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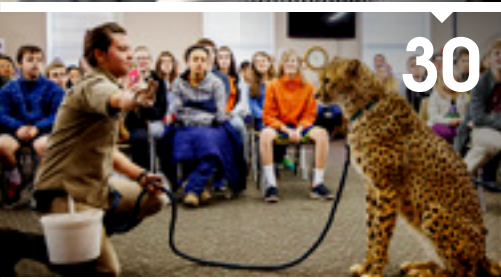


For he was looking forward to  
the city with foundations, whose  
architect and builder is God.  
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## THE GIANT MUST FALL

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e all face giant, challenging issues sometime in our life. We face them personally and as families, as individual churches and as a worldwide movement, as citizens and as a country.

God used a shepherd boy in ancient Israel to give us a good picture about how to handle a

All the stories of the Bible point us to Jesus.

giant challenge. Picture with me David, the anointed future king of Israel, suddenly facing the biggest challenge of his young life. We find this exciting story in 1 Samuel 17. But instead of viewing David as the hero, let's understand that God is the real hero. David's own reminder rings true: "The battle is the Lord's."

Goliath, a Philistine champion warrior almost 10 feet tall, challenges the army of Israel to send their own champion to fight him to the death. The loser will not only be dead, but the people he represents will

**John Freedman**

become slaves to serve the winner's

nation.

Goliath arrogantly defies the army of Israel and their God: "I dare you to fight me." But instead of rising to the test, the Israelite soldiers, including the

king, are paralyzed with fear. Instead of moving forward toward an opportunity for victory, they cower before the pagan challenge, afraid that they and their God are no match for one human giant.

This tense standoff wears on for 40 days and nights. Every day Goliath goes out to deliver his challenges to the Israel army: "I own you" and "You are cowards." Talk about demoralizing! Yet, God waits to send deliverance. God could have chosen anyone in the army to slay the giant, but He doesn't.

Enter the shepherd boy David. His spirit rises up against Goliath's challenge. "Who is this ungodly Philistine who is defying and mocking the army of the living God?" he asks. He's just in the nick of time. Israel's king and army have given up. They cannot and will not take up the challenge to set Israel free from reproach. But as they step back, God steps forward with the willing heart of a shepherd boy. At just the right time, God moves to set Israel free from reproach and let the world know His power. He works through David to do for Israel what they cannot do for themselves.

The giant must fall! God waits. But the giant must fall for Israel to move forward and God to be revealed for who He is. The giant must fall for the reproach to be taken away from Israel and for God to be vindicated before the world. Yet, God waits. At just the right time, He moves.

It's not our power that defeats the giants in our lives. Victory comes from beyond us — from One who provides the will and the way: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit", says the Lord."

God chose one person and worked through him that day in the valley between two mountains. The choice was God's. God also picked the timing of the deliverance and provided the means and power. God was the hero, David the willing instrument in God's hands.

If you are facing a giant today, don't just try to work up David's faith and courage. Instead, keep your eyes on Jesus. All the stories of the Bible point us to Jesus. He alone can do for us what we are not able to do for ourselves. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Allow Him to choose the means and the timing of deliverance. And then, give Him all the glory. When our human nature pushes us to rush ahead on our own agendas, remember His counsel: "Be still and know that I am the Lord." The battle belongs to the Lord.

*John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president*

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## NORTHWEST MEMBER NAMED MISS OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY 2018

For the first time in 26 years, Miss Oakwood University is from the Pacific Northwest — Kenalia Nichole Cooper, a member of the Sharon Church in Portland, Ore.

Cooper is the only girl out of a family of six, but that never stopped her from defying the odds. She comes from a large family of singers, but

found her own passion in leadership and serving others. She is a 2015 graduate of Portland Adventist Academy (PAA), where she had a thriving high school career. She served as president of the multicultural awareness club, went on a mission trip where she served the poorer islands of Fiji, became the assistant director of the gospel choir and captain of the junior varsity volleyball

Miss Oakwood University, Kenalia Nicole Cooper, and Mr. Oakwood University, Patrick Calvin Bogui.



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team, earned her way on the honor roll, and became the first African American president of the PAA student body government.

Oakwood University held its annual Mr. and Miss Oakwood Pageant on April 22, 2018. The pageant seeks to identify, develop and promote leadership within the Oakwood University community among Christian college-age men and women.

This year's theme was "Adebumi" (Royalty Has Come), focusing on making positive impacts on campus and in the community, helping to spread God's love, and being a positive image on campus.

The criteria for judging the Oakwood pageant was multilevel:

- » Campus voting (15 points) — contestants campaign for a week and voting is done online;
- » Personal interviews (30 points) — private interviews to learn each candidate's qualities, attributes, communications skills, opinions and aspirations;
- » Introduction/creative expression (20 points) — contestants describe their personality and their

career goals;

- » Talent (20 points) — contestants display their talent(s) like vocal, instrumental and drama;
- » Formal attire (15 points) — yes, the evening gown is the highlight of the night;
- » Question and answer (10 points) — an opportunity for judges to hear contestants speak extemporaneously.

With her platform ACTION (Accepting, Creativity, Together, Inspiring, Oakwoodites, Now), Cooper plans on breaking the barrier between embracing spiritual gifts and mental insecurities. Through these steps, she believes students can move past their insecurities and accept their gifts from God in hopes of developing a more inclusive campus, which can be duplicated across all other Adventist college campuses.

If you do not know Kenalia Cooper, get to know her. She is a blessing and a very bright spot for our future generation.

*Denise Williams, Sharon Church communication leader*



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WHY WHAT HAPPENED  
IN GUATEMALA

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**Sixteen young Walla Walla University students and pastoral interns learned something life-changing through their evangelistic trip to Retalhuleu, Guatemala, during spring break, March 22–April 1. They all knew it in theory, but for the first time some of them directly experienced how eternal decisions are made when the Spirit moves.**

In planning this project, César De León, North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) vice president for Hispanic ministries, set a goal of partnering these young spiritual warriors with experienced mentors. “We wanted to have them see how evangelism works in another country, to help them understand the value of allowing the Spirit to bring people to points of decisions for Christ,” he says.

Eleven students and five ministerial interns joined in this effort with De León and his wife, Carolann; John Freedman, NPUC president; Doug Bing, Washington Conference president; and David Prest, Idaho Conference president. They met each morning to review their experiences and discuss important points of growth, before heading out in the evening to 20 separate meeting in surrounding communities.

The young people learned that whenever the Word of God is presented the Spirit is present, creating opportunities for decisions. They began to understand that, while salvation is a gift, receiving that gift requires a decision — “Do you really want to make this part of your life?” They learned that every sermon should give an opportunity for eternal choices.

One of the interns came into the experience discouraged, feeling they were making no difference in the life of their church or community. During their time in Guatemala, their entire view of ministry changed. They were able to see the Spirit at work and the value of intentional evangelism — sharing the gospel and inviting people to embrace the good news for now and eternity. They have returned with new vision and hope.

“Our expectations of providing a learning and empowering experience for future and current young pastors were exceeded in Guatemala,” says De León. “We are so grateful that we could be part of what God is doing among the people there. We return with renewed energy to accomplish His mission here at home.”

## IN OTHER WORDS

### WHAT WE LEARNED

*“This mission trip helped me to understand that I should rely on God instead of myself. It is easy to think I that I have everything put together based on my education here at Walla Walla University. I assumed because I am a theology major that I know everything there is to know about evangelism. I assumed because I ‘should know,’ I believed I couldn’t be wrong. I was wrong. I found that God can use me or anyone else to serve in this area. God has control of my life, and without Him I am a nobody. I found it isn’t about my eloquence or charm or the amount of times I get to preach, but completely about God. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that should lead the way; it always has been.”*

ENRIQUE VADO, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

*“As an intern pastor, an associate pastor in the Washington conference, this proved valuable to me on a professional level. It allowed me to witness how Adventism outside of the United States and encouraged me to adapt my message to fit the people of Guatemala. It even challenged me to make appeals, or altar calls, every single night. This grew me in necessary ways that will be helpful throughout my ministerial career. This mission trip allowed me to drink from fresh waters, be nourished by other ministers (students and pastors alike), and step into the uncomfortable nature of missional preaching. As an intern pastor, I felt that the NPUC invested in myself and other young pastors and equipped us to better serve our own conferences and union. I believe I am a better-trained [and] more sensitive and nurturing pastor because of this experience. Thank you for making this possible for myself and others.”*

ABNER CAMPOS, AUBURN CITY CHURCH



## PRAYER IS THE KEY.

*“I’m sitting in a row of white, plastic lawn chairs as I pray for my final sermon in Guatemala. I begin considering how I could use an object lesson to explain the main point: the power of words. I look all around in this tin roof structure for an object that will work; my eyes fall on the bouquet of flowers in front of me. I pray, I think, then pluck one white flower from the back. Six months prior, I was expecting the sermons to make little impact. However, each morning during our testimony time, I would hear my friends share realizations about their need to depend on Jesus’ grace more than their sermons. I was floored by their stories about people thanking them in tears and bright smiles. I realized that preaching is not held back by my lack of experience or brilliance, but by my self-dependence and fear. The simple truth is really all the Spirit needs. During the appeal, I am plucking off the flower’s petals, speaking self-defeating phrases from my past. A question comes to mind: ‘Wasn’t the flower beautiful already, just as it was?’ The question chokes me up. All week I felt the weight of my insufficiencies, but the question reminds me that I do not need to be ashamed of them. Christ called me despite my weaknesses and takes pride in who He has made me to be. Tears are running down faces. Many come forward, surrendering their unhealthy thoughts. This is Jesus’ grace being sufficient.”*

AUSTIN GREER, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY







# YOUNG ADULTS ON A MISSION TO GUATEMALA



## TROY WALLACE, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Before I joined the recent North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) mission trip to Guatemala, I had never done anything specifically evangelistic. I'd especially never conducted a reaping meeting to encourage people toward spiritual, life-changing decisions. Honestly, I was a little cynical when it came to "traditional" evangelism. But I thought this project would help me see how God is working in other places outside the U.S.

I was amazed to see the level of dedication some of the Guatemalan pastors have. Some are taking care of more than 12 churches at a time, equipping the saints to run each church on their own. This was so refreshing to see, and I'm convinced it's more biblical than our pastor-centered churches in America.

Ginardo became my translator and local teammate. Ginardo is a humble man, only three years into the faith. I learned a number of things working with him. Here are several:

- » Experience isn't necessary to do God's work;
- » The Holy Spirit is doing things far beyond our abilities;
- » How people respond to spiritual things is not directly related to our "skill" at preaching;
- » Sometimes the preacher and translator are the ones most changed;
- » The bond you build with your translator is special.

The Guatemalan people were so kind and generous. I was so moved by their willingness to share in spite of their own need. Abner Campos, a Washington Conference pastor who was part of our team, was the recipient of this show of love. One of the host families brought him and the father of that house full plates of food. As Abner finished up his delicious meal, he noticed the father, who had only eaten one quarter of his



EMILY ELLIS, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

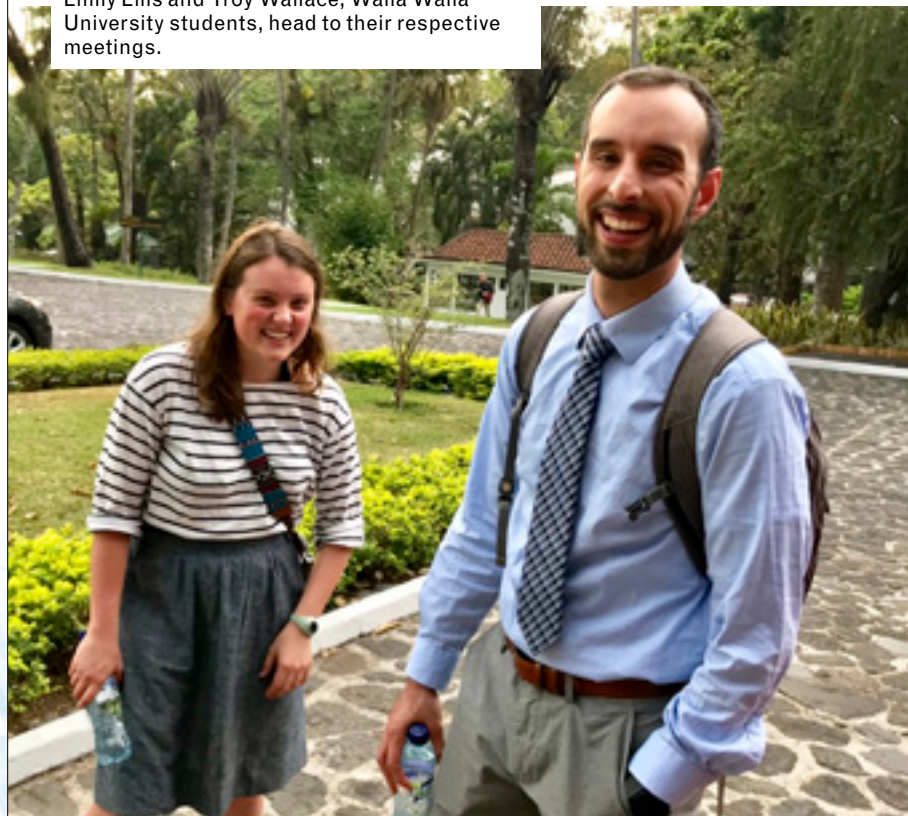
Entering into spring break, I felt completely unprepared to preach my first evangelistic series. I felt as though I had absolutely nothing to give. How could God use me? As I looked around at the others on this mission trip, I was surrounded by pastors, people who had been in the ministry for years, those who spoke Spanish fluently, and people who had been studying theology longer than I had. And yet, each morning in Guatemala we all exchanged testimonies of how God was moving in the churches we were preaching in, how we saw God working in each other, and we prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our churches and in our individual lives.

During this time, God began to change my heart. God used the people in my group to encourage me when I felt like I had nothing to give. God used their prayers to touch me and give me the strength I so desperately needed. I could not preach on my own, and to be quite honest I didn't want to do it on my own. Every time I made an altar call and I would see the people come forward giving their hearts to God, all I could do was sing praises to Him. It was nothing I said that compelled them to come forward, but it was the Holy Spirit working through me.

One of the pastors, Oscar Santana, said something that carried me through the trip. He said, "We are the messengers, and God is the transformer." My job on this mission trip was to be obedient to the King, to spend time in prayer and preparing my heart, and God would do the rest. Through preaching and serving, I found the revival I needed. Through interacting with the people of Guatemala and my fellow teammates, I discovered a new love for people. Through the quiet times God gave me over the trip, I gained a deeper connection with God.

Going to Guatemala taught me that all God really wants is a willing heart. He welcomes my brokenness and uses it for His glory.

Emily Ellis and Troy Wallace, Walla Walla University students, head to their respective meetings.



portion, silently motion to his children to finish the plate because that was all the food they had. This type of generosity is something I have rarely experienced and causes me to think of my own willingness to give sacrificially to others.

This trip also brought me to a deeper understanding of humility. We all had preprinted sermons to preach from, which is nice because the thoughts and themes are all laid out. But I was not really not preaching "my sermon," something that I've always thought would be less than authentic. But authenticity can sometimes be another masked word for selfishness in preaching. Yes, you want to say what you believe, but the sermon is not really about you; it's about God. I saw that as we worked through these sermons, and my experience became less and less about me and more about God. Each night a small bit of the "me" in ministry died as I saw the Holy Spirit at work.

With communication and language gaps I learned another vital lesson: Silence is communication. It's amazing how comfortable I've become with silence on this trip. We don't have to speak to communicate. Sometimes just being there communicates the most important lesson — presence matters.

I had not felt the sense of connection to God and others in spiritual things for a long time. This mission project gave us the shared experience and shared focus we needed to truly connect. I think that is what living and working in the kingdom of heaven is like — all experiencing God and sharing Him with each other. It's something I hunger for.

I want to thank the NPUC for empowering young adults to participate in this work. It's encouraging to see the support and affirmation from church leadership as we seek to pursue our faith and service to the world together.





**JOEY BARAJAS, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY**

My most memorable experience was speaking at the nationwide Pathfinder rally. Cesár De León, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries, was supposed to be the keynote speaker for the entire week, but he contracted walking pneumonia and his voice was nonexistent. So, he asked me to preach one night to more than 4,000 Pathfinders.

