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## INTERSECTIONS

### ASI NORTHWEST MEMBERS GATHER

More than 150 ASI (Adventistlaymen's Services and Industries) Northwest chapter members and guests gathered at Eagle Crest Resort in central Oregon April 21–24 for their annual meeting, themed "In Christ Alone" this year. They enjoyed beautiful music, inspiring messages and great fellowship and food in a memorable high-desert spring setting.

The evening meetings featured James Rafferty, ASI Northwest president, powerfully preaching Christ in the book of Revelation. Sung Kwon, North American Division Adventist Community Services director, gave an immensely practical seminar designed to equip lay members to effectively lead nonprofit ministries with purposeful planning.

Boise businessman Fred Cornforth led in morning worship and moderated a roundtable discussion on nonprofit operations with Kwon, Dick Duerksen, Bruce Farjli, Randy Meyer and Rafferty, about how charitable organizations can operate more wisely and effectively.

In the afternoon, a group of health professionals including Ted Mackett, Rise Rafferty, Larry Dodds and Brenda Duerksen engaged in a panel discussion, "Health Ministry as a Pathway to the Heart."

On Sabbath morning, Rick Westermeyer, ASI vice president, led the lesson study in a feature entitled "Building on the Solid Rock." The Sabbath sermon, by Dave Allen, Oregon Conference vice president, was a profound message, "Thank You for Jesus, Amen."

Music was a weekend highlight, including the praise team and a Sabbath afternoon concert. Several young adults from SOULS Northwest and Arise Institute gave their inspiring personal testimonies in a witnessing seminar led by Vincent Onkoba, vice president for evangelism.

Ten lay-led Northwest ministries — including Lightbearers, Better Life Broadcasting and Impact Hope — had booths explaining their areas of ministry.

An offering of more than \$35,000 was given on Sabbath morning. It will be split among seven Northwest ministries to fund a special project they will report back on at the 2017 ASI Northwest conference.

Attendees got to tour the Caring Hands mobile dental clinic, which was featured in the ASI-sponsored Impact Portland free dental, vision and medical clinic for the underserved population, held on the Portland Adventist Academy campus in Portland, Ore., Aug. 26–28.

The closing Sunday morning program, "With God All Things Are Possible," featured Terry Johnsson's amazing personal testimony about what led him to serve as honor guard in the White House for four presidents.

ASI is an organization of Adventist laypeople involved in professions, industry, education and services. It exists to provide challenge, nurture and experience in sharing Jesus in the workplace as well as support the global mission of the Adventist Church. ASI's vision is that its members will be known for their unswerving honesty in business principles and practices, unflagging participation in the various ministries of the church, unwavering positiveness toward church leadership, unhesitating provision for the needs of others, and untiring focus on the Jesus Christ they represent in the marketplace. They invite you to attend the next ASI Northwest conference April 20-23, 2017, in Boise, Idaho.

Fred Cornforth, ASI member

### **LETTERS**

### Fired Up About 'Fired'

I loved, loved, loved the article "Four Things Church Members Do ... That Would Get Them Fired At Work" by Seth Pierce [Perspective, July 2016]. He is so right on. As a church leader for many years, and having worked in the business world, I have thought about these concepts and wondered about members who are part of God's kingdom yet display these attributes. Thanks for articulating it in such a thought-provoking way.

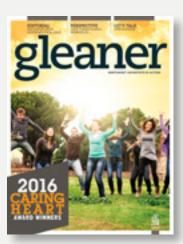
Ruth Scofield, Falls City, Ore.



### Another Way to Be Fired

I greatly appreciated Seth Pierce's article [Perspective, July 2016]. I'd like to add to that list an employee who treats customers coldly, or worse — ignores them completely. I have, unfortunately, visited many Adventist churches where visitors are treated exactly in this way. Thankfully my local church is not one of them!

Rena Erickson, Burlington, Wash.



### **Size Matters**

I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Plubell [Editorial, July 2016] that the primary focus of Adventist education must be Christ. I also agree that small schools can be excellent. However, size and breadth of academic programs are two of the many indicators of a successful school. Do we need elementary and high schools with thousands of students to be successful? Absolutely not. But if our schools are so small that we can't provide a rigorous academic experience, or worse yet, they're so small that we can't pay the salaries of our incredible teachers or keep the doors open, then we have a problem. I fear that if we completely ignore the size of our schools, it won't be long before we don't have any left.

Benjamin Leake, Idaho Falls, Idaho

### Listen to the Canaries

Martin Weber's article, "When the Canaries Stop Singing" [Perspective, August 2016], struck a chord with me. ... I spent my working life as an educator/administrator in the SDA school system. ... If I had any advice to today's teachers and pastors, both in

the church and in our schools, I would advise them to step back and really examine how our theology is being integrated into the life of the students rather than the students seeing Bible class as just another class and the school and church "rules" becoming a negative in their lives. If we want our church here in America to continue to prosper, we had better take a hard look at the canary, for I think it is telling us that there is more to why our young people are leaving than hurt feelings and the other reasons so many give. I think we need to look at how we teach our theology in the first place. Think about this: Can you, using only the Bible, explain the Investigative Judgment, the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection, and the Sabbath in such a way that it becomes a message of hope and relevance in your Christian life? And what is the relevance of Mrs. White to today's youth? I hope Pastor Weber's article inspires many to take a hard look at the issue he raises.

> Myron Whiting, College Place, Wash.

### More About the Canaries

Excellent article! Such a good analogy. My young adult son is no longer attending church. My young adult daughter has tried to remain in the church and has faced these issues over and over again. Often times older adults don't know how to communicate with

the younger ones. The exact same questions every Sabbath is interpreted by her as you weren't listening the first time, or the second, etc. Young adults are also very sensitive to your nonverbal communication. She was very surprised by this article and agreed with the analogy. Thank you, Martin Weber!

Cheryl Berreth, Laclede, Idaho



### Struggling With Providence

I have to confess I have been struggling over Providence [Let's Talk, June 2016]. I am assuming you believe every person born in this world has a guardian angel. That would include every person who died in the Holocaust. Could one ask where were their guardian angels? My Bible tells me God has loved me with an everlasting love. Jer. 31:3. And that His knowledge of me extends even to the hairs of my head. I am also certain I have been saved from serious injuries on more than one occasion. Many others could say the same thing. But there are others who have suffered serious injuries or even death. There is the age-old struggle of why bad things happen to good people. It seems to me the best approach is to tell people we will not get the answers to these questions until the Judgment Day. In the mean time we need to assure people of God's everlasting love and that we should love and trust Him regardless of what happens.

> Donald E. Casebolt, College Place, Wash.

The *Gleaner* responds: Our point exactly.

"WE HAD BETTER TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE CANARY, FOR I THINK IT IS TELLING US THAT

THERE IS MORE TO WHY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

ARE LEAVING THAN HURT FEELINGS."









Scott Reiner, Adventist Health president

# Healing to Health

**OUR PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE** 

### At the heart of every organization is a vision.

For Adventist Health, this vision is our belief that pairing medical science and faith to inspire wholeness and health offers the greatest hope for renewing people, families and communities. Work began in 2015 to update our mission statement to reflect our purpose. Our goal is to empower our communities to be healthier.

To strengthen our ability to deliver optimal health, Adventist Health deployed a robust and aggressive strategic plan in 2013. Guided by our mission, this plan positions our organization as one of the most significant health systems on the West Coast. Our growing system already has achieved several important metrics you can read about in our annual report (available online at adventisthealth.org/annualreport).

We are working diligently and in innovative ways to transform how we care for our communities. Our proactive approach to whole-person health is reflected not just in our wellness programs, but across the entire care continuum. For Adventist Health this includes physician alignment, patient experience and workforce wellness.

Expanding our scope and services is also a major component of our strategic initiatives. We are actively seeking opportunities to create new working relationships with hospitals, other providers, payers — and even some competitors — that align with our goals and extend our mission.

Throughout our health system, our engaged workforce is leading the way to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. The people of Adventist Health are living God's love every day.

Scott Reiner, Adventist Health president

### News Notes

### LEADING HEALTH CARE **TRANSFORMATION**

Physicians, nurses and support teams coming together in a prayerful commitment to provide healing, hope and reduced anxiety has the power to change lives and transform the health care experience for entire communities. For the Portland community, Adventist Health is becoming synonymous with this transformation.

When the Oregon Health Authority examined hospitals throughout the state for quality and patient safety, Adventist Medical Center topped the list of 28 participating hospitals. The hospital met or exceeded 10 out of 11 measured areas of quality improvement.



### THE PEOPLE OF ADVENTIST HEALTH ARE LIVING GOD'S LOVE EVERY DAY.

"When we work collectively in the best interest of our patients, great things happen," says Carolyn Kozik, a registered nurse and executive director for organizational quality for Adventist Health in Portland. "This report demonstrates the success of our hard work and the steps we've taken to ensure our patients receive the best care available."



David Russell, Adventist Health Portland president/CEO

### RUSSELL NAMED PRESIDENT AND CEO

David Russell has been named president and CEO of Adventist Health in Portland, Oregon. He most recently served as senior vice president and chief operating officer under Joyce Newmyer, who will retain her Adventist Health regional position as president of the Pacific Northwest Region, including four hospitals in Oregon, Washington and Hawaii and a network of nearly 50 medical clinics. This leadership

change will allow both Newmyer and Russell to focus full time on their respective roles.

"It's a tremendous honor to carry on the Adventist Health mission of healing ministry, and I look forward to our continued leadership in transforming health in the state of Oregon," says Russell.

### EXPANDING THE ABILITY TO SERVE

Adventist Health, OHSU (Oregon Health and Science University) and OHSU Partners have signed a nonbinding letter of intent to pursue an affiliation. If a final agreement is reached as anticipated, the affiliation would integrate Adventist Health's Portland-area services with OHSU's clinical enterprise, under the direction of OHSU Partners, a management company that oversees and directs the clinical programs and services of Salem

Health, OHSU Healthcare and Tuality Healthcare as an integrated system.

In the proposed model, Adventist Health in Portland would continue to be owned by the Adventist Health enterprise based out of Roseville, California. Adventist Health physicians and team members would continue to be employed by Adventist Health and would become part of the integrated delivery system operated by OHSU Partners.

OHSU Partners was created in 2015 as an affiliation model that allows the partner organizations to retain their own assets, while operating as an integrated health system to create greater value for patients. By uniting the complementary strengths of Oregon's only academic health center and Adventist Health's strength as a faith-based, community hospital with robust outpatient services, both organizations aim to improve outcomes and increase access for more Oregonians.

"We are excited to partner with innovative and respected

organizations that are committed to quality care in our community," says Joyce Newmyer, president of the Pacific Northwest Region of Adventist Health. "Any affiliation must allow Adventist Health's unique faith-based culture to flourish stronger than ever. Our commitments to the health of our communities and to a whole-person approach to our patients and our team members will never change."

