

An elderly couple is walking away from the camera on a paved path in a forest. The man is on the left, wearing a blue and green striped sweater and blue jeans. The woman is on the right, wearing a red, orange, and blue striped sweater and blue jeans. They are holding hands. The background is a dense forest of trees with green and yellowing leaves, suggesting autumn. The ground is covered with fallen leaves.

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You haven't been forgotten

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Open Communication

As a young pastor in a new church assignment I was in a dilemma - how to deal with my wounded pride? Do I accept the (what I thought) unfair criticism or set the guy straight?

Riding in the car with one of my church elders, the conversation turned to church work. Being only slightly older than I, we had become friends, and in the course of our dialogue he reiterated the positive aspects of my ministry: the needed changes taking place, good preaching, meaningful visitation and generally a smooth running church. Then he added, "You and I are friends. May I share the one thing we're struggling with?" Obviously only one answer is correct, so he proceeded tactfully, "We struggle with your lack of communication." Silence!

My first impulse was to retaliate but fortunately asked instead, "What do you mean? Tell me more." He did. I listened. And at the end of my tenure he assured me the church saw growth in my communication skills.

Communication experts tell us our tone of voice communicates 38 percent of what we mean and body language communicates 55 percent while our words really convey only 7 percent. Contrary to what we might think, 93 percent of our communication is subconscious. How important it is then that all three avenues harmonize; otherwise we send mixed messages!

I discovered later there are five levels of communication; each more intimate than the one before. As we build relationships with others, whether spousal and family, friends and community, or even with God, each level has its function. To skip a level as one builds relationships not only feels awkward, but may actually become a communication blocker. Depending how deep you want your relationship to be, communication can

be maintained at any one of the levels.

The basic level is "chit chat." Chit-chat is non-threatening, usually consisting of idle chatter. Commenting on the weather, sports or any other irrelevant topic are typical examples of chit-chat. Yet it's important. The message is clear - I'm open to being friendly.

The next level is facts. Communicating at the facts level is also relatively safe and non-threatening since facts can be proven and are undisputable. Telling someone I was in Florida in February is a fact that can be proven. Citing accurate meaningful facts is valuable in that it builds credibility and trust.

Moving beyond the facts level, we come to the "opinions or judgments" level. At this level we become more vulnerable since we express opinions which possibly can be challenged and argued, depending on individual experiences. In some instances, opinions are built on logic, using facts to back the rational. Each morning during my walk I hear crows noisily congregate in the neighbour's spruce trees. In my opinion, crows are noisy dumb birds especially in the early morning (wouldn't you agree?). Opinions may also be based on personal preferences, tastes, likes or dislikes. I may express how a piece of classical music moved me to tears, only to discover my friend was bored to tears. Expressing opinions reveals personality and the uniqueness of each individual, and can become the spice of conversations.

The fourth level, feelings, is opening the heart to the other, and this makes one exceptionally vulnerable. The trust factor is on the line and true human friendship is built - or destroyed. As a friend reveals his/her inner soul and that revelation is kept intact, faith grows and

hurts heal. Conversely, betray confidence and the relationship is dashed - probably forever. Conversations may continue, but usually only at one of the lower safer levels.

The fifth and final level is known as "open communication," usually reserved for the heart-to-heart conversation with God and God alone. Into this level, no human has the right to intrude. Here the deepest secrets and desires are disclosed. Sins can and should be freely confessed as the soul wrestles with God. Engaging in such openness is two-way communication, both expressing and listening with the heart.

As my "elder" friend spoke, I'm thankful I listened. His message was clear. Body language, tone of voice and words all conveyed the same message. And in the end I was blessed. If such communication takes place among humans, how much more with God! Guaranteed, we'll always come away refreshed, encouraged and invigorated. Jesus is our best Friend. He will never betray us, but will always forgive and grant us peace.



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Helping to Build Community in Yellowknife

Chaplain Jim took us on a tour of his parish church and showed us where his members worship.



Live Streaming at CUC Graduation

460 viewers from 27 countries viewed the graduation events virtually.

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Families in Somalia Grieve Herd Loss, Fight Disease Outbreak

“We all had little choice but to move to the camps after the drought annihilated our herds,” said Nur.

Livestock is the primary source of food and income for most Somalis so without it, times turned desperate and families sought out internally displaced persons (IDP) camps where they hoped for humanitarian assistance. “At the camps, at least we would be assured of food,” he said, trying hard to keep a brave face. “Unfortunately,” he added, “that was just the beginning of our problems.”

More people poured into the camp daily and it was extremely difficult for the camp to meet the increasing demand for necessities, like running water and latrines. An outbreak of waterborne diseases spiked deaths in the camp. Recognizing the situation in the camp, ADRA constructed latrines and distributed emergency kits consisting of sleeping mats, plastic sheeting, blankets, mosquito nets, soap, jerry cans (used to store and carry water) and wash basins. Water purifier tablets were also distributed. “We all were overjoyed when we received these supplies.

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Thank you for your immense assistance,” gushed Nur. He is now head of this large camp in Mogadishu, Somalia and as he finished relaying his story, he briskly ran off to supervise sanitation training at the camp. Khadra, Head Nurse at a Maternal and Child Health Centre also in Mogadishu, Somalia, explained that during the drought, the large number of patients seeking treatment for waterborne diseases overwhelmed the centre. “We turned down so many patients due to lack of sufficient help and medicine,” she said, with a sad look on her normally beaming face.



IDPs receiving water delivered by trucks

ADRA played a key role by providing medical supplies to health centres. Moreover, ADRA trained nurses, including Khadra, to administer various doses of medications, which went a long way in reducing the cases of waterborne diseases. “The project has empowered us,” stated Khadra, as she administered a tetanus shot to a child who stepped on broken glass. “Thank you for all your assistance, and may your good deeds long continue.”

The generous supporters of ADRA Canada are making a difference in Somalia and similar communities around the developing world. Because of supporters’ donations of \$42,000, ADRA Canada was able to leverage support from the Canadian government and other organizations to provide \$1.1 million in aid to nearly 84,000 people in Somalia! Your support enables you to provide essentials like food, water and household items to families during their time of desperate need.

Please continue to pray for the people of Somalia and the ADRA staff who even today are working in high security risk areas to ensure that the most vulnerable receive much needed assistance and feel the compassion of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



ADRA Canada project in Somalia



Michelle L. Oetman
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for ADRA Canada



The pastors gathered to pray for the decisions and prayer requests

Touching Hearts, Impacting Lives...

There are no natural lakes in Ohio.” This myth, so widely spread a few years ago, caused the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to step out and commission a report on the subject. It eventually became clear that the statement was a factoid. The report stated “There are 110 natural lakes in Ohio larger than five acres, covering a total surface area of 4,658 acres.” The state of Ohio did not build those lakes but nobody can deny their existence, since creation reveals God’s wisdom. Nature is something neither human intellect nor craft can ever come up with.



Attendees at the seminar

An even more compelling example of God’s power occurs when we see change and transformation in the human soul. For “*the gospel... is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.*” Romans 1:16.

And that power was manifested once

again in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan as Pastor Bill Santos led out another evangelistic series for It Is Written Canada, April 19–May 4, 2013. It was just moving to witness precious souls surrendering completely to Christ. On one of the nights, more than 30 people – in an audience of 180 – came to the front in response to an altar call and decided for baptism. Some were baptized at the end of the series, while others would continue to study with the local Pastors for baptism on a future date.

On the first night of the series, two ladies came to the church for the first time. But how they got there is a miracle in itself. It was on Friday morning, April 19. These ladies met someone for the first time in a shopping mall. This person talked to them about things of life, about hope, about Jesus, and encouraged them to visit the Saskatoon Seventh-day Adventist Church that very evening where a seminar on Bible prophecy would be presented. The ladies were so interested in attending the seminar that they arrived at the church around 2 o’clock in the afternoon! There they met the pastors and some church members who were taking care of the final details for the evening program. After telling their story, the two ladies decided to remain in the area until the evening to avoid the risk of missing anything. This is just incredible, don’t you think?

On another night, a church member approached us to share an amazing story that had just happened in his

family. This gentleman’s son had been struggling with keeping the Sabbath and even with his faith in God; he was having a very hard time trying to find a job that would allow him to have Saturdays off. Two nights earlier, Pastor Bill had powerfully preached on the seventh-day Sabbath, and the gentleman told his son, “Do not lose hope yet! Hold on a little longer! God will provide!”

Well, sure enough, the following day his son was called for an interview. When asked whether he would be available to work overtime when requested, the young man said, “I am willing to work overtime as much as you need me too, except on Saturdays.” The company owner, who was interviewing him replied, “Are you an Adventist?” to which he said, “Yes.” And to the young man’s great surprise he heard the words, “No problem. The job is yours. I only need a sunset calendar for the year.”

Miracles! Miracles of our time! “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8. His power has not declined nor dwindled over the years. He is able and willing to seek and save that which was lost.

It Is Written Canada, a television media ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is maintained through the sacrificial donations of our supporters and is committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ first and foremost to the people of Canada, but also to the whole world through national and international television programming, Bible Prophecy Seminars, and the development of resources to support church evangelism.



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Building an Effective Internet Ministry Team

I'd like to share with you some tips and tools for building an effective Internet ministry team. To address these topics, I recently spoke with Lonny Nelson, support staff for Adventist Church and School Connect (ACC). He shared some important things you should know about Internet ministry.

A misconception about Internet ministry is that you have to know a website programming language, such as HTML or PHP, to be involved. That is not the case at all. New website technology available to churches today, such as the ACC content management system, allows for quick and easy publishing with very little technical experience. If you can send an email or type a letter on the computer, you already have the knowledge needed to update your local church website.

Nelson says the first step in starting a local Internet ministry at your church is to identify a committed lead person—who is also a good listener—to direct your team.

The youth of your church are a great resource and asset to this type of ministry. Often they are tech savvy and able to commit the time and energy to do a great job.