My initial response was “let me pray about it” — which is the kind way of saying, “Let me think of an excuse to say ‘no.’” I did not want to speak, but the Spirit convicted me to accept the call.

I went up that night afraid and nervous, but I was not alone. I felt so much peace after my prayer, and God truly worked that night. I highly doubt I will speak to that many people again, but God works in mysterious ways, so who knows.

What I took away from this trip is that the gospel, love and laughter are universal. Despite the language barrier some of us felt, we can all testify we felt the love and saw the acceptance of the gospel from the people who attended the meetings. The Holy Spirit is going to work as much as you allow it to, and I did a lot of surrendering on this trip. I did not know the people, but I knew that God created them and loved them. He knew them by name, and I was just a simple messenger.

The Guatemalan people would feed me every night at their homes before our meeting and would wait until I had enough to eat before they ate. I noticed this after a few days and offered some of my food to their children to make sure they ate. I want to be as selfless as they were and share my meals with those in need.



**YVANNA HAMMEN-ALVAREZ, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY**

On Wednesday night in Retalhuleu, Guatemala, I did not feel like preaching. Every night, we’d drive to the evangelistic meetings at our churches and get dropped off along the way. My church was one of the last churches on the route — a positive thing because that gave me more time to think. On this particular night I was feeling tired and discouraged.

I got to my church, prayed and stumbled through the sermon. The sermon was on words and how we should be good stewards of them. I felt like I was the last person that should preach that sermon, but I made an altar call. I felt hypocritical because I knew I should have been the first person to respond to my own call. By God’s grace and the Holy Spirit’s calling, others still came up for the call, despite what I was feeling. I felt inadequate and like I should not be the one evangelizing but the one that should have been evangelized to.



Jordan Stephan, Washington Conference intern pastor, gained cultural understanding through this experience.





After each evening meeting was through at my church, I'd go over to another team member's church, Daniel's church. Here, I'd watch him finish up his sermons and listen to his amazing altar calls. I'd also play with the kids after the service and get to know them. There was one particular little boy who would always smile at me but was too shy to come over, so I'd always smile and wave at him as he blushed and turned away.

On Thursday, Daniel was preaching on deciding to follow Jesus. His call tugged at my heart, but I felt unable to move although I saw many other people moving forward, giving their life to Jesus and deciding to be on His team. Instantly I felt a prayer: "God, I want the passion these people have for You." That was the most sincere prayer I remember praying in my lifetime. At that very moment, the little boy who would always smile at me started walking up the dirt aisle in order to show his love for Jesus and hunger for accepting Him into his life.

Speechless, I watched him walk with conviction, until he got halfway up the aisle. In that moment, he paused his steps, turned his head, and somehow, through a sea of people, looked straight at me and smiled with a nod. Smile still glued to his face, he continued walking down the aisle to continue his proclamation of love. Salty tears carved their way down my face, and my heart felt red and warm.

Mission trips are indeed often focused on the other, those who live in the place being visited. I can gratefully say the Holy Spirit used my words and actions to bring people to Christ. However, I never thought that I, myself, would get a spiritual revival from this mission trip. This trip to Guatemala was not just for those who lived in Retalhuleu. I was evangelized to as well.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Fred Cornforth, president for the Northwest chapter of Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI NW), has a "day job" as CEO of Community Development Inc. (CDI). The CDI Group of Companies is a private, nonprofit organization specializing in real estate and community development. It has been active in the development of affordable multifamily housing for seniors and families. Cornforth's business position has enabled him to not only cast vision for ASI NW but also sponsor, through the resources of CDI, many international orphanage projects and tangible partnerships with Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) free clinic events across the country. We recently asked his input regarding current and future opportunities for ASI collaboration with business outreach.

# INTEGRATING WORK AND MISSION

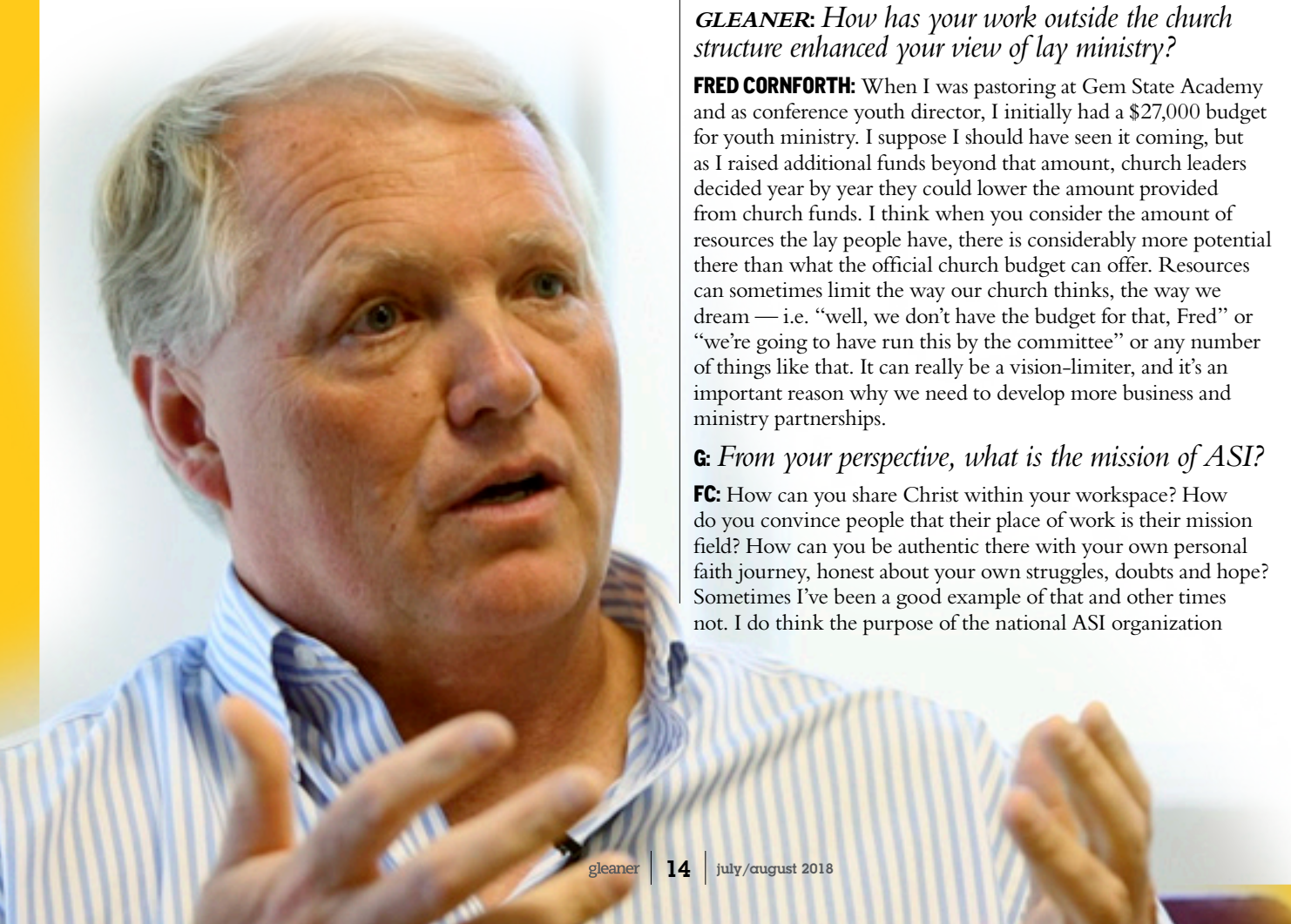
AN INTERVIEW WITH FRED CORNFORTH

***GLEANER:** How has your work outside the church structure enhanced your view of lay ministry?*

**FRED CORNFORTH:** When I was pastoring at Gem State Academy and as conference youth director, I initially had a \$27,000 budget for youth ministry. I suppose I should have seen it coming, but as I raised additional funds beyond that amount, church leaders decided year by year they could lower the amount provided from church funds. I think when you consider the amount of resources the lay people have, there is considerably more potential there than what the official church budget can offer. Resources can sometimes limit the way our church thinks, the way we dream — i.e. "well, we don't have the budget for that, Fred" or "we're going to have run this by the committee" or any number of things like that. It can really be a vision-limiter, and it's an important reason why we need to develop more business and ministry partnerships.

***G:** From your perspective, what is the mission of ASI?*

**FC:** How can you share Christ within your workspace? How do you convince people that their place of work is their mission field? How can you be authentic there with your own personal faith journey, honest about your own struggles, doubts and hope? Sometimes I've been a good example of that and other times not. I do think the purpose of the national ASI organization





has evolved. It is very focused on independent, supporting ministries. I think there's a place for those, but I also see a greater need of Christian men and women business people using it as an opportunity to share Christ every day in and through their work. How do you conduct yourself as a Christian in the midst of a litigation process, for instance? We don't get opportunity for those critical discussions outside of a 45-minute seminar that may happen once a year.

**G:** *So you'd like to see the ASI become more active in facilitating business partnerships?*

**FC:** The ability to create more opportunities for those kind of conversations, where like-minded people can wrestle with things together, is needed. Anytime I get together with some who have been competitors but over the years have become friends of mine, it's really one of those rich encounters where we each learn from the other. I wish those kinds of things could happen more often. Just in the past few weeks, people from the Northwest have been actively working on international financial opportunities and patents, they're making discoveries — and it's all happening outside of what you would normally see within ASI. If we can somehow get them talking together, it will create a spark, and I believe we can see some wonderful collaborations in the future.

**G:** *How do your coordination efforts on behalf of CDI and AMEN intersect with ASI NW?*

**FC:** In the past, our ASI NW meetings were held in resort areas, so you had a group of people that were separating from the populace. Our board wanted to get a more activated, ministry-minded chapter, so we decided to take the meetings to where people are. So last year we met in downtown Boise, Idaho, and collaborated with an AMEN clinic event over the same weekend. Then we replicated that process this year in Everett, Washington. So instead of sitting around hotel ballrooms with nice, cushy chairs and expensive meals brought to us, people had their tennis shoes, jeans and volunteer shirts on. We were able to roll up our sleeves and actually do something for other people. Overall, I think it was a very positive experience.

**G:** *Are you planning continued partnerships between Walla Walla University (WWU) and ASI Northwest?*

**FC:** In my thinking, Walla Walla University is an underused asset. They've got so many good things going on campus, so we've developed a relationship with Dr. John McVay over the past two or three years that is paving the way for great opportunities in the future.

We're actually sponsoring an event next spring at the Rosario Marine Station that we're calling a "boot camp." One week will be dedicated to helping nonprofit ministries take their game to the next level. The next week will focus on for-profit groups. We're currently pro-

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viding resources to help WWU send out care packages to student missionaries, and we've established a scholarship for social work, health care and business majors in hopes that some of these graduates will have a professional calling in line with our ASI mission of sharing Christ in the workplace.

**G:** *You have additional hopes for ASI Northwest and our church members here in the future?*

**FC:** We've done things a certain way for so long that it's difficult for people to think outside of that. James Rafferty once advised me to think local, not national. That caused me to consider my own community and what we are doing to help right here.

If I could wave a magic wand, it would mean that every church might have a feeding program or a prison ministry,

health classes or ongoing partnerships with AMEN clinic type of programs. I tend to emphasize "presence" over "proclamation." Both are important, of course. But I wonder, "Where should I be when



the Lord comes?" I think I ought to be caught at a soup kitchen, volunteering at a clinic, being part of the community. Out of a grateful heart, when we see through the Father's eyes and live out the sweetness of the gospel, it allows us to spend our energies toward positive things for people in the present.

These AMEN clinics are wonderful, but we've got dentists who are saying, "You know, I've decided to open my office once a week for anyone that wants to come in, that needs care." When we show disinterested benevolence — my favorite phrase of all time — and that familiar Spirit of Prophecy passage that reminds us that wherever you see that impulse of love, you see the workings of the Holy Spirit, we begin to understand God's method of ministry.

**G:** *Is this something our younger demographics can identify with?*

**FC:** I have found millennials to be very attuned to issues of social justice and need, to be super-open to learn. I'm seeing this fire in them to do something. They want that personal involvement. They don't want to just donate to the church and pass off the challenge to a church employee. We need to get past the current divide — where so many are all about proclamation instead of practicing the presence of Jesus in our communities. We need the gospel with skin on, and it's why I'm excited to see these little sparks of movement in that direction.





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# 2018 REGIONAL CONVOCATION

## New Location, Familiar Faces

**The annual North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Regional Convocation hosted hundreds May 17–20 at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Washington. With a theme of “Moving Forward in the Spirit,” this gathering for regional members around the Northwest featured a powerful combination of preaching, teaching, music and dialogue.**

Roger A. Bernard Jr., Central States Conference president, was the featured Sabbath morning speaker. Other speakers included Donnett M. Blake, New Dimension Church pastor within the Northeastern Conference, and Virgil Childs, Pacific Union Conference regional affairs director, in addition to Tacyana Nixon, Jeremy Anderson, Garth Dottin, Alonzo Wagner III and Colin Dunbar.

The Sabbath afternoon town hall meeting included, among several agenda items, a Washington Conference strategic planning report from Eugene Lewis, a dialogue on Walla Walla University’s efforts toward diversity with John McVay, president, and Pedrito Maynard-Reid, assistant to

the president for diversity, and discussion on NPUC-wide efforts toward a regional advisory group and a special regional development fund.

In addition, a panel discussion took up the topic of “Black Lives Matter: What to Say When Stopped by the Police.” Panelists included Vince Elmore, retired captain of the Portland Police Bureau in Oregon; Les Liggins, retired captain of the Seattle Police Department in Washington; Ama Okoro, criminal defense attorney, city of Seattle, Washington; and Andrew Carrington, partner, Carrington Law Offices, PC. The panel discussion centered on circumstances where black individuals experienced negative encounters with the police simply because of their race. A spirited question-and-answer period followed the panelists’ presentations.

Special tribute was given in the event program to Alphonso and Judith McCarthy. McCarthy led the NPUC regional department for 18 years before his retirement in 2016.

Byron Dulan, NPUC vice president for regional affairs, and his administrative assistant, Patric Parris, coordinated the event with significant input from the convocation planning committee.

Plans are being formed now for the 2019 convocation, to be held in Gladstone, Ore., at the Holden Convention Center on the Oregon Conference campgrounds





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- A** Roger A. Bernard preaches to the convocation crowd during the divine worship service.
- B** Jack Barrow, a Renton, Washington, lay member, enjoys this annual opportunity for spiritual inspiration and fellowship.
- C** Choral music is always an important part of this annual convocation.
- D** Starr Franklin coordinates children's activities during the convocation.
- E** The youth and young adult meeting begins with music of praise and worship.
- F** Shawnea Posey, from Portland, Oregon, shares musical ministry during the divine worship service.



View a gallery of photos at [gleanernow.com/2018convocation](http://gleanernow.com/2018convocation)



# CARING HEART AWARD WINNERS FOR 2018

Thirteen Northwest academy students were each recipients of the \$500 Caring Heart Award scholarship made possible through three-way funding from the North Pacific Union Conference, local conferences and academies. Students were selected by their schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart – a willingness to serve others. The North American Division provided each student with a plaque and an engraved Bible. The scholarships may be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.



**MAGNIQUE  
NIYONIZEYE**  
**Auburn Adventist Academy  
Auburn, Washington**

Magnifique is the kind of student everyone wants in class, the kind of girl everyone wants as a friend and the kind of person everyone wants on their team. God created her with a heart driven to serve and care for others.

Magnifique's work ethic shined on the basketball court as she pushed herself and encouraged her teammates through both wins and losses. She is a dynamic and engaging speaker who served on the campus ministries team and as associated student body spiritual vice president this year.

Never one to let a challenge stop her, Magnifique stepped in to make a change when she started what is now called Project Unity to unite everyone at the foot of the cross and open their eyes to the beauty that exists in God's family. Magnifique is an excellent example of a life lived with this principle firmly rooted in her mind.



## ADVENTIST EDUCATION



### STEPHANIE THOMAS

**Columbia Adventist Academy  
Battle Ground, Washington**

For the last four years, no Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) mission trip has been complete without this CAA senior's presence. Stephanie Thomas also loves to be involved in any community service, whether it's teaching physical education to kindergartners at Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School, babysitting for someone needing help, volunteering her time for alumni weekends or scorekeeping for varsity sports teams.

