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will flow from within them.*

JOHN 7:38 (NIV)

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Letters

If Not Ordination, Then What?

[Regarding “Another Look at Ordination,” February 2013] If ordination is virtually meaningless, why the big fuss over women’s ordination? If ordination is simply announcing who has what ministry, then who needs it for anybody? If I read Scripture and *Acts of the Apostles* correctly, ordination, while not giving supernatural endowments, does confer “a recognition of one’s authority in that office” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 162). ... To declare the act of ordination nearly meaningless is to depreciate further the leadership office of the pastor of the church ... If there is no designated, “ordained” leadership, the laws of evolution of survival of the fittest will soon “evolve” in the church. That means the church is that much more vulnerable to the strongest personality. ... No authority in the church leaves a “black hole” of leadership, which will surely be filled by an unordained person who by strength of popularity or some other questionable attribute of power will rise to the top. To divest ordination of its sacred symbolic investment of church authority is not a helpful divergence at this moment in time.

Linda Smith-Kinne, College Place, Wash.

The Reformers’ View

It has always seemed to me very Roman (unbiblical) to have new converts exclusively baptized by “ordained ministers.” In the Great Commission, Christ is not just giving his orders to ordained ministers, but to all of his disciples. Part of the joy Christ intended for those sharing His good news and seeing results is for new converts to be baptized by those same people that planted the seed. Of course, Rome would never see it that way and actually, for this practice and

many others, the Protestant Reformation was and is a mere tweaking of Catholicism, not any meaningful repudiation of extra-biblical teachings. I completely understand the reformers’ positions, and they were very brave and courageous at the time. Everyone knows that change comes slowly and what they were saying was quite radical and put their lives at risk. Where is that courage today? It is just such a shame that the Protestant Movement has stayed, pretty much, right where it was 500 years ago. To get it right today, all we risk is upsetting a few people and maybe some ridicule. Nothing compared to what the reformers had to deal with.

Don Larson, Medford, Ore.

A Bully Pulpit?

I’m wondering why the *GLEANER* has not published any papers by Samuele Bacchiocchi or C. Raymond Holmes regarding the issue of women’s ordination. I have not seen one article published against [women’s ordination]. Is that fair and balanced? It seems that the NPUC is using the *GLEANER* as a bully pulpit to push their agenda through.

Brooks Potter, College Place, Wash.

GLEANER responds: There is a four-page Q & A regarding recent NPUC executive committee actions on the ordination topic beginning on page 10.

Don’t Get Sidetracked

Thank you for being open and providing us with information regarding this [ordination] discussion. My concern is that members will become polarized on whether we should ordain women at this time. I hope that is not the case as I think there is a much larger issue at stake and that is our “theology of ordination.” I believe when we get that straight it will answer any other questions. If we get stuck on women’s ordination without resolving the bigger question, we will become distracted from doing the most important task. That is the task of forming a clear biblical theology of ordination. May God help us ... I continue to pray.

Ray A. Ammon, Damascus, Ore.

Oops!

In the February editorial an Ellen White statement was misquoted. The quote (with correction in italics) should have been: “It is not always men who are best adapted to the successful management of a church. If faithful women have more deep piety and true devotion than men, they could indeed by their prayers and their labors do more than men who are *unconsecrated in heart and life*” (*Letter 33, 1879*).

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A Battle For Our Kids

Fear and hopelessness are overwhelming parents and kids.

Parents watch in fear as their kids engage in self-, relationship- and future-destroying behaviors. Whether kids are failing school, experimenting with drugs and alcohol, cutting their skin or active sexually, the one thing they have in common is that they view the future as bleak and the present is the only thing they have.

This generation of parents and youth are under attack like no generation before. Locking doors and barring windows isn't enough to keep the most harmful of intruders out of your home; the intruders that come in through our electronic devices aren't after our possessions but after our souls, and they are really hard to keep out.

Jesus was clear about the battle over kids and families, saying, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10, NRSV).

I think Satan takes great pleasure in attacking children because they remind him of something he can never have. Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matthew 19:14, NRSV).

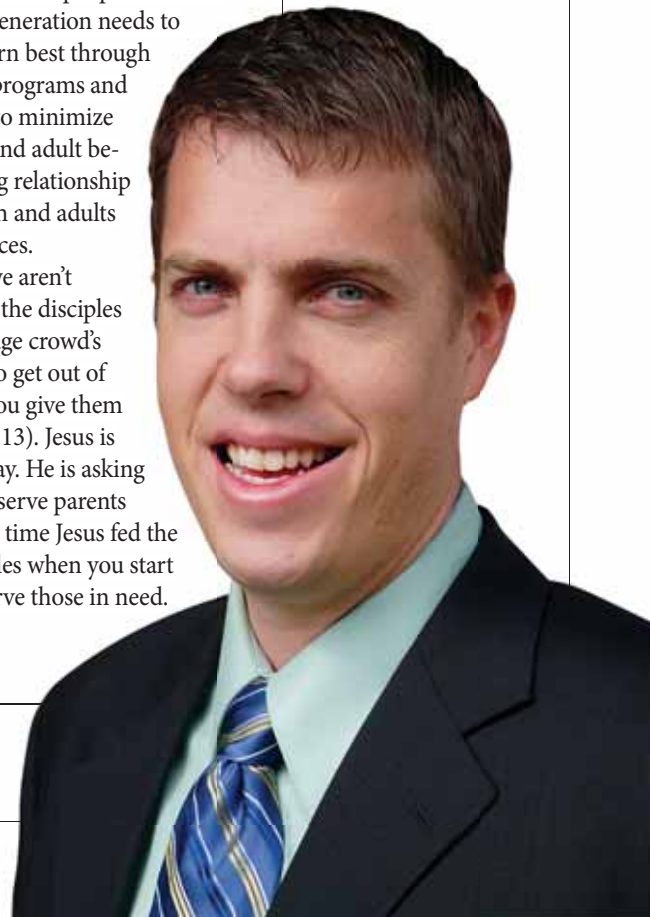
The battles in this war over our kids are the hottest in our homes and churches — the two institutions that have the greatest potential impact for good in raising kids and introducing them to Jesus. Unity in the home and church are a powerful foundation, and divorce and disunity of the church result in generations of kids walking away from God and living destructive lives.

Families that thrive do things that bring them closer rather than drive them apart. This happens by eating together, playing often and serving others. They know that communication, emotion regulation and problem-solving are skills that are learned and developed. They focus on values both through teaching and modeling.

Each church member should focus on two things. First, make parents' jobs as easy as possible. Be an encouragement to them by teaming up with them to help their kids learn about God. Second, it is the job of every member — not just the pastor and other church leaders — to be a youth minister. Every child should hear his or her name used multiple times when at church and know people are interested in him or her. This generation needs to be mentored, and they learn best through relationships rather than programs and events. Satan has worked to minimize the likelihood of a youth and adult being in a positive mentoring relationship and has robbed both youth and adults of life-impacting experiences.

The good news is that we aren't alone in this battle. When the disciples were confronted by the huge crowd's need for food, they tried to get out of helping. But Jesus said, "You give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). Jesus is saying the same thing today. He is asking us to use what we have to serve parents and kids. And just like the time Jesus fed the 5,000, He will work miracles when you start using what you have to serve those in need.

The battles in this war over our kids are the hottest in our homes and churches.



CHUCK HAGELE
PROJECT PATCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





Our Own Our Own

FINDING

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n the way to Project Patch I told you that you were not being sent there because I was angry with you (I'm not), or as a punishment for anything you have done. The reason you are at Project Patch is because I love you.”

The Project Patch Youth Ranch offers five key components: faith, therapy, education, recreation and community service.

So begins a letter from Denise Murphy¹ to her 14-year-old daughter, Taylor,² just after dropping her off at the Project Patch Youth Ranch in Idaho.

“That day was the hardest day of my life,” says Denise. “I don’t think I’ve ever cried more. Taylor wouldn’t speak to me or even say goodbye, and that made me feel even worse. But after leaving I felt somewhat relieved, knowing she was in a safe place where she could get the help she so desperately needed.”

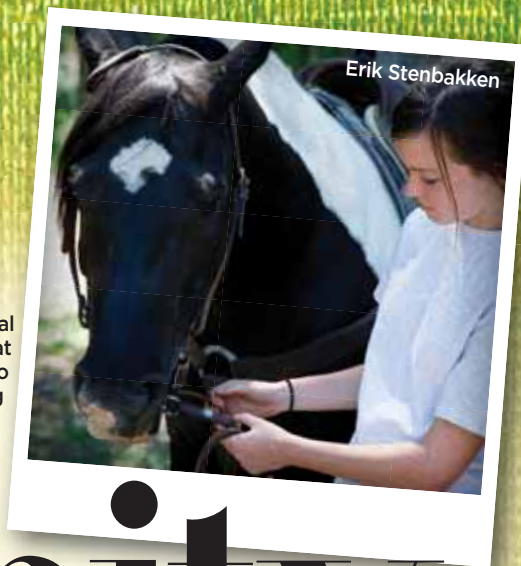
Project Patch is a Christian nonprofit organization specializing in helping at-risk teens and working with families to make them stronger and more resilient to face life’s challenges. Patch carries out its vision



Gary VanDyk

Youth, Community, Future

Many recreational activities at the ranch also offer learning opportunities.



HOPE AT PROJECT PATCH

through its youth ranch in Idaho; Family Experience in Goldendale, Washington; and seminars and administration from its Vancouver, Washington, office.

A PASSION FOR TEENS

The Patch youth ranch is a residential behavioral treatment facility for teens ages 12–17. The ranch sits on 169 forested riverfront acres, nestled in the mountains of Idaho about an hour north of Boise. The youth ranch is the realization of the dream of founders Tom and Bonnie Sanford. Raised in an extremely abusive home, Tom empathized greatly with hurting teens and had a passion for helping them. In 1984, he and Bonnie began Patch as a foster

care referral and placement service, and, once they realized the need was greater than what their service could provide, Patch grew into the residential center in existence today.

“Patch was by far the best thing that has ever happened to me,” says Taylor. “I felt that for the first time people understood, and I belonged to a sort of family. I started to see I am worth so much more than I had thought, and I began to realize that family was one of the best gifts God had given me.”

Faith is an important component of the Project Patch program. Residents attend church every weekend, take Bible classes and enjoy the opportunity to ask questions of the staff chaplain.



Nature, experiential learning, biblical principles, and trust-building relationships combine at Project Patch for a complete program that helps teens develop self-confidence, life skills, and a relationship with their Creator God.



Teens are at the youth ranch for a minimum of 12 months, with an average stay of 14 months, during which time they participate in five core program elements: faith, therapy, education, recreation and community service. Licensed therapists (all with master's-level degrees in social work or similar areas) work in group settings and one-on-one with youth as they deal with complex issues such as abuse, abandonment, loss of a parent, extreme anger, hopelessness and more.

"Patch was well equipped to deal with Taylor's needs, and she responded well to the consistent, caring environment," says Denise. "The dedicated, persistent efforts of the Patch staff brought out new strengths in her. When she came home, she had a different perspective on life, with new goals. She'd had to work hard at Patch, faced her problems

squarely and learned to resolve them."