Your team could include photography enthusiasts to capture great photos for the website; writers and text editors to produce great content; as well as graphic designers, an audio/visual team to add media; and many others. Your audio/visual team, for instance, will be instrumental in hosting videos online. Nelson says the best tool for this is Vimeo because it allows you to embed videos right in the church's website.

The next thing to consider when you have one or more people involved in an Internet ministry at your local church is the audience you are connecting with. Nelson suggests that there are three important audiences to keep in mind.

The first and most obvious audience is your local church members. Nelson says an Internet ministry team can “supply the members with dates and information online to help the church programs run more smoothly.”



The second audience is the surrounding local community, which your church should, no doubt, be praying and working to reach.

“Anything that we can do that can be opened up to the community should be on the website,” says Nelson. He suggests that the home page of your church website be used to display the latest information and upcoming events because it is the first contact many will have with your church:

“If you can put something in front of them that is news and interesting to them, they might bite at it.” He also suggests that each website have an up-to-date, well-organized and displayed visitor page that details information about your church environment and culture.

The third audience to be mindful of is the people around the world who may stumble upon your website in the quest for truth. Search engines have bridged the gap between you and any location on the globe, making it easier for people to find God.

Nelson also says, “everyone on the Internet ministry team needs to be thinking about how to get the information out.” Remember that people may not necessarily be visiting the church website; they may be going to the church's Facebook page, Twitter account or other online source instead. Your local ACC website has integrated a system that allows for a quick

and easy way to push out the latest website content to a Facebook page or Twitter feed. Displaying familiar social media icons – such as “visit us on Facebook” and “follow us on Twitter” – on your home page visually grabs people's attention and provides multiple opportunities to connect.

I want to leave you with this thought: “You will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world” (Acts 1:8, The Message).

May God bless you as you continue to discover avenues to reach souls for Christ.



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President's Appreciation Luncheon

Group at the president's appreciation luncheon

Working for God as a denominational employee has both temporal and eternal rewards. After retirement, however, it's easy for some to feel forgotten and unappreciated. And that's why President Ken Wiebe wanted to honour a special group of retirees with a President's Appreciation Luncheon on March 28, 2013, at the Canadian University College cafeteria.

"As I travelled around and visited with people in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, I heard similar comments from those who had retired from denominational work – many feel as if they don't count anymore, like they have been forgotten. That's not the case, however. We appreciate all the contributions they have made and continue to make, and wanted to show our appreciation," shares Elder Wiebe.

So the idea for an appreciation luncheon was born. Invitations went out to a list that included

retired teachers, pastors, conference workers, nursing home employees, missionaries as well as those who worked at the furniture factory and other campus industries.

In all, there were 175 honoured guests, which included the retirees and their spouses, or spouses attending for retirees who are now resting in Jesus. To recognize their service, each retiree was given a pin for their years of dedicated service.

Also in attendance, in addition to the current conference administration and staff, were the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Canada President Mark Johnson and Communications Director Stan Jensen as well as CUC President Mark Haynal and Vice President for Advancement Jerrold Ritchey.

The luncheon was not only a perfect opportunity for attendees to reconnect with former colleagues and enjoy a meal together, it also gave them a chance to find out more about current outreach in the province.

"I feel that part of the honouring and appreciation is sharing what is happening in the Alberta Conference," explains Elder Wiebe

To fulfill that purpose, the Mamawi



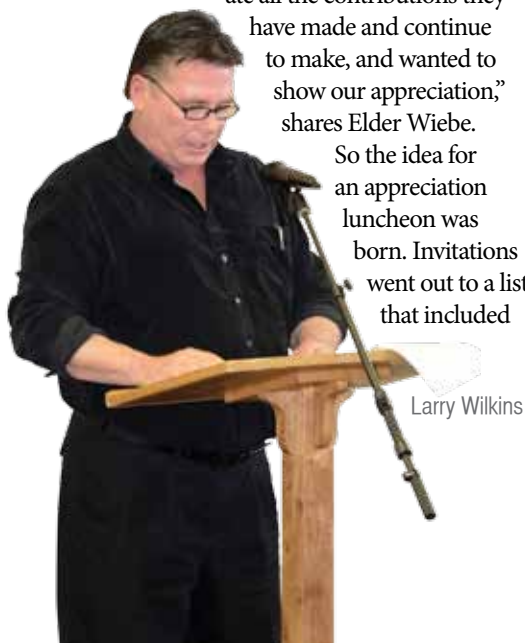
Left-right: Ken Wiebe, Larry & Janet Hall, Becky & Mark Johnson, Keith & Lorraine Richter, Mark Haynal

Atosketan Native School (MANS) was highlighted. Some of the MANS students provided the entertainment and table decorations, and MANS Chaplain Peter Ford emceed the program. First Nations businessman Larry Wilkins spoke on the value of Christian education in the aboriginal community.

From the attendee's comments, it's clear that Elder Wiebe's goals were met. Former missionary Corrine Vanderwerff summed it up:

"Truly for me personally, as well as for others, it was a blessing both in the information and recognition we received, and in being able to connect with 'folks from the past' and to meet those currently involved in our areas of interest."

— Linda Wilkinson



News

When Disaster Strikes

What do you do when disaster strikes? Are you prepared? Do you or your family have a plan? Do you have an emergency backpack with survival equipment prepared in advance?

We have been very fortunate here in Alberta; we have not encountered a major national disaster as our neighbours across the border have in recent months. But we must be prepared for disaster! How can we be prepared for disaster, whether it be a natural, health, environmental or man-made disaster?

It has been said, “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” The Alberta Conference Community Services Department recognizes the impor-

ance of planning, minimizing risks and adequately dealing with a crisis when it occurs. In order for us to be of maximum help to our local communities and the province of Alberta, the Community Services Department will be providing Disaster Response Certification for the churches of Alberta in 2014. This training will include a general tract of disaster response training and a chaplaincy crisis care tract for pastors.

The training will be led by Director of Community Services/Disaster Relief Lyle Notice who recently completed Disaster Preparedness Certificate Training in Oshawa, Ontario. He also attended Northern Pacific Union Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief Summit in Spokane, Washington.



Adventist Disaster Relief trailer, ready for action



Sherry Watts leading a table top exercise of a multi-agency warehouse

While at the summit, Notice heard first-hand how Adventist teams were dispatched to assist with various types of disasters. For example, Adventist Community Services work in conjunction with other non-governmental agencies to provide food, shelter and other necessities after storms like Hurricane Sandy. They either use warehouses as distribution centres when provided by the government, or they come equipped with a disaster response trailer that contains food, clothing and bathrooms.

“Since our goal at the Alberta Conference is to be involved in the same type of disaster relief, we recently purchased a 28 foot disaster response trailer that will be available whenever disaster strikes. We are also planning to work cooperatively with government and non-governmental agencies in a similar way that Adventist Community Services does in the States.”

— Lyle Notice, Community Services, Alberta Conference



Interpreting at Calgary Central Church



Challenges of the Hearing Impaired

Have you been finding it harder and harder to hear most people - having to ask people to repeat their statement again? Or, maybe you have a loved one who is finding it much more difficult to understand you? What can be done?

A hearing test may be advisable to see how serious the problem may be. What are the long term implications of their deafness? What can be done electronically to make life easier?

Losing our hearing can be a rather traumatic experience. Many people slowly fade from social gatherings, even church, because they can't hear enough to make it worthwhile to go out. These people need our understanding and that we will go the extra mile to help, without embarrassing them.

I suspect you have noticed older friends starting to have a tiny hearing aid in or a small one behind their ear. Great electronic improvements have been made recently in hearing aids, and many find their aids extremely helpful. When some first get their aids, they wonder why they put off such excellent help for so long!

And church - some churches in Alberta have help for the hard of hearing. There are FM headsets that give greater freedom so people can walk around without wires. Some churches may have a loop system to work with a T-Coil in the members hearing aid.

Bluetooth systems are now showing some promise. If your church does not have a system, and if you need one, don't be afraid to ask if the church can provide help. There are many electronic possibilities for churches to investigate for helping the hard of hearing.

Many who are losing their hearing don't necessarily need sound louder, but they want others to speak clearer. They may be suffering from nerve deafness and cannot hear certain parts of the sound spectrum making it hard for them to differentiate between similar sounding words. When talking to a hard of hearing person, don't cover your mouth, speak slowly and clearly as they may be reading your lips to augment the imperfect sounds they are hearing.



Blake signing class

What does the church have to offer? In our department we do have some excellent DVD's available that have subtitles you can read as well as hear. Contact us for details. Three Angel's Satellite Network has gone to great expense to provide closed captioning now for most of their programs. You can read what is being said on the screen and your TV remote turns captioning on.

If you have a problem, don't hesitate to contact our department. We don't have all the answers, but there may be many helpful ideas available.
— *Pastor John Blake, Deaf Ministry Department, Alberta Conference*



India deaf school

God's Blessings Relative to Conference Finances

Ever since the treasurer reported an extraordinarily healthy financial position at the constituency in September 2012, some members continue to ask two questions, "How did we get to this position and for what can those funds be used?" An explanation is in order although the short answer is, "Through the blessings of God and for preaching the gospel."

The strong economy in Alberta has contributed toward a healthy financial position for the Conference. God has blessed the province with valuable resources and Alberta's economy continues to remain reasonably strong in spite of recessions throughout North America. The population continues to grow, unemployment rates in Alberta remain low, and, at least for a time, provincial indebtedness was eliminated and a healthy heritage fund established.

Faithfulness on the part of God's people in returning tithes and offerings has been a contributing factor. Because of God's initial blessing, Adventist members in Alberta faithfully returned their tithe, and God opened the windows of heaven and poured out blessings just as He promised. Each year over \$13.8 million in tithe flows into the Conference and is then redistributed to proclaim the gospel to fellow Albertans and the world.

Conscientious treasurers managed the funds as it flowed into the Conference. God blessed the Alberta Conference with faithful and dedicated "keepers of the treasury," and because this position is sacred and in part, answers our questions, I wish to recognize the two Alberta treasurers with whom I have had the privilege of working, Bob Holdal and Keith Richter. These men served and continue to serve with integrity, high standards, openness and transparency, recording and disbursing funds according to North American Division (NAD)

policies and Canadian federal laws.