Stephanie is caring, encouraging and empathetic, with a heart for the underdog. She is involved and hardworking, often doing things "behind the scenes" instead of in front where everyone is watching. A gifted musician, Stephanie has been a leader in recruiting classmates to join the hand bell choir.

After four years of her involvement in leadership in her class and school, Stephanie will be greatly missed on the CAA campus and community, but her smile will go with her and brighten the world wherever she is.



### ALLY STONAS Cascade Christian Academy Wenatchee, Washington

Ally Stonas graduated in June from Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) as a 12-year senior and the class valedictorian. She has been an exemplary student, kind friend and willing servant throughout her CCA years.

Ally has a strong citizenship and leadership record as she has held numerous offices for her high school class as well as serving on the student association. She is also very active in the local Wenatchee Church.

An integral team member on mission trips to Belize in 2016 and 2018, Ally's positive and can-do attitude in any capacity have been noticed by her peers and adults alike.

Cascade Christian Academy has been a better school because of Ally's attitude, leadership and strong work ethic. Her teachers know she will continue her success and positive influence at Walla Walla University in the coming years.



### REUBEN HERBEL Gem State Adventist Academy Caldwell, Idaho

Reuben Herbel, a junior at Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA), is a young man of integrity and compassion — "never unkind to anyone," states Geoff Starr, Bible teacher and GSAA pastor. He's always ready to go that extra mile in all his endeavors and friendships.

Reuben's the one who reaches out and includes all the new people. He excels not only in his academic pursuits, but also in his commitment to the football and basketball teams and his participation in a Fiji mission trip. He is also a strong school leader, serving as student association social vice and as treasurer. Reuben has been diligent in celebrating all staff and student birthdays with personally signed cards and candy.

Camp Ida-Haven in McCall, Idaho, welcomes his service during the summer months, and the Bible department enjoys his positive work ethic during the school year.

After GSAA Reuben plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in engineering. He will definitely leave a caring legacy for others to follow.



### SARAH FRANCO-GODOY Livingstone Adventist Academy Salem, Oregon

Sarahi Franco-Godoy is a junior at Livingstone Adventist Academy (LAA) and a blessing at home, church and school. Sarahi is not typically one you will see leading out up front, but that does not mean that she does not lead or have a caring heart.

At home, she helps out around the house being a model older sister. At church, she can be found behind the scenes helping out where needed, like being a junior staff for Pathfinders or even occasionally doing special music up front. At school, Sarahi is a good role model of an upperclassman.

Sarahi has overcome some personal challenges that have shaped her into the caring young lady that she is. Her desire is to help people through a profession in the medical field. The LAA staff look forward to seeing her continue to grow in her relationship with Jesus and continue to be a blessing to others.





## ADVENTIST EDUCATION



**JUSTIN CORRAL**  
Milo Adventist Academy  
Days Creek, Oregon

Justin Corral's enthusiasm for sharing the love of Jesus has been evident since he arrived on the campus of Milo Adventist Academy three years ago. He has led one of Milo's praise teams, volunteered to serve on a mission trip to Dominican Republic, and participated in the Apostles Outreach team that travels to share Jesus at churches around the Oregon Conference.

Justin has held boys club, student association and class offices. He has consistently shown a Christ-like spirit in his participation in varsity sports and the music program. During his junior and senior years, Justin served as a student chaplain.

The son of Hector and Elizabeth Corral of Chihuahua, Mexico, Justin hopes to enroll in the pre-med program this fall at Walla Walla University. He says he is attracted to medicine because of his interest in science and because "the heart of the career is serving and caring for others."



**SAMUEL QUINN SCHAFFNER**  
Mount Ellis Academy  
Bozeman, Montana

Samuel brings a farm-boy work ethic mixed with a technical flare to Mount Ellis Academy (MEA). At a very young age Samuel got involved in sound ministry. That passion and a love of Jesus has led to some amazing upgrades to the sound and recording equipment at his school. The music rings clearer, and MEA church services are now streamed live online.

While serving as co-chaplain for the MEA associated student body, Samuel is also very involved in presenting opportunities for youth to meet Jesus. On any given Friday night you might hear balloons popping, feel the heat as students burn their worries and cares, or just hear voices praising Jesus during an extended afterglow service.

His heart is for service, and his passion is sound engineering. Thank you, Samuel, for the difference you make at Mount Ellis Academy.



**FERNANDA SOPHIA RINZA**  
Portland Adventist Academy  
Portland, Oregon

Ask anyone who knows Fernanda Rinza, and they'll tell you she sings like an angel. She has participated in every music class and club she can join at Portland Adventist Academy. Her talents have been frequently affirmed with awards and scholarships. She was even a featured musician at La Sierra University's 2018 Promising Young Artist concert.

But there is so much more to Fernanda. "Her caring heart has been seen in consistent participation in all facets of Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) life and a willingness to go deeper than ordinarily expected," says Monte Torkelsen, PAA chaplain. Her teachers say she is mature beyond her years and demonstrates what it means to be Christ-centered and character-driven.

Fernanda plans to attend La Sierra University with a major in vocal performance and a minor in psychology and to someday become a music therapist so she can support others in their recovery from psychological challenges.



**SARAI ROJAS**  
Puget Sound Adventist Academy  
Kirkland, Washington

Sarai was selected for the Caring Heart Award by the Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) staff because of her exceptional, heartfelt leadership and dedication to others on campus. As the associated student body president this year and a National Honor Society member, Sarai, a senior, has actively engaged her fellow students in school community events.

Sarai is honest, encouraging, hard-working, a team player, good-humored and aware of the needs of others. These traits set her apart as a student who truly cares about her school and community.

The school's staff know she will continue to do so wherever she goes. For these reasons, they are pleased to recognize Sarai Rojas as this year's Caring Heart Award recipient.

Sarai's parents are Orlando and Araceli Rojas. Sarai plans to study nursing at Walla Walla University.







## GABRIELLE BECRAFT

**Rogue Valley Adventist Academy  
Medford, Oregon**

Gabrielle “Gaby” Becraft is the daughter of Rebeca Becraft and a member of the Central Point Church. She is a four-year senior at Rogue Valley Adventist Academy and has attended the elementary school off and on throughout her educational experience. As the oldest child in her family, with three much-younger brothers, she is devoted to caring for others.

Gaby worked hard to attend every mission trip during her high school. Most recently she served in Costa Rica, where she helped prepare the site at the Adventist university so they could expand their campus. She also helped students at the local Adventist high school learn and practice their conversational English.

The first thing everyone notices about Gaby is her warm smile. She exudes a confidence and strength that draws others to her. She is the true definition of “Caring Heart.”

Gaby plans to continue her education at Walla Walla University.



## J.T. SLOCKBOWER

**Skagit Adventist Academy  
Burlington, Washington**

Jonathan Thomas Slockbower, better known as J.T., has been a student at Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) since kindergarten. J.T. does well in his classes, but clearly his love is fixing things and helping others. When he helps, it’s always with a smile, proving he truly is a servant leader.

Born and raised in the Skagit Valley by his parents, John and Holly Slockbower, J.T. has learned the true meaning of service as demonstrated by participating in both mission trips offered during his high school years.

The first was to Plummer, Idaho, where students helped build a church and ran a basketball camp for the Coeur D’Alene Tribe. The most recent trip was to Puerto Rico to help clean up a summer camp and assist hurricane victims.

J.T. enjoys anything mechanical. Recently he’s pursued a passion for large machinery and has a summer job lined up working with large machines. His dream is to own his own company.



## ALLYSON L. GRAYBILL

**Upper Columbia Adventist Academy  
Spangle, Washington**

Allyson, like so many others, came to UCA her freshman year for a new start following some challenging life events. Though shy, she desires to live for Jesus and give her all for Christ. She always looks for ways to bring people closer to Jesus and opens her room to those needing a friend to pray or study the Bible with.

In helping her community, Allyson is one of the student leaders of UCA Cares, a ministry that goes into the community and assists with free health screenings.

While out with UCA Cares, Allyson met a man and felt she should give him a Bible the next time she went to the bus station. While Allyson watched for the man, a lady showed up instead. Still believing the Bible was for the man, Allyson didn’t offer it to the woman.

Just before leaving the bus station, Allyson still hadn’t seen the man. Allyson asked one of the adults to go with her to offer the Bible to the lady. The lady was overjoyed, and Allyson realized she had brought the Bible that day for the lady, not the man — thanks to her always-caring heart.



## JENNIFER RAU

**Walla Walla Valley Academy  
College Place, Washington**

Jennifer Rau is a four-year senior at Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA). She graduated in June and plans to continue to pursue her passion for the arts in her post-secondary career. Her parents, Jerry and Heidi, and younger sister, Sarena, are also active members of the WWVA school community.

While working in the school’s front office, Jennifer’s spirit of service comes shining through. She is always treating guests and her fellow students with respect and grace. Her spirit of service doesn’t stop at the doors of the school, as evidenced by her writing and producing her church’s annual Christmas play for the past two years.

In the hallways Jennifer always seems to have a smile on her face and be quick with a word of encouragement. She can often be found helping a classmate with an assignment or accompanying them for a special music. Jennifer, thank you for sharing your caring heart with WWVA.



# NORTHWEST ADVENTIST SCHOOLS

All Seventh-day Adventist schools in the North Pacific Union Conference, including Walla Walla University, admit students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and make no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

## ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Superintendent: Rod Rau

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
Amazing Grace Academy	2238 Inner Springer Loop, Palmer, AK 99645	907-745-2691	Dane Bailey	K-10
Anchorage Seventh-day Adventist School	5511 O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507	907-346-2164	Katie Richmond	K-10
Dillingham Seventh-day Adventist School	446 Windmill Hill Rd., Dillingham, AK 99576	907-842-2496	Sueal Cunningham	K-8
Golden Heart Christian School	1811 Farmers Loop Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-479-2904	Rosemary McDaniel	K-8
Juneau Adventist Christian School	4890 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, AK 99801	907-780-4336	Cynthia Lewis	K-8
Sitka Adventist School	1613 Halibut Point Rd., Sitka, AK 99835	907-747-8855	Kallie McCutcheon	1-8

## IDAHO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Superintendent: Patrick Frey

SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
<b>Gem State Adventist Academy</b>	16115 S. Montana Ave., Caldwell, ID 83607	208-459-1627	Marvin Thorman	9-12
Baker Valley Adventist School	42171 Chico Rd., Baker City, OR 97814	541-523-4165	Boyde Hosey	K-8
Boise Valley Adventist School	925 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID 83713	208-376-7141	Melanie Lawson	K-8
Caldwell Adventist Elementary School	2317 Wisconsin Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605	208-459-4313	Laura Springer	K-8
Desert View Christian School	2425 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, ID 83647	208-580-0512	Sharon Canaday	1-8
Eagle Adventist Christian School	538 W. State St., Eagle, ID 83616	208-938-0093	Jessica Davidson	1-8
Enterprise Adventist School	305 Wagner St., Enterprise, OR 97828	541-426-8339	Julie Corson	1-8
Hilltop Adventist School	131 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301	208-736-5934	TBD	1-8
La Grande Adventist School	2702 Adams Ave., La Grande, OR 97850	541-963-6203	Melissa Akers	K-8
Salmon Adventist School	515 Upper Fairmont St., Salmon, ID 83467	208-756-4439	Sharon Lodge	1-8
Treasure Valley Adventist School	305 1/2 S. 9th St., Payette, ID 83661	208-642-2410	Valerie Iwasa	1-8

## MONTANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Superintendent: Renae Young

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<b>Mount Ellis Academy</b>	3641 Bozeman Trail Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715	406-587-5178	Doug Schmidt	9-12
Blodgett View Christian School	119 Westbridge Rd., Hamilton, MT 59840	406-363-0575	TBD	K-8
Central Acres Christian School	3204 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102	406-652-1799	Autumn Paskell	PK/K-8
Five Falls Christian School	2930 Flood Rd., Great Falls, MT 59404	406-452-6883	Esther Holley	K-8
Glacier View Adventist Christian School	36332 Mud Creek Lane, Ronan, MT 59864	406-676-5142	Bonnie Feese	K-8
Highland View Christian School	2504 Grand Ave., Butte, MT 59701	406-221-7044	Kathy Edwards	K-8
Libby Adventist Christian School	206 Airfield Rd., Libby, MT 59923	406-293-8613	TBD	PK/K-8



Mount Ellis Adventist Elementary	3835 Bozeman Trail Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715	406-587-5430	Angela Binder	PK/K-8
Mountain View Adventist School	1010 Clements Rd., Missoula, MT 59804	406-543-6223	Sandra Webster	1-8
Trout Creek Adventist School	3020 MT Hwy. 200, Trout Creek, MT 59874	406-827-3099	Brian Iseminger	1-8
Valley Adventist Christian School	1275 Helena Flats Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901	406-752-0830	Ben Pflugrad	1-8
Valley View Adventist Christian School	264 Hwy. 200 S., Glendive, MT 59330	406-687-3472	Joyce Freese	1-8

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SCHOOL NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	PRINCIPAL	GR.
<b>Columbia Adventist Academy</b>	11100 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604	360-687-3161	Gene Heinrich	9-12
<b>Livingstone Adventist Academy</b>	5771 Fruitland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97317	503-363-9408	George Personius	K-12
<b>Milo Adventist Academy</b>	324 Milo Dr., Days Creek, OR 97429	541-825-3200	Randy Thornton	9-12
<b>Portland Adventist Academy</b>	1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland, OR 97216	503-255-8372	Jason Bibb	9-12
<b>Rogue Valley Adventist Academy</b>	3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501	541-773-2988	Ann Campbell	K-12
Canyonville Adventist Elementary School	712 NW Frontage Rd., Canyonville, OR 97417	541-839-4053	Kim Bowlby	K-8
Central Valley Christian School	31630 Highway 34, Tangent, OR 97389	541-928-7820	Les Kelley	K-8
Cottage Grove Christian School	820 S. 10th Street, Cottage Grove, OR 97424	541-206-0385	Dianna Mohr	1-8
Countryside Christian School	88401 Huston Rd., Veneta, OR 97487	541-935-6446	Angela Walter	1-8
Emerald Christian Academy	35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	541-746-1708	Winston Morgan	K-10
Gold Coast Christian School	2175 Newmark Ave., North Bend, OR 97420	541-756-6307	Megan Hall	1-8
Grants Pass Adventist School	2250 NW Heidi Ln., Grants Pass, OR 97526	541-479-2293	Richard Rasmussen	K-8
Hood View Junior Academy	26505 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009	503-663-4568	Kimberly Conette	K-8
Journey Christian School	96 Garden St., Kelso, WA 98626	360-423-9250	Bethany Edmundson	K-8
Klamath Falls Adventist Christian School	2499 Main St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601	541-882-4151	TBD	1-8
Lincoln City Adventist School	2126 NE Surf Ave., Lincoln City, OR 97367	541-994-5181	John McCombs	1-8
Madras Christian School	66 SE H Street, Madras, OR 97741	541-474-7545	TBD	1-8
Madrone Adventist School	4300 Holland Loop Rd., Cave Junction, OR 97523	541-592-3330	Laura Bowlby	K-8
McMinnville Adventist Christian School	1349 NW Elm St., McMinnville, OR 97128	503-472-3336	Elizabeth Fish	K-8
Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School	18717 NE 109th Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604	360-687-5121	Ric Peinado	K-8
Mid Columbia Adventist Christian School	1100 22nd St., Hood River, OR 97031	541-386-3187	Peter Hardy	K-10
Portland Adventist Elementary School	3990 NW 1st St., Gresham, OR 97030	503-665-4102	Brandon O'Neal	K-8
Rivergate Adventist Elementary School	1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027	503-656-0544	Sharilyn Smith	K-8
Riverside Adventist Christian School	463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671	360-835-5600	Tymi Wright	K-8
Roseburg Junior Academy	1653 NW Troost St., Roseburg, OR 97471	541-673-5278	Jeff Jackson	K-8
Scappoose Adventist School	54287 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose, OR 97056	503-543-6939	Girlie Aguilar	K-8
Shady Point Adventist School	14611 Hwy. 62, Eagle Point, OR 97524	541-826-2255	Connie Allred	1-8
Shoreline Christian School	4445 Hwy. 101, Florence OR 97439	541-997-5909	Karen Nelson	1-8
Sutherlin Adventist Christian School	845 W. Central Ave., Sutherlin, OR 97479	541-459-9940	Karie MacPhee	1-8
Three Sisters Adventist Christian School	21155 Tumalo Rd., Bend, OR 97703	541-389-2091	Jenny Neil	K-8
Tillamook Adventist School	4300 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141	503-842-6533	Matthew Hunter	K-8
Tualatin Valley Academy	21975 SW Baseline Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123	503-649-5518	Christina Orozco-Acosta	K-10



# SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS ADMIT STUDENTS OF ANY RACE.

## UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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<b>Cascade Christian Academy</b>	600 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801	509-662-2723	Stephanie Gates	K-12
<b>Upper Columbia Academy</b>	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3600	Eric Johnson	9-12
<b>Walla Walla Valley Academy</b>	300 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-525-1050	Brian Harris	9-12
Beacon Christian School	615 Stewart Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501	208-743-8361	David Gage	K-8
Brewster Adventist Christian School	115 Valley Rd., Brewster, WA 98812	509-689-3213	Doug Hartzell	K-9
Colville Valley Adventist School	139 E. Cedar Loop, Colville, WA 99114	509-684-6830	Lewis Stanton	K-8
Cornerstone Christian School	513357 Hwy. 95, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	208-267-1644	Brittany Parker	1-8
Countryside Adventist Elementary School	12107 W. Seven Mile Rd., Spokane, WA 99224	509-466-8982	Archie Harris	1-8
Crestview Christian School	1601 W. Valley Rd., Moses Lake, WA 98837	509-765-4632	Melissia Wallen	K-9
Goldendale Adventist School	47 Bickleton Hwy., Goldendale, WA 98620	509-773-4156	David Robinson	K-8
Harris Junior Academy	3121 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801	541-276-0615	Shannon Whidden	K-8
Hermiston Junior Academy	1300 NW Academy Ln., Hermiston, OR 97838	541-567-8523	Jordan Lindsay	K-8
Lake City Junior Academy	111 E. Locust Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	208-667-0877	Adam Weeks	K-10
Milton-Stateline Adventist School	53565 W. Crockett Rd., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862	541-938-7131	Jeanne Goodhew	K-8
Omak Adventist Christian School	425 W. Second Ave., Omak, WA 98841	509-826-5341	Jennifer Hoffpauir	1-8
Palisades Christian Academy	1115 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224	509-325-1985	Monte Fisher	K-10
Palouse Hills Christian School	3148 Tomer St., Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-0350	Deborah Joplin	K-8
Peaceful Valley Christian School	32084 Hwy. 97, Tonasket, WA 98855	509-486-4345	Henry Buursma	1-8
Pend Oreille Valley Adventist School	33820 Hwy. 41, Oldtown, ID 83822	208-437-2638	Angela Fleck	1-8
Rogers Adventist School	200 SW Academy Way, College Place, WA 99324	509-529-1850	Holley Bryant	K-8
Sandpoint Junior Academy	2255 W. Pine St., Sandpoint, ID 83864	208-263-3584	Robyn Featherstone	1-8
Spokane Valley Adventist School	1603 S. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99037	509-926-0955	Darla Shupe	K-8
Tri-City Adventist School	4115 W. Henry St., Pasco, WA 99301	509-547-8092	Spencer Hannah	K-10
Upper Columbia Academy Elementary	3025 E. Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031	509-245-3629	Tonya Mechling	1-8
Yakima Adventist Christian School	1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, WA 98908	509-966-1933	Denise Carey	K-10

## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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<b>Auburn Adventist Academy</b>	5000 Auburn Way S., Auburn, WA 98092	253-939-5000	Peter Fackenthall	9-12
<b>Orcas Christian School</b>	107 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245	360-376-6683	Terry Pottle	K-12
<b>Puget Sound Adventist Academy</b>	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	9-12
<b>Skagit Adventist Academy</b>	530 N. Section St., Burlington, WA 98233	360-755-9261	Aubrey Fautheree	K-12
Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist School	3320 Academy Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98092	253-833-0718	Mark Griffin	K-8
Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School	461 Kennedy Rd., Port Hadlock, WA 98339	360-385-4610	Greg Reseck	1-8
Cypress Adventist School	21500 Cypress Way, Suite A, Lynnwood, WA 98036	425-775-3578	Frances Robinson	K-8





Forest Park Adventist Christian School	4120 Federal Ave., Everett, WA 98203	425-258-6911	Lucille Nelson	K-8
Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School	1216 U.S. Hwy. 12, Montesano, WA 98563	360-249-1115	Adria Hay	1-8
Kirkland Adventist School	5320 108th Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-822-7554	Ron Jacaban	K-8
Kitsap Adventist Christian School	5088 NW Taylor Rd., Bremerton, WA 98312	360-377-4542	Becky Rae	K-8
Lewis County Adventist School	2104 S. Scheuber Rd., Chehalis, WA 98532	360-748-3213	Karen Carlton	K-10
Mountain View Christian School	255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA 98382	360-683-6170	Michelle Noonan	1-8
Northwest Christian School	904 Shaw Rd., Puyallup, WA 98372	253-845-5722	Carisa Carr	K-8
Olympia Christian School	1215 Ethel St. NW, Olympia, WA 98502	360-352-1831	Sharron Schwartz	K-8
Poulsbo Adventist School	1700 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370	360-779-6290	Leanna Decker	1-8
Shelton Valley Christian School	201 W. Shelton Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584	360-426-4198	Rita Callahan	K-8
Sky Valley Adventist School	200 Academy Way, Monroe, WA 98272	360-794-7655	Melissa Hammond	K-8
Whidbey Christian Elementary School	31830 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	360-279-1812	Byron Schurch	1-8





## 'UN CIERTO LUGAR'

**L**a historia de Jacob es una historia impresionante. La Biblia nos dice: “Jacob salió de Berseba y se fue a Jarán. Al llegar a *cierto lugar*, se quedó allí a pasar la noche, porque el sol ya se había puesto. Tomó una de las piedras de aquel lugar y la puso como cabecera, y allí se acostó para dormir” (Gen. 28:10–11 énfasis añadido).

Jacob pensó que había llegado a “cierto lugar,” pero ese lugar estaba lejos de ser “un cierto lugar”, era el lugar escogido por la providencia divina para que Jacob presenciara la gloria de Dios, sería el lugar donde un hombre desterrado llegaría a convertirse en un heredero. “En lo alto de la escalera, veía al Señor, que le decía: ‘Yo soy el Señor, el Dios de tu padre Abrahán y el Dios de Isaac. A ti y a tu descendencia les daré la tierra donde ahora estás acostado. Tu descendencia será como el polvo de la tierra ... En ti y en tu simiente serán bendecidas todas las familias de la tierra. Date cuenta de que yo estoy contigo. Yo te protegeré por dondequiera que vayas, y volveré a traerte a esta tierra. No te dejaré ni un momento, hasta que haya hecho lo que te he dicho’” (Gen. 28:12–15).

Cuantas veces hemos llegado a “cierto lugar”, quizás desmoralizados, desanimados, sintiéndonos desamparados y solos. Miramos a nuestro alrededor y no sabemos cómo ni por qué estamos allí. Cuantos viajes rutinarios emprendemos, cuantas idas a “ciertos lugares,” pensando que solamente es un viaje más; a cuantas reuniones atendemos, pensando que es solamente una reunión más; solo para darnos cuenta que todo estaba planeado por la divinidad para un encuentro con una figura extraterrestre; el Hijo de Dios.

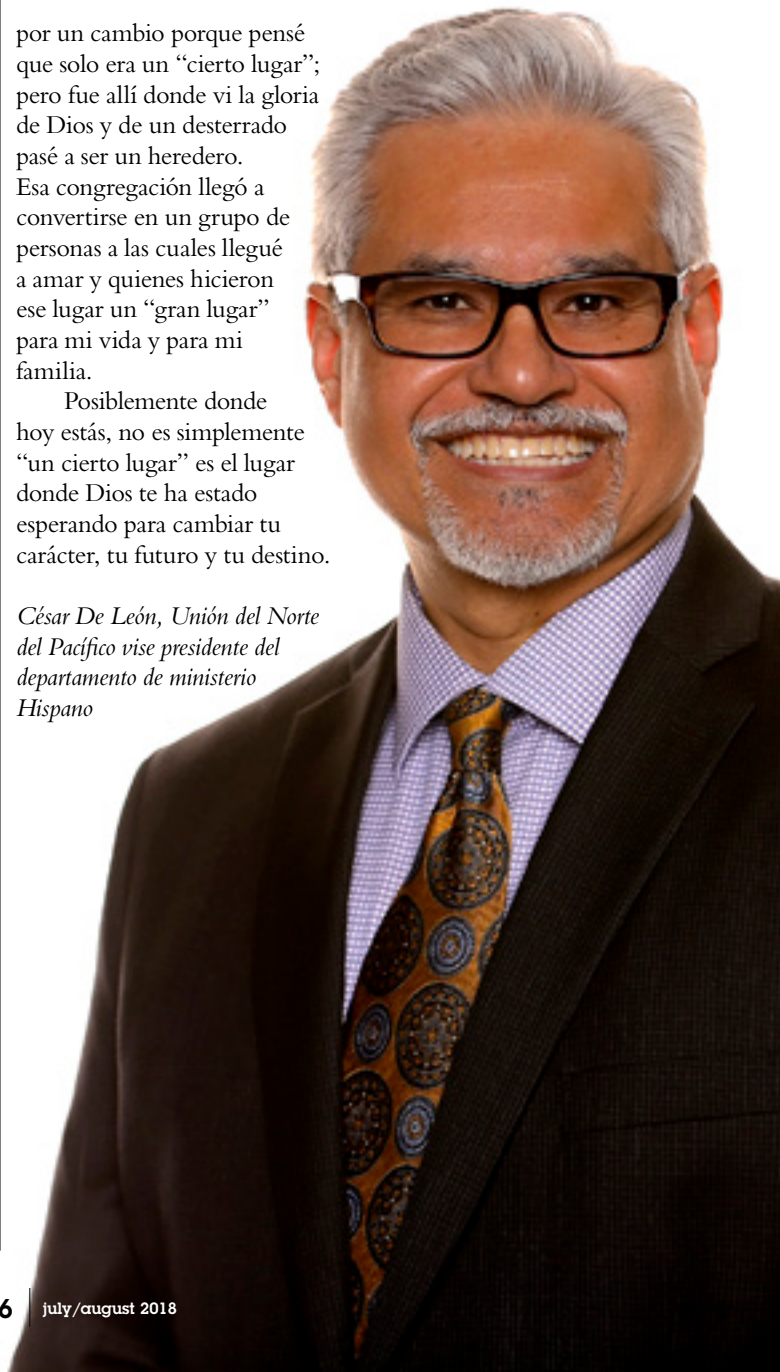
Ese “cierto lugar” es precisamente el lugar donde el cielo y la tierra se interceptan; ese “cierto lugar” es el epicentro de la base de una escalera, donde los ángeles de Dios van a ministrarte en una manera especial. Es allí donde vas a recibir la mayor bendición de tu vida. Es entonces ese lugar deja de ser “un cierto lugar” y se transforma en “un gran lugar” porque allí está Dios, aprendes a escucharle, a confiarle y te haces recipiente de sus grandes promesas para tu vida.

Recuerdo que en cierta ocasión llegué a una iglesia de donde quería irme a los pocos años de haber llegado. Oré, agoniqué, rogué al cielo

por un cambio porque pensé que solo era un “cierto lugar”; pero fue allí donde vi la gloria de Dios y de un desterrado pasé a ser un heredero. Esa congregación llegó a convertirse en un grupo de personas a las cuales llegué a amar y quienes hicieron ese lugar un “gran lugar” para mi vida y para mi familia.

Posiblemente donde hoy estás, no es simplemente “un cierto lugar” es el lugar donde Dios te ha estado esperando para cambiar tu carácter, tu futuro y tu destino.

*César De León, Unión del Norte del Pacífico vice presidente del departamento de ministerio Hispano*







(From left) students Jillian Proell, Jamin Fowler, Cameron Henry, Daniel Pearson and Caleb Buchholz show off their work with teacher Steve Evenson.

## LEARNING BY RESTORING

**T**he small engine class at Golden Heart Christian School in Fairbanks had just enough time to finish its major restoration project by the end of the school year.

As the vision for the class project was formed, a broken-down 1997 Arctic Cat Powder Extreme snowmobile was purchased. Students learned about the tools they would need, then they had opportunity to choose the right tool for the job. They learned how to disassemble and clean parts and make them ready for restoration and reassembly.

The machine was taken apart and painted. The front tub was fastened to the chassis and the skis put back on. A replacement crankshaft was located, and Jillian Proell, an eighth-grader, assembled the new crankshaft into the existing engine case.

Caleb Buchholz, a seventh-grader, cleaned many small parts for the engine in preparation for completing the process of restoration. Students Jamin

Fowler, Cameron Henry and Daniel Pearson removed the chassis, track, rear suspension and different pieces for cleaning, repair and reassembly. A Fairbanks Church member painted the hood and gave it a whole new look. A new seat cover was installed as the final step, and the machine is now stored and waiting for snow.

Proell has gleaned enough knowledge to assemble another engine and is excited because she is in competition with her brother, who is assembling his own engine. Anticipation builds as to who will get their engines running first.

The small engine class not only taught the students of Golden Heart Christian School practical skills, but also helped to develop the need for patience, the ability to work collaboratively and a sense of accomplishment.

*Steve Evenson, Alaska Conference ministerial director and Fairbanks/Barrow/Galena pastor*

## ANCHORAGE KIDS MEMORIZE THE WORD IN SONG

**S**tudents in third and fourth grade at Anchorage Junior Academy have been learning their memory verses to song. “We get to sing the Word,” wrote Hezekiah Acosta in one of his English assignments. “It’s really fun.”

Their teacher, Janice Enquist, was so pleased with how quickly they memorized verses that she began teaching more and more Scripture songs to them. Before long the whole class was memorizing two verses a week, then three.

To keep the momentum going, they earned a sticker for every verse they sang from memory, then cashed in the stickers for Bibles, Bible cases, Bible marking tools, concordances and Spirit of Prophecy books.

As of mid-May, most of the students had learned 100 verses and were still learning more. Some of the longer

passages they learned include the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer and I Thess. 5:16–22.

Why sing the Word? It keeps you from sin and lifts your spirit so you don’t complain, and verses stay in your memory longer. God actually commanded Moses to frame the events of Israel’s history in song, so that parents might teach their children and none would forget (see Deut. 6:7 and *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 364–5).

Hannah Jordan, a third-grader, says, “It’s easy and important. We aren’t just reading the Bible; we are hiding it in our heart.”

*Janice Enquist, Anchorage Junior Academy teacher’s aide*

Anchorage Junior Academy students (from left) Brandon Bojorquez, Wilber De La Rosa, Hezekiah Acosta, Willow McAllen and Hannah Jordan have learned dozens of Bible verses through Scripture songs.





## KTSY, RESCUE MISSION TEAM UP TO FEED HUNGRY

**R**adio station KTSY, broadcasting at 89.5 FM, and Boise Rescue Mission had an over-the-top successful fundraiser at the Village in Meridian dining and shopping place on May 15 and 16. The fundraiser, Summer of Hope, is all about feeding the hungry during the summer months, especially when the giving is much lower in the summer time.

The Boise Rescue Mission had a goal to provide 22,000 meals this year, but the Treasure Valley came out in full force and raised enough for 25,220 meals. Supporters even kept us at a 14-songs-in-

a-row streak with a gift of \$500 or more. Bill Roscoe, Boise Rescue Mission president and CEO, offered up a challenge: "I'll do an interpretive dance if we met a challenge." Well, that happened too.

It was a beautiful day at the Village in Meridian. Boise Rescue Mission presented KTSY and the Village with a thank-you plaque in appreciation for their help feeding the area's hungry.

KTSY also teamed up May 7 with Chick-fil-A at the Village in Meridian to surprise listeners with a new "temporary" employee — Nashville recording artist Jordan



(From left) Brenda Whitson, KTSY on-air promotions, is presented with a "Thank You" plaque from Debby Smith, the Village in Meridian marketing and business development manager, and Bill Roscoe, Boise Rescue Mission president and CEO.

