

# “The of the Matter”

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## Three Reasons I Believe in God

Or

## Three Reasons I Believe the Bible is Exactly What It Claims to Be

By Jeff Lauritzen

When your non-Christian neighbor or co-worker asks why you are a believer in God and Scripture, what do you say? My first instinct is to say something like “I know in my heart that what I believe is true, and I can’t imagine living any other way.” While that’s a good answer, it’s not likely to persuade someone who is looking for evidence. If you’re wanting to market your business, a professional would encourage you to pick THREE things your business does better than the competition. So here are my top three evidences for my belief in God, or if you prefer, my top three evidences for why I believe the Bible to be exactly what it claims to be:

### **The Dead Sea Scrolls (Archeology)**

These ancient 2,000 year-old manuscripts, discovered in 1947, reveal that the Bible has not been altered, even though it has been translated many times. There are portions of all the Bible’s books except Esther. The most intact of the scrolls, the scroll of Isaiah, is IDENTICAL to what we have in our Bible today.

Modern biblical criticism doubts the 586 BC date for the writing of the book of Daniel, placing it instead in the first century BC, by another person named Daniel. (After all, how could Daniel possibly have known history so precisely in advance?) Yet in the Dead Sea Scrolls there are multiple complete copies of the book of Daniel, indicating that it was already accepted scripture and in circulation by the time the skeptics believe it was written. This supports the claim that the Bible was written exactly when we thought it was.

### **The Anthropic Principle (Astrophysics and Cosmology)**

Many of today’s scientists point to the fine-tuned universe enabling life to exist. The fine-tuning argument is that the universe and the planet on which we all live did not, and could not have come into existence by accident, but were **deliberately and intentionally created to support intelligent life**.

Eric Metaxas, quoting Stephen Hawking, in *A Brief History of Time*, notes, “It would be difficult to explain why the universe would have begun in just this way, except as the act of a God who intended to create beings like us.” \*

(\*quoted from *Is Atheism Dead?* by Eric Metaxas)

Astrophysicist Fred Hoyle has this to say: “A common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that **a super intellect** has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.” \*

### **The “Watergate” Effect (Psychology, Human Behavior)**

Charles Colson, in his book, *Loving God*, compares the response of the disciples to the resurrection of Jesus with the response of the Watergate conspirators to the Watergate cover-up. I find this comparison insightful.

As the conspiracy unraveled, the Watergate conspirators certainly faced disgrace, loss of their jobs, and possible jail time (probably a minimum-security facility, for a few months). Yet their scripted conspiracy—the story they all agreed upon—fell apart in a couple weeks. When you know it’s a lie, you will bail to save your skin and get the best “deal” possible.

Three Reasons, cont.

Now consider the disciples. Not only were they a disliked minority, but they faced serious persecution—beatings and death by any number of gruesome methods. Yet nothing could shake them from their story, They willingly went to their deaths triumphantly proclaiming that Jesus had risen! Why? Because they had seen Jesus; they knew it was true! And within a generation the gospel had spread across the Roman empire, and beyond!

So yes, I hope you believe with all your heart that the message of the gospel is true, and you can't imagine living any other way. I also hope that the three evidences presented here serve to make your faith even firmer, and give you something to talk about with non-believers!

**Vacation Bible School is Coming!**

The theme for VBS, from **June 9-14**, will be learning about Joseph and life in Egypt. Prayers, donations, and many volunteers are needed.

Please contact Beth Garibaldi, Kara Gore, or Liz Oliver, if you would like to be involved in this dynamic ministry.

**REDWOOD AREA CAMP MEETING**

Redwood Camp Meeting 2025, from **July 27 - August 2**, promises exceptional programs for both the youth and the adults, and a God-filled family experience.

Pepperwood Pavillion Speakers:

**Jessie Seibel** will be presenting during the first half of the week. He is a chaplain at Adventist Health Castle in Kailua, HI. He has an incredible ability to connect with people on a personal level.

**Jon Paulien** will finish the week, including Sabbath. He is a leading scholar and lecturer on the book of Revelation. He is the Program Director of Religion and Health at Loma Linda University.

**Gary and Marilynn Venden** will continue to bless us with their gifts of edifying early morning manna and uplifting evening music.

Plan to be there for this week of worship in the redwoods!

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Opportunities to Pray for the Holy Spirit

Everyone is welcome!

