINDER FAIR

Skagit County Fairgrounds
Sunday, April 23, 1995
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Theme:

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Craft & Hobby Displays
Drill Teams
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Grand Parade
Master Guide Investiture
Unit Events
British Columbia Drill Team
Exhibition

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Education Weekend Unfazed by Strong Quake

Even an earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale could do nothing to interrupt the recent Eighth Annual Christian Education Weekend organized by the Maranatha Church in Seattle.

The weekend featured lectures, sermons, workshops, and recreation designed to highlight the contributions and availability of Christian education.

The earthquake occurred during Saturday-evening recreation, and though felt by some, was quickly dismissed as activities continued.

Representatives of Walla Walla College, Loma Linda University, Southwestern College, and Seattle-area Adventist school students, teachers and others were featured during the Jan. 27-28 event.

Roland Hill, assistant professor of religion at Southwestern College in Keene, Texas, sparked the celebration on Friday evening at the Seattle Maranatha Church with a powerful sermon titled, "No Salvation Without Education." On Sabbath afternoon, Dr. Hill conducted a workshop titled "Christian Education in the 90s."

On Sabbath, in a sermon titled "Sticks and Stones," Delbert Baker, former editor of "Message" magazine and now director of diversity at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif., emphasized the importance of avoiding delay, and of using whatever is available to accomplish that which is directed by God.

In a later workshop, he stressed the importance of making a habit of excellence and explained other strategies for success.

Other workshops included "Warriors for Jesus at School," for children aged 7-12, presented by Rosie Brown of the Breath of Life Church; "Trading Bullets for Bibles," for ages 13 and above, by

Curtis Wright of Auburn Adventist Academy, and "Why Education? Isn't Christ Coming in the 90s?" by Standley Gellineau, professor of social work and director of the master's degree program for social work, at Walla Walla College.

The workshops followed an afternoon concert held in the auditorium of Kirkland Adventist School, which featured a broad representation of musical talent from Walla Walla College and area Adventist schools and churches.

The weekend concluded with recreational activities, including basketball and volleyball.

The program was organized by the education department staff of the Maranatha Church with Byron Dulon, pastor.

Weekend activities were filmed by the Adventist Media Council of Puget Sound and were scheduled for broadcasting on Channel 28 Public Broadcasting and Channel 68 Three Angels Broadcast Network in the Seattle area.

Audrey Stovall Hayes writes from North Bend, Wash.



Dr. Roland Hill captures the attention of those who attend his workshop, "Christian Education in the '90s."



"Voices," a choir from Walla Walla College, blends its talent in a multicultural tribute to Christianity.



WALLA WALLA COLLEGE



Russian Adventist Art Curator Opens Humanities Month

Walla Walla College (WWC) headlined its February Humanities Month with a visit by a curator of the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Also featured during the month were a Native American basketry workshop and a slide-illustrated lecture on "Images of the Apocalypse in Medieval Art."

Russian Curator

WWC was the first major stop for Alexej Sergeev during his first trip outside Russia. On Feb. 9 and 12, Sergeev, a curator and assistant to the director of The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, presented slide-illustrated lectures about the museum and its art.

The Hermitage, considered to be one of the top museums in the world, houses 2.6 million pieces of art.

"Visitors must walk almost 14 miles in the Hermitage to view the 78,000 kept on display at one time," Sergeev told his audience. He also visited several classes and was interviewed by the "Walla Walla Union-Bulletin" newspaper.

Sergeev, now a Seventh-day Adventist, was led to the Bible through his study of the arts.

Nearly nine years ago, while wanting to research the meaning behind religious art, Sergeev asked for a Bible at the library. His request was denied for lack of official permission.

Later, while traveling on the Metro, he noticed a man reading a "different" kind of book—a Bible. After conversing with the young Adventist, Sergeev was invited to take Bible studies.

Sergeev now helps WWC *Operation Bearhug* participants settle into the Russian culture. "I like Walla Walla College, and it is highly thought of in St. Petersburg," he says.

