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"ZOOM" SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS REPORT..

Donna: It has been nice to see people in my class who do not usually attend and especially those who live too far away to attend.

Personally, not having to drive from home to church has been an advantage.

Eric: Online meetings have provided a much-needed chance for young adults (both in our area and outside) to connect for worship and study each week.

Chuck: I have one lady who has joined one of my studies through Zoom, that previously was not

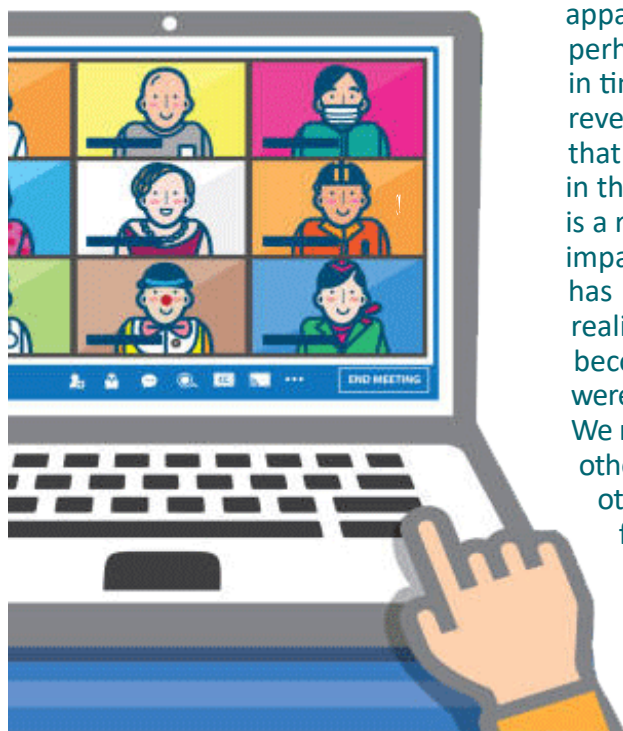
involved in any of my studies. Though I was studying with a Chinese lady (she is a friend of Lily Vasquez from the Cave Junction church, who acts as interpreter); through Zoom we now have about five or six of Lily's Chinese friends studying with us now (one who is out of state), that would not have been studying with us otherwise.

Les: We read in Scripture that God is working in all situations to bring about good for those who love Him. Therefore, even in the middle of the inconvenience and uncertainty that we have all shared over the Corona virus situation, there will apparently be something good, perhaps hidden from sight, that in time, as we are ready, will be revealed to us. One of the things that has become apparent to me in the middle of this pandemic is a realization of just how much impact our Sabbath School class has had on my life. I did not fully realize just how close we have become in our little group until we were separated by circumstance. We meet together and pray for each other each week, we lift up each other's burdens and at times we fall on our knees before God and pour out our hearts; we hold hands in love and unity. Without even realizing it, we have been experiencing a oneness that was designed by

God. And that is why Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ and if one part hurts it affects everyone.

It has been hard for me to have to sit in my own private, safe, comfort zone and watch those who are near and dear who are having to carry a heavy burden, and not be there in person for them... yes, we can pray but I think there are times when a hug says a lot more than words no matter how eloquently spoken. Not only does the hurting person need the hug but I think God designed it because we need it as well. It has been difficult for me to have been separated and isolated because that was never God's plan for us. These last few months have opened my eyes to why the Church is so important to God because it is a place for healing to take

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During this Covid-19 pandemic, it is important to check and see if our personal lifestyle is adequately promoting a healthy circulatory system separate from blood vessels — all of which work together to clear infection from the body. But since it is a complex system rather than a single entity, it takes a healthy set of behaviors, i.e., a healthy lifestyle, to maintain a healthy immune system.

The following is a list of the main features of a healthy lifestyle:

- Eat a diet high in fruits and vegetables.
- Avoid sugary foods like soda, candies and sweet desserts.
- Don't smoke.
- Exercise regularly.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Abstain from alcohol.
- Get adequate sleep.
- Maintain personal cleanliness.
- Minimize stress and worry.
- Get adequate sunlight or supplement with vitamin D.
- Trust in God.

Some of the above do's and don'ts are rather obvious, but some others need amplification..

Nutrition: All fruits and vegetables contain immune enhancing vitamins, minerals and antioxidants — much more so than animal products. Some of the more beneficial foods for the immune system are citrus fruits and cruciferous vegetables.

Unlike animal products, which contain no fiber, fruits and vegetables contain ample fiber to feed the good bacteria in our colon. These good bacteria in turn produce short chain fatty acids and other substances

that enhance the immune system. Processed foods containing high fructose corn syrup, sorbitol, and other artificial sweeteners disrupt the work of good gut bacteria and inhibit immune response.

Sugar decreases your immune system's ability to function almost immediately by inhibiting the activity of important immune cells. The results of one study showed that the amount of sugar found in two sweetened beverages lowers immune response by 50% for up to five hours!

