

## McMahon Evangelistic Seminar

The Kettle Falls and Colville churches combined their effort in organizing a month-long evangelism series with speaker/pastor Brian McMahon for an October-November outreach in northeastern Washington logging country. The venue was the Colville Senior Center known locally as The HUB where seating was available for over 200 people. On a number of occasions almost every seat was taken.

Pastor McMahon, North Pacific Union Conference evangelist, has been a sought-after speaker in many Adventist churches for nearly 30 years. The HUB, essentially in downtown Colville, is well known and provides easy access to the public.

The Prophecy Seminar series presented thrilling Bible-based lectures which not only gave clarity to the many visitors but also thrilled the hearts of local Seventh-day Adventist church members reminding them of the beautiful truth-based teachings of our world-wide church.



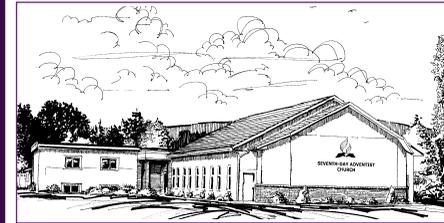
Using the HUB venue presented interesting challenges. Two or three times each week the entire setup—audio, video, staging, and seating all had to be removed so that community programs at the HUB were available as normally scheduled. The army of workers was a wonder to witness as the complete transformation took place in record time. A faithful team of members also prepared refreshments each evening and Sabbath noon meals for three weekends.

Well over 50 visitors attended parts or all of the seminar and baptisms in both the Kettle Falls and Colville churches bringing joy to the congregations as those who made decisions, thrilled with their new-found faith, committed their lives to Christ.

— Jim Brackett

## Bella Vista Mission Trip

At our prayer meeting on November 28, Leon Anderson shared slides and stories from Mexico, where he is involved in a number of projects for a school and clinic at Bella Vista. A team of volunteers is traveling to Mexico with him to help repair badly damaged buildings and conduct a Vacation Bible School and an evangelistic series. The Bella Vista project is sponsored by Mission Projects, Inc., PO Box 504, College Place, WA 99324.



# KETTLE CURRENTS

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## Ordination Service

After the December 13 Sabbath morning sermon by Pastor Ken LeBrun, which focused on the responsibilities of church officers, the pastor conducted an ordination service for new church officers.

Joel Schlittenhart will serve as an elder and Les Moore as a deacon.



## Daniel & Revelation Bound Together

On November 8 our personal ministries team mailed a copy of the book *Daniel and Revelation Bound Together* to every home in the western half of the Kettle Falls zip code. A big "Thank you" to all who helped prepare the 972-book mailing. Ellen White wrote,

"The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." "Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which will prosper, this, or that." "The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work." *Colporteur Ministry*, pp. 3-5.

— Pastor Ken LeBrun



## International Food Fair and Dessert Auction

CVJA's International Food Fair was a wonderful event enabling everyone to travel to several different countries all in the same afternoon! Students, with their parents, decorated their tables and served delicious food from the country they chose to represent. It was fun to see the children dressed in the country's traditional clothing as well. People enjoyed going around and picking and choosing what they wanted to eat. It's not every day you get to eat food from Ukraine, Sweden, Peru, Korea...all in one meal!

The dessert auction followed, and bidders tried to outdo each other for their favorite dessert. Even the health conscious ones had delicious choices such as homemade bread and granola and carob bars as they were auctioned off. This successful event raised approximately \$1,800 which goes towards field trips that are taken about once a month, and primarily for the ski program the students are involved with at 49 Degrees North in part of January and February. Thank you supporters of CVJA! We appreciate your coming to our events and hope to see you at the next one!

~ Christine Wong



## New Member Profile

### Welcome Jini and Brandon Smith



It's a long way from Fort Worth, TX, to Kettle Falls, WA, but for Jini Smith and her son Brandon it is a refreshing new start that has been both welcoming and challenging. For Jini, like many of us, one attraction of the community is the quiet simplicity of rural living. Her brother, Steve Prophet, pioneered the area several years ago. Jini had visited here a few times, liked what she saw, and decided it would be a good place to raise her young son, Brandon, a kindergartener at CVJA who likes his new surroundings and his new friends at school. He is looking forward to his first NE Washington winter!

Jini currently works for the Kettle Falls School District as a pre-school teacher, having devoted her career to early childhood education.

It was an evangelistic series in Amarillo, TX, many years ago that brought both Jini and Steve to the Adventist faith. Her primary mission field? Her son, of course. She also brings to our church considerable experience as a youth department leader, having been a Pathfinder leader, and a children's division Sabbath School leader. She has also served as a church secretary and community services director.

So, why the Kettle Falls church? By God's grace our flourishing children's division provided the right fit for both Jini and Brandon. The energetic and friendly young people continue to embrace new interests and make them feel right at home. Welcome home, Jini and Brandon!

~ Terry Martin

## Nursing Home Ministry



After the fellowship meal on the third Sabbath of each month, cars and vans begin leaving the parking area on their way first to Buena Vista Nursing Home and then to Parkview Senior Living Home bringing smiles and songs and inspiration to residents.

Most important to the program in many ways are the four to ten children who add their voices and charm to the visit as they sing and also smile and shake hands with the elderly people for whom young faces bring a delightful change to the mostly white-haired residents.

In addition to singing, an adult, often Aaron Sartin, always adds a short, inspirational talk to the program. Several others play their musical instruments to accompany the singing.

At the November and December visits, children gave each resident beautiful book marks and cards and sock snowmen they had made, under the direction of Sally Sartin. The residents were delighted.



## Baptisms

On Sabbath November 24 five people were baptized in our church during the worship service.

Stephanie and Joshua Maeda, sister and brother, both joined the Kettle Falls church by baptism. Their mother, Rumi, was rebaptized. The Maedas live in Malo. They attended the Kettle Falls church regularly a few years ago, but then attended the Omak church for some time. Recently they have recommitted to attending Kettle Falls. We are happy to have them worshipping with us and for their baptisms.

Allie Mathis has recently moved to our area to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Justin Bartholomew, who live near Rice. Allie joined the Seventh-day Adventist church by profession of faith a few years ago, but during our meetings here in Colville she expressed a desire to be baptized. We were happy for her to be a part of our baptism.



Denise Malloy lives on the Kettle River just above Orient and has been attending the Orient church since its beginning. She attended nearly all the meetings in Colville and made her decision to become a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. All her friends from the Orient church were here to support her baptism, as was her son from Spokane. She has decided to have her membership in Kettle Falls. We welcome her.

~ Pastor Ken LeBrun