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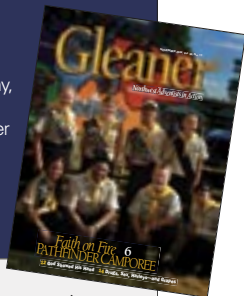
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Representing the 1,700 Northwest Pathfinders who were at the Faith on Fire Camporee were, from left: (front) Megan Nioso, Beaverton, Ore.; Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC youth director; Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference and NPUC Pathfinder director; Truman Turner, Anchorage, Alaska; (back) Amanda Koskennaki, Milton Freewater, Ore.; Katie Garner, Caldwell, Idaho; Denver Twist, Hamilton, Mont.; and Kelly Lin, Bellevue, Wash.



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MY NEW Rolex WATCH

BY JERE PATZER



Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

I am the proud new owner of a classy-looking Rolex watch. Recently I was in Hong Kong, and a man approached me on the street. He was selling watches. Rolex watches. He led me off the street down a hallway and then disappeared. Soon he was back with several watches to choose from. To make a long story short, I was able to purchase one very inexpensively.

It wasn't long, however, until I noticed something wasn't quite right. It wasn't keeping time. One day I noticed the back was loose, and when it fell off in my hand I got a good look at the inside. It was almost empty. Just a little plastic works like one might expect in a kid's Mickey Mouse watch. I realized I had been sold a fake.

Wanting to salvage something positive from the experience, I became philosophical. *Is it possible for me to be like that watch?* I asked myself. Maybe so.

As an Adventist individual I unavoidably wear a label. And certain things should be going on inside. People have a right to know that we hold certain beliefs. You see, there are different expectations for different people. I like to think of it as fellowship, membership, leadership.

With few exceptions everyone should be included into our Adventist *fellowship*. When we choose to become a *member*, we take a vow that we believe certain fundamental doctrines as agreed upon by our world church family. Eventually if I become a *leader*, even greater responsibilities in the areas of belief and lifestyle accompanying the opportunities that affords.

And while that is true of lay leadership, it is doubly true of those of us who receive our livelihood from members of our churches or parents of our students. Paul said not many should desire to be teachers... That's because he's talking about the added responsibility of leadership.

Someone said, referring to the fact that they no longer held to some of the beliefs and practices of the church, "I'm Adventist enough." But for someone to say they are an Adventist Christian but not believe and/or practice what they may personally see as inconsequential is seriously flawed.

In fact is it going too far to say, like my Rolex watch, there's something drastically wrong with wearing the label without the corresponding "works"? Sooner or later people recognize a fake when they see one. Honesty, credibility and integrity should demand of me in my Christian walk what business calls "truth in advertising."

Before you think I really bought a \$2 watch thinking it was a Rolex, let me assure you I did it intentionally for a sermon illustration. But for me the lesson is a valid one. I need to be certain that by God's grace I am the real, genuine Adventist Christian that I claim to be. My watch isn't Rolex enough, and I better not just be "Adventist enough." •





Everything about the Faith on Fire Camporee was big. Consider the numbers:

- More than 33,000 people attended from more than 100 countries.
- 16,812 Pathfinders were registered.
- 13,626 Pathfinder staff members were registered.
- 621 volunteers worked at the camporee.
- 2,100 day passes were sold during the camporee.
- 130 pastors baptized more than 290 Pathfinders.
- 22 different community service projects involved more than 8,000 Pathfinders.
- 35,000 Bibles were collected and \$19,200 was collected for their shipment.

- 450 Young Eagles experienced their first flight in a small airplane at the camporee.
- Each Pathfinder brought an average of 15 trading pins. Approximately 400,000 pins were traded.

It took 220 acres to house the camporee. Camping, 100 acres Parking, 50 acres Activities, 60 acres The main stage seating area contained seven acres.

- Four large hangars of 40,000 square feet offered 160,000 square feet of activity space. In addition there were about 25 tents for other activities. Eighty exhibits and vendors were in Hangar A.
- Southern Union had the biggest campsite with 5,506 Pathfinders registered.
- 420 port-a-lets used 450 cases containing 10,700 rolls or 26,750,000 sheets of toilet paper.
- Five shower houses and five shower semi-trailers contained 403 showerheads.
- 147,000 gallons of wastewater were transported each day or a total of 1,029,100 gallons for the camporee week.
- A total of 166.06 tons or 332,120 pounds of trash were hauled away during the camporee.

Source: Faith on Fire Camporee administration.



Feature

Pathfinders from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the Northeastern Conference carried the flags during the dramatic and colorful opening ceremonies of the Faith on Fire Pathfinder Camporee.



Mona Sarcona

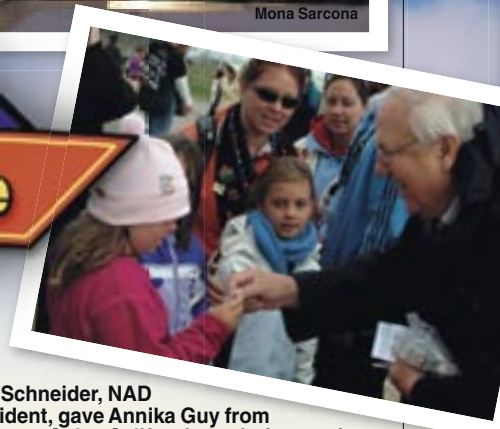


Mona Sarcona



Each evening the cast members of the drama, *The Fire Within*, paused for prayer and a last encouraging touch. The cast rehearsed six days a week for three weeks.

Don Schneider, NAD president, gave Annika Guy from Sherman Oaks, California, a pin for praying with someone she did not know. All told, Don gave out 2,000 pins.



Pathfinder



Alaska Pathfinders along with others from the Northwest, marched in the Thursday afternoon parade. Ikey Ogden, one of the Anchorage Pathfinders, said he enjoyed the experience.



Each afternoon after the parade, campers were treated to a thrilling air show.



Pilot Bill Wambach of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, took these Pathfinders from Centerville, Ohio, on their first small airplane ride as a part of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program.



Mark Bond, his wife Conna and their children from Condon, Montana, along with members of the Bruske family from Athena, Oregon, wrote the camporee theme song and performed during the opening ceremonies.

Christina Liem, Gold Beach, Oregon, Pathfinder director, carried the flag during the daily parade. She became director of the club when she was 16 years old and was honored to light the candles of the people on the stage during the dedication service at the end of the camporee.

Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC youth director, holds a complete set of North Pacific Union pins. These pins, when assembled, complete a puzzle.



Nina Sarcona, camporee costume designer from Berrien Springs, Michigan, makes last minute adjustments to the costume of Simone Da Silva from Orlando, Florida, who played the part of Potiphar's wife in the main stage evening drama, *The Fire Within*. Working for months ahead of time, Nina and her team created 185 different costumes.

Aaron Payne, Meadow Glade youth pastor, baptized Hannah Etter at the camporee. The only Adventist in her family, Hannah attends the Meadow Glade Adventist School in Battle Ground, Washington. She became acquainted with Pathfinders at school and took baptismal classes.

Camporee

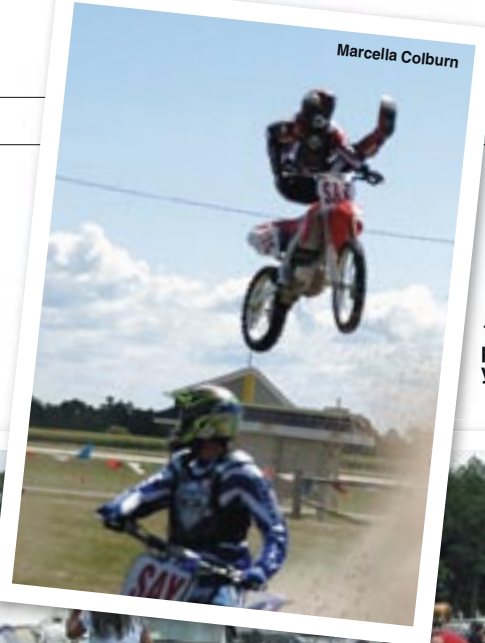


Feature



Dirk Zinner

The Ontario Drum Corps participated in the drill team competition during the camporee. This corps was started in 1999 and performed for first time at the 2000 General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



Marcella Colburn

Professional motocross riders Ryan Picard and David Kamo performed at the camporee. Craig Bonson, president of Oregon's Community Crusade Against Drug Abuse, and his team travel the Northwest promoting a drug-free lifestyle to young people.

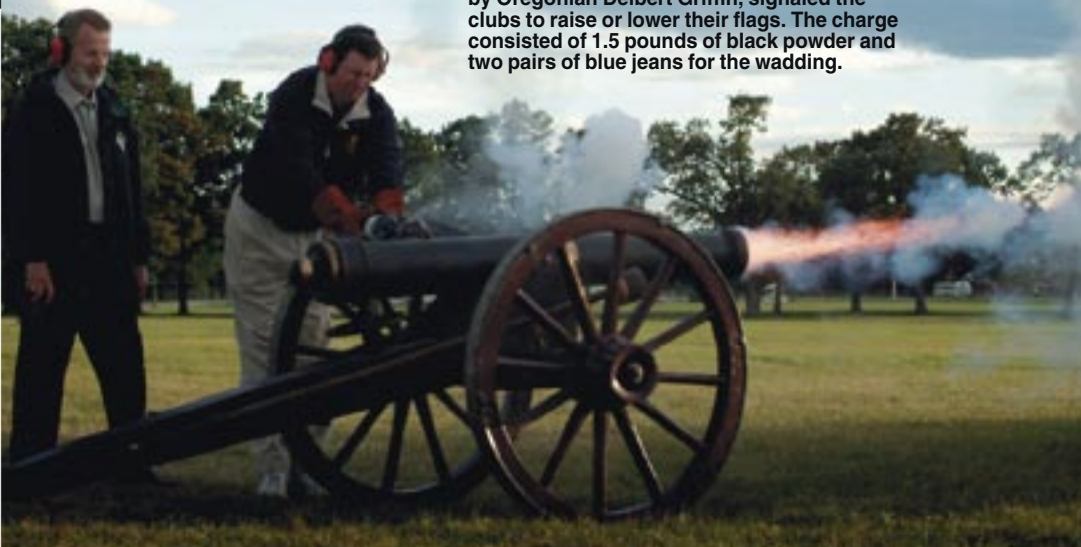


Setting up camp and sorting luggage was the first order of business for Northwest Pathfinders upon arrival at the camporee.



Boise Ponderosa Pathfinder co-director Cathy Ford and Susan Manika and her son, Taku, mix a tasty filling for the club's vegeburger supper.

Every morning and evening at seven o'clock, a shot from this cannon, owned by Oregonian Delbert Griffin, signaled the clubs to raise or lower their flags. The charge consisted of 1.5 pounds of black powder and two pairs of blue jeans for the wadding.



Marcella Colburn



Pathfinders were on the move in August as 33,000 people journeyed in cars, buses, motor homes and airplanes to attend the Faith on Fire Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

With all the miles to travel there were bound to be some incidents. Jennifer Shearer, Kennewick (Washington) Night Hawks Pathfinder director, was driving their van and pulling a camper-trailer when, somewhere between Rapid City and Wall Drug, North Dakota, a gust of wind caused the camper to start swaying.

A second gust caused the trailer to roll, taking the van with it. The trailer broke into splinters, and the van was totaled.

Fortunately, the occupants of the van escaped serious injury and after some medical attention continued on to Oshkosh, arriving a little later than they had planned. On arrival, Ben, Jennifer's husband, quipped, "Everyone said, 'We went bust.' Well we might be broken, but we're still going."

Hoping to be recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records, 1,064 Pathfinders attempted to set the world record for leap frog.



To pass the travel time, the Hillsboro, Oregon, Pathfinders were swapping stories about how God had saved their lives or the lives of other people they knew. Suddenly, they gasped in horror at the scene in front of them.

Bob Gaede, club director, was laying on the over-the-cab bed of the pickup-

***The Fire Within*, the main-stage evening feature, told the story of Joseph each evening at the camporee.**

mounted camper and felt the wind lift the camper to 45-degree angle to the left. He quickly climbed to the high side of the bed, and the camper settled back onto the truck.

Then another gust of wind hit, and the camper nearly left the truck. "It tilted to way more than 45 degrees that time," says Dave Apple, camp cook and Hillsboro church elder, who was driving a car behind the pickup. "There is no way that camper should have stayed on the truck, but it did. The kids were all praying, and they believe they saw God work a miracle." The camper rotated back up, over and settled back onto the truck.

As soon as they could, the Hillsboro group stopped and everyone gathered for a prayer of thanksgiving. "The wind had bent the mounting brackets all the way up straight on the right side of the truck and completely disconnected [them]," says Bob. "On the left side, the brackets were badly bent but had held." Club leaders straightened the brackets as best they could, reconnected the camper and drove slowly until the wind subsided.

Other clubs had tires blow out, transmissions fail and other mechanical

NORTHWEST PATHFINDERS

The North Pacific Union camp site was located at the eastern end of the camping area and was close to the activities and main stage.

1,700 Pathfinders and staff represented 69 individual clubs at the camporee:

- Alaska: 3
- Idaho: 3
- Montana: 3
- Oregon: 26
- Upper Columbia: 22
- Washington: 12



WHAT DID NORTHWEST PATHFINDERS LIKE ABOUT THE CAMPOREE?

Kenny Bacon, a member of the Colville (Washington) Cougars, liked “the amusement things, the things in the hangars like the exhibits, crafts and honors.”

Michael Bumgardner from College Place, Washington, liked “the BMX track where you ride the bicycles and go over jumps.”

Dominique Burch-Manning, a member of the Bellevue (Washington) Church Sojourners Pathfinder Club, liked the main-stage meetings covering the story of Joseph.

Angela Harris, from the Hamilton (Montana) Trailblazers, also liked the Joseph story. “The honors were fun,” she said. “The food was good, and everything I did was fun.” She earned honors in braiding, rocks and minerals, and CPR.

Nathan Gray from Boise Ponderosa Pathfinders, liked the pin trading and the honors classes.

Rochelle Dela Torre, member of the Anchorage Pathfinders, liked meeting people from other countries and other states. She was able to meet some friends from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she used live.

Amy Helein from McMinnville, Oregon, liked all the friendly people, pin trading, going to the meetings, having a great time and worshipping God together. She kept her spirits up during the wind and cold by thinking that the wind would keep the mosquitoes away and since she lives in Oregon she could deal with the cold temperatures. •



Ashley Tardif from the Woodstock, Maine, Pathfinder club, donate a Bible to help meet the goal of collecting 100,000 Bibles during the camporee. The Bibles will be shipped to countries around the world.



Ben Shearer

Jennifer Shearer, Kennewick, Washington, Night Hawks Pathfinder director, and her husband, Ben, rolled their van in rural South Dakota on the way to the camporee.



Ben Davis

These students from the Ekamai International School in Thailand were part of the 1,829 international Pathfinders who attended the Faith on Fire camporee. They enjoyed trading their Thai pins with young people from North America.



Dirk Zinner

Campers from Canada and the Atlantic unions already formed a long line for showers by 6 a.m. By the end of the camporee, more than a million gallons of waste water had been removed.

problems, but through ingenuity, perseverance and the Lord’s protection, everyone arrived.

To get there Pathfinder clubs worked hard to raise the needed funds. They sponsored spaghetti dinners, washed cars, held bake sales and garage sales and found many other creative ways to raise funds. Church members also donated money to help defray expenses.

Getting there was only part of the adventure for clubs from around the world. Clubs from North America hosted international clubs by providing tents, sleeping bags and food. While Alaska is a part of North America, they were unable to bring all their camping gear on the airplanes and so were hosted by mainland clubs as well. The Azure Hills, California, club hosted the Anchorage Pathfinders, and the other Alaskan clubs were hosted by clubs from Michigan and Ohio.


Once at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) campground in Oshkosh, the campers quickly settled into a daily routine. Activities included working for Pathfinder honors, exploring exhibits, visting commercial and ministry booths, and participating in off-site

community service, crafts, sports, parades, air shows, evening programs and pin trading.

Pin trading may have been the biggest single activity at the camporee. Ron Whitehead, camporee director, estimates that if every pathfinder had at least 15 pins to trade, then about 400,000 pins changed hands. The pins were creative and beautiful. Some had tiny batteries which powered blinking lights, others had moving parts, and still others came as sets. Six pins were created for the Pathfinders from the Northwest, each representing one of the six conferences which, when put together, became a complete puzzle. The pins from Alaska and Oregon were in short supply which made them more valuable to collectors. Pin trading allowed campers to make friends from North



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The main stage area enclosed about seven acres and was able to seat more than 30,000 people for the evening and Sabbath morning services.

America and the rest of the world.

One of the strongest supporters of the Pathfinders was Don Schneider, North American Division (NAD) president. During the opening ceremony of the camporee, Schneider had 60 seconds to welcome the more than 30,000 people and tell them about his prayer pin project. He told the Pathfinders that if they saw him with his blue backpack and they had prayed with someone they did not know, he would give them a pin.

After the meeting one Pathfinder came up to him and said, "Are you the prayer guy?" This boy couldn't remember Don's name, and his position as president of the church meant nothing to him, but Don said he was happy to be known as the "prayer guy."

Another camper came up to Don and wanted a pin. Don reminded him that he had to pray with someone he didn't know. The kid ran away, bumping into friends in his haste to find a stranger. In a few minutes he was back, having prayed with a stranger and was asking for his pin.

Mark West of Loma Linda, California, a professional archer and instructor, gives archery training tips to Kyle Raymond, 10, of Union Springs, New York. West set a new record for Guinness World Records by popping 11 balloons at once with one arrow during the camporee.

Kelly Butler Coe



A climbing wall at the camporee offered three sides for climbing and two different levels of difficulty to challenge the campers.

A little while later he was back again. "I already got my pin," he said, "I just wanted you to know that I've been praying with people, and it's really fun."