The organizations involved will now conduct due diligence with the intention of reaching a final agreement by the end of the year.

## Fast Facts

20 HOSPITALS IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII

MORE THAN 260 RURAL HEALTH CLINICS, PHYSICIAN CLINICS AND OUTPATIENT CENTERS

15 HOME CARE AGENCIES
SEVEN HOSPICE

SEVEN HOSE AGENCIES

FOUR JOINT-VENTURE RETIREMENT CENTERS

WORKFORCE OF 32.700 INCLUDES:

MORE THAN 23,000 EMPLOYEES

5,000 MEDICAL STAFF PHYSICIANS

4,300 volunteers

THERE WERE MANY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO SERVE OUR
COMMUNITIES IN 2015:

145,108 ADMISSIONS

644,484 EMERGENCY VISITS



Not only does Adventist Health care for its patients' spiritual, mental and physical health, the organization also creates a strong, nurturing bond with its own employees by sharing God's love and providing care when they need it the most. At Adventist Health, we believe we also should go that extra mile for each other. Life can be unpredictable, and sometimes we find ourselves facing challenges that require assistance.

A featured giving opportunity spearheaded by Oregon's Tillamook Regional Medical Center (TRMC) is the Employees Helping Employees (EHE) fund. This is an invaluable resource for team members who face severe emergencies and need financial assistance. These resources are not loans, but gifts given from funds donated by fellow Adventist Health employees.

Employees can choose to have regular payroll deductions to support the EHE or make one-time cash donations. When a team member applies for assistance, a committee reviews the circumstances and releases the donations as quickly as possible. And as one employee at TRMC found out, sometimes the response is more than you could imagine.

Melody Ayers, TRMC development director, received a request for help from Julie\*, a fellow employee. Melody and the EHE committee jumped at the chance not only to help financially, but also emotionally. Julie, a billing specialist for TRMC, is the sole caretaker of her ill brother, so she was already stretched thin financially.



Danny Parada, Chaplain Services director, and Sonja Bradburn, Rehabilitation Services director, are spiritual ambassadors for Tillamook Regional Medical Center.

Then her 9-year-old greatniece, Anna,\* landed on her doorstep with nowhere to go other than Julie's house or foster care.

"She arrived at my house with the clothes she was wearing and a pair of PJs — nothing else," says Julie. "She is a sweet, innocent little girl who's been uprooted from everything she's ever known. Besides losing all her belongings, it just breaks my heart to see her have to go through all of this."

After providing Julie the financial assistance she needed, Melody's committee wanted to go one step further by rallying others within the Tillamook community to help this little girl as much as possible. Melody asked Julie what size clothing Anna wore and what other things she might need.

"I know there are people who would be delighted to help in a situation like this," Melody told Julie.

Julie was blown away by the warm response, and team members were eager to help out. In fact, Melody herself said she enjoyed taking her daughter Sara, also an employee of TRMC, to Fred Meyer to shop for Anna. "We asked ourselves, 'What would a 9-year-old want?' My daughter is very much a girly-girl, so it was fun to do that together, to help in this way."

### SPIRITUAL AMBASSADORS

While the EHE fund's primary focus is on financial assistance, the chaplains offer their services when someone needs prayer, counseling, a friendly ear to listen or support in a time of crisis. TRMC also features spiritual ambassadors, which are hospital staff who volunteer to be part of a group that furthers the mission of spreading God's love.

Danny Parada, known simply as "Chaplain Danny," is the TRMC spiritual care director. He is also in charge of the Spiritual Ambassadors program, which until now has run primarily through word of mouth; if an employee or a member of the community needed a little extra assistance, Chaplain Danny found out about it typically through

email. He'd start a chain request to rally as much help as he could, and he says he's always blown away by the responses from employees willing to help in any way they can.

When employees at TRMC want to become spiritual ambassadors, all they have to do is sign up. "We already have nine or 10 people signed up for the next training session," Chaplain Danny says. They then go through a four-hour session (offered quarterly) during which they are given the tools they need to embrace the mission and reach out to the community. These employees can be doctors, nurses or anyone wishing to volunteer their time. The hospital currently has 40 spiritual ambassadors and more on the way. "They are giving hope to the needy. They go beyond," says Chaplain Danny.

TRMC isn't the only Adventist Health hospital in the region participating in its own employee-driven initiatives that benefit the community. Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, has a back-to-school drive, through which employees can "adopt" a student in need and provide school supplies. They also have a Christmas adopt-a-family drive. Walla Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, has a similar donation programs during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Julie and Anna are a perfect example of how Adventist Health employees go above and beyond in reaching out with God's love in times of crisis. In addition to Julie's receiving financial relief in her time of need, a little girl's joy was also restored. "It was so much more than we ever imagined," Julie says. "Everyone was so generous and took a little girl who was feeling out of sorts and made her feel cared for — and part of a loving family. It has been quite the journey, but one that God knew would bring much happiness to Anna and I."

Everyone is on his or her own journey, and sometimes we need a "family" to reach out to in a crisis. Thanks to people like Chaplain Danny and Adventist Health employees, it's comforting to know that they are there, ready to ask the question, "How can we help?"

\*NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

Mollie Hawkins, Adventist Health writer



Adventist Health Portland staff regularly donate to their annual "adopt a family" program.



## EL RENACIMIENTO DE LA IGLESIA DE WEISER

"En cada avivamiento hay un nuevo énfasis del carácter misionero de la iglesia. Ella regresa al Calvario y mira al mundo a través de los ojos de Cristo." — John Shearer

eiser es un pueblo pequeño al suroeste del estado de Idaho. Habitado ahora por más de mil personas hispanas fue durante muchos años el pulmón del adventismo hispano del estado. Poco a poco los miembros emigraron, la mayoría en busca de nuevos horizontes. Otros descansaron en espera del regreso de Cristo. Son recordados: José Zaldívar, Juan Olveda y Román Hernández. Gracias a su visión, dejaron a la iglesia en buen estado financiero, a fin de que pudiera continuar su misión evangelizadora.

### REAVIVAMIENTO BAJO NIEVE

El 12 de diciembre de 2015 fue un sábado frío, pero en el interior del templo de Weiser, el espíritu misionero

renacía. La familia del hermano Fredi Vásquez y el evangelista Enrique Vado y su esposa, reabrían las puertas del templo por primera vez, tras diez años de permanecer cerradas. Para la gloria de Dios, ocho meses después, el sábado 20 de agosto de 2016, más de 25 personas alababan al Creador en el templo. En Weiser se han presentado seis cruzadas de evangelización, una feria de salud que brindó atención médica gratuita a un centenar de familias, un servicio de comunión y dos ceremonias bautismales. En la más reciente, bajo el liderazgo del evangelista Ángel Laurencio y su esposa Betty, oriundos de Cuba, dos personas rindieron su corazón a Cristo: el joven Brian Gordillo, y el hermano Adolfo Ixta.

### APOYO DE LA IGLESIA DE PAYETTE

Bajo el liderazgo de su primer anciano, el hermano Miguel Herrera, la iglesia de Payette ha contribuido al resurgimiento de la de Weiser. Otros líderes, Fortunato Herrera y Marcos Aparicio, junto a sus esposas, Lucía y Sara, así como el hermano Alejandro Díaz y su esposa Ofelia, han trabajado arduamente con tal de hacer realidad el sueño de Dios de abrir otra vez la iglesia de Weiser.

### **PROYECCIÓN**

La congregación está organizada, ya nombró su junta directiva. Realiza sus reuniones de oración cada domingo a las 5:30 de la madrugada, con una asistencia cercana a las veinte personas, entre ellas,



Pastor Ángel Laurencio bautiza a Brian Gordillo.

más de ocho amigos de la comunidad. Weiser se prepara así para su próxima campaña de evangelización.

Juan Francisco Altamirano, coordina la labor de las iglesias de habla hispana en la Asociación de Idaho.





# ARCTIC MISSION WORKER ENDS HER ADVENTURE



Viola Kaiser, AMA volunteer, is wrapping up her mission time in Gambell.

iola Kaiser joined the Alaska Conference as an Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) volunteer in November 2014. As a single woman in remote Alaska, she has experienced quite a culture shock as well as challenges, but with strong faith and determination has made her time in Gambell a success. She writes:

As I write this report, the realization hits me that my time here on St. Lawrence Island in the village of Gambell has gone by with a rapidity that exceeded my anticipation. The last few weeks after July camp meeting have been very busy ones.

When I returned from camp meeting, I found the paint crew from Palmer and another from Tennessee hard at work completing the painting of the church by making excellent use of the long hours of daylight. We had prayed that, though it was the rainy season, God would hold back the rain until they were done. God heard and granted that blessing.

On Friday, in spite of rain, they did a great job picking up and cleaning around the church. On Sabbath, they conducted the 11 a.m. church service with music and special music included — a real treat, as we have no musician for Sabbath service. They also

helped prepare the Sabbath meal for everyone, including church members, and enjoyed fellowship during meal time.

They were a great bunch to have around. They shipped out their own food, prepared their own meals (even included me as I was able), and conducted morning and evening worship. They left quite a bit of food, which I used for the next group — an added blessing.

On the following Wednesday, Pastor Leon and Delores Ringering, along with Larry Goodhew and Lynden Belin, arrived on the evening Bering Air flight with all their baggage and food, followed by a second plane arriving with freight immediately after. With a trailer that was out of repair, there was no way to haul all the freight.

With a lack of time and space, suffice it to say that God is awesome! Through a series of astounding miracles, the freight was brought to the church by the Jared Koonooka family. The guys completed the emptying and removal of the old oil tank and hoisted the new one in place.

The tank shed was relieved of much junk, and a new vinyl door was installed. The new line to the heaters was installed, heaters were refired, and they started running (with a bit of extra effort) — the job was completed in four days rather than the projected two weeks. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Gambell is in need of an AMA volunteer to take Viola Kaiser's place. Won't you consider working in the Last Frontier as a self-supporting missionary? Please contact the Alaska Conference at 907-346-1004 or email alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org with your interest.

JoAnn Stevens, Alaska Conference administrative secretary

Kaiser travels on the church four-wheeler, the standard mode of transportation in Gambell.





eep in the mountains of central Alaska, 13 miles off of the main road. is a place where men from all backgrounds journey for fellowship and spiritual revival. Each year Kent Sandvik, of



Ted Wilson, world church president, speaks during the Alaska Men's Retreat.

Palmer, allows men to stay at his claim in the Caribou Creek area. The only structures there are a small cabin, an outhouse and a primitive landing strip for bush pilots.

Men choose to either take the six-hour hike with full backpack, fly in, or challenge

the trail on ATVs or heavyduty four-wheel-drive vehicles. Speakers such as Shawn Boonstra, David Asscherick and Dwight Nelson have been invited to this primitive wilderness "resort" and have brought the Word of God to life.

This year Ted Wilson, world church president, made his journey to this retreat and challenged the men to hold public evangelistic meetings. It speaks volumes when the General Conference president takes time out of his schedule to speak words of encouragement in a remote place in Alaska's bush country.

