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Meadist: finding signs of hope


These are images Jim Ledbetter ’51 carried home from Israel and the West Bank.

But he also witnessed both Palestinians and Israelis working for peace in the region.

Ledbetter spent two weeks in November traveling in Israel and the West Bank with a 13-member delegation, Interfaith Peace Builders, organized by the Fellowship of Reconciliation-U.S.A. Ledbetter said he joined the delegation “to meet people in Israel and Palestine, hear their stories and give my support in their struggle.”

Ledbetter, a retired executive minister of the Fellowship of Reconciliation-U.S.A., was inspired to get involved after attending a Friends Peace Conference last summer in McMinnville.

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Class Notes

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“When I was at Linfield, I went to Paris for the fall semester any sophomore year, and that made me choose French as my major,” said Fishel, who grew up in Escalante, Utah. He later spent a year studying in Avignon, France.

Unsure of his goals upon graduation, Fishel joined the Peace Corps and served from 1998 to 2000 in Japan. He then earned a master’s degree in international affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in 2002. That’s where he met Mikako, who shares his love of climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and skiing. They married in 2003 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where Fishel reported on refugee issues in several weeks there before moving to Algeria in late September.

Fischel said he has been fascinated by Algeria since studying Albert Camus at Linfield and writing his final paper for French on the Algerian-French author.

— Beth Rogen Thompson

Butcher ’98 and ’99 of Vancouver, Wash., had a son, Kaden James, Jan. 7.

Nancy Bryson ’95 of Salem is deputy attorney at the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services’ Division of Finance and Corporate Securities.

Jessica Cobb ’95 of Louisville, Ky., published a book titled Albino, the fifth book in the series The Albino Chronicles.

Michelle (Fransen) Knupe ’97 of Eugene and her husband, Matt, had a son, Bennet Lee, Oct. 4.

Erica Rowley ’95 and Michael Frazee, who were employed at Washington University in St. Louis, divorced May 20.

Linda Johnson ’95 of Sherwood has launched her own business, Event and Meeting Solutions.

Nicole (Sheltra) Knapp ’99 of Canby is a teacher in the Barlow School District.

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Jeffery (Nicole) Ohlson ’99 of Canby and her husband, Christopher, had a son, Logan Christian, July 10.

Jessica (Hicks) Meyer ’99 of Portland is a development officer in College Relations at Linfield College.

Amy (Terry) Washam ’98 of Barlow and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on Jan. 11. Amy teaches fifth grade in Hillsboro.

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Michelle (Hallman) Hellen ’96 of Castle Rock, Wash., is a teacher in the Woodland School District.

Linda Johnson ’95 of Sherwood is music director at Sherwood High School in the Sherwood School District.

Bryan Hilsenteger ’96 of Gresham, Ore., had a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on Jan. 11. Amy teaches fifth grade in Hillsboro.

Karin (Munson) Allred ’97 of Portland and her husband, Jeffery, are the teachers of the year by both the Oregon Athletic Trainers and the Northwest Emergency Trainers.

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Milton-Freewater Baker Boyer is a business banking officer at the Wall, Wash., branch of Columbia Bank.

In memoriam


Francis Lukes "Forest" Fogel, Feb. 27.

Colin "Zieman" Jeremiah '00 of Oregon City, March 10.

Dennis "Denny" Johnson '77 of Portland, March 23.

Mike "Philly" Wike, April 25.

Robert "Bob" Kelso '70 of Portland, April 9.

Mark "Bill" Lyke '73 of Portland, April 26.

Barry "Bud" Soderberg '71 of Newberg, May 18.

Tom "Tommy" Szczepanski '80 of Vancouver, May 25.


Get news? Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your classmates and other Linfield friends, visit the Alumni Office at the Shiley Center.

John Paul Creasman '59 is a miracle worker to the thousands of people whose eyesight he has helped restore. Creasman, assistant professor in ophthalmology and department chair at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona, has devoted his life to humanitarian work and education around the world. Over the past 35 years, he has offered his skills and materials in underdeveloped areas of Africa, the North Pacific and South America.

Last year, Creasman received the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Humanitarian Award for his contributions to medicine, education and humanitarian missions.

"Most of the blindness in the world today is due to cataracts, and that's easy to rectify," said Creasman, who, after graduating from Linfield College, earned his medical degree from Baylor University College of Medicine. "And the rewards for the patient, and for me as well, are dramatic. It's exciting to watch people see for the first time in many years."

Humanitarian work is second nature to Creasman, who grew up near the San Carlos Indian reservation in southeastern Arizona and often helped his parents provide food, clothing and shelter for those in need.

"You don't just take, you give back," Creasman said. "I wouldn't know how to do it any other way."

His primary focus has been a small clinic in Vera Cruz, Baja, Mexico, which he founded in 1972 and travels to several times every year. On their first trip, they started seeing patients under a mesquite tree. "We see people from all over. They hear we're coming and they show up," he said. "Every year, the past 35 years, they have community building projects and recruited a dentist, a family practitioner and a nurse practitioner to help him provide care. In addition to hands-on patient care, Creasman is a prominent medical education and has hosted conferences for physicians around the world. His love of science took hold in a Melrose laboratory during his first year as a writer in Oregon. Although he initially came to Linfield to play baseball, he took zoology from Jane Claire Dirks-Edmunds in the off-season and was hooked.

"Everything was so clear and concise, it was impossible not to learn," he said. "Other than my parents, she was the first instructor who really taught me how to think, process and ask the questions. 'Why' and 'What difference does it make?' When March rolled around, I forgot about baseball."

Instead, he double majored in chemistry and biology, participated on the debate team and served as student body president, thriving in Linfield's familial atmosphere. Years later, he established a endowed fund in ecolgy at Linfield in the name of Dirks-Edmunds.

"I would have disappeared into the woodwork at a large university," said Creasman, who, during his first week on campus, was invited to play pool with then-President Harry Dillin. "He said, 'The back door's always open. Come over any time you want.'" Creasman recalled. "Linfield was literally a family in many ways. Many of my Linfield classmates are still my closest friends today. In this environment you make friends that last."

— Lana Dave