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A DYING WOMAN'S WISH...

A woman's prayer for her pet's happiness and the prayer of a woman in need collide in this story of a local miracle.

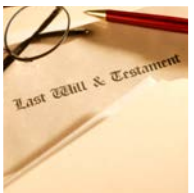
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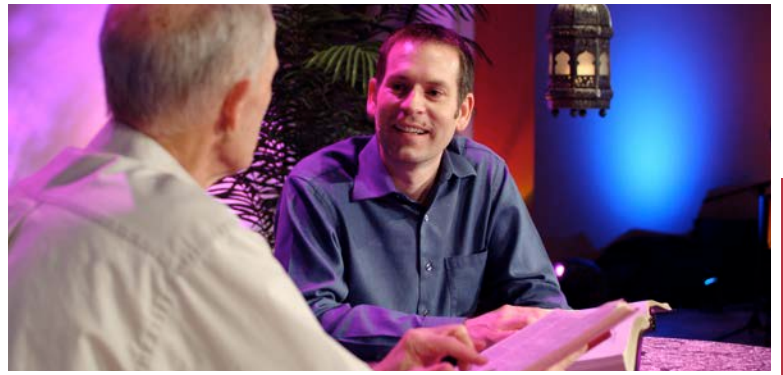
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Bits of news from around the conference and around the world that we thought you might find interesting.

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GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS... How a Pastor Got His Start

One of the joys I have as a Ministerial Director is working with our pastors who are on the path toward ordination. It is a blessing to hear the stories of how they have been called into pastoral ministry. All are unique, powerful, and interesting.

Early one morning in 2002, as Gene Heinrich sat at his desk seeking divine guidance for a business venture he says, "a crazy thought entered my mind — 'Gene, you should become a pastor.'"

*"GENE, YOU'VE MISSED
YOUR CALLING;*

YOU SHOULD BE A PASTOR."

Over ten years earlier Gene had abandoned the faith of his childhood to pursue secular dreams. Then in 1999, after work took him to Little Rock, Arkansas, 3ABN led him and his wife Sarah to the Little Rock Adventist Church where their new friends wooed them into a relationship with God.

Now with God as his divine guide Gene continued planning the buyout of his business partner. It was during prayer for guidance in this venture that he says, "this crazy thought entered my mind."

Gene goes on, "The thought came as such a direct response to my prayer that I couldn't just ignore it. So, I asked God to confirm this thought by sending someone to speak these exact words to me, 'Gene, you've missed your calling; you should be a pastor.' With that I went about my day without telling anyone about that morning's events.

For the next several months it seemed my "crazy thought" had been just that."

However, one Sabbath in June of 2002 Gene got a surprise. His business venture was moving the family back to company headquarters in Still-



HOW A PASTOR GOT HIS START

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water, Oklahoma. As he walked out of the Little Rock church for the last time someone stopped him and said, "Gene, you've missed your calling; you should be a pastor."

Stunned, Gene thanked "God's messenger" and never said a word about the conversation to anyone. However, God continued pursuing the Heinrichs. A year later God suddenly began closing the doors on Gene's business venture and then it happened again. One Sabbath morning as Gene exited the Stillwater Adventist Church an Elder approached him and said, "Gene, you've missed your calling; you should be a pastor."

This time Gene told Sarah about everything and together they prayed for God to clearly reveal His will. Then it happened a third time. The Heinrichs were visiting Gene's childhood church in Enid, Oklahoma when his former Cradle Role teacher approached him in the lobby of the church and said, "Gene, you've missed your calling; you should be a pastor."

Gene says, "I wish I could say that's all it took for me to answer God's call but it wasn't. However, by April of 2004 God had led us to the point that we were willing to sell virtually everything we had and move to Berrien Springs, Michigan to enter the Seminary.

In November of 2004 the Oregon Conference began sponsoring Gene's seminary education. Then in 2006 he began serving as Assistant Pastor of the Vancouver Adventist Community Church in Vancouver, Washington. Currently he serves as Lead Pastor of the Rockwood Adventist Church in Portland, Oregon along with his wife Sarah and their three boys, Nicholas, Alex and Ethan. Gene's ordination is scheduled for July 17, 2010.