Men all over the state of Alaska plan a year in advance to be at Men's Retreat. A group from Juneau, as well as some from Fairbanks, came to the retreat this year for the adventure. A former Alaskan pastor, who now lives in Montana, united with his two professional grown sons for a father-son weekend. The pastors who attended had no responsibility, but came back rejuvenated by the experience.

Next year John Bradshaw from It Is Written will be the keynote speaker.

Quentin Purvis, Alaska Conference vice president secretariat



outheast Alaska Camp Meeting, held on Vank Island at Camp Lorraine, was once again a success this year.

Many came from surrounding islands via boat, while others come from farther away by ferry or air to Wrangell and then by boat to the camp, which hosts both camp meeting and summer camp each year.

This year's camp meeting guests enjoyed inspiration from southeast Alaska pastors and the newly elected conference president, Kevin Miller. Virgil Covel, from the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, inspired listeners with renewed faith as he spoke about prayer and surrender.

Using personal stories and Scripture, Covel inspired the audience to trust God with both big and little matters in life, affirming often the compassionate care and trustworthiness of God.

For most of the summer, Camp Lorraine staff members are immersed in camp

activities, but for this one weekend they are able to enjoy the inspiration of camp meeting speakers.

On Friday evening, when Covel called for those who would be interested in doing prayer ministry, camp staff responded with huge interest. They know how much prayer is needed and were eager to engage in prayer ministry.

You too can be part of the Camp Lorraine experience. The camp is a wonderful Alaskan adventure, open to anyone. Camp meeting is scheduled for the last weekend of July, and summer camp follows that Sunday — with lots of fun and inspiration. Camp facilities are also available for events such as family reunions or group retreats.

If you would like to be part of the great adventure, find Camp Lorraine/Vank Island on Facebook page.

Nathaniel Stearman, Juneau and Sitka churches pastor

he Nampa Church held its annual Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, using Group's Egypt program. Steve and Dawn Creitz directed the program, and Steve designed the hieroglyphic artwork that set the backdrop throughout the church for the journey to ancient Egypt.

Prior to opening day, church members shared invitation cards door to door in the neighborhood and with family, friends and local businesses. As a result, a total of 95 kids attended, including many who are not church members.

Each evening kids sang

songs and journeyed to ancient Egypt, learning firsthand about Joseph's life and relationship with the one true God as they visited him in his prison cell and later in his palace home. There were also games each night that rein-

forced the lessons learned from

Joseph.

In the outdoor Egyptian Bible-times marketplace, kids became "apprentices" and made crafts, including baskets, Egyptian headdresses, hieroglyphs, an Egyptian board game, and even mud and straw bricks. The marketplace also included a snack shop and an



From beginning to end, approximately 70 eager, hardworking volunteers helped to make the VBS program a huge success.

animal courtyard with baby chicks, bunnies, sheep, horses and one very tall 16-year-old camel.

In the Operation Kid to Kid shop, kids and adults decorated a small bank to collect money to help fund basic home repairs, a mission project sponsored by the nonprofit association Group Cares, to help change the lives of other families right here in the U.S. by helping provide them with a safe place to live.

From beginning to end, about 70 eager, hardworking volunteers helped to make the program a huge success. Some volunteers demonstrated their dedication to this ministry by not only wearing Egyptian costumes and makeup, but actually shaving their heads to look more authentic. Nampa members praise God for the dedicated volunteers and for the children and families who were blessed by this year's VBS.

Dawn Creitz, VBS leader, with Michelle Roberts, VBS public relations secretary



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here was much rejoicing in the Havre Church on July 20 when Gretchen Hintz publically proclaimed her commitment to her Savior by being baptized.

She has shared her story of fleeing a drug culture in New York state with her two young children. She had no idea where she was going but ended up in Havre. She also had limited knowledge of Scripture but knew she needed divine direction.

Hintz began studying with the ladies Bible study group at the Havre Church and attending services. She tried attending other churches in town but always came back to where she was most loved and accepted.

During a series of meetings last fall, someone asked

Hintz why she was not yet a member. She responded that no one had invited her to take that step. How many are waiting for that invitation?

She began studying with Norman Johnson, pastor, and was accepted into membership on July 20. Johnson talked about the story of the lost sheep as related in Luke 15 and how there was a party going on in heaven over Hintz's decision as well as the one going on in the Havre Church.

Hintz is indeed a "brand plucked from the burning." Her story is a real inspiration to all who hear it.

Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader



he new Kalispell Church complex has a new radio station tower. The entire project has been one miracle after another. If church members' faith faltered, God's promises did not. It's yet another lesson in patience and trust by stepping out in faith so He can reveal His promises. Raising the 90-foot tower was heart-stopping, exciting and full of prayer as it reached the sky.

The Kalispell Church is broadcasting 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network). Members plan to produce their own programming in the near future. They pray the Three Angels' Messages

will go out into their valley and their broadcast will bring souls to Jesus with hope and inspiration to anyone who listens.

In the past few years, God has blessed this ministry. Its broadcast area now covers more than 20,000 in population, not including the hundreds of thousands of visitors who visit the Flathead Valley each summer and winter as a destination or pass through to Glacier National Park.

Through the power of prayer, we can plant the seeds of the gospel.

Louise Atkinson, Kalispell Church clerk





# **CHING**

t's one of those narrow, meandering paths through the sagebrush that seem to lead to nowhere. Few people will venture down this path away from the convenience of their cars.

But a quarter of a mile farther, our Mount Ellis Academy students enter a lodgepole pine forest. We hike along the edge of an old glacial moraine, a mound of dirt and jagged rock that was pushed out of one of the Teton valleys.

Just on the other side of this moraine is another world.

Large boulders lay piled on top of each other. It's a playground for adventurous students, but more importantly a fire has burned here. We have come to see how nature has bounced



back. The young aspens and



buckbrush that depend on fire are flourishing.

It's a unique way to start a school year, outdoor school in the Tetons. Later we will snorkel with schools of brook trout and redside shiners. There is a real need for students to experience nature: to touch it,

to connect with it. That's why we are here.

Oh, and the Teton Range as the backdrop to your outdoor classroom ... well, it sure beats the posters on the wall of my other classroom.

James Stuart, MEA science teacher





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### **OREGON**

# ROMANIAN MEMBERS REACH OUT TO

he Health's Secrets
health exposition was
held May 13–28 at the
Portland Romanian
Church. The health exposition
was born out of the need to
proclaim the everlasting gospel
and the health message, both of
which are central and unique
to the Seventh-day Adventist



Visitors browse the bookstand.

Church. Based on the well-known NEWSTART (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in divine power) lifestyle program, the aim of the health exposition was to address lifestyle as well as disease prevention and much more.

Church members and those eager to be involved in this evangelistic effort volunteered their time and talents to coordinate various stations where visitors were able to learn more about lifestyle topics. Participants were invited to pass through these stations, including the massage room and the culinary station, where all were able to sample new and delicious vegetarian dishes and desserts.

Then they went to the health analysis station, where cholesterol, blood sugar, weight, height, body mass index and blood pressure were measured. As they received their results, participants were also given other health tips and advice.

Vascular surgeon Ana-Maria Zanfir came from Cluj-Napoca, Romania, to be the exposition's featured speaker. She was available to discuss



Tatiana Musat staffs the dental station.

any concerns or questions participants had about lifestyle and health before the main



The featured speaker was vascular surgeon Ana-Maria Zanfir.

presentations took place.

Children were also able to participate thanks to a special children's program that took place throughout each evening. Games, crafts and other activities made for a fun time and taught important lessons about exercise, healthy eating habits and spiritual health.

The first part of each evening consisted of visitors passing through the Health's Secrets stations and the bookstand, where visitors were able to choose from a wide variety of literature that touched on the topic of health for the body, mind and spirit. More than 500 books, including *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*, were given to participants during the outreach program.

More than 300 visitors participated in the Health Exposition, many of them attending several times throughout the three-week period. The majority came from other Christian denominations

among the Romanian, Moldovan and Ukrainian immigrant communities in the Portland/Vancouver area. Many expressed how impressed they were with the program and how much they had learned that would impact their life going forward. They are eager to attend future follow-up programs at the Portland Romanian Church.

"I still can't believe it ... all this is free?" asked one participant after receiving the health analysis. "How is something like this possible in the world in which we live today?" The Portland Romanian Church members pray that God will continue to bless the seeds sown by this outreach into the community and pray they will truly be His hands and feet to the world.

Carmella Rosu, Romanian Church communication leader

### **OREGON**

## MILO WELCOMES NEW STAFF

ilo Adventist Academy in Days Creek has welcomed several outstanding additions to its team for the 2016–2017 school year.

> Milo's "new" head chef, Janrry Telah, and his family have returned to Milo after living in Denver, Colo., for six years. Telah was head chef at Milo from 2007 to 2010. He graduated from the Riverside Culinary Academy in California and from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. He and his wife, Aiza Marie, a nurse, are originally from southern California. The Telahs have two daughters: Haylee, 9, and Kylie, 4. Their cockapoo, Lookie, completes the family.

> Also joining the Milo family are Allyson Humphrey, business office manager, and her husband, Kyle. They come from Chattanooga, Tenn., where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in management from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. She also holds an Master of Science in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University.

Along with the fulltime staff, Milo is blessed to have three taskforce assistant

deans volunteering this year. Adam Ricci works with head dean David Evans, teaches prealgebra, and provides tutoring and extra help to students during study hall. Ricci graduated this year with a degree in elementary education from Walla Walla University. He calls Napa Valley, Calif., home, and has spent several summers at Leoni Meadows Adventist Youth Camp in Grizzly Flats, Calif. He was also the resident dean during his senior year and a resident assistant his sophomore



Allyson Humphrey, and her husband, Kyle, have moved from Tennessee to join the Milo team.

and junior years at Walla Walla University.

On the other side of campus, Milo alumni Savannah Sexton and Ardenicia Vaeono are assisting head dean Kim Person. Sexton is taking a year off from her study of preveterinary biology at Walla Walla University to give back to her



Assistant deans (from left)
Ardenicia Vaeono, Adam Ricci
and Savannah Sexton stop for
a quick photo before Senior
Survival.

alma mater. Besides her dormitory responsibilities, she also helps coach the varsity soccer team, assists in the teaching of environmental science and is always willing to help wherever needed.

Vaeono was born in San Francisco, Calif., and raised in Medford, Ore. After graduating from Milo in 2014, she majored in elementary education and religion at Walla Walla University. Last year, due to a family member's life-threatening illness, she took a break from school and returned home to help her family before coming to Milo to be a taskforce assistant dean. Along with her work in the dorm, Vaeono is helping to coach the varsity girls' basketball and volleyball teams. After this school year, she plans to finish college in American Samoa, where she will double-major in criminal justice and elementary education.