**Sundays, 7-7:30 a.m.** at Ukiah Junior Academy, Library via the parking lot door by the gym stairwell.

**Wednesdays, 7-8:00 p.m.** in the Chapel to discover Bible teaching on what is needed to bring revival in your life and to our church by Pastors Eric Williams and Mike Wilson.

**Sabbaths, 9-9:30 a.m.** in the Chapel.

“Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:19, 20

“The Lord has promised that where two or three meet together in His name, there will He be in their midst. . . Those who are really seeking for communion with God will be seen in the prayer meeting, faithful to do their duty, and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefits they can gain. They will improve every opportunity of placing themselves where they can receive the rays of light from heaven. We meet together to edify one another by an inter-change of thoughts and feelings, to gather strength, and light, and courage by becoming acquainted with one another’s hopes and aspirations; and by earnest, heartfelt prayers, offered up in faith, we receive refreshment and vigor from the Source of our strength. These meetings should be most precious seasons.”

*In Heavenly Places*, p. 91, by Ellen G. White.

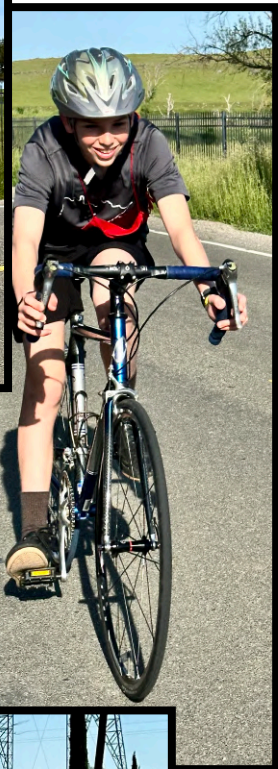
# Pathfinder Bike-a-thon

By Pastor Eric K.

The Pathfinder Bike-a-thon was on April 6 and is a conference event for the Pathfinders that takes place the first Sunday in April every year. It serves two purposes. The first is that it gives the Pathfinders a safe place to do a 50-mile bike ride, which is a requirement for the cycling honor. The second purpose is that it is a fundraiser. Many of you have sponsored Pathfinders this year or in the past, and we greatly appreciate it. It gives them greater motivation to achieve their goals. It is also just a really fun way for them to raise money to help support their club.

This year we had six Pathfinders that went to the Bike-a-thon and joined a couple hundred other kids in this event. Each of them did their best and had a good time. Four out of the six completed their goals and rode 50 miles or more. Fifty miles may or may not sound like a lot to you, but I can tell you, that it takes a lot of effort for anyone to ride 50 miles, especially when you don't regularly ride long distances. I am always blown away by how strong the kids are and how committed they are to reaching their goals, even when they feel like they can't keep riding. One of my favorite things to see is a kid coming to where the adults are and sitting down saying, "I'm done," but then deciding to go back out a few minutes later to keep pushing for their goal.

Thank you again for your support of our Pathfinders for this event, as well as our club. If you didn't get a chance to support our club for Bike-a-thon this year, you are more than welcome to donate to our Ukiah Timberwolves Pathfinder Club through the church. We have done a lot of wonderful honors and trips this year and are excited to continue sharing new experiences and skills, as well as the love of Jesus with the kids.



Littlest Pathfinder at left waiting his turn: Bryce Kablanow, with his mother, Beth.



## KPRA 89.5 Radio Station Update

By Mike Wilson

We have some exciting news to share!

You can now **listen to KPRA 89.5 live online** at:



<https://primary.christianradiostreaming.org/kpra.mp3>

To continue spreading God's Word, we recently **purchased a newer, more efficient transmitter and antenna** to replace our faithful but aging 40-year-old equipment. This upgrade is a big step forward in improving our broadcast quality and reliability.

Currently, we are paying **\$3,500 each month** for tower rental and electricity. The good news? **Once the new equipment is fully installed, our monthly costs will be reduced to \$2,500**—a significant savings, allowing us to better steward our resources while continuing the mission.



Thank you for your generous donations and ongoing support.

**Praise God—His Word is now being preached to our area 24/7.**

## Upcoming Calendar Dates:

Richard and Betty Woods Kannenberg plan to visit Betty's former church family on Sabbath, **May 3**. She's looking forward to seeing many friends at church and potluck. This date will also be Education Sabbath!