Exercise: Just like a healthy diet, exercise can contribute to general good health and therefore to a healthy immune system. It may contribute directly by promoting good circulation, which allows the cells and substances of the immune system to move through the body freely and do their job efficiently.

According to a 2010 study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, of 1,002 people surveyed, those who exercised at least five days a week had almost half the risk of coming down with a cold as those who were more sedentary. If they did get one, they reported less severe symptoms.

Taking your exercise outside provides a double benefit since spending time outdoors in nature has been shown to support mood, lower blood pressure, reduce inflammation, and enhance immune system health. Moderate exercise such as brisk walking is best, as there is some concern that extreme exercise may actually lower the immune response to infection.

Personal hygiene: It is always prudent to wash hands thoroughly when coming home after outside activity and avoid touching face or eyes until your hands are clean.

Studies have shown that a contrast shower appears to strengthen the immune system. Alternating hot and cold water is thought to stimulate circulation and lymphatic drainage. Caution is advised, though, because abrupt exposure to very cold water causes blood vessels to constrict, and breathing to deepen. This, in turn, causes your heart rate and blood pressure to potentially rise and this could put stress on the heart.

Trust in God: Stress is a known immune depressant, but faithful prayer is a potent stress reducer. Prayer uplifts and calms, thereby inhibiting the release of cortisol and other hormones that negatively impact the immune system. Anxiety and worry are also immune depressants. And a cheerful Christ centered attitude doeth good like a medicine.

The following inspired statements are worthy of contemplation.

"Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in thee". Isaiah 26:3

"Gratitude, rejoicing, benevolence, trust in God's love and care — these are health's greatest safeguard." MH 281

"Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love, promote health and prolong life. A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body and strength to the soul." ML 151

"It is not work that kills; it is worry. The only way to avoid worry is to take every trouble to Christ. Let us not look on the dark side. Let us cultivate cheerfulness of spirit." 2MCP 466

"The love which Christ diffuses through the whole being is a vitalizing power. Every vital part — the brain, the heart, the nerves — it

The Awe of Being Used

FOR INDIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND THE WORLD

Do you ever stop to *feel* the awe? It's a good thing to do. To slow down enough to *feel* what it would have been like to see the Red Sea part and pass through the two walls of water, to sense the electricity of Lazarus coming back from the dead, to watch Jesus feed the five thousand or ascend into heaven. Of course, these amazing Bible stories stimulate our faith. But they are also designed and to whet our appetite for similar experiences of our own. And we are about to have some!

Every time you join forces with divinity in accomplishing His plan, you are on a collision course with a miracle experience. That is what our church has done and that, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've launched three mission outreach projects.

The first project is **NE India Adventist School Project** where we're helping them to finish building a school and equipping it with desks and benches. (\$10,000)

The second is the **Godpods for Papua New Guinea** as part of their goal to reap 300,000 interests. Could our church supply 250 (at \$25 each) of the 10,000 they are trying to put into the hands of our workers?

These first two projects we've talked about and launched in our May 9 church service. If you missed it, please go watch it! *Our World Mission Project* can be viewed at the following YouTube link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG_TMI82mzk

The third project is one that the Lord laid on my heart several years back when language groups started asking me, "Can we have a Bible study like *Thunder in the Holy Land* in our own language?" That was before I came to Grants Pass and I did wonder why God was calling me back into local pastoral ministry if He was calling me to make a new video Bible study series for every language of the world. Now, the Good Book tells us to



years invited home to tell him about the new *I Met God* series. I told him the World was asking for a video Bible study series but in their own languages, with indigenous speakers, and locally relevant graphics. I told him how God had showed me how it could be done and then led me to the companies that had made the

"wait" on the Lord (Psa 27:14).

So I waited and quietly worked.

After being here for over two Bob Kruger me to his

"Nothing will so arouse a self-sacrificing zeal and broaden and strengthen the character as to engage in work for others." MH 151

highly specialized video equipment He had showed me, equipment that would allow us to make this new series for pennies on the dollar. Bob then asked if he could promote *I Met God* as part of the Grants Pass Global Mission initiative. It was then that I realized that God was organizing this plan, who should be involved, and even how this series could possibly bless the ministry of BLBN.

The all new *I Met God* series will have the look and feel of *Thunder in the Holy Land* but it will be much broader in scope with a true international fragrance. First, it will be made up of 52 Bible studies in four mini-series with 13 episodes each.

I Met the God of Science

I Met the God of Health

I Met the God of Prophecy

I Met the God of Relationship

As our church family embraces this ministry, each and everyone of us can have a part. From helping to raise the needed funds (\$2 Million), to working with the different language groups that come each year, to helping with the video production, to traveling in small mission bands each year around the world, training the different language groups how to use *I Met God* just like you have been using *Thunder in the Holy Land* in your own community.

