

## New Faces at the Press . .

### Welcome Jeremy Greenwood

by Alicia Adams

It is with great cheer that Pacific Press welcomed Jeremy Greenwood as the new Warehouse Coordinator as of Dec. 4!

Jeremy brings a wealth of experience to the Pacific Press family. We're thrilled to have him on board, and we can't wait to see the positive impact he'll make in our warehouse. If the changes in the past two months are any indication, we have high hopes!



Jeremy isn't just your ordinary warehouse manager; he's a seasoned professional with a ton of certificates under his belt. It's safe to say he's the first experienced warehousing wizard to hold this position in many moons. We're confident that his expertise will elevate our warehouse operations to new heights. But let's not get too caught up in the professional side of Jeremy—there's so much more to him than meets the eye. In his own words, "I prayed, and God led me here." Well, Jeremy, we're thankful that your prayers led you to us!

When Jeremy isn't busy optimizing warehouse efficiency, you'll likely find him indulging in his other passions. For starters, he's a culinary maestro who loves cooking (and eating) up a storm. We're already

anticipating some legendary contributions to staff lunches! If that's not impressive enough, Jeremy is also a football fanatic, capable of giving an impromptu 30-minute talk about the sport. Need a crash course in football or a Super Bowl buddy? Jeremy's your guy! Jeremy cherishes spending quality time with his grandson, and he has a special dream—visiting Germany, where his dad was born. We're rooting for you, Jeremy! May your dream trip to Germany be as fantastic as your chili recipe. Yes, you heard that right—Jeremy enjoys a good bowl of chili. Perhaps there should be a chili cookoff during the next inventory event?

Now, here's a little insider tip: Jeremy is a bit shy, so feel free to strike up a conversation and bring him out of his shell. We know that once you get to know him, you'll discover a wonderful colleague with a heart of gold. Welcome, Jeremy!

## Retirement Chapel . . .

by Alicia Adams

photos by Josie Duke, the PPPA Paparazzi

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the Feb. 1 retirement of a beloved colleague, Larry Andre, who has dedicated over 30 years of his life to Pacific Press.

Larry's journey with us is a tapestry of experiences, challenges, and friendships that have left an indelible mark on our organization.



### **Most Memorable Workplace Moment:**

Larry takes us back to a moment of exhilaration—doing picks off the end of the raised forklift. (Dear OSHA and Mike Fifer ... just kidding?) This snapshot encapsulates the thrill and camaraderie that defined Larry's time here, showcasing the dedication he brought to the workplace.

### **Advice to Younger Self:**

With a twinkle in his eye, Larry advises his younger self to "retire earlier"—not at the age of 75. This sentiment is a testament to the wisdom gained over the years and a reminder to savor every moment of life. Speaking of savoring moments, Larry and Tricia have been married for just 10 years, but did you know that he took her to the Christmas banquet at Milo Academy 48 years before they got married?

### **Retirement Aspirations:**

As Larry embarks on this new chapter, retirement promises more time for his passions. Cross-stitch, outdoor activities, and a move to Tennessee are on the horizon. Larry's love for adventure, including mountain climbing (BTDT: Mt. Hood, Mount St. Helens, and more!)



and exploring iconic locations, will unfold in Tennessee.

### **What He'll Miss Most:**

For Larry, the heart of his PPPA experience lies in the nucleus of friends. The deep connections forged with colleagues over the years create a sense of community that he will carry into eternity.

### **Ideal Dinner Party Companions:**

Larry couldn't limit his list of most-cherished coworkers to three. Instead, Larry stopped after naming Paul Hey, one of his best friends. Their shared experiences, particularly camping adventures, make Paul the ideal companion for co-hosting a delightful dinner party for ALL his many beloved friends.