Treasurers are expected and required to disclose all funding activities. Three checks and balances ensure funds are managed appropriately.

a. The Financial Monitoring Committee, made up of non-denominational employed Executive Committee members (to which the treasurer is an invitee but not a member) meets quarterly to review all financial statements and transactions, and in turn reports to the Executive Committee.

b. An annual audit conducted by the General Conference Auditing Service reports to the Audit Review Committee (made up of Executive Committee members) who in turn report to the Executive Committee and the Financial and Statistical Review Committee (comprised of more than 50 percent laity).

c. An annual filing of all records with Canada Revenue Agency.

The Conference reserves reported at the 2012 meeting are a result of the combination of God's blessings, the faithfulness of our members and the resourcefulness of our treasurers.

So what exactly caused the treasurer to be so resourceful resulting in such large reserves? In 2008, the North American economy experienced a recession and for a number of years the Alberta Conference, believing the recession might impact the Alberta economy and Conference, implemented conservative budgeting practices. Yet the economy continued to remain reasonably strong and tithe contri-

butions continued to increase. This combination led to the reserves we have today. We are grateful for the cautionary measures taken by the treasurers which now allows us to move forward in unprecedented ways.

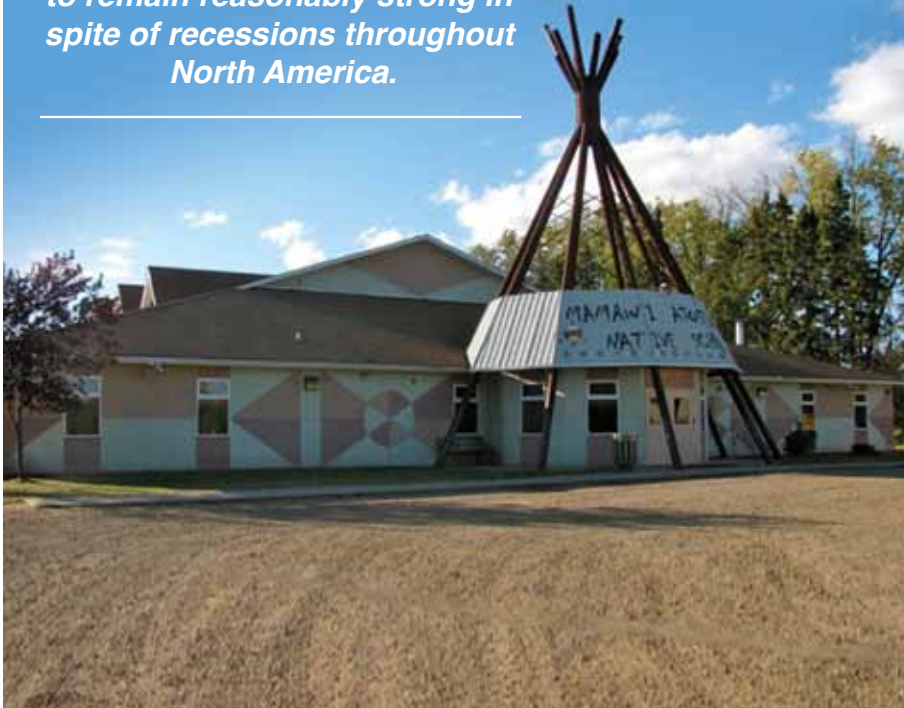
For what can these funds be used? These reserves, consisting mainly of tithe funds, are "restricted", i.e. restricted for a specific purpose. The General Conference, having studied the Biblical principles surrounding the use of tithe, determined appropriate use includes support for pastors, Bible workers, chaplains, Conference office employees, principals and Bible teachers as per established formula, professional development and further education for employees, Conference departmental programs and services that benefit the churches, evangelism and church planting, VOAR repeater stations, student employment for summer camp programs, operating grants to universities (CUC) and academies (PAA), and tithe percentages to higher organizations (SDACC).

It's important to note that the policy does not allow tithe funds to be used for the acquisition of properties and buildings such as churches, schools, Conference offices, medical centres, camp facilities, etc.

The NAD has made provision, under certain circumstances, for "tithe exchange." Tithe exchange can occur when, by mutual agreement, a Conference with surplus tithe funds requests an exchange from a sister Conference, Union or General Conference with surplus non-tithe funds. In so doing, integrity in the use of all funds is maintained. Within the last two years the Alberta Conference has exchanged about \$1.2 million in this manner.

If tithe funds are so plentiful in Alberta, why not employ more pastors and Bible workers? The answer lies in the word "sustainability." The funding for a new position must be sustainable in the annual budget on an on-going basis.

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Mamawi Atosketan Native School

The largest expenditure for any Conference is its human resources, i.e. salaries (wages) and benefits, travel expenses, etc. of its employees. The Conference attempts, within policies and guidelines, to provide stability for its employees and the entities they serve. Positions that are retained on an on-going basis, such as pastors and teachers, are known as “budgeted” positions and must be sustainable. Positions not necessarily retained on an on-going basis such as Bible workers are known as “project” positions.

For obvious reasons, great care is taken when selecting these long-term pastors and teachers. Likewise, caution is exercised when employing Bible workers. “Bible work,” in its formal definition, is a specialized calling and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Alberta Conference attempts to employ Bible workers with a successful track record or men and women willing to be trained under a pastor who has demonstrated the gift of Bible work.

Placement of Bible workers is strategic; short term (usually for several months only) in connection with a series of evangelistic meetings, or long term (usually 12 months or longer) in cities where it's been demonstrated the pastor is overwhelmed with Bible studies or cities of 10,000 or more where there is currently no Adventist congregation.

The Alberta Advance, unlike tithe (meaning one-tenth), is a free-will offering with no Biblically stipulated amount. The 2 percent identified on the offering envelope is merely a suggested amount. Alberta Advance funds are used for church building appropriations, Foothills Camp operations, additional church school operations not allowable by tithe funds, worthy student funds, Yellowknife complex, camp ground building and upkeep, and camp meeting expenses.

Because the Alberta Advance offering received by the Conference is not sufficient to cover all the needs, special

project fund-raising is necessary. Three such examples of fund-raising are local church building projects, school building projects and Foothills Camp. Currently 27 Adventist congregations in Alberta need church homes, two schools (Coralwood Adventist Academy and Mamawi Atosketan Native School) are in building expansion projects, and Foothills Camp where washroom facilities, caretaker house, lodge, camping sites, and the main pavilion need expanding or upgrading.

In this article, I have focused on the needs in Alberta. I have not spoken about the world budget which supports missions, church buildings in developing countries, the church's humanitarian work, media evangelism and the like. Neither have I mentioned the local church budget. These deserve attention, but are outside the scope of this article.

Biblical principles motivate Seventh-day Adventists to be among the most generous people in the world. And God has blessed. He has kept His promises. The Alberta Conference officers and Executive Committee are studying ways to reduce the current reserves, utilizing them in the most meaningful ways possible so as to meet the needs of our churches and schools in the expansion of God's work in Alberta.

We are blessed in Alberta with a strong economy. Our members can find employment and are faithful in “bring the tithe into the storehouse.” We are blessed because God has kept His promises. We are blessed because we have had and continue to have conscientious treasurers managing the financial resources. We have a worldwide system that develops policies and guidelines regulating how funds are to be used. We are especially blessed because we have a hope that someday the gospel will be preached in the whole world, Jesus will come and we can enter our “real home” where currency, as we know it, is not needed.

— Ken Wiebe, President
Alberta Conference

News from the Ministerial Department

There's exciting news in our conference as it relates to evangelism, pastoral placement and district alignment. There are approximately 45 evangelistic meetings planned for this year so far with more being planned for the future. Some have already been concluded while others are currently in progress.

Given that in Alberta there are eight cities with a population of over ten thousand and no Adventist presence, it is important that we strategize and mobilize our efforts through the power of the Holy Spirit to reach these cities.

Pastoral Placements

The Edmonton pastors have planned a city wide evangelistic meeting for 2015 with Mark Finley as guest speaker. Plans are being put in place that will ensure success. These plans include preparatory work with membership involvement, training on how to witness, and collaboration of skills and talents that are essential for reaching individuals in Edmonton with the message of hope and wholeness.

The conference administration sensed the need for filling vacant pastoral positions and have assigned Pastor Ron Yabut to Edmonton

Filipino; Issachar Garsula to Calgary Metro Filipino and Parkdale; Jinwook Lee to Calgary Korean and Southside; Gardner Bermudez to Calgary Spanish and Maranatha; David Kim to Edmonton Korean; Richard Means to Garden Road; Jonathan Geraci to Edmonton Central and Alan Perez to Red Willow.

There were some district alignments and pastoral assignments including Pastor Robert Burke to Sedgwick and Stettler; Pastor Stephen Reasor to Bentley, Rocky Mountain and Blackfalds; Pastor Shawn Brummund to Lethbridge; Pastor Darrell Beaudoin to Fort Saskatchewan; and Pastor Adam Deibert as CUC chaplain.

There are also two new Bible workers. Assignments include Lise Beaudoin to Fort Saskatchewan and Donald Wright to Calgary Bridgeland.

The Conference membership at the end of 2012 stands at 10,747 with 70 more added by the end of April 22, 2013.

Training and Equipping

In January, we invited Pastor David Klinedinst, an experienced evan-

gelist from the U.S., to be our guest speaker at Foothills Camp for the Pastors' Meeting. The theme was "Tell Alberta" and the focus was equipping pastors and Bible workers to be more successful in leading individuals to accept Christ as their hope and Saviour.

For the elder's retreat in April, we invited Jonas Arrais from the General Conference, who is the editor of the Elder's Digest, to be the guest speaker. The theme was "Equipping for Service" with a focus of assisting elders to work closely with pastors in ministry. Resources were provided in order to enable them to become more efficient.