Of course, this project is too big for the membership of Grants Pass alone, but that is where the AWE comes in. We'll be in the front row seats of God's theatre, watching Him work miracle after miracle to make His project a reality. Yes, we'll personally experience the AWE as He taps us and uses us to help in a direct and personal way to make *I Met God* a living tool. We'll individually experience the joy of knowing we were used by God to empower thousands and thousands of brothers and sisters in Christ, old and young, in many countries around the world to hasten the Lord's return.

There will be many steps to be taken on this journey. The **first step** is this. Put a little 3 x 5 card on your pillow that says, **Pray for the *I Met God* project.** Let that card remind you to pray every day, "Lord, what part do you want me to play directly in making this International Bible Study a reality?" If you pray every day, you will experience, with rejoicing, the AWE, the power of God, knowing your prayers, your means, your volunteerism, your words of encouragement, your many little actions, great or small, made you part of God's team, His end-time movement to save countless lost souls around the world. Start with prayer, and God will meet us there. ~Pastor Byrd

Khoupum Valley English Boarding School Mission Project

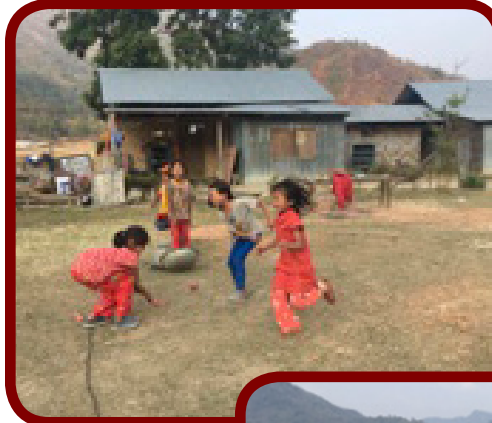


Pasang Tamang is a young man originally from Nepal and a Buddhist background. He converted to Adventism through the witness of an Adventist missionary couple and, at just 22, is already the founder 3ACM (3 Angels Call Ministries) and of the Khoupum Valley English Boarding School. The Khoupum Valley is located three bone-jarring hours over and around the Northeast Indian mountains, sprinkled with banana farms and remote villages. Many of the people living here immigrated from the nearby borders of Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Nepal. They live a very simple life, farming rice paddies and bananas and and fishing, while living in one-room, thatched, bamboo homes.

The campus was comprised of the concrete classrooms, and staff rooms made from long sticks of bamboo for frames and sheets of wood nailed over top for walls. Metal sheets were nailed over that on the outside, and on top for the roof. When we first came, there was no running water, no electricity, an Indian squat toilet, and a few metal sheets nailed together to form a semi-private bucket shower area. Meals were cooked in giant pots over an open fire. It was near freezing at night, and our only source of heating was a stone bucket filled with coals from the fire.



As the days went by, the campus began to take shape as construction continued. Electric wires were strung in haphazard third-world fashion. Hoses were hooked up to bring water from



giant water bins to the kitchen (the water came either from the river, or run-off from mountain springs, or rainfall during the rainy season). We were able to get a gas stove, and made the three hour trek to Imphal to buy cooking



supplies and food. To buy eggs, potatoes, and onions, we had to walk either to the tiny little market in our village, or go to the other little markets in the next village, a half-hour walk away. We could get rice and “jungle curry” (wild edibles with a few lentils) whenever we wanted to from the kitchen. On campus right now, there are

two buildings with classrooms, a church, which is also being used as classrooms for right now, and the dorm, or “hostel,” where the boarding children stay. There are still several other buildings under construction — rooms for a library, music room, computer/projector room, more classrooms, and more dormitory space. There are 210 students this year, coming from all over Khoupum Valley. Many of these children and their parents have never been outside the valley. The valley is a mostly Christian population, and the village where the school is located is predominately Roman Catholic. There are so many schools nearby, but they



are mostly Catholic schools. Pasang saw that all the Adventist kids were having to go to the Catholic schools, because the Adventist school was in such bad condition. So he began the project to renovate the school and start it up again. Because of the exchange rate between US currency and Indian, even one dollar per person given from a group of people can make a big difference. If 20 people each gave 5 dollars, making a total of 100 US dollars, that would be 7,000 Indian rupees, and you can do quite a bit with that amount in Northeast India.

I saw the Lord work and bless the school in the time I was there. Pasang has become a good friend, and my friend and I really enjoyed our time there, together with Pasang and the boarding kids. I saw how, together with God, we were able to make a significant difference in their lives, and by your financial support, you can too! ☺ ~Marissa Heidinger



MESSAGES FROM GOD

Anna Phillips was a young woman living in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1895. She was convinced that her impressions and dreams were the intimations of the Spirit of God. From the time she was a child, her parents had led her to believe that she was specially “chosen”. All her fancies and dreams were written down and considered to be revelations from God. Some of these were quite mundane, while others included scathing reproofs of her parents; but these were accepted, as they were generally followed by flattering depictions of things to come.

