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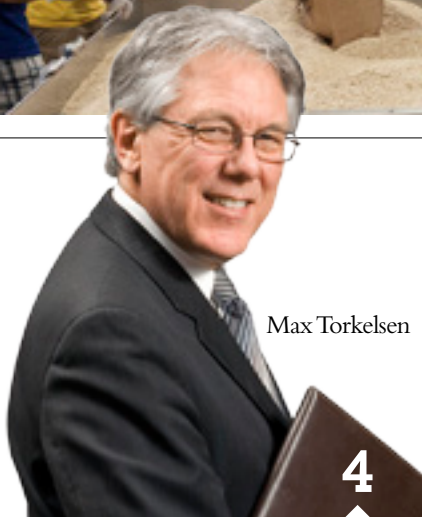
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Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; give  
thanks to him and praise his name.  
Ps. 100:4





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## THE VISION FOR ADVENTIST HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

*I will bring health and healing to the city. I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. Jer. 33:6*

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ince the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, health ministry has been a part of outreach to our communities. Early medical missions work went beyond the sanitariums and included a mission boat, *The Morning Star*, which launched medical missionary work along the Mississippi River.

The church's mission to heal the sick is a reflection of what Jesus taught in the New Testament and is portrayed not only in our Adventist Health hospitals (Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., Tillamook Regional Medical Center in Tillamook, Ore., and Walla Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.) but also in our local congregations that offer CHIP (Complete

AUTHOR

**Max Torkelsen**

Health Improvement Program), smoking-cessation classes and other health-related events.

This year the North American Division (NAD) hosted a Health Ministries Summit to discuss collaboration between health and ministry leaders. Church leaders

called for a renewed emphasis on blending physical and spiritual healing.<sup>1</sup>

God called us all to work together, and we will only truly touch the lives of people as Jesus did once we work collaboratively for Him with one mission and one vision.

The Vision for Adventist Healthcare Ministry in North America is an invitation to IMAGINE<sup>2</sup> a world in which the communities we serve are blessed by health care ministry to which our Creator has called us:

**I** — Incarnational ministry ... becoming one with our community, knowing and understanding their needs and together striving to elevate their wellbeing.

**M** — Making tangible, measurable and meaningful differences in people's lives.

**A** — Actions that are culturally competent, data-driven, professionally developed and personally delivered.

**G** — Geographically touching every community on this continent with the needed and helpful ministry of healing.

**I** — Inculcating integrative, grace-filled partnerships with community resources, thereby re-envisioning,

re-energizing and leveraging resources to meet the community's need.

**N** — Network of congregations and health care institutions partnering with the church to educate, alleviate and inspire a culture of wholeness.

**E** — Evangelizing as Jesus did: Seeking first to fill the people's needs, He then invited them to follow.

As the vice chair of the Adventist Health board of directors, I am pleased we work to fulfill the mission not only with patient care but also through our clinical pastoral education program featured in this publication.

1. See <http://glnr.in/annmedicalmissionary>.

2. IMAGINE was adapted from the document "The Vision for Adventist Healthcare Ministry in North America."

*Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president and Adventist Health board vice chairman*





## DYBDAHL NAMED GOSPEL OUTREACH PRESIDENT

Jon Dybdahl has been named president of Gospel Outreach, which is headquartered in College Place, Wash.

“What a privilege to help lead a ministry whose main focus is to spread the message of Jesus’ love and soon coming to the part of our world that is most needy. Your ongoing prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we reach out to the 10/40 Window using indigenous evangelists,” Dybdahl says.

Dybdahl has been an evangelist, church planter and pastor in Thailand and Singapore. He taught theology at colleges and universities in Asia, Michigan and Washington. From 1990 to 2002, he served at the Institute of World Mission and the Department of World Mission at Andrews University.

From 2002 to 2006, Dybdahl was president of Walla Walla University.

Dybdahl took office Sept. 1 after Dan Preas, outgoing president, resigned to focus on his ministry as chaplain at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla.

“The Gospel Outreach board appreciates all Dan has done for the organization



CHRIS DRAME

during his time of service, and now we believe the Lord has led in Jon’s willingness to become the new president. Jon’s past experience in leadership and mission service make him uniquely qualified for this role. We are excited to see how the Lord will bless in the future,” says Larry Dodds, Gospel Outreach board of directors chairman.

Gospel Outreach is an all-volunteer organization that works closely with the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide support for more than 2,000 indigenous Bible workers in North Africa, the Middle East, India, China, the Philippines and other countries in the 10/40 Window — an area where 97 percent of the world’s unreached live.

*Kevin Waite, Gospel Outreach board member*

## LETTERS

### Praise for Pathfinders

Please allow me to publicly share one of a very few equally remarkable weeks in my life of 52 years. I ... had not only the good fortune to be out on Lake Winnebago with these incredible young people, but in a more profound way, I had the chance to spend three days with high school-aged kids who were polite, engaged, kind, fun, great conversationalists, courageous and thankful to be in our fair city. I’m writing as the experience of those days was so moving — not a harsh word, no utterances of profanity, sexual innuendo, no put-downs or ill wishes. The utter example left with us by these young people ... was the subject of conversation in our family nightly. As an active Catholic, I found the case for whatever it is within Seventh-day Adventism which bring[s] these youth to this state to be undeniably compelling. Thank you to my new friends for a remarkable, memorable and life-changing experience during your stay with us here in Oshkosh. — *Steve Eliassen, International Youth Sailing, Oshkosh, Wis.*

### Sharing Ideas on Facebook

[Regarding “Ten Free Ways to Appreciate Your Pastor Without Making It Awkward,” Perspectives, August 2014 *Gleaner*] Absolutely wonderful ideas. I’m sharing them on our church’s Facebook page right now. — *Aileen Andres Sox, Nampa, Idaho*

### October Oops!

In the October issue’s article on “Canvasback’s Orthopedic Mission” on p. 17, the John Anderson caption on the left photo should be under the photo of John Anderson at the upper right. I enjoy the *Gleaner* in general, especially the “thought” articles in the last three or four pages ... also the email version [*GleanerWeekly*] with its links. — *Carl Bankes, Portland, Ore.*



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Alaska teachers  
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# PARTNERING TO ACHIEVE *Whole-Person Care*

Even in these challenging times, opportunities are abundant. Adventist Health is determined to fulfill our mission of sharing God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing. We are working to transform the health care experience for patients and our diverse communities through partnerships that include our local churches, conferences and unions.

Health care reform, industry changes and market trends present enormous opportunities for Adventist Health to reinvent ourselves for the benefit of our employees, patients, physicians and those we serve. We are reshaping Adventist Health into one of the most significant health care systems on the West Coast.

Pivotal to this reshaping is a comprehensive strategy designed to keep our organization competitive while growing and thriving in the future. Our initiatives have been carefully designed to ensure our organization achieves our goals while remaining strong and able to carry out its mission.

We are proud of Adventist Health's rich heritage of preventive care and wellness education while equally optimistic for the future. We are building upon the successes of the past while enabling Adventist Health to be even more successful in the future.

*Scott Reiner, Adventist Health president and CEO*

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## Restructuring to Achieve Better Systems of Care

Health care reform, industry changes and market trends present enormous opportunities for Adventist Health to create better systems of care for the communities it serves. Senior leaders (depicted below) are reshaping Adventist Health into one of the most significant systems on the West Coast.

During the past few years, Adventist Health has deployed a comprehensive strategy designed to keep the organization competitive while growing and thriving in the future.

Historically, Adventist Health has been a hospital-centered organization; however, it is creating closer working relationships among hospitals, physicians, clinics, home-care agencies and other business units.

Adventist Health now will be comprised of four geographic regions to create more streamlined infrastructure for the large, multidivision, geographically distributed system.

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Adventist Medical Center – Portland

Tillamook Regional Medical Center

Walla Walla General Hospital

- 40 medical clinics
- 7 rural health clinics
- 4 home-care agencies
- 2 hospice agencies
- 2 joint-venture retirement centers

While change is constant in today's health care landscape, three things remain the same at Adventist Health: our mission, vision and values. At the core of these three organizational cornerstones is to share God's love with the same compassion Jesus demonstrated throughout His ministry on Earth.

*Jenni Glass, Adventist Health  
Gleaner correspondent*

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**19** hospitals in  
California, Hawaii,  
Oregon and  
Washington

**14** home care  
agencies

**7** hospice agencies

Workforce of  
**28,600**-including  
**20,500** employees,  
**4,500** medical staff  
physicians and  
**3,600** volunteers

There were many  
opportunities to  
minister to those in our  
communities in 2013 ...

**123,044**  
admissions

**545,151**  
emergency  
department visits

**2,324,895**  
outpatient visits

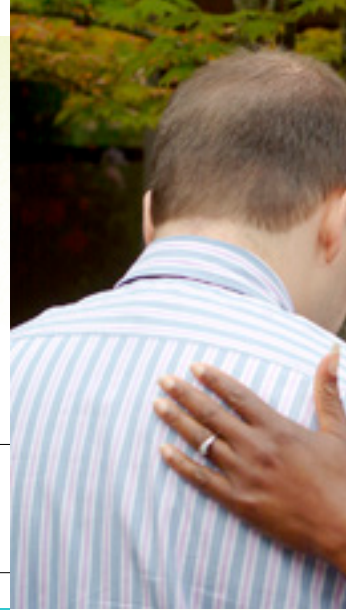
**234,688**  
home care visits

**858,501**  
rural health clinic  
visits

More than **\$358**  
million provided in  
free and low-cost  
services to the  
community



# Whole-Person Care: ADVENTIST HEALTH LAUNCHES Clinical Pastoral Education



**D**uring his 10 years as a pastor, Leo Zakhariya, now a staff chaplain at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Oregon, was confident he was fulfilling parishioners' needs. But after taking his first unit of clinical pastoral education (CPE), he says, "It was like the scales fell off my eyes."

Zakhariya says the training has helped him communicate more effectively and has better equipped him to help people find solutions to difficult or unusual spiritual needs.

"It's another way of ministering," he explains. "You connect with people in the deepest way on their spiritual and emotional journey. You feel their pain, go through their grieving moments and walk with them out of that dark place. Instead of throwing a lifesaver to a sinking person from a boat, you jump in and hang the lifesaver around him. You feel the water, you feel the fear of drowning, and you help him rescue himself."

This form of theological education seeks to improve the quality of ministry and pastoral care for spiritual caregivers, explains Paul

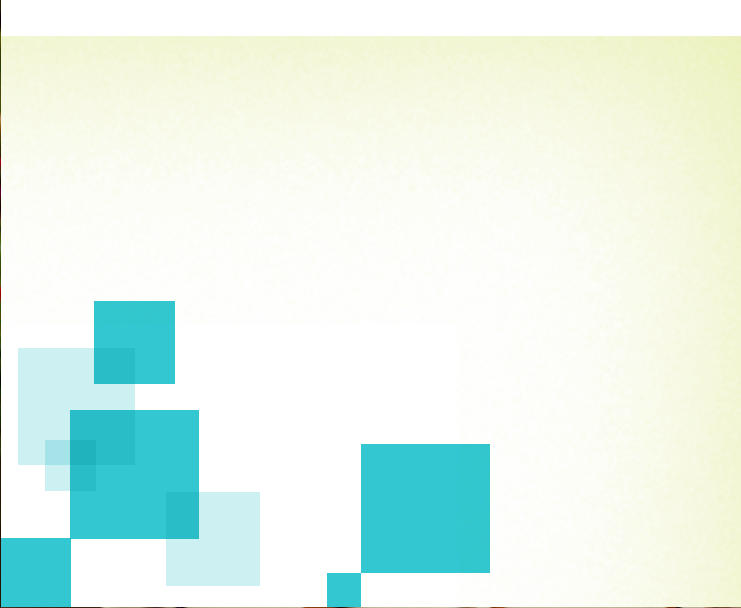
Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president for mission and spiritual care. Adventist Health is encouraging hospitals to offer CPE to better prepare the next generation of chaplains, build relationships with community clergy, offer spiritual support for Adventist Health clinics and outpatient entities, and fill a growing need for community education in this field. AMC is considering a CPE program; San Joaquin Community Hospital (SJCH) in Bakersfield, California, and White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles launched CPE programs earlier this year.

CPE students — who can include pastors, chaplains and seminary students as well as nurses and physicians — learn how to listen and attend to people more





PHOTOS BY: RICHARD DOWER



effectively. They learn to establish rapport, respond to both verbal and nonverbal communication, and better understand what they're observing during encounters. Their own personal growth is emphasized.

"CPE creates the opportunity to make people whole," says Tony Andrews, SJCH pastoral care and clinical pastoral education director. "That's what God came here to do: restore the broken heart and heal the soul."

