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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP More than Money

The theme of this month's issue is stewardship and I was asked to share some thoughts with you. What a tremendous opportunity for me to reflect on God's goodness in the past! I can assure you that He has been far more generous with me than I have been with Him. He has been very faithful in fulfilling the promises He has made.

Let me share three things with you that I believe are key ingredients to being good stewards...

First and foremost, be a commandment keeper. Mark nailed commandment keeping down when he recorded these words of Jesus: "The most important commandment is this: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Only when we practice what Jesus taught will we be willing, or able, to be truly generous with what God has blessed us with. And so, to be good stewards, we need to be commandment keepers and love, because God first loved us.

Second, celebrate the magnificence of the creation of our world by keeping the Sabbath. This isn't just about worshipping on the right day. "Worship Me, rest with Me, and make a difference for others with Me" is God's invitation each Sabbath. By spending time with Him on the day He set apart we learn from our Creator how to be good stewards of all our time.

Third, follow God's recipe for financial success. God promises that if we return to Him a tenth of what He has given us He will open the windows of heaven and pour out more blessings than we have the capacity to handle. Why does He do that? So we can bless others with our increased prosperity!

I invite you to love God with your whole heart. Show that by spending each Sabbath with Him in celebration of His goodness. And love your neighbor by allowing God's blessings to you, to spill over and bless them as well.

— Jon Corder,
Oregon Conference Vice President, Finance

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to each of you that attended our Town Hall meetings this past month. Your presence and input has been very much appreciated. We are currently looking through the suggestions that have come in and will report possibly next month on the ideas that have been or will be implemented.

One question that came in repeatedly throughout the 5 town halls has been, "How can we assist the conference?" You may never know what a blessing it has been to see such strong support and such a desire to help. If the Lord guides you to respond please write "OC Support" on one of the blank lines of the tithe envelope. This will let your church treasurer know your intentions for the donation.



STEWARDSHIP

By Matt Ballard

Is Stewardship more than dollars?
Is it more than what I possess?
Is it having a sense of God's presence?
Is it finding peace in stress?

Am I careful about my body?
Do I love my neighbor as myself?
Is God in my conversations?
Or have I put Him on a shelf?

Am I using the gifts I've been given?
Are my spiritual muscles growing strong?
Do I seek His direction every morning?
Has He filled my heart with song?

Do others sense His presence?
When they watch my daily routine?
Have I washed in muddy water?
Or in Jesus am I new and clean?

Are my words kind and thoughtful?
Was someone blessed through me today?
Did they see Jesus a little clearer?
Because of what I chose to say?

Have I been true to His calling?
His representative in this place?
Do I love all His children?
No matter what their race?

Have I been about His business?
Am I sharing His salvation plan?
Yes, money is a part of it
But am I doing all I can?

Lets ask ourselves these questions!
Be honest now, and true!
Will He say, "Well done my faithful servant!"
When He addresses you?

REAL MAGAZINE ARRIVES IN HOMES OF UNCHURCHED CHILDREN

The first issue of *Real* magazine was mailed to more than 3,000 children in January, taking Christ-centered content into the homes of unchurched children across North America.

"This new outreach publication has been in the works for two years, and we've been dreaming of it for much longer," said Randy Fishell, editor of *Real*. "It's exciting to see the magazine getting into the hands of thousands of young people."

The names on the subscriber list were submitted by Adventist preteens, grandparents, teachers, and others wanting to share the gospel with young friends and family members outside the church. Subscriptions are free to unchurched children ages 9-15.

ger attends church. Pray for the family!"

"I know there are thousands of church members like this one who yearn for the salvation of their loved ones, neighbors, and friends," said Fishell. "*Real* provides a nonthreatening way to introduce Bible truth to children at an age when their hearts are especially open to the gospel."

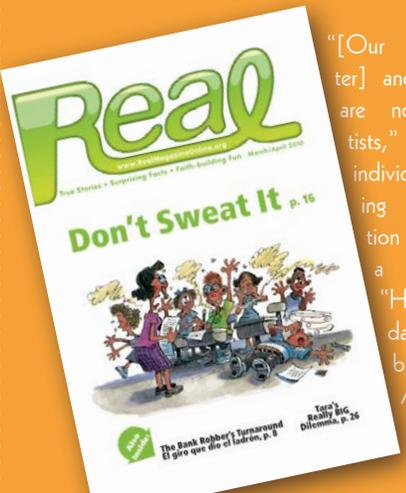
In addition to the free subscriptions, thousands of copies of the premiere issue have been sent free of charge to churches and other organizations for use in community outreach. Donations cover the cost of subscriptions and bulk distribution.