— Stan Beerman, Ministerial/Evangelism/Adult SS Director

A Dying Woman's Prayers Bring a Beloved Dog and a Woman in Need...Together

By Cheryl Young

My husband Larry's cancer had returned, my moms Alzheimer's took a deadly turn, and tragically, my little Scottish Terrier pup drowned in our Koi pond all within a 2 month period!

Depressed near despondency others urged I find another puppy, knowing I needed a happier focus. I'm an animal lover and having a small dog to focus on had been such a great comfort for me, as well as a diversion to my physical pain from Crohn's Disease, so much so that my pain clinic doctor wrote a prescription for "service animal". Only a very special dog could that carry out.

One Sabbath afternoon my husband and I took our long time friend, Carol, out for a Sabbath afternoon ride. It was cold and rainy. Changing plans at the last minute we ended up at Multnomah Falls. Carol and I sat basking in a momentary spot of sunshine when a woman walked past us with a darling, bouncy, happy "puppy". I stopped her and asked if I might pet her dog. We began chatting, and out of the blue I asked if she was interested in giving Binkie away. Shocked, she stammered "Yes, we're actually on our way to take Binkie back to her breeder! You see, Mom died 5 weeks ago and Dad can't keep her as he's a traveling missionary dentist. We live in Hermiston and were on our way up to Goldendale. Really?...You're looking for a dog?"

I leaned over to Carol and said "Ever since Mort Juberg died, Lorraine has been missing her little dog. She'd love a visit with a dog like this. (I was a registered Pet Therapist for 6 years with a Black Lab named Satin.) The lady, Claudia Flaize, said "Mort Juberg? That name sounds familiar." "He was our church magazine editor...he passed away recently," I said. "Oh my!" She gasped. "Are you folks Adventist?!"

From there the rest is history. We compared "notes" and amazingly, her husband, an Ear Nose & Throat (ENT) doctor, is good friends with Larry's ENT up at OHSU. We had so much in common! One of Claudia's good friends is even a member of my home church! Soon it became very clear to everyone involved, that Binkie was meant for me and I could carry out her mother's wishes for finding a home where Binkie would be loved and spoiled for

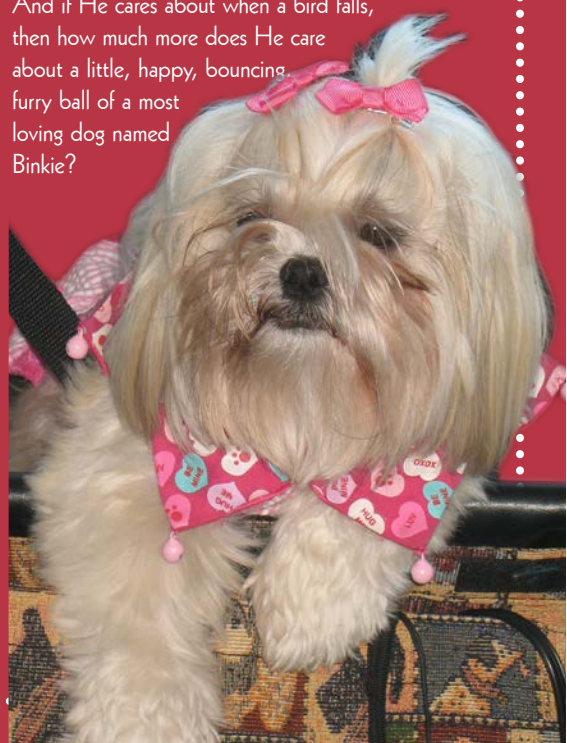
the rest of her life. Never in a million years could we have guessed that at the end of a rainy spring Sabbath, we'd be taking home a darling, bouncy, little Shih Tzu dog. To be an answer to a stranger's prayer who had passed away weeks earlier, someone I'd never known and won't meet until Jesus returns, is just amazing.

It's been a year since Binkie joined our family. She hasn't left our side and when Larry's cancer returned again and he had to have surgery and a 21 day hospital stay, Binkie cuddled up next to him keeping watch and comforting him while he struggled with the pain. Binkie wore a little pink striped outfit looking like a candy striper.