It takes a lot of prayer, dedication, energy and courage to be a Pathfinder club director. Typical of many Pathfinder volunteers is Cathy Ford. She leads the Boise Ponderosa Pathfinders with co-director Walker Roles. A busy person, she is the roadside programs administrator for the Idaho Department of Transportation and oversees the maintenance of the vegetation on Idaho's roads. She travels a lot in her job and in spite of her schedule makes time for the Pathfinders.

C. Elwyn Plainer



Tyler Hillman (pictured in blue cap) was voted into membership in the Orchards Church (Vancouver, Washington), subject to his baptism. John Wesslen, Orchards pastor, set up a Web cam so that Tyler in Wisconsin and the church members at home could see each other for the vote.

Cathy has been in Pathfinders for 18 years beginning as a counselor and in several other roles. She believes that Pathfinders gives the kids role models to follow, instills Christian values, gives them the desire to share God's love and lets them know that it is fun to be a Christian. Cathy also believes that "as the Pathfinders grow up and are given training, they become willing to help out in the churches and lead out in other youth activities." Cathy said that she will continue to serve Pathfinders as long as the Lord wants her to do it.

"This huge camporee in Oshkosh is one way of telling our young people that the Adventist Church cares about them," states Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference youth director. "It is an opportunity for them to expand their vision of the church, to see other young Adventist Christians, talk with them, realize that there are thousands of people just like them facing the same issues, and gain in the understanding that they are not alone."

The Faith on Fire Pathfinder Camporee provided memories that will last a lifetime. •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor, writes from Vancouver, Washington.



God Showed His Hand

AND WE KEEP SEEING
LITTLE MIRACLES

BY RICHARD DOWER

*M*ike and Stacy Boles own a charter boat company in Sitka, Alaska. Sitting in their living room, Stacy says that God showed them His hand and they keep seeing little miracles.

The story begins in South Dakota when Stacy, 13, and her mother, Kathy, attended a Revelation seminar in the Rapid City Church. Then Kathy became acquainted with local Adventists when they moved to Sitka, and there Stacy met Mike in high school.

While Stacy was back studying at the University of North Dakota, Leo Schreven held a Revelation seminar in Sitka, and Kathy was baptized. She ordered the tapes of the seminar and gave them to Stacy.

After Mike and Stacy married in October 1999, Jehovah's Witnesses missionaries came to their door occasionally and left literature. Mike was interested in the Bible and started studying. Stacy told him that the Jehovah's Witnesses doctrines were not quite right and pulled out the Leo Schreven tapes for him to watch.

By that time Kathy had moved away from Sitka but still had contacts at the church. When the members in Sitka found out that Stacy was back in town, they started bringing cookies to her and her husband, reaching out to them and loving them. One woman told Stacy, "Your mother was so special to us, and we want to reach out to you."

When Liam, Mike and Stacy's son, was born, these Adventist women brought meals to the family for a week. At Christmas they brought teddy bears, sang Christmas carols and invited them to visit the church. Although Mike and Stacy felt convicted about the Sabbath, Mike did not feel he could leave his job.

Mike was a charter-boat captain for a large company with a lot of boats. He worked seven days a week for about 100 days during the summer.

He wanted to honor the Sabbath, but he knew it would be very difficult to ask for a day off each week, let alone a Saturday,



Gary Waterhouse

Keeping his operation in shipshape condition, Mike works to keep his charter fishing boat, Fairweather, clean and neat.



Gary Waterhouse

Mike reports that his charter company was successful in its first season of operation, and the appointment book is almost full for 2005.

one of their busiest days. They kept praying, “We want to honor the Sabbath. Please help us find a way to do that.”

After three years of praying and being burdened about not keeping the Sabbath, God opened the door for them. Friends told Mike and Stacy that they were expanding their business and were moving to another location. They asked Mike and Stacy if they would be interested in buying their guest lodge.

Mike and Stacy couldn’t believe it. The lodge would give them the extra income to buy the place, open their own business and honor the Sabbath. They wanted to do day charters, fishing for salmon in the morning and halibut in the afternoon, lodge

the guests, feed them, transport them and pack their fish.

Mike told his employer that they were going to have their own lodge and explained about the Sabbath. Because Mike would become a competitor to his business, his employer decided that it would be best if Mike did not fish the last part of the season.

Mike had been working seven days a week and was feeling the stress of it. He ended up losing 10 to 13 percent of his income, but the days that he had off were almost the same number of Sabbaths he had worked that summer and had felt so burdened about. The Lord showed them that they would be okay even without the income.

That was one of the darkest times. Mike had been pulled off of the water, so many things seemed like they were falling apart: relationships with people, a job and lost income. It was then that God just showed His hand.

Mike’s contract stated that he would have to give back any client information like business cards, addresses and phone numbers. Mike and Stacy looked at the big stack of cards that represented relationships he had built over the years. Seeing one card, Mike said, “These are the best people, and I would just love to contact them.”

Knowing that they had to give it back, they prayed about it, then put the card in an envelope and gave it to Mike’s previous employer. The next day that client, who had called all over town looking for Mike, phoned and said, “I had a great time with you this summer, and I would like to talk to you about next summer.”

Mike and Stacy wondered who they could get to run a second boat. They were sitting

at home one morning in their old duplex when a knock came on the door. They were packing to move, and the house was a mess. At the door a man and his wife explained that they hadn’t been able to reach the landlord and asked, “Can we just come in and look at your place?” They came in, and the man mentioned that he had chartered last year and was kind of looking for a charter job.

They couldn’t believe that a captain had just showed up at their door. Mike did not say anything but prayed, “Is this our man?”

Earlier that morning Stacy had prayed, “Lord, we really need a captain.” Within an hour of that prayer this man and his wife had walked into their lives.

Stacy says, “I know God does not always answer prayers that quickly, but it was our lowest time and we needed it. We kept seeing these little miracles.”

Convinced that God was leading in their lives, Mike and Stacy were baptized in April 2004.

Mike says that the 2004 season was a good one for them, and their charter bookings are almost filled for next year.

Stacy saw this quote recently that defined a friend: “A friend is someone who walks in when the whole world walks out.”

She says, “And that is what happened to us. Our Adventist church family is so good to us. We have just had blessing after blessing, and we want our home and our business to be a blessing and a witness to others as well.” •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor. Adapted from the Alaska Conference constituency video report.

After making the commitment to honor the Sabbath, Mike and Stacey now have time for God, each other and their children.



Gary Waterhouse

Fresh Start

Drugs, Sex, Harleys—and Grapes

Gangs, drugs, booze and tattoos—Mr. Rice’s testimony had all the elements to make any fifth-grader pant with envy. Fresh off the streets and into the classroom, Mr. Rice shared. “I’m not proud of this,” he’d say, “but I ran with the meanest gangs in Phoenix...”

As the story unfolded before wide-eyed fifth-graders, Mr. Rice eventually came to the part about falling to his knees in prison and surrendering his life to Jesus. At that moment God called him to minister to street kids like himself.

His testimony got me the most at Pathfinder meetings. Every month the Pathfinder club would host a gym night for inner-city kids. After the final verse of “Kumbaya,” Mr. Rice would lay down his guitar and share his story: “I’m not proud of this...”

As I listened to his story, a curious feeling swallowed me. It was envy. You see, I didn’t have a story—at least not one that anybody cared to hear. At the tender age of six, we knelt at family worship, and I asked God to cleanse me of things like spitting on my sister, stealing grapes at Harry’s market and giggling in church. *What good is a sissy testimony like that?* I wondered.

So I wrote a new testimony. I hoped that Mr. Rice would read it to the Pathfinders when the street kids were there.

“I’m not proud of this,” I scribbled in my 10-year-old handwriting, “but last summer

I blew \$50,000 that I made dealing drugs.” The opener was sure to evoke gasps from even the hardest criminals. “I guess I got into the wrong crowd. It all started with a bottle of glue. My girlfriend and I were having problems communicating. My parents were hassling me about my long hair. And my pet gerbil died. What was there to live for?”

“So I started sniffing glue.

One thing led to another until I hooked up with mobster Antonio DaVincionio and found myself head-deep in the underworld of drugs, sex, money and Harleys. That’s when I saw a funny-looking guy behind the goal post at a football game advertising John

3:16. I vaguely remembered the text from my childhood, but when I looked it up again it hit me—God so loved Karl Haffner that He sent His Son to die for my sins. I

asked forgiveness right then and committed my life to teaching kids like me who had gone astray.”

The gripping testimony was ready to go public. But not before my mom discovered it under my pillow. “What’s this all about?” she demanded.

“I um, well, ah, I wanted to write up my story of how I found Jesus. You know—like my testimony.”

“This is your testimony? Your true testimony?”

“Um, ah, yeah, it’s true—at least the part about my gerbil dying.”

Mom gently explained that sometimes little boys whose worst sins were committed at Harry’s Market are the worst sinners of all. They’re the ones who don’t realize how sinful they are. She said whether it’s stealing grapes or dealing drugs, we all deserve hell. And it’s only by Jesus’ grace that Mr. Rice will be saved. And it’s only by Jesus’ grace that Karl Haffner will be saved.

“Your testimony,” she concluded, “isn’t about what you have done. It’s about what Jesus has done. And that is the most amazing story you could ever tell.”

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV). •

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place Washington.



Disaster Response *Following the Command of Jesus*

While major disasters on the scale of hurricanes Charley, Francis and Ivan do not often strike the Northwest, many small ones do happen to individuals and neighborhoods. For instance, a house fire is a disaster on an individual level. It is that kind of disaster that members of a local church can respond to most of the time.

Wanting to be ready to respond to disasters small and large, 45 people attended the Disaster Response Training Institute held Sept. 8–12 at the Gladstone (Ore.) Conference Center. Representatives came from each of the Northwest conferences and included local church, federation, conference and union personnel.

According to Dennis Olson, North Pacific Union disaster response coordinator, there were two goals for the institute. The first was to train as many people as possible

“I want to learn how to help others to be prepared for disaster or at least aware of the resources available to them.”



From left, Dennis Moore, a fire commissioner of Washington’s Skamania County, and Betty Soule, the Idaho Conference disaster response coordinator, joined Dennis Olson, NPUC disaster response coordinator, at the recent Disaster Response Training Institute.

in disaster response at the local church, federation and conference levels. The second was to train individuals who have taken all of the disaster preparedness classwork to instruct others in their home areas.

Attendees learned that Adventist Community Services (ACS) operates under written agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the American Red Cross and the government of Bermuda to provide emergency distribution of relief supplies, organize warehouse operations, be a clearinghouse for donated goods, operate community collection centers, do door-to-door visitation, and offer child care in the event of a disaster.

Olson states that every church regardless of size should have at least one

community services person who is the hands, ears and eyes of the church to help out in the small disasters that happen in the community. While that position is often combined with the person who is the community service director, it is a good idea to have separate positions.

Tim Miner, who attended the institute from Keizer,

Ore., believes there are a lot of people who are not ready for a disaster and could not survive three days without extra help. “I want to learn how to help others to be prepared for disaster or at least aware of the resources available to them,” he said.

Olson believes that helping others in need is a mission field just like any of the others that we have in the church. He says, “It is a blessing and a witness to the community and is in response to the command of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the poor, heal the sick, and comfort the widow and orphan.”

This disaster preparedness institute usually takes place every other year. During off years, local training events in the conferences provide similar education. Contact your conference disaster preparedness director for more information. •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor



A Softball Camp Meeting

Home runs, pop flies, grounders and friendship are what the annual Adventist Softball Tournament is all about. For 20 years in a row, Adventist softball teams have brought their friends and families for a social time and family fun to Brush Prairie, Wash. This year was no exception, with 31 teams coming from Oregon, Washington, Arizona, California and Alaska with approximately 750 players and supporters in tow.

According to Wes and Donna Haynes, tournament organizers from Battle Ground, Wash., the first Adventist tournament was held in Kirkland, Wash., in 1983. Six or eight teams competed on ball fields scattered around the city, making it difficult to coordinate schedules.



Playing for the fun of it, Adventist teams from all over the Northwest traveled to Brush Prairie, Wash., in September for the 20th Adventist Softball Tournament.

In 1984, Roy Golden, then the Columbia Adventist Academy physical education coach, was able to find a sports complex with six softball diamonds in Brush Prairie, situated between Vancouver and Battle Ground,

and the tournament has been held there ever since.

During the tournament, each team plays at least five games. Sunday's games classify teams into more evenly matched sub-tournaments. On Monday, the

matched teams play in a two-game elimination format:

Lose two games and face elimination. The winners in each of the three categories receive trophies and T-shirts.

Several professional umpires have worked this tournament during its 20 year history. Kevin Wilfley, Spokane's Linwood Church pastor and a player on the Circuit Riders team, relates that the umpires say this is their favorite tournament because it is so clean. No smoking or drinking is allowed on the grounds, and high standards and good sportsmanship are the rules. The players behave, they don't cause a lot of trouble, and

Hilda Vixie (fourth from left) gathered her five sons and their families from Arizona, California, Montana, Oregon and Washington for a family reunion at the softball tournament. The numbers on the back of their jerseys creatively indicated the birth order of her sons and their children.



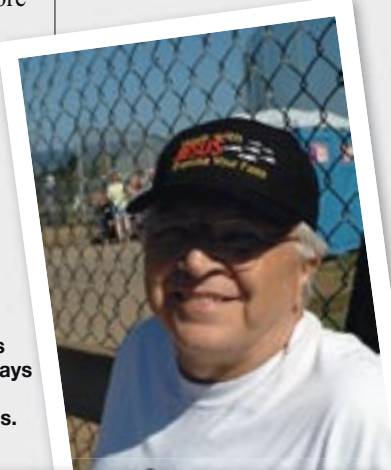


The Willamette Valley Tile team from Salem, Ore., has played in the Adventist Softball Tournament for 20 years. Derrick Teague and Dean and Duane Chrowl say that they just love to play softball and at the tournament they get to connect with friends they don't get to see during the rest of the year.

they wanted to, so we all gathered around home plate and prayed together before we played. We lost the game, but everyone had a good time, and we were all safe."

Donna Haynes remembers another incident. "Several years ago a foul ball hit a six- or seven-year-old girl on the

Dick Hanson, a Clackamas, Ore., businessman, sponsors the Circuit Riders team. He says he wants their uniforms and lives to be a witness for Jesus.



Good sportsmanship and friendships are what make the Adventist Softball Tournament a great annual Labor Day event.

they don't give umpires a hard time.

Dick Hanson, a Clackamas, Ore., businessman, sponsors the Circuit Riders. Originally a team of pastors, it now features mostly teachers. "One year we were playing for the championship in our division," Hanson recounts, "and before the game we gathered for prayer. The umpire yelled, 'Foul!' We asked him what was wrong. He said that praying before the game created an unfair advantage. We said that the other team could pray too if

head, knocking her out and giving her a concussion," she explains. "All of the teams banded together and had prayer for her. That is the kind of spirit we have here."

In the early 1990s, the Olympia (Wash.) Church team had such fun that their sons, all students at Olympic Jr. Academy, wanted to play in the tournament as well. One of their dads led the student team, which was beaten badly their first year. But the kids kept coming back, and at the end of four years they were one of the top-ranked teams.

Many players meet up at the tournament with friends they only see at this event. "You come out here, and you get to connect with a lot of other softball players, people who love to play the game," Hanson said. "It is a softball camp meeting, and we want to show that Christians can have fun." •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor



Families of the players come to the tournament to meet their friends and cheer for their players.

Health Summit/West Trains People for Health Outreach

The first Health Summit/West was held at the Gladstone Conference Center near Portland, Ore., Sept. 22–27.

Modeled after successful East Coast health-training seminars, this first West Coast event made it easier for people interested in health outreach to receive training close to home.

Sponsored jointly by the Pacific and North Pacific unions and the North American Division (NAD), the program offered 15–20 hours of intense instruction in several different areas of health training.

According to DeWitt Williams, NAD health ministries director, the classes are community-based courses to help people deal with pressing health issues. The classes include manuals, PowerPoint presentations, advertising kits and



DeWitt Williams, NAD health ministries director, and Dena Guthrie, a CHIP presenter from Sulphur, Okla., provided attendees with skills to use health as a church and community outreach.

instructions about how to conduct a health program in the community. He and David White, NAD health ministries certification coordinator, provided the overall coordination.

The weekend featured Elvin Adams, a board certified physician in internal medicine from Tarrant County, Texas, along with Fred Hardinge, Upper Columbia Conference health ministries director, who shared their experiences in health evangelism.

Linda Neuschwanger of Christmas Valley, Ore., took the stress management class. She said that even in the high desert where she lives, stress is an everyday problem. She would like to teach stress management skills in her church and community.

Darwin Forster attended from Sacramento, Calif.

Officially retired, Forster works part time as the health screener for the Northern California Conference. He came to add to his knowledge in health screening and hopes to improve their program.

Ginny Gabel, Tillamook County General Hospital health educator, took the class on community health assessment and follow-up class. Learning how valuable follow-up can be, she thinks it will benefit both the hospital and her church. She is also looking into CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program).

If you are interested in using health as an outreach in your community, plan to attend next year's Health Summit/West planned for Oct. 5–10 at Gladstone Convention Center. •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor

First Snapshots From Adventist Health Study-2

What do the first 45,000 responders to Adventist Health Study-2 look like? Sixty-five percent are female, and 35 percent are male. Non-Hispanic whites make up 72 percent of the group, along with 21 percent African American/Blacks, 3.5 percent Hispanic and 3.5 percent Asian and other ethnic groups.

Just over 44 percent never eat meat, 80 percent have never smoked, about 60 percent have never consumed alcohol, and 51 percent have a regular exercise program.

Soy foods are an important focus of the study. Almost 43 percent of subjects drink soy milk more than once a month, and nearly 70 percent eat vegetarian protein foods.

Gary Fraser, study director, values the participation of each member regardless of his or her lifestyle, diet or health status. "For this type of research, diversity in diet is particularly important in understanding the major relationships between foods and health outcomes," he explained.