A CPE class usually includes case study discussions and lectures on crisis intervention, theology, grief, therapy and similar topics, Andrews reports, as well as group dynamics that help students learn about themselves. One "unit" of CPE equals about 400 hours of learning over the course of four months. Most professional chaplaincy programs require four units of CPE. Adventist Health encourages two to four units for community clergy interested in working with Adventist Health hospitals and clinics.

And while Adventist Health's CPE programs don't focus exclusively on helping people

during health crises, it is an important component.

"In my first weekend of pastoral ministry I went with my senior pastor to the hospital intensive care unit as one of our parishioners was taken off life support," says Matthew Kirk, Bakersfield Hillcrest Church associate pastor. "And I realized I was totally ill-equipped to deal



with people in active crisis. I stood there shellshocked, and I shut down emotionally because I couldn't handle it. I was there physically but not relationally. I didn't know what I was supposed to be doing, and I didn't have anything to say."



Kirk enrolled in SJCH's CPE program in January; he's now nearing the end of his second unit. "When I went to CPE, it was like fireworks going off in my head," he says. "I'm becoming more acutely aware of who I am and how I interact with others, including when I'm starting to react emotionally rather than trying to understand. I'm learning new communication patterns and how to communicate effectively, as well as how to be sensitive to and identify relational dynamics among the people involved."

The program offers unique perspective. "CPE is about recognizing that you can be in any situation and make a

huge impact on individuals," Kirk continues. "That impact isn't tied to your knowledge, skills or ability; it's tied to your authentic and deep commitment to making that person a priority."

Adventist Health hopes CPE will enable local clergy to be more effective in meeting the health needs of their constituents, Crampton says. "By providing CPE to local clergy, especially our Adventist pastors, we can collaborate in more fully ministering to all those needing spiritual care," he adds.

*Beth Martin for Adventist Health*

# MEETING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

## *What Is a Rural Health Clinic?*

Rural health clinics (RHC) provide services to publicly insured individuals and others in medically underserved communities. RHCs must be in eligible areas and meet the regulatory requirements to be certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Adventist Health's 53 RHCs provide care in eight counties in California, in Tillamook and Lincoln counties in Oregon, and in Walla Walla and Benton counties in Washington.

These clinics vary from small, one- or two-provider offices to large facilities with primary care, specialty medical services, and dental, behavioral health, perinatal and other services. Adventist Health has the largest network of rural health clinics in California (about 15 percent of the RHCs in the state). The network is also one of the largest in the nation, representing more than 1 percent of the nation's RHCs. Adventist Health RHCs provide care to more than 192,000 individuals who mostly live in medically underserved communities.

### HEALING BABY BRADEN\*

A few months ago, Braden was failing to thrive. He cried a lot, vomited frequently and couldn't keep anything down. His exhausted parents seriously needed help. Nothing they tried had worked. Braden's weight was down to the fifth percentile for his age when his mother took him to Jennifer Kozak, a doctor at Oregon's Tillamook Medical Group. This meant 95 percent of American

babies his age weighed more than him.

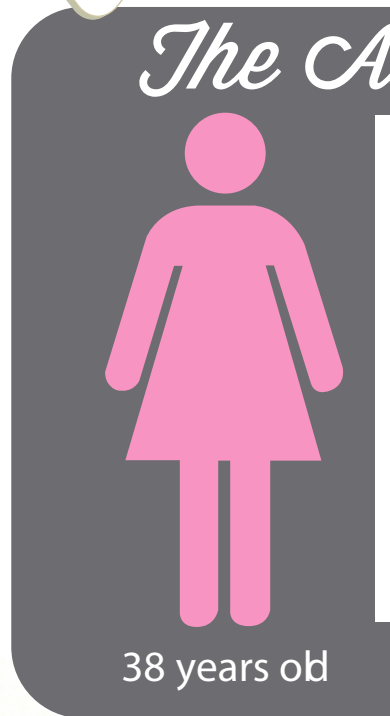
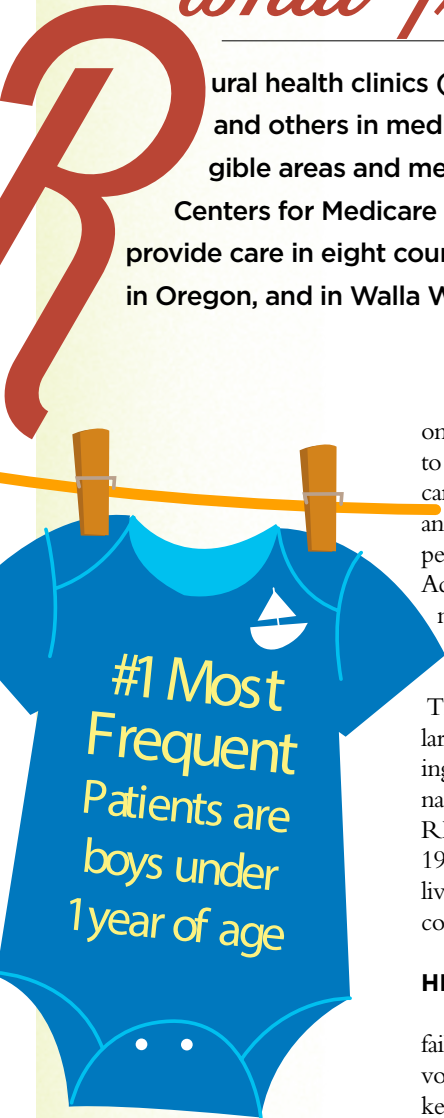
Kozak grasped the situation immediately — Braden couldn't digest the proteins in dairy products. When he ate, his system reacted. He was constantly hungry and in physical distress. Kozak prescribed a special formula that works for him, but it's expensive. Kozak's medical assistant worked with Braden's insurance plan to get the formula covered by insurance. Now Braden's weight is in the 75th percentile for his age, and he is healthy, happy and growing right on schedule. Braden is thriving.

### OVERWHELMING BURDEN LIFTED

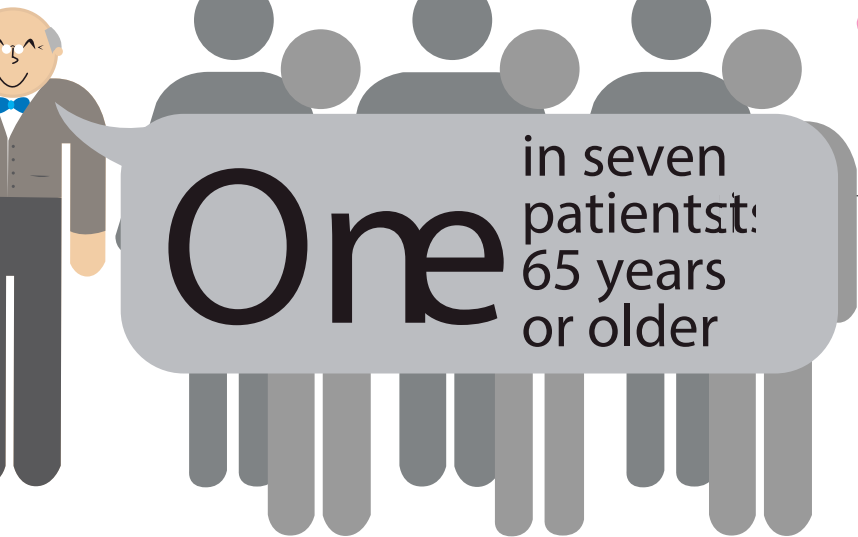
Shoeless, coatless and homeless, Walter\* arrived at Adventist Health Medical Group in Walla Walla in an extreme mental health crisis. His parents, in the most terrifying and frustrating time of their lives with fear for the life of their young adult son, had coaxed Walter into one last attempt for help. Other mental health care and addiction services in town had

Patient visits  
**858,501**

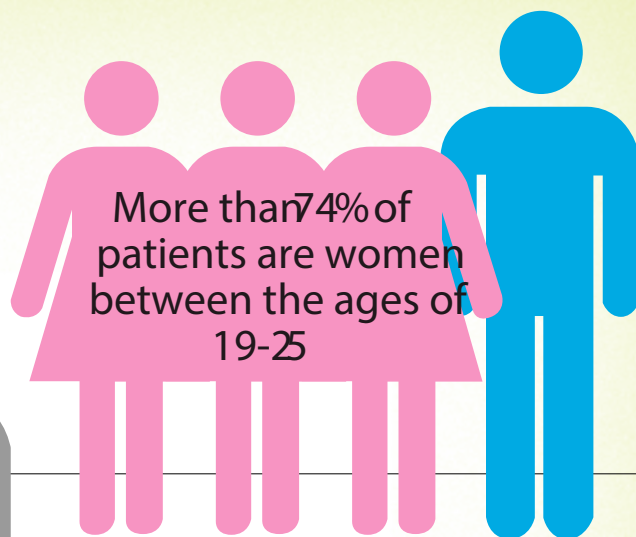
Now Serving  
**192,475**  
individuals







One in seven patients are 65 years or older



More than 74% of patients are women between the ages of 19-25

Average



34 years old

not helped Walter in any way.

Clinic staff greeted and treated Walter with great respect even though his actions were strange. After listening to their need for help, Kyle King, Adventist Health Medical Group administrator, supported the family in developing a plan of action. Within 30 minutes, Walter was seen by a doctor. The family's experience with the doctor was wonderful; he started Walter on medication and made an emergency referral to an inpatient mental health facility. King also set up counseling for the whole family with individual appointments. He arranged transportation for the family to the inpatient rehab and mental health center and worked with his team to make sure this was all covered by insurance.

Before Walter left, King gave a pair of his own shoes and the coat off his back to Walter. In the words of Walter's parent, "Our family came to your clinic with nothing — no hope, no faith and no trust. We left with everything. Within two hours of our arrival at your clinic, we had been cared

for, loved, heard, and our hope had been restored. It feels to us like an overwhelming burden has been lifted, and for the first time in months we believe that our son might have a chance at a decent life."

\* Names have been changed for patient privacy.

*Adventist Health staff*



## TRANSFORMANDO FAMILIAS PARA LA ETERNIDAD-PLAN DE EVANGELISMO LAICO

**E**l Ministerio Hispano de la Unión del Pacífico Norte, tiene como propósito, además de la predicación del evangelio, la gran tarea de capacitar a la iglesia, con el firme propósito de retener a los miembros y que estos se conviertan en discípulos. Por esa razón, este año la NPUC fue intencional al programar un evento, que con el apoyo de las respectivas conferencias sirviese para motivar, capacitar y enriquecer a nuestra feligresía específicamente pensando en las familias hispanas de nuestra zona.

Con la ayuda del equipo de pastores del territorio, fue así que se llevó a cabo el plan evangelístico familiar para este 2014 con el que se espera la urgente atención a cientos de familias hispanas que sufren los estragos de la realidad matrimonial y familiar actual. El nombre del plan “Transformando Familias para la Eternidad”, tiene como fin consagrar a las familias, promover el “Club de Matrimonios” en cada iglesia hispana, y proclamar el evangelio eterno a través de por lo menos 40 campañas de evangelismo laico, enfocadas a la familia e impartidas por los mismos miembros de iglesia para finales de este año.

El desafío comenzó



Transformando Familias-plan de evangelism 2014.

convocando a un selecto grupo de parejas a un congreso, para convertirlas en responsables del proyecto a nivel local. Del territorio de la unión hubo representación de 98 parejas que se registraron en el hotel Monarch en Clackamas, OR los días del 28 de febrero al 2 de marzo. Los expositores para los seminarios del fin de semana fueron los esposos doctores Carolann y Cesar De León,

pareja reconocida en nuestro medio y con amplia trayectoria en el tema. Ellos con el entusiasmo que les caracteriza, impartieron los seminarios: “La familia del tiempo del fin reavivamiento y reforma”, “La amargura y tus relaciones”, “Como tu matrimonio afecta a tus hijos” entre otros temas. La respuesta, una consagración total de los matrimonios asistentes.

Con este ambiente idóneo, los representantes de las más de 34 iglesias se comprometieron a través de un pacto a llevar a cabo 206 campañas familiares, en sus hogares o iglesias. Asumiendo así el llamado y compromiso al que fueron desafiados y motivados. Cabe señalar que para dichas campañas cada iglesia representada pudo llevar consigo material inédito elaborado por los mismos pastores del territorio para la celebración de sus reuniones de evangelismo. Entre los materiales, se entregaron pactos de consagración para cada familia de iglesia, sermones, invitaciones y publicidad para sus campañas.

Ministerio Hispano agradece a todas aquellas iglesias que se comprometieron y se involucraron en este desafío que sin duda, será una bendición para la iglesia.

La visión del pastor Ramon Canals es muy clara. Cada hogar alcanzado por el evangelio debe ser transformado para la eternidad. Pregunta a tu pastor por este programa. Nunca es tarde para la predicación de la palabra y participar de este programa evangelístico en tu iglesia local. Hay mucho por hacer y juntos lo vamos a lograr.