Retired Fire Captain, Pete Bushby, and representatives from the local fire department, will have a fire extinguisher training session at the church parking lot on Sunday, **May 4, at 4:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten - Grade 4 Spring Musical, **Go West**, will be on **May 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the UJA Gym. The students will present the story through song of the pioneers who came to California to discover gold.

The annual spring Outdoor Church is planned for **May 17**, at the Mill Creek Park.

## Mission Trip to Kenya

By Dan Kuntz

It is really hard to write a brief article about what we did for two weeks half a world away. Hopefully this gives a good idea of how blessed we were on a mission trip where we were there to help others.

After a long 19 hours of flying, with a very short layover in Istanbul, we landed in Nairobi, tired but ready to begin our adventure. There were a total of 55 participants from the Northern California Conference, 22 of which were from Ukiah. We spent a few extra minutes and dollars visiting with customs officials before we loaded up the four buses full of suitcases, VBS material and exhausted travelers. From Ukiah to the hotel in Bomet, Kenya we had been traveling for 36 hours!

After off-loading at the hotel, some chose to relax and try to adjust to the 13-hour time difference. The rest went in a bus to the school site, Kimogoro Adventist School. Our drive to the school was only 12 miles, but it took about 90 minutes. Once we left the state highway, it was rock and dirt roads the entire way. When we pulled onto the school grounds, we took the opportunity to see the work site: a cement floor with one ring of concrete block, rebar and metal framing.

The task looked daunting and we weren't sure if we could complete the building before we were to leave nine days later.



After leaving the construction site, we made our way to the classrooms. The old classrooms were made of boards and sheet metal roofs. The school has Kindergarten through the 9th grade. Some grades have as many as 49 students in a single grade! At UJA, we have 22 in our largest classroom and it has two grades in that classroom. The staff and students were so welcoming and excited that we were at their campus. All too soon we had to load up the bus and head back to our hotel, have dinner and worship, before falling asleep exhausted.

The next morning, upon our arrival, there was a huge warm welcome, including many songs and smiles. After worship, it was time to go lay cement blocks. Over the next few days, the walls were quickly rising to the point we needed scaffolding. In the afternoons, many of our students would go to VBS and perform a play for the Kenyan students. Some students helped with an eyeglass clinic. The clinic met at surrounding Adventist churches. Students said it was wonderful to see immediate results; people could see and read again!

Our NCC group was getting so proficient at laying cement block that we actually finished early, which was to be two new classrooms! We worked on a retaining wall and painted the church.

On the last day, it was time to dedicate the new classroom, but the rains that had been held back the entire time we constructed the building, finally let loose with biblical proportions. We had to move the celebrations to the church. Students and faculty sang and praised God for the good work He had done through us. Before we left California, the Kenyan teachers had put a wishlist together. Many of us brought gifts and educational materials that the teachers longed to have. The staff gave each one of us Maasai blankets. They put them over our shoulders and gave us a hug and smile. The Headmaster, Mr. Shadrack, told me that, "What you have done in a few days will make a difference in hundreds of students' lives for decades to come, or until Jesus calls us Home." That really put our work into perspective.

There was a small break in the rain, so we said brief goodbyes and loaded the buses. The ride back to the hotel was quiet, as we were thinking how we had been blessed and what we had done for them. Most of us acknowledged that we were unlikely to meet them again until we walk the streets of gold in heaven.

One thing that stood out to all of us in our observations, both at the school and as we rode to and from the school, is how happy and content people are with so little "stuff" in life. It puts into perspective how much we have compared to those in rural Kenya. Also...maybe...how we could do without some of the material possessions we cling to so dearly.

The next morning, we left for the Maasai Mara to do a day and a half safari. God's creations were astounding. We spent the rest of the day and Sabbath in awe of the beautiful animals of the savanna: elephants, giraffes, lions, leopards, cheetahs, warhogs (pumbas), all manner of gazelle and antelope, water buffalo, hippopotamus, crocodiles, zebras, hyenas, monkeys and baboons. Our safari drivers got us amazingly close. Our group cannot wait for heaven when we do not have to fear these amazing creatures.

Sunday before we flew out, we were able to visit a giraffe sanctuary. We were able to hand feed giraffes and get up close and personal, eye to eye. Additionally, we visited a bead facility where widowed Maasai women make a living by making beads and other figurines and jewelry. It was wonderful to see these women able to stand on their own when circumstances and culture would have left them abandoned and alone.