Further data will be shared as more members join the study.

Another 4,500 Surveys Needed

There has been an excellent response from North Pacific members to the Adventist Health Study-2 with 11,172 having returned their questionnaires. To reach our goal and for the study to be really successful, we need another 4,500 surveys returned from North Pacific churches. Recruitment continues until 2006.

Members can enroll by calling toll-free (877) 700-7077 or visiting www.adventisthealthstudy.org. •

Terry Butler, Adventist Health Study-2 promotion director



Don Hall, founder of Wellspring Inc., a provider of health education programs and resources, showed Jennifer Gabriel from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, how to use a body-fat analyzer.

Alaskans Enjoy Power-packed Weekend

Three major conference-sponsored events took place on the weekend of Sept. 17–19: the men’s retreat at Camp Tukuskoya, a Sabbath School workshop at the Palmer Church, and a youth rally at the old Mat Valley Adventist School gym.

Scott Frost, men’s retreat organizer, listened to those asking that Herb Larsen be invited back after hearing Larsen speak at camp meeting. Again the men were blessed

with the challenge to speak boldly for Christ through everyday, God-ordained contacts with the people we meet.

The youth rally commenced on Friday evening with the Messengers, Walla Walla College’s male quartet, presenting a mini-concert at the Hillside-O’Malley Church. Transportation from Anchorage to Palmer was provided on Sabbath. Victor Brown, Walla Walla College



WWC’s Victor Brown provided youth rally attendees with a demonstration of trust, one of the lessons gleaned from explorers Lewis and Clark.

vice president for admissions and marketing, spoke on the theme, “Welcome to the Journey: Lessons from Lewis and Clark.” The Messengers provided music throughout the day.

Faith Crumley, *Sabbath School Leadership* editor, provided revolutionary ideas for energizing adult Sabbath

School lesson study at the Palmer Church’s Sabbath School workshop. Crumley is dedicated to packaging the lessons so that people of all learning styles will find relevance in class study. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

Alaska Pathfinders Enjoy Their First NAD Camporee

When 50 Pathfinders from the Anchorage and Pioneer Peak (Palmer, Alaska) clubs converged on Ted Stevens International Airport at 7 p.m. on a Monday evening, a first-time adventure and two-year dream for Alaska’s Pathfinders began. They were off to the Faith on Fire International

Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

A total of 75 Pathfinders from Anchorage, Palmer and Fairbanks joined about 33,000 other Pathfinders from around the world to camp and enjoy activities on the campground of the Experimental Aircraft Association just outside

Oshkosh. Fifty of the Pathfinders traveled together all night on one plane from Anchorage to Chicago and then by school bus from O’Hare Airport to Oshkosh. The return trip was similar, including sleeping on the floor Sunday morning in the Chicago airport.

Pathfinder directors and supportive parents and churches began planning more than two years ago for this event. At first, it was feared that the cost of transportation would be too great. However, through diligent searching, a great price of only \$315 was found for a direct flight from Anchorage to Chicago.

Even with that price, clubs had to raise close to \$1,000

per attendee. Pathfinders used a variety of fund-raising techniques to earn the needed money. More than one family made the event part of their family vacation to the “lower 48.”

Pathfinders will long remember the colorful parades, airshows, honors earned, seeing Desmond Doss, the crowded open-air amphitheater with professionally produced programming about Joseph’s life, and pin trading, pin trading, pin trading. Already directors are planning for the next camporee in 2009. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

Anchorage Pathfinders stood proudly with their welcome sign during the Faith on Fire Camporee.



Linda Carleton

Gem State Students Make Pilgrimage *to Lizard Butte*

Just as Jesus sought remote places to commune with his Father, so the Gem State family makes a semiannual pilgrimage to Lizard Butte, a beautiful, remote hilltop 10 minutes from campus that overlooks the Snake River valley, to commune with Jesus and to bond spiritually with each other.

To start this school year, students and staff spent the evening of Aug. 27 on Lizard Butte for a time of worship, singing, prayer and special blessing. First the seniors, then



Becky Bonson, Cami Aberli and Tiffany Stewart enjoyed time together as the sun set over the Snake River valley.

each successive class followed by the faculty, were called forward for a special prayer to start the new year.

The vespers is an intimate time together at the foot of the cross as the sun sets across the beautiful river and valley below. "We want to end our year strong, asking God to be the center of everything we do," said Kameron DeVasher, Gem State pastor. "Lizard Butte is a time to be close to nature, seek God's blessing, have fun together and see an amazing sunset."



From left: Jina Lanto, Brandon Aberle, Jennifer James, Larrisa Moore, Kevin Liston, Jonathon Debard, Preston Muth and Jessie Michel gather at the foot of the cross on Lizard Butte.

For more photos, visit www.gemstate.org.

*Debra McCarver, GSAA
GLEANER correspondent*

Sept. 11 Marks New Beginning *for Boise East Church*

The date of Sept. 11 symbolizes tragedy, but in the year 2004 it was a high day for a new church plant. The Boise East Church was



Carefully signing their names on the parchment, Breanna Arp and Arica Nitz became charter members of the new Boise East Church.

formally organized as a company when 27 people signed a parchment to become charter members.

The company began as a branch Sabbath School in March and enjoyed strong and consistent attendance. The need for a worship service became evident, and 30 people regularly attend, which includes a handful of guests.

Thanks to the Sow 1 Billion project, every family has at least one ongoing Bible study, which brings most of the guests that attend. In addition to the church company organization, Tim Essink was ordained as an elder and is the church leader.



During the Sabbath services, Tim Essink was ordained as an elder.

The new company holds Sabbath morning services at Boise's Parkcenter Mall. Visitors and people interested in joining the Boise East

Church are encouraged to join the group for worship.

Gerry Essink, Boise East Church treasurer

Mt. Ellis Welcomes New Staff

This year not only does Mt. Ellis Academy have lots of new students, but several young and enthusiastic people have joined the staff.

Melissa Bradford, taskforce dean, grew up in the Loma Linda, Calif., area and graduated from Loma Linda Academy. She plans to become a teacher, and her dream to coach volleyball and basketball took her to Walla Walla College to study elementary education with a minor in physical education. She has always wanted to be a student missionary and coming to Mt. Ellis seems like a mission field for her since it is a long way from California.

Melissa Bradford

Keri Newell, head girls' dean, is a graduate of Walla Walla College. She graduated from Columbia Adventist Academy while growing up in Washington. Newell has a degree in graphic design and worked as a graphic designer for It Is Written Digital Media Group. She felt the need to help young people, and coming to Mt. Ellis is a way she can help others. Newell will also be able to use her designing talents to create projects for Mt. Ellis.

Erik Christiansen, taskforce dean, comes from Pennsylvania. He graduated from Blue Mountain Academy in 2003 and spent one year at Southern Adventist University. He wanted to take a break from school to learn what it is like to work at an academy. He

Erik Christiansen

enjoys being outdoors, biking and snowboarding.

James Stuart joins the science department from Spencerville Adventist Academy where he taught science and math. He graduated from Walla Walla College with his teaching degree and attended Colegio Adventista de Sagunto in Valencia, Spain to become proficient in Spanish. His career started at Tulsa Adventist Academy in 1997. He and his wife, Ingrid, have a one-year-old son, Isaiah.

Jeremy Vandenoer is the physical education, coaching and health department teacher. He graduated from Walla Walla College in June after completing his student teaching at Walla Walla Valley Academy. He taught seventh grade and coached basketball as a student missionary at Pohnpei Seventh-day Adventist School in Micronesia.

Kristi Geraci is the assistant cook in the cafeteria. A graduate

of Mt. Ellis, Geraci was a student missionary in the Marshall Islands, where she taught in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms. She attends Canadian Union College but decided to take a year off from the books and think about her future career.

Buffy Halvorsen joins the staff from Keene, Texas, where she was the pastoral counselor at the Southwestern Adventist University Church and her husband, Ron Halvorsen Jr., was senior pastor. She is working on her internship in marriage and family therapy at Montana State University. Helping with all school students and family issues, Halvorsen will be tracking the integration of new students and doing career counseling for the seniors. She also has a support group for freshman and sophomore girls and leads a mother's prayer group at the school. •

Darren Wilkins, Mt. Ellis Academy principal



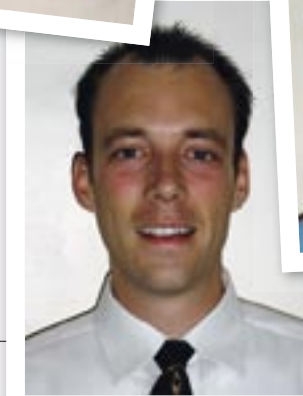
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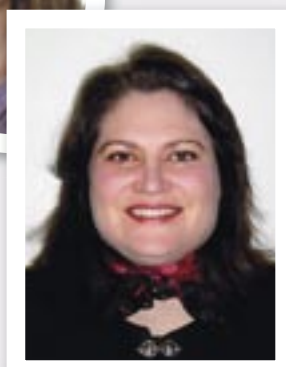
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Jeremy Vandenoer



Buffy Halvorsen

Flames No Threat to Milo's Spirit

At first, the Milo Adventist Academy school year was off to a normal start.

Students gathered for the annual handshake on registration day and participated in Core Values Week, Neighbor Day community service and a giant game of flashlight tag.

On Friday of the first week, Milo's mood turned as a huge,

red cloud of smoke came from behind a nearby hill. When vespers was cancelled and staff started to talk about evacuation, students started to worry.

The girls' dorm occupants met for prayer and encouragement, and then all the students came to the campus oval for worship. As voices lifted in prayer and



The Bland Mountain Fire #2 came within two miles of the Milo campus.



Seniors Greg Becker, Anthony Cooksley and Nate Witherspoon help classmate Sean Matuk through the "spiderweb" during Senior Survival.

song, the overall mood of the school lifted also.

On Sabbath, as helicopters flew overhead, the student body met their staff families for dinner and walked to the river for the baptism of Tianna Klineburger, who graduated last year. Carl Wilkens, Milo pastor, compared it to a wartime baptism.

In answer to many prayers, rain over the next couple of days helped the fire die out just in time for Senior Survival, during which all 51

seniors learned about edible herbs, wilderness survival and how the process is more important than the finished product.

The events that happened in the first three weeks gave the beginning of the year an interesting twist, but they also brought the student body and the staff together as a family. With everything Milo has experienced, this family knows that God is in control. •

Danielle Reedy, Milo senior

God's Promises Come to Life in Classroom Mural

The Eugene (Ore.) Church's primary class has recently gotten a whole new look and a very special donation from a talented and gifted young man from the Springfield (Ore.) Church.

The classroom's theme of "God's Promises" is now illustrated in a mural of Noah's ark and a rainbow painted by Jeremy Evans, a 3-D animation student at Walla Walla College.

Evans labored several weeks during his summer break to design, draw and paint this mural, and the Eugene primary class could not be more delighted. In the future, Evans hopes to help adapt some classic Adventist missionary books, such as *Fire on the Mountain*, *Nyla and the White Crocodile* and some of Eric B. Hare's exciting stories about God's work in the jungles of Burma, to animated film.

The grateful members of the Eugene Church continue to pray that Evans will find the resources to continue his education and use his talent to benefit other children as well. •

Cat LaSage, Primary Sabbath School leader



PAA and Japanese Students Share Cultural Exchange

For the third consecutive year, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) participated in a cultural exchange with Shuko Toko Yono High School in Tokyo, Japan.

Each year about 400 students from this Japanese high school travel to the United States to visit American high schools and stay in American homes. PAA hosted 33 students Sept. 24–27.

At a special assembly, Gale Crosby, PAA principal, and the student association president, Chevy Case, welcomed the visiting students and faculty. The Japanese students performed a cultural program, participated in a gift exchange and listened to the first public performance of PAA's new steel-drum band.

Crosby's welcoming comments stressed the importance of cultures reaching out to one another and prayed that events such as these will help promote peace and brotherhood among all people.

Japanese students shared their culture, including their colorful national dress, in the PAA gym during a welcome assembly.



Case emphasized the unique characteristics of the academy, then one of the Japanese students described their school.

Following the assembly, PAA students, faculty and their foreign guests held a ceremony to plant a third Japanese cherry tree adjacent to the two trees planted on previous visits.

The guests then left with their American host families to begin assimilating American culture by sharing the home of a PAA student or friend for their weekend visit.

The administration of the Japanese school requires each of their students to participate in this exchange program once during their high school experience.

One PAA faculty member commented that, regardless of nationality, students all seem to be very similar in their actions and behavior. •

Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Bill Schroeder guards King Herod played by Dan Patchin in the *Follow the Star* Christmas pageant.

Thousands Follow the Star at Gladstone Conference Center

Follow the Star, an outdoor nativity walk from Herod's palace to Bethlehem's manger presented by more than 20 Adventist churches, brought 3,050 people the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds in December 2003 despite rainy weather.

"I appreciated the enthusiasm and dedication of the cast who performed so well and all others who participated even during the rainy weather," said Paul Johnson, Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church senior pastor and event organizer.

Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park associate pastor, said, "I was impressed with the outstanding commitment of the 30 groups of musicians... who rendered special numbers regardless if there were 300 or 30 people waiting to go with their group on the walk."

As he enjoyed cookies and cider at the end of the walk, one guest recounted, "I particularly liked the two scenes—one at the beginning and the other at the end—where the family



Dramatically suspended in mid-air, Corleen Johnson, along with an angelic choir, announce the birth of Jesus.

was discussing Jesus' birth and second coming."

"The focus of the whole event was on Jesus in the manger," one lady said, describing what she liked the best. "I'll gladly come again even if I have to wear my raincoat and use my umbrella."

This year, *Follow the Star* will be held Dec. 3–5 and 10–12, 6–9 p.m. (Friday) and 5–9 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday). •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

Kelso-Longview's Journey to Bethlehem Blesses Thousands

Drumming autumn rains provided a fitting backdrop as members of the Kelso-Longview (Wash.) Church brainstormed upcoming social events. Among the flurry of ideas, one member described a walk-through nativity she had attended one Christmas.

Captivated, members zeroed in on the logistics of making this dream a reality. Though experts said such a production would take several months to implement, members were convinced this idea was inspired and knew God smiles when He hears the word "impossible."

With that mustard seed of faith, *Journey to Bethlehem* was born. More than 1,000 people attended the first *Journey* only nine weeks after the idea was presented.

Eight years later, with a year-round board, a steady attendance of more than 5,000, and the development of a permanent site, the vision is still there.

"It's made the community well aware that we are a Christian organization," observed Duane Wilson, Kelso-Longview head elder, "one that believes in the birth and saving mission of Jesus."

And the miracles continue. Yearly the Lord holds back the storm clouds during production. Last year the Washington Department of Transportation reversed a



Selena Blackburn plays the angel announcing the birth of the Christ child in the *Journey to Bethlehem* pageant produced by the Kelso-Longview Church.

decision to close the Lewis and Clark Bridge during *Journey* weekend. And each year lives are changed as non-believers meet their Savior.

This year's *Journey to Bethlehem*, with new features in the enlarged village, will be held Dec. 9 and 10, 6–9 p.m. and Dec. 11 and 12, 5–9 p.m. (doors open one hour early) at the Kelso-Longview Church. •

Kathy Westermeyer, Kelso-Longview Church communication leader



Playing the part of a tax collector, Wayne Cain demands tribute of the visitors.

Southern Oregon Pastor Ordained

Kevin Miller, pastor of southern Oregon's Rogue River and North Valley churches, reached a major career milestone Aug. 28 when he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

During the ordination, Miller's mother presented him as a candidate. According to Randy Robinson, Oregon Conference vice president of finance, this was one of the most meaningful parts of the day. "It is clear from her description that God intended

Kevin to be present this day for this purpose and that He had planned it that way from Kevin's childhood. It was a powerful affirmation of Kevin's call to pastoral ministry."

As the years have passed, that calling became more and more evident. "The Kevin Miller story is truly one of God's leading a boy into becoming a man for God," said Scott LeMert, Oregon Conference assistant to the president. "The affirmation of his ministry by his church

members at his ordination and reception is also a story



Randy Robinson, Oregon Conference vice president for finance, offered the ordination prayer for Kevin Miller.

of God's people being in love with their pastor. It was a wonderful thing to see."

Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president, agrees. "Kevin Miller has shown God's calling to ministry. The evidence of this is clear, not only from administrative observations but from leaders and members of the churches he has served," he said. •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

CAA's Reputation Saves Community Service Day

Twice each year the entire Columbia Adventist Academy student body spends a day serving the community in a variety of ways, including such destinations as the Oregon Food Bank, homeless shelters, community service centers and the Humane Society. This year's experience was no different. However, what happened to one group who headed out for the first community service day of the year looked like it might be very different.

Students Janessa Rogers and Crysti Wallace were members of a group who, except for a very positive history in the community, might have found themselves wondering what

had happened to their first-ever community service opportunity on Sept. 13. Here is their story:

"A group of us loaded onto the bus and drove to Portland, expecting to help out with the Community Energy Project. Arriving ready to help prepare elderly, economically challenged and disabled households weatherize their homes for the winter, our group was dismayed to learn that a miscommunication within the organization meant that we were not expected.

"We piled back into the bus and drove back to school. Matthew Butte, CAA chaplain and community service coordinator, called one of the organizations that students



Jerry Wallace, Nick Palmquist, Brittany St.Clair, Julie Houghton and Regi Benson packaged oatmeal for the Oregon Food Bank as part of the school-wide community service.

had worked for in the past, the Vancouver Children's Therapy Center.

"Although they were not expecting us either, they remembered how groups in the past had willingly taken on whatever they had been assigned and welcomed us gladly. Soon two groups were formed, one which painted and another which cleaned out a shed, prepared cardboard for recycling and

picked up trash along the streets outside the center."