In addition to regular therapy, Patch teens attend classes at a fully licensed and accredited high school, go to church on campus, and enjoy regular recreation such as snowboarding, swimming, basketball and horseback riding. They also complete daily chores and participate in the ranch's community service program, which teaches responsibility, the importance of helping others and how to be part of a local community.

REACHING THE WHOLE FAMILY

As Patch worked with more and more teens, the desire grew to reach out to the family as a whole, strengthening them so they didn't need to place their teens in a program like Patch. That dream became reality when Patch

was gifted 500 acres near Goldendale. The Project Patch Family Life & Conference Center opened its doors in 2011 with the goal of building stronger families by helping them thrive in the midst of life's challenges.

The center is home to the Family Experience, a 3- to 4-day program designed to be proactive in helping before the family requires a higher level of care. The program focuses on education and coaching rather than individual therapy, and together families learn about the pitfalls they may face, develop

the skills required to weather challenging events, and share in a positive and fun experience.

A few months after Taylor returned home from completing the youth ranch program, she and her mom attended the Family Experience.

"It was like a mini ranch experience," says Denise. "It was helpful to review what Taylor learned at the ranch, as it included ways to integrate what she had already learned and what I was working on."

Through a variety of activities including outdoor recreation, conversation, a low ropes course, crafts and coaching with an experienced counselor, families learn different communication styles and what works best for them, how each individual fits into the family unit as a whole, and how to work together to establish boundaries and resolve conflict.

The Project Patch Family Experience is a 3- to 4-day program designed to help families grow more resilient to face life's challenges.



Project Patch Tips



TOOLS OF THE TRADE: A TIP FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

Teens say some of the most outrageous things when they are emotional. It's natural to try calming them down, bring perspective to their problem or to advise them on solutions. While it feels like you're helping, you are most likely decreasing the chance that they will talk to you and missing a great opportunity to really help.

Rather than trying to fix things, first try to understand and focus on emotions. If you are patient and work toward understanding, you will be surprised as the teen moves from anger to a really good plan — not a vengeful plan but a reasonable plan.

This process also helps the teen become independent rather than dependent on you for the answers and is a key step on the path to responsibility.

EQUIPPING WHOLE COMMUNITIES

With a passion for supporting parents and educating communities, Patch has developed a series of seminars on various family-related topics. Most can be adapted for either secular or Christian audiences. Attendees will leave understanding that we believe God cares deeply for children and families and will be armed with tools they can use to raise responsible, respectful kids. To invite Project Patch to speak for your group, call 360-690-8495.

“We believe that God made families to be this amazing, functioning team,” says Chuck Hagele, executive director. “So many families now are under attack, and our vision is to reclaim families to be what God designed them to be.”

Though every family can benefit from attending the Family Experience, it is especially critical for those facing challenges such as divorce, chronic illness, blended families, loss of a family member and other major life changes.

“One thing I took away from that weekend was that my mom and I have a lot more in common than I thought,” says Taylor. “The ropes course was a chance for my mom and I to really bond because she had to trust me and I had to trust her — something we'd never really done before.”

Returning home after time at the ranch isn't always easy; though the teens have changed, it is sometimes difficult for the family to grasp that, since they didn't see the teen's growth at

the ranch. Taylor also found it was hard to stay true to what she had learned when she didn't have the staff as her support system, encouraging her to make good decisions. Attending the Family Experience was like a refresher course for both her and her mom.

“Our goal is for families to leave the Family Experience with the idea that they can do this,” says Hagele, “that they'll leave with a determination that they're going to talk, they're going to work, and they're going to make this thing called ‘family’ happen.”

For more information about Project Patch, or to sign up for the Project Patch newsletter, visit projectpatch.org or call 360-690-8495. You can also follow Project Patch on Facebook for parenting tips, photos and more at facebook.com/projectpatch.

Becky St. Clair, Project Patch communication director

*Not their real names.



Erik Stenbakken

At the Patch youth ranch, residents attend a fully licensed and accredited high school that brings them to or keeps them at the level they should be.



What now? | Q & A
on **ORDINATION**



EDITOR'S NOTE

During recent months, *GLEANER* readers have responded to the topic of women's ordination initiated by the original November 14, 2012, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee action to explore that issue. The February 20, 2013, executive committee meeting voted further direction, allowing for our world church to complete a more definitive process and response.

In some ways this discussion mirrors issues that could have easily divided the early Christian church. Strong differences in opinion and practice existed between believers from Jewish traditions and new Gentile converts. The Jerusalem Council mentioned in Acts 14 fostered unity by its focus on a few clear essentials. Is the issue of ordination one of the essentials for our church today? We will pray our own world church "Jerusalem Council" may yet find a clear path of Spirit-guided action. We believe honest, prayerful, scripturally-centered people may hold differing views on this topic yet find unity on our common mission.

In the following pages, we provide answers about the status of this discussion within the NPUC. The *GLEANER* may step back from this issue temporarily during the months ahead, but dialogue is always welcome online at gleaneronline.org/ordination.

How did the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee address the issue of ordination during its meeting on February 20, 2013?

The committee engaged in a spirited but thoughtful discussion and voted to approve the following action: "Moved that the NPUC executive committee schedule a special session of the NPUC constituency to address ministerial ordination to convene within 120 days after the General Conference (GC) theology of ordination study committee completes its work."

But the GC theology of ordination study committee is not scheduled to give a full report until the October 2014 Annual Council — and a final action on that won't likely take place until the 2015 General Conference session. That puts any further NPUC action potentially two years in the future. Why wait so long?

It comes down to one main reason: a desire to give our world church the opportunity to complete a process already in progress. Some are skeptical that this will happen. But the unity of our church is important to NPUC leadership. We have carefully reflected on the



Honest-hearted people who take a high view of Scripture may still find themselves on differing sides of this issue.

call for unity issued by the GC on whether or not the practice of ordination is applied appropriately to women. We wish to signal our intent to avoid taking any action at this moment that could be broadly interpreted as one of disrespect toward the polity of our world church.

Will NPUC leadership do whatever the world church decides?

This is our hope: that the world church will resolve this clearly by issuing a strong recommendation at the 2014 Annual Council that will ultimately be approved at the next General Conference session scheduled for the summer of 2015. If the matter is clearly determined then, there may be no need to move ahead with plans for a special NPUC constituency session. If past history is repeated, and the issue is delayed or “punted” to succeeding GC committees or future world church sessions, the NPUC has resolved to then prayerfully consider additional action, as per the February 20 vote.

So what is the current position of NPUC leadership on the issue of women’s ordination?

The members of the NPUC executive committee have a consensual conviction

that choosing candidates for leadership roles and the way those leaders are affirmed should both be conducted without reference to gender. This conclusion is based on deep reflection upon Scripture and on the mission of our church. We understand this conviction is not shared by every member within our union or in the world church as a whole. We understand that honest-hearted people who take a high view of Scripture may still find themselves on differing sides of this issue. We believe the best course ahead for our church is to honor this range of convictions rather than suppress it. If the world church does not find its way clear at the 2014 Annual Council or 2015 General Conference session to affirm areas within our movement who are open and ready to accept women into the full range of leadership, the NPUC is prepared to thoughtfully bring the issue to a vote for our Northwest constituency.

Are all members of the NPUC executive committee in agreement with this stance?

The 43 members of our committee represent the diversity among our membership, including administrators, pastors, teachers and lay people from all sectors of the Northwest. So, of course there are different opinions — often strong opinions — among our group. If everyone thought

exactly alike, discussion of this topic would be quite brief. But in spite of the complexity, decisions voted on this issue within our committee have passed with an overwhelming majority in favor.

So you’re essentially saying, if the world church doesn’t agree with our view, we’ll do what we want anyway?

We have expressed our desire to move in harmony with our world church. Yet we believe our Bible-based church mission and biblical doctrines must drive our policies, not the other way around. And we believe it is past time to bring every person called to minister to the front lines. We don’t want our policies to become a human barrier to what God is doing. We will continue to be in touch with our world church leaders on this issue. Our church has already acknowledged some areas of non-doctrinal variance in policies to adapt to differing cultures in certain parts of the world. Will this be another such variance? We do not yet know.

How does this NPUC position reflect its views on church unity?

We believe there is a big difference between unity and uniformity. The NPUC

executive committee actions essentially state our concern that a policy to grant women pastoral roles and responsibilities and yet deny them the full authority freely granted to male pastors is inconsistent with the scriptural mandate. According to current working policy, male ministers who are ordained and female ministers who are commissioned must also have been previously ordained as local elders. There is unity on ordaining both men and women to ministry at every level except one — pastoral ministry. This promotes a mixed message on our view of women in leadership and contradicts our core value of equality supported in Scripture. Our own North American Division has clearly stated its intention to equip and engage more women in positions of administrative and pastoral leadership on this continent. We plan to work in harmony with that mandate and hope that the world church will see wisdom in allowing some variance in practice between the different world divisions, if necessary, to preserve our overall unity in mission as we reach out to our unique cultures.

How does that measure up with the view of the GC?

After the recent actions of two North American union conferences to approve ordinations without regard to gender, the GC issued a sternly worded statement intended to discourage any similar actions apart from world church approval. But an excerpt here from a report presented at the General Conference Spring Council in April 2012 brings some important perspective to consider: “At the same time as the Church has worked to preserve unity, the effect of church growth has enlarged the understanding of diversity and its rightful place in a worldwide community. To expect that every entity of the world will look and function exactly like every other entity of its type may in itself

become an impediment to mission. The development of structural designs in the history of the Church indicates that unity must be built on a stronger foundation than uniformity. There must be room to recognize the need for a legitimacy of local adaptation of policies and procedures that facilitate the mission while not diminishing the worldwide identity, harmony and unity of the Church.” The NPUC believes those thoughts apply to this current discussion and affirm the need for flexibility among the world divisions in regard to some of these otherwise divisive issues.

The NPUC motion states a potential constituency session would be scheduled within 120 days following the 2014 Annual Council. Wouldn't this have to technically wait until after the 2015 General Conference session?

Our NPUC executive committee meeting scheduled for November 2014 will likely revisit this once the Annual Council recommendations are public. Those recommendations may indeed be forwarded to the 2015 GC Session. We want to give our world church the first opportunity to resolve this issue in a timely manner.

What if the GC theology of ordination study committee finds that our current practice of ordination is not biblical and that we should follow a different process in

designating pastors and church leaders? Is the whole idea of women's ordination then a moot point?

We and our world church will cross that bridge if it comes. There are certainly different schools of thought on that topic. The consensus within NPUC leadership believes that if both men and women are equally called as leaders they should be provided equal respect and support by our church. We will advocate that to our world church leadership yet prayerfully wait to learn more from the study currently commissioned on the theology of ordination.

Between now and 2014–15, how should NPUC members engage in a constructive discussion? Will we be able to read both “sides” of this issue in some future *GLEANER*?

For the time being we are stepping back to allow the world church process to come to its own conclusions in 2014–15. While we await that additional study and dialogue we will keep our members informed of any world church conclusions on the matter. If and when a special NPUC constituency session on the topic is scheduled following world church actions, the *GLEANER* will then likely provide space for a clear explanation of biblical arguments for and against women's ordination so that members can be fully informed in preparation for a vote. In the meantime, additional information and related comments are reflected in links provided on the *GLEANER* website at gleaneronline.org/ordination.