For more information about Milo or to contact any of Milo's staff, please visit milogcademy.net.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter

Chef Janrry Telah and his family have returned to Milo after spending six years in Denver, Colo.



CONFERENCE <mark>//</mark> Called by god to go, members in ministry

## COTTAGE GROVE OPENS NEW - SCHOOL

t was near the end of the 2014 school year that the members of the Cottage Grove Church began envisioning having an elementary school. It had been more than 30 years since an Adventist school had been operated in Cottage Grove. With no Christian options past kindergarten available in the community, it was time to change that.

The church family decided to pursue opening a school by taking the necessary steps with a commitment that, if God kept opening doors, they would keep following. Door after door kept opening, from donated furniture to school supplies and textbooks and even amazing yard sale finds for the new classroom.

The excitement grew as Dianna Mohr came on board as the teacher. Mohr loves children and has a passion for helping them learn. She has several years' experience

starting and growing schools, and Cottage Grove members saw her willingness to join the team as a direct answer to prayer.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 16 to officially open the doors of Cottage Grove Christian School. Mayor Tom Munroe was in attendance, along with Kevin Miller, Cottage Grove Church pastor, and Jim Gryte, school board chairman. Students enjoyed playing with Legos in their classroom while parents, church members and community members took the opportunity to visit and learn more about the school.

Cottage Grove Christian School began classes on Aug. 29 and offers grades one through eight. Mohr and her students are already busy enjoying an exciting year.

Kevin and Carrie Miller, Cottage Grove Church pastoral team



The Cottage Grove Christian School officially opens in a ribboncutting ceremony.









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### REDMOND MEMBERS ENJOY WONDERFUL WILDERNESS WEDNESDAYS

his summer, Norman Versteeg, Redmond Church pastor, wondered how to give the church family's children a chance to enjoy the beauty of central Oregon's wildnerness.

Versteeg went to the church board with an idea: weekly hikes for adults and children alike from local Adventist churches and their invitees.

The plan turned into a great success. Hiking adventures were held in a new

location each Wednesday for a total of eight weeks. Versteeg had T-shirts printed with "WWW" (Wonderful Wilderness Wednesdays) and "enjoying God's creation."

The event attracted a weekly turnout of 20 to 30 adults and children. The final walk, held on Aug. 10, concluded at Versteeg's home for watermelon and root beer floats.

Lorene Ferguson, Redmond Church communication leader

ortland Adventist Academy welcomed new teachers this fall.

Naomi Woods leads PAA's music department. After earning her bachelor's degree in music education with a religion minor from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., she completed her Master of Music Education from Boston University. She has taught at both elementary and high school levels. "My No. 1 job as a teacher is to spark a love of learning," she says. "[Music is] a core class of infinite value, and I want students to love learning about God, about music and about how to reach people for God through music."

Deanne Sparks teaches advanced placement (AP) English, English IV and drama. She is earning her Ph.D. in English from the University of North Dakota. She has master's degrees in English and American history and has a Bachelor of Science in social studies from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. "I believe in creating a classroom environment that provides multiple opportunities to discover and explore new ways of critically analyzing and engaging with the world," says Sparks.

Young PAA alumnus Erik Peterson is humbled to join PAA's music department.



PAA welcomes new teachers (from left) Erik Peterson, David Knapp, Sonia Shim, Naomi Woods, Deanne Sparks and (not pictured) Jeanne Howard-Snodgrass.

He replaces his mentor and former PAA teacher Tim Ellis as guitar, theory, and performance and production teacher. Peterson earned his music degree from Warner Pacific University in Portland while continuing to seek mentorship from Ellis before Ellis passed away last winter. "I'm excited to help students use their skills in Christ-centered ways," says Peterson, "whether that's in worship, with our friends at school or in completely new ways that the students are excited about."

David Knapp brings his lifelong career experiences to PAA's auto mechanic students. From fire engines and police cars to dump trucks and more,

Knapp has worked on more than 250 kinds of vehicles for the city of Gresham. "I want [students] to know basic preventive maintenance and teach them to diagnose a problem as well," he explains. "It's an important skill that can save a person thousands of dollars."

After tutoring privately for 25 years, Jeanne Howard-Snodgrass still loves teaching math. She carries this energy with her as PAA's algebra teacher. "It is especially fulfilling to learn each student's learning style and alter my teaching style to help each individual be successful," she says.

Sonia Shim joins PAA's English department. She

received her Bachelor of Arts in English from UCLA then taught at Loma Linda (Calif.) Academy junior high. She ran an SAT and PSAT tutoring business for several years before she and her family moved to the Portland area. Shim has a passion for literature. "So much can be learned from studying the written work of those who have come before us and have shaped our world," she says. "My hope for my students is that they learn the value of their place on this earth and that they will yearn to contribute to it."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



# GRANTS PASS ADVENTIST SCHOOL WELCOMES

he Grants Pass Adventist School (GPAS) began the school year on Aug. 24 with an official designation as a junior academy. The school celebrates more than 100 years of service in 2016 and once again offers Christian education for kindergarten through 10th grade.

There was much excitement as students arrived to a building lovingly updated with fresh paint and artwork. In addition, the school has a new principal/teacher, ninth- and 10th-grade homeroom teacher, and music instructor.

Richard Rasmussen, GPAS principal, comes to Grants Pass from Lewiston, Idaho, where he served as principal of Beacon Christian School for 13 years. He graduated from La Sierra University in California with a degree in history and political science. He is the recipient of the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award, the Don Keele Excellence in Education Award and the Alma McKibbin Sabbatical Award.

In addition to being principal, Rasmussen teaches ninth- and 10th-grade history. He also instructs art, Bible, language arts, keyboarding, physical education and social studies for the seventh- and eighth-grade students. He brings many years of educational experience in Adventist schools. He is passionate about Christian education and loves to incorporate hands-on projects and technology-based learning into the classroom.

When Phil Engelman and his wife, Kathy, moved to Oregon from Ohio, they traveled the Old Oregon Trail. They visited all the important forts and landmarks along the way, journaling the entire adventure for friends and family, including their three children and eight grandchildren.

Phil Engelman says Adventist education "is about preparing for eternity as well as a life of service here on Earth. Jesus is the focus of everything we do." He is the ninth- and 10th-grade homeroom teacher, as well as instructor of Bible, physical science, geometry, health, practical arts and physical education. He also teaches math and science for the seventh and eighth grades. In particular, math, science (especially biology) and history are favorite subjects.

Cathe Morse is excited to be teaching all music classes at GPAS. This includes choir, band and handbells, along with instrument lessons. Adventist education is important because,



The staff of Grants Pass Adventist School for 2016–2017 incudes (front row, from left): Lois Rowe, librarian; Sheryl Shewmake, grades two to four; Amy Whitchurch, grades five and six; Alana Murphy, administrative assistant; (back row, from left) Cathe Morse, music; Phil Engelman, grades seven to 10; and Richard Rasmussen, principal and grades seven to 10.

she says, "I can encourage my students to use their talents to bless others and bring glory to God, and I can talk about the specialness of the Sabbath. Being an Adventist educator is a wonderful way to work with the Lord to teach, mentor and encourage the next generation of God's workers."

Her favorite subject is, of course, music, but she is also passionate about math and science. In fact, she says, "If I were not teaching music, I would be a math teacher." She taught at Rogue Valley Adventist School in Medford from 2004 to 2009 and then at

Rogue Valley Adventist Academy from 2014 to 2016.

Sheryl Shewmake, a long-time teacher at the school, leads the second- through fourth-grade class. Amy Whitchurch returns as teacher of the fifth-and sixth-grade class. The entire staff, as well as many volunteers, are committed to providing quality education and showing the love of Jesus.

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president, hands the grant funds to Spokane Central Church pastor, Dayv Lounsbury.

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**UPPER COLUM** 

id vou know there are mission fields very close to the Walla Walla Valley? One of them is, ironically, in Mission, Ore., which is less than 40 miles from Walla Walla, Wash. In this Native American community outside Pendleton, Ore., you will find the Governance Center for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation.

In the late 1970s, Verna and Lee Clay, at that time members of the Blue Mountain Valley Adventist Church in Athena, Ore., helped to pioneer a work among the people of the tribes by establishing a Bible Story Hour, a school and eventually a church on the reservation.

Since the Clays passed away, the school has closed. However, their outreach is still carried on by others who desire to keep the mission to the Umatilla Reservation alive. Each Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 p.m., there is an outreach program that takes place at the Mission Indian Church at 46576 Mission Rd., in Pendleton. This program is coordinated by the Blue Mountain Valley Church and the Milton Church in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Many volunteers spend hours of loving labor for



Volunteers at the Mission Indian Church have continued a Bible Story Hour for the children so that they might respond to the grace and love of Jesus.

this outreach. There are bus drivers, storytellers, musicians, those who prepare food and more. The motivation for each of these volunteers is the desire to see the hearts of those who come to participate respond to the grace and love of Jesus.

There are many needs associated with this ministry right now:

- A full-time outreach coordinator/Bible worker;
- · Prayer warriors to intercede for this ministry;
- Funds to help carry on the outreach;
- Energetic volunteers for music, crafts and storytelling.

Matthew Lombard, Blue Mountain Valley/Mission/Milton District associate pastor

entral Church in Spokane, Wash., received a check for \$15,000 on Aug. 13 to encourage Discovery Junction to continue making a difference in the community. According to Dayy Lounsbury, senior pastor, Central is the only church in the conference and union that has applied for and received funding for a Compassion Model Church Grant.

Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president, presented the check to Lounsbury on Sabbath morning. "Evangelism isn't just sharing events about prophecy," Hoover explained. "It is sharing the love of Jesus without even using words. And that is what Discovery Junction is doing."

Discovery Junction, an Adventist Community Service ministry, is located between Central Church and its fellowship hall. This ministry, based in a small house, hosts the program STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Ahead. Only about six months old, this ACS

program is designed to nurture students in the Central Church neighborhood by providing third- and fourth-graders with an enriched after-school program and first-through eighth-graders with summer camp learning opportunities each summer.

"This is an important ministry," says Rachel Sumagpang, STEAM Ahead director. "Besides knowing they are safe, valued and learning fun things, we have the opportunity to introduce these children to Jesus and His love."

This grant, comprised of money given by the North American Division, the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference, is seed money to encourage a longterm, sustainable program at Discovery Junction. Many volunteers and hardworking church members are helping to make this ministry a blessing to the children of the neighborhood.

Ruth Lenz, Spokane Central Church member

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### UCA WELCOMES NEW STAFF, TASKFORCE VOLUNTEERS

pper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., is excited to the welcome new staff and taskforce volunteers to the campus. "The Lord has really blessed us this year," says John Winslow, UCA principal. "We had some big shoes to fill, and God knew just who we needed."

Before school even started, staff met for a prayer workshop with Kevin Wilfley, Washington Conference's prayer ministries director. "We have since bathed everything we do in prayer," says Eric Johnson, UCA's vice principal of development and alumni relations.