Forging friendships in the community paid off. Not only were this year's students able to be involved in helping out on community service day, but they were also reminded how what we do for others lasts more than a day—it builds trust and opportunities for future service. •

Virlys Moller, CAA teacher

Grants Pass Woman Baptized at 100 Years of Age

"Better late than never," was Marvin Clark's comment as he baptized 100-year-old Margaret Method Fetty on Nov. 29, 2003.

On Fetty's 100th birthday in August 2003, her son called the Grants Pass (Ore.) Church and said that his mother watched a lot of the Better Life Television broadcasts of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), and he felt that if someone would visit her from the church, she would become an Adventist.



Margaret Fetty with pastors Marvin Clark (right) and Steve Cook (left) on the day of her baptism at age 100.

Ron and Marta Davis, Better Life Television managers, went to her home to visit. They developed an immediate friendship and invited Fetty to an upcoming evangelistic series.

Fetty attended each of the 26 *Revelation Speaks Hope* meetings held by Steve Cook at the Grants Pass Church and decided to celebrate Thanksgiving with her baptism.

While in her early 20s, Fetty taught school in an Adventist

area and lived with an Adventist family. She learned then of the Sabbath and has carried that belief in her heart all these years while she attended other churches.

Now 101 years old, Fetty faithfully attends Sabbath services and prayer meeting with a smile on her face because she has fulfilled her lifelong dream to become an Adventist. •

Marta Davis, Better Life Television station manager

Oregon Pathfinders Get Closer to God *at National Camporee*

The 2004 Faith on Fire Pathfinder Camporee gave Oregon Pathfinders the



Pathfinders from the Pleasant Valley Church (Boring, Ore.) proudly marched in Thursday's parade.

opportunity to play, learn and come together to be reminded of a common focus—getting to know Jesus better.

After months, and even years for some clubs, of fundraising and planning, nearly 600 Oregon Conference Pathfinders and staff members headed to Oshkosh, Wis., in August.

Held every five years, Pathfinders from Africa to Alaska have the opportunity at this camporee to see that they are connected to a group much larger than themselves. Vancouver (Wash.) Pathfinder director Wes Kandoll said, "It is just an awesome experience. Kids can realize that they

are part of a worldwide organization. And hopefully they can see that they belong to a church that supports them."

Willamette district coordinator Rod Bardell echoed these thoughts. The camporee, he said, is "a spectacular opportunity for kids to see the diversity of the worldwide church" and, hopefully, to gain an appreciation for the priority the church places on them—"to see how important the church feels they are to do something of this scale."

But it boils down to what the kids have to say. And one young man said, "It was



Tyler Conrad from the Orchards Church in Vancouver, Wash., lines up to march in the daily Pathfinder parade.

cool seeing all those people worshipping God together." •

Jeff Deming, Oregon Conference associate youth director

Members Landscape Memorial Garden *at Gladstone Park Church*

Long-time members Lyle and Fern Ringerling planted a memorial rose garden adjacent to the parking lot of the Gladstone (Ore.) Park Church to honor loved ones who have died.

The idea originated as a bright spot in an otherwise sad time. "Years ago we attended a funeral of a friend, and there were roses that she had asked us to plant," Fern explained. "Then we decided to landscape this area, which was a batch of weeds, into a place for roses, which is a memorial for loved ones."

People interested in planting a memorial rose bush just call the Ringerings and pay for the plant. "So far we planted 23 bushes, and there is room for expansion—say 20 more."

The Ringerings are hoping to end their days of hand-watering the two-year-old garden by installing an automated sprinkler system. They continue to care for and prune the roses, which include many colors, especially reds.

The garden features a trellis marked with the words, "In

Memory," an idea which Lyle brought to fellow church member Floyd Swenson. Swenson built the trellis

Lyle and Fern Ringerling created the "In Memory" rose garden at Gladstone Park Church.



for the garden, in which the Ringerings planted a rose for him and his wife, Carol, to honor their son who passed away several years ago.

According to the Ringerings, there have been Adventists and friends who are no longer attending church but still come back to visit their loved ones' memorial. The memorial rose garden ties these people's emotions to the church in a beneficial way. •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader

Creation Science Seminar *Captivates All Ages in Kennewick*

Children and adults alike were eager to hear more of “Dr. Doug’s” fascinating creation seminar recently at the Kennewick (Wash.) Church.

Douglas Newton, Walla Walla General Hospital emergency services director and Trinity Creation Studies Inc. founder and president, has an advanced bachelor’s degree in biology and is a creation science/archeology enthusiast—and enthusiastic he is! Newton has been interested in collecting creation-related artifacts and “ooparts” (out of place artifacts) for several years, researching and traveling the world for such digs.

Daniel Villa compared his hand size with a fossilized child’s handprint.



Tired of hearing only the evolutionary side of the origins of Earth, Newton set out to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt the validity of creation science that upholds the biblical account of creation and Noah’s flood.

Taking a vital lesson from the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption, Newton described strata being layered in a few hours, not thousands or millions of years, as theorized by evolutionists. Fossil discoveries actually prove a quick burial, as animal specimens are found with food still in their mouths. Soft and hard parts have been perfectly preserved, with no time for decay.



Seminar presenter Douglas Newton displayed his “Einstein Bear” for attendees to enjoy.

This no-charge Friday evening and Sabbath seminar took a full 10 hours to set up. An eight-person team was brought along to staff the 10 eight-foot-long tables of artifacts and literature. Newton had both original artifacts and reproductions.

Children sat in rapt attention as Newton educated them with impressive and scientifically sound facts about creation and the antedeluvian world. They heard about the things they saw in his lavish and opulent displays—articles such as a hammer found in a supposedly 450-million-year-old layer of rock. A chemical analysis of the metal revealed a metallurgical combination with a hardness that cannot be duplicated in today’s labs. This reveals the technology of a vastly superior race of people who lived long before us—an

embarrassment to evolutionists who believe in the stupidity of people of the past.

Great atmospheric changes occurred in the loss of Earth’s water canopy at the flood, Newton claims, and this is confirmed in the fossil records. All things living were much more resilient and robust than seen on earth today. Plants grew stronger, as well as larger and healthier in this super-abundant, even-temperature environment.

Noah’s ark is believed to have had the storage capacity of 520 railroad boxcars. The question was posed of how food could be stored for such a long period of time for so many animals and humans. Newton’s answer: If the Creator could cause Adam to fall into a deep sleep in order to create Eve, He could cause a repeat process of deep hibernation in the animals. This would eliminate panic, sea-sickness and broken bones from pitches and rolls of the great vessel. Otherwise, imagine the ear-splitting noise level in a closed-in space, the sewage dilemma, overpopulation and extra foodstuff tonnage.

To contact Newton for seminar information, write to him at 7320 N. Canyonview PRNE, Benton City, WA, 99320, or fax him at (509) 588-4922. •

Carol Martin, Kennewick Church communication leader

Pasco Dedicates Spanish Church

What happens when a congregation pledges to return a second tithe for 10 months to pay off their church mortgage? The Lord blesses, and the mortgage is paid in only eight months!

This is exactly what happened to the Pasco (Wash.) Spanish Church.

About a year ago, when the church still owed tens of thousands of dollars on their loan, the pastor, David Paczka, proposed a plan to eliminate this debt within 10 months: a second tithe set aside exclusively for the building fund. After payment of utilities, the remainder of the collective second tithe would go toward the repayment of the loan. After much discussion and some squirming in the

seats, the entire church board and eventually most of the congregation agreed to participate in this adventure in faith.

By May, the debt had been paid in full.

The day of dedication on Aug. 28 was filled with music, prayer, inspiring messages and testimonies. Pastor and singer Tony Avila from Florida gave a Friday night meditation. Jeremías and Sofia Miguel, who pastored the Pasco group for eight years and began construction on the church, flew in from Texas. Ramón Canals, North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic ministries director, spoke of consecration and mission on Sabbath morning. Max Torkelsen II, Upper

Columbia Conference president, provided the second meditation of the morning and stressed the importance of prayer.



Members of the Pasco Spanish Church paid off their church debt in eight months by giving a second tithe toward that goal.

The morning service included the ceremonial burning of the mortgage contract followed by a tamale lunch.

In the afternoon, music selections were interspersed with exciting testimonies and topped off with a meditation by the conference treasurer, Jon Corder. One church member recounted the story of how, after she began returning a second tithe, her rent payment decreased. Corder spoke on the subject of debt, congratulating the congregation for being a good example of financial responsibility for other churches. The celebration closed with a concert by Avila.

Already another church in the area is planning to embark on its own plan for double tithing. •

Mary Dengerud-Au



Garhett Morgan, a nine-year-old boy from the Valley View Church in East Wenatchee, Wash., was baptized on Aug. 28, and then preached the worship sermon.

Nine-year-old Preaches First Sermon

Nine-year-old Garhett Morgan and his family likely will always remember Sabbath, Aug. 28. And so will the congregation of Valley View Church in East Wenatchee, Wash., as they witnessed Morgan's baptism and first sermon.

After his baptism, Morgan gave the invocation and then preached a full-fledged sermon he prepared himself and titled, "I'm So Excited." His poise and public speaking skills were used by the Holy Spirit to drive home the vital message of his sermon.

According to the pastor, John Witcombe, young Morgan expressed his desire to be baptized four years ago, and his parents, Rhett and Katrina, report that their son made known his desire several years ago to be a pastor when he grows up. •

Wendell Shackelford, Valley View Church communication leader



Elder Paczka (left) and Elder Miguel burn the mortgage contract to signify that the Pasco Spanish Church is now debt free.

Current Appearance vs. Eternal Reality

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

HEBREWS 10:35-11:3 [NKJV]

INTRODUCTION

We have brilliant scholars and theologians who love this church and its message, albeit not all see these issues from the same perspective.

During the last three summers our church has held three faith and science conferences to revisit issues surrounding our historic positions on creation and a universal flood. Scientists, theologians and church administrators were invited to dialogue on these key fundamental beliefs. Papers were presented representing varying and sometimes opposing points of view. Subsequently these presentations were discussed and debated. During this same time period the divisions of our world church were invited to have their own faith and science conferences.

Then in August of this year, delegates from the world church attended the third and final international faith and science conference held in Denver, Colorado, to hear reports and recommendations



from the world field. As a participant, several things became clear to me. We have brilliant scholars and theologians who love this church and its message, albeit not all see these issues from the same perspective. Second, it is clear that we do not have answers to all the questions that evolutionists raise. Conversely the various theories of evolution also have challenges and unanswered questions.

Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, made it clear from the beginning that these conferences were not set up to change our historic position, which is so fundamental to our Adventist belief system. And in the end it was clear from the recommendations that our church does and must continue to believe and teach a historic, literal, seven-day recent creation and a planet-wide flood.

As a participant I had the somewhat daunting task of speaking to this group of approximately 140 international thought-leaders. I was assigned the topic “Faith, Science and Adventist Mission.” The following is a copy of that presentation. I prayerfully submit it to you in the hope that it will challenge your thinking while affirming your faith. •

Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president

Current Appearance vs. Eternal Reality

“If the law of the pendulum is accurate, then when I release these disks they will swing across the room and return short of where I am holding it now.”

When Ken was a student in college, his teacher assigned him the task of teaching a class in the most creative way he could imagine.

Ken decided to teach the class on the law of gravity and demonstrate it by swinging a pendulum. Specifically, he wanted to show that a pendulum does not return to a point higher than the point from which it was released. You get the picture.

As he began teaching the class to his fellow students, he talked about how you can put a ball at the end of a cord and release it into a free swing and how when it returns it cannot go higher than from the point from where it started. In fact it will, in reality, not return as high as the release point, and subsequently each time it swings the arc gets smaller and smaller until it eventually comes to rest.

In his enthusiasm for making the class creative, Ken used various diagrams, formulas and models and could tell by the response that the students and the teacher cognitively agreed with his theory and furthermore thought he was doing a good job with the presentation.

When he was finished, he asked the class how many believed in the law of the pendulum. All hands shot up including the teacher's.

At that point Ken asked the teacher to come to the front of the room. He

asked him to be seated in a chair that he had placed against the wall. Suspended from the ceiling Ken had hooked up 250 pounds of weight-lifting disks.

Ken brought the 250 pounds of iron right up to the teacher's nose and said, “If the law of the pendulum is accurate, when I release this weight it will swing across the room and return short of where I am holding it now.”



At that point he asked the teacher again if he believed in the law of the pendulum. Taking a deep breath the teacher whispered, “Yes.”

Ken released the pendulum. At the far end of the arc it paused momentarily and then started its painfully slow, then accelerating swing back.

While there were many excellent papers presented to the attendees, there were two in my estimation that were particularly insightful. I recommend them to you for additional study. They are available by contacting:

NPUC Faith and Science
P.O. Box 871150
Vancouver, WA 98687
E-mail: npuc@nw.npuc.org
Adventist Theology and Deep-Time History: Are They Compatible? Fernando Canale, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Issues in "Intermediate Models of Origins." Jim Gibson, Geoscience Research Institute, Loma Linda, California

Ken's recollection was, "I never saw a man move so fast in all my life."

As the pendulum continued to swing in an ever decreasing arc, he asked the class, "Does the teacher really believe in the law of the pendulum?"

In unison they answered, "No."

Hence our title for this devotional: The current appearance (i.e. that the weight would hit him) is different from the eternal reality (i.e. the law of gravity, which determined it wouldn't).

I would suggest that that scenario has application to us as well.

"Club-of-the-Month" books, were generally still held in high regard. In those days there were reading course books.

One of those was *The Spade Confirms the Book* by the brilliant and renowned scholar Siegfried H. Horn.

I don't remember much of the specific content, but the basic premise has influenced me significantly: That given additional time, research, study and, in some cases, even excavation, what once appeared in conflict with the inspired record could and often would perfectly harmonize.

While that book has now become a benchmark classic, there have been many other well documented similar discoveries confirming the biblical account.

So how did so many Christians—even conservative Christians—get to the point where they place the authority of modern science over

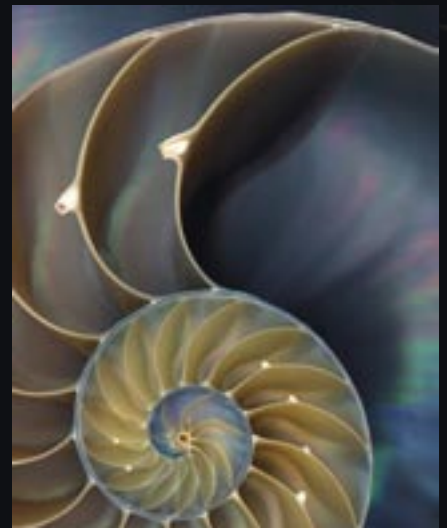
biblical records when there is an apparent discrepancy or, as some would say, "keep their science and religion in separate boxes."

RAMIFICATIONS

Recently I was with a high-powered group of leaders discussing a paper presented on the past and future position of the church as it relates to

SIMPLER TIMES

When I was a boy, Adventists were known as the People of the Book. Ellen White's books, while occasionally and inadvisably used as



labor unions. I contended that despite the apparent delay in the second coming, I was opposed to a revisionist view of our eschatology that downplays the significance of this unholy alliance.

I pointed out that if we were to rewrite our traditional beliefs, as some would urge, there are at least a half dozen other prophecies that are obviously right on track that we would also have to jettison, including but not limited to the United States as one world power, the role of charismatics, ecumenism, and Sunday laws. I recalled that it was not that long ago that some of our theologians were advocating a new application to the beast power of Revelation and the thought that maybe the system of Communism was a better fit. That revisionist theory quickly died at the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Likewise, if you've read the newly released Random House book

Betrayal by Linda Chavez citing the current corruption and terrorism of labor unions, it reads like *The Great Controversy*. As Paul Harvey likes to say and did again just a few days ago, "Ellen White was right again."

No, we need not adapt these core understandings to fit a current popular belief. So, again, why have some thought-leaders abdicated the traditional, inspired understanding?

A possible scenario is suggested by our colleague, Harold Coffin, when he wrote in the book *Creation, Catastrophe, and Calvary*, "Impressed with what appeared to be conclusive scientific evidence, and growing weary of swimming against the current, scholars have attempted to reconcile science and religion through reinterpretation of Scripture" (p. 5).

Ellen White, an uneducated layperson—yet infinitely more than

just a mere devotional writer, whose incredibly wonderful insights into faith and science are only explainable through divine inspiration—wrote, "He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience...does not test the Bible by men's ideas of science, he brings these ideas to the test of the unerring standard.... There can be nothing contrary to the teaching of the word; since both have the same author" (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 462).

She goes on, "Relics found in the earth do give evidence of conditions differing in many respects from the present, but the time when these conditions existed can be learned only from the Inspired Record. In the history of the Flood, inspiration has explained that which geology alone could never fathom.... Just how God accomplished the work of creation He has never revealed to men; human

science cannot search out the secrets of the Most High. His creative power is as incomprehensible as His existence.

“God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world in both science and art; but when professedly scientific men treat upon these subjects from a merely human point of view, they will assuredly come to wrong conclusions” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 112–113).

Paralleling our time with that of Elijah, Ellen White says, “The apostasy prevailing today is similar to that which in the prophet’s day overspread Israel... in placing of science above the truths of Revelation, multitudes today are following Baal” (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 170).

Conversely she says, “Wherever Christians are they may hold communion with God and they may enjoy the intelligence of **sanctified science**” (*Medical Ministry*, p. 89, emphasis supplied).

My respected friend and scholar Art Chadwick put it this way: “Science has limitations. I will not accept an outcome that says God was lying when He wrote with His own hand in Exodus 20 that He created the world in six days. So either Moses is a liar or God is a liar or that’s actually the way He did it.”



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acclaimed New Testament scholar and best-selling author.

In her book *Historical Criticism of the Bible*, originally written in German, she describes her journey. As a student of Rudolf Bultmann and Ernest Fuchs... “I had,” she states, “the best professors which historical-critical theology could offer to me.”

She continues, “Intellectually comfortable with the historical-critical theology, I was deeply convinced that I was rendering a service to God with my theological work and contributing to the proclamation of the gospel.”

