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In His Presence

“How precious is Your lovingkindness (presence), O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.”
Psalm 36:7, 8.

We have just completed an extensive road trip, from June 5 to July 14, traveling more than 9,000 miles. We are praising God for His presence that was with us every day, for the strength and grace that He gave us, and for the many priceless opportunities He put in our path. He is so faithful!

The main purpose for our trip was to connect with people. We were able to visit with many friends in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. We bring you warm greetings from Mel and Phyllis Brass, Priscilla Costa, Tim and Cheryl Eberhardt, and Tom and Lynne Buske, all formerly part of our Ukiah church family.

We were thrilled to worship with our Zomi friends in their remodeled church facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky and then later the next week to attend their camp meeting on the Madison campus in Nashville. We excitedly reunited with many we had seen in Burma in 2001, when as a family we visited all the places where Dad and Mom had lived, then also, at our previous Zomi camp meetings: Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2019 and Wewoka Woods, Oklahoma in 2022. It was indeed a foretaste of the reunion we will experience in heaven!

Don Johnson, a classmate of Dave’s who graduated in his same class at Vincent Hill School in Mussoorie, India, arranged for a school reunion and a “bara kana” (big feast) at his home in Cleveland, Tennessee, which gave us all an unforgettable evening. We also had many opportunities to promote our book and the ministry that our folks gave so genuinely in Burma.

The people highlights are too numerous to cover in one session, but here’s one that readily comes to mind. To God be the Glory! We were at an outdoor church service at Goliath Wall on the campus of Southern Adventist University. It was delightful the number of people we saw there who were related to people we knew!

Dave had been asked to have the sermon and then we were going to Sabbath School at a different location on campus. We had a hard time to find a parking place when we moved the car. We finally stopped at the curb to take our things inside. The greeter at the door kindly offered to park the car for us. There was only one problem. Dave could not find his key, so he asked for mine. After Sabbath School, which had been designated for interviewing us about our book, we went to a friend’s home for potluck lunch. There was no time to think about the missing key until after lunch.

Then we headed to the parking lot near the Goliath Wall and slowly walked as we looked on both sides of the road for the shiny key. We finally got to the grassy area where we had gathered that morning and carefully searched the places where we had been. A campus security man arrived a few minutes later and we told him why we were there, as he recorded our information.

The only other people we saw were two young men from the community who had discovered the Goliath Wall was great for rock climbing. They greeted us and became concerned about our problem. One of them began looking through the grass for the missing key. The other one approached Dave and began asking questions about the school’s denomination and doctrinal questions, one after another. Dave had an opportunity to carefully answer the young man’s many questions and he was engagingly interested. Dave invited him to search God’s Word for himself and the young man said, “I will do that.” Continued on page 2

The key remained nowhere to be found. We returned to the home of the friends we were staying with and Dave changed his shirt. In the process, his key dropped out of his pocket. Dave never puts his key in his shirt pocket, so why did He do it that day?

Instantly, God was praised for the divine appointment He had arranged for Dave to meet with the young man. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in his search for truth. By Donna Faye Anderson

From our Medical Missionary group—
Jeanine Kablanow reports.

PRAISE THE LORD! He is working! If you remember in the last newsletter, I shared about a woman we met going door to door. Several of us were able to make her a raised garden bed, complete with plants and an automatic watering system. We brought her some needed furniture, lamps, a rug, and painted the living room, as well as purchasing new curtains and fixing a toilet seat. More recently, one of our group was able to purchase a nice dresser to take the place of old cupboards in the dining room. More importantly, she was in need of new windows for her home. Home Depot was willing to work with us as a “community project” and paid \$500 toward the windows. The hospital and the church paid a large part. Individual church members paid for the rest. What a blessing that will be for her and her family. The new windows will keep out the heat in summer and the cold in winter which should help save money. Please pray for her and her family as she continues studying and going to the Spanish church.

If you would like to join our Help Band ministry, call Andrew Tremper at 909-953-5380. Let's work together to reach those around us.

Pathfinders



The spring and summer months for our energetic Pathfinders have been filled with many exciting activities—the annual Bike-a-Thon, a rock-climbing event, the conference-wide Pathfinder Fair,

and a local club investiture at our church/Pathfinder Retreat at Albion. The next big event is the International Pathfinder Camporee at Gillette, WY. August 5-11. There are about 37 who will be representing our local club, the Ukiah Timberwolves.

Randy and Jan Woesner, long-time members of our Ukiah church, who moved to Spokane, WA. last year, will be joining us to take care of the meal preparations for our club. This is really a special gift of love!



Can We Saturate the Airwaves in Ukiah with Bible Truth?