Real was developed by the editors of *Guide*, the Seventh-day Adventist publication for juniors and earl teens. Published bimonthly, *Real* contains

true stories, puzzles, fun facts, Bible studies, and other spiritually uplifting content that appeals to young readers. The magazine encourages children to begin a saving friendship with Jesus and challenges them to live for Him.

Do you know a child who needs to receive *Real* magazine? Sign them up for a free subscription at www.ShareReal.org, or mail the child's name and address, along with your name and address, to Real Magazine, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. You can also donate to the *Real* magazine ministry through the Web site or by mail.

"REAL PROVIDES A NONTHREATENING WAY TO INTRODUCE BIBLE TRUTH TO CHILDREN AT AN AGE WHEN THEIR HEARTS ARE ESPECIALLY OPEN TO THE GOSPEL."



"[Our granddaughter] and her mom are not Adventists," wrote one individual requesting a subscription of *Real* for a grandchild. "Her stepdad . . . was brought up Adventist but no lon-

PIONEER PASTOR PASSES

This past Sunday (Jan. 31st) a memorial service was held for someone many people never met and have never heard of. Though in many churches Arthur Griffith was unknown he was a pioneer in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You see, Arthur Griffith was the first pastor to be ordained in the Seventh-day Adventist church who was deaf!

Arthur met a girl named Alyce Grove at Gladstone Camp Meeting the summer of 1942. Both deaf, they married in April of 1944. They had a passion for the deaf community and ministry and soon began publishing a newsletter for the Adventist deaf members called "Deaf Advent Witness News" (DAWN). Arthur became a full-time licensed pastor in 1961.

In March of 1968 the General Conference "borrowed" Griffith from the Oregon Conference for a six-week evangelistic campaign at Gallaudet University, a leading university for the deaf in Washington D.C. A large number of students attended, several of whom were later baptized. A year later Griffith was ordained into the ministry as the first deaf minister of the church.

In 1969 the couple completed a series of Bible studies on 16mm color film in sign language.

Griffith passed away on January 16, 2010 after losing a battle with double pneumonia and sepsis.

A new world was opened to the hearing-impaired community with the help of Elder Arthur Griffith.



HAITI STORIES SPAN THE GLOBE

The month of January seemed dominated by news of the earthquake that rocked Haiti on January 12th. So many stories that were told were of the devastation, fear, and suffering that the Haitians are now enduring, but in the pain joy can be found and stories started emerging of the rescues, the miracles and the hope that remains.

By now, many of you have seen the FoxNews video of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Port-au-Prince that became a make-shift refuge for church members and community neighbors alike. They don't have much in the way of food or shelter but they do have faith, and so far it seems as though God is rewarding that faith.

Teams from around the world converged on the city of Port-au-Prince to help in whatever way they could. A team from Grants Pass could be found among them. They had arrived in the Dominican Republic and were headed for the Haitian/Dominican Republic border. They had been trying to contact ADRA for more than a day but had no luck. Within 15 minutes of reaching the border an ADRA van came up behind and stopped them. Out stepped Chuck Sandefur, the president of ADRA, along with the president of the Interamerican Division, Israel Leito. They told them that they knew the team was coming and they would lead them to the Adventist hospital.

These stories and many others have been placed on the Oregon Conference website at www.OregonConference.org. The site is being updated as we receive new info, so it can change several times a day.

Two weeks have now passed since this devastating quake. A special offering will take place Feb. 6th that will allow each member here in the U.S. to help the 335,000 Seventh-day Adventists in Haiti rebuild and reach out to their country at this time. Designate "Haiti Disaster Relief (SDA)" on your offering envelope.

Let's not forget the people who are living with this disaster, nor the people who are helping with the injured, the hungry, or the cleanup. Keep all of them in your prayers!



NOTE WORTHY...

CRAMPTON NAMED AVP FOR MISSION AND SPIRITUAL CARE

Paul Crampton, Ph.D., has been named assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care at Adventist Health, Crampton will succeed Wayne Judd, who recently announced his retirement, and will assume his new position with the organization prior to April 1, 2010.

EUGENE, ROSEBURG, CORVALLIS ON THE AIR

On January 5, Better Life Television went on UHF channel 53 in the Eugene and Springfield areas, Comcast Cable channel 12, and on satellite provider Dish Network channel 36 throughout the four counties of Benton, Coos, Douglas, and Lane. Coupled with the above, they are on Charter Cable channel 12 in Roseburg and Coos Bay along with their adjoining communities, and satellite provider DirectTV channel 36 throughout the four counties. Learn more by visiting: www.betterlifetv.tv

SENIORS CONTINUE TO LEARN WITH COMPUTER CLASSES

Seventeen SAGE seniors registered for SAGE sponsored "Computer Skills for Seniors" classes in October and November. Portland Adventist Elementary School provided the computer lab and Jason Johnson taught such skills as click & drag, surfing the net, e-mailing, and checking the conference web site.