Feliz — for a Drive-Thru Difference.

KTSY has been doing Drive-Thru Difference for quite sometime but this time with a little twist. Feliz spent an hour meeting fans and customers that just received a free meal from Chick-fil-A. Then Feliz headed out for a concert performance that evening.

The Drive-Thru Difference has become a popular and fun thing promoted by many radio stations all over the United States. Listeners are encouraged to pay for the car behind them in a drive-through or for the next person in line inside their favorite fast food

place. It's exciting for the payer and a kind gesture received by the recipient.

KTSY provides a small card the payer can hand to the cashier to give to the recipient. It's quite common for the cashier to look puzzled at first, maybe disbelieving someone would just pay for a random person. This fun way to brighten a day brings forward many stories of how this little act really has come at the right time.

For a video of the day's event, visit [glnr.in/113-06-id\\_KTSY](http://glnr.in/113-06-id_KTSY).

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# MONTANA CONFERENCE DEDICATES LIVING HOPE PROJECT

**T**he Living Hope Center building project on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation was dedicated April 28. Located in Poplar, the center represents Jesus' love with a gift from the Adventist Church. When an abandoned hospital burned down, the property was up for sale for back taxes — \$6,000. God spoke with a perfectly timed miracle.

Once a clear title was received, the building site was cleaned and basement space excavated. Andrews University School of Architecture accepted the project as a mission. The Living Hope Center was becoming a reality. Home of the Sioux and Assiniboine tribes, the reservation is a battlefield of chronic and critical challenges — unemployment, hunger, alcoholism, serious health issues, depression and suicide. Recently, concerns about the future of this world is on their minds.

## NEW MISSIONARIES ARRIVE

Gary and Marla Marsh were retired and living a nice life in Berrien Springs, Mich. “Our daughter-in-law invited us to continue the church

plant and community outreach ministries on the reservation,” Gary explains. A church was planted there by Kris and Ed Simon in 1999.

When the Simons left, 40 members were attending worship each week and 67 kids came to the weekly children's program. Community health and friend-building programs were going strong. After much prayer, the Marshes settled on the reservation in late 2012. “We were shy people when we arrived, but that vanished,” Marla says.

Marla took classes at the community college for quilting and beading. Gary went to the jail to show the *Native New Day* video series. Diabetes Undone classes began almost immediately and are ongoing.

Cooking schools and Native health videos are well-received. Gary also teaches the diabetes class at the community college.

Friends from several Michigan churches offered cooking classes three times a year and prepared vegetarian meals each day. The biggest shock to those who attended was learning a vegetarian diet kept them full, while a meat diet left them hungry.

“It's all about trust,” Marla says about the friends she is making. “They are courteous and thoughtful but remain skeptical of white people. Will they leave? Will they come back?”

And about a church? For now, the only answer is: “We don't have one yet.”

“That's why this mission

initiative is extremely important,” adds Elden Ramirez, Montana Conference president. “For me this is a very significant endeavor. In Matt. 24:19 we read: ‘This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.’ In order for us to have an encounter face to face with our Savior, we need to do everything in our power to proclaim the good news of salvation to all nations, and that includes our Native community in Montana. My prayer is that God will continue to provide the resources for us to see this Living Hope Center complete.”

*Caron Oswald, freelance writer*



## MILO HOSTS FIRST STEM CAMP

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ilo Adventist Academy in Days Creek hosted its first STEM Camp

April 15–17. Students in grades seven through 10 from around the Oregon Conference spent three days at Milo focusing on workshops and presentations related to science, technology, engineering and math.

“STEM is a growing area of emphasis for schools and students alike,” explains Dale Milam, vice principal for academics and biology and anatomy teacher. “Schools that are not doing STEM are getting left behind, and students who are not experiencing STEM are missing exciting and meaningful concepts and valuable material. STEM not only shares information, but it teaches how to learn. Students also learn the value of doing seemingly difficult things that require thinking, analyzing, investigation, problem-solving in addition to memorization of facts.”

Randy Thornton, Milo

principal, teaches physical science and is coach for the Milo Robotics team. He says, “STEM camp is really about making new friends and developing relationships. We would like students to think that all learning is fun, but in reality learning is often hard work. Some can see the fun in this but usually have to look rather deeply to find it. Two of my favorite aspects of STEM are robotics and chemical explosions. With these the learning opportunities are vast, as with other core school subjects, but fun is right on the surface. It’s really cool when kids think they are just doing fun activities but are actually learning important stuff without even knowing it. Many robotics lessons taught at Milo provide skills useful in future employment.”

Sophomore Samantha Fullmer was a counselor for STEM camp. “When we were watching Mr. Andrieux turning liquid into solids in a matter of seconds, the kids’ surprised faces were the most fun thing

A special guest from Wildlife Safari visited Milo’s first STEM Camp.



KATHY HERNANDEZ



PETER HERNANDEZ

Students work in pairs to move foam blocks with a robot.

to watch,” she says. “I loved watching them as they made hovercraft sails and learned how to create a website. I think the kids got a lot out of learning how to build things and stretch their minds to learn new things. Using physics to create and build a shockproof egg holder, stepping outside of the box to create a sail that would get the hovercraft to move in front of a fan, learning about chemistry while creating optical illusions — all of these things add to create a memory that the kids and I will never forget.”

Junior Xavier Alarid was also a counselor. “I loved getting to meet all of the kids that I got to help and getting to participate in the activities along with it, which strengthened our bond,” he says. “I think the kids got an excellent look at what Milo truly is, and I was told that they loved getting to explore the campus and meeting all the teachers. Not to mention that the kids loved how friendly the staff were.”

For more information about STEM Camp at Milo, write to [events@miloacademy.org](mailto:events@miloacademy.org).

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*

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PETER HERNANDEZ

A chemical reaction causes a remarkable increase in volume.



## PLEASANT VALLEY PATHFINDERS POST COLORS AT DIVISION PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

**T**he roar of the 15-member West Palm Beach (Fla.) Pathfinders drum corps heralded the entrance of Oregon's Pleasant Valley Pathfinder color guard as they prepared to perform the first-ever flag presentation and posting for the 2018 North American Division-level Pathfinder Bible Experience (NAD PBE) event,

held April 21 in Florida.

Led by teen Pathfinder Timothy Fullard-Leo, the color guard was part of the three PBE teams from Pleasant Valley Church, each of which qualified for the largest NAD PBE ever. This year's PBE focused on the books of Esther and Daniel.

Pleasant Valley's God's Stars Forever, Team Ashpenaz

and King's Court teams joined 183 other teams that traveled from Canada, England and all over the United States after qualifying through regional, conference and union events for the divisionwide finale.

The Pleasant Valley team members learned a lot through their study of Esther and Daniel. "I loved the stories and adventure and that they prayed to God and trusted Him," says Ally Moore.

"I learned that it is important to stand up for what you believe in," reports Jonathan Castillo. That learning begins months before the PBE testing begins each year. Pleasant Valley's teams gather each week to study together. The Pathfinders also do extensive study at home, including memorizing entire chapters of Esther and Daniel.

The weekly study sessions help the kids transform their

memorization into answers.

They also learn to work as a team and be accountable to each other for their sections of the books they study. Right before the regional PBE testing, Pathfinder parents form a team to challenge the Pathfinders head-to-head in a format as much like PBE events as possible.

That effort paid off, and all three teams from Pleasant Valley placed first at the NAD event.

The purpose of PBE is far grander than mere competition. The goal is to help kids commit the Word of God to their minds and hearts. The words and stories of Esther and Daniel, along with memories of this trip and experiences shared with countless other Pathfinders, will long be etched in the minds of these kids.

*Mike Mirasol, Pleasant Valley Church Pathfinders staff*

The Pleasant Valley Pathfinders color guard presented and posted flags at the NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience, held this year in Florida.



## ADVENTISTS GAIN NEW HAM LICENSES

**T**he Stayton Church's amateur (ham) radio class ended on March 22 by adding six new technician class licenses, with the possibility of seven others to follow on future exam dates. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. Some are even looking forward to the next step, the general license, so that they can

gain access to additional radio band privileges.

The Stayton group appreciated the help of volunteer instructors and test examiners from the Amateur Radio Association. Next comes some radio equipment, lots of practice, and a communication future that includes fun and community service.

If this sounds interesting, you can contact Carlos Antuna (call sign KT7CA) of the Northwest Adventist Amateur Radio Association at 509-485-2434 or the Stayton Church 503-769-5203 to get started.

*John Koger, Stayton Church amateur radio group (call sign K17VUL)*



## PAA STUDENTS PROVIDE RELIEF FOR TERMINAL PATIENT

**Y**ou're loved. You're cared for. You're valued." These words can make all the difference to someone facing a terminal cancer diagnosis, months of recovery after a heart attack or isolation due to years of a debilitating mental illness.

This is the daily work of Sharon Crosby, a social worker with Adventist Home Health in Portland.

For nearly a decade, Crosby has been connecting patients facing unusually difficult circumstances with Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) students through the school's annual

event, Inside Out Service Day. The work they provide serves as a proverbial life raft for a person drowning in a sea of paperwork, home chores and doctor appointments while managing severe symptoms with little to no support system.

"Sandy\* has been fighting cancer for six years," says Crosby. "Being so sick has kept her isolated. But she has no family, no church community and maybe two friends she rarely sees."

Inside Out Service Day

brought eight PAA students and two adults to Sandy's front door. For five hours they whacked and uprooted weeds; battled bamboo; tamed trees and shrubs; mowed grass; hauled and spread mulch; and pressure-washed siding, concrete and windows. Meanwhile, inside Sandy's home, her floors, walls and windows were deep-cleaned while stacks and stacks of dishes were washed.

"She's trying to clean up after herself as well as survive," says Crosby. "She has very little money. There's no way she can pay someone for this work."

Dominating the post-work conversation was a collective agreement about the need for human connection. "Most people can get through an illness if they have someone to help them," said Erick Baez, a

junior. "I saw how much harder being sick is when you don't have anyone."

"At first it was hard to get her to talk with us," says PAA junior Izzy Koh. "But she started to light up when we asked about

her cats. She really loves her cats."

Crosby knows what a day of hard work, some friendly banter and the contagious energy of young people can do for patients. "Sandy told me it's a relief," says Crosby. "She felt like she could breathe again. This is just one way to tell her 'you're loved, you're cared for, and you're valued.'"

Sandy's cancer is terminal, and soon she'll be on hospice care. She has finally been assigned a social worker who will come to her home weekly to help her manage some of the most difficult work. She'll be able to spend her final months of life without chaos.

And 17-year-old Baez, who lives more than an hour from Sandy's home, is making plans to visit Sandy. "My family has been on the side of receiving help from people," he explains. "All the help we get has made a difference. Being able to be there for someone else makes me feel even better."

\*Name has been changed for patient's privacy.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



◀ Jolie Brown and Izzy Koh spent three hours just washing dishes. "Being very organized and clean is part of my nature so this was a great experience," says Koh.

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# SUNNYSIDE CELEBRATES THE LIVING LAST SUPPER



On Sabbath, March 31, the dramatic musical experience *The Living Last Supper* by Ruth Elaine Schram was performed for worship at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore. The stage was set to resemble Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting. Church members played the parts of the disciples and Jesus. A chamber orchestra and small choir provided musical background and anthem interludes emphasizing the Biblical truths presented by the disciples in their short speaking parts.

For about 1,400 years, the Jewish people had celebrated the Passover on an annual basis — sometimes regularly and faithfully, sometimes not. The grand event was intended to be both a reminder of deliverance from slavery in Egypt and a foreshadowing of the gift of God's Lamb as a sacrifice for sins. But did the Jews understand?

While on Earth, Jesus had repeatedly tried to help the disciples understand what was

going to happen; twice He had foretold He would be betrayed into the hands of His enemies and be crucified, but He would rise from the dead on the third day.

The triumphant entry seemed to signal that their hopes and dreams were about to come true. But Jesus was not moving toward a throne (that they could see) or calling for an army. Was the correct message getting through? Did Jesus need a little help deciding what to do?

Here begins the Sunnyside Church portrayal, with the 12 disciples in an upper room with Jesus. The table is set, and the Passover meal is about to begin. As they eat, Jesus gets much more specific about His betrayal: "The one who will betray me is here at the table with me" (Luke 22:21, CEV).

In groups of three, the disciples rise one at a time and present a short monologue allowing the audience to hear their inner thoughts; each disciple ends with the same question regarding Jesus' betrayer, "Is it I?" The mono-

logues are based on Scripture where available and are otherwise written to be historically accurate to Bible times and to each character.

Midway in the presentation Jesus washes the disciples' feet with biblically accurate reactions from each man (especially Peter), and then He and the group invite the congregation to also participate in washing each other's feet. The cast leads audience members to other rooms for the foot-washing. After they return, Judas summarizes his thoughts and rushes from the room to do his evil deed.

Kimberly Goodwin

"This blood was shed for you."

Helton produced and directed the performance. Karl Helton prepared the choir and accompanied the presentation on piano. Matt Mandrones directed the chamber orchestra and choir during the performance. Sunnyside elder Isaac Nziacharo portrayed Jesus. Watch a short highlight video or the full service online at [glnr.in/113-06-or\\_sunnyside](http://glnr.in/113-06-or_sunnyside).

Warren Rushold, Sunnyside Church communication team leader

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ELIZABETH FRESSE

## TEEN PATHFINDERS OFFER HELPING HANDS

**I**n Matt. 25:40, Jesus says, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” During spring break, almost 100 teen Pathfinders and their staff put this verse into action as they gave of their time and talents to help those in the greater Spokane, Wash., community.

Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure (TPMA) is a mission opportunity for teens to make a difference locally. Instead of traveling overseas to participate in a foreign mission trip, teens have the opportunity to work serving others in their own community.

The main focus of this year’s TPMA was to clean up Takesa Village, a mobile home park in Mead, Wash., in need of service. Projects requested by the residents and management included raking, removing household trash, clearing overgrown lots, stocking firewood and building porches. Residents were so thrilled to see energetic teenagers enthusiastically making a difference in their community that one even called the local news station to come and do a story on the group.

Judy Bitton, a staff member from the Colville (Wash.) Cougars Pathfinders, says, “A high point for me was seeing the people in the community react

to the work we were doing for them.”

Other projects tackled during the week included painting the Fairfield (Wash.) Church basement, replacing a local resident’s shed roof, moving and rebuilding Upper Columbia Academy’s greenhouse in Spangle, Wash., helping Cat Tales Zoological Park in Spokane prepare for a new season, doing several small projects around the house of a conference employee, and cleaning and organizing for a local women’s shelter.

Each evening, Eric Haeger offered thought-provoking yet interactive worship talks. His desire was that “teens would come away from this week seeing that it is reasonable to believe in God and that He created us with a purpose.”

After evening worship, teams convened together in a quiet space for Team Time, during which teams recapped the day’s experiences and shared praises and prayer requests to be

The Teen Pathfinder Mission Adventure (TPMA) mission opportunity allows teens to serve others locally.



Teens cleaned up a mobile home park on the north side of Spokane. The residents were so thankful, their service was covered on the local news.

prayed over as a team.

During the Friday night agape feast, teens and staff were invited to share stories of their experiences over the week. Over and over experiences were shared testifying to the power of teamwork, compassion, perseverance and, most of all, prayer.

When asked what she enjoys about TPMA, Stacey McCormick, Deer Park (Wash.) Mountaineers, says, “I like being a part of something that is bigger

than myself. I like feeling that I am being the hands and feet of Jesus. Putting others first feels really good.”

As the week drew to a close, Richie Brower, Upper Columbia Conference associate director of youth and family life, challenged the teens to meet with God each day, go where He leads and tell their story of what God has done for them.

TPMA ended Sunday with a goodbye line, where old and new friends parted with handshakes, hugs and admonishments to return next year.

*Megan McCormick, Deer Park Mountaineers Pathfinder*

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## RETREAT FOCUSES ON 'TRIUMPHANT DESPITE SCARS'

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**D**uring the weekend of the Hispanic Women's

Retreat, 'El Retiro de Damas,' the Lord allowed me to touch the edge of His cloak," says Angelica Vasquez. Vasquez is one of more than 290 women in attendance at this year's retreat at Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho.