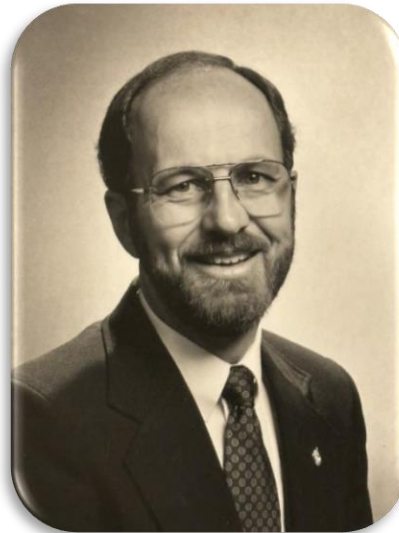
### **PPPA Mascot:**

In a nod to a memorable encounter from some 15 years ago, Larry suggests a fox as the PPPA mascot. The image of a fox walking around the lake, with snow on the ground, symbolizes a unique and unforgettable moment. Larry, may your retirement be a vibrant continuation of the legacy you leave behind—a legacy of resilience, camaraderie, and an unwavering spirit.

## **Final Farewell . . .**

*by Jeanne Jarnes*

As most of you have probably heard, my sweetie, David Jarnes, passed away on December 5,



2023. He fought Parkinson's Disease valiantly for 16 years but it finally won. We celebrated 52 years of marriage last August.

I just want to thank those of you who sent cards, caring messages on FB, and made

phone calls of comfort.

For those of you who are new and didn't know Dave, he was an associate editor of Signs magazine and then a book editor for 25 years at PPPA. Dave officially retired in 2012 but continued to work part time until December 2015.

We moved to Spokane, WA, in 2016 to be near our daughter and family. We treasure the memories of those 25 years at PPPA and the friends we made.

We are planning a memorial service for April 27 around 2:30 pm at the South Hill SDA Church in Spokane.

## **Grateful . . .**

*by Chris Alexander*

I would like to thank all of the Prayer warriors that keep Pacific Press and her employees in their constant prayers.

We are blessed to have a community that can lift us all up daily in our mission to see the gospel spread to all.

## Chapel - Paul Cole . . .

photos by Jeff Ramsey

Thank you, Jeff and Virginia, for inviting your cousin, Paul Cole, to share his stories and life experiences with us during our Monday morning chapel on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

His life and that of his family is remarkable, both past and present. Maybe one day, we will see some of his experiences in print.



He continues to be very courageous – that at the age of 81, he was willing to brave the slopes of Bogus Basin.

Thank you, Paul for the words of encouragement and

appreciation to each of us that are continuing to do our part in spreading the gospel.

## Making a Difference . . .

Every day, what each of you do here at Pacific Press, makes a difference in the lives of people around the world.

*Signs of the Times – A Love Letter from Jesus – Pocket Signs:*

"Someone (maybe an angel) placed this tract at my door many years ago when I was in deep suffering after a breakup. I cannot describe how God used the words in this tract to help heal my broken heart. Everyone I share this with really enjoys it. I highly recommend this tract."

*review by Maggie – Adventist Book Center, posted on 10/25/23*

*The Great Controversy:*

"My great-great-grandfather read this book. He got a Bible and he studied it, and he discovered the precious truths of Jesus and the Bible. As a result of this book, and sharing it with his neighbors, today there are more than 20,000 people that have been baptized."

*by Dr. Antony Kent, Associate Ministerial Secretary, General Conference – [sharegreatcontroversy.com](http://sharegreatcontroversy.com)*

**Thank you for making a difference.**

## Did You Know . . .

*data provided by Harold Curtis*

- ❖ An average 50" roll of paper is 47,827 feet long, which is over 9 miles

Would you have guessed that in 2023, we used –

- ❖ 4,851,974 pounds of paper on the Web Presses?
- ❖ 3,762,573 sheets of paper on the Sheetfed Press
- ❖ 73,165.8 pounds of ink on all Presses?

## Dateline . . .

### January 2024

- 24 PAYDAY
- 29 Retirement Chapel – Josie Duke

### February 2024

- 05 Chapel – Product Dev. – Eric Peterson
- 07 PAYDAY

## Birthdays . . .

### January

- 26 Christina Jeans
- 27 Mike Fifer

### February

- 2 Mckayla Creitz
- 4 Jose Sanchez
- 6 Jon Messecar
- 9 Rebecca Hilde