At some point an “Elder R” read some of her “testimonies” to the Battle Creek Seventh-day Adventist church, presenting them as divinely inspired communications. And this is when God stepped in. He gave Ellen White a vision, which she subsequently related: *“I was shown Elder R before a number of persons, reading from the professed revelations of Anna Phillips. A noble, dignified person was present, and with a grieved expression upon His countenance, He removed the written document, placed in Brother R’s hand the Bible, and said, ‘Take the Word of God as your textbook. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.’”* (2 Tim. 3:16, 17) EGW, Selected Messages Book 2, page 88

Ellen White did not condemn the aspiring young prophetess. She stated, *“I feel very tenderly toward this sister. I would not say or do anything to harm her.”* (ibid 93) Her reproof was directed more toward those who were encouraging her and who were promoting her productions. These individuals had not discovered anything particularly “objectionable” in her revelations, but Ellen White, rather than take that as an endorsement, considered it a “great wonder” that the “brethren” should so confidently accept these writings just BECAUSE they hadn’t found anything objectionable. (ibid, p 94). *“The work of Anna Phillips”,* she wrote, *“does not bear the signature of Heaven.”* (ibid, 86) Actually, much of Anna’s writing echoed what Ellen White and other Adventists had been presenting for years. But mingled with that, God revealed, were *“some things that will lead astray.”* (ibid, p 91). What kind of things? Just *“a jot here, a tittle of error there, just a little seed which takes root and flourishes, and many are defiled therewith.”* (ibid 87)

One big problem was the way some of the church members were talking about “the gift of prophesying”, and how their

statements were calculated to “encourage men and women and children to imagine that they have special light in revelation from God, when they have not received such light.” (Ibid, 86) Ellen White commented, *“God says of these prophets that are springing up, ‘I have not sent them, and yet they ran. Believe them not.’”* (ibid 90) *“This, I have been shown, would be one of Satan’s masterpieces of deception...”** Individuals that felt that they were “led of God in special revelations” caused Ellen White to have “to write many, many pages to correct these errors.” (Ibid 86) It caused her many sleepless nights and much grief.

And now we see history being repeated, as we were warned it would be. Sarah Young and other contemporary, popular Christian authors are purporting to **speak for Christ**, as in the **Jesus Calling** Series. All these other voices claiming to speak for God, undermine and detract from the **REAL** word of God. In last month’s article, *“Sarah Young and Jesus Calling”*, we explored the origins and content of some of these books, which have been top sellers in Christian bookstores. We found that both the manner in which these messages came about, and also their content, is cause for grave concern, as they do not completely align with the Word of God – the Bible. Although much of what is found in the **Jesus Calling** books may be unobjectionable, there is error mixed with truth, like Eve consumed when she ate of the Tree of Knowledge of GOOD and EVIL.

For example, subtly and insidiously, woven all through these

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books, are **directives for the reader**.

“The **God Calling** books and the **Jesus Calling** series teach the principles of mediumship with gentle, repetitive commands that are woven into the text and scattered throughout the books”.

Mediumship? “Most Christians would be immediately repulsed at the thought of becoming a medium, channel, or psychic. However, if it is introduced indirectly through Christian-sounding devotions, and if the spirit being channeled is called ‘Jesus,’ they might inadvertently fall into a trap.

“In the **God Calling** and **Jesus Calling** books, readers are progressively presented with meditation techniques that sound vaguely Scriptural but are not actually found in the Bible. Devoted readers, consciously or not, may find themselves gradually embracing an Eastern model of religious devotion, characterized by a consistent list of imperatives:

“Spend time alone; sit in silence; sit still; relax; open your hands; breathe in spirit; repeat ‘Jesus’; quiet your mind; focus; open yourself; invite; feel the presence; absorb; visualize ‘Jesus’; listen; converse; think God thoughts; write if you receive a message; transition; channel throughout the day.

“The first few steps listed above are innocuous in and of themselves. For example, sitting alone in a quiet place is a helpful way to pray or study the Bible. Taking a break and relaxing is sometimes good for the human body. Yet these practices, as well as the others on the list, are not taught in Scripture. They are taught instead by psychics as techniques for achieving a **trance state for contacting spirit guides.**”

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(<https://www.spiritualresearchnetwork.org/jesus-calling-training-manual-for-mediums.html>)

If you open and download the source link cited above, you will see a list of how many times the directives listed above are actually repeated in the **Jesus Calling** and **God Calling** books. At first it may seem harmless, but with a closer look, a disturbing pattern is seen. Remember the quotes from **God Calling** cited in last month's article where "Jesus" says, "I, who could command a universe – I await the commands of My Children" and "Trust in the spirit forces of the unseen"? (Striking Similarities Between God Calling and the Jesus Calling Series, by Brenna E. Scott) This is not how God works. We cannot command (or channel) God. Rather, He says, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever **I command you**." John 15:14

Compare that with what is going on in these verses: "And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, 'Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her...And his servants said to him, 'In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor. So Saul... came to the woman by night. And he said, 'Please conduct a séance for me, and **bring up for me** the one I shall name to you...Then the woman said, 'Whom **shall I bring up** for you? And he said, '**Bring up Samuel for me.**'" 1 Samuel 28: 6-11 NKJV

"So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also **because he consulted a medium for guidance.**" 1 Chronicles 10:13 NKJV

Consider some of the differences between being a spirit medium and a prophet, or messenger of God. The most obvious, of course, is that one speaks for God and one for Satan. And, as we have seen above, satanic spirits can be **summoned** by those who are in touch with them, while God does not work in this way. When He has a message to give, *He does the summoning*. Often these messages are not easy to receive or to convey.

