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A CLIMATE WHERE ALL GENERATIONS CAN GROW

By Al Reimche

Do you know someone that thinks differently than you? Okay, we all can think of some. Could you name someone who has never experienced life without a cell phone, or known a world without the internet? That should be pretty easy to find. How about someone who sees church differently than you? You need look no further than down the street where you live. What about someone who doesn't seem to value what you hold to be important? Again, just look around. That's the world we live in. But what if they're not just the people across town or down the road — what if they're family? Does that change how you look at them?

Who are the people I'm referring to? They are likely the youth and young adults in your life and/

or in your church. They are students or kids that have grown up and may not be living at home anymore. They are the children you taught in Sabbath School, but who may or may not attend your church anymore.

Millennials are an interesting and diverse group of people who were born between 1980 and 2000. They include everyone from students still in academy, to young marrieds getting into their first, of possibly several, careers. Most have

never known a time when dialing a number with a bunch of zeros could cause hand fatigue. In fact, texting and instant communication with their friends has been a given, not a novel idea. Travel has been limited only by the depth of the pocketbook and so their resulting worldview is way beyond the

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experiences of their parents. Their experience with church as described by the research organization, Barna, is that they love a cathedral and enjoy contemporary worship. They want to be married but, if given a choice, would rather provide a healthy parenting environment for their children.

Demographics tell us that this is the largest people segment since the "baby-boomers." In fact, 16% of our church membership is composed of young adults while our communities have over 32%. But, though 16% of our membership are Millennials, we realize that this group is not well represented each Sabbath. Does this mean we should focus our attention on Millennials to the exclusion of others? I would say instead, that our mission is to all people, which includes understanding and a vision for how to open our church doors to each group including this missing segment.

A few of our pastors met late last fall and began dreaming of what it would look like to have churches that accepted, reached out, and loved as Christ did. As the vision grew, six of our churches indicated an interest in beginning a journey of discovery. Both in understanding the Millennial generation, and providing a loving climate where all the generations could grow.

As a result, a group of young adults and leaders from our conference spend a couple of days in California, not on the beaches, but in a seminar focused on beginning that journey. The intent of the seminar and discussions was not to generate a new program or drive a new initiative in the conference, but rather to understand how to provide a healthy, loving climate where Millennials and, in fact, all people experience the love of Christ through His followers.

Currently, all six churches along with our conference have taken on this vision of healthy, loving "bodies of Christ" reaching and embracing the whole family, including Millennials.

I think I hear Jesus saying, "Suffer the little children, the Millennials, the Gen Xers, the Baby-boomers, and the Elders to come unto me. For of such is the kingdom of Heaven." Do you hear Him too?



BIG LAKE RECEIVES PACIFIC CREST TRAILHIKERS

Contributed by Les Zollbrecht

We received the following note from a summer hiker of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). He had the opportunity to take a rest at Big Camp Youth Camp (BLYC) this past summer and sent this note to share his gratitude...

I know it's been a while since I hiked on the Oregon section of the PCT (427 miles).

We were at BLYC on August 5 and 6. At the time we arrived at the camp we were on our 20th day so we were a little tired. We had been hearing stories about this camp the entire time on the trail. Remember that the talk is mostly about food. But we soon learned that it was more than that.

We had hiked 24 miles that day and when we arrived at the camp, it was about 9:30 at night and very dark and I had no idea where to go. So we just kept walking and hoping that someone would not yell at us for invading the camp. I wandered over to a cabin that had a light on and then I saw a person and said "Hello". That was all it took.

She went out of her way and welcomed us, took us to the Hiker Cabin and then showed us where we could take a shower and do our laundry. She even gave us soap and a towel. Wow! We were impressed. She also told us about meals and checking in at Headquarters in the morning.

It was unreal what we just went through and how well we were treated. We were, and still are, very impressed with the treatment that we received that night. It continued throughout the next day at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I still remember the blueberries at breakfast and the taco salad at dinner. Not because it is in my journal, but because it stuck with me.

Your staff is very outgoing and polite. What a great thing you have going on there! I even sent a package to your headquarters in Gladstone which went smoothly.

I actually live in Gladstone, a couple of blocks from your north entrance and I started getting ready for my hike a year early and enjoy walking through your grounds in Gladstone almost daily. I say hello to all the workers there. Regardless whether I am hiking or walking in Gladstone the Seventh-Day Adventists have my upmost respect.