The Green DREAM

Ellen White's Vision of Jesus

BY ALEX BRYAN, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR

EDITOR'S NOTE

Here is our third and final excerpt from a book that challenges Adventists to re-engage with an end-time message and mission. Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, brings these issues into focus in *The Green Cord Dream*, published by Pacific Press and excerpted here with permission.

The greatest killer this world has seen has a Latin name: *Status Quo*. The American president Ronald Reagan once quipped that the definition of status quo is “the mess we’re in.” Status quo is what *is*, the way things *are*, the mess we’re *in*. Status quo’s English name is simply *life*. And *life* commits homicide against every one of us.

Life kills.

Some die young. Some die old. Some die slowly and painfully. Some die in a New York minute, without warning. But *all* die. This is life’s conclusion.

And we don’t like it.

What is the purpose and possibility for Adventist Christianity in the twenty-first century? For Adventism to have a purpose, for it to have even the possibility of relevance and meaning, it must have answers to the *big* questions of life.

- Why are people born, and why do they die?
- Where did we come from, and where are we going?
- Why do pleasure and pain exist?
- What is the meaning of all of this?

Cord A.M.

and His Church

PART 3



What explanation of life does Adventism give? Adventism's big story has a name: "the great controversy." Its story begins with God.

God exists outside of time and matter. He is eternal and spiritual. He teems with life. He is full of energy. He is powerful. He is creative. He is good. He is pure. He is lovely. He is loving. He is love. He is beauty. He is light.

That last statement is mind-blowing, but true. "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5, NIV).

God made human beings to frolic in the light of His creation. To dance in the light. To magnify. To color. To shade. To reflect. To shimmer and shine. To diffuse and divide. To bask and to beam. To take fistfuls of this light and use it — as artists. Engineers. Creators. Fruitful multipliers of His creation.

God has invited human beings to participate in an eternity of light making, love making, life making. This is our story.

TRAGEDY

Unfortunately, when creation was still new, tragedy struck. An angelic creature named Lucifer ("Light Bearer") didn't like the nature of God's light. He chose darkness instead, and then he convinced much of the created universe that darkness is better than light, envy is better than peace, hate is better than love — and death is better than life. "How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn!" "[Jesus] replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven'" (Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18, NIV).

Satan entices human beings to try his way too. So Adam and Eve choose darkness. And their children and their children's children and generation after generation after them choose violence, shame, control, abuse, greed, selfishness, gluttony, absence, shallowness, darkness, twisted truth, and death.

God is light, so the devil's goal is total darkness. This intention is most nearly realized

when Jesus, God in human form, comes to this earth and is murdered — nailed to a cross. Of this, Scripture says, "From the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land" (Matthew 27:45, NKJV). The absence of God means total darkness. Evil's ultimate aim. And so we live in the blackness of the night. "The dominion of darkness" (Colossians 1:13, NIV). Lying, cheating, controlling, selfish darkness. And with it comes cancer. And car crashes. And caskets.

Status quo — life as we know it.

But God won't allow His love to be defeated. Through the Jewish prophet Isaiah, God addressed the coming Messiah in words He meant all to hear: "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6, NIV).

Light. God's light. Hope. Joy. Redemption. An opportunity to get the grand narrative back

We must grasp this defining drama if we are to understand the vision of Adventism.

*“I am the light
of the world.”*

John 9:5, NIV



Good Salt - John Steel

on track. And in Jesus, both rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, male and female, old and young, caught a ray of hope, a wavelength of possibility. Jesus, in fact, said with the clarity of a laser beam, “I am the light of the world” (John 9:5, NIV).

THE LAST OF THE DARKNESS

We are in the last of the days of darkness. Post-Jesus, we enter a new era of hope. The day’s first rays of light point to the possibility of morning, yet we still live in this land of night-time. The apostle Paul got it right: “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here” (Romans 13:12, NIV).

We keep looking at the clock, waiting for the darkness to end, when light will be fully restored to the universe and we will once again participate in the grand project of reflecting, and refracting light — the light of God.

Brilliant living. Bathed in the warmth and glow of God. “There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever” (Revelation 22:5, NIV).

This is Adventist Christianity’s grand story. We must grasp this defining drama if we are to understand the vision of Adventism. There is a great controversy — a macrowar, a showdown of indescribable size and consequence — between light and darkness, between God and Satan. This is the epic battle, the conflict of the ages. Each combatant has a case to make. For each warrior, the battle is personal. And *we* must decide. *We* must choose sides. To which will we commit life

and limb and eternal destiny?

Ellen White, the church’s early prophetic voice, wrote a five-volume masterwork titled *The Conflict of the Ages* series. Five books. Thirty-six hundred pages. This is her rendering of the big story that she has drawn from the Bible and history. The final volume is titled *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*. Here’s the very last paragraph of this substantial tome. (Spoiler alert! This is the punch line. The final scene. The conclusion of the story.)

“The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that *God is love*.”¹

Adventists believe there are only two fundamental bases for the decisions we make as human beings. One arises from a claim God has made. The other grows out of Satan’s direct contradiction of God’s claim. For Adventists, these two arguments provide a window into every big — and small — question.

God’s argument to human beings: *I love you*.

Satan’s argument: *No, God doesn’t love you*.

Satan’s argument, of course, comes in varieties and with various additions: God doesn’t exist. God didn’t make us. God made us and left us to fend for ourselves. God made us to be puppets. God made us to be slaves. God made us as a divine joke. God made us — and now

He treats us horribly.

The status quo. Circumstances. Whatever is true of your life now, no matter how good or bad, how heavenly or hellish. Satan argues that life itself demonstrates that believing God isn't worth what it costs. Those who believe don't have enough. They don't have it easy enough. "Look at your life," Satan says. "Clearly, either God doesn't exist or He hates you."

GOD'S ARGUMENT

What about God's argument? What is it based on?

It was the winter of 1970. Bill Bryan was a young medical officer in Vietnam. His bride, Carolyn, lived just outside of Washington, D.C. She was pregnant. Went into labor prematurely. A son was born on March 16, 1970. Born to die, the doctors said. Condolences.

Well, somehow I didn't die. Why? Why did I live? What's the purpose of my survival?

We say God has a plan for that baby's life, but we don't talk about the other babies who didn't make it. We exclaim that Jesus cured our cold symptoms just in time for the big final exam, while others are dying from cancer. We testify to God's

finding the perfect job for us while others remain unemployed. We tell about God's providing for us when others are going hungry.

What if I had died in the hours following my birth? What if I hadn't even made it out of the womb? What if the possibilities within me had never been realized? Are favorable circumstances and a decent outcome evidence of God's favor? Are tough times and harsh circumstances indications God doesn't care much about us? How do we interpret our stories?

Here's what God says about His human creatures: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5, NIV).

God had you fully in His mind and heart before *anything* was created. He made up His mind to create you long ago. Every life was planned in His brain. Lives lived long on this earth. Lives cut off midstream. Lives short lived beyond the womb. Lives ended before birth.

We are wanted. We are desirable. We are beloved.

THE CHALLENGE

However, the present circumstances won't just go away. Life

is hard. Death continues. So, prove it to us, God! Why should we believe Your claim, Your argument?

Remember this assessment of reality: "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here" (Romans 13:12). How does Saul of Tarsus, the Christian apostle Paul, maintain the hope one must have to write these words? How does he maintain faith in the Advent Hope? How does he — despite the "thorn" that won't go away, despite the beatings and the death threats — maintain such conviction, such hope, such belief, such trust in the love of God?

He has been *enlightened*.

In Acts 9 we see this same Paul filled with hate. He's "breathing out murderous threats" (Acts 9:1, NIV). He's a devoted religious man consumed with killing. He's living in pitch-black darkness. But then, while walking down a road, he experiences the enlightenment. "I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me" (Acts 26:13, NIV). Paul sees Jesus. He hears Jesus' voice. He feels the heat of Jesus. He touches the *heart* of Jesus. He sees the light. And his encounter with Jesus transforms his life (see verses 13–19).

Jesus is God's argument in the great controversy. In the face of Jesus we see the face of God. We see the face of One who desired us in the darkness before creation. We see the face of One who suffered and died just thirty-three years into His sojourn on earth. We see a face of grace, of desire, of love. In Jesus we discover reason to believe that God exists, that He is our Father, that He is a good Father, and that He intends us to have a bright future.

The status quo. Circumstances or Jesus — which will prevail in your life?

As the old hymn says:
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Adventism's story is the great controversy. The issue: God's love. God's argument: the face of Jesus.

Adventism aright keeps putting forward the face of Jesus.

1. Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press, 1950), 678; emphasis added.

WANT TO READ MORE?

Interested readers may obtain the full edition of *The Green Cord Dream: Ellen White's Vision for an End-Time People*, published by Pacific Press, from their local Adventist Book Center, online at adventistbookcenter.com or as an e-book at Adventist-ebooks.com.



ACCION

Exitosas Campañas de Salud y Familia Conferencia de Upper Columbia

Del 24 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre del 2012, en la Iglesia Hispana de Pendleton y las iglesias que componen el Distrito de Hermiston/Pendleton unimos esfuerzos en una semana de énfasis en “Salud y Familia.” El Doctor José Fuentes, con su dinámico liderazgo nos ayudó a descubrir paso a paso, “el maravilloso proceso de maduración de la vida.”

Con un promedio de 106 asistentes diarios, de los cuales 25 fueron amigos de la iglesia. Todas las noches, al ingresar al templo, cada asistente recibía una carpeta con toda la información que se compartiría durante la reunión, de tal manera que

podieran llevar un registro de la información a recibir. Cada reunión empezaba con cantos de alabanza a Dios, los cuales preparaban el ambiente para escuchar consejos prácticos y eficaces para el tratamiento natural de enfermedades que cotidianamente afectan a la familia. Posteriormente y de forma dinámica, estudiamos las diferentes etapas de la vida del ser humano, desde el período prenatal y siguiendo con la primera edad (0–25 años), la segunda edad (25–55 años), la tercera edad (55–75 años) y los 90 años hasta la muerte.

Fue fascinante. No sólo el estudio de cada etapa de la vida basado en el modelo

Como resultado de estas campañas, Mario Arroyo es bautizado por el pastor, Robert Amaya.



José Ángel Fuentes compartiendo sus conocimientos con el Distrito Hermiston/Pendleton.

bio-psico-social-espiritual, sino la manera atenta como adolescentes, jóvenes, adultos y ancianos recibían tan valiosa información, acompañada de los comentarios y anécdotas amenas y simpáticas que a diario utilizaba el Dr. Fuentes para ilustrar los conceptos complejos, lo que los hacía fáciles de aprender y llevar a la práctica.

Al terminar la semana, los asistentes quedaron con la satisfacción, no sólo de haber disfrutado de una gran semana de aprendizaje, sino de haberse maravillado de la perfección con la que fuimos creados por nuestro Dios. Adicionalmente, tanto hermanos, amigos y visitas, pudieron llevarse a

casa la carpeta con toda la información. Después de un par de semanas, y como resultado de estas campañas, entre otros, Mario Arroyo entregó su vida a Jesús por medio del bautismo.