"God's plan is not to send messengers who will please and flatter sinners; He delivers no messages of peace to lull the unsanctified into carnal security. Instead, He lays burdens upon the conscience of the wrongdoer and pierces his soul with sharp arrows of conviction." E. G. White, *Prophets and Kings*, p 435

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1 The messages Noah, Elijah, Jonah, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and in recent times, Ellen White, were called to bring, were messages of warning and reproof, messages to bring people to repentance so they could be saved for eternity.

The first quote cited in last month's article was "Christ is ever

sending messages to those who listen for His voice." (E. G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p 509)

Continuing with this reference, we see the context of what was happening: "On the night of the agony in Gethsemane, the sleeping disciples heard not the voice of Jesus. They had a dim sense of the angels' presence, but lost the power and glory of the scene. Because of their drowsiness and stupor they failed of receiving the evidence that would have strengthened their souls for the terrible scenes before them. Thus today the very men who most need divine instruction often fail of receiving it, because **they do not place themselves in communion with heaven.**" (Ibid)

So are we placing ourselves "**in communion with heaven**" OR, "**in a position where the enemy can talk with (us) and lead (us) away from God?**" (E. G. White, 1 SM 202) We are either in one group or the other. There is no middle ground.

How does God speak to us? "There are **three ways** in which the Lord reveals His will to us, to guide us, and to fit us to guide others. How may we know His voice from that of a stranger? How shall we distinguish it from the voice of a false shepherd? God reveals His will to us in (1) **His word, the Holy Scriptures**. His voice is also revealed in (2) **His providential workings**; and it will be recognized if we do not separate our souls from Him by walking in our own ways, doing according to our own wills, and following the promptings of an unsanctified heart, until the senses have become so confused that eternal things are not discerned, and the voice of Satan is so disguised that it is accepted as the voice of God.

"Another way in which God's voice is heard is through the (3) **appeals of His Holy Spirit**, making impressions upon the heart, which will be wrought out in the character. If you are in doubt upon any subject you must first consult the Scriptures." EGW, 5T 512



Jesus Himself said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are **life**." John 6:63 However, "Satan would like nothing better than to call minds away from the Word, to look for and expect something outside of the word to make them **feel**." 2SM 95 So be on guard, and don't accept indiscriminately everything that professes to be communicated from the Lord. (ibid)

And what of Anna Phillips, whose story began this article? Did she wander away from God, following her own fantasies? Thankfully, no. She heard and received the warning sent by God through Ellen White. She "discerned and acknowledged the delusion, repudiated her past work, and became a trusted, fruitful Bible instructor in the work of the church." (Ibid, p 85, editor's note at bottom of page)

May we likewise heed the warnings God in His mercy has seen fit to give us! ~Melissa Derfler

(*all bold in this article is emphasis supplied)

Soup Kitchen Update



We are so thankful to God for blessing our Soup Kitchen Ministry during this time of Covid-19! We have been starting early on Tuesday mornings preparing sack lunches with sandwiches, fruit, and drinks. We have a prayer box at the table, along with books and pamphlets for encouragement to those who are discouraged.

The Soup Kitchen was started by Larry Sample and John Weston eleven years ago and has been a very successful ministry for our church and community. We are so grateful to Larry for his leadership and direction at this critical time. There are also many volunteers we want to thank, especially our cook Hector Ortiz and his wife Colleen, with children CJ, Destiny, Marcus, Angel and little David, with his cute antics. Also helping us are Trina, Colleen's mother, Jen and Dylan Morse, Dayton Flick, Ray Bowman, Chuck Austin, Gerald Martz and Margarite and Temo Lopez.

Our church thrift store is the primary funding for the soup kitchen, and due to the Coronavirus, the store had closed. With the loss of income from the store, our funds for purchasing food to serve at the Soup Kitchen are rapidly depleting. We welcome any monetary donations to help us continue this much-needed ministry. If you use online giving, there is a place that you can designate money for the Soup Kitchen. If you use a tithe envelope, you can simply write in "Soup Kitchen" along with the amount and drop it the depository slot in the church office door. The thrift store has just re-opened, but we're still very much behind on funds.

Our Soup Kitchen operates with the words of Jesus in mind from Matt. 25:35 & 40 "...For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

May the Lord continue to bless our church and ministry that we may always continue to feed His sheep!