The first week of school, students and staff met on the Water Tower Plaza at 12:30 p.m. each day to pray. "It was a wonderful experience to hear their prayer requests and share with them on a spiritual level," Johnson says.

The UCA family asks for prayers for the staff and taskforce volunteers as they work together to provide a spiritually enriched education for the students.

Tamara Michalenko Terry, UCA communication coordinator



Shelley Bacon is UCA's recruiter. She is a longtime supporter of UCA. She and her husband, Barry, have four children, all UCA alumni. Her education includes a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., and a Master of Arts in leadership from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. She is proud to say she has known UCA's music teacher, Curtis Anderson, since 1974 and Stephen and Florence Lacey (UCA English teacher and registrar, respectively) since 1980.

### GET TO KNOW UCA'S TASKFORCE VOLUNTEERS



NAME: Misael Barba
TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA: Chaplain
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:
Western Governors University
LEVEL IN SCHOOL: Junior
CAREER GOAL: Accountant



NAME: Enoc Cadena
TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA:
Information technology
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: N/A
LEVEL IN SCHOOL: N/A
CAREER GOAL: Programming



ministry

NAME: Danae Church
TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA: Dean of women
DEGREES: Bachelor of Social Work

DEGREES: Bachelor of Social Work from Andrews University in 2012; Master of Social Work from Southern Adventist University in 2014 CAREER GOAL: Missions and youth





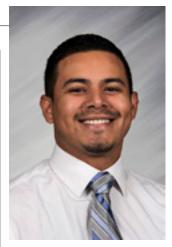
Brandy Gettys is one of UCA's English teachers. She graduated from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. Her husband, Rob, is UCA's athletic director. They have two boys, both sophomores at UCA. Their family enjoys vacationing, especially to see the national parks. Gettys has visited 48 states and hopes to visit the other two soon.



Rob Gettys, UCA's athletic director, graduated from Southern Adventist University with a Bachelor of Arts in health, physical education and recreation. He also holds a Master of Arts in educational administration and leadership. Their family moved from Gentry, Ark. He believes family is important and shares the family goal of visiting every state.



Michelle Melendy, a licensed counselor with two master's degrees, is UCA's counselor. Her career as a marriage and family therapist includes clinical director for an addiction treatment center, providing family therapy and assessments for child protective services, and directing a Fleet and Family center for the U.S. Navy. She and her husband, Jesse, moved from Nevada and have two children: Xander, 7, and Xavier, 5.



Joe Rivera, new assistant men's dean, is not new to the campus as he has been a task-force dean for the previous two years. He is working toward his degree in general studies with an emphasis in humanities from Andrews University. He really enjoys connecting with students and helping them develop their relationship with Christ.



NAME: Timothy Kosaka

TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA:
Communication, custodial
management

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDIN

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:** Walla Walla University

LEVEL IN SCHOOL: Senior
CAREER GOAL: Nonprofit advertising development



NAME: Sherri Mae Olandag

TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA: Dean of women

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: N/A LEVEL IN SCHOOL: N/A CAREER GOAL: Child development



NAME: Victor Villareal

TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA: Dean of men

**DEGREE:** Bachelor of Elementary Education

**CAREER GOAL:** Classroom instruction, principal



NAME: David Wasmer
TASKFORCE POSITION AT UCA: Dean of men

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:
Southern Adventist University
LEVEL IN SCHOOL: Sophomore
CAREER GOAL: School counselor/
school psychologist

### **UPPER COLUMBIA**

# UCA FAMILIES WALK BY FAITH FOR ADVENTIST EDUCATION

e want our son/ daughter at UCA. We are just not sure how we can swing it financially." It is a phrase heard almost every year at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash. Many families realize the importance of Adventist education but are not sure how they can handle it financially.

This year, UCA had 17 students who wanted to attend but needed a financial miracle to make it happen. UCA's

administration decided to step out in faith and tell each of these students to plan to come to registration and that God would provide the necessary funding. "Sometimes God just wants us to step out of our comfort zone and walk by faith and not by sight," says Pamela Backman, UCA's business manager.

UCA established a GoFundMe page to let people know the needs; \$57,000 was needed in just one week.

UCA faculty and staff were the first ones to accept the challenge and sacrificially give. Soon after, parents, alumni, friends and conference administration joined the cause. The school posted daily updates as the campaign progressed. The excitement continued to build.

The fund was \$7,000 short at the start of registration day, but within hours, another \$9,000 came in. Through God's grace, the UCA family

raised \$59,000 in one week to help these 17 students obtain an Adventist education.

Do you know a student who should be at UCA? Email us at info@ucaa.org or visit us online at ucac.org.

Eric Johnson, Upper Columbia Academy vice principal for development and alumni relations



### WASHINGIUN

# SUNSET LAKE WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL CAMPERS



Campers love making new friends from other cultures.

t was Julie's first time at camp. She had traveled from China, halfway around the world, to attend a week at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson. She was one of nearly 100 students who



International students integrate into cabins by twos. They learn language and culture as they share the camp experience with their cabinmates.

attended the camp as a part of a cultural exchange program sponsored in part by the Washington International Student Experience (WISE) program.

For Julie, the experience was overwhelming. She seldom smiled and showed little emotion. For most of the week, she never spoke more than a single word of English at a time. Her counselor won-

dered if anything was getting through.

But slowly the morning worships, the classes and activities, the evening drama based on the story of the Prodigal Son, and the theme song that spoke of a loving heavenly Father began to sink in. At the end of the Friday night program, the campers gathered by the lake to reflect on the week and float lighted candles on the water as a symbol of their commitment to Christ.

As Julie's cabin began to talk and share how God was working in their lives, her counselor saw tears in Julie's eyes. She put her arm around her and drew her close.

Then, through her tears, Julie smiled and spoke the first complete sentence her counselor had heard all week: "I am happy."

Those three simple words speak powerfully of the effect a week of camp can have on a child regardless of their culture or background.

The story of Sunset Lake Camp's international involvement began in 2011 when they were contacted by an exchange program out of Chicago wanting to bring students from Taiwan to camp. Over the next five years, one or two groups came per season. WISE brought a group from China in 2015.

This summer the two exchange programs combined for a total of five separate groups. "Our students loved their cabin counselors," says Lynda Kim, one of the WISE directors. "They went home talking about how friendly and nice everyone was."

Sunset Lake has always had a mission focus, impacting campers from across western Washington with the gospel. Now the staff have expanded that reach, planting seeds in the lives of international students and sending them home to places the camp could never go.

This summer, as each week came to a close, campers were given the opportunity to express what God had done for them by repeating a single sentence: "My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I was found this week." Each Saturday night, there were cheers as these campers from across the globe stood to their feet, shouted their name and then, in broken English, declared they had been found by God.

What difference will it make? Heaven knows.

David Yeagley, Washington Conference youth director



Exchange campers enjoy learning our American worship songs and often return home singing the tunes.

### CONFERENCE // LIVING GOD'S MISSIO

### QAND A WITH AUBURN'S PRINCIPAL

very new school year brings anticipation and excitement, and this is particularly true for the 97th school year at Auburn Adventist Academy. Principal John Soulé shares a few highlights in this beginning-of-theyear interview.

### WHO IS NEW TO AUBURN'S TEAM?

**Brian Barnhurst** comes from California and brings certifications in math, welding, industrial technology and automotive technology. This allows Barnhurst to train and certify students so they can be workplace-ready.

**Bryce Sampsel** comes from New Mexico to teach physics, physical science and two math classes at Auburn.

Jennifer Woody is returning from northern California to serve as chaplain and Bible teacher along with Karyle Barnes. Woody and Barnes are introducing the concept of "home vespers," where many faculty and church families bring students into their homes for Friday night supper and Bible study.

**Duane Hoori** is the new director of the international student education program. He's a local teacher with a master's in English as a second language (ESL).

In addition, Auburn has several new nonfaculty staff members: **Gordon Garner**, property manager/maintenance; **Gary Whittaker**, grounds; **Patrice Dunn**, housekeeping supervisor;

Suzette Maxwell, office manager; Derek Brizendine, business intern; and four taskforce deans: Stephanie Brito, Tiffanny Nelson, Cameron McConnachie and Xander Wirtz.

John Soulé



We have a new media and art center in the former Loving to Learn daycare center. We hope to add a sculpture class in the future and offer studio space for advanced-level art students. This will give students more opportunities for artistic expression. We also have a new semester class in videography.

This summer, we upgraded our computer labs and library. In the library, we



created a learning resource and career counseling center for our students. The majority of the space is dedicated to study group tables and includes nice furniture for reading and four research computers. The student study group model is growing in popularity at universities, and we want to help students get used to studying together.

### WHAT DOES ENROLLMENT LOOK LIKE FOR THIS YEAR?

Our enrollment is sitting on an increase. Our growth and development department and volunteers worked hard all summer to recruit students and to help churches track where students are going to school. The volunteer-driven SEEK-Today program is connecting donors with students who need financial assistance. Volunteers are an essential part of helping AAA grow.

We're a family, and we want to nurture our school family. This year we have a variety of activities planned like a school picnic at Sunset Lake Camp and a freshman campout to help students get better acquainted with each other and understand that they are an important part of our school family. Auburn is a great place to be!



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# WILDFIRE glnr.in/111-10-wa\_wildfire CONFERENCE ALIGHT WITH GOD'S GLORY

ore than 100 young adults attended
Start a Wildfire conference, held at Auburn Adventist
Academy Aug. 12–13.

Pastors Randy Maxwell and Matthew Kirk led interactive group discussions that helped to rekindle God's purpose for each individual attendee, many of whom traveled across the country to



participate. In today's tumultuous culture, young people more than anyone need guidance in directing their spiritual lives for God. At the Start a Wildfire conference, young adults came together not only to receive that guidance, but also to share and encourage one another.

A part of that guidance focused on prayer, which was best exemplified through the prayer room, a place on campus where the power of prayer was practiced by the conference leaders and participants.

Throughout the two days, many shared their experiences through the workshops, breakout sessions, community outreach projects and praying over each other. Young adults felt strongly inspired to learn more about God by building a stronger relationship with Him, thus catapulting a wildfirelike desire to share His Word among those around them.

More photos online at

Kodi, a student of SOULS Northwest, enjoyed the group discussions with his small group because he was able to interact with people who were most likely wondering the same controversial topics as he was. Start a Wildfire was a motivating conference, as he felt that God was calling for him to have genuine communion time together. By Saturday evening, he felt convicted by God to be committed in his relationship with Christ — the most important relationship in his life — and that through the principles at Wildfire, his relationship will only grow stronger. This is only one of the many stories shared at Start a Wildfire.

The Wildfire team hopes everyone will continue to build faith in Christ, enrich their devotional experiences with the Word, and follow God closely in taking the gospel into their communities to start a wildfire in the hearts of those around them.