The purpose of this year's event, entitled "Triumphant Despite the Scars," is to come away from secular activities, to meet with Jesus and connect with their peers from other

churches. This was fulfilled for Vasquez. She says, "For several years I lived with disappointment by something that happened in my childhood, but, like that woman with blood flow, Jesus restored me and gave me healing."

The 2018 registration broke all records, and Camp MiVoden was packed, yet the willingness of the attendees to organize themselves in groups to make even more room in order to allow others to attend was amazing.

The theme song, "What a Beautiful Name," authored



A number of teens joined this year's retreat.

by Brooke Lidgerwood from Hillsong Worship resounded loud and clear over the lake in the "idioma del cielo" (language of heaven) and in the hearts of the attendees.

A tradition since 2009, hundreds of ladies take the third weekend of April to walk away from their regular activities to meet with Jesus, recharge spiritual batteries and learn how to follow Jesus in a more comprehensive way.

On Sabbath evening, the ladies enjoyed a social event in the cafeteria. They displayed recycled dresses they designed and decorated completely from repurposed cloth or items. Many had prepared for this event with other women from their local churches.

On Sunday morning the ladies had the opportunity to share testimonies of the blessing the weekend was for them.

Vasquez says, "Now I know in my heart that I am a

beautiful and willing woman. Love to my Heavenly Father because He never left me in my moments of weakness. Now I understand that all the difficult situations made me stronger because I always looked for God. Although my healing takes a long time to arrive, my God is restoring me and my home because restored people restore people."

The Hispanic Women's Retreat main speakers were Carolann De León, a family counselor, and Patty Marruffo, family and youth pastor at Garden Grove Church in California. Jenniffer Ogden, Walla Walla University Church family pastor, spoke to the young ladies.

Registration for next year's retreat opens Feb. 1, 2019. See you there.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*

The Saturday night fashion show featured clothes made from repurposed items.



## CCA RETURNS TO BELIZE

**D**uring spring break, 24 Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) students and adults headed back to the King's Children's Home (KCH) in Belize to finish a job they started in 2016.

It's been a dream of the directors of the orphanage to have a church on their campus for a number of years. Two years ago CCA students worked with a local crew to help build the combination church and school. The group was able to raise the building to include the foundation and five-concrete-block-high walls. Due to lack of time and funds, the project was left to be continued by other groups.

Fortunately Auburn Adventist Academy and at least one other school group were

Kaiza Delgadillo and "Peanut"



King's Children's Home kids are ready for church to start.

able to continue the project during their mission trips. By the time CCA returned to the children's home, the students realized they would be able to finish the job by painting the interior and exterior, cleaning the floors, laying sidewalks, and hauling rocks for the septic tank and drain field.

The crowning finish was when sophomore Faith Workman completed the painting of the Ten Commandments scroll on the outside wall — something the KCH founder, "Mama Leonie," envisioned for a long time. Sophomore Trista Bais and a parent volunteer, Jackie Stonas, assisted in the Ten Commandment scroll as well to ensure the job was completed before the group left.

Another important ministry during the trip was spending time with the young-

er children. Volunteers Jenny Vickrey and Karen Fisher organized Bible stories, songs and crafts for a couple hours during some of the mornings just for these children. The CCA students bonded well with the younger children, who enjoyed the attention.

On Sabbath, the residents of the KCH, local church members and the CCA mission trip participants were able to worship together in the new church. A small ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the occasion and to honor God for His blessings. "Uncle Stanley," the facility manager who was instrumental in every project and who is undergoing cancer treatment, cut the ribbon.

CCA seniors Mackenzie Forney, Ally Stonas and Kaiza Delgadillo gave the Sabbath morning message based on

Rom. 12:2, CCA's Scripture for the school year. Another blessing was that the CCA students had raised enough money to purchase 100 folding chairs and wall fans for the church.

God willing, CCA will return to the King's Children's Home in 2020 to spend time with the children and work on more projects to enhance the facility that supports the work the KCH does in their community — loving children and providing a safe environment for them.

*Julie Savino, Cascade Christian Academy vice principal and chaplain*



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Brook Vickrey and Jailene Cruz clean up at the work site.







The original school building for Beacon Christian School on Eighth Avenue.

## BEACON TURNS 100

**O**n Sabbath, April 21, Beacon Christian School in Lewiston, Idaho, celebrated 100 years of Christian education, a huge accomplishment for a small private school. After the celebration, the school's three ninth-graders were given a journalism assignment in which they reported on the event. The following are excerpts from their comments.

All the area churches held a church service in the school's gym with teachers, board members and alumni leading out, most notably the keynote address by Beacon alumnus Alden Thompson, a professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla University. City records show that the first school was built and occupied in 1919, but instruction likely started before that at the church or in somebody's home until church members were able to build at the original Eighth Avenue site. In 1972, Beacon Christian School moved to its current location on Stewart Ave-

nue. — *Kendra Beardsley*

Everyone enjoyed this eventful day. The children loved playing games, making crafts, participating in Sabbath School and singing songs. The adults enjoyed coming together with their friends and family. Principal/upper-grade teacher David Gage's favorite part was seeing the kids onstage performing and helping out with everything. — *Halli Knox*

Throughout my eight years at Beacon, I have come to learn what sets the school apart. Though small, Beacon provides a family community among parents, teachers and students. It is not unusual to see parents and friends of the school donating their time to lighten the teachers' loads. Everyone here will tell you that a knowledge of God has helped them solve life's problems. — *Claire James*

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## 'LOMA LINDA COMES TO YOU' AT VALLEY VIEW CHURCH

**W**ith high anticipation the Valley View Church awaited the Sabbath services on May 5 in East Wenatchee, Wash. Through the invitation of East Wenatchee Church member Cheryl Smith, Loma Linda University (LLU) was sending Richard Hart, LLU president, and his visiting team to the Wenatchee Valley as part of the Loma Linda Comes to You outreach.

The congregation was not disappointed. Hart and his team shared the mission, the history and the vision of the future of Loma Linda University with the worshippers at Valley View. He challenged them to be connectors to the world, especially to souls empty and searching for spiritual and physical wholeness.

Richard Schaefer, LLU historian, shared the inspiring story of LLU's early days, including the role Ellen White played in the purchasing of the land and the future role of the medical work there. Many

LLU alumni participated in the service, including Jeff Hwang, Jonathan Kim, Richard Mehrer, Paul Kwon, Robert Smith, Jay Magnuson and Bernie Kopfer, as well as Corby Cumbo-Hutton, Earl Bolton and Hal Harden.

There were extra special connections with families and friends to the team members. Hart called Idaho home and attended Upper Columbia Academy and Walla Walla College, where he and Magnuson roomed together for four years. Judy Hart was also at "home" as Yakima is where she grew up. Julie Roth called Wenatchee home for many years. Loma Linda University has enriched many lives in the Wenatchee Valley.

*Shannon Fisher, Valley View Church communication leader*

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Richard Hart encourages future doctor Mitch Morgan to attend Loma Linda University.



## TEACHER MARKS 44 YEARS IN SAME SCHOOL

**D**on't leave. I need to get my work done!" said one student when they heard their favorite teacher was retiring.

The Edmonds Church fellowship room was packed the first Sunday of May 2018 with former and current students and colleagues (including two of her very first students) to honor the retirement of Dea Beinhoff, who is retiring after 44 years of teaching lower grades and being a principal for four years at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood.

"In today's education landscape, it is unprecedented to see an Adventist teacher stay in a single position for their entire career," says Craig Mattson, Washington Conference vice president for education. "Dea's 44-year term of service represents a distinguished ministry that has touched thousands of lives."

"My daughter was in her class for years," says Danica Wright, former colleague. "She was wonderful, kind, warm, and she had a good balance of structure and fun in her classroom. I'm glad my kids had the chance to get her as a teacher."

Parents, colleagues and students expressed their appreciation for Beinhoff's

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Current and former students and colleagues filled the Edmonds Church fellowship room to celebrate Dea Beinhoff's 44 years of teaching.

dedication to education, and many remembered her for her organization, structure and dedication to teaching the importance of responsibility during the end of the retirement celebration.

"We taught together, and she was a tremendous help," says Marilyn Jordan, former colleague. "To be a teacher who received students from her classroom was a blessing. They were prepared."

"It didn't take me long to see what a quality primary teacher we had," says Lowell Dunston, former colleague and retired principal. "The students

had a foundational education. They could read, write, work as a team and more. I learned to appreciate her for the solid work she had done."

"Dea has done a work for you and your children that will last generations," said Robert McDonald, former principal at Cypress, whose daughter and granddaughter were in Beinhoff's classroom. "When you make a difference in a child's life, it is eternal. She is a teacher, through and through."

"I am inspired by the young people in my classroom. I wanted to make a difference in their lives by helping them

obtain the basic skills and values that will enable them to become lifelong learners," says Beinhoff. "I appreciated the opportunity of being able to do this in a Christian environment where my values and relationship with the Lord could be shared with my students."

*Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern*

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## RENTON MEMBERS DELIVER GRACE FOR EASTER

**D**esiring to bless their community at Easter, the Renton Church bought \$2,000 worth of grocery store gift cards and gave them all away.

Their plans for the Easter weekend began along the lines of a one-time music and preaching event. When they weighed the cost of a one-and-done event against a demonstration of grace, the choice was simple.

The newly formed Renton Warriors Pathfinder Club assembled 200 gift bags containing the grocery store cards, a tract written by Maxwell on the true meaning of Easter, a music CD, candy and a flier of upcoming events at the church. Following a special communion service on March 31, the Pathfinders and other church members took to the streets and looked for people to bless.

Gloria Henry, witnessing class member, told of one gentleman who couldn't believe he was getting something for free.

"I told him Easter is the celebration of Jesus' gift of His life because He loved us, and we were spreading a little love. 'Thank You,' the man

replied, but didn't know what to do next," says Henry. "I mentioned that he could pay it forward by spreading a little love. 'That's a good idea,' he said, and looked for someone else to pass the blessing to."

Many people responded with surprise and joy — one woman gave the pastor a hug. But not everyone wanted the free gift. This surprised the young Pathfinders, but it was a living lesson in response to the gospel. Renton Church pastor Randy Maxwell explained that, though Jesus died for all, not everyone appreciates the gift.

"The outreach opened my eyes to how God gave His gift to us without any strings attached or expectations from us," says Akua Owusu-Ansah, Pathfinder leader. "It taught me to be grateful for His love and gift every day and to learn to give more to others rather than to take from them."

*Randy Maxwell, Renton Church pastor*



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Randy Maxwell, Renton Church pastor, hands an Easter outreach bag to a community member.



NOHELANI JARNES

## FERNDALE CHURCH HOSTS 'BIG DEAF DAY'

**F**or the first time, church services were presented first for a deaf audience and then for a hearing audience at Ferndale Church on April 28. This was a historic event as deaf and hearing gathered together in the same church service for Big Deaf Day, drawing many people from various areas in Canada, Washington and Oregon.

In preparation for Big Deaf Day, Ferndale Church members spent five weeks learning American Sign Language (ASL) from volunteer deaf teachers to be able to welcome those visiting for the unique day of worship.

David Trexler, deaf speaker and director for Three Angels Deaf Ministries, delivered a message about holding on to one's faith and not giving up. Francisca Trexler, Three Angels Deaf Ministries co-di-

rector, taught Sabbath School and presented the afternoon message.

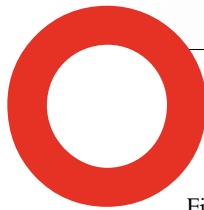
Nohelani Jarnes, Washington Conference deaf ministry coordinator, and Rose Davis, team interpreter, interpreted Trexler's message for those in the congregation who did not know ASL.

Washington Conference deaf ministry has plans to coordinate future church services in western Washington that will include both the hearing and the deaf together.

*Brylie Jarnes, Washington Conference deaf ministries secretary*



## PASTOR COMMISSIONED AS ARMY RESERVE CHAPLAIN



On a late Sabbath afternoon on May 19, Eddie General, Greater Seattle Filipino-American (Fil-Am) Church pastor, was commissioned into the U.S. Army Chaplain Reserves as a captain.

Pastors, church community, friends and family from as far as Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, joined together at the Greater Seattle Fil-Am Church to witness and celebrate General's new step in ministry.

"A military chaplain is a calling; it's not something you take lightly," says Scott Tyman, Tacoma Central pastor and Army Reserve chaplain, who administered the oath. "It's going to take courage to make the tough decisions as a chaplain, and you are going to

The Greater Seattle Fil-Am Pathfinder Club leads Eddie General into the church sanctuary for his military commissioning.



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Eddie General, Greater Seattle Fil-Am Church pastor, and Scott Tyman, Tacoma Central Church pastor.

be providing spiritual leadership and providing advisement to your commander."

General had thought of joining the military chaplaincy when he was in seminary but had been called to another

ministry. It was one day in General's office that he received a text from an Army chaplain and began a process of decision making. General and his wife, Liza, prayed for God's will on this matter.

"My wife, Liza, and I had prayed for God's will on this matter," says General. "This is not something that I just want to enter into without consulting the Commander of all commanders. Once I got the 'go' signal, we felt at peace that this was what God was calling us to do."

"We pray that God will be present in every interaction that Eddie has with people as he serves," says Craig Carr, Washington Conference vice

president for administration.

At the end of the commissioning ceremony, pastors and elders surrounded General and his family in prayer as he began his new adventure as both the Greater Seattle Filipino-American Church pastor and an Army Reserve chaplain.

"I may be a captain in the United States Army, but I serve and worship a God, Jesus Christ, who is the Captain of my soul and salvation," says General.

*Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern*

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## STUDENTS, TEACHER TALK ABOUT FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORIES

**I**f you could step into the multigrade (first through eighth) classroom at Mountain View Christian School in Sequim, you would overhear a conversation like this one between Michelle Noonan and three of her upper-grade students.

**Noonan:** Each month we had a theme, a project and a field trip. What were your favorite field trips?

**Heather:** The one where we had lunch at the beach. We went to see a chemistry lab and a biology lab at the college after that.

**Noonan:** Did any of you like the recycling center?

**Abbey:** Not really. It was smelly!

**Noonan:** What fun projects did you enjoy this year?

**Abbey:** I liked when we made mugs to sell to raise money for ADRA [Adventist Development and Relief Agency]. I helped create the labels for that.

**Noonan:** That's right. We had been learning about assembly lines, so you each worked at a different station. Once you finished your part then you sent it to the next station. What about the special programs we presented this year?

**Tiana:** We had an Education Sabbath in Sequim. I helped sing and was in the skit. My brother helped write the sermon.

**Noonan:** Yes, we did everything during the whole service. The eighth-graders wrote the sermon about our Beatitudes Bible study, and everyone had a part to do, whether they read the sermon, the Bible texts or put on the children's story.

**Heather:** I was on the praise team for the Port Angeles program. The new Washington educational superintendent came and gave the sermon. I was also one of the main shepherds for the Christmas program.

**Noonan:** What other fun things did we do this year?



**Tiana:** I liked helping Miss Jess cut blackberry leaves for our pet stick bugs.

**Abbey:** I loved going to Outdoor School! Sunset Lake is awesome!

**Noonan:** Also for each of our monthly units we learned our states and our presidents. What did you find most fascinating about our presidents?

**Abbey:** How about the one who was afraid to turn the lights on and off?

**Heather:** Yeah, President Harrison and his wife. They hired someone to flip the switch for them, and he worked for them for 42 years.

**Noonan:** That's right. Electricity was still a new thing for them. So, what are you girls going to miss about our school during the summer?

**Tiana:** Everything!

**Heather:** Everyone!

**Noonan:** Well, this year has been fun, and we have learned a lot. I am really excited for next year where we will learn more about the rest of the world and our countries.

**Heather:** What field trips will we be going on?

**Noonan:** TBA!

**Tiana:** To be announced? You always say that!

*Michelle Noonan, Mountain View Christian School teacher, with three of MVCS's sixth- through eighth-grade students*



## 'IS THIS THING ON?'

*Church Leaders Meet With WWU Students for Open Conversation*

**L**eaders from the North American Division (NAD) met with Walla Walla University students on campus in College Place, Wash., in May for a conversation to address student questions. During the 120-minute Facebook Live "Is This Thing On?" event, Dan Jackson, NAD president; Alex Bryant, NAD executive secretary; and Tom Evans, NAD treasurer, answered questions from a live audience.

