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first time. Though Smith is too old to be in the youth group, she was involved when the pastor extended an invitation for young adults and adults to participate in the trip.

"Honestly, at first I was skeptical about the impact we would have in one week," Smith said. "But lately I've been praying about it and God has been reminding me he is powerful enough to use our time and our willingness."

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Although it is her first missionary trip and she does not like to travel, Smith is thinking about training with the national missionary group New Tribes Mission. The junior English major at Penn State Wilkes-Barre would do whatever she can to spread the word of God, such as translating the Bible or working with children and teenagers.

"I've never been a traveler," Smith said. "It runs in my family. We just like to stay home. It's just one of those things I'm willing to sacrifice for God."

Smith's twin sister, Kelly, is also making the trip and the two are trying to talk their younger sister, Rebecca, 14, into participating.

The missionaries are also making sure they are spiritually equipped to teach people about the Lord. The teens are undergoing a discipleship program that teaches Bible-based Christian living at their youth group and in Sunday School. Then they participate in a 10 to 12 week program on how to share what the Bible says with others. Two weeks before the group leaves, it will participate in a personal Bible study.

"A lot of that is trying to help the kids mentally and spiritually prepare for the trip," said Mark Wandel, pastor of Noxen Bible Baptist Church. "It kind of looks at all the different aspects of these different ministries."

OBITUARIES

BRADBURY - Lewis A. "Skip", 63, of Dallas Township, died Monday, April 14, 2008 in the SICU of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Born in Berwick on October 16, 1944, he was a graduate of Luzerne High School, class of 1962. He served in the U.S. Army and worked with the Veterans Administration Hospital for 43 years, retiring in 2004 as a maintenance supervisor leader and locksmith.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sandra Perkosi; daughter, Tara Budzyn, Philadelphia; sons, Joseph, Noxen; and Robert, Dallas; two grandchildren; sisters, Jayne McLaughlin, Carverton; and Cathy Sheffield, Norristown, Tenn.

HAUGHT - Harold G., 80, of Dallas, died Sunday, April 20, 2008 at home.

Born in Greenboro, he was a construction supervisor for Rutgers University. He served with the Marine Corps during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Louise Magnani Haught; daughter, Carol Bubblo, Dallas; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LUTZ - Frank T., 78, of Dallas, died Thursday, April 3, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in West Wyoming on October 7, 1929, he graduated from Wyoming Memorial High School in 1947 and received a degree in mechanical drafting from Penn State University.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and was past vice commander of the Luzerne American Legion, post 525. He was employed as a freelance draftsman for various companies throughout Pennsylvania, retiring from Murray Jay Miller Associates, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sons, Frank Jr., of Elgin, Texas; Scott, of Wilkes-Barre; Terry, of Woodbine, Md.; Warren, of Wilkes-Barre, and Keith, of Wildwood, N.J.; eight grandchildren; one great-grand-

son; a sister, Eleanor Robshaw, of Dallas; and his companion, Angela Richlin; stepdaughters, Carol Riaubia, of Sweet Valley; Edith Marzan, of Warren Center; stepsons, Kenneth Crispell, of Noxen; Claude Crispell, of Burdett, N.Y.; 14 step grandchildren; and 17 step great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Rd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

PHILLIPS - Olive Kay, a longtime resident of Dallas, died on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Media where she had lived for the past four years.

Born September 23, 1919 in Altoona, she was a graduate of the Scranton Technical High School and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School (Scranton extension campus).

She worked as a legal secretary and served as the executive director of Luzerne County Planned Parenthood, president of the board of the YWCA, president of the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, president of the Dallas Women's Rotary and was a volunteer with the League of Home Health Services and the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Surviving are her daughter, Sharon Ewing, of Swarthmore; and her son, Earl W. Jr., of Middle Haddam, Conn; five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Memorial donations to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612 or to the First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

ROMANOWSKI - Edward, of Rowlette, Texas, formerly of Dallas, died Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Born March 7, 1938, he was a 1957 graduate of West Wyoming High School. He served his country for seven years in the Army. He worked as a telephone engineer until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Patsy; sister, Alice Krispin; step-children; many nieces and cousins.

ROMANOWSKI - Wanda N., 94, a resident of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, formerly of Swoyersville and Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on October 16, 1913 in Clinton, N.Y., she was raised in Edwardsville and was a 1933 graduate of the former Edwardsville High School.

She and her husband, the late

Jack Romanowski, owned and operated Wanda's Café in Swoyersville for over 30 years, from which she eventually retired.

A member of Saint Mary of Czesochowa Catholic Church, Swoyersville, she was formerly a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Harveys Lake. She was a member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at Saint Mary's and was a former

member of the Altar and Rosary Society at Our Lady of Victory.

Surviving are her sons, Jack C. Jr., Ralph B. and Michael W., all of Swoyersville; sister, Irene Chesna, Edwardsville; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

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