Agradecemos a Dios por el inmenso privilegio que nos dio de escuchar a un hombre consagrado y dedicado. Al mismo tiempo por haber sido testigos del interés de amigos, miembros y visitas, al obtener información práctica que les permitirá crecer y mejorar en la salud, las relaciones familiares y especialmente la vida espiritual.

Robert Amaya, pastor del Distrito de Hermiston/Pendleton

Lay Evangelism Is More Than Just Idea *at Hillside O'Malley Church*

With support from the Alaska Conference, numerous individuals from the Hillside-O'Malley Church in Anchorage are actively involved in an ever-growing prison ministry. Each week, teams of two bring Bible studies into a variety of facilities, including the Anchorage jail, the pretrial facility, halfway houses, the women's prison and the Anchorage Rescue Mission. The teams work independently of each other, utilizing a variety of study materials such as "The Power of the Cross," a progressive study developed by Donovan Kack, former Hillside-O'Malley Church pastor.



Hillside O'Malley Church teams are active in weekly prison ministry outreach.

Teams recently initiated a correspondence Bible study using the Voice of Prophecy study guides, and more than 70

inmates are enrolled. The study guides follow the inmates to any facility where they may be transferred, including in other

states. Each lesson includes a Bible study invitation card, which can be given to other inmates or sent to family members. The number of participants is growing weekly.

One team member shared, "The interest from the inmates is sincere, and we frequently hear that they have never learned as much about God as they have through our method of study. Frequently an inmate will indicate an interest in fellowshipping with us when they get out."

Steve Steenmeyer, Hillside O'Malley prison ministry coordinator

Stewardship Summit Challenges Alaska Members



Members from eight Anchorage and Matanuska Valley churches are challenged to experience a new understanding of stewardship during the Alaska Conference Stewardship Summit.

Blessings Teams" from eight Anchorage and Matanuska Valley churches were blessed by the Alaska Conference Stewardship Summit the first two days of December 2012. Erika Puni, General Conference stewardship director, challenged the group with the absolute necessity of personally experiencing a whole new understanding of stewardship: from mere tithes and offerings to the lordship of Jesus, from church member to God as owner, and from behavior to values. Stewardship also moved from pocket and wallet

to heart and from program to lifestyle.

Gordon Pifher, North Pacific Union Conference stewardship director, facilitated the breakout sessions, helping team members apply the principles articulated by Puni. Those who attended experienced revival and reformation, expressed in their personal commitment: "All of me in response to all of Him."

Sharon Staddon, former Alaska Conference vice president for finance

iBelieve: A Future You Can Count On

It's coming soon: Idaho Conference Camp Meeting will be held June 11–15 on the campus of Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell.

Do the events happening around the world bring a sense of unease, apprehension, fear? If we as Adventist Christians, who know and believe that God is in control and will ultimately win and restore His creation, feel fearful, what about those around us, our neighbors and friends, who don't have that knowledge, that belief? Dwight Nelson, Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church (Berrien Springs, Mich.) senior

pastor, as the evening speaker and evangelist, will share the certainty of a secure future with those attending camp meeting.

This year's camp meeting will be a little different. Yes, there will be seminars during the day: Jason Worf, Northwest Mission Institute director; David DeRose, doctor from Weimar on health; Marvin Moore, *Signs of the Times* editor; and Mike Jones, on reclaiming former members. Sabbath afternoon features a concert by Michael Harris. This year, bring a friend (or two) with whom you have been working, someone who may be ready to make a

decision to follow Jesus and become a part of the Adventist Church. This year, be prepared to witness the Holy Spirit in action, as Nelson and the Idaho Conference pastoral team bring an evangelistic reaping series to camp meeting.

Watch the May issue of the *GLEANER* for the "Mission Idaho Update" insert, Camp Meeting edition, for further information. For an online lodging reservation form, visit IdahoAdventist.org.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference assistant communication director



Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., will speak for the evening evangelistic meetings during Idaho Camp Meeting.

Ontario Members Care for Church and Community

The members of the Ontario (Ore.) Church feel that it is a privilege to have a special, historic building as their church. They have spent many hours trying to restore it to its original beauty.

They enjoy having programs and inviting the community to programs such as an agape supper in their newly remodeled dining room. Every week after church service there is a fellowship dinner for guests and members alike. At Thanksgiving members enjoy putting together and distributing food baskets to needy people in the area.

Funds are being raised for the dire need of roof restoration by having yard and bake sales and soliciting tax-free donations.

Adele Butler, Ontario Church communication leader



Members in Ontario, Ore., are spending many hours restoring their historic church and using it to bless the community.



Gleaner

Sign up online at www.gleaneronline.org.

Mount Ellis Academy Hosts ‘Ski the Summit’

What could be better than skiing a blue-ribbon powder day in the Rocky Mountains? Well, make it two and a half days and add good friends, vibrant worship and soaking in hot springs. Life doesn't get much better this side of heaven. With its own private ski area and close proximity to world-class skiing at Big Sky and Bridger Bowl, skiing and snowboarding are a big part of life at Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman.

Every year during Presidents Day week Mount Ellis shares its recreational treasures with seventh- through 12th-graders who travel from as far as Minnesota and Washington for an event called Ski the Summit. This year more than 80 visitors joined Mount Ellis students for some fun in the snow.

The MEA ski hill lights glistened on a blanket of fresh snow Sunday night while the T-bar pulled students to the top. Waiting below was a beautiful log lodge with warm fires and hot drinks. In between was an



MEA students Laura Juntschke, Alef Aguiar and Hannah Curtis take a break on the slopes.

exhilarating plunge and a decision between another run or a warm lodge at the bottom.

Monday was an epic powder day at Bridger Bowl, and two feet of fresh “cold smoke” filled its legendary bowls and shoots. Big Sky on Tuesday was literally a peak experience, with a tram carrying brave skiers to the 11,000 foot summit for a spectacular view and the largest vertical drop of any ski area in the United States. By the end

of the day there were a lot of big smiles and sore muscles. A visit to Bozeman's natural hot springs was icing on the cake and therapy for the aches and pains.

Ski the Summit is not just about exercising the body. It's also about feeding the soul. This year's morning and evening worships started with great music and ended with worship talks focused on the theme “No Fear.” While the gutsiest stu-

dents don't show much fear on the slopes, only God's perfect love can truly cast out the fear in our lives.

Ski the Summit is in the books for this year. The MEA family loves sharing what they've got. The mountains won't be going anywhere, so they're looking forward to doing it all over again in 2014.

Darren Wilkins, Mount Ellis Academy principal



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Ohana Christian Fellowship Becomes Official Church

Ohana Christian Fellowship celebrated its inauguration as an official church of the Oregon Conference on Jan. 26, when Dave Allen, Oregon Conference vice president of administration, made the official proclamation.

A handful of people began meeting in 2004 at the home of Ron and Nancy Franzke in West Linn, Ore., when they sensed the need in their new community for an Adventist church. Encouraged by their son Doug to investigate starting a new church, they sought direction from Don Livesay, then president of the Oregon Conference. After much prayer, research and discussions with other pastors, they decided to proceed. "I would rather try and fail than not try at all," Ron Franzke declared one day. Little did this tiny group know what God would do with this courageous step of faith.

Utilizing a booklet entitled "Church Planting 101" by Ron



Brett and Susan Custer lead the worship and praise service.

Gladden, the little group met each Sabbath afternoon to work their way through the steps of forming a church. One person suggested the name "Ohana," which is Hawaiian for "family" and also "nobody left behind." Those words were quickly adopted into the group's mission statement and were the inspiration for the development of its core values.

One year later, this handful of people had grown to a group of

35 by inviting their friends and family to join them. They organized themselves as elders, deacons, teachers, accountants, musicians, drivers, artists, technicians and cooks and prepared to launch their church into the community.

A pastoral search committee was formed a year later, and a call was extended to Doug Franzke. Obtaining conference approval, the call was accepted and the group was designated an official "company" under his leadership. Ohana's first official Sabbath services were held at

the West Linn Community Center, where the church still meets.

The congregation has grown to more than 100 members. Ohana thrives with weekly fellowship luncheons and a strong sense of mission locally and overseas as members endeavor to take the gospel "across the street and around the world." Thanks to the vision of a dedicated donor, the book *The Great Controversy* was mailed to every home in West Linn in February and an evangelistic series was held in March.

As a full-fledged church, Ohana Christian Fellowship members are especially praying for a continued outpouring of God's Spirit on this church family and community, a place of their own to worship and minister to others, and His continued leading each step of the way.

Sue Washinger, Ohana Christian Fellowship communication leader, with Nancy Franzke, Ohana Christian Fellowship member

Dave Allen, Oregon Conference vice president for administration, welcomes Ohana members to the sisterhood of Oregon Conference churches.



Phillips Transitions from PAA to PVC

Greg Phillips, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) chaplain, recently transitioned to Pleasant Valley Church (PVC) in Happy Valley, Ore., as associate pastor for youth and family ministry.

“For several months, I’ve been feeling a call back to a church-based pastoral role,” said Phillips. “Sandi [my wife] and I have been praying for God’s leading, and it’s clear that He is opening the right doors at the right time.” PVC members were also praying for God to meet their immediate need.

During his nearly seven years at PAA, Phillips motivated staff in health, empowered students to become praise and worship leaders, and inspired students



(From left) Jonny Moor, Hood View Church youth pastor; Vadim Gaynaliy, Portland Adventist Academy student representative; George Gainer, Pleasant Valley Church pastor; and Stephen Lundquist, PAA religion department chairman, all lay hands on Greg Phillips to bless his transition from PAA to Pleasant Valley Church in Happy Valley, Ore.

to baptism and commitment to Christ, in addition to his regular chaplain and teaching duties.

“Pastor Greg has been a blessing to our PAA family,” says Gale Crosby, PAA principal. “We

miss him greatly. But the silver lining is that he is still connected to PAA and is very supportive of our program.”

Students were surprised but positive. “PVC has a lot of families like his so it makes sense to have him as our new pastor,” says Caleb Bibb, a PAA senior and PVC member. “And PAA still gets to have him around a lot, so I think it’s great.”

Phillips’ new duties include weekly visits to PAA. “I’m excited that this transition hasn’t meant saying goodbye to my PAA family,” says Phillips. “I love my students, and I love PAA.”

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Bend School Ends Year in the Clear

The recession that began in 2008 affected many Adventist schools, including Three Sisters Adventist Christian School in Bend, Ore. Families were unable to pay their bills because of lost work. Enrollment dropped when families had to make education choices because of continuing financial hardship.

By the beginning of the 2012–2013 school year, the school owed a sizable debt to the Oregon Conference. The Central Oregon constituency voted for a balanced

budget for the year, which meant losing a teacher. By this point, the Three Sisters Adventist Christian School staff and board needed something encouraging to happen.

That encouragement came from an anonymous donor, who challenged the board to raise \$5,000 by Christmas, to which the donor would add a \$10,000 gift to essentially halve the debt. When just a few emails and Facebook posts by teachers Maurita Crew and Jenny Neil brought in the first

\$5,000, a snowball of contributions started rolling. Area churches, members, students and relatives continued to give in response to the challenge. On Dec. 27, 2012, the school paid the debt of almost \$30,000 in full, with more left over.