Kelly Lin, Start a Wildfire Conference 2016 master of ceremonies

## GRAYS HARBOR STUDENTS LIKE GIVING

fter a leadership luncheon on Aug. 18 to prepare for the new school year, seventh- and eighth-graders from the Grays Harbor School delivered items to a homeless camp.

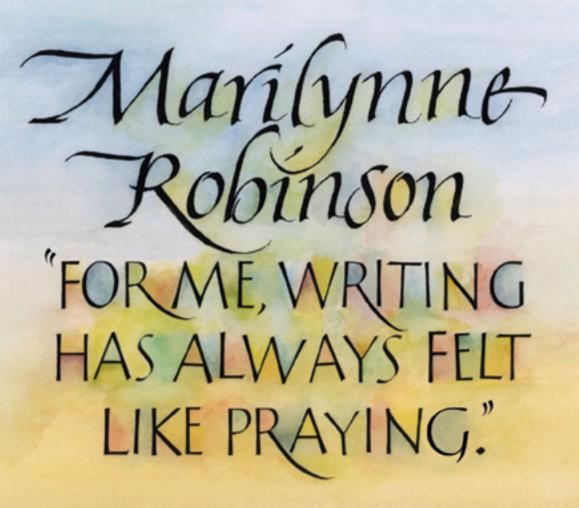
The students from the previous school year had created gallon-size toiletry kits for the residents at the camp. The students were given a short talk about life in "River City Village." There are 1,600 homeless people in Grays Harbor County.

The average age of a person being homeless in Grays Harbor is 16–30 years old. The kits were created as a result of an "I Like Giving" challenge from the Washington Conference. There are many needs at the homeless camp, and the students hope to help "the least of these" during this school year.

Adria Hay, Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School principal







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Major American writer Marilynne Robinson will visit the Walla Walla University campus on Nov. 11 and 12. Robinson received a Pulitzer Prize for her 2004 book Gilead. She has had five books of essays published as well as her books Housekeeping, Home, and Lila.

"I know of no other writer whose work is more graceful than Robinson's," said Dan Lamberton, WWU professor of English. "The beauty of the earth is the focus of sentence after sentence. When I first read Gilead, I felt the memories of childhood, its Sabbaths, its securities upon me."

We invite you to join us as Robinson speaks, reads, and answers questions. All presentations are free and open to the public.

- Friday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m.—Essay reading and question-and-answer session
- Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.—Lecture
- Saturday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.—Reading, question-and-answer session, book signing

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### **WALLA WALLA UNIVERS**

### FRESHMAN ENGINEERING More online at alnr.in/111-10-wwu\_3D

SOLUTIONS TO REAL-WOR **PROBLEMS** 

reshman engineering students don't often get to work on real-world problems, but last spring Don Riley's Introduction to Engineering class at Walla Walla University did just that using cutting-edge 3-D printing technology.

The 57 students in the class were organized into teams of three and four, and each team was given a RepRap 2020 Prusa i3 aluminum 3-D printer kit. These small but complex printers took each team an average of 40 hours of lab time to construct and calibrate.

3-D printers offer students the freedom to rapidly create prototype solutions to problems without the limitations of traditional manufacturing. Riley, professor of engineer-

ing, tasked his students with designing and creating a solution to a problem presented by fellow WWU alumnus Kirk Betz, 2010, engineering, assistant manager of Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wash. Betz was looking for high-quality, affordable radio belt-clip swivel adapters for camp-issued staff radios. The 3-D-printed swivel adapters would have to hold the weight of the radio and survive pushing and pulling without breaking.

While a swivel adapter may sound like a simple project, it actually proved to be an ideal challenge. The adapter needed to smoothly slide into the belt clip, lock into place and be easy to release when the radio is needed. A well-designed and well-functioning



swivel adapter required a slight overhang.

The limitations of the capable but very simple 3-D printer kits challenged students as they attempted to print the swivel adapters that they designed. Freshman civil engineering major Katie Mowatt explains, "The kit we built does not print support material. That meant that we had to make our own spacers and use a design that could be printed without much overhang."

Different groups came up with different solutions to the problem, including adding support inserts during printing, printing two pieces that would be glued together after printing and printing two pieces that would snap together.

Tyler Nelson, teacher's assistant, says, "Our academic goal of challenging students to find creative solutions was exceeded. Professor Riley and I were pleased to see the

variety and quality of the solutions that the students had." To date, none of the designs have been able to withstand prolonged testing for full-scale production, but the goal of challenging the freshman students before they begin their other engineering classes was achieved.

"In the end there was a lot of teamwork, not only within teams but between all the students in the class," says Mowat. "As a class we learned a lot more about each other and what each of us is good at. The experience helped all of us to come out of our comfort zone and ask each other for help."

Watch a video of one of the swivel clip adapters in action at wallawalla. edu/3-Dprinting.

Caleb Riston, WWU senior communications major



### **FAMILYMILESTONES**



Bill Gruzensky

### Gruzensky 100th

Bill Gruzensky celebrated his 100th birthday July 18, 2016. He sang "Amazing Grace" with his daughter-inlaw. Deanna Russell, for the church service at the Lebanon (Ore.) Church on June 25, 2016. Bill has been a member of the Lebanon Church for 52 years and is a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist. His older sister, Anne Bauer of Berrien Springs, Mich., and his brother, Paul, of College Place, Wash., attended his birthday celebration.

He was born July 18, 1916, in Grass Butte, N.D., the second of five children. Bill grew up in North Dakota until he moved to Hillsboro, Ore., when he was 21 years old. He attended Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) where he met and married Margaret Hohn.

Bill's career included many years as a chemist for the Bureau of Mines in Albany, Ore.

The Gruzensky family includes four children: Willis Gruzensky of Lebanon, Ore.; Terry Gruzensky (deceased); Jolene Olson of St. Helena, Calif.; and Karen Parker of Lebanon.

### Malmede 75th

Joe and Marie (Gulker) Malmede celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2016. They were married June 9, 1941, in Birmingham, Ala., at the parsonage of a church Joe attended while a young boy. After a miraculous conversion during Joe's tour of service in World War II, they were baptized in 1946 in Lima, Ohio. Joe entered the literature evangelist work almost immediately after their baptism and continued as a colporteur until he was encouraged by his pastor to further his education.

The Malmedes moved to Tennessee in 1950, when Joe enrolled at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale.

He accepted a call to the Southern Publishing Association (SPA) in Nashville, Tenn., where he started as an artist in 1954 then became the assistant director of the art department and the art editor of *Message* magazine. During the summers, Marie worked in the periodical department helping with the These Times campaign.



Marie and Joe Malmede

Joe and Marie became members of the Bordeaux Church family in Nashville. After the original church burned, Joe drew the plans for the existing building and, as chairman of the building committee, spent many hours with their church family constructing a house of worship. With Joe's background in theology, he was very active in serving as a lay pastor and worked with the young people in the junior department. As an avid seamstress, Marie enjoyed working with the Dorcas Society (Adventist Community Services) working with the church ladies to make quilts to give to those in need.

The Malmedes, while raising five daughters, moved to Ridgetop, Tenn., in 1965. Once again, Joe drew the plans and was very involved in building the church there. He and Marie served in many church offices at the Ridgetop Church, and Joe was a spiritual leader to the congregation.

While Marie spent most of their married life as a homemaker and mother, she went back to work at the SPA as a typesetter from 1974 to 1978. After the SPA restructured the art department, Joe was asked to be the maintenance supervisor.

Just like Joseph in the Bible, other responsibilities were added to Joe's supervisory position of the maintenance and shop departments; these additions included the janitorial department, the guards, the 40,000-square-foot building and the grounds. He held this position for the last seven years until the SPA merged with the Review and Herald, and the Nashville plant was closed. After retirement Joe returned to the literature evangelist work, accompanied by Marie.

Joe and Marie have a love for the Lord and are committed to Christian education. Following their service as literature evangelists, they traveled together as Joe performed asbestos inspections, donating their time to help struggling church schools in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference comply with government regulations.

The Malmedes pulled up their roots in Tennessee in 2013 and moved to Washington state to be closer to family.

Their family includes Joann and Jim France; Marie and Melvin Christian Sr.; Linda Wilhelm; Jeanie Malmede Van Allen and Kris Van Allen; Jan and Kent Greve; 15 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

### Riederer 65th

Joe and Jean (Wickward) Riederer, both 84, recently celebrated 65 years of harmonious marriage, the raising of eight children and full lives as Alaskans. After 54 years in Juneau, they moved into the Sitka Pioneers Home last December, where they celebrated their 65th anniversary with family and friends.

Joe and Jean met at Upper Columbia Academy near Spokane, Wash., and were married June 10, 1951 at the Moscow Church in Idaho.

Jean was born in Los Angeles, Calif., but raised on a farm near Moscow. Joe was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, where his dad was a commercial fisherman. Their honeymoon trip was on the *Princess Louise* to Ketchikan, where Joe fished summers during college and medical school.

In his senior year in college, Joe was drafted into the U.S. Army. He trained as an X-ray



Jean and Joe Riederer

technician and then taught medics for the next two years. He finished college on the GI Bill, graduating from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1959.

In 1961, the family moved to Juneau, where Joe joined and eventually took over Joseph Rude's practice. Later Joe worked part time in urgent care and commercial salmon fishing during much of the vear.

The Riederers had four children: Carolyn, Mark, Dwight and Gail. In 1965, they added four more when good friends Stella and Curt Wagner were killed in a car crash. Two weeks later, Jean and Joe were talking to the judge about custody of the Wagners' children and brought Sheri, Drue, Craig, Sandra and their dog, Fluffy, home to Juneau.

The combined family, and their pets, lived on North Douglas Island. There was lots of fishing, playing outdoors, boating, camping, hiking, sharing and working over the years.

After the kids had grown up, Jean worked with the Alaska Legislature and later as director of the Handicapped Children's Program for the state of Alaska. In recent years, Joe and Jean spent winters in Honolulu, Hawaii. Jean volunteered with the preschool program at the Waikiki Community Center.

The eight kids have scattered a bit: Carolyn Riederer Annerud of Honolulu, Hawaii; Mark Riederer of Juneau, Alaska; Dwight Riederer of Enumclaw, Wash.; Gail Riederer of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada; Drue Wagner of Moscow, Idaho; Craig Wagner of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; Sandi Wagner Young of

Salem, Ore.; and Sheri Wagner of Pasco, Wash.

### Seibel 90th

The Village Church members and friends met in the social room of the Village Retirement Center in Gresham, Ore., on April 23, 2016, to honor Eva (Nelson) Seibel on her 90th birthday.

Eva is the daughter of the late Henry V. and Helen (Sandberg) Nelson. She attended elementary school and academy in Mountain View, Calif., and graduated in 1944. Eva then attended Pacific Union College (PUC) in Angwin, Calif., where she studied music and pre-nursing.



Eva Seibel

Eva met Marvin Seibel through a close friend. When Marvin returned from World War II, they resumed their friendship. Marvin became an Adventist, and the couple was married on Sept. 1, 1946, in Mountain View.