Other than wanting to tell you about my experience, I thought it would be wrong to not express my appreciation of everything that you guys do for the community and people you know nothing about, but yet so willing to lend a helping hand.

So this is my way of saying Thank You.

Take care and if you happen to stick your head out of your window, more than likely you will see me walking by. I am getting ready to hike another hike this summer.

Thanks again,
— Jay





NOTE WORTHY...

UNION COLLEGE STUDENT GYMNAST BADLY INJURED DURING PRACTICE

Heather Boulais, a 23-year-old senior elementary education major from Laguna Niguel, California, and a member of the Gymnaires, Union College's acrobatic gymnastics team, was seriously injured during the team's regular practice on Jan. 14. She was hospitalized in Lincoln, Nebraska, in critical condition. A family representative said Friday that the medical team has seen small improvements, but Boulais remains in critical condition. Boulais was in a safety harness while attaching her aerial silks to the ceiling of the gymnasium when she fell about 23 feet (7 meters). "Student safety is our highest priority and we are in the process of reviewing what happened to determine the cause of the fall," said Vinita Sauder, president of Union College. "We will do everything possible to ensure something like this doesn't happen again." All classes in the gymnasium and the men's and women's Warrior basketball games scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, were canceled. The gymnasium reopened at noon Friday, and all regularly scheduled activities resumed. Union College administrators are cooperating with the authorities who are investigating the incident. "Right now we are surrounding the Boulais family with the support they need during this difficult time," Sauder said. Updates are available on the website of the Adventist Review at <http://bit.ly/1KkhkGg>.

CAMP HOPE SUFFERS MAJOR ICE STORM DAMAGE

Camp Hope in British Columbia, just north of the Washington state border, is digging out after a slow-moving ice storm downed trees and telephone poles throughout the camp on Jan. 5 and 6. The severe conditions also broke the stained glass windows of the camp's chapel, slightly damaged the roofs of six small cabins and other buildings, and caused the loss of more than \$3,000 worth of food when the power went out. According to Bill Gerber, camp director, the estimated cost of replacing 40 power line poles, the biggest expense, will reach \$200,000. Watch the Global New video at <http://bit.ly/18Si73P>, and read more at <http://bit.ly/1xtR4jK>.

CNN VISITS LOMA LINDA

Sanjay Gupta, chief medical correspondent for CNN, visited Loma Linda University Health on Jan. 14. During Gupta's visit, he dialoged with Richard H. Hart, Loma Linda University Health president, who shared his thoughts about wholeness and how living a whole life contributes to longevity. Gupta also interviewed Gary E. Fraser, principal investigator for the Adventist Health Study, and Ellsworth Wareham, who practiced cardiothoracic surgery until he was 95 years old. Gupta's interview with Hart took place in front of a sculpture commemorating the place where Ellen White first recognized the setting as one she had first witnessed in vision.

THE MISSION NEXT DOOR: CAMP POLARIS

We all know that mission fields exist around the world, but did you know there is a mission in our own backyard? A portion of February's Sabbath School mission offering will go to Camp Polaris, a summer camp operated by the Alaska Conference on the remote Lake Aleknagik outside of Dillingham. The camp, which operates for one week each summer, is in desperate need of some upgrades. The money from the offerings will go to build a shower house for the campers as well as provide mattresses for the cabins. While the camp serves Adventist young people from around Alaska, the majority of campers have no Christian background, and it is through summer camp that they are introduced to Jesus. Visit GleanerNow.com at <http://bit.ly/1LRqgvC> to get a glimpse of how the camp is affecting lives around the region.

ADVENTIST HEALTH NEWS NOTES

Three Adventist Health hospitals in the Northwest have achieved a milestone: Adventist Medical Center-Portland, Tillamook Regional Medical Center and Walla Walla General Hospital. They are among just 16 percent of all hospitals nationally to reach stage six of implementing electronic medical records. The next step is the final stage, when the hospitals will no longer use paper charts to deliver and manage patient care. Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) also recently announced its 2014 Mission Achievement Award recipients: Miki Uren, clinical education director, and Janet Waggoner, home medical equipment manager. Robert Bradshaw was also recognized for his 40 years of dedication serving on the WWGH governing board.

WWU DEDICATES WINDEMUTH COURT

Center court in the newly remodeled Walla Walla University (WWU) gymnasium was dedicated Saturday evening, Jan. 24, to Tim Windemuth, former athletic director, founder of the WWU athletic program, and emeritus professor of physical education. The dedication of "Windemuth Court" took place during the annual WWU Friendship Tournament basketball games where Windemuth was presented with a piece of the old Tartan gym floor and a framed miniature replica of the new court. Read more from WWU online at <http://bit.ly/1Ax9w1T>.

