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THE PALO CEDRO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST NEWSLETTER  
FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## HELPING HANDS MAKES LIGHT WORK OF A BIG JOB

It was 8:00 on a cold Sunday morning. The sun was just beginning to cast its light across the field behind RAA. Trucks filed in one after the other. Men and women gathered by the large pile of wood next to the baseball diamond. It would be a full morning of splitting and cutting firewood for church members.

In an effort to best the splitting machines, Morry Ballard had already begun hand splitting large rounds of wood with a mallet and a wedge. "He must have a good back," said Dan Van Zant who had put out the call for Helping Hands volunteers.



*Job Site Behind RAA*

As Dan began his good morning address to the workers, he marveled at the fact that this time the day before, he and Margie had been enjoying breakfast on their cruise ship in the New York harbor as they admired the Statue of Liberty. Head Elder Roy Stephens offered a prayer of safety for the workers and a blessing to the people receiving the wood.

By the time everyone had arrived for the morning's work, 23 people were on the job ranging from two children under twelve to Lauren Smith, the 95-year-old wonder who built much of the RAA school back in the 1950s and 60s. A former timber faller, Lauren let Dan rustle him out of retirement to serve as the safety supervisor for the day's activities.

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**Scheduled for November 21**

**Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Lemman!**

Lauren sat comfortably in the captain's chair while he surveyed the work scene.

"Take off that sweatshirt!" he ordered Morry Ballard who continued splitting at a record pace. The day was heating up fast.

"Now you're the one giving the orders," Dan said to Lauren who usually takes them from Dr. Ballard, his physician.

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By the end of the morning all the rounds had been reduced to usable firewood, and five cords of wood had been delivered to Palo Cedro members. “It would have taken two men a month to get this done,” said Dan.

“Thankful for all the volunteers who had shown up, Dan exclaimed, “ Wow! What a turnout! From eight to ninety five! You are never too young or too old to serve the Lord!”

Interested in Serving at Palo Cedro?

Helping Hands Needs a New Leader!

Contact Dan VanZant at  
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***Dan VanZant & Lauren Smith***



***Morry Ballard Attacks at Dawn!***



***Dr. Ballard Still Going Strong in the Hot Sun!***



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*Larry Lenz Receiving!*



*Ken Koenig Passing!*



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***Kai & Mya Carter***



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***Jim Griswold***



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***Barb Bautista & Anita Chavez***



***Anita Chavez, Steve Bautista, Steve Gheen, & Bob Newsome***



***Harry Young & Everett Farmer***

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## BREAD OF LIFE TAPS NEW LEADER

For over a year the Bread of Life ministry has been actively seeking a new leader. Now Janet McCloud, a new church member, has stepped forward and taken over from founders Rudy and Ginny Yost. “I am so excited to be working with the amazing volunteers at Bread of Life,” says Janet.

Janet joined the Palo Cedro church with her husband Peter this past February when they were baptized. Shortly afterwards they began volunteering at Bread of Life.

No stranger to service, Janet operated a soup kitchen out of a van several years back. “We would make a big industrial pot of soup and serve those we found in need

on the streets,” she says. Eventually, Janet and her friends began distributing donated coats, jackets and socks. “The food was in the back of the van, and clothes were in the front. We would just serve until everything was gone.”

Much like at Bread of Life, Janet and those helping her would love on the people they served and pray with them. “So Bread of Life was a natural extension for me,” says Janet. “God keeps urging me forward to do things. I learned a long time ago not to argue with Him.”

After observing how Bread of Life works, Janet made the move. “I was taking my time learning all the roles at Bread of Life before I put my name in the hat,” she says.

Janet is hoping to bring some fresh ideas to the ministry. “I want to make sure we have everything we need to serve our people.” She plans on reaching out to vendors who provide some of the food and exploring possibilities for making resources available to those who show up every week.

With thirty years experience as an occupational therapist, Janet is well connected in the medical field around town. Her career also gave her experience dealing with people from all different backgrounds and life situations. Having been a supervisor for almost her entire career and often a volunteer, Janet says, “I have life experiences that will come in handy at Bread of Life. I understand organizing and working with volunteers. Bread of Life already has good systems in place. My goals are to establish clear lines of communication, find more provisions from vendors, and, most importantly, bring the word of God to our customers.”

While getting food to those in need is the mission, the most important part of the ministry for Janet and Peter is including the Word of God. “We are doing them a disservice if we don’t give them the opportunity to know Jesus,” she says.



*Janet and Peter McCloud on the Jerusalem Trip*



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Janet and her husband Peter have been brainstorming the best way to share the Good News at Bread of Life. Peter has completed several Bible study courses, including the 13-week Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) online course. “We want to be able to reach people at their level and then work them up through the truths of the Bible.” Having a Bible study based on the Amazing Facts study guides is one possibility. “We would also like to offer a devotional each Wednesday morning before we distribute food,” she says.

Bread of Life continues to serve up to 100 individuals each week. “We are getting a whole new group of people now,” says Janet, “people who are truly homeless. The Salvation Army no longer provides meals for them on Wednesdays as they have in the past.”

Janet’s commitment to caring for those who come to Bread of Life is a natural part of her heart. “After Jesus spoke to all the people at Capernaum, he also fed and cared for them,” she says. “As Matthew 28:18-20 states, we have a great commission to preach the gospel to all people. We have the opportunity to feed and care for people at Bread of Life. All of the volunteers love on our customers and sincerely care. That is the part that is so special. Our customers say they would come just for the hugs, even if there were no food. Anyone can see the love of Jesus through our actions. Being able to look in their eyes and just respect them is so important. Each individual is a precious life.”

Janet shares part of the foundation for her relationship with the Lord from Psalms. “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” Psalms 143:8. And “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18: 1,2.

All Church Members Are Welcome to Attend

## An Interview Session with Pastoral Candidate

Christian Jordan

Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

Please submit questions to Roy Stephens at [royjstephens1@cs.com](mailto:royjstephens1@cs.com)  
or to Pastor Catrina at the church office [pcadventist.org@gmail.com](mailto:pcadventist.org@gmail.com).

This will help move the process along.

There will also be the opportunity for live questioning.

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**CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. CHRIS LEMMAN!**



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