Transitions

Larry Gibson (Kathleen) moved from the Gateway Christian Fellowship/SonRise Outreach Company district to the Scappoose-St. Helens/Vernonia district.

Allee Currier transferred from the position of Assistant Treasurer to the position of Associate Treasurer at Oregon Conference Headquarters.

Richard Morris (Patricia) moved from pastoring the Gaston/Laurelwood district to retirement as of 01/31/2010.



COUNTRYSIDE TRANQUILLITY

By Jayne Johnson

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 eCommuniq  . 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

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

GEORGE KNIGHT TO PRESENT

When: Sabbath, February 20

Location: Pleasant Valley Church

A 3-part series on "Adventism and the Apocalyptic Vision," at Pleasant Valley Church on February 20.

Times and topics are as follows:

- Worship - 9:10 & 11:40 a.m. "Adventism and the Apocalyptic Vision"
- Sabbath School - 10:30 a.m. "Roots of a Prophetic Movement"
- Sabbath Afternoon - 2:15 p.m. "Adventism Gets Baptized"

MT. TABOR CHURCH FAMILY REUNION

When: Sabbath, March 13

Location: Mt. Tabor Church

All former members of the Mt. Tabor Church are invited to the Mt. Tabor Church Family Reunion on Sabbath, March 13. Pastor "T" will be speaking for the 10:45a.m. worship service. Lunch will be hosted after the service so that guests and members can mingle and get re-acquainted. A presentation of the "Steps to Christ" stained glass windows will be held at 1:20pm.

JOSÉ ROJAS TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND

When: Tuesday, February 23 10:30 & 7:30

Location: McGuire Aud., Warner Pacific College

Minister and musician José Rojas will speak at Warner Pacific College. Rojas is the director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries, which brings together church, institutional and supportive organizations for shared goals. Call 503-517-1057, or visit www.warnerpacific.edu for more information.

HOME SCHOOL/FAMILY ENCOURAGEMENT CONFERENCE

When: Monday, February 1 at 7:00 PM

Location: Vancouver Community Church

Encouragement for the WHOLE Family! Everyone is welcome at this seminar—whether they homeschool, public school or private school. Home Schoolers need encouragement. Some of the biggest names in Christian Home Schooling are coming to the Adventist Community Church in February – February 1st to be exact. Don't miss out - if you are thinking about homeschooling, or need encouragement in raising your kids - plan to come and see what this one evening seminar is all about.

CERTIFIED SENIOR ADVISOR TRAINING

When: Tuesday - Friday, June 8-11

Location: Holden Con. Center, Gladstone, OR

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 Eldercare 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.***

REACHING 21ST CENTURY PARENTS: THEY ARE READY, ARE YOU?

When: Tuesday, February 9 at 8:00 PM EST

Location: Your Computer - Webinar

Join AdventSource for a free webinar with Willie and Elaine Oliver. Learn how you can encourage and support the families in your church. You can participate in this live webinar without ever having to leave your office or home!

Reaching 21st Century Parents will focus on creating the main ingredient for a healthy church: healthy families. With much insight, Willie and Elaine Oliver will address what families and their children need in order to feel welcome and supported within the church.

Webinar will end with LIVE questions and answers.

Webinar participants will need a computer with Internet access. For more information visit <http://webinars.adventsource.org>

A FAIR OF THE HEART

When: Sunday, February 7 12Noon - 4:00 PM

Location: Adventist Medical Center - Heart Center

Visit the Northwest Regional Heart Center at the Adventist Medical Center Pavilion to receive free heart and stroke risk screenings, including blood pressure, nonfasting cholesterol/ HDL and diabetes testing; carotid artery ultrasound (stroke alert); and sleep disorder assessment.

- Sample heart-healthy foods and see food demonstrations from noon to 2:30 p.m.
- Meet with clinical staff who can help you reduce your risk for heart disease.
- Visit informative and interactive exhibits featuring heart-healthy living.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13
Bend	5:21 PM	5:30 PM	5:40 PM	5:49 PM	5:59 PM	6:07 PM
Eugene	5:28 PM	5:38 PM	5:47 PM	5:57 PM	6:06 PM	6:15 PM
Hood River	5:19 PM	5:29 PM	5:39 PM	5:49 PM	5:59 PM	6:08 PM
Longview	5:23 PM	5:34 PM	5:44 PM	5:54 PM	6:04 PM	6:14 PM
Medford	5:31 PM	5:40 PM	5:49 PM	5:58 PM	6:06 PM	6:15 PM
Newport	5:31 PM	5:40 PM	5:50 PM	6:00 PM	6:09 PM	6:18 PM
Portland	5:23 PM	5:34 PM	5:44 PM	5:54 PM	6:03 PM	6:13 PM

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