Let us be reminded of Christ's mission for the Church. "Go and make disciples of every nation..." — *George Ali, Ministerial Director Alberta Conference*



The Yabut family

Ronald Yabut is an ordained pastor, a board certified chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains and endorsed by the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries of the North American Division. He and his family have recently moved to serve as the pastor of Edmonton Filipino and chaplain of Coralwood Adventist Academy. Prior to coming to Canada, Ron served as the director of the Pastoral Care Department for Carondelet Health System consisting of four hospitals and several clinics within Southern Arizona. He was also instrumental in starting and organizing Filipino-American SDA churches in Tucson and Chandler, Arizona.



Jonathan and Bethany Geraci

Jonathan Geraci is currently the Associate Pastor of the Edmonton Central Church. He graduated in 2005 with a Religious Studies degree from Canadian University College. Then he served as a teacher in traditional and outdoor classrooms for five years. From the classroom he went to minister as a Bible worker for several years before moving into a pastoral role. Jonathan and his wife, Bethany, have an active nine month old daughter Heidi. During their free time they enjoy hiking, canoeing and camping.



Dettah Native reserve



Youth group on Sabbath hike at Mt. Ranney



Lyle Notice with Chaplain Jim on Dettah Native reserve

Helping to Build Community in Yellowknife

I had never been to Yellowknife before, but I knew if it was anything like the First Air flight, it was going to be an exciting experience. After all, on the First Air flight I was first offered a newspaper, then a hot towel, then a beverage, then breakfast, another newspaper, and finally another beverage for the road. My one hour and 45 minute flight from Edmonton to Yellowknife reminded me of the plane services of old – comfort and service in the air.

My experience in Yellowknife, however, was less about my comfort and service, but instead providing service to those in the community. My hosts were Pastor Brad Darhr and his wife Randa. Together we puzzled over how we should be the light in our communities. I shared a brief devotion with the Yellowknife Church about service and the fact that Jesus mingled with people in His community, making a lasting impact on their lives. Then I asked, “Would you allow your church to become the community’s church?”

During lunch on Sabbath, I shared with the congregation the idea and vision of a group of STORMCO (Service To Others Really Matters) youth from Edmonton Red Willow Church coming to Yellowknife to do a service mission project. This would encourage the youth from Red Willow and the youth of the Yellowknife Adventist Church to join forces and impact the community of Yellowknife. But what project could they do that would create positive change in Yellowknife?

The answer came to us as Pastor Brad and I took a trip to the ice road, which is about 10 kilometers across the Great Slave Lake to the Dettah Native Reserve. I was eager to build relationships and partnerships, so I got out of the van, ran up the Band Council stairs and knocked on the door, only to realize that the office was closed. As we were about to leave, I remembered Pastor Brad saying that Chaplain Jim lived nearby. I asked Pastor Brad if we could stop in and say hello. Brad was a

little bit nervous about dropping in unexpectedly, but I assured him it was all about building friendships and community.

Chaplain Jim came out and greeted us warmly, showing us where caribou were being smoked over the fire. He took us on a tour of his parish church and showed us where his members worship. As we were leaving, I mentioned to him that STORMCO youth would be coming in the summer to work alongside the Yellowknife Adventist Church, and I asked if there was anything the youth could do.

To that, Chaplain Jim replied, “Well you know, Lyle, the church could do with a fresh coat of paint.”

So as I make plans to take a team of youth to Yellowknife from August 11 to 18, 2013, I look forward to building community with the Yellowknife Adventist Church and partnering with Chaplain Jim. — *Lyle Notice, Youth Department Alberta Conference*



Corrine Vanderwerff

Adventist Single Adult Ministries

In the Circle of His Love was the theme of the annual Alberta Conference Adventist Single Adult Ministries at Foothills Camp from February 15 to 17, 2013. The weekend successfully fulfilled the mission statement which states that Adventist Single Adult Ministries will be a Christ-centred safe place for fellowship, nurture and service. Team activities provided a time for fellowship. Each team created a mural that showed God's love. Guest speaker Corrine Vanderwerff, returned missionary and well-known author from Sherwood Park, Alberta, nurtured 45 adults from across Alberta with messages about the love languages of God and how He communicates with each one of us. After a weekend that was filled with inspiration and fellowship, the participants were eager to return home to serve in their churches and communities.

— Darlene Reimche,
Adventist Single Adult Ministries
Alberta Conference

KID University Goes to Medicine Hat

On March 8th, 2013, the KID University training team, comprised of Sandra Silva, Nwamiko Madden, Mildred Weiss, Adrian Schmidt and their two children Egan and Aine, set out on a journey to Medicine Hat to train members from the Medicine Hat and area churches to be actively involved in mentoring children for Jesus Christ. In reality, KIDS in discipleship is for adults as much as it is for children as it provides comprehensive training in becoming disciples of Jesus.

Over 50 individuals made up of men, women and children participated in this three day training weekend for the whole family. It was wonderful to see the investment of such a large number of individuals in being intentional in growing in their own relationship while at the same time seeking to be mentors of families and children to become disciples of Jesus Christ. It was awesome to see parents and children catch the vision:

“Each child, a disciple of Jesus Christ”

KIDS in Discipleship is a mentoring experience that gives families practical ideas for spiritual training. It teaches parents, grandparents and spiritual mentors how to engage their children in spiritual conversations as well as emphasizing family worship and personal time with God. Book your church today.

— Sandra Silva,
KIDS in Discipleship Director
Alberta Conference



Group Activity

1st Alberta Adventist Fundraising Schools Boost Hope and Confidence

More than 100 church members attended the first Alberta Adventist Fundraising Schools, held in three locations January 22-26. Mixing high-level instruction by Dr. Lilya Wagner (North American Division) with good food and fellowship, the Fundraising Schools provided inspiration and the tools many church groups needed to move forward with more effective fundraising for important projects.

“Our group felt that the seminar gave us hope of having a church here in Airdrie,” said Sylvia Herrebrugh, who attended from Airdrie with her husband, Everett, Jake Funk, and Ida Unruh. “It seems that the prevailing attitude was that the stakes were too high. So now we are excited; the church board has 100 percent endorsed the plan. We plan to . . . be ready for God’s opportunity.”

Doable Action Plans

“I really enjoyed the seminar,” said Luke Briscoe, chair of the Fort McMurray Church’s fundraising committee. “Dr. Wagner definitely has a gift for presenting information clearly and positively. She makes the difficult tasks of fundraising all doable and real with proper work plans and action steps. As she had said, “Fundraising is not begging or selling. It is sharing a message that is important to the cause and the donor.”

Respect is Key

“Lylia Wagner opened our eyes to the realities of fundraising in the 21st century,” observed Pastor David Hamstra of Fort McMurray. “Our team was challenged to conduct our fundraising on a higher level—both out of respect for the project and out of

respect for our church members and outside donors. The key takeaway for me was that fundraising is really about inviting someone to invest in something you both care deeply about. To put it bluntly, we learned how to ask people for their money without being jerks.

“Thanks again for a high-quality event!” concluded Pastor Hamstra in his communication with Lynn McDowell, director of Planned Giving & Trust Services/Philanthropy, who coordinated the schools.

Thanks

The thanks expressed to the Conference for the schools is gratefully shared with the many people who made the schools possible. — Lynn McDowell, *Planned Giving | Philanthropy Director, Alberta Conference*

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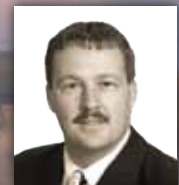
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Mountain-top Experience Results in Decisions for Christ

Refreshing. Rejuvenating. Transforming. Inspiring.

Those are some of the words used to describe the Becoming His 2013 Women's Ministries Retreat held at Kananaskis from April 5 to 7, 2013.

Over the course of three days, keynote speaker Esmie Branner shared with approximately 430 women how they can be transformed by reading His word, praying, listening to His Spirit and then witnessing to others.

It is Branner's goal – as well as Women's Ministries Director Sandra Silva's goal – to see hearts changed and decisions made for Christ at each women's retreat.

"That's what it's all about. Transformation and being able to see the women leave not the same. With a new renewal of their faith, moving upward and onward," explains Branner.

From the comments and decisions that were made, that goal was met. Five women have requested either baptism or rebaptism, and over 100 desire to be part of a prayer and Bible study group. It's clear that many of the women felt the transforming power of the Holy Spirit throughout the retreat.

"It was inspirational inside and outside," said Sonia Casey from Lacombe.



Cherie Deacon with speaker Esmie Branner

She attended the women's retreat in Red Deer, Alberta a couple years ago but really enjoyed this year's location because she was able to spend private time with God in the beautiful mountain setting.

For the first time in the history of Alberta Women's Ministries the women's retreat was held at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis. And registration increased by 100 this year. Although

many women had to travel a fair distance to attend, the general consensus was that the beauty and isolation of the surroundings helped many of the participants to focus more on God. Alone or in groups, those who chose to could walk the serene trails and spend time in prayer with the Creator.

First time attendees had many positive comments about the location of the



L to R: Joanne Murphy, Faith Chigumira and Cadeau Mangh



Group at Women's Retreat

retreat. Four ladies from Fort McMurray – Sheila Berthelotte, Jean Lopez, Beth Alcid and Tess Abalos – drove eight hours to attend the retreat but felt it was worth it because the location helped them feel closer to God. And new Canadians Faith Chigumira and Cadeau Managh also attended the Alberta women's retreat for the first time. Chigumira is from South Africa and Managh is from Jamaica; the two were invited by fellow Airdrie church member JoAnne Murphy.

"I love it and won't miss any," said Chigumira.

Another first was the high percentage of non-Adventist ladies attending. Over 10 percent of attendees were non-Adventist because of the new Bring a Friend Fund, which allowed Adventist women to bring a non-Adventist friend or family member at half the registration cost.

Throughout the weekend, the women were given many options to gain a closer walk with God: prayer walks in the morning; morning devotionals and private counselling sessions with Pastor Honey Todd; an anointing service on Sabbath afternoon; a prayer room; inspirational music; and Spirit-filled presentations. In spite of a jam-packed schedule, many women took advantage of the in-house spa.