Sergeev's visit to the United States was made possible through the efforts of Walter Emori, M.D., and by a grant from La Sierra University. While in the US, Sergeev also visited museums and lectured at La Sierra University and Pacific Union College.

Native American Crafts

Mary Dodds Schlick and Maynard White Owl Lavadour presented a Native American basketry workshop on Feb. 16. Schlick, author of "Columbia River Basketry," presented the hands-on portion of



Alexej Sergeev, a Seventh-day Adventist art curator at the Hermitage Museum of St. Petersburg, Russia, lectures at Walla Walla College as the college celebrates Humanities Month.

the workshop in which participants learned the basic twining technique used by the Native Americans to make baskets for gathering and storing food.

Lavadour, a Cayuse/Nez Perce Indian basket weaver and beadwork artist, displayed and demonstrated other basketry techniques. Schlick also presented a slide-illustrated lecture that evening titled "Baskets in the Life of Columbia River Indians."

A non-Indian from Mt. Hood, Ore., Schlick has studied basketry for 45 years. She presents workshops and catalogs museum basketry collections throughout the Northwest. Lavadour is from the Umatilla Reservation near Pendleton, Ore.

Medieval Art

Rick Emmerson, professor of English at Western Washington University, presented a slide-illustrated lecture titled "Images of the Apocalypse in Medieval Art" for chapel on Feb. 21. His presentation focused on how people in medieval times expressed their ideas about the end of the world through writing and art.

Emmerson also conducted an intensive two-day seminar on contemporary trends in literary theory. The seminar included lectures by Emmerson, presentations by English department faculty on various "schools" of literary interpretation, and a discussion on applying the theories in the classroom.

Emmerson, professor of English at WWC from 1971 to 1987, has written several books and articles on apocalyptic literature and art, including "Anti-Christ in the Middle Ages: A Study of Medieval Apocalypticism, Art and Literature" and "The Apocalypse in the Middle Ages."

Joanne Reinke

WWC Grants Given To Fund Creative, Academic Projects

The Walla Walla College (WWC) Faculty Development Committee has approved grant requests submitted last fall for projects in biblical archeology, English, drama, and education.

Archeology Grant

Doug Clark, professor of theology, and Jon Cole, professor of engineering, received \$3,000 for their archeological work in Jordan, which both have conducted for several years at Tell el-Umieri.

Clark excavated the city's defensive walls, and Cole used radar to "see" underground objects without digging. In 1989, they collaborated on the same area of the dig.

The grant will support their use of sophisticated radar equipment loaned to the dig by Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories. With the assistance of two other scientists, Cole will continue sub-surface mapping. Clark will interpret on-site evaluation of the preliminary mapping and will visit other Iron Age sites in the Transjordan, as well as the archaeological holdings in the universities of Jordan and the American Center for Oriental Research.

English Program

The WWC English-as-a-second-language (ESL) program received \$1,765 to help fund computer-assisted language learning (CALL). CALL is a program which coordinates typical instructional means and new computer software for English instruction.

ESL director Pat Gustin will oversee quantitative research using the software, which provides a researchable component as well as the potential to increase reading gains for students, shortening their time in the program and saving them money.

NATO Meeting

Austin Archer, assistant professor of education and psychology, received \$549 to partially subsidize his attendance last August at a North American Treaty Organization (NATO) Advanced Studies Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland. Archer was one of about 75 people invited to Heriot-Watt University to attend the institute on "Supporting Learning in Computer Environments—Cognitive, Practical and

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GSAA Hears Story Of Narrow Escape From Drunk Driver

The tragedy of mixing drinking and driving was brought vividly to life at Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) late last school year by hit-and-run near-victim and visiting lecturer Sidney Reeves.

"While I was jogging, I was hit by a drunk driver coming home from a bar," Reeves told students.

In September 1987, Reeves and his girlfriend, Marcella Montgomery, were just two blocks from her apartment when they were hit by a Lincoln Continental traveling 50 mph.