Claudia and I keep in touch, always sharing how amazing God is and how utterly awesome it was how we met that Sabbath afternoon at Multnomah Falls. Coincidence? Not hardly! Does God really care about a dying woman's wishes for her little dog? If you doubt God cares even about a little dog's happiness, perhaps you should ask Binkie what she thinks.

She's now my registered service dog and goes anywhere I go. So far she's been on 8 flights; she acts as if it is something we always do! Come to Hood View church sometime and more than likely you'll see Binkie quietly sitting beside me on the pew.

And if He cares about when a bird falls, then how much more does He care about a little, happy, bouncing furry ball of a most loving dog named Binkie?





A MISSION CLOSE TO HOME

*M*ave you considered the Gladstone Park Conference Center, camp meeting grounds, and the events which occur here to be missionary in nature? Those of us who work here do, for several reasons. Training sessions on how to give bible studies, do personal evangelism, workshops for children's ministries and Pathfinders are just a few of the educational events held here. Major events such as Follow the Star and the Gladstone Camp Meeting reach out to our surrounding community as well as our church members. And many enjoy the grounds here, as they walk, run, ride bicycles and have family outings year 'round. We are quite visible, to say the least.

Some of our facilities such as the Holden Convention Center, Conference Office and Christian Book Store are new. A few, such as the Hilltop Restroom building and Zull Hall are more modern or in the process of being updated. Others are long time campus landmarks, which evoke many wonderful memories, but are now in need of attention in a variety of ways. Many of our summer activities revolve around the Gladstone Camp Meeting. The absence of Camp Meeting this year allows us to address some of the issues which a normal summer schedule would prohibit. Our standard summer labor force, however, is also absent, so we're looking for helping volunteers.

There are a number of areas we would appreciate your knowledge and help in: Carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, and grounds repair are just

some of the categories. If you would like to help us update and preserve the Gladstone Park campus, chances are good we have a task for you!

Thank you in advance for your interest in making this historic piece of land a more pleasant and inviting place to be, and for strengthening the mission statement that it makes! If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, I can be reached by email at the following address: matthew.ballard@oc.npuc.org.

I look forward to hearing from you!

- Matt Ballard, Gladstone Park Conference Center
building maintenance and grounds director





NOTE WORTHY...

GC SESSION? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

A new iPhone application is now available for those attending the GC Session 2010 in Atlanta Georgia. It's a free download from the iTunes store. Just search for "GC Session". The iPhone app contains schedule and news items related to the GC Session event. The session exhibitors are included as well as local hotels, restaurants, transportation information and a facility map. This app is provided by the North American Division.

STATEMENT ON HISPANIC CONCERNS

The North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church released a statement on May 14, 2010 regarding the recently enacted Immigration law passed in the state of Arizona. To read this statement visit www.OregonConference.org and click on "News".

SPOKANE LOSES BUSES TO FIRE

Palisades Christian Academy in Spokane, Wash., lost both of its buses in an electrical fire Saturday morning, May 8. The fire department determined the fire originated in one of the electrical panels, although the specific cause is still undetermined. PCA had recently parked both buses close together in an effort to prevent access and theft of bus batteries and equipment. Unfortunately, the proximity led to the extreme fire damage to both vehicles.

HOPE CHANNEL TO BROADCAST GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Between June 23 and July 3, Hope Channel will broadcast nearly six hours daily from the 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Ga. Viewers will be able to watch the daily morning and evening devotionals, including the colorful reports from the 13 world divisions. A daily news program produced by the communication department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will report the actions, issues and elections during the business session. Programming from the GC session will be broadcast live for East Coast viewers, with a rebroadcast for West Coast viewers. This scheduling will allow everyone in North America that has the Hope Channel a chance to tune into the GC session.

PROJECT PATCH DEDICATES FAMILY GROWTH CENTER

Dozens of guests traveled from points throughout the Northwest, Sunday, May 16, for the dedication of the Project PATCH Family Growth Center in Goldendale, Wash. This new retreat center, on 437 acres of land donated by Clarence and Elsie Tupper, will provide short-term educational and experiential counseling to families. It is the latest venture for the non-profit ministry which continues to serve troubled youth from its main facility in Idaho. Carlyle Mason, former Oregon Conference Gladstone property caretaker, provided much of the Goldendale construction expertise. Watch a video of the event by clicking [HERE](#), or read more about the center by visiting www.projectpatch.org.