~ Rebecca Schmidt



Papua New Guinea Foreign Mission Project

"This coming year we'll be facing what could be the largest evangelistic event in the history of the Adventist Church—even larger than Rwanda 2016 when 100,000 people were baptized. I'm talking about Papua New Guinea (PNG). We're planning more than 2,000 simultaneous evangelistic meetings next year and the church in PNG is working with an interest list of 300,000 people. We plan to cover the country with AWR radios broadcasts and use 1,000 projectors to share our wonderful message throughout the PNG mountains. We will use 10,000 AWR Godpods, our cell phone evangelism presentations and health clinics." — Duane McKey, President AWR.

We voted as a church to take on, as one of our mission projects, 250 AWR Godpods at \$25 each. I am sure that God will bless our church, as we seek to be a part of this nationwide evangelistic effort. All who want to help, can place your offering in a tithe envelope marked "Godpods for PNG". ~Bob Kruger



FAMILY PORTRAITS:

BOB & BECKY KRUGER

BY GINNY FROST



Becky started her life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. But at the beginning of her freshman year of academy, her family moved to California when her father accepted a job at Pacific Press Publishing Association in Mountain View. She attended all four years at Mountain View Academy and, after graduation, decided to further her education at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, majoring in Home Economics.

Bob is a native Oregonian, born in Newport, but he spent many of his younger years in Wyoming and Southern California. When he had completed elementary school, he attended academy, first at Laurelwood and then at Glendale in California. His last year of high school was spent at Buena Park High in California. When he was 18 years old, he joined the Air Force where he spent the next four years with the Air Police. This included a one-year tour in Danang, Vietnam, as a dog handler on guard patrol. Once he was discharged from the military he decided to attend Pacific Union College.

In his second year of college, on the first day of classes, Bob happened to end up sitting next to a freshman girl in history class. At the end of that first class he asked her to attend a Saturday night program with him and, as the saying goes, "The rest is history." Bob and Becky married at the end of that school year.

Becky turned her attention to homemaking, while Bob continued his education, graduating two years later with a degree in Theology. Bob's interests were quite varied, and he had taken many more

credits than he needed for graduation: classes like Biblical archeology, astronomy, various science classes, and several advanced math classes, including calculus, analytical geometry, and interlinear algebra. After graduation, by now a family of three, they decided to move back to Oregon where many of Bob's family lived.

They landed in the greater Portland area and Bob found a job in construction. After living through a winter of rain Becky was ready for a change and she suggested that they look around the Grants Pass area. They decided to take a weekend to check out the area and go to church on Sabbath in Grants Pass. Before the weekend was over, Bob had a new job and a couple they had just met at the fellowship dinner after church insisted that they had room for Bob and Becky to stay with them while they looked for a place to live.

It was settled! When God opens doors things tend to happen quickly. Bob stayed to begin work while Becky took the bus back to Portland, packing up their few belongings and getting them moved down to Grants Pass less than two weeks later! It wasn't long before another newly-met friend told them she had the "perfect" house for them. It turned out that she was right and they lived there for several years, until Bob started building their first home. At this time it has been 48 years and counting, and they have never regretted their decision!

Bob went on to get his general contractors license, and during the years that he was building numerous homes all over Josephine county Becky busied herself making a home for her husband and their two children. She helped out in the various Sabbath School divisions while her children were young and then went on to be involved in

Home and School as well as Pathfinders. She still helps lead the music in the Junior/Earliteen department each week.

As the children grew older and went off to Milo Academy, Becky decided to go to Rogue Community College. She took classes in office management, computers, and graphic arts and design. This eventually led to a position as the Grants Pass Church secretary for nine years, working with three different pastors. She was very happy with her job for the church and had no intention of looking for anything else. But the Lord evidently had other plans. When an opening became available for a secretary for the Grants Pass Adventist School Becky was urged by several of her friends to apply for the job. She resisted for some time, but finally gave in when she heard that there were others applying for the position, as she felt safe that she wouldn't be asked to take it. She was shocked when she was asked to start as the secretary with the new school year! She retired after seventeen years there, during which she worked with seven different principals. And while she has officially retired she still volunteers for the school Veggie Store two days a month.

Bob and Becky have a great interest in missions, having worked on two Maranatha projects on the small island country of Dominica, part of a chain of islands in the Caribbean. They have also been involved in several stateside projects with Maranatha. As well as being one of the church elders,

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Thoughts & Prayers

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Our dear and faithful friend Ed Sanders went quietly to his rest in Jesus on May 18, 2020. Please keep Darlene and his family in your prayers.