The driver and his friend were on their way home from work after stopping at several bars. "It was estimated that they had had 47 beers between them," Reeves said.

The car hit Montgomery first, throwing her onto the windshield and killing her instantly. The car's grill caught Reeves at leg level, shattering his shins and his dreams of playing football. Thinking they had hit a cow, the two drunks drove on home without stopping.

It took five years, 23 surgeries, and more than 15 months of bone stretching



Sidney Reeves explains to GSAA students how his legs were rehabilitated after being shattered by a drunk driver. Shown, from left, are Matt Anderson, Christy Day, Bryan Shaner, Kari Roberts, Robyn Dennis, Amy Gard, Reeves, Tim Guille, Siaosi Mounaafi, James Stevens, Celena Eckley, and Josh Reinbold.

before Reeves was able to walk again.

Reeves challenged GSAA students to make the choice not to drink and drive.

He illustrated his talk with slides,

video, and an explanation of each of his many scars and the unusual surgeries which finally enabled him to walk again.

Evelyn Hainey



Sunny Seniors

Members of the Gem State Adventist Academy Class of 1995 get an early start on their summer tans while waiting to receive their diplomas. For the first time in more than 75 years, GSAA graduation was held out-of-doors where 48 diplomas were presented on Sunday, May 28. Kandy Beam receives her diploma from John Gatchet, principal, while Karen Davies, registrar, and her classmates look on.

Evelyn Hainey

Alumni and Friends Dedicate Countless Hours to Academy

During the school year, Gem State Adventist Academy has been blessed by the volunteer efforts of many alumni and friends who have willingly donated time and talents to the school.

Several of those projects include painting, custom cabinet work, grounds caretaking, and maintenance. Recently, Rolly Morrison, Dick Stafford, Leon Cornforth, and Reuben Beck volunteered their spring pruning skills.

Evelyn Hainey

Russian Youngster Spared 'Operation Bearhug' Surgery

In the summer of 1993, as a part of *Operation Bearhug* outreach to Russia, the Nampa, Idaho, Church helped sponsor an

evangelistic team consisting of Pastor Stan Hudson; Stephen McPherson, Idaho Conference president; and Steve and Jaymee Frimml to Pyatigorsk.

While there, they became acquainted with Ilona Moritz, a 10-year-old girl with intestinal problems caused by complications from an appendectomy.

Russian surgeons believed that six inches of Ilona's bowel was necrotic and needed to be removed, as it was causing partial obstruction and nutritional deficiencies.

Dr. Frimml was able to organize an effort to fly Ilona, accompanied by her mother, Galena, to the United States for treatment.

Nampa Church members covered travel and local expenses through various fundraising projects. The two Russians came in March, and Ilona was thoroughly examined and tested by local surgeons Kent Krueder and Jon Agee.

The tests were performed at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, Idaho, where the attending physicians and the hospital assisted *Operation Bearhug* by helping to keep costs down.

After completing all the tests, the doctors determined that although there were some problems, a bowel resection was not warranted at that time.

In appreciation for West Valley's support for the project, the Nampa Church presented Mark Adams, hospital administrator, with a framed limited-edition print by Nathan Greene, a renowned religious artist, featuring Christ comforting a physician and a family facing a medical crisis. The print will hang in the hospital chapel.

Shirley Maxwell

Valerie Iwasa Issued Commissioned Ministerial Credentials

Valerie Iwasa of the Treasure Valley Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Payette, Idaho, was among 11 Idaho Conference church school teachers commissioned during Idaho Conference Camp Meeting, held June 6 through 10 at Gem State Adventist Academy near Caldwell, Idaho.

Iwasa and her colleagues received certificates from Morian Perry, conference education superintendent, of Boise, Idaho.

The service included music, a declaration of purpose by the conference president, Stephen McPherson, a sermon by the ministerial secretary, Don Driver, the presentation of certificates, and a prayer of dedication.