This small school felt God’s blessing, which echoed the school’s theme texts for the past two years: “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26, NIV) and “For I know the plans I

have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’” (Jer. 29:11, NIV).

Becky Colvin, Three Sisters Adventist Christian school board chairwoman



Fellowship Luncheon Proves a Ministry

John and I prayed often for an outreach ministry because we always had a burden for the poor and needy. But the only thing that came our way was an offer to take over leadership of the fellowship luncheon.

I was not thrilled. Some believed the luncheon should be discontinued, and others wanted it to stay as it was. My attitude at the time was if God wants this I will grit my teeth and muddle through.

My husband was new to the Lord, and I was not sure he was ready for this. But actually it was he who first caught the “love bug” when meeting some of the special people who came to the fellowships. I was not far behind. The Lord was showing us that there was a true ministry here for us.

We had prayed to minister to the needy, but what is need? Here within our own church there are many who, without the luncheons, would go

home to a lonely house. Some are new to the church and this is the best way to meet their new brothers and sisters in Christ. Others need a good meal, and some just love to share in fellowship whenever they can.

We asked for a ministry, and God knew what we needed. We have truly found one and love it.

Diane Weston, Grants Pass Church member



Diane and John Weston

Church Concert Strengthens Community Connections

Crowds arrived eagerly at the Grants Pass Church on Dec. 11, 2012, like shoppers at a year-end sale. In their hands were tickets to the fifth annual West Coast Christmas concert tour presented by Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Choir from Lillooet, British Columbia, Canada.

Each year community attendance at this concert increases due to enthusiastic word-of-mouth and community endorsements. This year, local merchants and professional offices displayed posters advertising the concert. The school district sent posters to its music departments, so students could be inspired by other performers. Many community members started seeking tickets weeks before



Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Choir perform in the Grants Pass Church.

they were released because of the reputation the event had created from previous years.

Better Life Broadcasting Network streamed the concerts on the Internet for

a broader audience. The sale of CDs and DVDs after the concerts gave a chance for attendees to enjoy the music throughout the year.

Demand and community

support for this annual concert suggests more concerts must be presented in this venue. The goal of Better Life Broadcasting Network and the Grants Pass Church is to establish friendships that will last into eternity. The positive reputation of this event makes it easy for members to invite their neighbors, patients, customers, staff, friends and relatives.

Before leaving town the student performers enjoyed abundant breakfasts with host families and informative hour-long tours through the renown wildlife rehabilitation center, Wildlife Images.

Henry Martin, Grants Pass Church communication team member

Volunteer Evangelists Step Forward in The Dalles

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:19, NIV). For that reason, The Dalles Church, located in the stunning Columbia River Gorge, stepped out of its comfort zone. With faith that God would be with members every step of the way and enable them to do all He called them to do, they set out to do their first evangelistic series based on the ShareHim program.



The Dalles Church is baptizing disciples in Jesus' name following an evangelistic series.

Rather than bringing in a professional evangelist, they asked for volunteers from the congregation to do the speaking. Eight beautifully inspired and motivated speakers came forward to cover more than 20 topics. Some had spoken and/or preached in front of a crowd before, but there were a few who hadn't. It was a huge leap of faith for all.



Pastor Del Griebel delivers a message and presents baptismal certificates and roses.

Many behind-the-scenes positions also needed to be filled. Greeters were needed to provide warm and heartfelt welcomes. The event required sound techs as well as visual-effects and computer geniuses. Members wanted to provide security outside to create a safe environment from the time guests left their cars until they returned. Leaders were needed for a children's program planned to go along with what the adults would be learning. God prompted people to come forward, and no position went unfilled.

After much prayer, preparation and promotion, the series began Oct. 17, 2012, and met five nights a week through Nov. 17. The evenings always started with one young man's testimony. He would share just a little of his story each night, leaving everyone on the edge of their seats, wanting to come back to hear more of his life as a living testimony of God's power, love and faithfulness.

Once everyone was warmed up and encouraged, the pro-

gram moved into the topic of the evening. The topics covered God and origins, the law and grace, the Second Coming, and everything in between. Attendance averaged 30 people each night, including a few new faces that seemed to soak up Bible truth like a sponge.

“If only for one person, it's all worth it,” Del Griebel, The Dalles Church pastor, reminded everyone involved. They finished the series by celebrating the baptisms of three new

members of their church family.

This church stepped out in faith, pulled together, worked endlessly, prayed earnestly, and encouraged and supported each other. God not only brought in new church family members but built relationships between those within the body as well. It was such a beautiful picture, but isn't that just like God?

Renee and Todd Dull, The Dalles Church communication leaders

One attendee's heart-change brings new life in Christ.



KEEH-FM Listeners Fund Guatemala Wells

Positive Life Radio KEEH-FM in Spokane, Wash., hosted an on-air project in January that raised more than \$21,000 to dig two new wells in remote Guatemalan villages. The morning show's Don Godman and station chaplain, Richie Brower, hosted the four-hour fundraiser.

Water for Life is a volunteer group of local well-drillers who travel, at their own expense, to Central America each winter. Rod Bartholomew and his dad, Gary, invited listeners to support this life-giving project they co-founded and told about orphans drinking from filthy

little girl had a fever and was listless. She was unable to walk or do much more than hold up her hand. It seemed possible the little girl was dying. Dan remembered that dehydration can cause a fever and gave her a full cup of water from his water bottle along with some Tylenol. She drank that and more, and the effect was dramatic. Within 20 minutes she was walking around talking and laughing. Her fever was gone, and she went from a very sick little girl to healthy with a drink of clean water.

Later Dan and Laura talked with a teacher in La Compuerta



At each well that is built a plaque reads, “Funds for this well were donated by your Christian brothers and sisters — Listeners of Positive Life Radio, Spokane, Wash., USA” and “Thank God for this clean water!”

the gospel to the villagers while the wells are being drilled.

Darin Patzer, KEEH-FM manager, shared his reason for partnering with Water for Life. “When you learn that every day 15,000 people on Earth die simply due to a lack of clean water, you realize this is an issue that our loving God must really care about,” he explained. “These are His precious little children. He puts on your heart that we each have a small part to play as

stewards of the blessings He has given. An exciting lesson is that the more we give, the more He can pour through us.”

Water for Life hopes to expand to help many more remote villages in Central America. To learn more or to make a gift, visit guatemalawells.org.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication administrative assistant

Children in Central America celebrate having access to fresh, clean water.



Don Godman and Rod Bartholomew share the need for clean water with listeners of KEEH-FM.

ponds. The phone rang almost nonstop during the event.

Water for Life volunteers Dan and Laura visited the village of La Compuerta, Guatemala, where 700 people live at the top of a dry hill. The nearby pond was also where the village cattle drank. As they performed free dental work for the villagers, Dan was interrupted by a woman carrying a child. The

about the need for drinking water. The teacher said she tries to encourage the people to drink, but they reply, “If we drink the water we will die.”

Now, thanks to the help of Water for Life, these parents will see their little children grow up because of pure sources of water. Villagers will also have the chance to receive the Living Water as Water for Life presents

Community Thrift Store

Ministers in Bonners Ferry

A family of four, new to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and struggling financially, hears through the local food bank they might get help through the Community Thrift Store. They go, and they receive \$200 to pay the electric deposit needed to move into a rental. Two years later, the family donates \$800 back to the store.



Inside the front door of the Community Thrift Store is a box with free *Signs of the Times* magazines and the logo of the Three Angels' Message.

burden on her heart to donate \$100.

A dad is in jail while the mother, home with a disabled child, has a knock on the door and her furniture is repossessed. She receives a couch from the Community Thrift Store.

“The more people we help, the more sales we make for the month,” Roech says. “This way of doing business is our mission statement — ‘helping people in our community.’”

This one-of-a-kind ministry in Bonners Ferry supports more than four full-time and two part-time employees. It sends \$1,500 each month to the local Adventist school while maintaining an emergency fund to assist people in need.

The Community Thrift Store has been operational since the 1980s, and Roech has been the manager for the past six years. Roach was aggressive in reaching out to the local Chamber of Commerce, the Community Action Center and the local grocery stores. She attends

many of their meetings, and through these interactions with the community she feels the store has received more donations and has been able to help more people. “I can help families faster when local people know what we are doing,” says Roech.

Perhaps the number one reason the Community Thrift Store is different is that Roech has worship each morning with

her workers and tells them, “You may be the only Jesus a person sees today.”

Shauna Cruttenden has worked at the store for more than three years. “It feels like you are doing something for the community,” she says. “We pray for the people who will come into the store, that they will see a difference in us.”

“Every time I come to work, it is an opportunity to witness to others,” says Karen Drechsel, who has worked there for 10 years. “One day a man came in and bought a book about the life of Jesus. I asked if he would like to also read *Desire of Ages* and was able to give him a copy.”

The Community Thrift Store is located at 6786 Cody St. in Bonners Ferry.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication administrative assistant

The thrift store staff includes Debbie Esselbach, Karen Drechsel, Pam Roech, Shauna Cruttenden and Casty Cain.



Shauna Cruttenden steams clothes before pricing them for sale.

A young mother, whose husband just became employed but will not get paid for six weeks, comes into the Community Thrift Store. She asks for help with her rent, but Pam Roech, manager, says, “How are you doing for food?” The young mother starts to cry, so Roech gives her a voucher for \$100 of food at a local grocery store. A few minutes later another lady comes into the store with a

Northport Tea and Luncheon Draws Community

Northport, Wash., community members were invited to attend the Northport Church's third annual Women's Tea and Luncheon in September 2012. Flyers were distributed at the community's annual Labor Day parade and during two weekly community meals and clothing bank days held by the church.

The event was put on by the church's community services and provided a special way to reach out. Attendance by com-

munity members continues to grow, and 35 attended from the community this year.

During the tea, tables for two and four were decorated with donated flowers. Place settings featured china tea cups loaned by members, and the party included a traditional high-tea meal of scones, biscotti, finger sandwiches, fruit salad, and herbal tea or lemonade. A copy of the GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tract "Quiet Times

With God" was placed at each spot.

Master of ceremonies Tim Davis invited attendees to tell something about themselves based on written cues like "tell us about your favorite childhood experience," which were pulled from a basket. People who didn't fit the cues or were too shy to speak had the opportunity to pick someone from the audience to answer instead. Ken LeBrun, Northport Church pastor, told a

story and provided music with his daughter, Kendra.

The event also included a cooking demonstration and tasting of healthy apple crisp. Local merchants provided gift certificates as well. The tea ended with everyone joining to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and promising to return with their friends to the next tea party.

Shirley Krauss, Northport Church communication leader

All Nations Center Holds High Sabbath



Members of the All Nations Center in Wapato, Wash., enjoyed a high Sabbath on Jan. 12 as Steve Huey, pastor, spoke on rededication and held a baby dedication for six little church attendees. An ordination service was also held for elders, deacons and deaconesses. The service closed with a special prayer of dedication.

The youngsters dedicated and their families included

(from left) Nehemiah Valisto with parents Patrick and Rosa and brother Patrick Jr.; Tucker and Josie Twigg with parents George and Christy; Darius VanScoy with parents Vincent and Hannah; Jeremiah Lisoba with parents Adriel and Abby; and Jaimaiyah with mom Billie Joe Sampson.