Henry Nelson offered his new son-in-law an opportunity to learn the building trade by helping Marvin construct a home for the newlyweds in Los Altos. The following year, Maurice Mathison encouraged Marvin to attend PUC to become a minister. Eva and Marvin prayed for guidance, which seemed to come in the form of a timely for cash sale of the new home making ministerial study possible.

They were further blessed by the arrival of a daughter, Marlene, and a son, Douglas. Marvin completed his ministerial studies and was awarded a degree in theology in 1953. He and Eva worked in northern California, Oregon and Hawaii, including seven years pastoring at the Village, for a total of 45 years.

In the ensuing years, Eva worked in the offices of several doctors and a dentist to ensure an Adventist-based education for all the children, which now included a second daughter, Wendy. All of the children became professional nurses.

In 2000, Marvin contracted Parkinson's disease. After a long struggle, he passed to his rest and was buried at the Willamette National Cemetery in 2013. He is sorely missed by Eva, their family and friends.

Doug Seibel and Wendy (Seibel) Williams reside in the Portland, Ore., area, and Marlene (Seibel) Lovenguth resides in Gold Beach, Ore., where she works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Dave Lovenguth, Marlene's husband, provided an enjoyable program during Eva's birthday buffet. The catering was managed by Sandi Frazier, also a Village resident.

Eva's hobby is oil painting, particularly of the mountains in California and Oregon. Eva's paintings of Mount St. Helens and Mount Hood adorn her living and dining rooms. Eva continues to play her piano and sing, although her cat, Misty, seems unimpressed. Eva says that the Village is a lovely, peaceful place and she enjoys her life here. She is thankful for her family and the hope of Jesus' soon return.

### **FAMILYBIRTHS**

**BROWN** — Annabella Rose was born Oct. 29, 2015, to William Brown III and Adrianna Abel, Newberg, Ore.

**LENZ** — Grace Elizabeth was born Dec. 3, 2015, to Robert and Kari (Gren) Lenz, Spokane, Wash.

**WELSER** — Evan Ryer was born Sept. 30, 2015, to Jeremy and Cristina (Downer) Welser, Sandpoint, Idaho.

### **FAMILYWEDDINGS**

### **KAY-SCHULTZ**

Meghan Kay and Brett Schultz were married July 24, 2016, in Snohomish, Wash. They are making their home in Redmond, Wash. Meghan is the daughter of Bruce and Julia Kay and Cary (Homer) and Mike Ursino. Brett is the son of Neil Schultz and Rhonda (Schwartz) Schultz (deceased).

### **FAMILYATREST**

**ANDERSON** — Todd Mathew, 36; born Oct. 26, 1979, Portland, Ore.; died April 22, 2016, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Cassie M. (Benfield), Collegedale, Tenn.; son, Samuel L., Collegedale; daughter, Amelia J. Anderson, Collegedale; father, Eric W. Anderson, Salem, Ore.; mother, Lucinda "Cindy" (Martin) Anderson, Salem; brother, Chad E. Anderson, Pasco, Wash.; and sister, Elizabeth "Libbey" Bartel, Kelso, Wash.

**DAVIS** — Shirley Ann Clark, 90; born March 18, 1925, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Feb. 28, 2016, Billings, Mont. Surviving: sons, Michael Clark, Montana City, Mont.; Charles Clark and Douglas Knoche, both of Billings; Daniel Clark,

### **FAMILYATREST**

Lakewood, Colo.; brother, John Ruffcorn, Grand Terrace, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**DYE** — Marjorie K. (Matthews), 88; born Nov. 22, 1927, Lodi, Calif.; died Nov. 23, 2015, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Leslie W.; daughter, Gloria Neidigh, Paradise, Calif.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**FERGUSON** — Calvin "Cal" John, 90; born June 23, 1925, Elk Point, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 15, 2015, Gaston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ellen Danielson; 3 sons, 6 stepchildren, 1 brother, 7 grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

**FLEMING** — Peggy Jane (Herger), 87; born Aug. 25, 1928, Seattle, Wash.; died June 9, 2016, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Howard; son, Dana, Spokane; daughter, Gale Fleming-Griffin, Spokane; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GRISWOLD — Marjorie (Pryhorocki) Worley, 86; born Jan. 1, 1930, Fairfield, N.D.; died March 19, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gary Worley and Chris Worley; 2 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

HARRIS — Philip Richard, 74; born July 27, 1941, Fairfield, Mont.; died May 26, 2016, Fairfield. Surviving: wife, Arlene; sons, Derik, Auburn, Wash.; Darin, Kalispell, Mont.; Dallas and Denver, both of Fairfield; mother, Betty (Duffy) Harris, Fairfield; brother, Keith, Fairfield; and 6 grandchildren.

**HUFMAN** — Betty J., 91; born Feb. 6, 1925, Blanca,

Colo.; died April 20, 2016, Clarkston, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Viola Sayles, Nampa, Idaho; and 2 grandchildren.

**HUFMAN** — Robert R., 94; born Aug. 27, 1921, Blanca, Colo.; died March 3, 2016, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Betty; daughter, Viola Sayles, Nampa, Idaho; and 2 grandchildren.

HUMPHREYS — Bonnie Rose (Kendall), 75; born May 7, 1941, Riceville, Iowa; died June 16, 2016, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ronald, Mead, Wash.; son, Scott, Westerville, Ohio; daughter, Karina Pettey, Polebridge, Mont.; sister, Lucille VanHorn, Bellingham, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren. JONES — Viola Marie (Kendall), 81; born June 29, 1934, Gilmore City, Iowa; died April 20, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ralph; sons, Randall, Wesley and Kent; sisters, Lucille Van Horn and Bonnie Humphreys; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MILLER — Virginia (Erskine), 97; born Feb. 3, 1918; died Dec. 25, 2015, Opheim, Mont. Surviving: sons, Thomas Schwartz, Garry Schwartz and Miles Schwartz; sister, Ruth Maddox; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MORGAN — James Edward, 81; born Oct. 14, 1934, Yreka, Calif.; died June 20, 2016, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: wife, Sara; sons, Dan Morgan and Jason Morgan; daughters, Penny Igarashi and Jessenia Morgan.

OBERKRAMER — Glenn L., 81; born Oct. 22, 1934, Denver, Colo.; died May 9, 2016, Littleton, Colo. Surviving: wife, Karen (Strong); sons, Randall and Ronald; daughter, Renae Samuels; brother, Darrel; sister, Lavon Oberkramer; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

PRUSIA — Donna Jean (Possman), 76; born Feb. 19, 1940, McMinnville, Ore.; died May 8, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Charles; son, Kenneth; daughter, Sandra Prusia Wirtz; 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

RITTENBACH — Barbara Jean (Hayes), 81; born Sept. 14, 1934, Granger, Wash.; died April 21, 2016, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: husband, Emanuel; sons, Rod, Hololulu, Hawaii; Sid, Umatilla, Ore.; Tracey, College Place, Wash.; daughter, Melody Rittenbach, Roseville, Calif.; brother, Michael Hays; sister, Patricia (Hays) Randall; and 2 grandchildren.

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### MARGARET "PEGGY" ELIZABETH ALTMAN

Peggy died surrounded by her entire family, who held her hands, whispered their love and sang to her at Life Care Center in Federal Way, Wash. She was 88 years old.

Peggy was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Bruce and Elizabeth Brandon. She was their only child. She graduated high school at age 16, attended college and then graduated from Emanuel Hospital Nursing School in Portland, Ore.

There, she met Sam on a blind date and secretly married him five weeks later. They were married again more formally six months later and never revealed the first marriage to her parents.

While raising her own children, she also mothered numerous foster children. She was a gifted artist and actress. She also played piano and organ at Federal Way Adventist Church for more than 20 years. She was an avid reader and a nurse until the end. Peggy is awaiting the Second Coming of Jesus at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Samuel Altman; children, Denise McGhee, Jon Altman, Alan Altman and Laurie Turner; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

Oct. 1 — Local Church Budget;

Oct. 8 — Voice of Prophecy/La Voz de la Esperanza;

Oct. 15 — Local Church Budget;

Oct. 22 — Local Conference Advance;

Oct. 29 — NAD Evangelism.

### WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**Oct. 6–8** — The annual Walla Walla University Fall Classic volleyball and soccer tournament. More than 20 teams from academies across the country will play. Find details at wallawalla.edu/fallclassic.

Oct. 28–30 — Family Weekend at Walla Walla University. Events include class visits, a special vespers and the annual Apple Festival. Learn more at wallawalla.edu/family-weekend.

Nov. 5–13 — A stage version of *It's a Wonderful Life* will be

presented by the Walla Walla University drama program. Watch for details at drama.wallawalla.edu.

**Nov. 11–12** — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson will speak at Walla Walla University. All events are free and open to the public. Learn more at wallawalla.edu/marilynne-robinson.

### **OREGON**

### **Steve Green in Concert**

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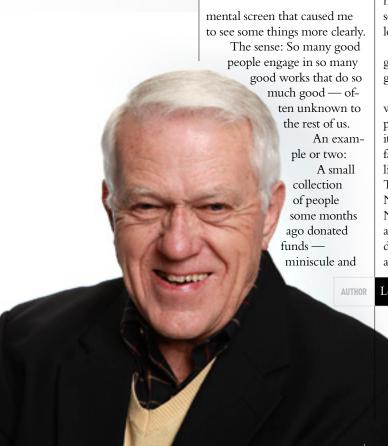
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# YOU SAID IT

### GOOD PEOPLE

t's a sense that had been creeping up on me for a year or more. But I'd never given it tongue. And then, a few months ago, like a bubble ready to burst, it blew onto my

They give to the notice of no one, which makes their gifts all the more wholesome.



more — to a worthy student fund. Once funds were raised and matched by our university, checks went out just before finals to 40 unusually deserving students, some of them single parents.

They had no clue their checks were coming. One student wrote, "I received your letter and check and was very touched by it all. Please give my thanks to people who were so generous. In this I saw God's love ...."

Good people engaged in good works that do so much good.

People have put their wallets where their mouths are, providing dozens of household items and hundreds in cash to a family of seven who, until then, lived mostly among bare walls. Today, it's light-years different. Now there's a bed for each. Now dishes from which to have a meal. Now a washer and a dryer that negate heavy trips to a distant laundromat. Now there

Loren Dickinson

are toys for ecstatic kids ages 3 to 9.

Good people engaged in good works that do so much good.

I sat in church one morning, gawking here and there, as my habit is want to be. Wally, a quiet, lone and self-possessed college junior, sat within eye shot as the offering plate was appearing. He removed a dollar bill from his wallet in what looked like an attempt not to be noticed, then submitted the cash as the deacon approached.

Me, I give tithe, I pay church expenses, I pop in a quarter for Sabbath School offering. Why would I give more?

Wally reminded me that day what good people do. They engage in good works that do so much good. They are often the quiet ones. And they give to the notice of no one, which makes their gifts all the more wholesome.