PARENTING POSTSCRIPTS

Parents everywhere are asking for help these days. Successful Parenting Postscripts, written by Charles H. Betz, Family Ministries Consultant for the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has brief, authoritative, practical guidelines for busy parents facing the daunting task of rearing children in these current days. You can now find the Successful Parenting Postscripts archive on the Oregon Conference website. Just visit <http://orgcfamily.adventistnw.org/postscripts>.

A HISTORY OF FAITHFULNESS PLANNED GIVING AND TRUST SERVICES

Recently Gary McLain, Communications Director for the Oregon Conference sat down with Ralph Neidigh, Planned Giving and Trust Services (PG&TS) Director, and Jon Corder, Vice President Finance, to talk about the department's Mission and Values.

McLain: "Would you please briefly describe the Mission of the PG&TS department?"

Neidigh: "Our primary Mission is to assist our Oregon Conference members who desire to accomplish two significant goals: First, to provide for the care and education of their minor children, and/or to leave a legacy for their family in the event of their death; and secondly, to extend their stewardship through lifetime gifts and estate planning."

Corder: "The Oregon Conference is able to provide this service to its members that have a desire to benefit the Mission of the Oregon Conference and its churches and schools in a significant way. Many of our members also additionally benefit other ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church outside our conference."

McLain: "Why would someone want to use the services of the PG&TS department instead of going directly to an attorney to draw up estate documents?"

Neidigh: "Many of our members have a confidence in us that parallels their love of their church. While they realize that we are not attorneys, and that an attorney will eventually be asked to draw up the final documents, they like to work with us because they believe we understand both their goals for their families and their charitable goals."

Corder: "The PG&TS department is primarily a service for our membership, as are all the departments of our conference office. One of the services this department provides is to save significant costs for our members when their will is probated or their trust matures. Personal representatives (executors) and trustees are entitled by Oregon and Washington law to receive reimbursement for their services, and lawyer's fees are what they are. Often, I have seen estates settled by other agencies that resulted in thousands of dollars in fees that we can often save for our members to additionally benefit their families and chosen charities."

Neidigh: "Because our members who come to us for estate planning have charitable intent toward the ministry of the Oregon Conference, we pay the basic attorney fees, meaning that our members are to plan their estate without having to be concerned about costs."

McLain: "So the PG&TS department is not just about raising funds for the operation of the Oregon Conference, as I have heard some people say. It is also about saving money for our members. So service is one of your Values; can you tell us about another Value?"

Neidigh: "We value our reputation for integrity. Not only is it required for accreditation as a PG&TS department, but it is important to us for the sake of the members with whom we work. Sometimes people hear stories about departments like ours taking over assets that children believe were coming to them. I am not making a judgment on the validity of those stories, but my experience has been that parents sometimes choose to plan their estate differently than their children realize — for various reasons. Our fiduciary responsibility requires that we follow their wishes as written. If we did not do so, others who are considering estate plans would not be confident that they could trust us to carry out their wishes."

McLain: "Well, it looks like it's time to wrap this up. Thank you for taking a few moments to help our members better understand what the PG&TS department is about."



Transitions

Danny Kim (Esther) was ordained in a service at the Vancouver Community Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, May 22nd.



THE SMALLEST DETAILS

By Geri Wytherley

Do you have a photo to share? We'd love to help you do that!

If you've taken a photo that you think showcases God's glory in some way, send it to us for possible inclusion in an upcoming issue of the eCommunique! Just email it to us at krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org. All photos are subject to approval before printing. High quality (200dpi or higher) files. **Digital files only please.**



Events

CERTIFIED SENIOR ADVISOR TRAINING

When: Tuesday - Friday, June 8-11

Location: Holden Conv. Center, Gladstone, Ore.