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With their hands-on learning style, Alaska teachers ask to get close enough to the icebergs to touch and taste them.

## ALASKA TEACHERS ENJOY ACTIVE INSERVICE

**A**laska Conference teachers enjoyed a sunny weekend, glaciers and icebergs during their fall inservice.

Despite a few frustrations at the airport, teachers from all over Alaska arrived July 31 and settled in at Camp Lorraine on Vank Island near Wrangell. Dennis Plubell and Theresa Jensen distributed inspiring “teacher stuff” and challenged the teachers to figure out how the “do it all” pens (gifts from the North Pacific Union) worked.

The teachers were spiritually blessed by programs provided by the Southeast Alaska camp meeting and the teacher-musicians. They were physically blessed with the food, fresh air and exercise provided by nature and a great kitchen staff.

The group took an ocean outing on Sabbath to see LeConte Glacier. The teachers, with their hands-on learning style, asked their tour guide to pull up to the icebergs so they

could drink the water and feel the ice. They discussed the truth of “the tip of the iceberg.”

On the return trip the wind came up, and the “A students” in the front of the open skiffs were rewarded by waves of water splashing into the boat. The others eventually



Alaska teachers take open skiffs for a firsthand experience with icebergs near LeConte Glacier.

received their own thorough dousing. Spirits were high as the group returned drenched and headed for supper and a hot shower, in whichever order the smartest, quickest and strongest could make it happen.

*Laurie Hosey, Alaska Camps director*

## ANCHORAGE NORTHSIDE HOSTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**C**lose your eyes and imagine journeying with Moses and the Israelites as they took everything they owned with them into the desert — and seeing God guiding and providing for you. We sometimes forget Moses was a real person who faced frustration, harassment and even fear as he led the Israelites out of slavery.

That is why in July Anchorage’s Northside Church members transformed the church basement into a desert scene with tents and sand everywhere. They and their Vacation Bible School guests saw, heard, touched and tasted what it was like to live in the wilderness. They visited with Moses and discovered some of the hardships he faced after leaving Egypt. As participants heard Moses stand up for his faith in God, they explored how they can do the same by trusting God in everyday life.

Each night included activities like camel-spitting, rope-making, music, snacks and all kinds of wearable crafts. The kids learned how to clean camp and churn butter.



Each day those who attended Vacation Bible School at Anchorage Northside Church, learned about Moses and the Israelites and their journey through the wilderness.

Adults sometimes wonder if VBS is worth all the hard work. Then years later, a former VBS kid says, “I know you. You are my VBS teacher. I had so much fun. Remember when . . . .” VBS touches children’s lives for God, and all the hard work is well worth it. Let us always work hard to let our children know how important they are to God and us.

*Teresa Jensen, Anchorage Northside Church VBS director*



Read more online  
[glnr.in/1w3W3bG](http://glnr.in/1w3W3bG)

## EASTERN IDAHO DISTRICT BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS AT THE FAIR



More photos online at [glnr.in/lydibot](http://glnr.in/lydibot).

**T**he churches of Eastern Idaho have often struggled to make lasting connections with the local population in their district. Programs offering vegetarian cooking, smoking cessation and prophecy have not drawn people toward the church as they might have elsewhere. But four years ago, Ronda Cheatham had an idea to reach all of Eastern Idaho with the health message by going to the fair.

Each September, the Eastern Idaho State Fair brings visitors to Blackfoot from all over the Intermountain West region, sometimes from as far away as Texas. Thousands of people visit the fairgrounds every day. But how do you

connect with people in an instant, get them interested in stopping at a church booth and talk with them about health?

The simple idea was to test grip strength. Now in its fourth year, the “Got Grip” booth has become an annual event. People come back each year to compare their results with past years’ and challenge their friends, wives, husbands or kids to see who has the best grip strength. Cheatham says, “We visited with approximately 4,000 people [this year]. The first year was under 1,000.”

The booth also features displays on the fat content in food, the sugar content in drinks, serving sizes and vegetarian diets. Each year, the displays get better, and people



DAVID BELCHER

Eastern Idaho State Fair visitors study the normal ranges of grip strength.

spend more time exploring the booth. “One gentleman who saw the sugar display last year came back in this year and said he had given up a daily soda because of the display,” says Cheatham.

Two young men, probably under 21, sincerely wanted to know how the two double cheeseburgers they had eaten that day were affecting them. They readily accepted the conversation about the importance of a good daily diet and how we all splurge now and then.

The booth is sponsored by the Idaho Falls Church, the Pocatello Church and the Blackfoot Bible Discovery Center group. Church members volunteer to be at the booth to meet the public and provide general information about a healthy lifestyle. The church

members who were not able to physically help out at the fair were recruited to become prayer warriors. Prayer was offered each morning and evening at the booth, and having people pray specifically at home was a huge blessing.

Even with the success of the grip-strength testing and displays, Cheatham thinks the relationships built over the last four years have been even more successful. “We often think it is about the numbers, all of the people and whether or not they take ‘our’ literature. I maintain it is about the relationships, getting to know people, and them seeing that we are different in how we act and how we treat others,” she says.

*Craig Connell, Pocatello Church communication leader*

The fair booth displays the typical fat content of various foods.



RONDA CHEATHAM



# SALMON STUDENTS CLEAN UP COMMUNITY GARDEN

**S**tudents of the Salmon Seventh-day Adventist School got to participate in a great community service project on Sept. 16. The students worked hard cleaning, weeding, beautifying and harvesting the community's garden at the local Sacajawea Center.

Every summer the Sacajawea Center has a community garden. For the past two years they have asked the school to help clean them out at the end of the season. Not only did the kids work hard but also had



Salmon Seventh-day Adventist School students clean up the community garden at the local Sacajawea Center.

a lot of fun digging in the dirt, looking for hidden potato treasures and trying new vegetables

they would have never tried if it wasn't for picking them themselves. The day also turned out

to be educational for the kids as they learned things ranging from how tall a sunflower can grow to how to properly make a compost pile.

The day proved to be a great success in helping the community, and the students can't wait until next year to get their hands dirty again.

*April Copley, Salmon Seventh-day Adventist School teacher*



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## KALISPELL FEATURES VBS AND WELLNESS

For the first time in many years the Kalispell Church put on a Vacation Bible School this summer. On average, 13 children attended each of the three days. This event provided an opportunity for 16 volunteers from the youth group to learn more about serving as well as taking on leadership roles that exemplified the importance of Jesus in all that they do.

A few weeks later in July, part of the youth group traveled seven hours to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and put on a two-day intensive VBS for the children, most of whom have heard of God but have little if any knowledge of the Bible. The children were happy to learn about Jesus and just how much He loves us.

While things started out slowly, more than 20 children attended. The Kalispell youth



AMOS CHON

Youth from the Kalispell Church put on an intensive Vacation Bible School for the children living on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

came with willing spirits and demonstrated the love of Jesus to the children. There were fun songs, clever crafts, and wholesome and delicious food. By the end of VBS, the children were begging the youth group to come back next year.

The amazing response shows just how much the Holy Spirit had been working those two days. When the children were asked to tell one thing

they learned, a somber young man, age 12, said, “Jesus will love me forever.” His testimony made those who participated realize the impact of this outreach on individual lives.

Also running this summer was an Eight Weeks to Wellness seminar hosted by the Kalispell Church during June, July and August. Jessica Chon presented the health lectures, which advocated following the

eight natural laws of health. These presentations included on-screen presentations and informational handouts that contained a personal wellness log with which the participants could track their individual progress.

After the lectures, there was a vegan, whole-foods cooking class put on by Yun Chon assisted by Jessica and her brother Amos. This provided the participants an opportunity to ask questions as well as taste and take home a copy of the delicious recipes. These classes gave the attendees an opportunity to learn about and make better lifestyle choices.

*Carol Ferree, Kalispell Church communication leader, with Amos Chon and Joy Curtis, Kalispell Church members*

## HAMILTON HOLDS ‘ADVENTURES WITH PAUL’ VBS

Forty-seven children attended the Hamilton Church’s “Adventures With Paul” Vacation Bible School.

Daily nature time with Mark Harris as the ranger allowed the children to enjoy live animals like chickens, ducks, goats, sheep and a donkey.

Bill Whitney, Hamilton Church pas-

tor, surprised the children when he arrived dressed like the apostle Paul.

Each day featured active games, interesting crafts, inspiring Bible stories, healthy snacks and exuberant singing.

*Judy Fowler, Hamilton Church communication leader*



Bill Whitney, Hamilton Church pastor, surprised the children when he arrived dressed like Paul.



## OREGON CONFERENCE EDUCATORS MEET FOR CONVENTION

**A**ll 185 Oregon Conference educators descended on Gladstone in late August for an Oregon Conference Teachers Convention.

Themed “Connection,” the keynote speakers, breakout sessions and times for interaction were designed to encourage teachers to connect with Jesus and connect with each other as colleagues so they could achieve their goal of connecting their students with Jesus.

“We wanted to give our educators time to come together as a education family,” Gale Crosby, Oregon Conference vice president of education, explains. “Teaching is a sacred calling. We wanted to show our teachers that we value them and to recognize the importance of their work.”

Keynote speaker Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, shared the history of the Adventist school system and demonstrated how our schools are truly God’s schools. He also brought forth a powerful personal message of the significance and influence teachers have. He showed from Scripture that teachers are truly called by God for the specific ministry of teaching like Jesus taught. “I was inspired by Pastor Bryan’s message,” one teacher shares. “It was a great



Dick and Anita Molstead and Gil Plubell were recognized for their tireless work toward the education of young people in the Oregon Conference, North Pacific Union Conference and North American Division.

reminder of how important teaching is. We have a greater purpose.”

Linda Christiansen, Oregon Writing Project instructor and director, and Colonel Morris Davis also gave interesting and thought-provoking presentations.



Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church senior pastor, was the main speaker for the Oregon Conference Teachers Convention.

Affirming educators was another important element of the convention. Three long-time Oregon Conference Educators were honored at Tuesday evening’s banquet with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Dick and Anita Molstead and Gil Plubell were recognized for their tireless work toward the education of young people in the Oregon Conference, the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and North American Division (NAD).

In addition, Jenny Neil, Heidi Kruger and Dan Nicola were honored with Oregon Conference Teacher and Administrator of the Year awards, and 11 NAD and NPUC awards were given to teachers

for innovation and creativity.

This year’s convention was primarily planned and facilitated by the teachers themselves. Teachers brought the theme, format and overall planning into place. More than 30 breakout sessions were planned and facilitated by the teachers, covering a wide range of topics including iPads in the classroom, brain-based research, working with students with



Tuesday evening’s banquet featured an awards ceremony and speaker Colonel Morris Davis.

special needs, making science experiments fun, and school administration. Breakout sessions gave teachers a chance to share ideas, experiences, and ways of connecting with their students and connecting their students with Jesus — because, in the end, that’s really what matters.

*Krissy Barber, Oregon Conference communication assistant*

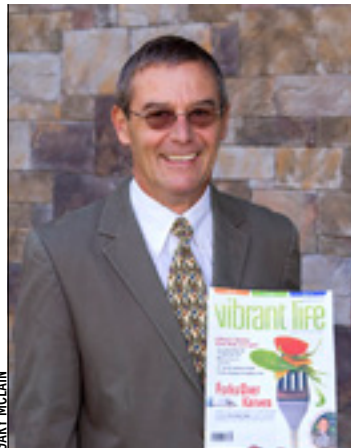
## CHURCHES USE VIBRANT LIFE TO REACH OTHERS

**J**esus spent a lot of time healing people, and it's been said the health message is the right arm of the gospel. Some churches have begun to implement this thought in their outreach programs and are using *Vibrant Life* to reach out to their friends, neighbors and relatives.

*Vibrant Life*, the oldest health magazine in the United States, promotes health principles that help people live a healthy lifestyle.

Churches were contacted this spring to encourage their members to become involved in a health outreach campaign using this magazine. Nearly 100 subscriptions have been processed, and the commitment of another 60 from the Whipple Creek Church in Ridgefield, Wash., and Salem Central Church will bring the total to 160, with more to come.

The personal ministries department of the Stone Tower Church in Portland has gone a step further by providing \$3 toward the purchase of each subscription as an incentive for its members to sponsor their friends, neighbors, relatives and even church visitors. "We have found this project to be a wonderful way to reach out



GARY MCCLAIN

Tom Linnell, Stone Tower Church personal ministries coordinator, says his congregation has found *Vibrant Life* to be a great way to reach out to their community.

to our friends and community not only about a healthy way to live, but it opens doors to share the gospel," explains Tom Linnell, personal ministries coordinator.