NRLA TESTIFIES BEFORE IDAHO HOUSE COMMITTEE

Gregory Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association (NRLA) president, and Steve McPherson, NRLA vice president – Idaho, testified before the Idaho House State Affairs Committee in January. Their testimony expressed concern that House Bill 2 (HB-2), which would add anti-discrimination protection for Idahoans based on sexual orientation and gender identity, could be used to coerce religious individuals and institutions against their conscience. Hamilton requested important religious protections and urged that if they could not be guaranteed then the legislature should vote against HB-2.

FALLING IN LOVE THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

While most movies being released now do little to support biblical Christian values, two Adventist Christian filmmakers are seeking to change that. Rik Swartzwelder (writer/director) and Nathan Nazario (lead producer) were recently interviewed in the Adventist World magazine about their feature film "Old Fashioned." The film tells the story of Clay Walsh, a former frat boy who gave up his old way of life and is seeking to honor God in all areas of his life. In the interview, Swartzwelder and Nazario discuss why the film is an important tool for reaching a media-rich society. Read the whole interview in the January 2015 issue of Adventist World. You can also watch a preview of the film at <http://bit.ly/1C3JBwW>.

AN INSIDE LOOK AT HUMANITARIAN WORK

The Hope Channel will debut a new program produced by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to give viewers a real world look at what humanitarian aid work is like in difficult circumstances. The nine-part documentary series, *A Closer Walk*, began Jan. 23. "In every country we visited, I was blown away by the warmth and generosity of the community," says Sanjay Thomas, program host. "And despite their various unfortunate situations, the children were full of life and happiness. It definitely made me reevaluate my outlook on life." Hope Channel programs are available via live streaming from the organization's website at <http://bit.ly/1DjxzBs>.

TECHNOLOGY/COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE TO BE OFFERED ONLINE

Distance education, cyber security and multi-site churches are just a few of the topics scheduled this year for the Global Adventist Internet Network conference. The conference, a gathering of Adventist communicators and technologists, will be held online this year, making the five-day conference freely available to anyone around the world. The sessions will be streamed three times each day, with presentations on a variety of topics followed by live discussions. Each session will be translated into Spanish, Portuguese and French. The full program, session times and registration information for the free event is available at <http://gain.adventist.org/>.



Events

2015 OREGON PRAYER RETREAT

When: March 27-29, 2015

Location: Rockaway Beach, Ore.

Our 2015 Oregon Prayer Retreat features Jeffrey Rosario, speaker and teacher at Light Bearers Ministry and ARISE, as our keynote speaker. We will meet at the Twin Rocks camp at Rockaway Beach on the beautiful Oregon coast. For more info, or to register, go to <http://bit.ly/14Aq6R0>.

THREE UPCOMING ACS EVENTS

When: February 21-22, 2015

Location: Tabernacle Adventist Church

Adventists are doing things that matter in their communities! Join us February 21-22 to hear from activists who are fulfilling community need through community gardens, medical clinics, a mobile food bank, free clothing shops and more. Our special guest presenter will be Dr. Sung Kwon, who has dramatically broadened the course of Adventist Community Services for the Adventist Church in North America. Sabbath, February 21: Church Service, Potluck, then trainings and activities beginning at 2:00 pm. "Ministering to the Homeless" will be the focus of Sunday, the 22nd, beginning with actually feeding the homeless at 7:30 am, then returning to the church at 10:30 am for interactive training until 3:00 pm. Sunday's lunch will be free. Sponsored by the Oregon Conference, this event is being hosted by Tabernacle Adventist Church, 26 SW Condor Way, Portland. For information, call Cheri Corder at 503 850-3558.

WORSHIP CONCERT WITH HIS PRAISE

When: March 21, 11:00 am

Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church

His Praise Men's Chorus will be presenting their Worship in Praise of Jesus concert on Sabbath, March 21 at 11:00 am at the Castle Rock Adventist Church. There will be a Fellowship Meal (potluck) following the service. Invite a friend to come with you and be blessed by the music and the special fellowship. The Castle Rock Adventist Church is located at 7531 Old Pacific Highway North, Castle Rock, Wash. For more information call 360-274-6090.