Our goal is to counteract the religious lies in Ukiah by preaching only Bible truth. We have been promoting, praying for, and donating for a high power FM radio station. It will be at least 3 months before the purchase and transfer is complete. We are planning to play mostly Adventist preaching on the high power station. Studies show that the type of music played on a radio station tends to seriously narrow the listening audience.

Several members have expressed disappointment that the high power station will not have music. Consequently we will install the low power station that we already have a permit to operate. The low power station will have lots of great music and will be heard all over this valley.

Ron Myers, an engineer for Radio74 Internationale, alerted us that Ukiah had a rare opportunity of applying to the FCC for a free station permit. He helped with the engineering and the application. In turn, Ron expects us to use his Adventist programming at least most of the time on the low power station. We feel a responsibility to him to go ahead and operate the low power station, as he did a lot of work for us and will continue helping.

A one time cost of \$7000 for equipment will get us on the air quickly. The transmitter is on sale at present, so we should get it as soon as possible. After we receive the equipment, it should take only a short time to get it going, the Lord willing. There will be a small monthly cost under \$40 for the electricity to run it.

We already have \$3,480 toward the equipment. That leaves just \$3520 and we can order the equipment and get it transmitting to the Ukiah Valley. Praise the Lord!

Donate online or in a tithe envelope to Ukiah SDA radio74/equipment

[listen online at radio74.net](http://radio74.net)

RADIO74

The Glenn Miller Memorial Golf Tournament

The date for the eleventh annual Glenn Miller Memorial Golf Tournament is set for **Friday, September 20, 2024**. This takes place at the Ukiah Valley Golf Course with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. There will be teams at all 18 holes and they will play until 1:00 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony and a lunch put on by the Savings Bank of Mendocino County. This is in memory of Dr. Glenn Miller, who personally helped many students attend Ukiah Junior Academy.

One hundred percent of the money that comes from this fundraiser goes to assist families who want their children to attend Ukiah Junior Academy, but cannot afford the full tuition.

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to support this major event.

Steve Miller, the son of the late Dr. Glenn Miller, works on this tournament year round. He visits businesses and people throughout the community, many of whom knew his Dad. Also, because of his ambassadorial commitment, he acquaints new people every year with UJA and this fundraiser, who would not otherwise know about the school. When you see him, be sure to thank him for his passion and commitment.

Church News, Cont.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Filled With The Holy Spirit,
Discipling,
Baptizing,
Teaching, With Love,
Preparing All For Jesus' Return

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To Know Jesus
To Share Jesus
To Follow Jesus
Changing Lives Today
And For Eternity

“PRAY without ceasing!” 1Thes. 5:17.

Because “PRAYER is the breath of the soul!” Prayer By E.G. White, Page 12

When?

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mark1:35

“He awakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.” Isaiah 50:4

Where?

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray.” Mt. 6:6

How?

Read John 17, and Matthew 26. His disciples asked Jesus to teach them

How to pray.

Jesus prayed for the sick specifically.

He prayed for his disciples and for the world,

Which includes you and me.

“Prayer is the breath of the soul”

So just keep praying!



Daily Sunrise Prayer Times

You are invited to lift your heart in group prayer to our Heavenly Father:

Sundays, 7-7:30 a.m. at the Ukiah Junior Academy school library via the parking lot door by the gym stairwell.

Weekdays, 6-6:30 a.m. at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley’s main conference room.

Sabbaths, 9-9:30 a.m. at the church Chapel.



Redwood Area Camp Meeting

Triple Lily, taken in the yard of Don and Rumiko Johnson in Cleveland, TN by David Anderson. Don and David were classmates at Vincent Hill School in India.

The speakers' messages blessed us. Nathan Krause seemed more and more inspired as the week came to an end. He led us to want to tell everyone about the wonderful Jesus who died to save us. Gary Venden's messages at 8:30am were a highlight of each day. He spoke on Romans 12:1,2 all week.

The music blessed us. Marilyn Venden blessed us with heavenly music morning and evening. She set the tone for most meetings. The "Holy Land Band" with the Privats was a highlight on Sabbath afternoon.

The woodland setting blessed us with a sense of God's presence. An added bonus were the blackberries which were big, sweet, and wonderful! Mike and Sylvia Wilson



Redwood Area Camp Meeting

Forty some years ago when I was a pastor in Northern California Conference, Jeanine and I loved going to the Redwood Area Camp Meeting. It was a highlight of our year! What a beautiful and relaxing place to go and mingle with God's people in a truly camping environment! So, we naturally looked forward to going there again this year since we are back in this Conference. The thing that made it even more special for us is that we had almost our entire family there with us. Since our daughter and her two sons (ages 4 and 5) were with us, we spent some time in their division programs. What a blessing it was. Last year they had presented Pilgrims Progress in a very interesting way to the kids, and this year they presented the story of Christiana which is a sequel to Pilgrims Progress. These are very fascinating allegories of the Christian life. One of the rules given to Christiana and the group with her traveling to the Celestial City was that they were not to take any shortcuts or detours. When we headed back home, we stopped at Founder's Grove and walked the ½ mile trail, and our grandsons were constantly reminding us not to take a shortcut or detours. You could certainly tell that they had enjoyed their program and had learned from it.