If you or your church would like to get involved, you may go to [urbanhealthnw.com](http://urbanhealthnw.com) or call 503-893-9022.

*Carl Parker, Stone Tower Church member*

## SHARON CHURCH HOLDS REVIVAL

**C**arlton P. Byrd, Breath of Life Television Ministries speaker/director and senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala., spoke for a seven-night revival held Sept. 7–13 at the Sharon Church in Portland.

Each night started with inspirational singing and praising Jesus. The 45-person Lift Every Voice church choir led the congregation in singing the first evening. Gospel recording artist and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Richard Smallwood ministered in voice preceding the first evening of Byrd's soul-stirring preaching.

Other special music guests throughout the week included Derrick McDuffey and Kingdom Sound, Alonzo Chadwick, Eldon T. Jones on the saxophone, and Mary Etta Callier.

A special health presentation on Thursday evening was moderated by Ken Boddie from the local Portland KOIN 6 News. A free supper was provided before the meetings during the week.

Byrd started the series in Genesis. "In the beginning ..." rapidly progressed to Jesus being



GARY MCCLAIN

Speaker Carlton Byrd spoke for the weeklong revival at the Sharon Church.

born on Earth and dying for us. Byrd stated that "Jesus is a way maker; Jesus is a healer." As Acts 1:9–11 describes, Jesus ascended and left for heaven in a cloud, and He will return in a cloud. Rev. 1:7 tells when He comes every eye will see Him. Byrd then made the point if people go to heaven as soon as they die, how can the dead in Christ rise first? The righteous living will rise up to meet the Lord in the air — oh what a day!

*Gary McLain, Oregon Conference communication director*

Gospel recording artist and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Richard Smallwood ministered in voice preceding the first evening of Carlton Byrd's soul-stirring preaching.



GARY MCCLAIN



## MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

**G**od has blessed Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek with new additions to its team.

Forrest Miller, who graduated in 2013, has returned to work as an assistant in the maintenance department. Miller loves Milo's family atmosphere. "It's not just a place where I work; it's a place where I get to broaden my knowledge," he says. "Milo is a place where I have the opportunity to impact the kids' lives for the better and, most importantly, grow closer

Milo Academy's new staff includes (back from left) Forrest Miller, David Evans, John Carter, Jeff Birth, Greg McKelvey, (front from left) Kathy Hernandez, Hanna White, Danna Birth and Lacey McKelvey.



PETER HERNANDEZ

to Christ every day."

David Evans, vice principal for finance, was Walla Walla University's dean of men for the past nine years. His great sense of humor lifts the spirits of his colleagues.

The new music director, John Carter, most recently taught at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. The students affectionately refer to him as "Doc."

Jeff and Danna Birth passed up a promotion in Oklahoma because they wanted to make a difference for Milo students and because it feels like home. Jeff heads up the agriculture department, and Danna, a 1997 Milo graduate, is teaching the horsemanship program. One of Jeff's goals is to "make God's love, His character, a bit more real, a bit more clear, for someone here this year."

Newlyweds Greg and Lacey McKelvey served at Newbury Park Academy in California. Greg is the assistant boys' dean, and Lacey, a 2008 Milo graduate, is the administrative assistant.

Hanna White, the new assistant girls' dean, also attended Milo. Scott Coogan, assistant chef, and Victoria Kuebler, business office assistant, are part of the team as well. Recruiter and ELL (English Language Learners) coordinator Kathy Hernandez also teaches Bible and Spanish. She spent the last eight years in the Texas Conference and hopes to work at Milo until Jesus returns.

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*

## PRINEVILLE PROVIDES HEALTH AWARENESS SCREENINGS

**M**embers of the Prineville Church conducted the first of hopefully many health awareness screenings for the community. The personal ministries team discussed what kind of medical outreach they could offer to fill an actual need for the community not already being filled by other local churches or organizations. Having a retired internist and registered vascular ultrasound tech on the committee helped the plan take shape.

Participants were given the opportunity to experience some valuable health assessments and leave with information that could be taken to their regular physicians for follow up, all for free. Results were explained verbally and shared in writing with each participant.

Participants rotated through seven stations in all including testing for atrial fibrillation screening by EKG, ankle brachial index (ABI), blood sugar testing, hand grip/muscle strength, body fat analysis, pulse oximetry, blood pressure, heart rate, height and weight, and interpretation of test results at the end. *Signs of the*



Medical doctor Helmuth Fritz shares the interpretation of results with participants of the first Prineville community health awareness screening.

*Times* health issues were at hand for participants to read as they waited between stations or to take home.

With positive feedback and enthusiasm from the community and the church, the Prineville personal ministries team plans to offer this community health awareness screening about every six months at the Prineville Church and will add carotid artery ultrasound imaging.

*April McNeil, Prineville Church communication leader*

## PAA'S CLASS CHALLENGES TEACH CHARACTER

**B**esides introducing our students to Jesus Christ, character development is one of our most important goals," says Monte Torkelsen, Portland Adventist Academy chaplain. "It means we seek to intentionally develop core character traits in our students that reflect and lift up Christ."

PAA developed class adventures, challenges and retreats as tools to teach courage, leadership, integrity, curiosity, concern and belief — traits that continue to be emphasized throughout the year.

The events happen early in the school year as each class, as a group, retreats to the wilderness. Through mountaineering, ropes courses, rock climbing, and navigating

The junior girls stood out as an exceptional group during this year's junior challenge.



SHAWNA IRVINE

The tasks assigned to students during the junior challenge required partners and teams. Blair Roessel (left) and Addie Buchanan learned strength sometimes comes from asking for help and being willing to depend on and trust each other.

carefully planned obstacle courses and mind-bending puzzles, students learn life skills and bond with each other. Courses are taught and led by PAA staff, upperclassman mentors and certified mountaineering guides.

Every year's event builds upon the next. Freshmen spend a day learning about trust and courage through a ropes course. As sophomores, they explore the themes of teamwork, creativity, concern, solitude and reflection, and vision during a weekend in the mountains.



By the time PAA students are juniors, they are ready for a more mature look at courage, strategic planning, group leadership, "followership" and respect, creativity, and solitude and reflection.

Finally, the seniors are instructed in integrity, judgment, strategic goal-setting and community. "These traits are about being who you are and who you really want to be, making the right choice at the right time, planning for the future, and connecting with God and each other," says Torkelsen.

"The junior challenge is the hard one," says Ty Johnson, PAA vice principal. "For some of these kids, it's the hardest thing they've ever done. This



SHAWNA IRVINE

Ashley Kerr (left) and Samantha Maclachlan learn to carefully prepare before climbing a cliff. The junior challenge helps teach life skills like careful preparation before making big decisions.

year, it was the girls who stood out. They quickly realized they couldn't complete a challenge on their own and how important it was they connect with each other to finish a task."

Johnson also loves seeing the sense of accomplishment when students complete their final challenge. "As you watch the kids climb that last mountain then look down into the valley, across the hills and river, and the cliffs they've climbed, it's awesome to see them take in all they've worked through," he says.

"That final summit is symbolic," says Johnson. "It's a reminder of where they came from and what it took to reach the top. It's a life lesson. And these are lessons we can't teach in the classroom. You just can't put a price on that value."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

More photos online at [glnr.in/paa-challenge-2014](http://glnr.in/paa-challenge-2014).



MARIA BIBB



## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

**W**hen was the last time you saw a blind person throw away a cane because he or she could suddenly see? God doesn't perform the kinds of miracles He used to, does He?

Pastor Pavel Goia is a living testimony to the real power of God today. Goia hasn't always followed God, and yet God took care of him even when he wasn't asking for God's protection. Growing up in Romania, he fell into the wrong crowd. Then Goia narrowly escaped prison because his conscience bothered him at the right time.

That divine impression began to alter the course of his life. His prayer life intensified, and a string of testaments to God's power and protection followed. Time after time God has worked miraculously in Goia's life, and he loves to tell others how

God still works today.

Wherever Goia speaks, those listening leave amazed, praising God, excited to serve and trust Him. I'd like to personally invite you to hear his amazing testimony of God's modern-day miracles at the Upper Columbia Conference Christian Men's Summit at Camp MiVoden, Feb. 6-8, 2015. You'll be encouraged and strengthened.

*Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference family ministries director*



JAY WINTERMEYER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

**1-15 Rethink Prophecy Meetings**  
Spokane, Wash.

**12-15 Rethink Prophecy With David Asscherick**  
INB Performing Arts Center, Spokane, Wash.

#### JANUARY

**10 Pathfinder District Coordinators Meeting**

**17 District Pathfinder Bible Achievement Bowls**

**12-14 Winter UCC Pastors' Retreat**

**30-Feb. 1 Teen Pathfinder Leadership Retreat**

**27 Conference Executive Committee**

#### FEBRUARY

**6-8 Men's Summit**  
Camp MiVoden  
Hayden, Idaho

**11 Town Hall Meeting**  
Richland, Wash.

**12 Town Hall Meeting**  
Walla Walla, Wash.

**13-16 UCC Youth Winter Ski Fest**

**18 Town Hall Meeting**  
Spokane Valley, Wash.

**19 Town Hall Meeting**  
Lewiston, Idaho

**22 Lay Advisory Committee**

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## MILTON-STATELINE STUDENTS LEARN LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

**D**uring the first week of September, students from Milton-Stateline Adventist School in Milton-Freewater, Ore., had the opportunity to learn about leadership through following Christ's example. The trip was made possible through the generosity of Hood View Junior Academy in Boring, Ore., which allowed use of its facilities for the mission project.

Twenty-six seventh- and eighth-grade students worked as volunteers at Portland (Ore.) Rescue Mission doing a variety of tasks, including weeding, mowing and other maintenance tasks.

The real highlight of the trip was providing meal service to more than 270 homeless men and women at the downtown location and participating in the chapel service that followed. Students were responsible for welcoming diners into the dining room, serving

each table restaurant-style and keeping up conversation with the diverse individuals seated at their tables.

Following a lively dinner service, an enthusiastic student praise team led chapel with songs of praise, a brief message provided by parent Jim Boyd, and a time of prayer with several homeless men who had special requests.

As students were leaving the chapel, many of the men clapped and added encouraging words, which clearly left the students humbled and excited to see the results of the service. "Helping the homeless was an amazing experience," says Sevin Birdwell, a seventh-grader. It was a time the students will not soon forget in their journey toward a life of service in Christ.

*Matthew Bryant, Milton Stateline Adventist School seventh- and eighth-grade teacher*

Milton-Stateline Adventist School students helped with the Portland Rescue Mission garden that helps feed 270 homeless men and women in the Portland, Ore., area.



Earl Bolton still plays the piano.

## WENATCHEE MEMBER TURNS 100

**E**arl Bolton, Wenatchee Church member, celebrated his 100th birthday on Oct. 3. The church held a birthday celebration for him on Sabbath, Sept. 27, 2014.

Members of the church appreciate Bolton for his Christian influence on his family, his community and the world. He served many years as an elder of the church. His former pastor,

Earl Bolton soaks up the view from the summit of Tibbetts Mountain.



Dan Serns, says, "I'm glad he is still going strong, letting his light shine for Jesus."

Robert Earl Bolton was born the same year World War I began, the year the Panama Canal opened to traffic and

the year Double Mint chewing gum was introduced.

Approaching 100 has not slowed Bolton down much. He mows his lawn, plays the piano, looks after his house, and cooks and cans fruit and vegetables, according to Wilfred Woods in the Sept. 19, 2014, edition of *The Wenatchee World*.

He still drives his own car, and his driver's license is good until he turns 101. He says he plans to renew it.

His current pastor, Joe Savino, says, "I've been honored to have worked side by side with Dr. Bolton for many years, and one thing is certain: This is a man who has completely saturated himself with the grace of Christ. In each word, in each response, Jesus shines through him, and we know we are loved. His life of kind service and love is a wonderful picture of what true personal evangelism is."

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*





TIM WILLOUGHBY



(From left) Lili Mackin, Louanna Henderson, Samuel Cromwell and Ken Iblings help break ground for the new North View Church.

## NORTH VIEW ADVENTIST CHURCH BREAKS GROUND

The sun shined on Sunday, Sept. 14, for the groundbreaking ceremony for the North View Seventh-day Adventist Church plant in Mead, Wash. Church members came out to enjoy both the historical event and a corn roast following the ceremony.

Among some of the distinguished guests were Ozzie Knezovich, Spokane County sheriff; Gerald Haeger, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ministerial director; Fire Department District 9 representatives; and Rhonda Whitney, UCC urban ministries coordinator.

“The Mead area really needs the hand of God to bless it and heal it,” said Knezovich. “At the end of the day our mission is to redeem the lost so we all will hear the words ‘welcome home.’”

Haeger affirmed the church members for their mission and determination to reach

Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich speaks at the North View Church groundbreaking ceremony.



out to the Mead community. The mission statement of the church is “to reveal Jesus Christ to the world around us.”