There were even meetings for the young women with Pastor Massiel Davila from the College



Nomvuyelwa Gumede

Heights Church. She has a relaxed way of relating to young women that resonated well with them.

"I appreciated the discussion on intergenerational communities. It gave me a new perspective on the value of each generation in the church," said young mom Cherie Deacon. She also enjoyed having a break from her busy life in such a relaxed setting.

The highlight for most, however, was Branner's Spirit-filled messages and her powerful personal testimony of how, after she returned to her Adventist roots, God rescued her and her children from a forced Muslim lifestyle in Saudi Arabia. Even Branner is still amazed by the miraculous story of her escape.

"Every time I tell it, it's refreshed in me, it's renewed in me. It's like I'm telling it for the first time. And I know

that's the Holy Ghost because it's His story now, it's not mine. It's His impression that will bring it across in a powerful way to bring transformation in the hearts and minds of the people."

It was a mountain-top experience for many, and as Branner challenged the women to share with others, the Holy Spirit didn't even wait for Pastor Silva to leave the mountain. While she was packing up, she had an opportunity to share with some of the hotel staff.

"They wanted to know about my beliefs; it really became a Bible study. I gave *Steps to Christ* to all of them. One young man who previously attended the Adventist church is now feeling pressed to come back to church. And someone else, too – his father was a pastor and was asking questions about our beliefs and about God. It was just so beautiful – a real witnessing opportunity in so many ways."

So God showed up at the 2013 Becoming His Alberta Women's Ministries Retreat and blessed the women with His Spirit.

— Linda Wilkinson



Pastor Sandra Silva



Special music by Natalie Cox



Polishuk Sisters

A New Family

Brooks, a central Alberta city (population 14,000), has a new “family” in town... a small, tightly knit multi-racial school family. Currently part of the PACeS program, the family of seven (six girls and one boy) are known to the Brooks community as “Brooks Immanuel Seventh-day Adventist School.” Mrs. Tammy Parker, their teacher, is known for her flexibility, creativeness, warmth and thoroughness.

While walking through the displays at the North American Adventist Teacher’s Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee in August 2012, Tammy stopped at the Kid’s View booth (a monthly publication inside the Adventist Review) and wrote down the name of her school, along with numerous others in attendance, as being willing to write for Kid’s View. In October, the new Brooks family was contacted and asked to write on the topic, “Three Wishes for the New Year.” The student’s work, along with pictures and a brief article from their teacher, was submitted to the magazine editors at the beginning of November.

At the end of November, Mildred Weiss, secretary for the Alberta Conference Education Department, was contacted by a Kid’s View representative to see what might be a need for this school.



Brooks Immanuel Students skating



Brooks Immanuel Students

It was explained that each year the Adventist Review staff provide funds for a chosen project in lieu of Christmas parties and gifts. The Brooks school family was chosen as the 2012 recipient. Mrs. Weiss was quick on the draw with the suggestion of a Smart Board. Teacher and students are eagerly awaiting installation of this technology in their classroom.

An unexpected gift has not been the only evidence of Providence in Immanuel Seventh-day Adventist School’s short history. The Brooks school was able to secure temporary accommodation to begin classes in September of 2012, knowing that they would have to vacate in the spring, as the building was to be torn down. They received word in the beginning of January that the Brooks Lakeside Leisure Centre had postponed demoli-

tion, and the facility was available for the remainder of the year and for the 2013-2014 school year. “Because the rent is so inexpensive,” said Mrs. Parker, “this is most favorable for us. We try to be an asset in the community, and we are gradually becoming more of a noticeable presence, so we are excited for positive exposure,” she added.

The kids learn the responsibility of caring for the earth, working for God and making our “school yard” a more beautiful place.

Classes for the little family are held in two former hockey locker rooms, complete with showers and a black rubber floor. Now here comes the fun and flexible part: Who else has a

Adventist Education - Giving Kids Opportunities

full-size hockey arena for a gymnasium? Who else has a swimming pool/water park right in the same building? And who else can skate for free on a regulation-sized rink? Probably no one else, except the Brooks Immanuel Seventh-day Adventist School students. So how does a fledgling school afford these added fees? Creatively, that's how! Since there is no real playground, Mrs. Parker utilizes the un-iced arena and the swimming pool as funds allow. Donors have sponsored some of this time for the school. Along comes the "creativity" part. Mrs. Parker and her "family" go outside regularly and pick up recycling around the entire complex. "We have managed to pay for extra swimming sessions and extra gymnasium/arena time," said Mrs. Parker. "It's also created a sense of goodwill in the community," she added. "The kids learn the responsibility of caring for the earth, working for God and making our "school yard" a more beautiful place. Each child sees the difference that their efforts make. With five schools surrounding the Lakeside Leisure Center and full time use by the community, things get dirty fast. Many people have stopped and asked why we spend the time to clean up and we tell them. They usually respond with a "wow" and "thanks." We have picked up over \$100 in recycling and at least 2 to three shopping bags of garbage each time we go."

Oh yes! Would you like an inside scoop on the three wishes? Because all the students are new immigrants to Alberta, a common wish was to see family members back in their home country. We can each pray that this wish will come true in God's perfect timing.

(Since this article was written, the Smart Board has been installed at the school.)

— Linda Steinke,
Education Communications

Reegan Holdal was a typical loud mouth, speak-his-mind-always-in-trouble student from ECS to Grade 10. If Reegan was in the building, everyone knew it!

But during grade 10, everything started to change. He started attending Parkview Adventist Academy, and during the school year, he joined a group of PAA students who went to Camp Whitesand in Saskatchewan to help re-side some of the cabins. There he met Kevin Keirs, the new youth director, and got hired as camp staff that summer. He worked there for the next three summers. While on staff he learned to appreciate getting help from other people. During his maturing process, he realized that he didn't know everything, and that was okay.

Also in grade 10, he joined Pastor Steve Reasor's preaching class that eventually morphed into Dauntless. He learned to preach to kids, peers and adults. Reegan said that it was hard to get up front. Even after three years of being in Dauntless, he would get very nervous. But if you were in the audience it was not easy to see. Reegan's off-the-cuff way of speaking looked easy and well planned. Being in Dauntless forced Reegan to be a part of a team. He had to learn to take a

back seat to his also very talented peers. He learned to respect other people's gifts, and it got him actively involved in church, something he values highly.

At school, Reegan had never been an A student. He had to work hard to earn all of his credits to graduate, even to the point of repeating grade 12 biology. At PAA the standards are very high; there are no easy A's. But Reegan, with the help of his parents and teachers, persevered. When he was around friends that went to public school he could tell that he had a deeper grasp of school work than his peers. That built his confidence.

Reegan graduated from PAA last spring, and looking back on his schooling, is glad he stuck with Adventist Education. Reegan is pursuing a career in the trades, and he knows he can do it because he's done harder things in school. Attending a highly academic school like PAA forced him to learn to study. At the tender age of 19, Reegan has already made a big impact on the next generation!

— Pattie Reasor, PAA Communications





Live Streaming at CUC Graduation Broadcasts to Global Audience

The Canadian University College graduation weekend from April 19 to 21 celebrated the achievements of the largest graduating class in the university's history. There were 114 receiving baccalaureate degrees – 39 of whom were identified as Albertans – along with one graduate of the La Sierra University Administration and Leadership program and five graduates of the Loma Linda University Marriage and Family Therapy program.

The Class of 2013 gave a memorable class gift – a high definition camera – which made live streaming possible and allowed 460 viewers from 27 countries to attend the graduation events virtually.

“The countries where we had multiple viewers are Canada, United States, Mexico, Brazil, United Kingdom, India, Barbados, Tanzania, Venezuela, Italy, Germany, Jamaica and Norway,” says Jr Ferrer, Communications Director for Canadian University College.

The live streaming also made it pos-

sible for those in the overflow seating in the College Heights Christian School to view the commencement ceremony projected onto a large screen. With the record number of graduates and their families, the College Heights Church was filled to capacity. In addition, conference presidents from every conference in Canada except Quebec were in attendance along with CUC alumni Dr. Kenny Basit, dentist in Terrace, B.C., who presented the commencement address.

CUC's President Mark Haynal and Registrar Lawrence Murrin presented the degrees followed by the presentation of the Presidential Medals of Excellence with Vice-president for Academic Administration Joy Fehr.

“Graduations are always such a happy time because they represent the successful culmination of so much work - the work of students, parents, teachers and churches. I particularly enjoy graduations at CUC because they provide



CUC Graduates

an opportunity for us to show others just how great are students are and to celebrate how expertly God has led each graduate to this point in his or her journey," says Dr. Haynal.

Throughout the weekend the graduates were responsible for providing programs such as Friday night vespers, Sabbath School and Sabbath evening vespers. According to Dr. Fehr, they went above and beyond the administration's expectations.

"I'm proud of this particular graduating class because of the quality of the programming over the weekend. They certainly took their jobs seriously and presented a professional, well-managed program," says Fehr.

It's clear that the Class of 2013 has left a positive impression at CUC and went the extra mile to fulfill their graduation motto:

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. ~ Pericles

— Linda Wilkinson

Meaghen Domaschuk - a winner at the Feb. PAA Science Fair. She received \$400 for her work on "The Life of a Diabetic"



Daniel Self - a winner at the recent PAA Science Fair. He received \$400 for his work on Boyle's Law

Parkview Adventist Academy

While Parkview Adventist Academy already has a full event calendar, we're never too busy to try something new. This year we added a Science Fair for junior high students and four of our Adventist schools visited our campus on February 28 to show off their hard work and compete for scholarship money. There were many fantastic projects, and our science teachers had a hard time judging. It was a great success, and next year we'll host one again. We also want to add a Music Festival on May 15 to 17 for next year.