Going to camp meeting was a great opportunity to escape the triple-digit temperatures and enjoy daytime temperatures in the 70s and 80s. The giant redwoods and other trees provide a beautiful canopy, and the many blackberry bushes covered with ripe berries add an enjoyable touch to the camp meeting experience. They had meetings for all age groups and special classes on specific topics of interest. It was a blessing that Pastor Williams was a leader in the Young Adult Division and Pastor Kablanow was leading the Primary Division.

It was great to meet up with friends from Ukiah, as well as from many other places, and have meaningful spiritual fellowship. However, there was an event of deep sadness. One of the older pastors had a health event and passed away suddenly at camp. The family needs our sincere prayers. We were reminded that we have a blessed hope in the resurrection at Christ's soon return to take us to heaven where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, suffering and death. That will be the greatest camp meeting reunion of friends and family, never to part again! Praise the Lord!
by Pastor Wayne Kablanow, father of Ukiah Associate Pastor, Eric Kablanow

Jodi Clay says, "Camp meeting has always been special to my heart, especially Redwood Camp Meeting. I grew up going to this camp meeting and looked forward to it every year. There were friends I met and only ever saw at camp meeting, I had a sense of peace being completely immersed in nature, disconnected from the stresses of the world beyond camp, and of course, learning to connect with God in exciting ways.

"I hadn't been back in 13+ years, but since moving back to the area, I've been able to regularly attend once again. As an adult, it is different, but still so rewarding. Disconnecting from the world and reconnecting with God, nature, and old friends is such a great way to rejuvenate the soul. The speakers are always powerful and with the local radio station, I could still listen to the evening meetings in camp while Asher was in bed.

"Watching Asher enjoy camp meeting has also been so rewarding. He looked forward to his meetings with excitement, overjoyed to play with new friends, and getting so much time to read, snack, and play in the dirt!

"New this year, they brought back the afternoon crafts for kids. It was a fond memory for me at camp meeting and now Asher gets the joy of doing these little crafts too.

"It has been so exciting to see Redwood Camp Meeting begin to grow again after so many years of dwindling campers. I love seeing it start to come back to how it was when I was a kid, so that Asher can experience it as I did.

"It's hard to explain how amazing camp meeting is unless you've been here to experience it yourself. I hope I get to see each of you there next year! You won't regret it, I promise."

Photos by Jodi Clay, Asher left, and with his Dad, Dr. Jeremy Clay,



UJA News

Important Dates at UJA

Sunday, August 18: Parent Orientation/Uniform Swap
Thursday, August 22: First Day of School

Allison Kurtz, Office Manager reports on the big, exciting summer projects:

As of the beginning of July, UJA is now fully solar! Check them out on the gym roof.

A new alarm system is being installed. This up-to-date alarm system will also include a speaker system that goes to each classroom. So not only will we be able to do various emergency drills, we will also be able to make general announcements school-wide.

And our outdoor basketball court is finally being redone. They are in the process of setting it up to pour the first half of the court on August 2, and the second half will be poured on August 5. Then once it is cured, we will be getting volunteers to help paint the court.



Two left Photos: Harry Witzel & Phil Tamanaha Working on new basketball court. Photos by Allison Kurtz. Photos on right: Solar panels on gym roof and basket ball court, by David Anderson.

VEGGIE FOOD STORE Store hours are Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm. Thank you for your support of the Veggie Food Store. All of the proceeds go to UJA. Cheryl reports there are new shipments of the Butler Soy Curls, Roma, and the Lindsay Green Olives. We do carry Bragg's Liquid Aminos, George Washington's Broth (Brown and Gold), and Chef Bonneau Gravy Mixes. Sale items include: Prime Stakes, selected deli slices, Steaklets, Chik'N' Nuggets, Sausage Patties, Champion Mun-Cha'i Ya (duck) and selected 4 lb. deli rolls. We have the largest selection of canned and frozen vegetarian and vegan items in town.