Ann Lamberton, All Nations Center communication leader

Hispanic Lay Adventist Seminar

Held in Pasco

Lay Adventist Seminar (SAL, as abbreviated in Spanish) classes for this year presented by the Upper Columbia Conference Hispanic ministries started on Jan. 12 at Tri-City Adventist School in Pasco, Wash. The speaker was Atilio Dupertuis, who was lecturer at Central American Adventist University, at Montermorelos University School of Theology and at Andrews University. His lesson "Introduction to Bible Theology" awoke among the 140 registered students a great interest to continue with this training and a lot of enthusiasm to share it.

SAL is both an annual seminar and a monthly class held the second Sabbath of each month.

The instructors are lecturers from Adventist universities in the United States and Mexico. At the end of the year, the students receive a diploma.

The activity was organized by Walter Pintos, Upper Columbia Conference Hispanic coordinator and pastor, with help from Vania Schimpf, administrative assistant, and eight Upper Columbia Conference district pastors.

Alfredo Campechano, Spokane/Othello/Moses Lake Hispanic District pastor



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Hispanic Ministries Tests Evangelism Training Program

Hispanic ministries of Washington Conference began an integrated evangelism training program in October 2012 to prepare members to become lay evangelists and lay Bible workers.

ECEL (Educación Continua de Evangelismo Laico), or Continuous School of Evangelism for Lay People, is a training tool for Washington Conference Hispanic members.

The School of Evangelism prepares individuals to give Bible studies, preach a Bible prophecy series and lead people

to a decision to follow Jesus. Participants attend six training sessions in a three-month period, and each session is four or five hours long. Trainers represent local pastors and conference and union leaders.

In all, 142 individuals completed the required six training sessions of the pilot program. A graduation program on Feb. 2, 2013, awarded 88 certificates to lay evangelists and 106 certificates to Bible workers (some School of Evangelism participants received training in both areas).

The integrated evangelism approach involves both training and application.

“They will be preaching an evangelism series on behalf of their church in April and again in October,” says Omar Grieve, Washington Conference Hispanic ministries director. “We will have 70 concurrent meetings, both in the spring and fall.”

The lay evangelists are renting meeting halls in their neighborhoods or hosting meetings at their local church. Each site has a goal of six baptisms.

ECEL has two training levels. The second training level is planned for 2014.

*Heidi Baumgartner,
Washington Conference
communication director*

Escuela de Evangelismo Laico

Ministerio Hispano de la Asociación de Washington

El ministerio Hispano de la Asociación de Washington comenzó un programa de entrenamiento de evangelismo integrado en octubre de 2012 para entrenar a los miembros a ser evangelistas laicos y obreros bíblicos.

ECEL (Educación Continua de Evangelismo Laico) es un instrumento de instrucción para los miembros hispanos de la Asociación de Washington.

La escuela de evangelismo moviliza a nuestros miembros a dar estudios bíblicos, predicar series de profecías de la Biblia y llevar almas a la decisión de seguir a Jesús. Los participantes asisten a seis sesiones de entrenamiento en un período de tres meses, y cada sesión es de cuatro a cinco horas de duración. Los instructores son pastores locales y líderes de la asociación y la unión.

En total 142 personas completaron las seis sesiones de entrenamiento del programa piloto. Un programa de graduación el 2 de febrero de 2013 honró el esfuerzo de los participantes entregando 88 certificados a evangelistas laicos y 106 certificados a trabajadores bíblicos (algunos participantes recibieron formación en ambas áreas).

El enfoque integrado del entrenamiento de evangelismo implica tanto la formación como la aplicación.

“Estarán predicando una

serie de evangelismo en nombre de su iglesia durante los meses de abril y octubre,” dice Omar Grieve, director de ministerios Hispanos de la Asociación de Washington. “Tendremos 70 reuniones simultáneas, tanto en la primavera como en el otoño.”



Priciliano Villegas, from Olympia Spanish Church, proudly displays his lay evangelist certificate that he earned through School of Evangelism training.

Los evangelistas laicos alquilarán salones de reuniones en sus barrios o presentarán las reuniones en su iglesia local. Cada sitio tiene una meta de seis bautismos.

ECEL tiene dos niveles de entrenamiento. El segundo nivel está previsto para el 2014.

Heidi Baumgartner, directora de comunicaciones de la Asociación de Washington; traducido por Nesy Pittau, directora de salud de la Asociación de Washington

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SAGE Ministers in Nicaragua

Mission trips influence the lives of participants, local residents and, yes, even translators. This was the case with the latest Seniors in Action for God with Excellence (SAGE) mission trip to Nicaragua.

Twenty-six SAGE volunteers (including one youth evangelist-in-training) arrived in the Nueva Guinea, Los Angeles and El Almendro communities and struggled to find translators.

One young man showed up 10 minutes before the first evangelism meeting. He wasn't a Christian but said he was willing to try translating.

"The translator didn't even know what sin is," says Amber

Jurgensen, mission trip participant and mother to youth evangelist Seth Jurgensen. "We realized pretty quickly that [he] didn't really know what he was getting into, and we wanted it to be a positive experience for him."

The translator, named Neffy, came a couple hours early to go through the next presentation with Howard Brenton, SAGE evangelist, and ask the meaning of words and concepts.

A young translator, Carlos, at a second location had a similar experience. "Our translator also was not a church member," says Ruth MacKenzie, trip participant. "He said he wants to be

baptized and that his mother had wished he would be a preacher."

Elsewhere the children's ministry team taught Bible stories to 86 children and parents. The medical team treated patients and gave health talks, and the construction team worked on four Maranatha One-Day School buildings in El Almendro and painted a church.

Read SAGE's mission journal at washingtonconference.org.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



SAGE volunteers and their friends in El Almendro, Nicaragua, celebrate the completion of four Maranatha classrooms. The school is dedicated to the memory of Jan Griffone, a long-time SAGE volunteer who had a heart for mission and ministry to children.

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AAA Students Learn Engineering Principles

Auburn Adventist Academy senior students in Introduction to Engineering class participate each year in a dynamic laboratory challenge to design and build a model bridge from quarter-inch wood strips.

The students then load their bridges with weight in front of their class and calculate the ratio. Often their first attempt is not very successful, and during the load-testing of their bridges the room will erupt with loud excitement at the point the structure fails.

After their first bridge-building attempt, students have a second try to redesign their bridge to hold more weight. Students usually pass the lab with flying colors on their second try because they are better able to apply the engineering principles



Tom Allen, Auburn Adventist Academy engineering teacher, watches as international student Channon Hantaveevongsa continues to test the load capacity of his model bridge.

and adapt their bridges to what they have learned.

This year, a bridge built by

international student Channon Hantaveevongsa was so well designed and constructed that

metal blocks were retrieved from the metal shop to finally give the bridge enough load to cause it to fail. That bridge supported more than 1,000 times its weight. Hantaveevongsa was happy to not just pass the lab but also set a class record for the year.

Introduction to Engineering is one of Auburn Adventist Academy's three dual-credit classes through which students can receive both high school and college credit. Teachers work closely with Walla Walla University to maintain class standards and meet college academic requirements.

Tom Allen, AAA teacher, with Jessi Turner, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Prophecies of Revelation for Teens

An Author Chat



Seth Pierce, pastor and author, enjoys making complex topics more approachable for readers of all ages.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church senior pastor, is publishing the third book in the What We Believe series for teens. The newest book addresses the prophecies of Revelation.

Pierce recently answered these questions for the *GLEANER*:

Why do you like writing for teens and young adults? It's funny — I never set out to be a youth or young adult writer. I enjoy simplifying complex concepts and translating conversations Adventists have had for 150 years for people who are just

beginning to dialogue with our theology.

One of the surprises of the What We Believe series has been the incredible amount of adults who have purchased the books written for an unchurched 13-year-old audience. This tells me that while we have good content, we don't always communicate it very well.

How do you break down the "fear monsters" often associated with Daniel and Revelation? By constantly asking, "What does this tell us about Jesus?" Revelation is a revealing of Jesus — so even the beasts must reveal

something about Him. After all, it is the Spirit of Jesus who gives the vision and leads John to choose the imagery he does.

What is your prayer for readers? To see Jesus clearer than ever before. The word "apocalypse" in Greek means to unveil something that was once hidden. Revelation gives us a shining picture of Jesus that we don't even find in the Gospels.

Follow Pierce's website at sethjperce.com.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

I Cantori Sings to Marines in Hawaii



I Cantori welcomed their new Marine friends to join them on stage after a concert at the Kawaiaha'o Church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Walla Walla University's select choir, *I Cantori*, toured in Hawaii and southern California with 14 scheduled performances, as well as some impromptu ones. Below is a firsthand account of one such spontaneous performance.

It was a particularly stirring restaurant rendition of "Happy Birthday" that got Ray Hauser's attention. Hauser, a volunteer military chaplain, was treating five Marines on leave to lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Honolulu. Hauser discovered that the song had sounded so beautiful because he was lunching next to a 43-member choir from Washington State, who were touring the island.

He approached the choir director, Kraig Scott, and introduced himself. "My wife

and I are hosting five servicemen just back from deployment from Korea, Afghanistan and several places in between," he said. "We are making our lunch last as long as possible because we want to hear you sing again."

After a morning performance at a cathedral and an unscheduled visit to a hospital in the early afternoon, singing at The Old Spaghetti Factory wasn't on the itinerary, but Scott and the group worked together to grant the servicemen's wishes. Though most of *I Cantori's* repertoire is sacred, the group had a couple of other pieces on tap and decided to share a choral rendition of the song "Fix You" by Coldplay.

Still in their seats, choir members started singing softly, then slowly drew in a circle around the table of Marines.

As *I Cantori* sang the chorus, "Lights will guide you home and ignite your bones / And I will try to fix you," the servicemen got a little teary-eyed, as did many choir members, realizing how appropriate the song was for men who had sacrificed it all.

After a round of applause, the choir returned to their meal. Moments later, one of the Marines approached Scott and said that he was a Christian and would love to pray for the group. The choir and servicemen all joined hands in the middle of the restaurant and prayed, thanking God for their new friends and unexpected blessings.

And the memory-making wasn't over. The choir's next concert was the biggest solo concert *I Cantori* had scheduled in Hawaii. They were

performing at the historic Kawaiaha'o Church at the invitation of the church's music director Buddy Nalua'i, who studied organ at Walla Walla University under Melvin West. The church is one of the oldest standing Christian places of worship in Hawaii, and the concert was the capstone of the Hawaiian tour.

When the choir arrived at the church two hours before the concert to rehearse, they found the Marines already there, on the front row. After the concert, the Marines and the chaplain joined the choir for pictures, hugs and conversation.

Camlynnne Waring, university relations writer

They Never Missed a Beat at Adventist Health's *Northwest Regional Heart Center*



(From left) Doctors Steven Guyton, Bradley G. Titus, Thomas A. Molloy and Jeffrey F. Boskind.

“Thanks to them, my heart is now beating the way it should.”

Charlene’s activities centered around her active family in Walla Walla, Wash., so when she started feeling strange sensations in her chest, she wondered what was wrong. Charlene’s physician referred her to Brad Titus, a cardiologist with the Northwest Regional Heart Center (NRHC) at Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH). After a thorough assessment, which included a cardiac catheterization and angiogram, it was determined that

Charlene needed valve replacement surgery to keep the blood flowing through her arteries.