"Our church only becomes stronger when we talk to each other, pray with each other and learn from one another," said Jackson. "Transparent and open dialogue on issues important to young peo-

ple is something we are able to engage in with this conversation. And it's something we, as a church, should foster beyond this event."

Topics discussed included racial inclusivity, women in leadership and how younger generations can connect with older generations in church leadership.

"As students we desire to be heard by older generations. It keeps being said about our generation that we are concerned about issues of social justice, and many of the students on this campus feel that the church has been unjust. An opportunity to talk to them on terms that we can



agree with (a live/uncut setting) is meaningful to us," says Peter Flores, senior theology major and 2017-18 president of the Adventist Intercollegiate Association.

The event reached thousands of people outside of the WWU community. On Facebook alone, 8,000 people tuned in to the live broadcast,

107 people shared it, and there were a total of 1,115 reactions and comments. Twitter reached more than 66,300 accounts.

To watch the recorded program, visit [itshow.com](http://itshow.com).

*Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor*



Students have elected officers to lead ASWWU next year.

## ASWWU SELECTS 2018-19 OFFICERS

**C**ongratulations to the new officers for the Associated Students of Walla Walla University (ASWWU): Katelyn Folkenberg, president; Evelyn Ouro-Rodrigues, vice president; Lindsey Haffner, spiritual vice president; and Madilyn Malott, social vice president. The election of women to all of ASWWU's top four leadership positions is a first for the organization

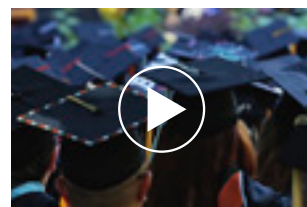
and an exciting landmark at WWU.

Elected cabinet members are responsible for hiring other key players in ASWWU, including the financial vice president, marketing vice president and various department heads.

*Kyler Alvord, WWU university relations student writer*

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## MAKING KNOWLEDGEABLE CHOICES

**R**esearch shows consumers consider quality, safety and value among the top indicators when shopping for an automobile. The same should be true when selecting a hospital. While having a conversation with their physician and health plan about finding the right hospital for their care, potential patients can personally review a hospital's scorecard for quality care and patient safety. Asking the right questions may lead to more positive experiences.

To claim high quality, hospitals or clinics must achieve the best possible outcomes for medical care, safety and the patient experience. These outcomes are measured by respected third-party organizations.

Patients are finding Adventist Health's Pacific Northwest region facilities in Oregon, Washington and Hawaii are top performers, as evidenced by their quality scores.

"We don't engage in health care to receive awards," says Joyce Newmyer, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest region president. "What matters is consistency in delivering quality care thoughtfully, compassionately and prayerfully through each patient encoun-

ter. These scores and awards provide patients and their families information necessary to evaluate where to receive care and make the best choices."

Adventist Health Portland recently earned the Healthgrades 2018 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for the fifth consecutive year. The award recognizes the hospital in the top 5 percent of nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for its clinical performance as measured by Healthgrades, a resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

Additionally, Adventist Health Portland also holds an A grade for hospital safety according to the national patient safety watchdog, the

Leapfrog Group. The hospital has received the A grade 10 consecutive times, demonstrating consistency in the delivery of care. The grade signifies the hospital is among the safest in the United States, demonstrating a commitment to reducing errors, infections and accidents that can harm patients.

Meanwhile on the Oregon coast, Tillamook Regional Medical Center was named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States for the second year in a row. The healing ministry of Jesus Christ is evident in this rural coastal community hospital and clinic system, which has become a beacon for exceptional care. There are 1,343 critical access hospitals

in the United States and 25 in Oregon. A critical access hospital is a federal designation for hospitals providing 24-hour essential services in rural communities.

Rounding out the facilities of Adventist Health's Pacific Northwest region is Adventist Health Castle on the east side of Oahu, Hawaii. The hospital recently received the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the highest level of national recognition for excellence that a U.S. organization can receive in the category of health care. Patients find health and hope at the hospital known for being in the top 10 percent in the nation for disease prevention and treatment.

"The sacred work that permeates through our hospitals and clinics in Oregon, Washington and Hawaii happens because love matters," says Newmyer. "Providing exceptional quality care reflects an outpouring of God's love through every patient encounter."

*Judy Leach, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest Region vice president of strategy activation and communication*



## FAMILY MILESTONES

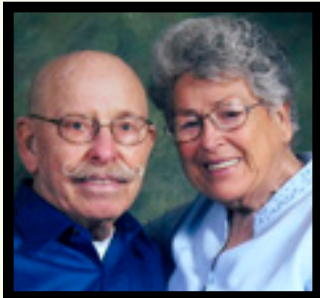
### House 70th

Lonnie Sr. and Lillie House celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 22, 2018, privately with family at their home.

Lonnie House married Lillie Harlen-Taylor on April 21, 1948, in Bentonville, Ark.

They moved from Missouri to Wenatchee, Wash., in 1952. They accepted the Lord together in 1972 through the Adventist Church with the leading of Earl Bolton and Sue Brownlow and were baptized in the Cashmere Church.

The Houses were orchardists for 25 years in Peshastin and East Wenatchee, Wash., retiring in 1995 in East Wenatchee. They are now members of the Valley View Church.



Lonnie and Lillie House

The House family includes Leroy Edward and Peg (Gimlin) House of Entiat, Wash.; Lois Ellen House-Edwards of East Wenatchee, Wash.; Lonnie Leroy House Jr. of Cashmere, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

### Schlehuber 70th

Rhoda Lockert married Clifford Schlehuber on Jan. 7, 1948, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Among other things, Cliff worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Salmon, Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Upon moving to Nampa, Idaho, and

Monida, Mont., they worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge and Red Rock Wildlife Refuge.

Moving to Spokane, Wash., Cliff worked for Hasse Drywall while Rhoda worked for Dix Steel Building, for Bonner County School District, for the Boundary County probate judge and prosecuting attorney, then for Gigray and Body attorneys in Caldwell, Idaho.

After moving to Billings, Mont., they were Montana residents for 47 years with Cliff being a drywall contractor. Rhoda worked for the Crowley Law Firm, then as a bank officer for First Bank Billings and later for First Interstate Bank Billings until retiring. She also volunteered at the Billings Clinic patient assistant liaison service (PALS) desk for many years and as a retired senior volunteer program (RSVP) tax volunteer.

Rhoda attended Granger Church School, Yakima Valley Academy and Upper Columbia Academy the first year it opened, graduating in 1948.

Rhoda and Cliff are members of the Billings Church. Rhoda has served as secretary and head of the Central Acres Church School board and helped found Little Treasures Day Care, a church outreach in Billings. She also enjoyed singing in the church choir and ladies sextet, as well as being a head greeter for many years.

They have two sons, Dale and Dane; two grandsons, Cody and Troy Schlehuber; a granddaughter, Katelyn Homes; two step-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandsons.

They celebrated their 70th anniversary with family in Montana this spring and thank

the good Lord for all the years together and for their health.

### Turner 90th

Clifford Turner Sr. celebrated his 90th birthday doing one of the things he loves most: singing. He enjoyed his birthday at Cherrywood Village, where his son is the chaplain, having some special numbers sung for and by him. After the service, those present went to the community room where they enjoyed a lunch prepared by his daughter-in-law, Lavon, and granddaughter, Vonette.

Born in Wenatchee, Wash., on May 11, 1927, Cliff was the eldest of four children born to Joey and Zella Turner. Joey worked on the Grand Coulee Dam during its construction, and Cliff went to school there. He remembers riding a horse to school. The dam was eventually finished and the family moved to Van Zandt, Wash., where they homesteaded. Eventually they moved to Bellingham, Wash., where Cliff went to school until his senior year when he went to Auburn Academy. Leaving school in the middle of the year, he joined the Navy just at the end of World War II. He received an honorable discharge after just a few months.

Cliff started singing in a quartet in Bellingham at age 14. Bill and Bud Dopp and Glen Larson completed the quartet.

Cliff married Lorna Brolin in 1947, and they had three boys: Mickey, Andy and Rodney. They also took in foster children; one summer they had five in the home plus their own three boys. Eventually they adopted two of the children, Lynda and David.

Cliff worked at American Fabricators, a company that

made laminated beams, many of which ended up in Adventist churches. After working there for 15 years, he entered denominational service, starting at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash., in the maintenance and boiler room. After two years there, he was called to the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, where he worked for 18 years. He ended his working years at the Portland (Ore.) Adventist Medical Center maintenance department.

After Lorna's death in 1975, Cliff eventually remarried his current wife, Sallie Shelton. She had four children, so there are quite a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well.

For the last 20-plus years he sang in a quartet with his son, Mick. He was also singing in the Pitchpipers Barbershop group, the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus and His Praise Men's Chorus, of which he is the oldest member. Recently he has been singing with Generation's Men's Chorus and the Cherrywood Village Choir.

## FAMILY AT REST

**ANDRÉ** — Doris Ilene (Tillotson), 91; born Dec. 18, 1926, Republican City, Neb.; died Feb. 18, 2018, Newport, Ore. Surviving: sons, Jerry, Federal Way, Wash.; Larry, Nampa, Idaho; Don, Newport; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**BEESLEY** — Helen (Lassle) Wallace, 94; born June 19, 1923, Wishek, N.D.; died March 12, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Thomas C. Wallace, St. John, Wash.; H. Bruce Wallace, Lake Havasu



City, Ariz.; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**BELIN** — Reavis Royden, 71; born May 30, 1946, Plum City, Wis.; died Feb. 27, 2018, Ridgefield, Wash. Surviving: wife, Judy (McMullin); brother, Lynden Belin, Anchorage, Alaska; and sister, Rosalyn Stevens, Yakima, Wash.

**BERGH** — Robert Milton, 82; born April 26, 1935, Mankato, Minn.; died March 11, 2018, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Judy (Dewey); son, Randy, Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter, Heidi Riggs, Portland, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

**BURTON** — Boyd Morgan, 83; born Oct. 30, 1934, Fall Brook, Calif.; died March 22, 2018, Homedale, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Avlys (Rollins); sons, Donald, Homedale; Rick, Ontario, Ore.; daughters, Cindy Clelland, Homedale; Pat Woelk, Yakima, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

**BUTLER** — Alton B., 63; born April 29, 1954, Albany, Ore.; died Nov. 15, 2017, Longview, Wash. Surviving: brothers, Stephen, Battle Ground, Wash.; and Orville, of Maryland.

**CHINN** — Catherine (Sankey), 95; born April 25, 1922, Campbell Hill, Alberta, Canada; died March 25, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Clarence; sons, Duane, Maple Valley, Wash.; Dale, Ooltewah, Tenn.; daughter, Donna Chinn, Walla Walla, Wash.; sisters, Pauline White, Woodland, Wash.; Muriel Kline, Welches, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**DAVENPORT** — Glenn, 100; born March 15, 1917, Ringgold County, Iowa; died Dec. 6, 2017, Centerville, Ohio.

Surviving: 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**GALL** — Judy Kay (Stottlemyer), 70; born Jan. 28, 1948, Elwood, Ind.; died March 8, 2018, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Cindy Bye and Karin Emery, both of Puyallup; brother, Larry Stottlemyer, Anderson, Ind.; sisters, Reba Simmons, Westfield, Ind.; Phyllis Edwards, Anderson; and 2 grandchildren.

**GINGERY** — Glenn L., 83; born Nov. 29, 1934, Portland, Ore.; died March 7, 2018, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: son, Alec, Calistoga, Calif.; daughter, Janelle Ross-Nash, Calistoga; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**GRUESBECK** — Eleanore Hilde (Wasson) Boehm, 90; born Dec. 16, 1927, Queens, N.Y.; died March 10, 2018, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bob Boehm, Punta Gorda, Fla.; Ken Gruesbeck, Battle Ground, Wash.; daughter, Kathy Miller, Big Fork, Mont.; brother, Don Wasson, Mahwah, N.J.; sister, Geri Burzotta, Long Island, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**GUNDERSON** — Loreta “Rita” Lillian (Saxby), 86; born April 2, 1931, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Feb. 11, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Carol Eugene; son, Eric, College Place; sisters, Donna Clark, Eugene, Ore.; Mary Lou Tillay and Patricia Reynolds, both of College Place.

**KERR** — Ervin, 71; born April 17, 1946, in North Dakota; died March 1, 2018, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Nathan Kerr, of North Carolina.

**MCFEETERS** — William “Bill” John, 73; born June 27, 1944, Escondido, Calif.; died

Feb. 19, 2018, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marianne Harris Storfjell McFeeters; daughters, Kristine McFeeters Lairson, Shelly McFeeters Beaudin and Shirley McFeeters, all of Grants Pass; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**MEHELICH** — Florence M., 93; born Feb. 21, 1925, Bovil, Idaho; died Feb. 28, 2018, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Harold; son, Dave, Wenatchee; daughter, Connie Mack, Wenatchee; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**REXIN** — Emil John, 86; born March 9, 1931, Carrington, N.D.; died March 1, 2018, Willamina, Ore. Surviving: wife, Rosemarie (Salstad), McMinnville, Ore.; daughters, Donna Helein, Willamina; Debbie Poupard, Highland, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

**ROBERTSON** — Katherine (Martin), 98; born Nov. 9, 1919, Portland, Ore.; died March 27, 2018, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, John M., Lawrence, Kan.; Douglas J., Vancouver; 4 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

**SCHERESKY** — Edward, 87; born Oct. 16, 1930, Benedict, N.D.; died Jan. 13, 2018, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Marge (Kostenko); sons, Todd, Boise; Jay, Bend, Ore.; daughters, Tanya Mills, Meridian, Idaho; Jill Canas, Pasadena, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

**SEIBERT** — B. Stanley, 100; born Feb. 11, 1918, Dickey County, N.D.; died March 21, 2018, Calistoga, Calif. Surviving: wife, Elsie (Cobb); and brother, Gerald D. Seibert, Zillah, Wash.

**STAELING** — Charles Eric, 94; born Oct. 14, 1923, Los Angeles, Calif.; died March

2, 2018, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Loretta (Bud) Morton Staeling; stepsons, Vernon Morton, Bob Morton and Stanley Morton, all of Sandpoint; Lawrence Morton, Moscow, Idaho; stepdaughters, Leslie Morton, Cherry Valley, Calif.; Lisa Morton-Gramyk, Sagle, Idaho; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

**STORFJELL** — Harald, 76; born Jan. 5, 1942, in Norway; died March 4, 2018, Callahan, Fla. Surviving: son, Timothy, Medford, Ore.; daughter, Mari Tolleson, Callahan; and 3 grandchildren.

**WENDELL** — Phil, 89; born

Oct. 5, 1929; died Feb. 23,

2018, Seattle, Wash. Surviv-

ing: wife, Betty Wendell, Port

Angeles, Wash.

**WISER** — Charles, 90; born

Nov. 6, 1927, Sand Springs,

Okla.; died March 4, 2018,

Loma Linda, Calif. Surviv-

ing: daughters, Myrna Sorrels,

Grand Terrace, Calif.; Lois

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Glen, Bakersfield, Calif.; Ted,

Clovis, Calif.; sister, Nora Pratt,

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

### Offering

**July 7** — Local Church Budget;

**July 14** — North American Division: Women's Ministries;

**July 21** — Local Church Budget;

**July 28** — Local Conference Advance;

**Aug. 4** — Local Church Budget;

**Aug. 11** — World Budget: Oakwood University/Andrews University/Loma Linda University;

**Aug. 18** — Local Church Budget;

**Aug. 25** — Local Conference Advance.

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

**July 12-14** — Visit the WWU booth at Oregon Spanish Camp Meeting!

**July 17-21** — Visit the WWU booth at Oregon Gladstone Camp Meeting!

**Aug. 24-26** — Join us for WWU Alumni Sabbath at Rosario Beach Marine Station. Carl Cosaert, professor of biblical studies, will be our speaker. Come for Sabbath or the full weekend. Visit [wallawalla.edu/rosario-sabbath](http://wallawalla.edu/rosario-sabbath) or call 800-377-2586 for reservations.