Healthy Immune System, cont. from page 2

touches with healing. By it the highest energies of the being are roused to activity. It frees the soul from the guilt and sorrow, the anxiety and care, that crush the life forces. With it come serenity and composure. It implants in the soul joy that nothing earthly can destroy— joy in the Holy Spirit — health-giving, life-giving joy.” ML 155

~John Mauro



Ten Talents Cookbook featured in Wall Street Journal

Ten Talents, a natural foods cookbook authored by Dr. Frank and Rosalie Hurd, members of the Grants Pass SDA church, was featured in the May 9, 2020 issue of the Wall Street Journal, in an article titled “Vegan Gets Viable”. The cookbook, first published in 1968, was #1 in author Jonathan Kauffman’s list of “plant-based vegan cookbooks through the decades”. He described it as a “Seventh-day Adventist tome which set a tone for American veganism”.

~Melissa Derfler

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place in all of us. We are all imperfect and have faults and that is why it is so important to keep Jesus at the center of what we do when we get together. He is our Hope.

In the process of God using all things for His good I also received an important warning from God that we must NEVER allow Sabbath School or Church, the pastor, our friends or spouse, etc. to become more important than God. I have sadly realized that there are times when I have been so caught up in looking forward to our time together and the joy that we have... that I have at times looked forward to “our time together” even more fervently than my time with God. It wasn’t that I didn’t spend time alone with God... that is the only reason that I have anything to give... but we must never allow our emotions and feelings to be directed in such a way that we are looking more forward to Sabbath School, Church etc. than we are to our time alone with God. It would be a valuable lesson if that was all I took away from the last several months and each time as I reflect back upon the Corona virus I would remember that no matter how good life gets... never allow the joy of that to usurp the joy that God wants to experience with each of us.

~Les Derfler

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Bob is the assistant Sabbath School superintendent for foreign missions. He feels strongly that it should be a priority of the church to support foreign missions. We have two projects at this time that need to be completed by the end of this year: the Godpods for Papua New Guinea and the India School.

Bob and Becky have several varied hobbies and interests, individually and together. Becky enjoys singing, reading, and calligraphy (she does some beautiful work!), and Bob is a wonderful craftsman in construction (he is working on the third house that he has built for them over the years), building drag racing motors, and old car restoration (he is getting close to completing a 1956 Chrysler Imperial, 2 door hard top that will be going to a Chrysler dealership in South Dakota). Together they enjoy outdoor activities like camping, quad riding, and gardening.

I’m sure that you will agree with me that we are blessed to have Bob and Becky, with their many interests and talents, as members of our church.

~Ginny Frost

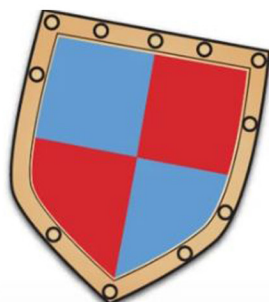
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Resting in Jesus

Pastor Glen Chinn, 89, passed away at home in Grants Pass, OR, on May 11, 2020.

The youngest of four boys, he was born December 31, 1930, in Arlington, California, to Olaf and Hallie Chinn. He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1955 from La Sierra College and was drafted into the Army from 1955 to 1957.

Later in 1957, when he returned from service, he married Sandra Bauman and they had two sons. While starting a career in probation, he went to night school and received his Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance from Loma Linda University in 1967. Glen retired early from Riverside County, California, Probation in 1983 after 25+ years and made a huge career change, moving north.

The Chinn family moved to Days Creek, Oregon, for Glen's new career as Boys' Dean at Milo Adventist Academy. He transitioned into the principal position in 1986. Glen and Sandra moved to Grants Pass, Oregon in 1989, where he served as the Associate Pastor of the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church until his retirement in 2010.

A lover of the outdoors from youth, he hiked, caught rattlesnakes, camped and dune-buggied in Mexico and taught wilderness survival. After arriving in Oregon, Glen quickly became an avid wood-getter. Later in life, he and Roger Knauff teamed up to ride bicycles coast-to-coast across the United States. Glen also enjoyed helping his friend, Paul Shewmake, with yardwork around the church.

Glen is survived by his wife, Sandra Chinn; son, Guy Chinn and wife, Sonya; and two grandsons, Nolan and Jesse Chinn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Olaf and Hallie; brothers, Joe, Ben and Fred; and his son, Mark.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in his honor to Holbrook Indian School or Eyes for India - It is Written.



It was July 2012 and Sylvia Flores had been listening to all the Miracle

Roadways every day at Soquel Campmeeting in Central California Conference. "Wow!" she thought, "I'd sure like to have an experience like what is happening to all these people who are sharing their testimonies. They are asking God how much money they should pledge for the Evangelism offering, and then God miraculously brings in that much money!"