She goes on: “I was forced to concede two things I did not wish:

(1) no ‘truth’ could emerge from this ‘scientific work on the biblical text,’ and (2) such labor does not serve the proclamation of the gospel.”

She continues with a gripping portrayal. “I repented for the way I had misled my students. I found myself faced with a momentous decision. Would I continue to control the Bible by my intellect, or would I allow my thinking to be transformed by the Holy Spirit?”

Speaking of the delusion she had fallen into, she said, “God predicted this in His Word. ‘For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear’ (2 Timothy 4:3). He also promised to send ‘a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie’ (2 Thessalonians 2:11).”

Ultimately Eta gave up her prestigious leadership position and became a humble missionary to Indonesia—a truly remarkable and fascinating change of direction.

So how does the relationship of faith and science link to our Adventist mission? Initially that might seem a rather distant connection. But on more reflection there is a close tie.



A PERSONAL CONFESSION

There are few more dramatic accounts of the personal outworking of this phenomenon than in the life of Eta Linnemann, familiar to theologians as a brilliant and

OUR REFORMATION HERITAGE

We need only look at the 16th-century Reformation for a hint as to the connection. Origin, an early Christian father, around 200 A.D., and then Augustine 100 years later, had introduced the concept of an allegorical creation. Luther, however, argued for the literal interpretation of the creation story when he said, “We assert that Moses spoke in the literal sense, not allegorically or figuratively.” It is thanks to Luther and his colleagues that the Bible regained its primacy and its authority. The results of these reformers in terms of reformation, revival and mission is an unarguable fact of history.

Recently I was looking at the various foundational beliefs of our church and counted about a dozen that are currently being severely questioned from within our own ranks. Some are even suggesting that pluralism (allowing differing views) is a valid strategy for church unity.

PRACTICAL REALITY

Over the past few years I’ve had the humbling privilege of preaching these same fundamental beliefs via satellite and in person to hundreds of thousands of truth-seekers. Subsequently, through the hard work of dedicated local members and the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives, we’ve seen tens of thousands of baptisms.

But I have to say that the Bible admonition to give the trumpet a “certain sound” is a prerequisite to a radical life-changing response to discipleship.

You do not get the troops responding to the beat of a different drum if the trumpet call to action is not clarion clear. Furthermore, I personally cannot accept the idea that Ellen G. White was merely a child of her times and that the Bible should only be interpreted in the context of the culture and times in which it was written.

In fact if I were to leave out all the basic doctrines that some are challenging today, not only would my evangelistic series be extremely short, but I can guarantee there would be very few results.

Thankfully our church to date has officially rejected what is referred to in religious parlance as modernism and thus saved itself so far from disaster.

We must, however, learn from our sister denominations who have gone the route of theological modernism (i.e. evolutionary theories and related outcomes along with a Biblical perspective shaped by higher criticism).

By accepting this approach many of these denominations began experiencing greatly diminished growth during the last 40 years. These changes were often subtle and almost imperceptible. But they happened nonetheless.

Bradley J. Longfield, in his award-winning book *The Presbyterian Controversy*, writes that, in general, mainstream churches in America are facing a crisis. The Presbyterian Church, which is seen as representative of many denominations, lost 1.2 million members from 1966 to 1987. Longfield points out that while adherence to doctrinal pluralism has



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maintained institutional unity, it has left the churches “devoid of a clear theological voice.”

Back on the other side of the coin, maybe it is significant to note that Eta Linnemann, following her renewal in Scripture, became a missionary to Indonesia. And certainly it should not surprise us that the divisions of our own world church that are growing most rapidly are taking the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy very literally and very seriously.

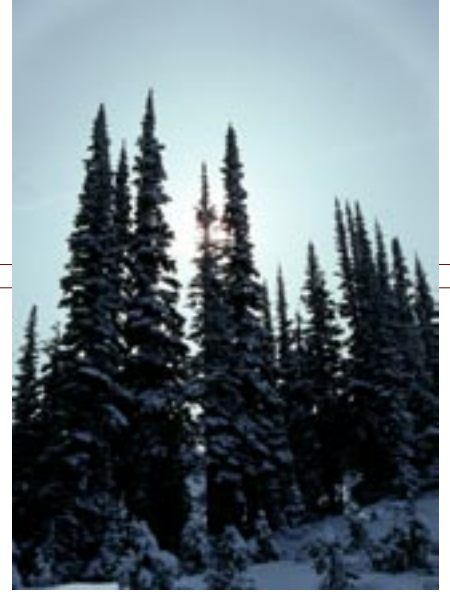
So where does all this leave us? I believe it takes us right back to where we started. When, like Ken’s professor, my back is to the wall, when the weights of seeming evidence are about to crush me, then I’d better remember that *the current appearance may be vastly different than the eternal reality.*

IT’S STILL ABOUT FAITH

We as Adventists are a church based on faith. That essential faith is not limited to our belief in Christ—the Word made flesh. Our faith also encompasses His inspired Word—the Bible.

Eugene H. Peterson, in *The Message* biblical paraphrase, wrote in Hebrews:

“If we give up and turn our backs on all we’ve learned, all we’ve been given, all the truth we now know, we repudiate Christ’s sacrifice and are left on our own to face the Judgment—and a mighty fierce judgment it will be!... So don’t throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It’s still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God’s plan so you’ll be there for the promised completion.



“It won’t be long now, He’s on the way; He’ll show up most any minute. But anyone who is right with Me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won’t be very happy.

“But we’re not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We’ll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way.

“The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It’s our handle on what we can’t see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd.

“By faith, we see the world called into existence by God’s word, what we see created by what we don’t see” (Hebrews 10:35–11:3, *The Message*).

Yes, friends and colleagues, as we continue to wrestle with the issues that face us as Adventist Christians, we must remember that *the current appearance may indeed be different than the eternal reality.*

MY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the measure of faith you have given each one of us.
May it grow from this current time when we see through a glass darkly until that soon coming day when we will indeed see Jesus our Creator face to face...is our prayer,
Amen. •

Lewiston Engages Community Through Block Parties

On a typical weekday during an Idaho summer, the parking lot at the Lewiston Church is void of high traffic and activity. The church sees an occasional weekday visitor and regular ministry meetings.

However, four consecutive Wednesdays in July and August were far from regular. It isn't everyday that a church parking lot is home to a "Vote Union" dunk tank, which through the efforts of the church's outreach ministry and numerous volunteers was the star attraction at the second annual Lewiston Adventist Block Party Series.

For two years, the outreach and fellowship ministries have hosted weekly block parties during a four-week period of the summer. These weekly gatherings create a setting where church and community



Kids lined up to dunk a volunteer during the Lewiston Church block party.

members are invited to mingle and learn.

Block parties are a special time for fellowship and discipleship through the sharing of a meal, Bible icebreakers, group board games, table tennis, air hockey and the refreshing dunk tank.

This community outreach program has proven extremely beneficial in conveying Christ's message and the

church's desire to develop a positive relationship with members and non-members alike.

Several times block party attendance has included 100 or more people, indicating that the interest and draw from the church's neighborhood is

high and increasing. Block parties have also resulted in increases in both youth and adult participation in other church-sponsored activities, such as volunteers for the church's active youth group.

The Lewiston Church's sponsorship of such an extraordinary

and ongoing event has and will continue to benefit the church and its surrounding community by providing an opportunity for growth, learning and fun, the combination of which has been shown in Lewiston to draw hearts and minds closer to God. •

Kimberly M. Johnson, Lewiston Church communication leader



Block party barbecue chefs Ron Parks and Dick Hays cooked patties for sandwiches.



God's Blesses New Member for Her Faithfulness

The four-day Festival of Music in Oroville, Wash., became a firsthand test of faith for one newly baptized member of the Oroville Church.

A main attraction of the weekend were the numerous vendors offering a variety of things to sell. Their booths were attractively set up, and each anticipated a lucrative weekend.

Dencia Hunter, the new Oroville Church member, set up her booth. Knowing Saturday was the best money-making day of the festival, she kept thinking about all the money that would be lost if she kept the Sabbath instead. Faithfully, however, she removed her items over the Sabbath.

God blessed her faithfulness. Purchasers filled her booth Saturday evening

after sun down, and Sunday and Monday were both big days for her as well.

She testified in church the following Sabbath, "All the vendors wondered where I was Saturday. When they witnessed my purchasing clientele, they all wanted to know what kind of a marketing strategy I used." She had learned that she could trust God to be the best marketer of all.

She continued by saying the Sabbath School lesson and church service were both truly for her. They gave her added strength to stand true to God's word regardless of the cost. When she mentioned how God had abundantly blessed her sales, the whole congregation voiced a loud "amen." •

Alta Sype, Oroville Church Sabbath School superintendent

Pathfinder Teen Mission Adventure

Teens from around Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) spent their spring break in Spokane, Wash., for the seventh annual UCC Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure.

The Pathfinders worked at Union Gospel Mission's Tshimakain Creek Camp. There they put siding on the chapel, installed split-rail fencing, built rock walls and demolished two buildings.

But it didn't stop there. They moved firewood, put huge rocks around the cabin's flower beds, dug ditches, installed sprinkler pipes, buried cable and raked lots and lots of pine needles.

A vanload of Pathfinders endured the one-hour drive to and from Spokane each day to help out at the Union Gospel Mission, Anne Ogden Hall women's shelter and the Classy Rack thrift store. The mission crew served food to the homeless, cleaned out freezers and pulled weeds along with other jobs.

At Anne Ogden Hall, a group sorted and stored items



Mikki Montgomery and Shawneek Rideway served food at the Union Gospel Mission during their spring break mission.

for the women to take home. They also tore out wallpaper, took down a fence and did other clean-up jobs for a house destined to house women with older children. At the Classy

Rack, teens dove into sorting, stocking and stacking.

But the week was a lot more than just work. It was an especially awesome week with God. Each morning praise songs, led by a group of Pathfinders, would began an inspiring worship. Each evening Kevin Wilfley, Spokane Linwood Church pastor, talked to the teens about heaven, the new Earth and how to know you're saved. They could ask him any question, and he would answer from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

Both morning and evening the teens divided into work groups and had a chance to talk, discuss and pray together.

They took time to play too. After a hard day of work,

their tired bodies threw all they had left into a fun game of Ultimate Frisbee or took advantage of the nice basketball courts available. And when all physical energy was totally spent, there were always table games.

On Sabbath the group presented a Pathfinder Sabbath for the Spokane East Central Church. Different Pathfinders took part in the service, and three speakers from the group presented the sermon. In the afternoon, the teen Pathfinders explored the area and God's creation.

Overall it was an experience that many will keep in their memory for a long time. Many new friends were made, and old friendships deepened from around the conference.



Brothers Micheal and Daniel Jeffery "carefully" salvage windows from a building the group tore down.

Pathfinders who went really experienced the bigger meaning of service and how it is such a blessing. •

Mitch Swena, *Hermiston Pathfinder*



Pathfinders from around the Upper Columbia Conference participated in the seventh annual Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure. Not only did they work hard on various community service projects, but they had a good time playing and making new friends.

North Cascade Teens Experience

Ultimate Workout in Peru

Several teens from the North Cascade Church in Burlington, Wash., accompanied by Debbie Fogelquist as adult leader, traveled to Lima, Peru,



Young people from the North Cascade Church participated in Maranatha's Ultimate Workout in Lima, Peru.

July 13–26 to help build five churches, conduct Vacation Bible School (VBS), distribute used reading glasses and help with a dental clinic as part of

the Ultimate Workout mission trip.

A total of 161 teens participated in the adventure, which they reported was a great spiritual experience. They found the people friendly, the weather cold, the dogs stray and many of the children unable to read. Nearly 100 children came to the VBS.

They also had block parties and helped with a nutrition clinic. The teens played soccer and touched people's lives with love in many ways. One participant said that "flexibility was the key word during their time in the southern part of Lima."

Before returning home, they took a day and a half "vacation" and went river rafting. As one youth reported, these adventurers "wouldn't trade this experience for the world." •

Pat Mehler, North Cascade Church communication leader

Working together with local people, participants from the Ultimate Workout mission trip built several churches in Lima, Peru.



Adam Keating and Preston Perry take advantage of one of the technology options at AAA.

AAA Goes High Tech

The staff of Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) are committed to meeting the demands of the ever-changing world we live in. Perhaps what changes most frequently is technology, and AAA has worked hard to provide education integrated with today's technology.

Dan McKey, computer science teacher, is one of many teachers preparing to use AAA's new Smart Boards in his teaching. A Smart Board is a large projection screen that is actually an interactive whiteboard. Teachers can demonstrate to students a variety of tasks by using the Smart Board. McKey noted that the Smart Board is truly a multimedia resource. It can function as a TV screen and computer screen, or be hooked up to a VCR or DVD player. Teachers in almost all subjects can use the Smart Board to promote a student's learning experience.

Smart Boards are not the only way that a student's

learning experience is being enhanced at AAA. Newly purchased WYNN software is also helping advance certain students, specifically in the area of reading. Students can scan textbooks onto the computer, and the program will read the text to the student. Students can control the speed of the voice, the accent of the voice, and even the length of the pause in between words. WYNN software should help students who prefer to "hear" their books instead of read them, this includes students with learning disabilities and English as a Second Language (ESL) students who wish to hear proper pronunciation.

In addition to the Smart Boards and WYNN software, AAA is also using Edline, a program for both students and parents. Edline uses the Internet to communicate with students and parents about grades, attendance, events and more. •

Nelita Davamony, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Winlock Camp Meeting Brings Blessings

The Winlock (Wash.) Church held its second camp meeting on the church grounds Aug. 12–15. The featured speakers were Richard O’Ffill, author and pastor from Orlando, Fla., Winlock pastor Hal Gates, and Washington Conference president John Freedman.

In the words of one camper, “we were blessed and blessed and blessed.”

This year’s emphasis was on “Jesus and End Time Families.” The meetings were held in a large tent complete with the “sawdust trail.” Each meeting was well attended and peaked with more than 100 people listening to O’Ffill’s Saturday evening meeting.

The church’s fellowship hall provided a place to fellowship, eat and browse a selection of books from the Adventist Book Center.



John Freedman, Washington Conference president, told the children’s story during the Winlock camp meeting.

Sabbath afternoon included a potluck meal with the main dish provided.

In addition to the 12 messages presented by featured speakers, several

testimonies were given by a group of young people from Western Washington Youth Challenge. They shared the blessings they received as they met and prayed with people in local communities.

Musical concerts were held on Friday and Sabbath afternoon by Rob Aaron and Mark Trethewey. Meetings were also held for the children and youth.

This year’s camp meeting was a blessing-packed, Spirit-filled four days that helped each person in attendance to remember that Jesus is not only the focus of the church but also needs to be the focus of the family and ultimately the focus of the individual believer’s life. •

Greg Owen, Winlock Church elder

PSAA Welcomes New Chaplain

Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) has a new face on campus. Jessica Ferreras has joined the faculty as chaplain, Spanish teacher and Bible teacher.

A recent graduate of Walla Walla College, Ferreras served as WWC senior class president and was a member of the women’s softball team for four years. While earning her Spanish degree, Ferreras attended the Adventist college in Sagunto, Spain, for one quarter. This experience allowed her to become immersed in the language and culture.

Ferreras enjoys hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. She brings with her a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas for PSAA. As campus chaplain, Ferreras is fostering spirituality as a whole at PSAA and individually in the hearts of all students. Some of her goals include Church-on-Campus, outreach opportunities and the upcoming mission to Fiji. •

Jaimie Abbott, PSAA GLEANER correspondent

Jessica Ferreras is the new chaplain and Spanish teacher at PSAA.



Richard O’Ffill reminded listeners to make Jesus a part of their family.

Bremerton Adventurers Club Starts First Full Year

The Bremerton (Wash.) Adventurer club started its first full season in September.

Due to the extra time needed for training, organizing and more organizing, the club began last year with only a partial, five-month season, called a “test run” by the staff.



The members of the Bremerton Adventurers camped out at Fort Flagler in May 2004.

The Lord blessed this club, and last year the staff proudly welcomed 20 Adventurers and their families last year. The club met and will continue to meet three times a month including an award/parent night.

On award/parent night, attendees work as parent/child teams, which means no standing in the back of the room visiting. Parents work and play right beside our children, and sometimes it even means they are literally and physically tied to them.

Highlights from last year include a talent show/show-and-tell time, a fund-raiser Valentine

banquet for the surrounding churches, and a camping trip to Fort Flagler. The club had a great time through it all, and the kids were wonderful.

This year one of the main focuses of the Bremerton Adventurers will be to learn and do more in the way of service. They hope to get out into the community to witness about their faith and serve others.

The Adventurer club is a great place for younger children to integrate Jesus naturally into every aspect of their lives. It is a wonderful place to learn, play and grow in a Christian atmosphere.

The Bremerton Church



The Bremerton Adventurers enjoy learning, playing and growing in a Christian atmosphere.

members are excited to become one of the Washington Conference churches that supports its youngest members with a vibrant, active Adventurer club. •

Debbie Everett and Connie Burghart, Bremerton Adventurers co-directors

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Brinnon Begins Busy Adventurer Club

Nestled in the shadow of the Olympic Mountains, the Brinnon (Wash.) Church provides a perfect atmosphere for worship as well as outdoor fun, so the dormant Pathfinder program was revived in September 2003 by starting an Adventurer club.

Leaders Lisa Johnston and Candy Johnston served 13 children with the program, including four Adventurers, three Eager Beavers, and four Little Lambs. In addition, two girls attended and worked on Pathfinder honors. The group's many activities



Healthy habits were a focus for the year for the restored Brinnon Adventurer club, as well as learning how to share Jesus with others

included listening to Bible stories, going on nature walks, hosting an art show featuring club members' work, visiting a farm, completing numerous honors and making new friends.

Healthy habits were a focus for the year as well as learning how to share Jesus with others. One of the highlights was the four Adventurers making dinner for their parents. They prepared everything themselves, including spaghetti, salad, bread and a fruit-cup dessert.