Other changes this year include our PAA Days, which is for all students interested in attending our school. Traditionally, it was held over a weekend, but this year it will run on Sunday, June 2 and Monday, June 3. Students will have a chance to tour

the campus and be involved in a workshop in any one of a number of areas. Workshops range from various sports to art and praise band. As always, PAA Days is at no cost to students, but they must bring a sponsor. The students will eat in the cafeteria and stay in the dorm. Monday night there will be an awards ceremony where scholarships will be given out on a participation basis through a random draw. Scholarships will range from \$500 to \$1,500.

To help parents with any questions that they may have, there is a Parents Night on June 6 at 7:30 pm. The principals and finance office will be there to help register your child and answer any questions.

See you June 2 & 3.

— Pattie Reasor, PAA Communications



CUC Graduates



L to R: Adam Babida, Nicole Thorp, Josias Sanchez

Vegetarian Smorgasbord Draws Big Crowd in Airdrie

The aroma of spices hangs heavy in the air. The table is jam-packed with casserole dishes, soup bowls and serving trays overflowing with salads and spreads. The line up for the food is significant, with about 60 people attending, and everyone seems to have come hungry for the Feb. 10 event at the 50 Plus Club, located in the Airdrie Town and Country Centre.

"I've been going to the potluck off and on for about three years," said Kodesh Gagnon, 30, of the Airdrie Vegetarian Club's monthly meet-ups.

Gagnon grew up vegetarian but began eating meat when he left his family home around the age of 18.

"I'm trying to get back to finding ideas to eat more healthy," he said of his reason for participating in the veggie potluck.

Gagnon said he finds the group very welcoming even for those who eat meat saying,

"It's not just about converting to vegetarianism."

"Pretty well anybody who is interested in healthy food can join," said Ida Unruh, 73, who has been with the club since its inception in 2001. "We get people of all ages."

Indeed, the feeling of the event was more of a very large family dinner than that of a club meeting. There were children, young adults, seniors and middle-aged participants. Newcomers were openly embraced, even hugged by one gentleman and were introduced to people at their table and those surrounding them. Laughter filled the room and was only matched by the constant flow of conversation throughout the dinner.

"We haven't had to do much advertising, just word of mouth," said Unruh.

She added interest in the dinner club has been high since its outset. In fact, the club had to change venues to accommodate its growing number of members.

People at the event openly shared tips and health hints that have worked for them and were quick to make sugges-

tions of what dishes to try at the potluck.

The potluck is free but requires participants to bring in a meat-free dish to share with the group. Dishes can be a complex soups or stew or a simple veggie tray. Each month there is a new theme at the dinner. This month's theme was for Valentine's Day and focused on a heart-healthy diet and lifestyle.

The feature recipe included in the

You get used to a certain way of eating and you lose the taste for animal products.



Airdrie Dinner Club



Guest speaker Darlene Blaney

club's newsletter was for a mixed bean salad, which had a tangy-sweet taste from the lemon juice and honey included in the recipe. Another big hit at the event was a cream of vegetable soup that uses cashews for the creamy goodness instead of dairy.

"You get used to a certain way of eating and you lose the taste for animal products," said Unruh, who calls herself 99 per cent vegan.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Mandy Lieble, a lymphatic masseuse who demonstrated how to perform this form of light massage. The technique helps drain the lymph nodes, which she said helps to purify and detoxify unhealthy fluid that surrounds our connective tissues. The lymphatic system is linked to the heart because the heart helps the lymph nodes send white blood cells and antibodies throughout the body.

"It is very informative," Gagnon said of the meetings. "You learn a lot and you can share different recipes," he added, saying he got two recipes from the February dinner.

He said he is not someone who would go out and look for a cookbook so he likes the convenience of being exposed to new meals and being given new recipes at the potluck.

Both Gagnon and Unruh spoke of a common misconception they have experienced as vegetarians.

"Some people believe you can't be completely nourished without eating animal products," Unruh said.

She added she raised two perfectly healthy children on the vegetarian diet and is in great shape herself.

"Being healthy is the main thing in life," she said. "You're happiest when you're healthy."

— Allison Chorney, Reporter for Rocky View Publishing
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Lethbridge prophecy seminar



Registration table

Lethbridge Church Evangelism

The Lethbridge Church is pleased to welcome several new members following our spring prophecy seminar with Amazing Facts speaker David Steward. Several others have made strong commitments to begin attending church each Sabbath as the church is in a continual momentum of evangelistic growth. More baptisms are being planned in the future. This seminar is the seventh prophecy seminar conducted in the past 26 months since pastor Darrell Beaudoin began his tenure with the Lethbridge church, in September 2010. Jonathan Geraci has been instrumental as a Bible worker in following up with seminar interests and working in the community.

Collectively God has blessed the work of His faithful servants. On Sabbath, April 13, the church was full to capacity with 160 in attendance, and we look forward to continued nurture and growth as Pastor Shawn Brummund begins his tenure in August, 2013.

The exciting thing about ongoing prophecy seminar evangelism is seeing people from the community attending repeated prophecy seminar events, then watching the conviction grow as the Holy Spirit speaks to their hearts, leading them to a firmer commitment

to follow Christ. The ongoing atmosphere of evangelism in Lethbridge has also been a positive experience for the church members who get to repeatedly hear the great last-day gospel messages of God's word while getting the chance to invite their friends and family members to each seminar event. A very special thank you to all the church members who prayed and helped with the seminar and those who attended and invited friends.

— *Darrell Beaudoin,*
Pastor Lethbridge Church



At the Lethbridge prophecy seminar

Leduc Cooking School

Two passionate leaders, plus fantastic volunteers, and a message that is increasingly in demand, can be nothing but successful. That was the case on March 10 when 34 community and church members met for three hours at the Leduc Church in the afternoon to learn the whys and hows of vegetarian/vegan nutrition and cooking.

In total 27 food samples and recipes were provided to the attendees after a 20-minute nutrition information presentation. The response was overwhelmingly positive and the next class, which as yet is un-scheduled, has 21 individuals enrolled.

Mrs. Vanessa Dudar utilized

Facebook, Kijiji, email, the city calendar page, websites, local newspapers, flyers on bulletin boards, and the Leduc church website to get the word out. The Leduc Nutter's store supported the class with in-store advertising and donations of food items, and several gift certificates that were used as door prizes. She was also able to have a feature article written in the local newspaper, bringing in people from communities within a 70 km radius of Leduc.

"Leg work is involved, but it's free advertising," said Vanessa. "Why would we pay money to advertise?"

The presenters and volunteers



L to R: Katrina Knopp, Esther Knopp (mother), Shannon Knopp, Vanessa Dudar.....demonstrating pumpkin pie making at the Leduc Cooking School

must decide between having a second presentation in the near future, "while the interest is hot" and having one again in the fall, as planned.

"We have something to offer," says Vanessa. "We must share what we know and sometimes take for granted!"

— Linda Steinke,
Education Communications

Life at its Best Seminar

"Life at its best", that was the theme and title of the annual health workshop held the weekend of April 26-28 at the College Heights Lakeview Hall Chapel, organized by the Alberta Conference Health Department.

Dr. Hans Diehl, world renowned author, lecturer, and founder of the Complete Health Improvement Project (CHIP) was the guest speaker for the weekend.

After a lovely banquet supper served and catered by the CUC cafeteria, the attendees were encouraged and motivated

immediately at the first lecture as Dr. Diehl presented the history of Battle Creek and the importance of our health message both physically and spiritually.

Sabbath was packed with information once again as Dr. Diehl shared some amazing testimonies of people's life-changing experiences, particularly "Bob" who wasn't able to even walk down his driveway to collect his mail, and through some lifestyle changes, regained his health and successfully rode his bicycle from Creston, B.C. to Ottawa. The attendees were then spiritually lifted as the story of the Prodigal Son/Prodigal Father, titled "Mad, Sad, Glad", reinforced the gift of "the Gospel of Second Chance." Dr. Diehl spent the remainder of the weekend discussing how killer diseases can be reversed with "a knife and fork," basically encouraging each person to take responsibility for their health and how to make wise choices and experience "Life at its Best"!

The health expo held at the Lacombe Memorial Center was more than a hit with over 150 participants including a



Dr. Hans Diehl, CHIP

number from the Lacombe community and surrounding area. The eight laws of health were taught through various tests and exercises offered at the different booths including Peak Flow meter testing, the Rockport Step Test, blood pressure testing, a relaxing massage, along with

a few others, ending with a computer calculation of your personal "health age." The atmosphere was busy, but full of happy chatting and fun! One of the active participants was excited to win a gift basket valued at \$100 donated by the Lacombe Health Hut.

We thank God once again for His tremendous blessings spiritually, mentally and physically. With friendships rekindled and new ones made, each participant headed off in their homeward direction, motivated and ready to share the health message with their church and community.

— Darlene Blaney, PhD, CNP, CFT
*Alberta Conference Volunteer
Health Ministries Coordinator*



Sylvan Lake Health Expo & Cooking School

The Personal Ministries department of the Sylvan Lake Church kicked off the New Year by stepping out into the community. Throughout the previous year, we went door-to-door gathering information on the spiritual needs of the home. We felt that we wanted to do something more for the community by also sharing with the physical needs of the community.



Health Expo

On January 6, 2013 we set up the Health Expo in the Sylvan Lake church and invited the members to participate. This gave them a chance

to work through the program before actually taking it into the community. On January 10 and again on January 13, the Health Expo was set up in the HJ Cody gym, the local high school. Students along with the community were invited to go through the stations.

As the students visited the stations, they were excited to see the results of each test given and encouraged their parents and teachers to go through the exhibit. The stations included discovering your weight and body fat percentage, your biological age, blood pressure, relaxation massage, personal consultation, and as a bonus, each person received a bottle of water.

Then on January 18 and 19, the church hosted a Healthy Choices Seminar led out by Darlene Blaney, Nutritional Consulting Practitioner with a PhD in Nutrition.

Finishing the month of health, on January 27, the church hosted a cooking class and vegetarian banquet. Darlene also facilitated this event. These events were well received by the community.