The NRHC team in Walla Walla quickly called Tom Molloy, a highly skilled cardiac surgeon specializing in minimally invasive robotic heart surgery at Adventist Health’s NRHC in Portland, Ore. Based on the information provided from his trusted cardiac team in Walla Walla, the Portland surgeon was able to evaluate Charlene’s condition. Charlene and her

husband quickly learned that the NRHC team in Walla Walla, along with the comprehensive services and cardiac surgeon at their Adventist Health campus in Portland, would provide her the best outcomes and would give her a new lease on life.

The NRHC exists as a beacon of hope and healing for people needing access to heart care through hospitals and clinics in Walla Walla, Tillamook, Ore., Manzanita, Ore., and Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in

Portland. This regional presence includes highly trained surgeons, cardiologists, certified cardiac-trained nurses, and state-of-the-art imaging and surgical services. “Clinical data shows that patients receiving care from the NRHC have some of the best outcomes in the country,” states Tom Russell, president and CEO of AMC, a hospital now ranked in the top 5 percent nationwide for patient safety and quality.

Learning that WWGH and AMC are both among the few accredited chest pain centers in the entire Northwest, Charlene felt confident that her heart was in the best hands possible. She chose to have minimally

invasive robotic heart surgery at the NRHC in Portland and was pleasantly shocked to be on her feet the next day and back home quicker than she ever anticipated. “These doctors and nurses at both locations never missed a beat,” she exclaimed. “Thanks to them, my heart is now beating the way it should. NRHC didn’t waste a moment, and they’ve given me the rest of my life to play with my grandkids.”

“Adventist Health’s NRHC coordinates hospitals, physicians and clinics to offer the highest value of cardiovascular care possible for patients,” states Mark Hart, a NRHC cardiologist who treats patients at Tillamook County General

Hospital and at AMC. “Coordinating and standardizing care to improve the quality across our campuses in Oregon and Washington helps save lives, improves the overall health of the populations we serve, and reduces health care costs by not duplicating services.”

As a result of Adventist Health’s expanded cardiac services, residents living on the Oregon Coast have immediate access to a full complement of cardiac services. That was good news for a dairy farmer in the Oregon coastal community of Tillamook. David’s family quickly learned that seconds matter when experiencing a heart attack and the importance

of having doctors coordinating his care.

Thanks to Hart’s ability to get David immediately diagnosed, he was transported via helicopter over the icy mountain range into the safety of a team expecting his arrival at the NRHC in Portland. Back with his cows, David is doing well today and crediting the continuum of cardiac care between the heart teams in Tillamook and Portland.

Judy Leach, Adventist Medical Center marketing and communication director



Adventist Health’s Northwest Regional Heart Center’s cardiologist Mark Hart helps diagnose and treat patients.



Watch Charlene’s story by scanning the QR code or go to NWRegionalHeart.com.

MILESTONES

Bork 90th

Nadene Bork celebrated her 90th birthday with a large gathering of family and friends on Aug. 18, 2012, held at her son's home in Benton City, Wash., and planned by her sister-in-law, Barbara Thompson. Nadene and her husband, Herbert, also celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary a few days before her birthday.

Nadene was born Aug. 22, 1922, to John and Ethel Thompson in Fruitland, Wash., where she lived until she and her brother Wayne were old enough to attend school. The family moved to Washington's Yakima Valley so they could attend the Granger Church school and Yakima Valley Academy. She graduated in 1941 and attended Walla Walla College (WWC, now Walla Walla University), majoring in elementary education as her mother had, in preparation to either teach or serve as a girls' dean at an academy.

During her freshman year, she met Herbert Bork. During World War II, Nadene dropped out of school to fill an urgent need for a teacher in Granger, where she taught for a year and a half before returning to college. She married Herbert in 1947, and they spent three more years teaching in Granger before returning to college and graduating from WWC in 1951.

All her teaching was in the Upper Columbia Conference, where she taught lower grades and Herbert served as principal. They taught in Granger, Wenatchee and Spokane, Wash., and finished in Pendleton, Ore., where she taught for 26 years before retiring.

During her 37.5 years of teaching, Nadene excelled in teaching reading. In recognition of her accomplishments, she was given the Excellence in Teaching Award from the North American Division Office of Education in 1988.

Nadene and Herbert live in Pendleton and stay busy with their business, Bork Saddlery Hardware. Herbert still casts bronze at his foundry west of Pendleton, and Nadene enjoys the connection with customers all over the U.S. and overseas.

The Bork family includes Stephen and De Ann (Bail) Bork of Benton City; and 2 grandchildren.

House 100th

Ralph House celebrated his 100th birthday on Aug. 26, 2012, with a party in his daughter's home in Kent, Wash.

Ralph was born Sept. 7, 1912, in San Juan, Texas. He worked on a hay farm in Keystone, Neb., then went to Colorado Springs, Colo., and worked on a dairy farm. For 18 years, he worked on a chicken ranch in Hillsboro, Ore. Ralph worked in a plywood mill before working on a poultry ranch in Tacoma, Wash., and at the Auburn Academy Mill in Auburn, Wash. Ralph was then a caretaker on The Day's Estate in Tacoma. He also worked as a caregiver for his cousin in Hillsboro, retiring in 1985.

He married Dorothy Evaileen Houpt in July 30, 1940, in North Platt, Neb. They had three children.

The House family includes Marilyn Gibson of Issaquah, Wash.; Dwayne and Yvonne House of Spokane, Wash.; Rosalyn and Richard Meyer of

Kent, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Lively 50th

Walter and Clara Lively celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12, 2012, in Pacific, Wash., with a dinner.

Walter Lively met Clara Miller while Clara was teaching his oldest son, Edward, at the Nelson-Crane Adventist School in Puyallup, Wash. They lived most of their married lives in Tacoma, Wash., area, where they dedicated their lives to doing God's work.

They spent much of their 50 years of marriage helping out the church and the schools, always finding ways to help others. Though these 50 years have gone by quickly, they look forward to many more together here and in heaven.

The Lively family includes Eldon Lively of Pacific, Wash.; Fonda and Kevin Cox of Brush Prairie, Wash.; Danene Honemann of Spanaway, Wash.; Karen and Terry McLean of Orting, Wash.; Dennis and Sharri Lively of Redmond, Ore.; 13 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Smith 50th

Charles and Lois Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2012, with a sit-down dinner for 135 friends and family at the Lents Activity Center in Portland, Ore.

In 1960 Charles met Lois Resler in Sterling, Colo., where she was attending college and he was working in the oil fields. He was baptized that

fall, and then they both attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. They were married in Colorado on July 22, 1962, and returned to Union College to finish their degrees.

Charles spent his entire working career as a specialist in information systems, first at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Ill., and then at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore. From 1978 until his retirement in 2000, he was with the North Pacific Union Conference information systems department. Lois worked in various offices at AMC, as secretary of the Sunnyside Church in Portland, and, to finish her career, in the administration offices at AMC.

Their family includes Karla and Tony Locke of Anacortes, Wash.; Lisa and Greg Grant of Tucson, Ariz.; Steve and Krista Smith of Bassano del Grappa, Italy; and four grandsons. The whole family, including all the grandchildren, attended the anniversary celebration.

AT REST

CARTER — Mary A. (Copeland), 91; born March 17, 1921, Brooks, Ore.; died Dec. 19, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sisters, Roberta Herd, College Place, Wash.; and Jean Wadlin, Cleveland, Okla.

HALLOCK — Cindy Mae (Rothenbach), 75; born Nov. 26, 1937, Roscoe, Ill.; died Dec. 18, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Leroy; son, Lawrence, Woodland, Wash.; daughter, Cindy Rose Jeffery, Woodland; 2 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

HAYES — Mary M. (Kurns), 100; born July 4, 1912, Marion, Wis.; died Nov. 22, 2012, Lewistown, Mont. Surviving: sons, Melvin E., Blanchard, Idaho; Charles E., Irvine, Calif.; brothers, John Kurns, Lewistown; Joe Kurns, Cobb, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

HENDRICK — Gerald D., 74; born Sept. 18, 1937, Blue Mound, Ill.; died March 29, 2012, Castle Rock, Colo. Surviving: wife, Geri (Schwarz) Voss; sons, Gerald Hendrick Jr., Vancouver, Wash.; Gale Hendrick, Littleton, Colo.; stepsons, Carl Voss, of Montana; Ronald Voss, Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepdaughter, Sheri (Voss) Cislo, Helena, Mont.; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

HIGGINS — Patrick Ira, 68; born Nov. 23, 1944, Spokane, Wash.; died Dec. 4, 2012, Spokane. Surviving: wife, Kathy (Wagner); sons, Timothy and Michael, both of Spokane; sister, Betty Leibrecht, Spokane; and 5 grandchildren.

HOUSE — Ralph Rutledge, 100; born Sept. 7, 1912, San Juan, Texas; died Nov. 10, 2012, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dorothy Evaleen (Haupt); son, Dwayne, Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Marilyn Gibson, Issaquah, Wash.; Rosalyn Meyer, Kent, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

INDERMUEHLE — John L., 72; born May 25, 1940, Hartford, Wis.; died Dec. 21, 2012, Cottage Grove, Ore. Surviving: wife, Muriel (Wigren); sons, Chris, College Place, Wash.; Eric, Fort Collins, Colo.; brother, Ray, West Bend, Wis.; sisters,

Mary Ann Rose, Jackson, Wis.; Phyllis Bestor, Orem, Utah; and a grandchild.

JAMES — Maxine E. (Whitney), 84; born July 30, 1928, Portales, N.M.; died Dec. 21, 2012, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Albert, Portland; and Larry, Lebanon, Ore.

JONES — Irma E. (Dietrich), 86; born Jan. 15, 1926, Kobe, Japan; died Dec. 7, 2012, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sons, Helmuth, Paradise, Calif.; Phillip, Salem, Ore.; Ray, Portland, Ore.; daughters, Pamela Wheeler, Salem; Patricia Wall, Boring, Ore.; sisters, Erika Blake, Gresham; Inga Pahls, Portland; 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

KENNY — Hazel M. (Larson), 90; born April 30, 1922, Spokane, Wash.; died Dec. 1, 2012, Priest River, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Edward Harry, Spirit Lake, Idaho; daughters, Linda Brennen, Sandpoint, Idaho; Charlotte Schober, Lincoln, Neb.; Kathryn Fridlund, Stanwood, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

KNOCHE — Elnora E. (Babcock), 87; born Jan. 4, 1925, Bellingham, Wash.; Oct. 18, 2012, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: husband, George "Bob," Post Falls, Idaho; son, Ken, Athol, Idaho; daughter, Kathy Pipoly, Graham, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

LIVELY — Walter Henry, 89; born Oct. 18, 1923, Florence, Colo.; died Oct. 28, 2012, Pacific, Wash. Surviving: wife, Clara (Miller); son, Eldon, Pacific; Dennis, Redmond, Ore.; daughters, Fonda Cox,

Brush Prairie, Wash.; Danene Honemann, Spanaway, Wash.; Karen McLean, Orting, Wash.; brother, Allen, Tacoma, Wash.; sisters, Dorothy Zeigler, Auburn, Wash.; Linda Webb, Puyallup, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

MACK — Donald Merrill, 87; born July 10, 1925, Battle Ground, Wash.; died Nov. 19, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lydia (Rosin); son, Randall, Honolulu, Hawaii; daughters, Dawn K. Dawes, Walla Walla; Patti Kay Bray, Harker Heights, Texas; Carrie Carreon, Redlands, Calif.; sister, Ruth Marsh, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

NORTON — F. Willard "Bill," 91; born May 28, 1921, Dodge Center, Minn.; died Dec. 10, 2012, Tucson, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Dorislee (Erickson), Pateros, Wash.; son, Marvin, Battle Ground, Wash.; a grandchild and 3 great-grandchildren.