Carl Eckler presented a history of the church. During its three years in operation the church has grown from 13 charter members who met for the first time January 2011 to a current membership of 62, with 22 non-member guests and community members attending. The amount of outreach, evangelism, Vacation Bible Schools, and health and financial seminars they have held since their beginnings is commendable. Wayne Kablanow, North View Church pastor, said, “Reviewing the history of the church makes me tired.”

Those who shoveled the sandy earth were Ken Iblings, building coordinator; Louanna Henderson, charter member; Lili Mackin, representing the youth; and Samuel Cromwell, representing the children of the church.

The church is located at 12405 N. Wilson St., Mead, WA 99021.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*

## SUNNYSIDE PASTOR RETIRES

Pastor Larry Mays’ last Sabbath at Sunnyside (Wash.) Church was Aug. 30. In his honor, the church held a goodbye/retirement social on Aug. 24 for the church and community to attend.

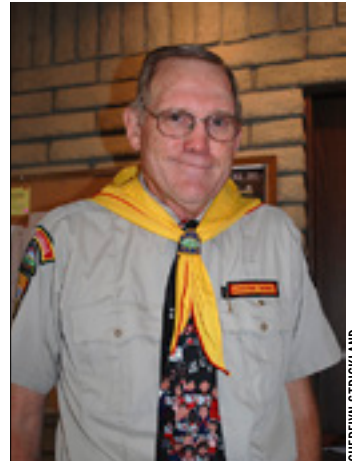
Mays was in ministry for almost 40 years, serving in California and Ohio as well as at Washington’s Sunnyside and Granger churches. Mays was active in the community, even serving as head of the ministerial association for the collective churches in Sunnyside. He was often called on to give prayer before town council meetings.

Larry Mays spends time with several Pathfinders in 2014.



CHERYN STRICKLAND

Among his various duties, he enjoyed the Pathfinder Club and recently took almost a full month escorting the Sunnyside English and Spanish church clubs to Oshkosh, Wis., for the International Pathfinder Camporee. He made sure along the way the kids saw Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, the largest water park in the U.S., and many other sites most of the youth may never see again.



CHERYN STRICKLAND

Larry Mays wears his Pathfinder dress uniform with pride.

During his last sermon, after almost 19 years in Sunnyside, Mays asked for a show of hands of those who have known him as their only pastor. More than 50 percent of the congregation raised their hands. So it was hard to say goodbye, but the church members pray that Mays and his wife, Lynell, will be blessed during their retirement in Idaho.

*Cheryn Strickland, Sunnyside (Wash.) Church communication leader*



More photos online at [glnr.in/1vUJjX8](http://glnr.in/1vUJjX8).

## ALL NATIONS CENTER REACHES KIDS THROUGH DAY CAMP

Read more online at [glnr.in/1sjfWxG](http://glnr.in/1sjfWxG).



**A** desire to reach children for Jesus drew a team together from Wapato, Seattle and beyond to pray about, plan and hold a two-week Day Camp, themed “The Sanctuary,” at the All Nations Center Church in Wapato, Wash.

Each day they fed the children a healthy breakfast and held worships pointing the children to Christ and teaching them to apply biblical truths in their everyday lives.

Three classes followed. The Bible class taught by Steve Huey, All Nations Center Church pastor, laid the foundation through God’s Holy Word. Tui Silafau, who taught arts and crafts with Sharon Maiava, says, “We shared the spiritual significance of the pastor’s talk — about furniture within the sanctuary, which points to Christ in every facet of the Christian walk.” The craft was to make different sanctuary furniture each day. The music class by Samuel and Ashley Fanene emphasized the message through song.

After lunch, the kids enjoyed a field trip to a museum, skating rink, swimming area or the bowling alley.



A bus brings kids to the two-week day camp held at the All Nations Center Church in Wapato, Wash.

At the end of the day camp, the children attended a banquet during which they sang songs learned in music class and recited Bible verses. Both volunteer staff and children were awarded gifts for their hard work.

Ninety-five percent of the children, ages 6–17, attending the camp were of Native American descent with little or no background in Christianity. This began to change in the second week. “We noticed that the children were changing,”

says Silafau. “At first they did not want to listen to the music or memorize Scripture. But the more they saw that we cared enough about them to discipline them, the more they wanted to learn and memorize songs and Scripture.”

A group of the older girls, ages 10–17, wanted more Bible instruction, so the staff held a mini camp for them. After day camp they wanted to come to church and Sabbath School. They enjoy spending time with Jacinta, the local Bible worker.

This method of reaching kids is more important than many realize. Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder director, shares the following quote with statistics from George Barna: “If you don’t reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ by the time they turn the age of 12, there’s only a 20 percent chance that person will ever become a follower of Jesus Christ. And, yet, on the other end of the spectrum, only 13 percent of senior pastors list ministry to children among their church’s top three priorities.” Spending extra time in prayer and planning and being intentional about teaching Bible truths can bring more people to Jesus to spend eternity with Him.

Reaching children reaches volunteers as well. “God showed me through this experience just how valuable every single soul is to Him,” says Maiava. “Being able to show that to the children through music, arts/crafts and Bible was the best part.”

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



## PORT ANGELES CELEBRATES THE OLDEST NEW CHURCH

**P**ort Angeles Church had a facility that was disproportionate to its needs: classroom space for 120, sanctuary space for 80 and fellowship hall space for 40. Membership would grow to capacity and then shrink back in attendance and participation.

Church leaders knew for many years they needed to address this issue. Their attendance at a Church Growth Practicum held by Washington Conference provided a catalyst to move forward.

For His Glory men's singing group performs for the grand opening of Port Angeles Church.

HEIDI BAUMGARTNER



The congregation purchased an established church building in 2011 in downtown Port Angeles. "With our old church, we had 25 cars go by a day," says Jonathan Fetrick, Port Angeles Church pastor. "With our new church, we have 25 cars go by a minute."

As the oldest church in a historic area known as Cherry Hill, the new-to-them facility desperately needed to be updated and renovated. The church family set to work with their renovation plans and recruited Maranatha Volunteers International to help them achieve their goal.

"We gutted the existing facility and just added half as much as was existing," says Fetrick. "Half of the building is new; half is gutted and renovated."

The renovated and proportionate building features comfortable space for 120 people throughout the sanctuary, four classrooms and fellowship hall. A pastor's study, large kitchen, parent rooms and handicap-accessible restrooms round out the facility's features. Each Sabbath the church averages an attendance of 50 people.

"We were intentional about balancing the parts of the building," Fetrick says. "Our goal is to grow the congregation to two services each Sabbath with 100 people attending each service."

The church celebrated its grand opening with an afternoon gospel concert in mid-September attended by 150 guests. Members plan to host Bible prophecy meetings, health and wellness classes, and community concerts in their oldest new church facility in town.

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*



More photos online at [glnr.in/1w3UKJM](http://glnr.in/1w3UKJM).

## BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY



TIMMY KOSAKA

More than 300 Pathfinders and staff came to Sunset Lake Camp for their annual camporee featuring great music, inspiring messages, a spirited game of stalk and concealment, and not one drop of rain ... now that's remarkable!



TIMMY KOSAKA

Ever since returning from Junior Camp at Sunset Lake, Cymbelene Rogers talked about getting baptized. It had been her dream since she saw her first baptism at 3 and a half years old. At this year's Pathfinder Camporee her dream became a reality as she began her journey with Jesus in front of more than 300 Pathfinders and staff.



ANGELA PIERCE

Andreas Beccai holds the audience spellbound with an animated retelling of the creation story at this year's Adventurer Family Camp at Sunset Lake Camp.

## SKAGIT VALLEY ASSISTS PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT



More photos online at  
[glnr.in/1vRUzkU](http://glnr.in/1vRUzkU).

**N**ot many are thinking about homelessness on a bright, sunny, warm summer day, but Sept. 11 found North Cascade Church members, Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) juniors and seniors along with three teachers, and two Adventist home-schooling families participating in Project Homeless Connect in the Skagit Valley area.

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is a one-day, annual event that “provides an opportunity to connect families and individuals experiencing homelessness to health and community services that establish

North Cascade Church members (from left) Kathy Turner, Cindy Hartley and Linda Foster prepare a booth to distribute toiletry bags.



Ashlyn Habenicht, SAA student, holds a baby while a mother looks for needed clothing.

pathways to ongoing recovery and prosperity,” according to the project’s website, [skagitprojecthomelessconnect.org](http://skagitprojecthomelessconnect.org).

Coordinated by North Cascade Church member Cindy Hartley, church families provided supplies and staff for two booths. Hartley reports church members donated 175 backpacks, which were in high demand with all backpacks handed out within the first two hours. Church members and local businesses also donated enough supplies to fill 450 toiletries bags. “These always go fast,” Hartley explains, having worked with this event in previous years. “PHC doesn’t end until 4 p.m., but all these bags will be gone by about 1 o’clock.”

While some of the SAA

students and home-school families sorted and organized donated clothes and shoes, other students helped set up booths, moved trash and recycle bins, and carried food and water to the volunteers. A couple of the church members and home-school parents worked as guides by directing

guests to the different services available. When asked why they participated this year, Dana Schafer, home-school parent of three, responded, “My son really wanted to participate after watching the slide presentation at church of last year’s event.”

Being a mostly outdoor event, guests and volunteers enjoyed perfect weather, but for the homeless these supplies and services will especially be useful in the coming days when the weather is far less perfect. This year’s numbers aren’t in yet, but Skagit PHC reports that, in 2013, more than 800 families and individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless got connected to more than 100 service providers and members in the local community.

*Sharon Wilson, North Cascade Church communication leader*

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Green Lake youth repackage 3,800 pounds of oats for 2,923 meals.

## GREEN LAKE YOUTH SERVE WITH PURPOSE

**P**artnering with God can be daunting. There seems to be more want than need and less concern than apathy, and the sheer magnitude of inequity can stifle rather than inspire us to action.

The youth of Green Lake Church engaged in a midsummer week of service in greater Seattle to alleviate want in their community.

The week began at Queen Anne Food Bank, where the church donated 50 pounds of quality food to replenish the food bank's pantries. The group

Green Lake youth work together as a team to give a week of service to the community.



ANDREAS BECCAI

helped clean the building, pick up trash, mop floors, clean a van and organize food donations.

Youth volunteers next spent time at Northwest Harvest and repackaged 3,800 pounds of oats for 2,923 meals. For the third service project, youth helped Cypress Adventist School prepare the grounds for another school year.

For the fourth and final project, the volunteers spent three hours at World Vision's distribution warehouse in Fife, processing old Vacation Bible School programs to be recycled or reused.

Between projects the team cooled off in the Puget Sound, boated with church members and went to a water park, among other activities.

Participants learned they cannot change everything but can change some things, and Green Lake Church hopes to make this week of service an annual event.

*Andreas Beccai, Green Lake Church associate pastor*

## 'AIN'T NOBODY ASLEEP' FOR AAA WEEK OF PRAYER

**I**t's become a cultural sign of teenagers paying attention when cell phones are pocketed to listen to a presentation.

No phones were out and no voices were heard during Auburn Adventist Academy's (AAA) week of prayer as Ron Sydney, an international speaker and pastor at All Nations Church in Federal Way, spoke.

In his week-long presentation, he used Biblical messages to preach heavy, tough topics

Ron Sydney helps Auburn Adventist Academy students see Bible stories in an engaging and interesting way.



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“playing” with temptation, how much God values us and victory through Jesus Christ. “I’ve learned that Satan desires us, not wants or needs us. He wants to put us permanently on his side, not God’s side,” says Jordan Hauge, a freshman from Tacoma.

“Everyone is at the edge of their seats, man . . . Ain’t nobody asleep,” said Ahsan Rogers, a sophomore from Puyallup.

During an altar call on Thursday, the majority of the students came forward. They really connected with the message that no matter what their past has been, God doesn’t condemn and He accepts people where they are.

The week of prayer concluded with a day of service in the community and a church service during which Sydney challenged teenagers and adults to “dig deeper” in God’s Word.

*Melissa Siahaan, Auburn Adventist Academy senior*

Ron Sydney (right) talks with Auburn Adventist Academy during week of prayer about being “Salt and Light.”

with which young people could relate.

“I really like how he presents Bible lessons in a new light,” says Emily Ellis, associated student body spiritual vice president.