— Penny Marcinyk, *Sylvan Lake Communications Secretary*



Healthy Choices seminar



L to R: Cheryl Kay, Fay Cherepushak, Carol Foulsten

Annual Fundraiser

On Sunday, March 3, Sylvan Meadows Adventist Academy along with the Sylvan Lake Church held their annual fundraiser. The dinner portion of the fundraiser was for the Indonesia Mission Trip, which raised approximately \$3000. The church and school are partnering with Quiet Hour, and have 21 people going on a mission trip scheduled for April 17 to May 1. The Pie Auction, which raised approximately \$6000 was for the school and their needs.





L to R: Milton Mullings, Fay Mullings, Tesse Cabalaro, Amelia Ramos

Cornerstone Community Church

January 12, 2013 was a high day in the Alberta Conference as the Cornerstone Community Church (formerly Calgary Remnant SDA Fellowship Company) was the first to be accepted into the sisterhood of churches in the Alberta Conference for 2013.

Our platform was transformed with a wealth of combined knowledge and years of experience in ministry: President of the Alberta Conference- Pastor

Ken Wiebe, Pastor Larry Hall, Pastor George Ali, Pastor Lyle Notice, Pastor Keith Samuels, Elder Keith Richter, Pastor Don Corkum, Pastor E. L. Natufe, Pastor John Masigan (Pastor in training) and our Pastor Wallin O' Connor. Our guest speaker was Pastor Joseph Bulgin from the Ontario Conference.

We were blessed with sensational music from our praise team and the Cornerstone Community Church Choir under the direction of Brother Dwight McFarlane. Then after the spiritual food was given, we were treated to a fine dining

...and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

experience of Jamaican cuisine, which was catered by Sister Lidia Camara.

The evening program was an expression of praise and thanksgiving as we were treated to an artistic display of praise from the youth group Unshackled from the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and majestic singing from the Perez family. There was also another timely message from Pastor Bulgin.

Cornerstone was founded through the visions of Evangelist Fay Mullings and her husband Milton Mullings through a home Bible study group. The Lord stayed true to His word, and through the faithfulness of the members of the Bible study group, coupled with the blessings of the Holy Spirit, the group began to grow. It is now 84 members strong.

Though we are truly delighted at our accomplishment of becoming a church, our work has just begun. We look forward to working in our Lord's vineyard.

— *Delores McKenzie, Elder/ Communications Secretary Cornerstone Community Church*



Cornerstone Community Church cake



Cornerstone Community Church members in the banquet hall

Outreach in Rimbey

This spring the Rimbey Church was a true hub of activity. It started off with our pastor, David Beaudoin, reassigned to Stettler. Pastor Dave, his lovely wife Sheila and their two children Joshua and Julia will certainly be missed. Our loss is Stettler's gain. We are certain they will be a blessing there, and we will keep them in our prayers. Pastor Beaudoin has always had a great focus on evangelism, and the members in Rimbey wanted to keep that momentum going.



Guest speaker Bill Spangler

So on March 5 to 12 we invited Bill Spangler to do a workshop entitled Walk Thru the Bible at the Rimbey Christian School, a multi-denominational Christian School. There were morning sessions for kindergarten to grade five classes and afternoon sessions for grades six through nine. With staff members also attending, there were a total of over 80 participants. It was well received by both staff and students – so well, in fact, that we are looking forward to hosting another one to the greater Rimbey community in the near future.

On March 22, the Rimbey Church hosted a weekend health retreat led by Darlene Blaney. It was a great time of learning on the importance of healthy living and eating. The Rimbey Review columnist Treena

Mielke attended the Sunday vegetarian cooking demonstration and wrote a full page article for the paper.

Community exposure in both events was tremendous, and as with Walk Thru the Bible, we have started planning another health retreat as the feedback has been very positive. We have heard numerous times from people who truly regret missing the first one.

Bill Spangler also presented God Dilemma, a live event that explores the basic questions that effect every person alive on the planet. It ran for five consecutive nights starting on April 2 to 6 at the Rimbey Church. The event brought in quite a number of people for the occasion including some who travelled from Edmonton. Once the event was nearing the end, Bill felt the importance of carrying on the message, and after consultation with the local members, it was decided that Bible study would continue for the next

month on Tuesday nights. It, in turn, brought in a surprising number of attendees for the first Bible study. Bill has a warm, friendly and non-threatening approach to preaching the love that Jesus has for each of us. It is quite evident that Bill himself has a deep love for the Lord, so it is understandable when the audience is eager to hear more. Rimbey is also looking forward to getting a VOAR repeater station up and running. All has been approved with the Town of Rimbey and the CRTC. It's just a matter of ironing out a few wrinkles, and it should be airing soon.

We would like to give special thanks and praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for without him none of this would be possible.

— Darrel Hamonic,
Communications Director

Saying Yes in God's Time

“Are you ready now to make that decision?”

I had not expected to be at this point in our Bible study. I planned a more low-key Bible study, but apparently God had other plans.

A week before the evangelist and I had our first visit at Jim's (not his real name) home. Jim had faithfully attended most of the evangelistic meetings, and now we had a baptismal clearing card in front of us. To every question on the card Jim answered, “Yes, Yes, Yes.”

Then the ultimate question came up. He looked horrified and went into his bedroom several times, bringing out things he worried he'd have to give up if he answered Yes to that question. He was holding onto so many things. We left, with him still making excuses.

A week passed. I arrived for another Bible study with Jim. I'd prepared a low-key study, but Jim wanted to discuss the Sabbath, and the three angels' messages in light of the imminent coming of Christ.

After our discussion, I felt the impression to repeat my original question, “Are you ready now to make that decision?” This time he said, “Yes.”

— Jonathan Geraci, Associate Pastor
Edmonton Central Church



Israel Deception at Edmonton South Church

On April 19 and 20, Steve Wohlberg shared a series of presentations on the Israel Deception at the Edmonton South Church. It's a relevant topic in an age when many denominations teach that the Bible is talking about literal Israel in many of the last-day prophecies. In the four presentations, Wohlberg presented a clear case for applying spiritual Israel to the prophecies that point to the end times.

Israel in prophecy is a subject Wohlberg is qualified to preach on as he not only has a Jewish background, but he has been studying prophecy since he became a Christian 34 years ago. The topics included Israel and Jesus Christ, Seven Year Tribulation Controversy and Israel, Babylon and Armageddon. Wohl-

berg, who has become well known for his apocalyptic presentations, captivated an audience of about 260 on Sabbath morning and a total of about 350 people throughout the weekend. Although his presentations centred on Israel in prophecy, Wohlberg made it clear that the main reason for his presentations is to point people to Jesus Christ.

"I believe we need to do everything we can to share Jesus with others," says Wohlberg.

It's clear that Wohlberg not only gave the audience at Edmonton South a new perspective on Bible prophecy, but challenged each one to share that knowledge with the people we come in contact with.

— Linda Wilkinson,
Communications Director



Steve Wohlberg at Edmonton South

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CUC Students Share Stories of Hope, Faith and Inspiration in Peers

On February 23, the CUC women's soccer team arrived at Peers to share stories of hope, faith and inspiration with the Peers church.

At the beginning of the soccer season, the girls decided to take up a ministry in addition to proving their winning ways on the playing field. The resulting program is one of comedy, music, testimony and interactive Bible study over a two-hour period.

The ladies opened the service by leading the congregation in song. Accompanied by a piano and guitar, old hymns and new favorites got everyone singing heartily. Following song service, the ladies introduced the theme for the afternoon, which was "scars and marks." How our inner scars can be used to power our future instead of chaining us to our past. The ladies divided the congregation into three groups for interactive discussion.

After the discussion, the congregation reconvened to enjoy a comedy segment. Laughter ensued as the confusion between banana and bandana had an unfortunate girl trying to blow her nose with the fruit instead of the handkerchief! The laughter faded to gasps of admiration as some of the ladies donned long white gloves and did sign-language interpretation of a beautiful song. The sight of the synchronized, graceful hand movements in time with the song were a highlight of the program.

In keeping with the theme of "scars and marks", two of the ladies stood before the congregation to bravely share their testimony. Kerra spoke first and told how she had struggled with fear and anger in learning of her father's brain tumor and his limited time to live. Shalisa then volunteered the tale of her crippling depression and self loathing as a teen. Both felt abandoned in their faith and struggled to make sense of their feelings. Ultimately both found solace, comfort, acceptance and relief through prayer, surrender and soul searching. The two ladies hope that by sharing their stories, they will help others to realize the struggles we face can have a happy outcome if we use those bricks thrown at us in life to build a foundation to stand on instead of letting those bricks knock us down.



CUC Women's Soccer Team at Peers

Close to the end of the program, the entire team gathered at the front to talk about all the different scenarios from which people feel inner scars. From the mother that feels abandoned by her children to the woman that seeks gratification in unfulfilling relationships to the class clown that makes everyone laugh while he is crying inside – about 20 different scenarios were presented. This segment closed by the team reminding the congregation that everyone

struggles. Nobody is exempt from facing hard times, but there is hope, help and inspiration to be found in the midst of despair.

The program was greatly enjoyed by all and was hailed by church-goers as "moving," "inspiring" and "very well done." Each segment was greeted with rounds of grateful applause.

But the ladies weren't done yet.

Pearl Bruce, a member of the Peers Church was at home with limited mobility and without the ability to speak as she recovers from a recent stroke. Pearl and her caregiver had not been able to make the service. When the team learned of this, plans were made for a surprise visit. Later that afternoon the bus rolled up to Pearl's house and the entire team entered to serenade her and her family. Pearl's smile more than made up for the words she could not say as she watched the ladies sing her favorite hymns.

By the time the team left for the three hour drive back to CUC, the members and visitors at the Peers Church service had been blessed and filled with hope. Those with silent struggles felt empowered to face their future and the recipients of the impromptu serenade say they will remember the very kind actions of the beautiful ladies for years to come.

The program was developed to share and the CUC women's soccer team hopes to bless other congregations with their message. If you are interested in booking the team for this inspiring program, contact Jon Nichols at wesell@telus.net, 403-302-0800 or Sam Asante at sam@badgerinc.com, 403-391-8924.