RACUS — Helen Evelyn (Grinnell) Smith, 92; born May 30, 1920, Fulton, S.D.; died June 12, 2012, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: son, Daniel Smith, East Wenatchee, Wash.; daughters, Diane (Smith) Hughes, Lake Oswego, Ore.; Barbara (Smith) Davis, Omak, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

SCHULTZ — Gary, 58; born March 23, 1954, Pendleton, Ore.; died Dec. 5, 2012, Hamilton, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Sherry (Pflugrad), Long Creek, Ore.; sons, Casey and Ty, both of Long Creek; Jimmy, College Place, Wash.; mother, Marilyn

(Brusett) Weissenflugh, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; brother, Melvin, Portland, Ore.; Keith, Oldtown, Idaho; sister, Karen Kendall, Pendleton; and a grandchild.

SWETNAM — Ronald Lee, 70; born Aug. 7, 1942, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 15, 2012, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lorae (Iona) Glennie; sons, Scott A., Sandy, Ore.; Corey L., American Canyon, Calif.; stepson, Brian Glennie, Reno, Nev.; sister, Diane Gibbons, Madras, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

TAYLOR — Zane (Patton), 80; born Oct. 18, 1932, Mancelona, Mich.; died Nov. 25, 2012, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Ken; sons, Jeff, Albany, Ore.; Bryan, Palo Cedro, Calif.; Shaun, Salem; daughter, Mindy Hersey, Salem; brother, John Patton Jr., Roseburg, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

THOMSON — John Emerson, 62; born Nov. 25, 1949, Fort Collins, Colo.; died Sept. 3, 2012, St. Maries, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Bobbye (Childers); and daughter, Brenna Thomson, Leavenworth, Wash.

WILLIAMS — Darius Wilbur, 77; born Dec. 28, 1935, Clark Fork, Idaho; died Jan. 6, 2013, Medical Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bernita (Berger); sons, James, Lewistown, Mont.; David, Sandpoint, Idaho; daughters, Darcy Trethewey, Mishawaka, Ind.; Yvonne Kriger, New Windsor, N.Y.; brother, Darrell, Salem, Ore.; sisters, Roberta Stewart, Port Orchard, Wash.; Adaline Williams, Salem; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

April 6 — Local Church Budget;

April 13 — Christian Record Services;

April 20 — Local Church Budget;

April 27 — Local Conference Advance.

Walla Walla University

April 7-9 — University Days, academy seniors visit campus, 509-527-2615;

April 14 — North Pacific Regional Robotics, teams of 6- to 14-year-old students participate;

April 19-21 — Weekend of Worship featuring Chris Blake;

April 21 — Spring Service Day, community projects;

April 26-28 — Homecoming Weekend, wallawalla.edu/homecoming.

Oregon

CAA Alumni Homecoming Weekend

April 5-6 — Honoring the classes of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1988, 1993, 2003, 2013 and the honor group of 1952 and prior (The CAA Trailblazers). The weekend schedule includes: Friday evening vespers, presented by the Class of 2003; Sabbath School, presented by the Class of 1993; church, presented by the Class of 1988; Sabbath afternoon program, presented by the Class of 1963; Saturday night event and basketball games. All weekend meetings will be held in the Meadow Glade Church. Registration will be in the school forum. If you are interested in helping to coordinate your class reunion, please contact Larry Hiday at 360-687-3161 or hidala@caaschool.org.

Lents Spring Fling

April 7 — Lents Spring Fling (taking the place of the annual SNOW Party this year) will be held Sunday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Our theme is "What Is Growing in Your (Spiritual) Garden?!" Cheri Corder, Kamille Ross and others will be our speakers, plus we will enjoy musical performers, a delicious lunch, activities and surprises. This is a free event, but donations are always welcome. Please call 503-774-7290 to preregister. Please leave your name(s), the number in your party and your church affiliation. Free parking. No child care. Teenage girls are welcome as we will have a teen speaker. Come join us for a season of growth and nurturing ... wonderful seeds to plant in your garden! See you there! Lents Church is located at 8835 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR 97266.

Simply Cooking Workshop

April 18 — Simply Cooking was such a hit in January and February that once again we are excited to invite those who are broadening their interest in plant-based dishes to attend the free workshop at the Castle Rock (Wash.) Church. Ronni Reinecke facilitates our learning, and the class begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be samples and recipes. Please reserve your place by contacting Wanda at 360-967-2165, or Jeanne at 360-274-6709.

OAMC 19th Annual Spring Festival

April 27 — Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus 19th annual Spring Festival at 7 p.m., at the Adventist Community Church, 9711 NE

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All Nations Navajo Mission Church at Gresham

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PAA Alumni Weekend

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Hood River Church Celebrates 100 years

July 27 — Enjoy a Sabbath of renewing old friendships and encouraging a new generation for the next 100 years on July 27, the weekend after the Gladstone camp meeting. Young and old will enjoy old photographs, memorabilia and other memories from the past. Sabbath School starts at 9:30 a.m. and church service at 10:30 a.m. in our recently restored church at 13th Street and Oak Street. There will be a potluck lunch at our school, followed by a 3 p.m. "This I Remember" time for sharing memories. For additional information, contact Ralph Staley at staley@hrecn.net.

Washington

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SAGE Two-day Event in Seattle

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April (DST)	5	12	19	26
Alaska Conference				
Anchorage	8:54	9:12	9:31	9:49
Fairbanks	8:54	9:16	9:38	10:01
Juneau	7:46	8:01	8:17	8:33
Ketchikan	7:31	7:45	7:58	8:12
Idaho Conference				
Boise	8:16	8:24	8:32	8:41
La Grande	7:25	7:34	7:43	7:51
Pocatello	8:00	8:08	8:16	7:24
Montana Conference				
Billings	7:47	7:56	8:05	8:14
Havre	7:54	8:05	8:15	8:25
Helena	8:02	8:11	8:20	8:30
Miles City	7:37	7:46	7:55	8:05
Missoula	8:10	8:19	8:29	8:38
Oregon Conference				
Coos Bay	7:47	7:56	8:04	8:12
Medford	7:41	7:49	7:57	8:05
Portland	7:43	7:52	8:01	8:10
Upper Columbia Conference				
Pendleton	7:28	7:37	7:46	7:55
Spokane	7:24	7:34	7:44	7:54
Walla Walla	7:26	7:36	7:45	7:54
Wenatchee	7:36	7:45	7:55	8:05
Yakima	7:36	7:45	7:55	8:04
Washington Conference				
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Seattle	7:44	7:54	8:04	8:13

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The Song

Luella murmured, “It must be angels.” Indeed it seemed as if they were eavesdropping on an angelic chorus.

On those rare gray, drippy days here in the Northwest, I sometimes turn to a book that reminds me of the beauty behind the veil of clouds. It’s an iconic series of pristine images taken by Ray Atkeson — considered by many to be the dean of Northwest landscape photographers.

Atkeson’s wife, Mira, was also an accomplished photographer in her own right. But it’s her unique experience with an Adventist hymn, hinted at in a decades-old *GLEANER* story, that drew my interest the other day.

According to Ida Mae Morley, who originally penned the account, Mira and her brother, Bob, were living during the early 1900s near the Adventist school in Laurelwood, Oregon, with their mother, Luella. Luella had been struggling as a single parent since the death of her husband. One Sabbath evening, after a particularly trying week, she stepped outside with her two children to drink in the glowing sunset colors.

Yet as they stood there in the deepening dusk, they heard music filtering down, it seemed, from the tops of the nearby trees: harps, then an entire orchestra, and . . . a choir. Luella murmured, “It must be angels.” Indeed it seemed as if they were eavesdropping on an angelic chorus that sang: “Oh Shepherd divine, I know Thou art mine; Thy search in the dark was for me.

This bleak world is cold, but warm is Thy fold. My Shepherd, I follow Thee.”

The music faded, and Mira watched as her mother went into the house, attempting to mirror that beautiful melody on her piano. It was a melody they’d never forget.

Had they overheard a heavenly rehearsal? A prophetic preview? You see, some years later, Herbert Work, an

Adventist music teacher at Pacific Union College, was sitting on a rock in the woods, when inspiration struck and he began to jot down some familiar words, words that Luella and Mira had heard in another time and place. Yet they had never spoken, never met.

Work’s words and music were eventually published as “O Shepherd Divine,” Hymn No. 192 in the *Adventist Church Hymnal*.

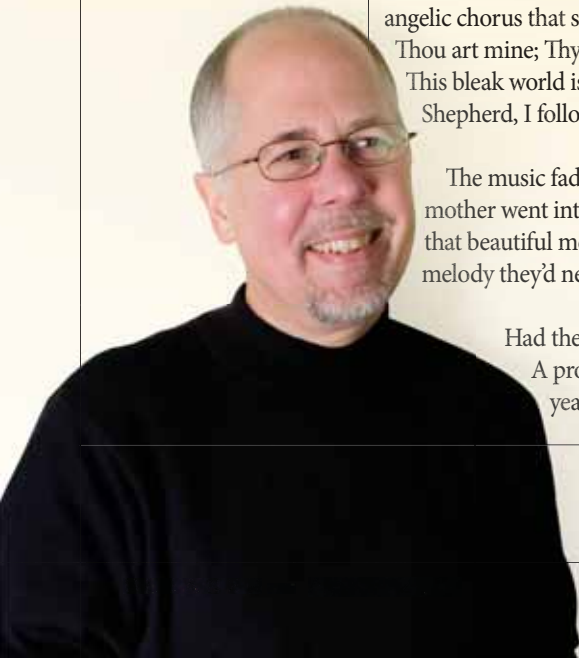
But according to Ida Mae Morley, it wasn’t until decades later that the story and the song came full circle back to Luella and Mira. Ida Mae had overheard Luella’s testimony at a Washington Camp Meeting session and wondered if that ethereal song and Professor Work’s hymn were cut from the same cloth. She confided her hunch to Mira and Ray Atkeson, who confirmed the original story and encouraged her to visit Luella.

At Luella’s home, Ida Mae sat down at the piano and began to play Herbert Work’s hymn. To Luella’s clear amazement, it was indeed the melody and message she remembered from that sunset serenade decades before.

Was Luella’s recollection the strange déjà vu of mistaken memories? Or had her unworldly experience been a divine preview of musical inspiration granted years later to Work? We may never know.

But I can’t help wonder if the same heavenly choir that had thrilled Judean shepherds found time nearly 2,000 years later for a stressed-out single mom who needed to know her Shepherd was near.

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