Finally, all the building, VBS, singing, safari and site seeing was done and it was time to go home! The reverse trip didn't seem as bad as going to Kenya, but the jet lag was reportedly much worse! All in all, the exhaustion was worth it! Everyone reported that they would go back. We would all love to see what the school looks like when all the construction is complete. It's more likely that we will have to wait for heaven, and we hope that comes sooner rather than later!





### Honoring the Sophomore Class

This month we decided to feature the 10th. grade of UJA, not just because they have completed every grade that UJA offers, but they are great, future leaders in the making who will carry the torch into generations to come. Their parents willingly wrote tributes and the 10th. graders shared memories and goals. Put together by the Editors



**Samantha Ahumada-Garcia**

Dear Samantha,

Two years of High School have sped by. At least that is what it feels like as you become a young lady before our eyes. We are so blessed! GOD has seen us through many challenges and we give HIM all of the praise and thanks for all of the wonderful things you've accomplished these two years. We are very proud of you daughter. We are already missing you in just thinking of you moving to Rio Lindo Adventist Academy. At the same time we are very grateful and excited that you have this opportunity and are looking forward to seeing you continue to blossom under the light of our wonderful Savior and in His likeness. Keep using your gifts and abilities for HIS glory and for the service of others that you may be a blessing to those around you. Remember GOD is on your side! Let HIM guide you. HIS counsel never fails! There is nothing HE can't do in you, for you, and through you! Let HIM lead and you will find that no dream is too big for HIM to help you reach, if it be according to HIS will to bless you. Be faithful to God always and give HIM HIS rightful place at the center of your life, the first and most important of your priorities. We love you so very much! Ma and Pa

#### From Samantha:

My years at UJA have been scattered. I remember going to Kindergarten Jamboree and having so much fun making crafts and doing different activities. I was so excited and hoped dearly my mom and dad would send me to kindergarten, and they did. I was there till the middle of first grade and then I rejoined for the second half of 8th grade. I must admit it was weird to be a new kid, when I remembered almost every face there and all the fun moments I shared with them in kindergarten and first grade. I was too shy to try to blend in right away, but that only lasted about three days at the most. Before I knew it, it was like time never passed and I had some of the best times with my classmates.

After 8th grade graduation I felt more nervous than before...I was starting HIGH SCHOOL. Whenever I thought of high school, it had seemed like so far away and like such a "big kid thing". Freshman year flew by like crazy and I'm so happy to say I had a great time. Sophomore year has been a roller coaster for sure, but it's been worth the ride. Although going off to boarding school at RIO sounds like a blast, I must say, I'll miss the smiles of all the little kids at school and helping out Mrs. Olivera with kindergarten. My UJA years are definitely something that I will always remember and cherish deeply.

Dear Tori,

We are super proud of you and all you have accomplished. You have studied hard, overcome obstacles, succeeded in many things, and now are ready for the next chapter of your life. We will continue to support, guide and pray for you as you venture out to a new school and exciting new adventures.

Love, Dad and Mom



**Tori Corbett**

**From Tori:**

One of my favorite memories from UJA was going on the Kenya mission trip. I had an amazing time, and it is an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I'll be attending Fletcher Academy in North Carolina for the rest of high school, and then I plan on going to college somewhere.



Nathan,

We cannot be more proud of you! You have grown exponentially: physically, mentally, and spiritually year after year. It is hard to imagine that your time at UJA is finished and you are on your way to Rio Lindo Academy. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for you and how He will lead and guide you as you journey forward. Everything from your creativity making cardboard football stadiums during COVID, to your musical talents in the orchestra and praise team and your ability to preach continues to amaze, entertain, and bless us! We know you will do great things. Love, Dad and Mom

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIV



**Nathan Kuntz**

**From Nathan:**

My plans and goals for the rest of high school include going to Rio Lindo. I plan to participate in as many sports and extracurricular activities as possible. After high school, I plan to attend an Adventist college/university that has programs in theology and/or aviation. My time at UJA was well spent and the awesome staff taught me so much since I arrived in 4th. grade. I would like to thank the Ukiah SDA church family for supporting me in my journey to this point and helping to develop me into the person I am today.

Dear Kyler,

When we were asked to write about Kyler, there is never enough time or space to say just how awesome he is, or how proud we are of him. Not just as a person, but as a son, brother, friend and student. He continues to exceed everything we could hope for, for him. He has some big dreams he wants to accomplish and there is no doubt in our minds that he will. Kyler will be moving on to Rio Lindo Academy for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. What an adventure that will be!