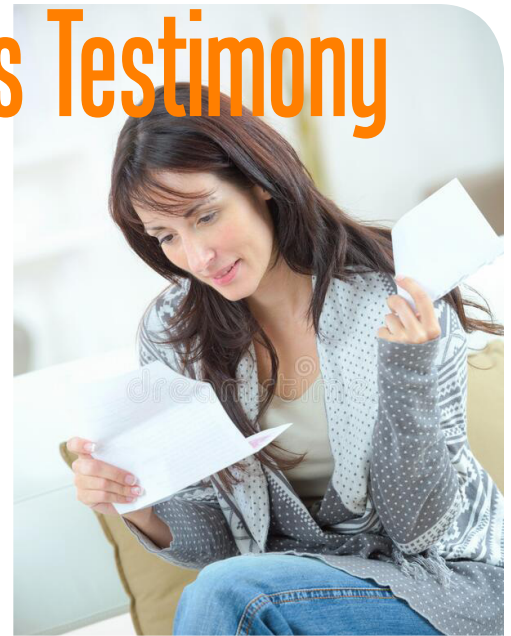
By the ninth day of campmeeting, Sylvia was fairly exploding with desire to have an experience of her own. So she started praying earnestly, praying for God to tell her how much money she should pledge. What a shock when God seemed to be saying for her to give \$5,000! Knowing this could not possibly be God, she kept praying and praying and praying, but always God kept pressing for her to give \$5,000.

"No, God, I can't possibly afford to give that kind of offering. I only make \$30,000 a year working for the conference. After paying tithe, offerings, taxes **and the pledge**, that would only leave me with about \$20,000 for the whole year. Did you forget, God, that I am a single parent with a child in the Fresno Adventist elementary school? Did you forget that I just bought a house three months ago and have house payments to make? \$5,000 is just too much of my income!"

The tenth and last day of campmeeting, Sylvia filled out a pledge card for \$5,000 and with fear and trembling, dropped it in the offering container. Surprisingly, she immediately felt a peace wash over her, but she heard the words in her heart, "Be prepared for a wild ride."

Sylvia returned home and opened her mail. What? A letter from the IRS? Oh, no. She hastily opened the envelope

Sylvia's Testimony



check for \$400. She learned that she had double paid her taxes! No way! But there was the check. Then she opened a letter from her doctor's office and learned that she had double paid her doctor bill and a check was included.

Little by little, and by being frugal, money came in, but not enough. She started having second thoughts about whether she had done the right thing in pledging so much. But a pledge to God is more binding than a legal contract, and deep inside she knew God would come through and make it all happen. It would be a miracle.

Interestingly, Sylvia's side business of catering made a huge change. God increased her side business by 300% - three times what she normally made. Wow! Wow! Wow! "God, You are unbelievably awesome. Look at what you have accomplished through me." By the end of December, just six months after her pledge, Sylvia had paid the whole amount of \$5,000. She was so glad she had stuck to her pledge. Her heart sang with rejoicing. God had strengthened her faith and now she had an experience to share that would inspire others to step out in faith and have their own Miracle Roadway.

~Gloria Wilson, Stewardship Secretary



Pastor's Page

Our Dwelling Place

Psalm ninety has always been one of my favorite psalms. One reason I love this psalm so much is because the words are powerful, but the other reason I love it is the fact that it was written by Moses, the great leader of the Israelites during the Exodus.

The psalm begins with the words, "Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations" (Ps. 90:1). Many times I have simply skipped over this verse without comprehending how much meaning is packed into these simple words, but on my most recent reading, it dawned on me that these words were written by Moses — a man whose people had for generations possessed no dwelling place of their own. Ever since Abraham had left Haran to journey to Canaan, his family had been wanderers, strangers, and even slaves in foreign lands. Although God had promised the land of Canaan to Abraham's descendants (Gen. 12:7), the promise

had not yet been fulfilled even in Moses' day. Abraham,


Isaac, and Jacob wandered in the land of Canaan, moving to Egypt and to Philistia at various times, without having a true home to claim as their own. Eventually, their descendants were enslaved and persecuted horrendously.

We don't know exactly when Moses wrote this psalm. It is possible that he wrote it during the Exodus, but he could also have written it during the 40 years that he worked as a humble shepherd in Midian. In either case, Moses never lived in the Promised Land of Canaan and he never truly had a permanent home of his own. For hundreds of years, from the time of Abraham to whenever exactly Moses wrote this psalm, his people had no physical dwelling place to call home. Yet in spite of their suffering and wandering, Moses affirms that his people did in fact have a dwelling place: whether they had a physical home or not, Moses knew that God had been and would always be their true, ultimate dwelling place. As long as they had

God, they would always be at home.

These words struck me with even greater force as I reflected on them recently. Today, we stand on the edge of a time when none of God's people will have the assurance of an earthly home. Perhaps much sooner than we realize, everything will be stripped away from us and we will have nothing but our relationship with God to sustain us. When that day comes, will we be able to say with Moses that God has been — and will ever be — our dwelling place in all generations? Do we know Him so intimately that we could find our security and joy in His presence alone, even when every earthly thing that we have loved and cherished is taken away?

None of us knows what tomorrow holds, but we have all been given today to "Seek the LORD while He may be found," and to "Call upon Him while He is near." (Is. 55:6) Now is the time to make God our dwelling place and to know Him as our personal God and Savior. What will you do with today, and this precious time we have been given? ~Pastor Tanner Martin



Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations...



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