Iwasa and her husband, Bruce, have two pre-school daughters. Valerie Iwasa graduated from Walla Walla College with a major in elementary education and

enjoys reading, gardening, and softball. She has worked for the denomination for 11 years.

Shortly before school recessed for summer, Iwasa and her 11 students moved into a recently completed school building situated next to the Payette community services center.

Joyce D. Klocko



Valerie Iwasa receives her commissioned ministerial credentials.

Payette Seniors Enjoy Hawaiian Tunes At Recent Banquet

Live Hawaiian music was enjoyed by 40 65-plus club members who attended a recent sandwich-and-salad supper at the community services center in Payette, Idaho.

Rich Mansfield and Hawaiian natives Patty and Herb Fermantez, who now live in Caldwell, Idaho, played their guitars and sang for the seniors club, at the request of Orville Roe, leader of the Young at Heart Club.

Guests present included seniors from as far away as Homedale and Boise, Idaho.

Senior club activities are scheduled each month in Payette.

Joyce D. Klocko

God's promises are sure!



Beautifying Hands

Gem State Adventist Academy students have received a beautification award from the city of Caldwell, Idaho, for doing what comes naturally for them—reaching out to the community. More than 50 students and staff members joined with the Caldwell community as part of the annual city-wide clean-up week.

The Caldwell Beautification Committee has organized the cleanup for

each of the past eight years in an effort to promote community pride, according to Pat Staples, assistant committee chairperson. Kandy Beam, Shannon Simon, Lizeth Cenicerros, Corrina Day, and Evelyn Hainey are shown as they clean the sidewalk and shrubbery across from the campus of Albertson's College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Reported by Evelyn Hainey

From Siberia — With Thanksgiving

By Francine Delmore

Francine Delmore writes from Eugene, Ore.

It was Jan. 21, 1945, and Jakob Ken, 18 years old and a soldier in the German army, had returned home on leave. It would be the last visit he would ever have with his family in Europe.

For as invading and retreating armies continued to savage the land, his family fled, eventually finding freedom and a new life in the United States while he, Ken, would be captured by Soviet forces and held for 10 years in Siberia.

Though he would be able to assure them of his survival through written communication from time to time, in 1955 his letters stopped arriving from Russia. Was he dead? For nearly 40 years, the family would not know.

Then along came "Operation Bearhug" in 1991 when literally thousands of Northwestern Adventists directly or indirectly became involved in cultural and religious interaction with the Russian people.

Walter Koehn, a teacher at Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., and his wife, Donna, took part in one of the evangelistic outreaches — to Toliatti, Russia. They not only wanted to have a part in sharing their faith with the Russian people, but they also wished to return to Koehn's homeland in the Ukraine and, if possible, find what had happened to Uncle Jakob Ken, whom Koehn had not seen since 1945.

Also interested in contacting Uncle Jakob were Koehn's brother, Ed Kohn, and Jakob Ken's sister, Elizabeth Hann, both Eugene, Ore., Church members, and his sister, Maria Williams, of Brighton, Colo., also a Seventh-day Adventist.

The surnames Koehn, Kohn, and Ken derive from the same family stock; however, each family arrived as immigrants at different times to the United States, and immigration officials spelled the names in various ways.

Walter's surname, "Koehn," is the German spelling; Ed's is registered as "Kohn," the American spelling; and Jakob's has become "Ken" in Siberia.

However, each is pronounced identically, reflecting each member's birth of German stock in the Ukraine.

As he prepared to search for his uncle, in whose household he had lived following his parents' death, Koehn had only Ken's 1955 address—nothing else.

But he determined to ferret out what had become of his uncle, so, with a few days set aside for the search, he telegraphed his uncle at his last-known Siberian address. His uncle no longer lived there; however, the current occupant said he knew how to contact Ken, and accepted the telegram and delivered it to him. With the arrival of Ken's telegraph of response, for the first time in nearly 40 years, it was official: Uncle Jakob was alive and well!