Another exciting event was participating in the annual Brinnon Loyalty Day Parade. The kids helped to decorate a float and then rode on it. The float depicted how much fun it is to enjoy God's creation.

To conclude the year, the investiture service was conducted on April 4 during the Sabbath service. Club members' families attended along with the church members for a special time of songs, sharing and honors presentation. •

Lisa Johnston, Brinnon Church youth leader

New Faculty Join WWC Family

Walla Walla College (WWC) recently welcomed new faculty to the college family.

Alma Alfaro, assistant professor of Spanish, graduated from Occidental College with bachelor's degrees in Spanish languages and literatures and English and comparative literary studies, and from the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) with master's and doctoral degrees in Spanish languages and literatures. She was most recently employed by UCSB in the department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Kellie Bond, assistant professor of English, graduated from WWC with a bachelor's degree in English and earned a doctoral degree in English from the University of Oregon. Kellie comes to WWC from Portland, Ore., where she taught at Lewis & Clark College.

Sallieann Brewer, assistant professor of nursing, earned a master's degree in nursing from Florida International University. She was most recently director of women's services at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla. She and her husband have three children.

Loury Duffy, instructor in technology and director of airport operations, graduated from Walla Walla College with an associate degree in business and a bachelor's degree in aviation technology. He and his wife April come to WWC from Redmond, Ore., where Loury worked as a flight instructor.



New faculty include (from left): Loury Duffy, Alma Alfaro, Angie Roberts, Sallieann Brewer, Kellie Bond, Delvin Peterson, Tom Ekkens, Barbara Hernandez and Christy Berry. Not pictured: Karen Emerson and Daniel Yazak.

Tom Ekkens, assistant professor of physics, graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor's degree in physics and from the University of Notre Dame with master's and doctoral degrees in physics. He was most recently employed by Genus Inc., in San Jose, Calif. He and his wife have two children.

Karen Emerson, field practicum coordinator for WWC's Missoula, Mont., master of social work program, earned a bachelor's degree in speech and communications from Saint Ambrose University and a master's degree in social work at Eastern Washington University. She is a licensed clinical social worker and previously worked as clinical supervisor at Casey Family Programs in Missoula. She has one daughter.

Barbara Hernandez, associate professor of social work, earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from California State University at Fullerton, a master's degree in counseling and family science from Loma Linda University, and a doctoral degree in family social science with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy from the University of Minnesota. Barbara and her husband Gil came from Terre Haute, Ind., where Barbara was director of the Marriage & Family Therapy Program at Indiana State University.

Delvin Peterson, instructor in engineering, graduated from WWC in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in engineering and earned a master's of science in mechanical engineering at Oregon State University in

September. He and his wife Sara have one son, Colin, and are expecting another child.

Angie Roberts, assistant professor of psychology, earned bachelor's degrees in Afro-American studies and the comparative studies of religions at Harvard, and master's and doctoral degrees in educational psychology from the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. She taught with Teach for America in New York City.

Daniel Yazak, professor of social work, earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M University. He was previously an adjunct professor with WWC. •

Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent

Still Making House Calls

November is National Home Care and Hospice Month, a time set aside to honor more than 20,000 providers who deliver home care services to some eight million individuals nationwide.

"This annual celebration is particularly meaningful to our system," stated Sherry Mendoza, Adventist Health home care director. "Our dedicated clinicians fulfill a very special part of our mission by delivering much-needed care to patients right in their homes."

Adventist Health operates 16 home care agencies, five hospices and a variety of other in-home services across California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Home care includes everything from light housekeeping to post-partum checkups, while hospice enables the terminally ill to spend their final days at home.

Giving New Parents a Hand

The joy of having a baby can sometimes be overshadowed by the seemingly daunting new responsibilities that a little one brings. Upon leaving the hospital, new parents typically find themselves second-guessing their parenting skills.

To ease these post-birth jitters, specially trained home care nurses at several Adventist Health hospitals—such as Glendale Adventist Medical Center in greater Los Angeles and Sonora Regional Medical Center in northern California—make home visits shortly after delivery. By that

time mom, dad and newborn are settling into a routine and are thrilled to have a nurse stop by to address questions and concerns.

Caring Until the End

Often, a patient's final wish is to pass away at home. Like countless others, Ingrid Gordon, a case manager for Adventist Medical Center's Hospice Services in Portland,

Ore., helps provide in-home, end-of-life care to many patients who would otherwise have to spend their last days in a hospital or nursing home.

After admitting an elderly woman to hospice, Gordon met with her husband and became convinced that he, too, could benefit from similar care.

For nearly a year, Gordon made visits to the couple's home along with home-health

aides, a physical therapist, medical social worker, pharmacy courier and a hospice volunteer.

"We told Darlene* and Frank* a team member was available to them by phone at any hour of the day or night," Gordon said. "They took full advantage of that fact and were not shy about calling."

More than anything the couple wanted to remain at home until they passed away. While Gordon couldn't make any promises, she assured them she'd do her best.

In addition to collaborating with a physician to manage pain medications and multiple disease symptoms, Gordon became a member of the family. She made sure porch steps were repaired, so the couple could continue to enjoy the outdoors. She helped celebrate Darlene's birthday, ferried the couple's four cats to and from the vet, and arranged for the pastor of their church to baptize Frank at home. She was a confidante, advocate and surrogate daughter.

When the end came for Darlene, Gordon rushed to her side. Three weeks later, she was there again when Frank passed away.

"They were at home where they wanted to be," said Gordon. "People who cared about them were nearby, all the loose ends were wrapped up, and they were comfortable."

* Darlene and Frank are pseudonyms. •

Heather Preston Wheeler,
Adventist Health GLEANER
correspondent



Up and down the West Coast, Adventist Health home care clinicians attend to the needs of patients in the comfort of their own homes. In 2003 alone, providers made 231,446 house calls.

A MISSION TO BAKENANG

FIRST OF TWO PARTS

AN INCREASING NUMBER of Northwest Adventists are sharing in the experience of evangelistic trips to other parts of the world. Increased mission activity brings the promise of greater vitality in our churches at home. Is the promise yet being fulfilled? How may we bring about that fulfillment more quickly and more consistently? For me, the answer begins at Bakenang.

I visited Bakenang, a farm village in northeastern India, just slightly against my will. As the first week of our evangelistic meetings took place in Tura, about 45 miles from Bakenang, the local section (conference) president mentioned several times that he would like to have us visit the Bakenang (BAH-kuh-nang) church. He believed our visit would “encourage” the local members, and most of our team agreed to go despite the long, hot travel required.

After a late breakfast with the local elder in Bakenang, he remarked that some people were waiting for us at the nearby church, and it would be nice if we each spoke to them for a few minutes. At the church we found a concrete sanctuary packed to the walls, standing-room only, and faces looking in every window and door. After the singing and the welcome, each of our team members took a few minutes to introduce themselves and greet the congregation. My turn came last, and I was asked to speak at a little more length.

As my colleagues spoke and even as I began to speak, I found myself almost frantically reviewing our situation, in hopes of encouraging the people before me. The church leaders in Tura coordinated programs, motivated the people and taught the Bible both publicly and privately as capably as any of their counterparts anywhere in the world. How could I add to their knowledge or ability in those areas?

I already knew that the congregation in Bakenang had no pastor but was flourishing under the leadership of the local elder, a construction contractor. Judging from the crowd, they had no problem with attendance and already brought friends and neighbors with them.

I have seldom if ever seen such an inspiring group of believers gathered in one place. They seemed genuinely involved as a group in the life and work of their church. How could I strengthen them in a Savior they so obviously already knew?

I faced the challenge that morning in Bakenang of understanding my own role in the global mission of the Adventist movement. The words I found to say to the congregation apparently met the need of the moment. If I could remember them, I’m sure I would tell you they had to do with teamwork in the work of the gospel and everyone using the specific gifts the Lord has given them.

But it was not my words that stayed with me so much as the dawn of understanding. It occurred to me—as a beginning, not as a polished conclusion—that we were there to do mission *with* the local believers, rather than *for* them or *to* them.

It is largely in this maturing, refining process that I anticipate seeing the blossoming of the blessings promised us as a result of missionary activity.

In reflecting on my Bakenang experience during the intervening years, I have begun to see it in the context of the overall mission strategy of our denomination. How do our short-term missions fit into that strategy? The picture of myself as a teenager impresses itself on my mind. At some point in those years, whether I was ready or not, all of a sudden I found myself with big feet, big hands, big knees and elbows, and a long reach. People began to look up to me, literally, but there were certain difficulties. Feet and knees and elbows didn’t always do my bidding, and sometimes they ran into

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each other trying to put the long reach to effective use.

There was a time when mission work meant a lifetime commitment to work far from all that was familiar. The foundation that has been built by those self-sacrificing, long-term missionaries continues to be invaluable to the mission of the church. In more recent years we have seen a new movement of missionaries locating in frontier fields, keeping the work advancing.

Advances in transportation and communication technology, however, have opened an entirely new level of mission opportunity to the church. Non-career missionaries are now a reality. Personal exposure of a volunteer to the mission field may now be days or weeks instead of years. Maranatha volunteers and medical teams have developed specialized short-term missions. Student missionaries regularly gain exposure to mission work. Operation Bearhug and more recent campaigns have given many of our members valuable experience in public evangelism in a cross-cultural setting. We cannot and should not fail to recognize the hand of God in the increased participation in missions and in evolving mission strategies.

While we have grown and strengthened, however, our collective knees and elbows don't yet move with the coordi-

nation, grace and efficiency we might expect of a mature body. It is largely in this maturing, refining process that I anticipate seeing the blossoming of the blessings promised us as a result of missionary activity.

My youthful motor skills and coordination eventually improved (somewhat) with practice. But practice in and of itself didn't do the trick. Practice was useful because it produced various forms of feedback and because I responded to feedback by adjusting my behavior, with a goal of greater coordination of my body.

Our evolving mission experience is simply one manifestation of our identity as a body of believers. Growth of the one constitutes growth of the other. The process of maturing involves increased coordination. Coordination improves and graceful motion develops as we become aware of feedback and adjust our behavior accordingly.

Some of our mission teams have demonstrated an ability and a willingness to ask for and use the benefit of the experience and gifts of the local workers in their mission field. Groups preparing for future mission trips would do well to build upon the lessons learned by members of those teams. Listen to them. Evaluate their tactics. Work to improve on them.

Likewise there is a wealth of both research and experience in our denomination in the area of cross-cultural work. These resources can be of enormous benefit to a team preparing for mission. (Yes, it's called *training*.) Above all, mission volunteers must learn to include the perspective of the believers *on the receiving end* as they plan their mission and evaluate its success.

Missions are about more than baptisms. Missions are also about discipleship. And missions are about the body of Christ demonstrating Christ as He truly is—graceful, coordinated and mature. Short-term missionaries who learn to approach their mission trips in this manner will return to their churches with far more to offer. They will be more than just individuals who have had an adventure and who have seen God at work in a distant place. They will be a corps of workers more experienced in the proper workings of the body of Christ and better able to lead and inspire their home congregations to learn, to listen, to mature and to grow in grace.

May God continue to lead His people as we learn to serve Him. •

Lary Brown, Florence-Reedsport pastor, writes from Florence, Oregon.



GUIDELINES

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Ferris 50th

Roger and Ida Ferris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 15, 2004, with family and friends at their son's home in Woodinville, Wash.

Roger Ferris met Ida Kleinsmith in the Sabbath School of a church planted by Roger's father, a layman, in 1942 at White Plains, N.Y. Both are graduates of Union Springs Academy (N.Y.) and Atlantic Union College (Mass.) and were married in the South Lancaster (Mass.) Village Church on May 16, 1954. They served in the pastoral ministry for 41 years in New York, Illinois, Manitoba and British Columbia, including 25 years as pastor of the Volunteer Park and Renton churches in Washington, retiring in 1995. Ida served Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood, Wash., as administrative assistant for 11 years. They now reside in Seattle, Wash.

The Ferris family includes Jeffrey Ferris and Jeri-Beth and Mel Bowman, all of Everett, Wash., J. Timothy and Paula Ferris of Woodinville, Wash., and 4 grandchildren.

Hanson 50th

Marion and Kay Hanson celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 26, 2004, with a reception hosted by their children at the church fellowship hall in Brewster, Wash., where they are members.

Marion Hanson married Kathleen "Kay" Lamberton on Sept. 5, 1954, in the College Place (Wash.) Village Church. Marion attended Walla Walla College (WWC) and worked in construction and maintenance. Kay graduated in 1955 from WWC, and the couple returned to Brewster. Kay was the same doctor's office nurse and later nurse practitioner for nearly 40 years. The couple managed Brewster's Harmony House nursing home from 1969 to 1973. They retired in 1977.

The Hanson family includes Elaine Pfeifer of Meadow Valley, Calif., Keith Hanson, of Spokane, Wash., and a grandchild.

Hardinge 65th and 90th

Mervyn and Margaret Hardinge celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 10-12, 2004, by going RV camping with their children to commemorate their honeymoon spent tent-camping at Lake Arrowhead, Calif., where their borrowed heavy-metal camp cot kept collapsing.

Mervyn Hardinge married Margaret Feldkamp on Aug. 31, 1939, in the Glendale (Calif.) Church. They met at Pacific Union College where Margaret received a degree in chemistry and Mervyn took pre-med.

She headed the chemistry department at White Memorial Hospital. After raising their two children, she spent many years as a research associate in biochemistry, pharmacology and nutrition at the College of Medical Evangelists (CME), later known as Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Mervyn received a medical doctor degree from CME in 1942. During his more than 40 years of teaching there, he earned doctorates in nutrition from Harvard and pharmacology from Stanford and developed Loma Linda's School of Public Health, which he headed as dean for 10 years. In "retirement" he served as the General Conference health and temperance director for almost five years before actually retiring.

Born in India July 29, 1914, to British parents, Mervyn was honored recently for another milestone—his 90th birthday.

The Hardinge family includes Fred and April Hardinge of Spokane, Wash., Jeanne and Merlin Ekvall of Brewster, Wash., and 5 grandchildren.

Parmenter 50th

Norman and Ann Parmenter of Springfield, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 13, 2004, with a party hosted by their children at Emerald Valley Resort in Creswell, Ore. They are members of the Eugene (Ore.) Church.

Norman Parmenter married Ann LaSade June 13, 1954, in Eugene. Norman has been a painting contractor. He is the director of the stop-smoking clinic for his church and is the founder and manager of Blue Skies Big Band. Ann is a homemaker and volunteers as organist for her church and at Emerald Adventist Community Center.

The Parmenter family includes Nancy and David Wienecke of Valley Center, Calif., and Curtis Parmenter (deceased).

Smith 50th

John and Kathy Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 25, 2004, with family and friends at Spokane Central Church fellowship hall where they are members.

John H. Smith Jr. married Kathleen C. Doleman on June 3, 1954, in Cottage Grove, Ore., after meeting on the Walla Walla College campus in 1952. After the wedding, the couple headed to Chicago so John could complete his degree in optometry at Northern Illinois College of Optometry. After John's graduation, the couple moved to Spokane, Wash., where John was in private practice until his retirement in 1990. Kathleen was a homemaker.

The Smith family includes Judy Trudeau of Wenatchee, Wash., Valerie and Ron Mellor of Redding, Calif., and 4 grandchildren.

Way 50th

Robert and Eva Way of Elgin, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2004, with a reception hosted by their family.

Robert Way and Eva Pelton were married on June 14, 1954, in Pendleton, Ore. They met at church in Irrigon, Ore. Robert has been a logger for many years, and Eva enjoys quilting and flower gardening.

The Way family includes Glenn and Susan Way of Vale, Ore., Bonnie and Terry Burgess of Spray, Ore., Kerry and Holly Way of Oakland, Ore., Jeanne and Marlin Wolfe of Midvale, Idaho, Roy and Heather Way of Summerville, Ore., and 12 grandchildren.

Family
B I R T H S

BECKNER—Nathan Kyle was born May 2, 2004, to Dave and Trudy (Tucker) Beckner, Banks, Ore.

BURGER—Timothy E. was born Aug. 16, 2004, to Todd and Marie (Smoots) Burger, Burlington, Wash.

ESTRADA—Rachel Elizabeth was born Aug. 25, 2004, to Robert and Angela (Axley) Estrada, Salem, Ore.

FREEMAN—Mikalyn E. was born Aug. 19, 2004, to Mike and Heather (Turner) Freeman, Amity, Ore.

GREEN—Molly Jane was born July 27, 2004, to Mitch and Christie (Thomas) Green, Albany, Ore.

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HUMPHREY—Caleb Brendan was born July 27, 2004, to Brendan and Sally (Wilson) Humphrey, Eugene, Ore.

JAMES—Zoe Nicole was born Aug. 21, 2004, to Eric and Kristelle (Reed) James, Vancouver, Wash.

JOHNSON—Amarish Naomi was born Aug. 12, 2004, to Johnny and Tracy (Straley) Johnson, Des Moines, Wash.

LIU—Devon Chi-Hao was born Aug. 27, 2004, to Stephen and Serena (Hough) Liu, Eugene, Ore.

MOUNGA—Mele was born July 21, 2004, to Edwin and Noni (Pouliivaati) Mounga, Tacoma, Wash.

PENDERGRAFT—Brooklyn Noel was born June 19, 2004, to Troy and Erin (Dugan) Pendergraft, West Linn, Ore.

PHONNATHONG—Lauren R. was born Dec. 6, 2003, to Savang and LuJean (Smith) Phonnathong, Maple Valley, Wash.

SALAZAR—Miani Miyoko Koga was born June 17, 2004, to Alvaro and Mi Mi (Damino) Salazar, Bellevue, Wash.

SAYLOR—Joshua W. was born July 25, 2004, to Eric and Stacie (Silver) Saylor, LaComb, Alberta, Canada.

SCHOLL—Emma R. was born Aug. 24, 2004, to Richard and Lisa (Jones) Scholl, Walla Walla, Wash.