When Kyler was 7 years old, we went to Rio Lindo for a field trip. That evening he came to me in tears, saying that he didn't want to leave us! He didn't want to go to that school! Of course, we reassured him that he did not have to go there, and we had so much more time before we even had to think about it. There was no need to worry our sweet boy. Two years ago, at 14, he came to us and said he wanted to go to "that school." He was ready to leave us. A lot can change in seven years. Now here I am trying to reassure myself that there is no need to worry. LOL. We know Kyler is ready and will thrive at Rio. We are so proud that he has the confidence to make this big decision all on his own.

Kyler's time at Ukiah Junior Academy has been fulfilling and rewarding. I always say that the teachers at UJA are, quite literally, helping us raise our children. They have them in their care almost as much as the parents do. They have been a huge part in helping us guide Kyler into a functioning, responsible teenager in society and we are confident that guidance will follow him into adulthood. UJA has also been the main vessel in helping Kyler build his relationship with the Lord and we could not be more grateful for that. It has been a beautiful thing to witness.

Kyler is a very independent and self-sufficient teenager. He is smart, funny, loving and has a big heart. When asked what he would like to do as a career, he says he wants to help people. He has a few ideas on how he'd like to do that, and we can't wait to see how those ideas flourish. He is such a bright light in our lives and is one of the coolest kids you'd ever meet. He has a calming personality and is always "chill." He is the type to not stress out about things he can't control and just goes with the flow. We could all learn a thing or two from him on that. Kyler gives his best self in everything he does, and it shows. We are so proud and so grateful for the young man he is. Keep it up, honey! We love you!  
Dad and Mom



**Kyler King**

### **From Kyler:**

My life at UJA has been going for almost 11 years now. I started Kindergarten in August of 2014 and I'm about to end my 10th grade year this June. I don't think I would be where I am academically, spiritually, or emotionally, if it wasn't for UJA and the teachers there. Mrs. G is a great teacher and friend. She has expanded my mind to new ways of thinking and helped me grow academically, especially in English, Math and Science. Ms. Morris was my teacher from 2nd-4th grade. What I liked most about her is how fun she made our learning environment. We had class pets, that my mom let me bring home for the summer, and we had exercise balls for seating. She also helped me improve mathematically. Mr. Kuntz helps me to get out of my comfort zone and open up more as a person. He puts me in more social situations, like the praise band, community service, and doing more things up front at church.

Then, there are the friendships I have made. Most of my closest friends are from UJA and a few have been since kindergarten. We are all very close and I am grateful for them.

UJA has also helped me build my relationship with God. If it wasn't for UJA, my relationship with the Lord would be incomparable to what it is now. Ukiah Junior Academy has definitely guided my life in a good direction and I couldn't be any more grateful. I will definitely miss UJA, but thanks to my time there, I am ready and excited to experience something new.





**Ethan Harper**

Dear Ethan,

There is no greater joy in my life than being your mother and watching you grow. I couldn't be prouder of the young man you are becoming. Remember to always keep God first in your life and allow him to direct your path. You can achieve anything if you allow Him to go before you.

John and I are excited for the next two years at Rio for you and can't wait to see what God has in store for your life. We love you son. We will always be here to support you however we can, and we will **always** be cheering you on.

**From Ethan;**

I'm grateful for all the experiences I've been able to have and all the memories I've made during my time at UJA. I am looking forward to the next two years at Rio Lindo Academy and plan to attend a trade school once I'm out. This opportunity wouldn't be possible for me without the generosity of the church, and I am thankful.

Caleb is a determined, talented and caring young man. From childhood Caleb has always liked to try new things and learn as much as he can. He enjoys science, math and history. He also has a talent for music. He plays the piano and cello. He uses his music talent to praise God by playing in the praise band. Caleb likes football, surfing, rock-climbing, basketball and aquatics sports.

Caleb has a big heart to help others. At home, he helps with chores and anything that needs to be done. At school, he assists his classmates with math and science. Caleb also enjoys his newfound freedom of driving his sister to school, which we much appreciate.

God has given Caleb many talents and blessings. We enjoy seeing him grow physically, spiritually and mentally.