Sydney talked about

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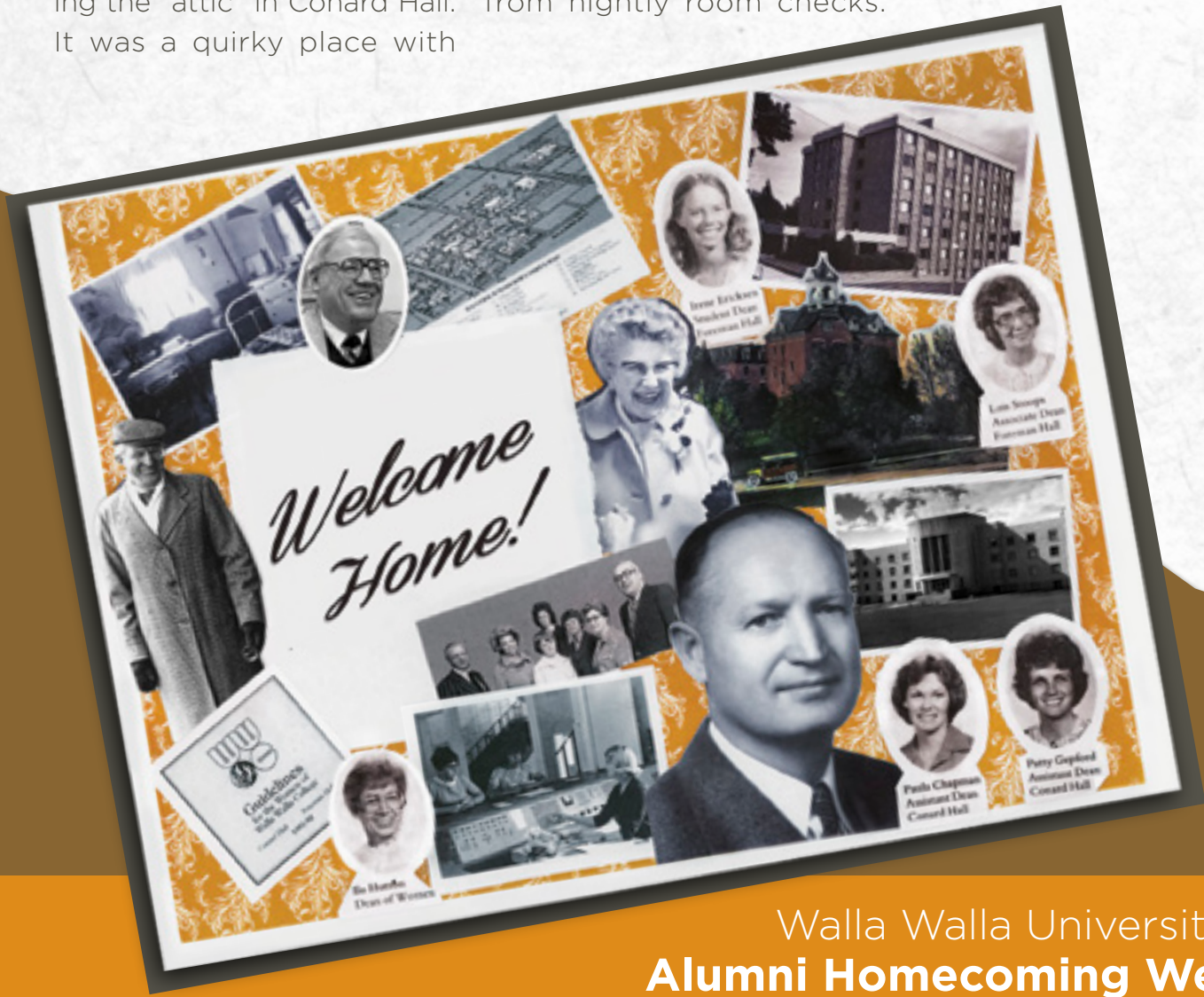
**W**elcome Home! WWU will celebrate Deans and RA's of Conard, Sit-tner, Meske and Foreman Halls during Alumni Homecoming 2015. Helaina Boulieris '84 recalls: "Fall started early for Resident Assistants during our annual retreat. Ilo Hut-ton, head dean of women, set the tone for the coming year. 'Connect with the women on your hall. Make it like a home. Be there to listen, encour-age, and pray with them.' I spent two years oversee-ing the "attic" in Conard Hall. It was a quirky place with

oddy-shaped rooms tucked away from the beaten path of dorm life. Hall worships were a good time to touch base. Was someone struggling with a class? Did someone

**"Be there to listen, encourage, and pray with them."**

get engaged! Was someone homesick? We helped each other with big and little things that made up college life. The best memories came from nightly room checks.

I would wish goodnight and sweet dreams to all my girls. Then I would head down to Hutton's office where she would wish the same for me." Home away from home - the memories of resident life on a college/university campus. Join us as we give special recognition to this group of leaders at the Alumni Ban-quet, April 23, 2015. Other events include celebrat-ing the 35th anniversary of the Engineering Egg Drop.



Walla Walla University  
**Alumni Homecoming Weekend**  
April 23-26, 2015



## BILLINGS CAMPUS TO DEVELOP MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

The Alliance of Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Health-care, RiverStone Health and other partners received a \$1.5 million federal grant in mid-September that will be awarded over the next three years. Walla Walla University's Master's of Social Work extension campus in Billings, Mont., received \$94,780 of that grant. Walla Walla's specific role is to implement a mental health clinic on the Walla Walla University Master's of Social Work Billings campus that addresses mental health services in Yellowstone County. In addition to the Billings campus, the Walla Walla School of Social Work and Sociology offers a master's program in Missoula, Mont., and both bachelor's and master's programs in College Place, Wash.

"This clinic has been an answer to prayer and a realization of a dream," says Pam Bing Perry, the Billings campus program coordinator. "Our clinic will especially focus on serving the residents in our neighborhood, as well as others in Yellowstone County."

The existing Billings campus will host the new clinic through the addition of clinic space in each of the classrooms. These classrooms are normally in use only on Mondays. After



Walla Walla University's Billings, Mont., campus will open a mental health clinic thanks to a grant received in September.

the changes, these rooms will act as classrooms on Mondays and serve as a clinic on Tuesday through Thursday.

Perry envisioned the original proposal three years ago and spearheaded the proposal submission for the grant with the assistance of Dan Yazak, WWU Billings professor, and Sheila Dockter, Billings' campus office manager. This grant, called the DE-STRESS (Development of Systems for Trauma-Response Education and Supportive Solutions) Project, enables the Alliance to provide a broad spectrum of treatments for those at risk for or experiencing trauma, with trauma-informed education and trauma-responsive system development. Additionally, this grant enables the Alliance to engage with the community

in a coordinated response to adverse childhood experiences through trauma-informed responses to improve physical and mental health of the citizens of Yellowstone County.

The Alliance conducted a survey of the county residents in 2004 and found that Yellowstone County residents demonstrated negative trends in areas including mental health status, overall health status, adult obesity prevalence, teen suicide attempts, births to unwed mothers, infant death rate, unintentional injury deaths, children's screen time, chronic drinking, drug-induced deaths and smokeless tobacco use.

This grant will enable the School of Social Work to more

directly minister to the needs of the Yellowstone County community residents as well as provide clinical training for Master's of Social Work students. Perry says, "We are very grateful and blessed for this opportunity to serve and teach through this clinic ministry."

*Rachel Wood, Walla Walla University's Office of University Relations writer*



Pam Bing Perry spearheaded the effort to open the mental health clinic on the Billings campus. ▶



Cliff and Alice Heagy

**Heagy 60th**

Cliff and Alice Heagy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 16, 2014, with a reception at the Walla Walla City Church in Walla Walla, Wash.

While at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., one snowy evening in November 1953, a young man named Clifford Harry Heagy hit a pretty girl with a snowball, so she washed his face with snow.

After the snowball fight, Cliff “just happened” to drive past the academy every day when Alice Lorraine Metcalf got out of class. He learned her name, and they became better and better friends and fell in love.

On March 16, 1954, Cliff and Alice were married in the nearby Meadow Glade Church. Cliff left the sawmill industry two years later and spent the next 25 years working in the veteran’s hospital.

Alice stayed at home to care for their growing family: Glenden born in 1955, Barbara in 1956, Donna in 1957, David in 1959, Gary in 1962 and Clinton in 1969, whom they later adopted. When Gary was 3 she worked in a nursing home and later in hospitals and a doctor’s office. The couple committed to providing a Christian education for their children, no matter the sacrifice, but made sure one parent was always home with the children.

In 1984, Cliff and Alice became retirement center managers and served 23 years at various places in California, Oregon and Washington.

Cliff and Alice are the proud grandparents of 17 of “the most precious grandchildren in the world” and 11 great-grandchildren. It is their greatest desire to see each family member saved eternally in God’s soon-coming kingdom.

**Koehn 60th**

Walt and Donna Koehn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 5, 2014, at a dinner with family and photos on the beach of Maui, Hawaii.

Waldemar Koehn and Donna L. Chadwick met at Harris Pine Mills when Walt threw a snowball at Donna. Six months later they were married at the Pendleton Church in Pendleton, Ore., on June 6, 1954.

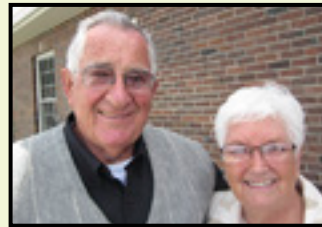
Shortly after, Walt became a naturalized citizen of the United State after immigrating from Germany right after World War II. Eventually, Walt earned a master’s degree from Pacific Union College (PUC) in Angwin, Calif., and taught at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon, Takoma Academy in Maryland and Auburn Adventist Academy in Washington over the next 30 years until he retired in 1999.

Donna became a dean of women while living at Thunderbird Academy in Arizona and continued on as dean of Graf Hall for five years at PUC while Walt attended college, and then at Laurelwood Academy, Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in Maryland and finally Auburn Adventist Academy.

Then the newly retired couple moved to Cottage Grove, Ore., in June 1999 and have since been active in the Cottage Grove Church, have gone on several mission trips and continue to sponsor students through Adventist schools.

The Koehn family includes Allen and Stephanie Koehn of Sydney, Australia; Barba-

ra and Jim Riske of Puyallup, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Their family says, “Thank you for your great Christian marriage example and for being such a great Opa and GG to your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.”



John and Kathy Smith

**Smith 60th**

John and Kathy Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2014. John H. Smith and Kathleen Doleman met at Walla Walla College in 1952 and were married in Cottage Grove, Ore., on June 3, 1954.

During their first year of married life they returned to Chicago, Ill., where John finished his Doctor of Optometry degree at Northern Illinois College of Optometry. Kathy worked at the American Bar Association during his schooling. Following his graduation they moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1956 where he spent 35 years practicing optometry. Kathy was a stay-at-home mom, and after the girls left for academy she assisted with the everyday operations of the office.

Since retirement in 1991, John and Kathy have enjoyed their summer months in Spokane, and they spend the winters in the Palm Springs, Calif., area. They are active members of the Spokane Central Church.

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

**Wohlers 50th**

Bob and Earlene Wohlers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 2014, with a reception at the Chehalis (Wash.) Church.

Earlene R. Parmele was born in McMinnville, Ore., and later lived in Taft, Toledo, Hood River and Pendleton, Ore. She attended Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., for one year then worked in Hollywood, Calif., before coming back to Walla Walla, Wash., where she met and married Bob. She attended Adventist schools all her life.

J. Robert “Bob” Wohlers was born in Benton Harbor, Mich., and lived at Berrien Springs, Mich., and at Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind., while his father stationed in New Guinea while in the Army. Bob attended Adventist schools from first grade through dental school. His family moved all over the country, from California and Washington, D.C., to Texas, Tennessee and College Place, Wash., where he met Earlene.

They married Aug. 30, 1964. The couple lived in many locations, including California, Hawaii, Japan and Washington.

Bob opened a dental practice in Mossyrock, Wash., on Nov. 14, 1974, and closed that office in 1989. Bob purchased another practice in Chehalis in 1985 and ran both offices for four years. He still runs his dental practice in Chehalis. While living in Mossyrock they were members of the Morton Church and helped build Morton Adventist School, where their children attended.

The Wohlers family includes Wendy and Kurt Kleppe of Bothell, Wash.; Nicole and Doug Kiger of Lake Tapps, Wash.; Jeremy Wohlers and Hilary Huff of Yakima, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.



## FAMILY BIRTHS

**ALLDIS** — James Ralph was born June 28, 2013, to Bruce and Connie (Anderson) Alldis, Centralia, Wash.

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**DAVIS** — Matthew Isaiah was born Sept. 11, 2014, to Joseph and Jacquelyn (Hester) Davis, Priest River, Idaho.