By Cheryl Witzel

Family News

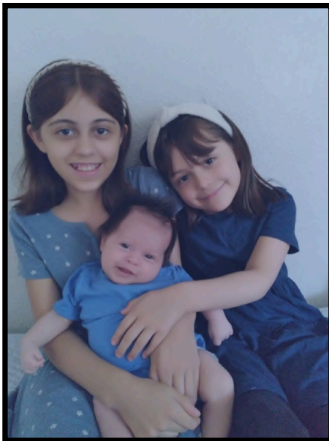
Our church family is witnessing a “baby boom” this spring, but it is exciting to know that our church family is growing!

We happily welcomed our baby boy, Bryce Theodore Kablanow, into our family on June 19. He weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz; measuring 19 1/2 inches. We are thankful that Bryce is growing strong and that mama and him are healthy and doing well. We are so happy to have him here and are loving every moment with him! Thank you for all the prayers and we are excited to introduce him to the church family!
Love, the Kablanows



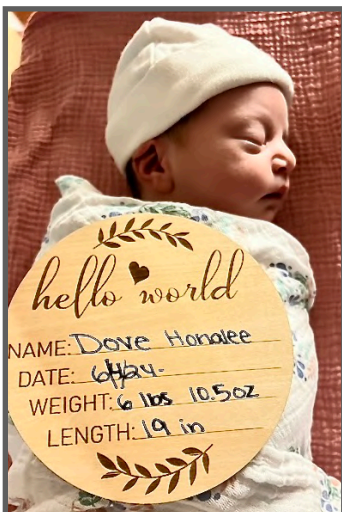
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Jesus and Ana Servin would like to introduce a new little blessing, Ezekiel, who arrived on June 24. We are all filled with joy and gratitude to God! Below: Big sisters Izabella and Estella, are so happy to have a baby brother.



Juliana Araiza is the proud mother of Giovana Lugo-Araiza, pictured at left. Giovana was born on February 1. Juliana said, “Being a mother really changes you in the best way possible. This little girl is my whole world!”

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Chelsea Akin would like to introduce the newest member to their family—Dove Honalee. Big brother, Diem, is proud of his sister.





*A smile costs nothing but gives much.
It enriches those who receive,
without making poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment,
but the memory of it
sometimes lasts forever.
All people smile in the same language!*

We want to honor Heather Maddox, on the left, who on May 10, 2024 graduated from Missouri State University with her Doctor of Anesthesia Practice. Heather is currently a nurse anesthetist at Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center. Congratulations Heather!!!

Heather grew up in Ukiah and her proud parents, Gary and Judy Maddox, still live here.

Dear friends, family, and compassionate strangers,

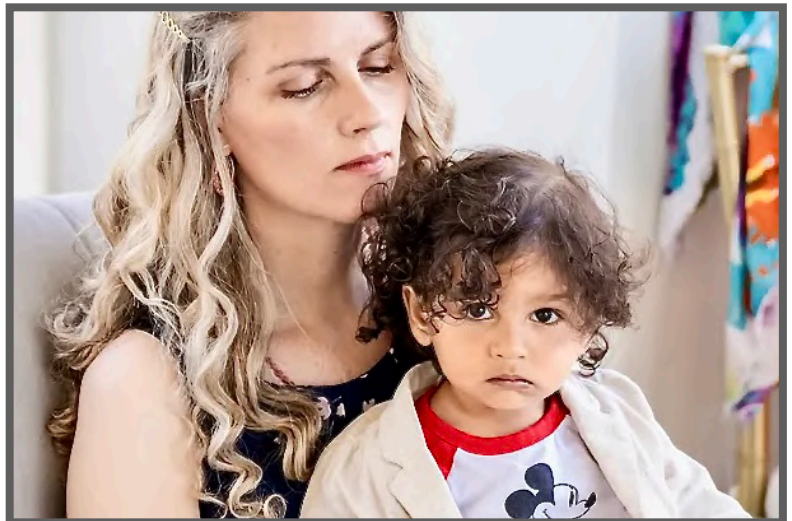
We are reaching out to you with a heavy heart to share the story of Rishi, a vibrant and joyful 1-year old boy who has recently suffered severe burns in a tragic accident. Rishi is a curious and loving child who brings light into the lives of everyone he meets.

Now, he needs our help to recover and heal from this devastating injury. . .

Please check out the attached GoFundMe link and spread awareness for the Ahlberg/Kaligithi Family. Sam Kaligithi has been a former Ukiah Valley Hospital Chaplain and member of our Church Family. Please keep his young son Rishi in your thoughts and prayers as he heals from this tragic accident.

<https://gofund.me/953423da>

Pictured below Rishi, with his mother. His parents are Sam and Becky Kaligithi.



Help Rishi Heal From Severe Burns



This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings,
And round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world.
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders
wrought.



From top left clockwise: Grand Canyon, North Rim; Grand Canyon, North Rim; Crossing the Mississippi River; On the Sonora Hwy 108
All photos on this page were taken by David Anderson.