WILLARD—Kira Bryce Dawn was born July 1, 2004, to Michael and Michelle (Brown) Willard, Beaverton, Ore.

Family
W E D D I N G S

BEARD-ROBINSON—Sarey Beard, Mark Robinson, Aug. 29, 2004, Ronan, Mont. They are making their home in Pablo, Mont.

BECHTEL-JORGENSON—Ammy Bechtel, Brian Jorgenson, Aug. 21, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Laclede, Idaho.

BIGELOW-CURRIER—Jennifer Bigelow, David Currier, July 18, 2004, Selah, Wash. They are making their home in Lafayette, Ind.

BOYD-WENTLAND—Desiree Boyd, Joseph Wentland, Aug. 4, 2004, Sandpoint, Idaho. They are making their home in Golden, Colo.

BRECKANRIDGE-NEVES—Helene Breckanridge, Ed Neves, June 6, 2004, Springfield, Ore., where they are making their home.

CRAWFORD-KOCH—Alisha Crawford, Brandon Koch, July 25, 2004, Libby, Mont. They are making their home in Lincoln, Neb.

CULVER-BLISS—Melinda Culver, Michael Bliss, June 13, 2004, Salem, Ore. They are making their home in Los Angeles, Calif.

DANIELS-LARSON—Jennifer Daniels, Bryan Larson, Sept. 19, 2004, Boring, Ore. They are making their home in Clackamas, Ore.

GIDDINGS-ALIDO—Lory S. Giddings, Jay P. Alido, June 27, 2004, San Bernardino, Calif. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

JIEBERT-DECAMP—Heather Jiebert, Lee DeCamp, July 4, 2004, Newport, Ore. They are making their home in Independence, Ore.

KLINGER-CRAWFORD—Andrea Klinger, Josh Crawford, Aug. 8, 2004, Colton, Ore. They are

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making their home in Vancouver, Wash.

MURRAY-DEALY—Rebecca Murray, Doug Dealy, Aug. 8, 2004, Snohomish, Wash. They are making their home in Gold Bar, Wash.

PEARSON-ALLEN—Keren Pearson, Eric Allen, Aug. 4, 2004, Bremerton, Wash. They are making their home in San Diego, Calif.

SEIBOLD-RIVERA—Laura Seibold, Chris Rivera, June 20, 2004, Chehalis, Wash. They are making their home in Kennewick, Wash.

TOEWS-MATOSKE—Jennifer Toews, Daniel Matoske, June 6, 2004, Boise, Idaho, where they are making their home.

TORKELSEN-SPOO—Kirsten "Katie" Torkelsen, Ethan Spoo, Sept. 26, 2004, Woodland, Wash. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash.

WITTLAKE-JACKSON—Aurelia Wittlake, Dale Jackson, Aug. 27, 2004, Polson, Mont., where they are making their home.

ATKINS—Orpha D. (Zirkle), 89; born Aug. 25, 1914, Yakima, Wash.; died Aug. 24, 2004, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sons, Roger, Gresham, Rodney, Olympia, Wash.; brother, Eldon Zirkle, Yakima; sister, Joyce Wickward, College Place, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

BENNETT—Wesley J., 71; born June 10, 1932, Fresno, Calif.; died June 7, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Charlene (Johnson); daughter, Carolyn Bennett-Hunter, Salem; mother, Orpha (Crippen) Bennett, Salem; brother, Leslie, Santa Maria, Calif.

BRADY—Dorothy (Seals), 90; born Nov. 12, 1913, Edgar, Neb.; died July 17, 2004, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Harlan; sons, Ron, Dinuba, Calif., Layne, Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Sharon Kelly, Caldwell; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

BURBANK—Eva (Kneebone) Powers, 89; born March 26, 1915, Falls City, Ore.; died Aug. 6, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Violet Sunderland, Dallas, Ore., Barbara Driver, Salem; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

CHAMBERS—Helen (Gates), 90; born Jan. 5, 1914, Warren, Pa.; died Aug. 23, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Harry, Gresham, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

CHILDS—Richard A., 71; born Feb. 5, 1933, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 12, 2004, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Patricia (Hannah); sons, Richard and Daniel, both of Hermiston; daughter, Deborah J. Childs, Hermiston; sister, Donna Henkle, The Dalles, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DAVY—Nadine I. (Williams), 94; born Sept. 13, 1908, Tillamook, Ore.; died March 21, 2003, John Day, Ore. Surviving: son, Roger, Moyie Springs, Idaho; daughter, Valerie Patchen, Kent, Wash.; and 7 grandchildren.

DEVINNY—Doris I. (Stute), 87; born Jan. 1, 1917, Benkelman, Neb.; died July 1, 2004, Lebanon,

*“And God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes; there shall be no
more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.
There shall be no more pain, for the
former things have passed away.”*

REVELATION 21: 4 [NKJV]

Ore. Surviving: daughters, Marilyn Dugger, Cheryl Dittmer and Barbara Gisler, all of Lebanon; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

EDGERLY—Albert L., 77; born Dec. 1, 1926, Spirit Falls, Wis.; died May 18, 2004, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lavina (Moore); son, Dennis, Lebanon; daughters, Bonnie Edgerly and Darlea Duke, both of Sweet Home, Ore.; brothers, Gene, Jay, Okla., Richard, Rancho Cordova, Calif., Dan, Lebanon, David, Salem, Ore., Ray, Sweet Home, Andrew, Westmilton, Ohio, Frank, Forest Grove, Ore.; sisters, Aida Price, Azeala, Ore., Naomi Enquest, Dorris, Calif., Esther, Azeala; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

ELLINGSON—Maythel (Wilson), 87; born Aug. 12, 1917, Ruth, Nev.; died Aug. 16, 2004, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Leslie; son, David Collings, Afton, Wyo.; daughters, Mona Lambert, Days Creek, Ore., Dorothy Hamilton, Twin Falls, Idaho; sister, Syble Blakely, Circleville, Utah; 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

ERWIN—Alfred L., 82; born Oct. 2, 1921, DeQueen, Ark.; died Aug. 3, 2004, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Oralee (King), Canyonville, Ore.; sons, Robert A., Canyonville, David L., Corvallis, Ore., Gordon T., Riddle, Ore.; daughter, Brenda K. Erwin, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

FEY—Doreen L. (Richards), 75; born April 26, 1929, St.

Paul, Minn.; died Aug. 3, 2004, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Linda Hisey, Wenatchee, Debbie Dickerson, Bellingham, Wash., Richenda Bozeman, Pearland, Texas; brother, Robert Richards, Twisp, Wash.; sister, Karen French, Everett, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

FUNG—Errol G., 30; born June 16, 1973, London, England; died April 5, 2004, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: mother, Ruby (McLaren), Kelowna, B.C., Canada; brothers, David, Kelowna, Glen, Loma Linda, Calif.

GREGG—David W., 86; born March 3, 1918, Lambert, Mont.; died June 14, 2004, Billings, Mont. Surviving: sons, David H., Ramona, Calif., Charles, San Antonio, Texas; daughters, Mimi Danihels, Calabasas, Calif., Jode Messenger, College Place, Wash., Debra Holder, Hereford, Ariz., LiAnne de laCruz, Camas, Wash., LaJuana Moser, California City, Calif.; 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

HAMILTON—Eva P. (Pistoia) Harden, 71; born May 15, 1933, Ogden, Utah; died July 15, 2004, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: husband, James “JB”; sons, Richard Harden, Calif., Ralph and Wayne Harden, both of Sweet Home; Marie Hill, Lebanon, Ore., Bonita McCoy, Calif., Helen Dougherty, Half Way, Ore., Delores Shewey, Alaska; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

HATHAWAY—Ernest E., 70; born March 3, 1934, Vancouver, Wash.; died July 7, 2004, Mill

City, Ore. Surviving: son, Brian, Union, Ore.; daughters, Lisa Gott, La Grande, Ore., Patricia Rist and Teresia Hathaway both of Germany; brother, Marion, Nevada City, Calif., David, Salem, Ore., Jonathan, Keizer, Ore.; sisters, Betty Eves, Cottage Grove, Ore., Dorothy Akerman, Salem, Esther Ellett, The Dalles, Ore., Helen Shreve, Beaver Creek, Ore.; 4 grandchildren.

HEIM—Katherine “Kay” F. (Waren) Read, 90; born July 31, 1914, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 14, 2004, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: son, Terry Read, Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Lindell Read, Ariz., Karen King, Milton, Wash.; half-brothers, Mel Waren, Seattle, Wash., Bill Hartung, Santa Barbara, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HODDE—Bridget D., born May 3, 2004, Spokane, Wash.; died June 26, 2004, Spokane. Surviving: parents, Ben and Tasha (Edie), Richland, Wash.; grandparents, Ben and Cleo Hodde, Moses Lake, Wash., Darla Schaffer, Moses Lake, and Kerry Edie, Woodburn, Ore.; great-grandparents, Lloyd and July Schaffer, Moses Lake, Edith Lobe, Hillsboro, Ore.

HOLMS—Gladys M. (Kripps), 67; born Nov. 11, 1936, New Haven, Conn.; died Aug. 23, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jay R. Sr., Days Creek, Ore.; son, Jay R. Jr., La Salle, Colo.; daughters, Marsha Schlenker, Brush Prairie, Wash., Laura Tarabeih, Bellevue, Wash.; brother, Frances Kripps, El Mirage, Ariz.; sisters, Juanita Fuller, Kent, Wash., Ethel Paff, Phoenix, Ariz.; and 8 grandchildren.

HOLWEGNER—Geraid L., 76; born July 25, 1923, Burlington, Colo.; died Feb. 25, 2004, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Copel Lee (Morrow), Prosser, Wash.; sons, Gary, Sunnyside, Wash., Michael, Yakima; daughters, Darlene Robillard, Yakima, Vickey Tebb, Prosser; brother, Roland, Yakima, Ottis, Carson, Wash.; sister, Gaynelle Stump, Carson; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

G U I D E L I N E S

Information to include: date and location of birth and death; first and last names, including married women's maiden names and previous married names; immediate surviving family members, (children, stepchildren, parents, brothers/sisters, stepbrothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters, grandparents) along with the city/state of residence for each; number of grandchildren; contact's name and daytime phone number. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

JACKSON—Mary K. (Augustine), 87; born Jan. 24, 1917, Green County, Pa.; died June 13, 2004, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Janie Glessner, Auburn; sisters, Ethel Hollister, Montrose, Pa., Virginia Gapen, Phoenix, Ariz.

JONES—Barbara (Cook), 67; born March 4, 1937, Seattle, Wash.; died July 23, 2004, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: son, David Hartje, Mountain View, Calif.; and a grandchild.

KOMULA—Donna J. (Murphy), 71; born July 8, 1933, New Cumberland, W.Va.; died Aug. 15, 2004, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: sons, William Jr., Olympia, Steven and Michael, both of Chassell, Mich.; daughters, Karol Cureton, Globe, Ariz., Jackie Heryford, Olympia, Wash.; brother, Robert Murphy, Globe; sisters, Sally Fernandez, Globe, Linda Ewing, Tonto Basin, Ariz., Peggy Gladden, Roesharon, Texas; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

LANTZ—Margaret (Dennis), 91; born June 4, 1913, College Place, Wash.; died Aug. 31, 2004, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Cheryl Hachtel, Caldwell, Idaho; brother, Laurel Dennis, Beaverton, Ore.; sister, Norma Maxted, College Place, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

LINDSAY—Shirley (Williams), 75; born June 4, 1929, Colorado Springs, Colo.; died Sept. 9, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Curtis; sons, Galen, Las Vegas, Nev., Gerry, Monroe, Wash.; daughters, Alice Kerk, Renton, Wash., Eileen Richmond, Bothell, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MAAS—M. Jan (Paxton), 81; born March 24, 1923, Liberal, Kan.; died Sept. 2, 2004, Pleasant Hill, Ore. Surviving: husband, Albert; daughters, Cynthia Tripp, Laguna Niguel, Calif., Carol Fickner, Cottage Grove, Ore., Colleen Maas, Pleasant Hill; brother, Jerold Paxton, Paradise, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

MACKENZIE—Forest C., 83; born Sept. 10, 1920, Cambridge, Idaho; died Aug. 21, 2004, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: son, Edward R., Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Rose M. Reed, Pacific, Wash., Charlene R. Davis, Sumner, Wash., Susan J. Mackenzie, Auburn.

MELLISH—Daniel G., 81; born Nov. 20, 1922, Letonia, Ohio; died Aug. 4, 2004, The Dalles, Ore. Surviving: wife, Miriam (Oldham), Union, Ore.; sons, William D., Calif., Daniel R. and Paul E., both of Walla Walla, Wash., Michael D., Ariz.; daughter, Esther M. Miracle, Union; sisters, Veronica Ellis, Oregon City, Ore., Jessie McGuire, Woodland, Wash., Leatrice Smith, Montalda, Texas; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

MERRILL—Nina (Reffett), 96; born Sept. 8, 1907, Danville, Ill.; died Feb. 4, 2004, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Dwight and Harland, both of Boise; daughters, Carolyn Van Hees and Kathleen R. Lowell, both of Boise; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

POWELL—Clarence R., 80; born April 12, 1924, Cedonia, Wash.; died July 29, 2004, Albany, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mona, Springfield, Ore.; son, Ray, Corvallis, Ore., daughter,

Wanda Smith, Florence, Ore.; sister, Gladys Paulson, Myrtle Point, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

RADKE—Irma G. (Perrin), 93; born June 8, 1908, Des Moines, Iowa; died Aug. 25, 2004, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: son, Wilmer, Bremerton; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

RASMUSSEN—Elmer, 83; born July 2, 1921, Spangle, Wash.; died April 9, 2004, Turlock, Calif. Surviving: wife, Mary (Hess); son, Kenneth, Laurel, Md.; daughter, Beverly Wetherbee, Turlock, Calif.; brothers, George, Spangle, Lester, College Place, Wash., Norman, Webb City, Mo.; and 4 grandchildren.

ROLLINS—Floyd P., 67; born March 30, 1937, Molalla, Ore.; died March 29, 2004, Tacoma, Wash. Surviving: wife, Cora (Bell); sons, Dustin, Bryon and Brent all of Tacoma, C. Dean, Grandview, Wash.; mother, Olga (Jensen) Rollins, La Grande, Ore.; brother, John Martin, Enterprise, Ore.; sisters, Alvys Burton, Ora Belle Rollins and Cathy Fry, all of La Grande, Verla Collette, College Place, Wash., Gladys Ferguson, Dayton, Tenn., Marion Millman, Salt Lake City, Utah; and 8 grandchildren.

SCHOEPFLIN—Howard C., 89; born April 8, 1915, Edwall, Wash.; died July 8, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sylvia (Nielsen) Yeatts; sons, James, Pullman, Wash., Frederick, Seattle, Wash.; stepsons, Raymond Yeatts, Troy, Idaho, Daniel Yeatts, Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Karen Hagen, Genesee, Idaho, Consuelo Weitz, Viola, Idaho; stepdaughter, Marilyn Welch, Eugene, Ore.; sisters, Ellen Wagner, Farmington, Wash., Lillian Coppernoll, Gresham, Ore.

SJOREN—Gunnar A., 84; born Jan. 30, 1920, Mattered, Sweden; died Aug. 3, 2004, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Nelly (Johansen), Umatilla, Ore.; son, Kenneth, Hermiston, Ore.; daughter, Marita Keppler, Helena, Mont.; brothers, Ron, Walla Walla, Wash., Hans, Boise, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

SLAVKOVSKY—Annie Z. (Foster) Smith, 81; born July 30, 1923, Rosemary, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 8, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Paul, Stayton, Ore., Vern Smith, Lebanon, Ore., Henry Smith, Scio, Ore.; daughter, Rose Murphy; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

SPARKS—Robert D., 91; born March 27, 1913, Sherwood, Wis.; died May 9, 2004, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sons, Robert C., Ellensburg, Wash., James A., Livingston, Mont.; daughters, Virginia L. Hughes, Boring, Ore., Myrtle A. Eddens, Portland, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

STRICKER—Mildred (Holm), 88; born July 10, 1916, Yankton, S.D.; died July 28, 2004, Graham, Wash. Surviving: son, Randall, Marietta, Ga.; daughter, Leslee A. Barnett, Graham; brother, Melvin Holm, Battle Ground, Wash.; sisters, Olive White, Everett, Wash., Twila Lyman, Seattle, Wash., Arlene Coordt, Fullerton, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.

TREAT—Elizabeth (Scarborough), 89; born May 31, 1915, Roach, Mo.; died July 10, 2004, Medford, Ore. Surviving: sons, Weldon, Central Point, Ore., Clell, Battle Ground, Wash.; brother, Harold, Vancouver, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

TUPLING—Frances V. (Waggoner), 70; born Feb. 27, 1934, Brewster, Wash.; died Aug. 11, 2004, Brewster. Surviving: husband, Bob; sons, Mike, Okanogan, Wash., Ernest "Dude," Brewster; daughter, Kim Robertson, Brewster; 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WARNER—Irene A. (Braunberger) Bechthold, 95; born Aug. 10, 1909, Beisker, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 14, 2004, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: son, Lyle Bechthold, Keizer, Ore.; daughter, Everal Bechthold-Kites, Corvallis; sister, Gladys Weir, Gaston, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Offerings

Nov. 6—Local Church Budget; **Nov. 13**—Annual Sacrifice; **Nov. 20**—Local Church Budget; **Nov. 27**—Local Conference Advance; **Dec. 4**—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

Nov. 6—Stewardship Sabbath; **Nov. 7–13**—Week of Prayer; **Nov. 20**—Human Relations Sabbath; **Nov. 27**—Welcome Home Sabbath; **Dec. 4**—Bible Sabbath.