## IDAHO CONFERENCE

### Rejoice 2018 Boise

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## OREGON CONFERENCE

### Union College Alumni Gathering

**July 21** — Alumni, family and friends of Union College are invited to attend this year's Gladstone Union College Alumni Gathering at 5 p.m. in Zull Hall, on the grounds of the Gladstone Park Conference Center, during Gladstone Camp Meeting. The meeting will feature Rich and Kenna Lee Carlson from Union College and will offer a chance to catch up and reconnect with friends and old classmates. A light meal will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help with expenses. For more information, call Jeremy or Krissy Barber at 971-208-5741.

### Cedar Creek Church Centennial Celebration

**Aug. 3-4** — Former church family and friends are invited to join this reunion. Email [sswanb8@gmail.com](mailto:sswanb8@gmail.com) or visit [cedarcreeksda.com](http://cedarcreeksda.com) for more information.

### Filipinos Convocation

**Aug. 18** — Filipinos of Oregon and Washington, let us all come together for a Filipino Convocation with worship, fellowship and food. Services will begin with Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. and continue into the afternoon until 5 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style, so bring your favorite entrée, salad or dessert for 12. Bring your friends, appetites (spiritual and physical) to Rivergate Adventist School, 1505 Rivergate School Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027. For more information, call Airdina Wang at 503-255-0075.

### The 16th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers

**Sept. 1** — The 16th annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers will be held at 6 p.m. at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Musical inspiration and a special guest speaker, Dr. David L. Taylor, are just part of a special evening. Plan to attend this remarkable event and reconnect with friends.

## UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

### The College Place Village Church Turns 50

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1** — The College Place Village Church (on 12th and Larch)

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### Missing Members

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## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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The Shoreline Church is looking for the following missing members: John Martin, Suzann Martin, William Martin, Robert Moore, Karen Moore, Yumi Moriyama, Ranny RaHu, Gabriel Reed, Moriah Reed, Elizabeth Riedel, Heidi Ross, Michelle Schreyer, Rodney Sonnenfeld, Leslie Sonnier, Karol Stokes, Maggie Stovall, Jay Thompson, James B. Turner, Edward Vasquez Jr., Thomas Wawondatu, Frewoyini Weldegiorgis, Gary L. Will, Sheila R. Will, Lanie Williams, Violet T. Williams, Tracey Williams, Alicia Zamora, Roneau L. Zamora Jr., Ronald Carlson and Herbert Damwijk. If you have any information about these missing members, please contact the Shoreline Church pastor at 253-314-7472 or [bmorebobe@gmail.com](mailto:bmorebobe@gmail.com).

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**Events**

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Fairbanks	12:28	12:09	11:46	11:23	10:58	10:33	10:07	9:42	9:16	
Juneau	10:03	9:55	9:44	9:30	9:15	8:58	8:40	8:22	8:02	
Ketchikan	9:28	9:22	9:13	9:02	8:49	8:34	8:18	8:02	7:45	
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>										
Boise	9:29	9:26	9:21	9:14	9:06	8:57	8:47	8:36	8:24	
La Grande	8:43	8:39	8:34	8:27	8:19	8:09	7:58	7:46	7:33	
Pocatello	9:11	9:08	9:04	8:57	8:49	8:40	8:30	8:19	8:08	
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## RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

**M**y residence is in Washington, but I live in the state of Cognitive Dissonance.

Webster's defines the term as the state of having inconsistent thoughts, beliefs or attitudes, especially as relating to behavioral decisions. Our subconscious mind gathers facts and trends that often go unrecognized in our busy, over-planned lives. But connecting the threads, I've lived my entire life with the sneaking suspicion I am living in the "last generation" of which Jesus spoke in Matthew 24.

In our generation, knowledge has increased, men run to and fro, the love of most has grown cold. It is said there is more information contained in one *Wall Street Journal* newspaper than a 19th-century farmer would have gleaned in his entire life. And the limits of digital content seem unending.

Yet, in spite of the best evangelistic efforts, some estimate that there are 2 billion people yet to be reached by the good news, with most of these living in the challenging 10/40 Window countries of Africa and southern Asia. Humanly speaking, even with our technological advances, Jesus' exhortation in Matthew 24 that "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" is indeed a daunting goal.

While growing up, I read the fateful words of Jim Elliot: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he

cannot lose." And Dietrich Bonhoeffer's martyr-laden, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Christ's Great Commission weighs heavy on willing hearts.

And therein lies my state of cognitive dissonance and guilt. I long to be a part of Christ's plan to save the world, but I am not currently sleeping in the slums of Somalia or facing martyrdom in the mosques of Mosul.

I worry I'm too content serving Christ within commuting distance of my bed and Trader Joe's. Does Jesus consider the Pacific Northwest part of His mission field? Did He perhaps place me *right here* for a reason?

I've slowly come to believe I am called to live out the Great Commission wherever God puts me. For now, that means right here in my own homeland.

For nearly two decades, I've awakened each morning with the calling to manage a local contemporary Christian radio station, KEEH-FM in Spokane. I've seen firsthand the life-changing difference that can be made simply by pouring daily encouragement and faith into listeners' lives.

At a recent concert our staff watched one of God's divine coincidences. A young man walked through the Spokane Arena concourse and quietly stopped at the radio station booth. He was deep in thought, having just watched a newly unveiled video on the Jumbotron that featured a radio listener who had lost her child to suicide. Shyly greeting a staff member, the young man began to pour out his heart, explaining

that he often heard voices encouraging him to take his own life.

Overwhelmed in the face of such emotional need, we were a bit flustered, but then we watched a "God moment" occur. The same mother featured in the video "just happened" to simultaneously appear at our booth. Our staff watched the tearful encounter as this mother ministered to the young man from her own place of grief.

We prayed as she explained to him the spiritual battle being waged for his soul, bringing him perfectly timed words of courage as he faced his own darkness. Jesus' call to preach "this gospel of the kingdom" was happening right in front of us, in our own hometown.

When I consider these kind of encounters, my cognitive dissonance melts away. What about yours? Whether considering the mission field yourself or simply in the quiet of your own closet, the time is ripe to pray that the Lord of the harvest sends reapers into the harvest field — *even when the harvest field is right outside your own front door.*

*Darin Patzer, KEEH-FM station manager*

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# TESTING WITHOUT THE STRESSING

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s I write this latest installment of my monthly column, I am embarked on preparations for my Ph.D. qualifying exams this fall. This means my brain is overloaded with random bits of information pertaining to Husserl's phenomenology, Derrida's critique of that phenomenology, the history of radio (which includes the odious Father Coughlin and the heartbreaking Kristallnacht), the philosophy of the mirror's double reflection, symbolic interactionism, and so so so so much more ... so much more ...

I believe this has resulted in my brain rejecting commonly useful items like where I put my shoes, how to use a key fob, what paper is made out of, the names of my pets, how to make spaghetti and all kinds of other random details to make room for the compre-

hensive knowledge needed to defeat the exams. Pray

for me and my wife, who will no doubt be finding cereal boxes in the freezer and who will attempt to stop me from putting socks on my hands before leaving the house. I am taking July off to study and to prevent myself from saying weird things in Sabbath sermons or forgetting how stairs work and plummeting off the platform.

In the midst of all this knowledge consumption I came across

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Seth Pierce



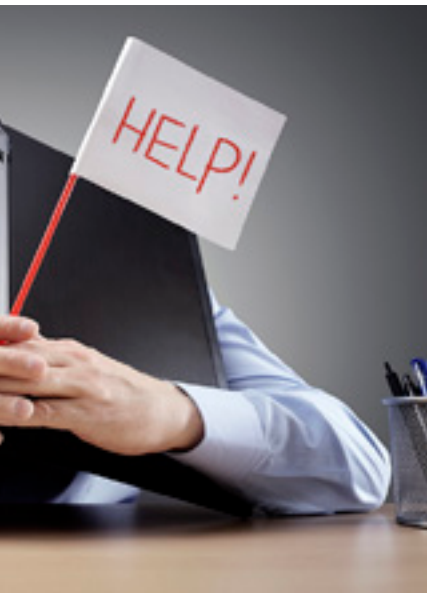
an encouraging word from O.C. Richard's 840-page *A History of Preaching ...* vol. 1 ... which will also be needed for the exams. In commenting on the Second Great Awakening of the 19th century, Richards describes the experience of revivalist Charles Finney: "The frequency of his sermons and the demand of other duties mean that he often did not have an opportunity to think of what he was going to say until the last minute" (p. 517). That is a literal nightmare for me, finding out I am on to speak and not having any chance to prepare.

Yet, Richards records Finney stating, "Some of the most telling





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sermons I have ever preached in Oberlin [his church], I have thus received after the bell had rung for church; and I was obliged to go and pour them off from my full heart, without jotting down more than the briefest possible skeleton, and that sometimes not covering half the ground that I covered in my sermon” (*ibid.*).

This wasn’t because Finney was a slacker — just the opposite. God blessed his efforts with such revival and influence that he literally had no time for prep outside his regular Bible study. Yet, somehow, he made it. God gave

him the grace to get through that ministry season.

Life is not short on exams — whether they are written exams to achieve the next degree, or a set of circumstances beyond your control that you must navigate. While the text gets abused and interpreted as a way to bless a lack of good decision making, or even to minimize the real pain life can bring, Rom. 8:28 gives me some strength: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

I often don’t know how things will work, despite my best efforts. I also look through the testimonies that come from history, as well as personal friends, and find that others often didn’t know how life was going to work either — but they made it somehow.

Scripture provides a host of God followers who also had stressful tests to pass that made little to no sense at the time. Almost all of the classic Bible stories we learn as kids revolve around this theme. David faces Goliath, Daniel’s friends have to endure the fiery furnace, Daniel goes to the lion’s den, Esther has to approach the king and save her people with

a clever plan, the disciples have to endure the cross and the faith shaking (and resurrecting) aftermath, and Paul has numerous church planting problems. By God’s grace they made it. I need that reminder from time to time and so do you.

The final words of Jesus’ in the Gospels involve test, but also a promise. Jesus says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:19–20).

We go a lot of places, and we carry our witness with us (even if we aren’t formally teaching/preaching). It is comforting to know that the biographies of Jesus don’t end, “Good luck. Don’t mess this up and fail Me.” Instead we have a promise that, no matter what test comes, Jesus will be with us. May His presence and love cast out any fear you have for the tests ahead.

*Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor*

# EQUALITY AND SUBMISSION: CONTRADICTION OR COMPATIBLE?



Christology — the study of Christ — has suffered theological conflict throughout church history. Lately some Adventists have raised questions about who Jesus is in relation to God the Father. A few on the fringe even believe Christ was derived from God, just as Eve was created from Adam.

Such confused Christology revives the ancient heresy of Arianism: that Jesus, the divine Creator of this earth, was Himself created by the Father. It naturally follows that not only Jesus but women are inherently secondary and subservient: Christ to the Father and women to men.

To resolve this confusion, first we must settle the fact Jesus is not a created being but rather an eternal member of the Godhead. Then we are able to explore how Father, Son and Spirit interact with each other and what that means for

us — particularly regarding women in the church.

## EQUAL IN BEING, DIFFERENT IN FUNCTION

Consider the position of Christ with the Father and the Spirit in the Godhead. God exists in the unified plurality of Father, Son and Holy Spirit — three eternal and distinct personalities although one in being and purpose. *Yet their roles differ.* They are equal

in their being but have differing functions within the Godhead.

As His name implies, God the Father is CEO of the Trinity. While on earth, God the Son lived to bring glory to His Father in saving us from sin. Then, resurrected from the dead, Jesus proclaimed that His Father has become our Father and His God our God. Now glorified on high, Christ still lives to glorify the Father as our Representative. Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne — ever representing the Father to us and us to the Father.

Although inherently our divine Creator, Jesus has become the last Adam, bonded forever with our humanity. *This solidarity with His people places Him in voluntary subordination to the Father.* But is Jesus somehow diminished in His divinity while eternally bearing our humanity? Not at all. Love expresses itself in humble service.

## WOMEN'S DIFFERING ROLES

Some Christians join Muslims and conservative Jews in regarding women as inherently inferior to men. Actually, females are as necessary as males in comprising the image of our Creator, since “male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:27). Under God, men and women stand as equals in their common humanity, yet they function in different roles.

According to Scripture,



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servant leadership exists in the marriage relationship: “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord” (Eph. 5:22). But also, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (verse 25). Without such humble and trustworthy leadership, a woman should never marry a man who disrespects her strengths and feels

threatened where her skills are superior. But empowering husbands form a functional team with their wives, modeled after the Godhead.

However, voluntary submission to her trusted life partner *does not make a woman subordinate to every man in the church*, where “there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28).

Women who follow their own husband’s home leadership can be pastoral leaders of churches and lay elders as

well, according to longstanding General Conference policies of the Adventist Church in harmony with the Scripture just cited.

But wait — what about prohibitions in Paul’s epistles against women teaching in church? We must interpret them in the context of chauvinistic Greco-Roman culture, wherein they were originally expressed. In Palestine and Samaria as well, remember how Christ undermined the social restraints placed upon woman, liberating them to be His witnesses.

Adventists today who promote the “plain reading” of Scripture without cultural interpretation should remember how Ellen White continually preached and taught in church. She even publicly exerted authority over ordained male leaders. Such exercise of her spiritual gifts without gender constraints is consistent with the gospel principles noted above.

To summarize:

- Jesus our eternal Creator, humbled Himself to become Son of Man — not just historically on earth but now in heaven as our Advocate before the Father.
- Christ as our new Adam does not deny or dimin-

ish His inherent divinity by submitting Himself to the Father’s leadership role for us.

- Likewise, a wife does not degrade her womanhood when she entrusts herself to the servant leadership of her husband. However, women are not the subjects of men they interact with at church.
- Women can serve as designated leaders and teachers of local congregations, either as pastors or lay elders. Established General Conference policy supports this, and we should comply.
- Scriptures that impose silence upon women in church are best understood as culturally conditioned — or Ellen White herself would have violated her calling.
- We can love and respect each other despite our differences, as members of local churches and the global Adventist community.

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# JUST LIKE JESUS

## WHEN YOU GROW UP

“**W**

hat do you want to be when you grow up?”

The young man who asked me the question was celebrating his sixth birthday and making some choices that would seriously impact his life.

I thought for a moment, relishing the taste of a very good birthday cake.

“A fireman,” I answered.

He considered, and then pronounced his blessings on my choice. We laughed, and he took me outside to break a piñata. That was long ago, but his question still echoes. Especially when I’m looking through old photos.

Like this one. A man. A very thoughtful man, studying his Sabbath School lesson somewhere in the Mozambique bush. A man who knows exactly who he wants to be, if he ever grows up.

Garry is a Northwestern Giver, capital G. A man who has always lived outside himself, determined to Give without being noticed. Living for others, even if sometimes the Giving requires neglecting himself. Like a man with telephoto glasses who sees

distant needs clearly.

My wife and I spent a year with Garry during a month in Mozambique, Africa. Our assignment was to create a video record of Garry’s team drilling a water well beside a reed church.

However, with Garry, even the simplest tasks expand into cyclones of possibility.

“What if ... ?” Garry would ask, and then off we would go on a tangent that promised another opportunity to Give.

We camped beside the church, our REI tents standing firm against the desert wind but useless against the desert scorpions. We bought firewood from the local supplier. We used toilets that were like all the village toilets, except that ours had waist-high reed walls. Every passing taxi cloaked us with a new layer of dust.

The drill rig, designed and built by Garry (“They need wells, and no one else is going to drill them!”) was up to its axles in the red clay beside the church. We were ready to transform village life by bringing The Water of Life five kilometers closer to the village.

A couple of the church men joined the drilling crew, while the church women spread out reed mats and moved in as if this was a camp meeting for the gals. They made fun of our cooking and required us to taste theirs. If someone offers you a kakana nut, decline politely.

Two days later Garry added another well to his list of Mozambique successes. We wrapped the video, celebrated with the village, pulled out

the trucks, hugged our new friends and drove off ahead of the dust.

Then Garry showed us his map of Mozambique, covered with hundreds of small red marks up and down the country.

“I think we could do maybe a thousand or so wells,” Garry said, “and then there’s an old school up north that could use a farm. Maybe we could ... .”

*Dick Duerksen, Oregon Conference storycatcher and storyteller*



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# Reach for the stars at Milo



*"Now I have the assurance that God is with me and that I am here for a purpose. I realized how much I needed God in my life. I finally recognized that by myself everything is impossible for me to accomplish, but with God all things are possible."*

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