BIG LAKE CAMP REGISTRATION

When: Began February 1, 2015

Location: At www.BigLake.org

Are you ready for the summer? Registration for Big Lake Youth Camp 2015 opened on February 1! To learn more visit www.biglake.org.

HEALTHY SUPPER CLUB

When: February 15, 3:00 pm

Location: Stone Tower Adventist Church

The Healthy Supper Club features a health presentation and a healthy plant-based meal. This month's topic is 'Love Your Heart' with presenter Barbara Harrison, an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. This club meets each 3rd Sunday of the month.

SUNNYSIDE SPRING MUSICAL PROGRAM

When: March 14, 6:00 pm

Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church

The Sunnyside Adventist church in Portland, Ore. will present its annual Spring Musical Program, March 14, at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends to come hear some of Portland's finest musicians share their talents in praise to God. Refreshments will follow the program.

HOOD VIEW 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

When: May 29-30, 2015

Location: Hood View Adventist Church

The Hood View Adventist Church is going to be celebrating their 50-year anniversary May 29-30. A small group of Adventists from Gresham and Sandy first met on April 3, 1965 in what is now the Bell Tower Chapel in Boring. They were formally organized on May 29 of that same year. Save the date and plan to join us as we recognize God's providence over the years!

THE GATHERING

When: February 25, 5:30-6:45 pm

Location: Stone Tower Adventist Church

Join us for some good food and Christian fellowship with special guest, Bobbi Smith, "A Journey Through Life with Christ." — The Gathering happens each 4th Wednesday of the month.

MARRIAGE CONVERSION WEEKEND

When: February 21, 2015

Location: Adventist Community Church of Vancouver

Have you secretly wondered what God had in mind when He put the two of you together for life? Would you like to learn biblical principles and practical tools that can grow your marriage into a relationship characterized by security, contentment, intimacy and joy? Richie and Timi Brower share how their own marriage was nearly destroyed and then converted into something better than they had ever dreamed of. The same powerful principles that are transforming their marriage can revolutionize your own. February 21, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm. Fee includes lunch. Register at <http://bit.ly/1zDhDbG>. Download a printable flyer at <http://bit.ly/17536uG>.

YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT

When: April 10-12, 2015

Location: Rockaway Beach, Ore.

Join us at the Young Adult Spring Retreat at Camp Magruder in Rockaway Beach, Ore. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Nick Jones. The registration fee is \$25 per person before April 3, \$35 per person afterwards. The cost includes lodging, food, and activities. You must be 18 or older to attend. To learn more, or to register for the weekend, visit <http://bit.ly/1ET9ljh>.

TALENT SEARCH FOR KIDS' TIME ON 3ABN

When: Upcoming episodes

Location: West Frankfort, Illinois

3ABN's Kids' Time is looking for children ages 14 and under to perform instrumental or vocal numbers during upcoming *Kids' Time* praise tapings. To audition, email simplycarole@hushmail.com or send a DVD demo to 3ABN, Attn: Miss Brenda/Kids' Time Praise, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896. Audition guidelines can be found at <http://bit.ly/1zQ7QOj>. If a child is chosen, a specific date will be given to the family. Each child and accompanying adult will be responsible for their own food and transportation. Lodging will be provided. Questions can be directed to Carole Derry-Bretsch at simplycarole@hushmail.com.

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Transitions

Sherri Uhrig (Bob) resigned from her children's ministries director position for the Oregon Conference, and has transitioned to being the director of children's ministries for the North American Division.

Charles Shultz (Linda) transitioned from interim to regular pastor for the Brookings/Gold Beach district.

John Glass (Teresa) is the new pastor for the Christmas Valley and La Pine congregations.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28	Mar 7	Mar 14
Bend	5:22 PM	5:32 PM	5:41 PM	5:03 PM	6:00 PM	7:09 PM
Eugene	5:29 PM	5:39 PM	5:49 PM	5:58 PM	6:07 PM	7:16 PM
Hood River	5:19 PM	5:30 PM	5:40 PM	5:50 PM	6:00 PM	7:09 PM
Longview	5:24 PM	5:35 PM	5:45 PM	5:55 PM	6:05 PM	7:15 PM
Medford	5:32 PM	5:41 PM	5:50 PM	5:59 PM	6:07 PM	7:15 PM
Newport	5:32 PM	5:42 PM	5:52 PM	6:01 PM	6:10 PM	7:19 PM
Portland	5:24 PM	5:35 PM	5:45 PM	5:55 PM	6:04 PM	7:14 PM

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