

RELIGION

Maranatha Church Sponsors King Memorial Blood Drive

African American donors are critically needed.

Portland's African American community members are encouraged to carry on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of brotherhood and hope by rolling up their sleeves to donate blood. The Eighth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Blood Drive, will be held Friday, January 12, 1996, from 2 to 7 p.m., at the Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

While blood drive organizers hope to collect 70 pints of blood, the primary goal of the King Memorial Blood Drive is to increase awareness in the African American community of the critical need for blood donors of color. Diversity in the blood donor base is vital to Red Cross's ability to ensure an adequate regional blood supply and to meet African Americans' special blood needs.

Red Cross regularly struggles to collect adequate amounts of Type O and Type B blood, the types most commonly found in African Americans. Increased blood donations by

people of color would help reduce the risk of regional shortages of these blood types.

While many African American are blood donors and regularly give, there are far more African American patients needing blood than there are African Americans donating blood. African Americans currently make up approximately seven percent of Portland's population, however, less than one percent of Red Cross's regional blood donor base is African American.

African American patients with blood diseases, including sickle cell anemia, are less likely to have physical reactions to blood donated by people of the same race. African American blood donors provide their best hope for survival. Certain rare blood types, types occurring less than once in a thousand donors, such as U-negative and Duffy Negative, are only found in the Black community. People attending the drive will also be encouraged to find out more about joining the National Marrow Donor Registry, a nationwide computerized data bank of potential unrelated mar-

row donors. Currently, African Americans make up less than four percent of all volunteers on the registry.

"This is concerning, because the unique tissue characteristics of an individual's bone marrow are inherited in the same way one inherits skin, eye, and hair color," said Everette Rice, Red Cross Marrow Donor Services Director. "An African American patient's best chance of finding a perfect match is with another African American."

In addition to sharing their health by giving blood, donors and guests at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Blood Drive will enjoy music and entertainment, including a reading of Dr. King's memorable "I Have a Dream" speech, and special foods prepared by Maranatha Church members.

Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 105 pounds, and be in good general health. To schedule an appointment to donate blood at the Martin Luther King Memorial Blood Drive, or for more information, call 284-4040.

Child Protection Urged Worldwide

Pope John Paul is appealing for the protection of children, accusing governments of allowing them to suffer a "veritable slaughter" in wars, work in slave conditions and fall prey to "despicable" sex tourism.

While most children who suffer live in poor countries, the Pope decried that even in affluent nations children are often victims of abuse in the home and forced to grow up in "dismal loneliness" where television is their only contact with reality.

The 75-year-old Polish Pontiff issued his heartfelt appeal in his message for the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1.

The 12-page message, whose theme is "Let us give children a future of peace," was issued a day after the U.N. children's organization UNICEF issued an "Anti-war agenda" to protect them.

"Sadly, millions of the world's children are innocent victims of war. In recent years, millions of them have been wounded or killed: a veritable slaughter," he said.

"The special protection accorded to children by international law has been widely disregarded," the Pope said, adding that regional and ethnic conflicts have made it difficult to implement humanitarian regulations.

"Children have become targets of snipers, their schools deliberately destroyed and the hospitals where they are cared for bombed," the Pope said.

Others have been killed or raped as part of so-called "ethnic cleansing" targeting particular ethnic groups, enlisted as soldiers or forced to clear mine fields.

Condemning the "horrendous misdeeds," he added emotionally: "The deliberate killing of a child is one of the most disturbing signs of the breakdown of all respect for human life."

The Pope said the memory of millions of children killed or maimed must compel leaders to end war. "Heads of state (and) ordinary citizens...are called up to make a contribution to peace and to give no support to war," he said.

UNICEF estimates two million children have died, up to five million been disabled, a million orphaned or separated from their parents and another 10 million psychologically tra-

umatized because of wars in the last decade.

Since children "quickly absorb the poison of violence and hate," they will only become future peacemakers if they are properly loved today, the Pope said.

Those children not living in war were also at risk.

Children are forced to work at a tender age, badly treated, paid absurdly low wages and are the easiest to blackmail and exploit because often they have no voice, he said.

They are bought and sold for begging, drug trafficking, or forced into prostitution, including in the so-called "sex tourism" industry in some countries.

"This utterly despicable trade degrades not only those who take part in it but also those who in any way promote it," the Pope said.

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NPBC Emerges From Church Basement



Left: Damon Lindsey assists his father, Dean Lindsey, in bringing the library catalog cabinet over to the new quarters. Right: Jim Watson (left) of Frontier Communications, Vancouver, confers with Don Sheldon (second from right) and two helpers as they prepare to install a new telephone system in the newly remodeled College buildings. With the help of some supporters whom Watson enlisted, the company supplied the whole system. The College number will remain the same.

On Tuesday, December 18, the long-awaited occupancy permit was granted by the City of Portland, so that the College could start moving into the first of the two houses that will comprise the NPBC campus. Classes will open there on January 8.

This is an occasion for great rejoicing and recognition of those who made it possible. The list is long.

We are reminded of the events in Nehemiah's account of the rebuilding of Jerusalem after Israel's exile. Nehemiah recounts how he "...told

them about the gracious hand of my God upon me..." Likewise the Board, staff, and friends of NPBC acknowledge first the Providence of God in bringing the building project thus far on the way. Furthermore, we recognize that God uses people.

As this report goes to press, the library is mostly moved in, and preparation is being made to complete the move into Vancouver House during the week after Christmas, in good time before the winter term.

Sunday School Quarterly Conference

The next Sunday School conference will be held on Saturday, February 24, at Allen Temple. Sunday School leaders and staff are finding these quarterly conferences helpful.

NPBC is looking for some key volunteers to enhance our ministry to students, pastors and churches, and to finish the renovation work on NPBC's campus. Do any of these roles sound like a good fit for you?

Receptionist: just answers phones, 2-4 hours a week, day-time, and help

library patrons and students check out books, etc. A low-stress job, and yet a big help in communications around the NPBC family. Call Maxine, 288-2919 for details.

Hostess/Host: Our secretary works days, but someone is needed to handle phones, registrations, tuition payments, book sales and refreshments on class nights. Could you invest one night a week this quarter? We'll train you well (it's not really hard), and you'll get to meet lots of interesting brothers and

sisters from a variety of churches. Call Maxine, 288-2919 to sign up.

Booster Club: That's right, a great NPBC tradition is being revived, and you might make the team! Students and former students can introduce fellow believers to the great opportunities at NPBC. Call 288-2919 and leave a message for Dr. Jim Williams.

Gutter-hangers and other handy people. The gutters and downspouts for our new campus buildings are ready to go up. And lots of other odd jobs

remain, to finish our house. Can you give a few "constructive" hours. Call 288-2919 and leave a message for Bruce. Let us know if you're available. You may be "the missing piece" for NPBC success.

Kathy Pierce, former NPBC student, will begin a new service to Hispanics in the form of "English as a Second Language" (ESL) classes. Sessions begin on Monday evening, January 8, at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue. Call 288-7241 info.

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NPBC Winter Term Classes 1996

Classes begin January 8 and conclude the week of March 10. All classes meet from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Mondays

Old Testament Survey II (Kings - Song of Solomon)
Pastor James Coleman

World Mission II (The Cultural Perspectives)
Elizabeth Nance (Prerequisite: World Mission I, or permission)

The Parables of Jesus
Dr. Jim Williams, Jr.

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New Testament Survey II (Acts-Philemon)
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