**HAYES** — Koen Robert was born July 3, 2014, to Alan M. and Heidi D. (Schnibbe) Hayes, Spokane, Wash.

**LOUCKS** — Kyle Caden was born Feb. 28, 2014, to Brandon and Brenda (Atkins) Loucks, Kirkland, Wash.

**MOOR** — Cameron Devitt was born Sept. 17, 2014, to Steve and Allison (Schmidt) Moor, Portland, Ore.

**MURPHY** — Linley Claire was born Aug. 26, 2014, to Shawn and Traci (Pline) Murphy, Boise, Idaho.

**ZOLLBRECHT** — Elsie Glacier was born Sept. 4, 2014, to Les and Marschelle (Bowes) Zollbrecht, Portland, Ore.

## FAMILY WEDDINGS

### FISCHER-MINTON

Macy Fischer and Wes Minton were married May 18, 2014, in Talent, Ore. They are making their home in Medford, Ore.

### KANDOLL-KELLEY

KaraLeigh Elizabeth Kandoll and Dustin Bryant Kelley were married June 29, 2014, in Vancouver, Wash. They are making their home in Pasco, Wash. KaraLeigh is the daughter of Wes and Maretta (Haynes) Kandoll. Dustin is the son of Les and Debbie (Lee) Kelley.

## FAMILY AT REST

**ACKERMAN** — Dorice Esther (Reith) Winn, 96; born Nov. 22, 1917, Roseburg, Ore.; died July 14, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Surviving: husband, Alfred Vernon Winn, St. Helena, Calif.; son, Paul Ackerman, Medford, Ore.; stepsons, Alfred Winn Jr., Lebanon, Penn.; Kenneth Winn, Citrus Heights, Calif.; daughters, Judy (Ackerman) Nash, Lodi; Margaret (Ackerman) Taggart, Rancho Mirage, Calif.; sisters, Margaret (Reith) Lund, Zionsville, Ind.; Lorraine (Reith) Stroup, Orange, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**ALSTON** — Ilene (Uldrikson), 100; born April 14, 1914, Rushville, Neb.; died July 25, 2014, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sister, Betty Royce, Tigard, Ore.

**BERGREN** — Betty (Misner), 94; born Dec. 4, 1919, Tenino, Wash.; died April 11, 2014, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Jim, Harlowton, Mont.; Terry, Kennesaw, Ga.; daughters, Joan Bunch, Vancouver, Wash.; Peggy Chambers, Yakima, Wash.; and Dee Bergren-Hall, Olympia.

**BESOLA** — Erik Paul, 56; born Dec. 9, 1957, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; died March 12, 2014, Enterprise, Ore. Surviving: mother, Ricarda McConnell, Enterprise; and sister, Gretchen Piper, Enterprise.

**BLAIR** — Alma M. (Lemley), 87; born Feb. 8, 1927, Harrah, Wash.; died July 7, 2014, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Richard; 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**BRUNER** — Freida (Coberly), 94; born Dec. 1, 1919, Caldwell, Idaho; died June 19, 2014, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: son, Dale, Pendleton; a grandchild, 2 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

**BUTLER** — Kendall Dale, 87; born July 28, 1925, Clear Lake, Wis.; died June 29, 2013, Bend, Ore. Surviving: son, Marvin, Bend; daughter, Rhonda Griswold, Wellsville, Utah; brother, Robert, Yreka, Calif.; sister, Rosalie Power, Fairfield, Mont.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**CORNELL** — Mildred Lucy (Sheffer), 94; born March 1, 1919, Visalia, Calif.; died Feb. 24, 2014, Kirkland, Wash. Surviving: son, Richard, Redmond, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**DIAS** — Amilia Preston (Hurst), 75; born July 20, 1939, Pomona, Calif.; died July 22, 2014, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, David and William, both of Merlin, Ore.; daughters, Laurene Dias, Grants Pass; Anne Powell, of Texas; brother, George Hurst, Grants Pass; sisters, Zenda Brown and Shana Hurst, both of Colorado; and Penny Henderson, of California.

**HERSEY** — David, 59; born June 3, 1955, Wenatchee, Wash.; died June 6, 2014, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sue (Brussman); stepsons, Steven Shaul and Shane Brussman, both of Yakima; brother, Larry, Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Carolyn Nelson, Yakima; Barbara Hersey and Sharon Hersey, both of Seattle, Wash.; Janice Hersey, Yakima; and a grandchild.

**HOLDEN** — Ruby May (Davis) Pace, 82; born Nov. 3, 1931, Silt, Colo.; died July 1, 2014, Pendleton Ore. Surviving: sons, Clint Pace, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Dusty Pace and Roy Pace, both of Pendleton; daughter, Tina May (Pace) Marshall, Mt. Vernon, Ore.; sister, Pearl Holbrook, Pendleton; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**JORDAN** — Ada Melvina (Newell), 88; born Feb. 27, 1925, Hope, N.D.; died Oct. 19, 2013, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Dan, Tacoma, Wash.; Daryl and Dwight, both of Olympia; daughter, Diane Brown, Tumwater, Wash.; brother, Bryce Newell, British Columbia, Canada; sister, Donna Lindstrom, Pasco, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**LAWSON** — Sandra "Sani" Lee (McMillan), 73; born Dec. 17, 1940, Glenns Ferry, Idaho; died June 26, 2014, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Phil; sons, Bruce, Jamieson, Ore.; Morey, Eagle, Idaho; Dinn, Meridian, Idaho; and 8 grandchildren.

**LOGAN** — Eva Joyce (Webb), 89; born June 3, 1925, Lawrence County, Tenn.; died July 17, 2014, Bakersfield, Calif. Surviving: sons, Jeffrey, of Virginia; Jonathan, of California; daughters, Karen Stewart and Kathy Mosesian, both of California; Sheila Gereaux, of Oregon; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

**LUCAS** — Ivy Eleanor (Cain), 94; born Nov. 10, 1919, Brainerd, Minn.; died July 16, 2014, Lacey, Wash. Surviving: son, Leonard, Fairbanks, Alaska; daughter, Lois Lucas, Lacey; brother, Don Cain, Medford, Ore.; sisters, Mardelle McManaman, Monmouth, Ore.; Lois Herbig, Missoula, Mont.; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

**MARTIN** — Sam, 58; born Feb. 20, 1956, Valle De Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico; died June 2, 2014, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Josefina (Barragan); sons, Sam and Robert, both of Medford; Joey, Hood River, Ore.; daughter, Ana Martin, Medford; and 2 grandchildren.

**MOORE** — Richard, 79; born Nov. 21, 1934, Wallowa, Ore.; died June 3, 2014, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Irene.

**MUSTARD** — Darlene Fay (Kerth) Towne, 79; born Dec. 24, 1934, Portland, Ore.; died June 6, 2014, Edmonds, Wash. Surviving: sons, Duane Towne, Walla Walla, Wash.; David Mustard, Portland; daughters, Denise “Suzie” Towne and Donna (Mustard) Bond, both of Lynnwood, Wash.; Darla (Mustard) Colchester-Cook, Walla Walla; 3 grandchildren and a grandchild.

**NEITZEL** — Stevenne Lois, 89; born Nov. 22, 1924, Tulare, S.D.; died July 1, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: brother, Carl Neitzel, Manchester, Wash.; and sister, Thelma Martin, Bellingham, Wash.

**PAGE** — John, 78; born March 10, 1936, Los Angeles, Calif.; died July 27, 2014, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Sandy (Pittman) Randolph; stepson, Jay Randolph, Grants Pass; daughter, Elizabeth Page, Nampa, Idaho; stepdaughters, Cristal Randolph and Cindy Betchik, both of Grants Pass; stepbrothers, Joseph S. Antonucci, Tuolumne, Calif.; Michael Antonucci, Visalia, Calif.; sister, Jacqueline Juarez, San Jose, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

**PAYNE** — Arthur Thomas, 93; born Oct. 13, 1920; died April 6, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Arthur, Corbett, Ore.; daughter, Dawnna Payne, Beaverton, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**PESTERFIELD** — Jack Dale, 77; born Dec. 28, 1936, Tillamook, Ore.; died July 22, 2014, Sheridan, Ore. Surviving: wife, Nina (Guardipee); son, Timber, Willamina, Ore.;

daughter, Stormi Shull, Reston, Va.; brother, Leonard, Hood River, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**PRATT** — James H., 89; born June 23, 1924, Broadwater County, Mont.; died March 21, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Terry, Salem, Ore.; Daniel, Seoul, Korea; daughter, Sally Olson, Mesa, Ariz.; stepdaughter, Lenda Hedgpath, Gresham, Ore.; sister, Eva Lockwood, Alberta, Canada; 11 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

**PRATT** — Terry James, 67; born March 11, 1947, Bozeman, Mont.; died July 4, 2014, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Dick) Tomlinson, Woodburn, Ore.; son, Shannon E., Salem; stepson, Benjamin Tomlinson, Helendale, Calif.; daughter, Laura D. LaDue, Salem; stepdaughter, Shawna Dolph, Keizer, Ore.; brother, Daniel, Seoul, Korea; and sister, Sally Olson, Mesa, Ariz.; 4 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren.

**PRESSNALL** — Grace Elizabeth (Maulsby), 92; born May 25, 1922, Dodson, Mont.; died July 8, 2014, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: son, Donald L., Hebo, Ore.; brother, Stanley Maulsby, Tomah, Wis.; sisters, Daisy Alder and Helen Nussbaum, both of Callaway, Minn.; 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**REBMAN** — Dorothy Rose (Creel), 88; born March 11, 1926, Jefferson, Texas; died June 11, 2014, Woodland, Wash. Surviving: husband, John Jr., La Center, Wash.; sons, John III, Cornelius, Ore.; Mike, Goldendale, Wash.; daughters, Annette Maness, Hillsboro, Ore.; Barbara Polimeni, La

Center; 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**REED** — Bette Alice (Buell), 84; born Oct. 13, 1929, Wilder, Idaho; died March 4, 2014, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: sons, Gordie Jr. and Jeffery, both of Ontario; daughter, Pamela Drake, Nampa, Idaho; brothers, Kent Buell, of Oregon; Dwane Buell; Dexter Buell; Kenny Buell; Bill Buell; sister, Demptha Bingman, of Washington; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**RUHL** — Nancy Elizabeth (Feldkamp), 62; born June 26, 1951, Los Gatos, Calif.; died March 10, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Brian, Beaverton, Ore.; son, Ben D., Forest Grove, Ore.; daughter, Jennifer Colby, Beaverton; brothers, David Feldkamp, Angelus Oaks, Calif.; Gordon Feldkamp, Loma Linda, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

**SEGURA** — Judith Annette (Bonnot), 72; born Aug. 11, 1941, Los Angeles, Calif.; died May 20, 2014, Dallas, Ore. Surviving: sons, Phillip, Dallas; Steven, Bend, Ore.; Timothy, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

**SMURZYNSKI** — Tanya M. (Chapman), 40; born Feb. 13, 1974, Portland, Ore.; died May 20, 2014, Medford, Ore. Surviving: husband, Rick, Gold Hill, Ore.; and daughters, Simone and Lily, both of Gold Hill.

**SOLANKY** — Sidney Ethiel, 72; born April 20, 1942, Surat, India; died June 29, 2014, Newberg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Padina (Mohito), McMinnville, Ore.; sons, O’Neill, McMinnville; Kenneth, Loma Linda, Calif.; daughter, Snahal Solanky, McMinnville; brothers, Arthur, Chatsworth, Calif.; and Subhash, Loma Linda.

**VAN TASSEL** — Lowell Dean, 90; born Jan. 10, 1924, Terrebonne, Ore.; died July 19, 2014, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Carol Libke, Walla Walla, Wash.; Sheri Odom, Redmond, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**WAGNER** — Patricia Jo (Weatherbee), 72; born May 11, 1942, Gooding, Idaho; died July 23, 2014, Rainier, Ore. Surviving: husband, William “Bill” J. Jr.; daughters, Beverly Hamlik, Kelso, Wash.; Cynthia Wagner, Seattle, Wash.; stepdaughter, Tami (Wagner) Mathews, Portland, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, a step-grandchild and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

**WOOD** — David Kelly, 82; born Oct. 1, 1931, Waterville, Wash.; died July 27, 2014, Waterville. Surviving: wife, Ann Wood; sons, Kelly, Kevin and Brian, all of Waterville; Brian, Wenatchee, Wash.; Brett, Entiat, Wash.; brothers, Jerry, Entiat; Mike, Wenatchee; John, East Wenatchee, Wash.; sister, Wanda Smith, Wenatchee; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

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- Nov. 15** — Local Church Budget;
- Nov. 22** — Local Conference Advance;
- Nov. 29** — North American Division Evangelism.

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## Walla Walla University

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- Dec. 12** — WWU Christmas Concert, University Church at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.;
- Jan. 5, 2015** — Winter Quarter classes begin.