So Koehn began the trip across three time zones in Siberia, over roads and streets which frequently had no name markers whatever. By the time he finally greeted his Uncle Jakob and Aunt Maria, he had only 24 hours remaining on his itinerary before he needed to begin making connections for his return to the United States.

Twenty-four hours just wasn't long enough, and, besides, other family members remained in the United States, so, as soon as Koehn arrived back in the United States, the family began making arrangements for the Kens to visit them in the United States.

It was not an easy task, as the United States government appeared concerned that since the Kens had no children in Russia, that they would not return willingly to their homeland once they had touched United States soil.

But after contact was made with five US congressmen, including Oregon's Peter Defazio, the visa was finally cleared, though by that time, plane fare money, which the Koehns had sent to Moscow to cover the couple's round-trip airfare to America, had been sent back to the United States because the visa had taken too long to arrive.

So, with little hope for quick resolution, one day Walter Koehn's wife, Donna, who works at the Washington Conference Adventist Book Center and generally does not go home for lunch, was told by her supervisor that on this particular day, she should feel free to take the time to do so.

While she was at home that day, the phone rang and a heavily accented male voice informed her that her husband's parents from Russia had arrived.

She replied that undoubtedly some mistake had been made, or they had the wrong number, as his parents were deceased. The caller asked her to hold the line for a moment, while he rechecked his information, and when he returned, he told her simply, "Jakob and Maria Ken are at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport."

The news seemed beyond belief, as the Koehns had just received a letter from Siberia in which the Kens had informed them that they would be unable to come for many more months, as they had to plant and care for their garden to ensure a winter supply of food.

Later that day, after the Koehns picked up the elderly couple at the airport, they would learn that family members had loaned them the money for the tickets and had offered to care for their



Primary personalities who figure in the recent reunion include, from left, Donna Koehn, Walter Koehn, Jakob Ken, Maria Ken, Lydia Kohn, and Ed Kohn.



Ed Kohn, left; Jakob Ken, center; and Walter Koehn review a photo album of family pictures during a spring family reunion in Eugene, Ore., at the Kohn's home.

garden of cabbage, carrots, potatoes, onions, and cucumbers.

They also learned of the trials Ken had had to go through to obtain his visa—of the three six-day, round-trip visits to visit the United States embassy in Moscow, and finally, of the granting of the visa and the unexpected loan.

"My uncle just would not give up—he kept coming back, and that's what made the difference," reflects Koehn.

It was the same kind of perseverance that had helped this Seventh-day Adventist prisoner of war endure the hardships of Siberia, though he had ceased writing letters to relatives in the mid-1950s because the letter-writing had raised so many problems with the Soviet Union's intelligence bureau, the KGB, that Ken had decided to "drop out of sight."

Their coming to America, in seemed, was but another "routine" adventure in a family saga filled with harrowing tales, all of which begin with the peaceful German Seventh-day Adventist family in the Ukrainian town of Waldheim suddenly caught in the gun sites of the invading German army; of Koehn's father's and uncle's arrest and presumed execution in 1941 by Soviet police; of German soldiers demanding quarter in the family home, and then suspecting Jewish connections because the family observed as holy the hours from sundown on Friday to sunset on Saturday.

Finally, the family would flee to Poland, and from there to Germany, at last finding shelter and freedom in the United States during the early 1950s.

And, now, with the arrival of Jakob and Maria in the United States, the high drama continued. When the Koehns and the Kens traveled the 260 miles to Eugene to visit the home of relative Elizabeth Hann and her husband, Gerhard, they found that other relatives "just happened" to be in town on business from California and were able to make connections, including a flight to Denver so that the Kens could visit additional relatives there.

What do Jakob and Maria think about the American people and their lifestyle? "Eat too much sweets; and they are more relaxed and friendly than in Russia," they say.

