

RELIGION



'Glory!'

Rose Franks sings with the spirit, the mind and the whole body during a Friday night performance at the Rivergate Church, 4737 N. Lombard. She will release her second CD 'Glory' at the end of February. In addition to her singing, Franks volunteers at the Union Gospel Mission and several nursing homes. "The Lord has given me so much," she said. "I want to give back to others." Any church or venue interested in contacting Franks, can call her at 503-335-0701.

PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Elder Frederick Woods and his wife, sister Z. Woods, of the Portland Metro Assembly of God, are trying to bring relief to poverty-stricken Haiti by delivering supplies of food and toiletries to the country.



Churches Seek to Help Haitians

Portland Metro Assembly of God is working closely with the First Haitian Christian Church in Portland to bring relief to dozens of Haitians in need.

"Face to Face" project members will bring direct assistance to the people of Haiti in the form of clothing, food and children's church services.

Haiti is an island in turmoil. Ripe with hunger, political oppression, persecution and unspeakable poverty, children in the country are victimized through a lack of nutrition, education and adequate health care.

The churches will be collecting contributions through Dec. 21. The mission is to bring

together as many people, churches, and organizations that desire and feel led by God to become involved.

Many items are still needed. Non-perishable food items, such as beans, rice, dry noodles, bagged nuts and canned goods - especially tuna are in high demand. Also, toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, deodorant, Band-Aids, aspirin - for children and adults - are needed. Children in Haitian schools are also without adequate school supplies.

Contributions are all tax-deductible. To learn more, contact Minister Frederick Woods at 503-282-4044.

Church Calendar

New Generation Revival

All men and women are cordially invited to join the New Generation Revival Church for two very special services. Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. the men's ministry will present 'An Evening of Worship for Men' with special guests Dr. Johnny Pack IV and the fellowship MBC Men's Ministry. New Generation Revival Church is located at 4550 N.E. 20th Ave.

Write Around Portland

Come hear the stories and poems of low-income writers from all over Portland at the Write Around Portland reading Sunday, Dec. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave.

Jesus, Son of Mary

Dr. Ron Hershel of Corvallis will be presenting 'Jesus: Son of Mary' as part of a lecture series entitled "The Evolution of Human Spirituality". Hershel, who has a master's degree in physics and a doctorate in optical science, touts his three great interests as science, psychology, religion and spirituality. The presentation is free and will be held at the Portland Baha'i Faith Center at 8720 N Ivanhoe, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Dignity Drive

The Church of Scientology of Portland will be collecting items for Dignity Village this year. Most wanted items are: blankets, shampoo, soap, socks, and personal items such as female products. The church will be accepting items through Dec. 22 at 2636 N.E. Sandy Blvd. For more information call 503-963-8121.

Music Scholar to Speak

Warner Pacific College will host nationally recognized music and worship scholar Dr. Harold Best, Jan. 16 in McGuire Auditorium, at 2219 S.E. 68th Ave, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Dr. Best most recently served as Dean of the Conservatory of Music at Wheaton University, until his retirement in 1997.

Obituary: Edith May Bird

Funeral services were held Nov. 22 for Edith May Bird who died Nov. 19, 2002, at age 56.

Ms. Bird was born Aug. 18, 1946, in Galesburg, Ill. She moved in 1982 to Portland, where she was a certified nursing assistant for a nursing home. Survivors include her daughter, Nicole Camara; sons, Troy Curtis, Neithan Stanley and Romando Stanley; sisters, Sharon Sheeley, Shirley Selander, Linda Bloomfield, Barbara Perry, Martha Hatch and Nancy Murrell; and nine grandchildren.

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