Back by popular demand...The increasing average age of our communities and church members is starting to impact our churches and will become even more important in future years. It is crucial that we support our seniors and caregivers socially, spiritually and ethically. Oregon Conference Elder Care Ministries is proud to host, once again, a Certified Senior Advisor training at the Holden Convention Center, in Gladstone, Oregon, June 8-11, 2010. Class size is limited. Please call Bill Bileck, Society for Certified Senior Advisors, at (888) 843-9235 and mention "Oregon Conference" for special pricing. ***A \$250 rebate may be available. This rebate is available for churches that identify an Elder Care Ministries coordinator for their congregation in the Oregon Conference.***

THE KINGS HERALDS IN CONCERT

When: June 4, 7:00 PM & June 5, 11:00 AM

Location: Springfield Church & Tabernacle Church

The King's Heralds, the oldest continuous gospel quartet, will be presenting two concerts the weekend of June 5. The first concert will be held at the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 4 at 7:00 p.m. The second concert will be held at Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church the following morning at 11:00 a.m. Dessert will be provided following the concert Friday evening by the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist church.

IMPACT ATLANTA

When: June 23 - July 3, 2010

Location: Atlanta, Ga.

Seventh-day Adventist young adults are invited to IMPACT Atlanta, June 23 through July 3, 2010, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Georgia. Young adults from around the world will convene to sharpen leadership and compassion skills through training and community service. Adventist collegians through young professionals age 35 are invited to apply and find information at www.impactatlanta.info

OREGON ADVENTIST MEN'S CHORUS

When: Sunday, June 20, 3:00 & 7:00 PM

Location: Skyview Concert Hall, Vancouver, Wash.

The Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus is joined by the Adventist Men's Chorus of Romania combined with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra presents two concerts in Vancouver on June 20, 2010. For tickets visit ticketswest.com. For more details on this NW Concert tour and the General Conference appearances visit www.oamc.org.

29TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY VESPERS

When: Sabbath, June 19, 6:00 PM

Location: Sunnyside Church

Bring your friends and enjoy great music from some of Portland's finest musicians. Plenty of strawberries and fellowship!

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

When: October 10-24, 2010

Location: New Orleans, La.

This is a great opportunity to help displaced Katrina survivors return to their homes. Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to do carpentry, painting, plumbing, cooking, cleaning, electrical, etc. Volunteers pay \$800 to cover training, insurance and transportation costs (minus baggage fees) from Portland, OR (price is the same for one or two weeks); for a limited time there is no charge for meals and hotel. Call Sam Pellecer, Oregon Conference Disaster Response Coordinator at (503) 539-6038 or email sampellecer@verizon.net or rhondapacs@hotmail.com for more information or to register no later than July 16, 2010. Space is limited.

BETTER LIFE CAMP MEETING

When: Friday & Sabbath, June 11-12, 2010

Location: Milo Academy, Days Creek, Ore.

Herb Larsen, Jr. will be this year's featured speaker. From billionaires and Hollywood celebrities to street derelicts, Herb Larsen, Jr. has made it his passion to lead the lost to Jesus. You will not want to miss hearing the dynamic testimony of a businessman who has changed his primary motive for being in business from that of serving-self to serving his friend Jesus. Meetings will be Friday 7 p.m. to Saturday 10 p.m. Rooms, meals and RV spaces are available for a nominal fee. For reservations or information, please call 877-741-2588. To see Herb Larsen, Jr. online, go to www.betterlifetv.tv and click on Better Life Camp Meeting.

FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENT & EVENT INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.OREGONCONFERENCE.ORG/ANNOUNCEMENTS — THIS PAGE IS UPDATED WEEKLY.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10
Bend	8:44 PM	8:48 PM	8:51 PM	8:53 PM	8:52 PM	8:50 PM
Eugene	8:51 PM	8:56 PM	8:59 PM	9:00 PM	8:59 PM	8:57 PM
Hood River	8:51 PM	8:55 PM	8:58 PM	9:00 PM	8:59 PM	8:56 PM
Longview	8:59 PM	9:04 PM	9:07 PM	9:08 PM	9:07 PM	9:05 PM
Medford	8:44 PM	8:48 PM	8:51 PM	8:52 PM	8:52 PM	8:50 PM
Newport	8:57 PM	9:01 PM	9:04 PM	9:06 PM	9:05 PM	9:03 PM
Portland	8:55 PM	9:00 PM	9:03 PM	9:04 PM	9:04 PM	9:01 PM

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