During their visit, they recalled vignettes from their

many years of separation; of the years during which most family members had been war refugees and of Ken's life in Siberia. (Further information about the years of refugee experience can be found in the set of books "Really Truly Stories," by Gwendolyn Lampshire Hayden, published by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.)

"There was a lot of healing as all of us came together after all these years," says Koehn, as he reflects that for the first time, all known living members of the immediate family have reunited. Expressions of praise and thanksgiving were repeated time and again for the miracles that have preserved the family lineage through the years.

During the visit, the Kens explained that the landscape near their home in Siberia, which is located 30 miles from the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church, resembles what they have heard about the state of Montana, with its rolling hills and green birch forests.

They point out that the ministry of "Operation Bearhug" evangelism in the general area of Novosibirsk, conducted by Don Jacobsen and his support team from the Northwest in the early 1990s, has helped contribute to the birth of a Seventh-day Adventist Church about 30 miles from their home.

Living conditions are rustic, they say, noting that "We have a path instead of a bath, and no running water except from a pipe that runs under the house with water we can access through a hose." They also have a shallow well with which they water their garden.

However, the climate is extremely severe, and for eight months of the year, temperatures hover at, near, or below freezing, often remaining for extended periods of time at -40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Surprisingly, the Kens exhibited little culture shock in the United States, though they often commented about the "smooth roads and overpasses, well-stocked stores, and money to buy items." They find it noteworthy that the country has more cars than people, and say that since the roads are clean, Americans should walk more.

Though they enjoy American food, they say Russian bread is superior.

They explain that in recent years, Russian television crews have taped programs throughout the United States and Canada, and that these are carefully viewed in Siberia, though many people discount them as "more propaganda." Now they admit, however, that the view of North America being presented in Russia is essentially correct.

Their most indelible memories, they say, are Americans' "friendly looks, happy faces, smiles, and openness."

In her spare time, Maria sews and knits clothing, and Jakob is still known as a figure skater of some renown.

The Kens have now returned to Russia, after spending 10 weeks in the United States, taking with them "a truckload" of things unavailable in Siberia.

Their journey home took them over the North Pole on an 11-hour flight, as they carried with them the money with which to repay their benefactors back home.

Their visit to the United States, in the spirit of "Operation Bearhug," has healed apprehensions and fears held by family members for nearly 50 years, and for the family, is a foretaste of the great family Thanksgiving gathering in heaven. ➔

God's promises are sure!

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'God's Double Blessing to the Northwest'

By Duane McKey

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



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

The Northwest

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

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

Russia

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

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

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

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

The Northwest

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

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

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

"How?" I asked.

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

Africa

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

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

"No," was the reply.

"But Daddy, please let me go."

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

"No!" responded his father.

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



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

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

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

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

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

The Northwest

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

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

Boundey reports that 40 individuals are currently planning



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

'We'll Let the Lord Decide'

By W. Benny Moore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alaska

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

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

Upper Columbia

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

Washington

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

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



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

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



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

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

Foreign Fields

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

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

What Does It All Mean?

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

Perhaps, what Ellen White wrote some 95 years ago in 1900 applies here: "The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to support the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the Source of all power" (6 *Testimonies* 27).

A Window of Northwest Opportunity

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

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'I Feel Such a Fulfillment' An Adventist Secessionist Returns

By Cathy Law

Cathy Law writes from Deary, Idaho

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

After that night, he was able to claim victory over

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

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

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

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

God Spoke to Me

By Shannon Deedon

Shannon Deedon writes from Roseburg, Ore.

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



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

jects of the meetings which began Sept. 7.

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

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

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

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

Jeremiah 17:12 TLB

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'Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?'

By John Silvestri

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

'Net '96' Takes Off

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

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

Money Available

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



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

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

Duane McKey



Prisoners' Project

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

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

Alta Sype

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

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

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

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

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



Chewelah Chewables

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

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

Brett Bauer

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

Katherine Printz

VBS Army

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



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

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

Elaine Drury

Pathfinders Collect 1,000 Food Items in Milton-Freewater

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

Lyla Lampson



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