## Oregon

### PAA Honors Linda Neel

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Juneau	3:55	3:40	3:27	3:16
Ketchikan	3:58	3:45	3:34	3:25
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>				
Boise	5:29	5:22	5:15	5:11
La Grande	4:33	4:25	4:18	4:13
Pocatello	5:16	5:08	5:02	4:58
<b>MONTANA CONFERENCE</b>				
Billings	4:54	4:45	4:38	4:33
Havre	4:51	4:42	4:34	4:28
Helena	5:06	4:57	4:50	4:44
Miles City	4:41	4:33	4:26	4:20
Missoula	5:13	5:04	4:57	4:51
<b>OREGON CONFERENCE</b>				
Coos Bay	5:02	4:54	4:48	4:44
Medford	4:59	4:51	4:45	4:41
Portland	4:51	4:42	4:35	4:31
<b>UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE</b>				
Pendleton	4:35	4:27	4:20	4:15
Spokane	4:24	4:15	4:08	4:02
Walla Walla	4:32	4:24	4:17	4:12
Wenatchee	4:37	4:28	4:20	4:15
Yakima	4:40	4:31	4:24	4:18
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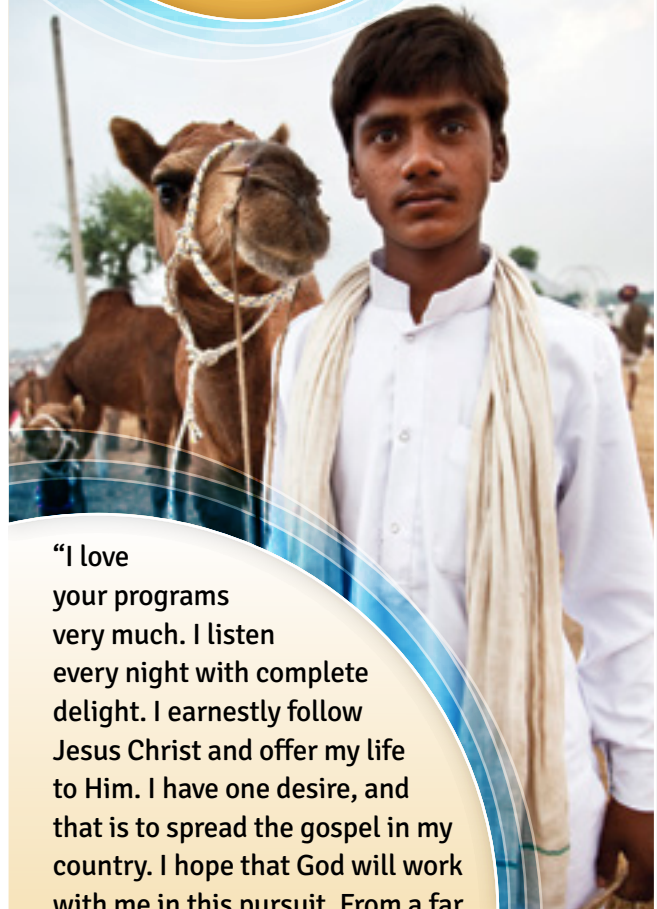
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# ELLEN ... BEYOND THE MIRROR

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y the time you read this article, the manuscript for my new book, *Ellen White for Teens*, will be resting in the capable editorial hands of Pacific Press. I hope. In the meantime, however, I am immersed in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. The book seeks to introduce, and in some cases re-introduce, the dear lady to people who may not be fans — either because they don't know about her or they have been harassed by people who know too much about her.

Due to my saturation of “SOP” stories, I thought I would share a little something I came across in my research that struck me as a “warm fuzzy” orchestrated by God to help a little girl struggling with her view of God — and her view of herself.

As most avid Ellen readers know, when she was 9 years old, a classmate chucked a rock at her face. After being struck with the stone, Ellen faded in and out of consciousness as she was brought to a local store for help. Ellen, despite suffering from concussion at the time, remembers, “My garments were covered with blood, which was pouring from my nose and streaming over the floor.”<sup>1</sup>

She even refused a ride home for fear of bleeding all over the owner's carriage.

During recovery she agonized over many things — whether she would live, the state of her soul, and family friends who would check in and offer sentiments such as “what a pity,” “she's ruined” and “I don't

recognize her.”<sup>2</sup> These words stung, and Ellen made the decision to ask for a mirror to see her reflection.

What she saw shocked her. The shattered bones in her nose and bruises seemed to change every feature of her face. She couldn't recognize the face looking back at her — and she didn't want to live. Ellen was also losing weight and, in her words, was “reduced to a skeleton.”

It was this fractured little figure that would greet Robert Harmon, as he returned from a trip to Georgia. Robert had no idea what had befallen his youngest daughter. Upon his arrival home, all the Harmon kids raced into his arms — except Ellen. Robert looked around the room and asked where his daughter was.



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In that moment, Ellen “was forced to learn the bitter lesson that our personal appearance often makes a difference in the treatment we receive from our companions.” Robert’s wife pointed to a little person timidly shrinking back from what should have been a joyful reunion.

“Is ... is that my little Ellen?”

Her own father had failed to recognize her — and it broke her heart.

Skip ahead five years (and a dozen dark nights of the soul), and we find a 14-year-old Ellen on summer vacation with her family — at the Methodist camp meeting 16 miles away



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in Buxton. While normally this kind of family vacation pales in comparison with Disney World — for the spiritually drowning Ellen, this was exactly what she needed.

During a sermon on the book of Esther (where the queen approaches the king hoping to see the scepter of approval), Ellen connected with the words, “I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish” (Esther 4:6). The speaker used these words to encourage confidence in those scared to approach Jesus.

Ellen also heard him say that waiting to make yourself a better person before coming to Jesus was a “fatal mistake.” He even called out as a mistake that people had to make “some wonderful effort” in order to receive God’s forgiveness.

The only thing hindering Ellen from having her view of God erupting in sparkling

colors of grace and love was the lack of “second blessing” Methodism taught. This was the idea that a person had to have some electrifying spiritual rush after they gave their heart to God — which meant they had been “sanctified” or made perfect.

Without that experience she didn’t dare think Jesus accepted her. Yet she went forward anyway, with Esther’s words becoming her own prayer. As she did, she felt her troubles vanish — which scared her — and she tried to pick them back up again.

Some people don’t feel like they are spiritual unless they are “burdened.” Ellen went so far as to think she had no right to feel joy and happiness. Jesus seemed very near to Ellen in that moment — suddenly she realized instead of withholding her sadness, confusion and troubles from Him, she could hand them over and He would take

them. Finally she felt assured of Jesus’ love towards people who don’t feel so good about how their life has been going.

One of the ladies at the meeting saw Ellen praying and asked her if she had found Jesus. Before she could answer, the woman said, “Yes, indeed you have! His peace is with you, I see it in your face!” There had been a time when her own earthly father had not recognized her face, and it was devastating — now her face was recognized by a stranger as shining with the love of her heavenly Father, and it was liberating.

1. Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 11.
2. *Ibid.*

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# TWICE THANKFUL

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f all our holidays, perhaps none retains spiritual meaning amid the secularization of society like Thanksgiving. Less spoiled by commercialism and selfishness, Thanksgiving brings out the best in our faltering national spirit. Families gather for a feast, often shared with those who have no families. It's traditional to sit around the table and express thanks for favorite blessings.

As Thanksgiving 2014 approaches, which of God's blessings are you particularly grateful for? Quite possibly Jesus Himself is at the top of your list, as the Gift of all gifts. Paul exclaimed, "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15, ESV).

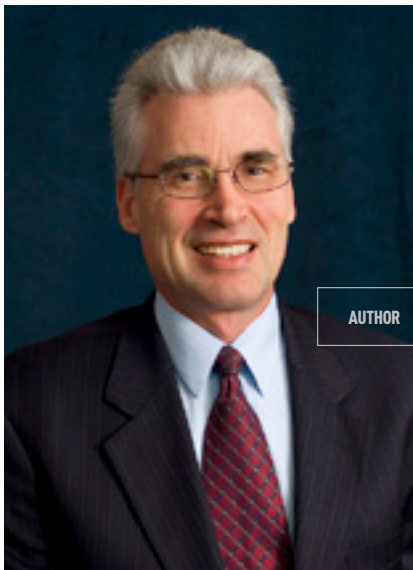
Christ came to Earth as God's Word made flesh, and now by His Spirit He brings to life God's written Word. Therein heaven's love is revealed, with divine promises to guide and care for us throughout earthly pilgrimage.

We all have favorite Bible verses that have become as friends to us, helping us navigate our darkest valleys. Such Scriptures become embroidered into our individual life-stories.

During my own journey, two passages have stood out among other beloved Scriptures, one from each Testament. I'll share them, in case you are curious.

## PS. 73:22–26

*I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast toward You. Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward You will receive*



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*me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

I love Psalm 73 because so often I find myself clueless and ignorant, not discerning what to do any more than a creature of the woods could. (Just like the cat resting on my lap, who has no idea what I'm typing to you.) Even when panicked in perplexities of our own making, we may be sure God is with us. He holds us by the hand like the affectionate, caring father some of us never had. Beyond that, He solves our ignorance problem by guiding us with His wisdom, through His indwelling Spirit.

And there's more. After life on Earth has ended, He wants us





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Ps. 73:26

to enjoy eternity with Him. I think you can see why I love Psalm 73.

By the way, that Psalm was not written by David, but by his worship leader, Asaph. We don't know much about Asaph, except that he served David “by giving constant praise and thanks to the Lord” (1 Chron. 16:4–5). In other words, his occupation was praising God.

How would you like to have a job like that? Well, you do. All of us live unto the praise and glory of God. It's in that context that He equips us in the Spirit for selfless service.

Now, here's my favorite New Testament Scripture — the apostle Paul's final testimony:

**2 TIM. 4:16–18**

*At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

I love this for several reasons. First, it keeps me from indulging in self-pity when feeling let down or abandoned because even when people desert us, God stands with us to strengthen us. Somehow He manages to communicate

His grace and truth through us, despite all the pain and confusion we go through.

Not only that, He continually rescues us from the lion (meaning the devil — see 1 Peter 5:8) and from every evil deed (literally, every painful event). And once again, as with my favorite Psalm, we have God getting us safely into His heavenly kingdom.

That's assurance of His salvation, for which we will glorify Him forever.

I love Psalm 73 and 2 Timothy 4 with their glorious assurances of a God who “comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which

we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:4).

Amid whatever dilemmas and sorrows that may be yours this Thanksgiving season, I pray God will help you experience, and also communicate, the comfort of His loving presence. And if life is going great for you right now, please invite someone to share those blessings with you.

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## BELONGING

**J**im and Harold stood chatting on either side of the fence between their adjoining yards. They'd been best friends forever, and this was where small talk occasionally drifted into

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deeper waters. Today was no exception.

"Remember recess time back in grade school?" said Jim.

"Sure," replied Harold, "every time Sheri asks me to take out the garbage."

"I loved it," continued Jim. "The bell would ring, and we couldn't get outside fast enough!"

"Yeah, but you were one of the guys that were good at everything," sighed Harold. "First one picked every time on the team. I was the unlucky one standing until there was no other choice."

"Didn't seem to slow you down too much in life," retorted Jim. In his heyday, Harold had been president of his own

high-tech firm, which in turn had been swallowed up by a multinational company for several hundred million smackers. "A lot of us who thought we were big stuff in school ended up working for guys like you. Our muscle cells exceeded our brain cells."

"Ah," chuckled Harold, "good buddy, you were smarter than you looked."

"Kind of sticks with you, though," he continued. "Being the last one chosen makes you feel like you don't really belong. 'You're on the team, pal, but go sit down there on the end of the bench. Don't call us, we'll call you.' Sure, you're there with the gang, but no one really wants you there. You're not an asset; you're a liability."

"We talked about that at the men's Bible study last weekend," said Jim. "Seems to me we've got to have clear standards on who gets to claim membership on God's team, or else the quality of our church will suffer. We can't have people on board that misrepresent Christ or His mission. We can't just open the gates and say 'Olee olee in come free,' can we?"

"Well, I'm a walking testimony of those who were once considered to be substandard,"

said Harold. "But, given the right environment, things changed. In my opinion, church should be the place where things change, where God is able to move us beyond status quo. I'm not sure it's up to us to decide who gets to be on God's team. That's His work. Paul was a persecutor and murderer. Peter, a loose cannon. David, a philanderer. Would you have chosen them?"

"Okay," replied Jim. "Touché. But what do you do with someone who wants to define their own terms? You know, 'accept me the way I am, or else.'"

"I hear you," said Harold. "God's Word has got to be our benchmark. But we humans sometimes forget that God sends the Holy Spirit to everyone, not just those that measure up in our eyes."

"And, more often than not," he mused, "the Spirit convicts someone like me. Someone who'd be the last person we'd pick, standing there at the end of the line."

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# Do I matter anymore?

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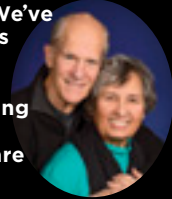
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