We are so proud of our son Caleb. Dad and Mom



**Caleb Williams**

**From Caleb:**

These past 11 years at UJA have given me some of the best experiences anyone could ask for. I began my time at UJA in 2014 in Kindergarten with Mrs. Garibaldi and Mrs. Olivera as my teachers. I recall learning how to read in that year and making many new friends with all the classmates. In 1st grade, Mrs. Beddoe introduced us to many reading, writing, math, and scientific concepts. Ms. Morris, in my 2nd, 3d and 4th grade years, greatly expounded upon and increased my skills and knowledge of math and science. In retrospect, I see those years as creating foundational bonds that would serve through the next period— middle school. We played a lot of football and various games, making our bonds as classmates even stronger. These middle school years were some of the most fun and memorable times of my life. We did many things ranging from surfing, to snowboarding, to a basketball team, and making huge progress in our academic skills. These last two years in high school have also had a significant impact on me by having increased academics and trying new things: like a football team, going to "Freshmore," and even canoeing and back-packing trips have all allowed me to branch out and create new bonds with people from other areas. As I continue on next year to Rio Lindo, eventually Walla Walla and hopefully Loma Linda, I will carry these memories, connections, and love of God anywhere else He leads me.

## The Wonders of God's Creation

By Sheldon Schultz

As I slid into the water with my snorkel and mask on, I was excited to dive into the Pacific Ocean again after ten years of teaching in Indiana. As I swam around the Mendocino Headlands, something was very wrong. I saw almost no kelp. Then, I came across a kelp forest with millions of purple sea urchins decimating a kelp bed. All the kelp blades were gone, and only some chewed-up stalks remained. As I looked closer at the stalks, I could see emaciated abalones trying to climb them to find food. The bodies of the Abalones were about half the size of the shells. I had never seen them look like this.

I started to look for sea stars, as I had yet to find one. Two hours later, I found only two in an area that should have had thousands. The sea stars had all died during an epidemic of sea star-wasting disease in 2013-14. By 2017, when I returned to the California coast to be the Director of the Albion Field Station, very few sea stars were left.

When an ecosystem loses a top predator, it will have drastic consequences. Sea stars are the main predators of purple urchins. Once the urchins lost their main predator, their offspring had a greater chance of survival. Only 10-40% of eggs become fertilized, as urchins reproduce with broadcast spawning. This might sound like a low success rate, but each urchin will release up to two million eggs. Because of this kind of potential, it was only a few years before the numbers of urchins were far greater than the available food supply. This resulted in a boom-bust cycle, as the urchins became so populated that they all starved to death after they consumed all of the kelp, which is their food source. Then, as the urchins starved, a disease ran through the population, killing most of them. The few remaining would feed on the small amount of kelp left and grow strong enough to breed, starting the cycle over again.

As there are only two main predators of sea urchins capable of reducing the population: sea stars and sea otters, we need one of those to return in numbers sufficient to control the urchin population.





The sea otter is extinct in our area, so they will not return soon. The small population in Monterey Bay has remained at about 400 otters for the last twenty years, as diseases, such as Parovirus from cats and predators, such as juvenile white sharks, have been keeping the otters from expanding this population beyond Monterey Bay.

As it has been ten years since the sea star population crash, we are now seeing some improvement in their populations. Two sea star species killed in large numbers by the bacteria involved, the Bat star and the Broad-rayed star, have returned to a significant population. The Ochre star is more common than it was eight years ago when I returned to the coast, yet it is still only a fraction of the population it once was.

The most significant loss has been in the large Sunflower star species genus *Pycnopodia*, the fastest sea star. An adult, being a meter across and having 24 arms, allows it to prey upon urchins in a big way. Because their population has been so decimated, they have been declared critically endangered. Scientists and volunteers, who are trying to help them recover, have been documenting their hopeful recovery on the inaturalist website.

In the last year, about three Sunflower stars have been reported north of us near Eureka. Three or four have been reported near Mendocino. One of these has been seen many times in a group of tide pools in a cave. There is one in Mendocino that is the only one in California seen more than once, since it was first reported on April 6, 2024 by myself, and was still there in the same cave last week when I saw it and photographed it again. It had grown from 6 cm a year ago to 18 cm in diameter.

Some of the biologists who visit and work out of Albion Field Station from Moss Landing Marine Labs, are developing protocols for breeding them, so that one day we may be able to release them back into the environment, as we do with salmon.

All of this is, for me, a way for us to care for the earth that God gave us to look after.