OREGON

Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship meeting

All retired denominational workers are invited to attend the **Nov. 2** noon potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship. Ron Oliver will show pictures of his mountain climb to the highest point in Aconcagua, South America. This monthly meeting is held

in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Portland, Ore. Bring food and table service. For information, call Frank Gearhart at (503) 665-4777.

Livingstone Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend

Blaze a trail to Livingstone Adventist Academy the weekend of **Nov. 5–6**. The 106-year-old school will celebrate its first alumni weekend beginning Friday evening and ending Sabbath afternoon. Milford Perrin will be the guest speaker on Sabbath. Explore the new senior high school complex, rediscover your old friends and once again be a part of Livingstone history. Details on meal tickets for Sabbath lunch and other program information can be found at www.laa.info or by calling the school office at (503) 363-9408.

Milo Family Weekend

Nov. 5–7: Come to Milo Adventist Academy and enjoy the drama performance of *The Passions of Our Saviour*, guest speaker Monte Torkelsen and wonderful music. Friday vespers starts at 7:30 p.m. Sabbath School begins at 10 a.m. Lunch is potluck with entree, juice and tableware provided. Sunset meditations are at 4:30 p.m., with the drama performance starting 7:30 p.m. Call the school for more details at (541) 825-3200.

Christ 2004

A multicultural evangelistic seminar starts **Nov. 6** and continues through **Nov. 20**, 7 p.m., at the Forest Grove Spanish Church, 4021 19th Ave., Forest Grove, Ore. The speaker will be Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) president, with Spanish translation by Ramon Canals, NPUC Hispanic ministries director. Opening night features a Heritage Singers concert at 6:30 p.m. Other music

during the series will include violinist Jaime Jorge and the Decision Quartet. For more information, visit www.npuc.org or call (360) 816-1420.

Evangelistic Series

Ty Gibson will be presenting an evangelistic series, *See With New Eyes*, at the Grants Pass Church, 1360 NE Ninth St., Grants Pass, Ore. The meetings will begin on **Nov. 6** and will continue through **Nov. 20**. Invite your family and friends to this spiritual revival. For more information, call the church at (541) 476-6313.

Sunnyside Events

Nov. 6, 7 p.m.—La Voz de la Esperanza with violinist Jaime Jorge; **Nov. 12**, 7 p.m., **Nov. 13**, 4:30 p.m.—Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship (PAASS) presents the award-winning film of Desmond Doss, the only Adventist conscientious objector to receive the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor; **Nov. 20**, 4 p.m.—Inaugural concert of the Sunnyside Symphony, conducted by Travis Hatton.

Invitation for All Missionaries to India

The Lebanon Church would like to honor all Oregon Conference church members who have gone on evangelism trips to India, during our Sabbath School and church services on **Nov. 13**. Bruce Johnston from the Medford Church will lead the divine service. Join us for a fellowship dinner after the service, during which all the missionaries will have the opportunity to share their experiences and encourage people to be involved in mission work. Anyone who is interested in sharing their experience and want to join us for Sabbath worship, please RSVP by calling the church secretary, Linda

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WRITING GUIDELINES

Who can submit stories to the GLEANER?

Anyone can. But we want only stories that accurately represent your church, school or other church-related group. You should be either the designated spokesperson for your organization or have permission from the pastor, principal or leader of the group to submit an article. This protects you as the writer, as well as the group you represent and of course the credibility of the GLEANER.

News stories the GLEANER editors are particularly looking for:

- Stories that have ideas to encourage church growth that other Northwest churches can try. What unique programs or ideas have you recently tried at your church?
- People's conversion stories that show their journey. Instead of a photo of a person or group that was baptized with a sentence or two giving their names and date and location of baptism, write a story that focuses on relationships. Why was someone attracted to this church? Who encouraged them to become a member and how did they do it? *Example:* see "Grants Pass Woman Baptized at 100 Years of Age" on page 25 and "Nine-year-old Preaches First Sermon" on page 28 of this November issue. Be sure to include a photo of the individual or family the story is about perhaps with the person who brought them to Christ.
- Stories that support Christian education at all levels.
- Stewardship stories that illustrate the blessings that flow from trusting one's entire life to God. These stories might deal with Sabbathkeeping, health, relationships, tithing, freedom from addiction or many other topics.

How to write news stories for the GLEANER

- **Give the most important information first.** Answer the questions Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? within the first two paragraphs.
- **In the body of the story fill in the details.** Make it interesting to the whole NPUC, not just your local area. Ask yourself, "What would someone who was not here want to know about this?"
- **Stick with the facts.** Do not sermonize, editorialize or use your story to thank the people who were involved.
- **Use action words.** Adjectives and adverbs should be used sparingly. Avoid using forms of the verb "to be" as much as possible. Write in active voice rather than passive voice. *Example:* Rather than writing, "The church was painted by the members," try "the members painted the church."
- **Identify each person by first and last name in the first mention.** *Last names* are used in further mentions (unless two names are used with the same family name). In all GLEANER stories, social and professional titles are not used (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Prof., Eld., etc.).
- **Identify the role or title of each person you've identified** to show their connection to the story. The name comes first, then the institution/organization they're connected with, followed by their title within that organization. *Example:* Larry Unterseher, Montana Conference youth director; Don Hutchison, Eagle (Idaho) Church head elder; Jan Paulson, General Conference president.
- **Be brief.** Limit news stories to about **350 words**. To save space, dates and states are abbreviated following the Associated Press style—not the two-letter postal abbreviations.

- **Identify the story's author.** At the end of the story provide the author's name as it should appear in print, the e-mail/ mailing address and a *daytime phone number* the GLEANER staff can call when clarification is needed. If the author has a title that directly relates to the story (such as church communication leader), please include it. *Example:* Shirley Downing, Sitka (Alaska) Church communication leader; Tammy Onstott, Cornerstone Christian School (Bonners Ferry, Idaho) home and school leader.

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

Selecting your photos

Vibrant photography adds an important element to your GLEANER story. Acceptable photos will:

- Help the reader understand the story better.
 - Be clear, sharp, attractive and colorful.
 - Illustrate some kind of action in the story.
 - Avoid portraying subjects in unflattering poses (such as with wet hair after a baptism).
 - Always have a full-sentence *caption* describing 1) what is happening in the photo, 2) who the people are (unless the group is too large) and 3) why they're in the photo.
- The best photos show *action*, so try to avoid submitting photos with rows of people smiling for the camera. Baptismal tank photos should be avoided because they're so overused—and particularly avoid photos that only show the baptismal candidate in profile. And, because quality is more important than quantity, please limit the number of photos you submit to your three best photos per article.

Writing photo captions

- **Online**—write the caption in the space provided when linking your photos in *MangeEverything.com*. This is the best way to submit your high res JPEG (.jpg) photos.
- **E-mailed**—number each photo you're submitting by changing the photo's file name to the name of the story followed by the photo number, starting with "1."
- **Mailed**—Use a return address label and write the photo number on the label (starting with "1"), then stick it to the back of the photo. At the end of your story, make a list of the photo numbers with their captions. Printouts of digital photos do not scan well. If you can't submit them online or via e-mail, send them on a CD-ROM in JPEG (.jpg) or Windows-compatible TIFF (.tif) files, following the above protocol for file names and captions.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

How to submit news stories

There are three ways to submit news stories. They are listed in order of preference:

- **Online** at gleaneronline.org. (To find the directions online, click on "Contributor's Information" in the left column.)
- **E-mail** to gleaner@nw.npuc.org. Microsoft Word documents can be attached to the e-mail, or the story can be copied and pasted into the e-mail message space if some other word processing program was used. DO NOT embed photos in e-mail or Word documents. Send them as separate, attached files.
- **Mail a hard copy** of the double-spaced, *typewritten* story to *GLEANER Stories, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687*. Plain solid black type should be used (no decorative type) on plain white paper, free of hand corrections, so that a scanner with optical character recognition (OCR) software can

correctly interpret the words. Be sure your printer is working properly and forming complete, clearly visible letters. Scanners cannot recognize type that is broken or otherwise defective or too light.

Handwritten stories cannot be scanned and are unlikely to be published due to time pressures and difficulty of ensuring accurate interpretation of handwriting.

How to submit photos with stories

Photos should be linked online right along with the story, e-mailed as *attachments* with the story (not *embedded* in a Word document or e-mail message) or prints mailed to the GLEANER office accompanied by a hard copy of the story—even if the story has already been e-mailed. (Enclosing a hard copy of the story in the envelope ensures the proper matching of photos with story.) Photo credits will be published if the photographer's name is included. Credit the original source of any photos that are being republished.

If submitting photos taken with a **digital camera**, ensure that your camera captures at least three megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its "highest-quality" mode and is on "largest size." For **scanned images**, scan at 300 pixels-per-inch with a minimum size of 4 x 6 inches. Please do not use CMYK mode; use RGB mode instead (most scanners' default). Virgin JPEG (.jpg) files should be saved at the highest possible resolution. Avoid degrading the image by re-saving a .jpg file to the same filename.

How to submit announcements

GLEANER publishes announcements about upcoming events and opportunities for involvement as a service for NPUC churches, schools, organizations and institutions at no cost to the organization. Announcements may be placed free-of-charge the first time but are considered classified ads for any further placement. Announcements that contain dollar figures for entrance fees

or other references to cost are considered classified ads. Announcements for organizations outside the NPUC are placed as space is available. Announcements are submitted in the same manner as news stories.

How to place paid advertising in the GLEANER

To place an advertisement, please refer to the GLEANER Advertising Policy that is published in the advertising section of most issues and at gleaneronline.org when you click on "Advertising Information." Call the GLEANER advertising coordinator at **(360) 816-1483** if you have any further questions.

How to obtain FAMILY forms and how to submit them

Go to **GLEANERonline.org** to submit Family information online and click on Submission Information. If you can't go online, have someone print out for you the PDF document for a Birth, Wedding, Obituary, Anniversary or Birthday form that you will find there. The information may also be typed just as it appears in the print edition and submitted by e-mail. Please refer to the GUIDELINES that are printed in each issue of the GLEANER for a reminder of what specific information should be included in each type of announcement. Always include the submitter's name, daytime and evening phone numbers and/or e-mail address for clarification purposes.

How to send a letter to the editor for possible publication

Letters should be addressed to gleaner@nw.npuc.org or to GLEANER Letters, P.O. Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687. All letters printed must bear the full name of the writer and his or her resident city and state, and preference will be given to letters originating within the NPUC territory. Please limit your letter to 150 words. Letters critical of personalities will not be used, nor will letters sent anonymously.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cossey, at (541) 258-7827 or e-mail franklincossey@msn.com by Nov. 1.

Gospel Concert

Michael Harris will be in concert **Nov. 13** at 5 p.m. at Lents Church activity center, 8835 SE Woodstock, Portland, Ore. For more information, please call (503) 632-5534.

Recovery Ministry Weekend

Linda Hyder Ferry, Loma Linda University School of Medicine and School of Public Health associate professor, will be at the Gladstone Park Conference Center **Nov. 19-20**. Topics include: how to incorporate tobacco-dependence treatment into church outreach programs, evangelistic campaign preparation for new members who are smokers, how to train Bible workers and lay workers not to "turn people off" by the church position of non-smoking, and ministry to church members and their families who struggle with tobacco addiction. Registration is required. For more information, call (503) 652-2225 ext. 413 or e-mail Linda.Schrader@oc.npic.org.

Singles Activities

Nov. 20, 12:30-3:00 p.m., potluck at the Beaverton Church. We will sing at a local facility then enjoy an evening vespers/progressive party. Directions will be available at the potluck or call Charlotte at (503) 579-9549 for more information.

Secret Garden Musical

The Secret Garden, a musical adaptation of the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, will be performed in Columbia Adventist Academy's music auditorium on Sunday, **Nov. 21, 2 p.m.** and 5:30 p.m., and Monday, **Nov. 22, 7 p.m.** Tickets are available through the CAA office by calling (360) 687-3161. Seating is limited.

His Song Chorale Booking 2005 Concerts

His Song Chorale is now planning their 2005 concert and church service schedule. Please contact director Bart Shields at (541) 582-0996 or e-mail to bartlynn7@hotmail.com if you would like to book a concert. His Song is a chorale of 12 members, made up of married couples, from the Grants Pass, Ore., area that is in its 10th year of bringing music to fill the soul, heal the heart and lift the spirit.

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The Graham (Wash.) Church seeks the following missing members: Ken Ary, Diane L. Framke, Colleen Kontala, Anthony and Ladean Myers, Brian K. Rasico, Michelle Rew, Janet Smith and Margarel Tederman. If you have information regarding these missing members please contact Linda L. Knight, Graham Church clerk, at (253) 961-3083.

Sunset Table

Standard Time	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
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Anchorage	4:45	4:28	4:12	3:58
Fairbanks	4:14	3:52	3:30	3:11
Juneau	3:58	3:43	3:30	3:19
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Boise	5:30	5:22	5:16	5:11
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Pocatello	5:16	5:09	5:03	4:58

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Billings	4:54	4:46	4:39	4:34
Havre	4:52	4:42	4:34	4:28
Helena	5:06	4:57	4:50	4:45
Miles City	4:42	4:33	4:26	4:21
Missoula	5:14	5:05	4:57	4:52

OREGON CONFERENCE

Coos Bay	5:03	4:55	4:49	4:44
Medford	4:59	4:52	4:46	4:42
Portland	4:51	4:43	4:36	4:31

UPPER COLUMBIA

Pendleton	4:36	4:27	4:20	4:15
Spokane	4:25	4:16	4:08	4:03
Walla Walla	4:33	4:24	4:17	4:12
Wenatchee	4:37	4:28	4:21	4:15
Yakima	4:40	4:31	4:24	4:19

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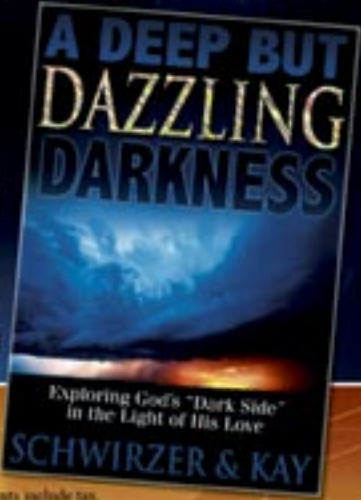
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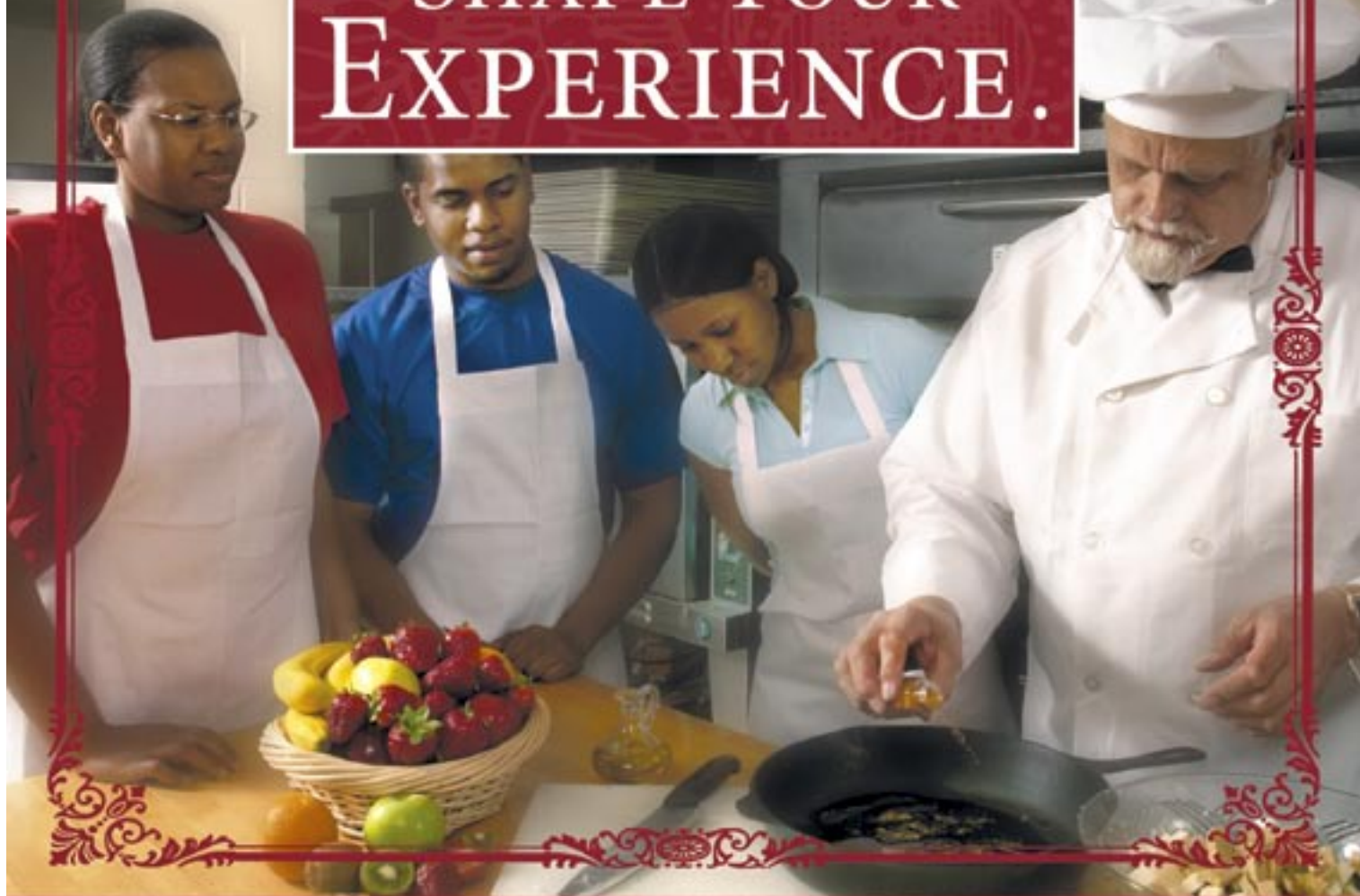
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