My stint at the hospital last year was a journey with good people. Numbers of people called. Some stopped by to say something. Others came to play tunes. Cards rolled in, and the food supply barely let up.

Good people engaged in good works that do so much good. The world does not suffer from too much goodness.

We might as well keep it up.

Loren Dickinson, retired Walla Walla University professor

## CULTURAL PLAGIARISTS

ne of the most shocking items on the market today can be found in the Christian bookstore. I first encountered this product years ago in the campus bookstore of Andrews University, and its existence bamboozles me to this very day. It's a card game entitled "Amen." According to the box it is "the Christian alternative to Uno." I'm not sure what to write here, so I'll just continue to share what the box says: "Be the first player to discard all of your cards and say AMEN!" Also worthy of note is the "prayer card" that reverses the order because (and I'm totally not making this up) "prayer changes things."

So many questions erupted in my mind when I saw this, not the least of which - why? The Christian alternative to Uno? Did Uno need a Christian alternative? I guess people get competitive, and the prayer card kind of takes that

away because how Seth Pierce can you be mad at someone for playing

the prayer card? "Argh! Prayer ... well ... I guess ... good for you."

It's not just Uno. We have YouTube and GodTube, Netflix and Pureflix, Superman and Bible Man (still not kidding), Facebook and Faithbook, even mints and Testamints.

It reminds me of growing up Adventist and trying to spiritualize games to make them Sabbath-appropriate. Instead of hide and go seek, we played Saul and David.

We didn't go tubing down the river; we played "Moses in the Bulrushes." Okay you baby Moseses, get into your large circular rubber basket and float down the Nile!

Desperate times.

We have created Christian copies of almost everything: Bible Yahtzee, Bible Pictionary, Bible Bowl, Bible tag, Christian rap, Christian rock, Christian T-shirts, Christian cards, Christian romance novels, Christian movies ... and so much more.

Now, before you get too excited and protest because you love Bible Pictionary and it changed your life, let me point out that copying isn't always a bad thing and to some degree can never be avoided. Each of us, in whatever cultural spheres we find ourselves, stand on the thoughts, actions and inventions of those who have gone before us. As Solomon said, "there's nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9), and not everything under the sun is bad. There's lots of amazing culture worthy of emulation such as exercise, Indian food, travel ... and Indian food.



# **PERSPECTIVE** |

It's wonderful to have studying, driving, smiling, hugging, kissing and cooking ... Indian food, naturally. These are all wonderful things Christians can embrace. Not to mention, when carefully done, our imitation becomes a way to honor, remember and improve upon culture. Think about Civil War reenactments, historic villages, taking buttons and turning them into touch screens, and changing scrolls into books.

Recently Netflix released a series called Stranger Things

that pays homage to 1980s Spielberg films — not the same story but the aesthetics (music, filters, etc.). The series isn't ripping him off, but paying respect to a particular style of filmmaking.

Solomon's observation is true in principal, but not in application; there are definitely new things. Think of what would happen if you brought your iPad to Salem, Mass., in the late 1600s. There's always new technology, violence, romance, entertainment — but we invent new ways of

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expressing those realities in culture. The problem is many Christians often take a posture of appropriating and copying the specific application and acting like we have created something new that will transform the culture.

We've become cultural plagiarists who believe appropriating and copying cultural artifacts is what makes us faithful Christians living in the world, while at the same time espousing the same values of the surrounding cultures even as we live in our Christian subculture. Researchers such as Barna, Kinnaman, Lyons and PEW consistently reveal that Christians live virtually the same lifestyle as non-Christians; we drink, divorce, lust, overwork, meltdown and stress out — but hey, at least we have Bibleopoly and Amen, right?

Rom. 12:2 challenges us not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by Jesus — so that we can transform the cultures around us, not entertain ourselves with subcultural knock offs. Our values, such as rest, grace and forgiveness, stand in stark contrast to the frenetic, unforgiving,

angst-ridden world we live in. What inventions can we create that help all of humanity, not just Christians?

In the beginning, God created man and woman in His image, unique from the rest of creation. This reality is affirmed throughout Scripture. Ps. 139:14 says we are fearfully and wonderfully made, 2 Cor. 5:17 states that "if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a NEW creature" (emphasis added), and Jesus says, "People don't light a lamp and put it under a bowl [or hide it in a subculture], instead they put it on its stand, and it gives life to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your original good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:15). Let's be creative not derivative.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor



## I JUST CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF



aybe God will forgive me for what I did, but I can't seem to forgive myself."

We've all heard that lament and probably voiced it after some serious failure. But here's good news: We are not the judge of all the earth, so we have no right to condemn ourselves — or to forgive ourselves. That's God's role. And He joyfully accepts all who come to Him through Jesus: "Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one - for God himself has given us right standing with himself" (Rom. 8:33). So "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (verse 1).

No condemnation in Christ! We all know it's wrong to condemn other people. But did you know it's just as wrong to condemn yourself, when the Judge of heaven has accepted your confession?

Yet I certainly felt like

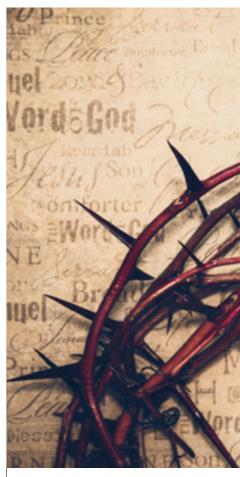
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condemning myself as a teenager,

struggling to understand God's grace. The speaker at a youth rally gave a talk entitled "Slightly Soiled, Greatly Reduced in Value." His point was that just as department store clothing is less valuable when soiled — even just a bit — so with teenagers. Behave yourself or lose value with God!

Nothing could be further from the truth.



I used to wear contact lenses and had to be careful when taking them out of my eyes. Those nearly invisible slivers of plastic could be hard to find when dropped. But late one night a lens bounced off the sink and (oh no!) into the cat litter box. So what did I do? Condemn it as filthy and buy another one?

No, I searched through that litter box until I found my little lost treasure — dirty, yes, but just as precious as the other lens.

### LOVABILITY IS NOT A HUMAN QUALITY

Though soiled by sin, we are not only precious but lovable.



## **PERSPECTIVE**





Lovability is a quality in God's eyes, not a quality of human character or personality. We may infer this from both John 3:16 and 1 John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son" and "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us."

Lovable by the world's standard means you are cute, smart, rich, slim, powerful or popular. Hollywood has even quantified this. Do you know what your "Q Score" is?

The O Score "is a measurement of the familiarity and appeal of a brand, celebrity, company, or entertainment

product."1 There's TV Q, Sports Q — even Dead Q! "Dead Q measures the current popularity of deceased celebrities."2

Obviously the world's concept of lovability cannot bless everybody it celebrates.

God, by contrast, lavishes His love upon everyone — cute or otherwise. We cannot make ourselves more lovable than we already are to Him, since lovability is a quality of God's character of love, not ours.

This gets quite personal with God. Not only does He love the mass of this world's

It's ... wrong to condemn yourself, when the Judge of heaven has accepted your confession.

unlovely humanity, but He loves little old me and you. How do we know? On the cross, Jesus "loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20, NIV).

God has a big stake in us, personally — the life of His own Son! Out of that sacrifice, we receive eternal life. But what does God get? He gets us!

The apostle Paul prayed that God's people would understand "the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints" (Eph. 1:18, emphasis added). Salvation is more than God feeling sorry for sinners, as you might feel pity for a scraggly kitten in the rain, so you bring it in for warm milk. No, God delights in us for His own sake! We really are that special to Him.

#### A NATIONAL CHAMPION DADDY

Travis, my dentist in Nebraska, was a linebacker on the 1997 national champion college football team, the Nebraska Huskers. Darlene babysat his little baby, Emmy, until she graduated into toddler care.

Travis and his wife delighted in their little girl. Every Tuesday afternoon he shut down his office, sent his staff home and took little Emmy

on a field trip. Just the two of them. He always reported the next morning what they did. "We went to the museum yesterday!"

Baby Emmy couldn't walk, so her dad carried her on their adventures. When she dirtied her diaper, he didn't scold her. He just got her cleaned up, and they moved on. This little baby with her soiled diapers was immeasurably more valuable to him than his national champion ring.

Emmy had no idea that her dad became famous in town or anything about a Q Score. But as she grew older, she began to grasp how incredibly precious she is.

How about you?

- 1. "Q Score," http:// en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Q score, accessed Dec. 24, 2008.
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Martin Weber, Adventist product manager for Faithlife, maker of Logos Bible Software

# LETS TALK

## TIGHT

he experience comes back to me whenever I tighten a bolt or lid.

During one long-ago collegiate year, I was piloting my 1974 Chevy Vega GT along a twisting mountain road when

## A childproof lid, when too tightly closed, may frustrate the most vigorous adult.



I felt something amiss. A slight vibration in the steering wheel was the first indication of trouble. Now, mind you, Chevy Vegas were not famous for their first-class amenities or quiet road manners. Their infamy lay in another, less complimentary direction. But this new feeling as I rounded another corner was becoming alarming. The shaking increased, and a furious rumble from the front end convinced me to pull over at the next turn out.

Mystified, I opened the door and stepped out to survey the car. Everything looked normal — at least until I looked closer at the left front wheel. Where there should have been

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five lug nuts holding the wheel

securely to the axle, only three remained, and they had loosened almost to the point of dropping off.

With quickened pulse, I remembered my efforts to rotate the tires earlier that day. Distracted by a friendly phone call, I had forgotten to tighten those five lug nuts, a mistake that could have led to tragedy on the road that day.

Some things are intended to be tight. Wheels, lids, plumbing and diapers — the last two closely related — all are meant to be tightly fastened. I've heard that abs (abdominal muscles) are also supposed to be tight, but my own experience runs counter to that theory.

Other items are designed to be fluid and moveable. A brake can freeze up, preventing forward movement. A child-proof lid, when too tightly closed, may frustrate the most vigorous adult. And what about spirituality?

I've met people who are too tight, and not just with money. They suffer with spiritual rigor mortis — an unwillingness to move beyond their chosen pathway, a restrictive cognitive diet of their own making. Worse, they seem to feel as if all others should be afflicted with the same disorder.

I've been on that pathway, favoring head knowledge of right and wrong over the subtle nuances of the Spirit. I found myself narrowly observing others with a spiritual performance checklist in mind. The mote in my vision obscured the true measure of their unique journeys and my own need of grace.

Through hard experience I have come to realize that both head and heart are needed for spiritual health and vigor. My stony heart, as described in Ezekiel 19, has to be replaced daily with a heart of flesh, ready and willing to beat in time with the Spirit. Only then can the obstructive mote be removed and my vision cleared. Only then can the justice of conviction be applied to my life instead of everyone else.

Some have spent years carefully weaving compression garments of religion. How foolish, when God has offered us each a robe tailored in heaven.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor

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