— Nerissa McNaughton, Peers Church Member

Wills for Changing Lives

By Lynn McDowell



I get excited when I hear kids in the background of a phone conversation. When those calls are about planning for life's contingencies, I know that people are on top of their game, juggling the stuff of a happy life: birthday parties, family outings, constant change.

Talking with Rachel and Josh Boyko about their wills was an eye-opening experience. A young couple living in Lacombe and attending College Heights church with their two boys— Judah,

age 5 and Reuben, age 1—Rachel and Josh bring a refreshing perspective to the questions of “Why have a will?” and “How do you want to divide your legacy?”

Why a Will Now?

“For us,” says Rachel, “the biggest reason for having a will is to make sure the kids are taken care of. There’s a wide range of how people live their lives even within our families, and those differences become very important once you have kids. This is the only

way we can have control of the kind of upbringing our kids would have.”

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Perhaps their perspective on how to divide their legacy is influenced by Rachel’s entrepreneurial upbringing; it’s definitely influenced by Josh’s observation that paying his own way through college was the best thing that could have happened to him. But these young people value the Sabbath School that nurtures their children, and the

You can see and hear Josh & Rachel Boyko along with other real Alberta Adventists featured in the Means & Meaning column by going to www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning. These Means & Meaning videos will be released on DVD for use in your local church as they appear in the Alberta Adventist News.

Joshua & Rachel Boyko with sons Judah & Reuben



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church community that enriches their lives. They want to strengthen that community as well as their children. They want to foster a healthy balance between self-reliance and community-mindedness and responsibility.

“I don’t believe that giving children everything is the best thing for them,” says Josh, who met Rachel while work-

ing, as a student, at her family’s business. That experience changed Josh’s life in more ways than one. “I saw the difference between my friends who had their whole school bill paid and those who had to pay for it themselves.”

The Boykos see so many positive things in the church community that is helping them raise their sons, and a portion of their estate will help ensure that specific church programs remain strong. But they also see things that could be strengthened; depending on what life holds for them and the boys, a portion of Rachel and Josh’s estate may help the Conference to fill a gap that the couple sees.

After all, a will is for the living. Josh and Rachel want their boys—and the community that supports their values—to stay strong.

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Lynn McDowell
Director of Planned Giving | Philanthropy
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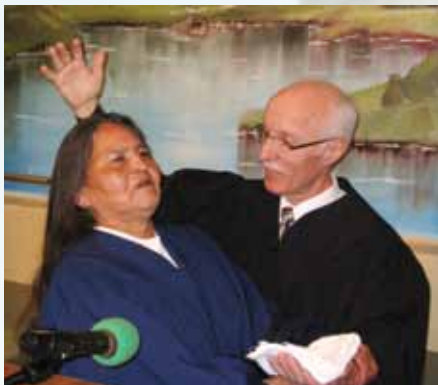
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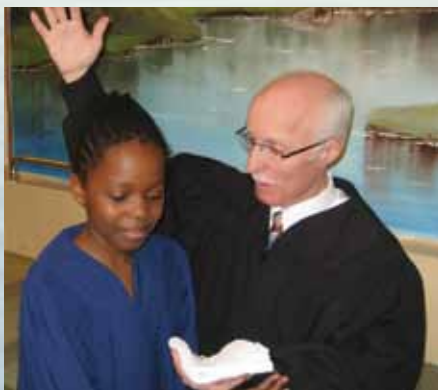
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L to R: Pastor Darrell Beaudoin, Tina Kaloa, Les LaBelle, Jonathan Geraci



L to R: Pastor Darrell Beaudoin, Gloria Eaglechild, Dave Stewart, Cristian Pasescu, Bob Meilke and Jonathan Geraci



Maria Meier with Pastor Olaf Clausen

Riley

Maria's "re-birth" was only a few days from her 17th birthday. Maria and her sister, Erin, came as foster children to begin a new life with Stewart and Nancy Clubb and family seven years ago. They have been cherished and loved by the Clubb's and the Riley church family ever since. Maria shared that Alberta camp meeting was when she felt ready to make the decision for baptism. In the following months, Maria studied with Pastor Olaf Clausen in preparation for this great event. Pastor Clausen officiated the baptism and gave comforting words from Isaiah 43.



Maria Meier and Friends at Ryley Church

Lacombe Community

The Lacombe Community Church family rejoiced as Sayge Bolig committed her life in baptism on October 27, 2012. Pastor Steve Reazor, PAA Chaplain, testified to Sayge's dedication to the Lord. Many of her family and friends were present to support her in this pivotal life decision.



Sayge Bolig & Pastor Steve Reazor

Three Miracles in Edson

On Sabbath, February 9, 2013, the church was full in Edson as the Whitecourt and Peers group joined for a baptism.

We had two people prepared for baptism – both were miracles. The first miracle was a recent widow who had been watching Doug Batchelor for 15 years. She had met two of the Peers members on a sleigh ride at the beginning of the New Year, and in the course of the conversation, found out about the Peers Company. She was invited to attend church the following Sabbath. She came, told us her story and said that she wanted to be baptized as she knew everything Seventh-day Adventists believed. She had even been keeping Sabbath at her home for some time.

The next miracle was a man that had wanted to be re-baptized. We had watched this man's transformation as he had been growing spiritually over the last year.

One man who was there at church was from Mayerthorpe and has his membership in Whitecourt. We had visited this man a few times at his home. He has only one leg and wears a prosthesis, so he got a ride with other members who live in Mayerthorpe. The one bright spot in his life is his nine year old son, Passcel. He attended church with his dad for the first time that day. During the children's story, we saw Passcel rush up to the front to be with the other children. We noticed that the little guy was very small for his age, and the amazing thing was that he walked just like his one-legged dad. He had such enthusiasm and was so

excited to be joining the other children.

Just after we all witnessed the wonderful baptism of the two candidates, Pastor Brian Bechtold made an appeal, as he always does before leaving the baptistry. Up jumped little Passcel so excited, saying, "I want to be baptized, I want to be baptized!" The dad said he had been sharing Jesus with his son whenever he could.

So Passcel was baptized along with the other two baptismal candidates. Tears were in the eyes of the congregation. After the baptism, gifts were given to each baptismal candidate. A rose was given to Passcel who carried it around like it was a treasure. Someone asked him if it smelled good. He put the rose to his little nose, took a deep breath and said, "It smells like God!"

Yes, we witnessed three miracles!

— Denise Bechtold



L to R: Pastor Bechtold, Brenda Sinclair, Passcel and Elmer Dubois who was rebaptized



Leroy Kunik with Pastor Toby Wong.

Sylvan Lake

Rachel Sybblis was baptized by Pastor Warren Kay at the Sylvan Lake Church on December 8, 2012



Smoky Lake Baptism

March 2 was an exciting day at Smoky Lake Church as members witnessed the baptism of Leroy Kunik by Pastor Toby Wong. After extensive Bible studies with Pastor Toby Wong and elder Sheldon Trenchuk, Leroy professed his love for Jesus and committed his life to Him. A celebratory fellowship dinner followed the baptism. We rejoice with Leroy and his family and welcome him into our church family. Glory to God!

— Cindy Yarosloski, Communications Director



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Announcements

Alberta Conference Email Address Change: Please note that the Alberta Conference emails are now using the "albertaadventist.ca" domain exclusively to stay consistent with the new Alberta Conference website <http://albertaadventist.ca>. The albertasda.org domain has been retired. Please adjust your contact lists accordingly. For a list of Alberta Conference office staff emails, please visit <http://www.albertaadventist.ca/staff>.

CHANGE School of Evangelism: On May 1, CHANGE School of Evangelism began at the CUC Physical Education Complex with 16 students attending. Using the theme of butterfly metamorphosis, the first month of the program focuses on the growth phase. Entomologist Dr. Thomson Paris from the University of Florida taught the students about the fascinating lives of butterflies with spiritual analogies. Also in the first week, Moncton's Pastor Metard Salomon taught on the subjects of Christian spirituality and prayer while SDACC President Mark Johnson spoke about evangelism.

Dealing With New Light and the 2520 Prophecy: The Alberta Conference does not endorse the teaching of the 2520 prophecy and is not the sponsor of any 2520 prophecy events. For more information, please see the article written by Pastor Larry Hall entitled, Dealing With New Light -

June (Pfannmuller) Weich was born June 29, 1926 and died peacefully on March 21, 2013 in Castor, Alberta. She is survived by her husband, Ben, of 63 years; daughter, Linda (Terry) Steinke; sons: Glen Weich and Kevin (Linda) Weich; 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Lorraine Fast. June's passions included family, nursing, knitting, crocheting, quilting.

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SAGE Alberta Project: Help Needed! The Drumheller Church is entering into a major Renovation/Building project, and SAGE is looking for qualified and skilled workers as well as those who are willing to serve as helpers. The projected timeline for this project is mid-May till the end of August. If you are able to help in any way during this time period even for a few days, please fill out the volunteer form on the brochure sent out to your church. The brochure is also online at www.SAGEAlberta.ca. For more information, please contact Darlene at (403) 342-5044 ext. 206 or Vic Fitch at (403) 343-7589.

Foothills Camp Additions: With a focus on children and families, the Alberta Confer-

ence is planning two new additions to Foothills Camp this year: a playground and a petting zoo. The large playground, which will be located by the pool, will include four slides and two gliders. The petting zoo will include goats, ducks and chickens, and will provide families with a perfect opportunity to teach their children about God's creation.

Alberta Camp Meeting 2013 Schedule: The theme for this year's Alberta Camp Meeting is "Walk with HIM" and the dates are July 12-20. A program schedule is now available online at <http://albertaadventist.ca/cm2013>. More information will be added as it comes available.

Conference Office Internet Problems: For the past 4-6 weeks we have been experiencing major Internet problems at the conference

office (extensive outages and slow bandwidth speeds) with our current provider. We are in the process of changing providers in the hopes that this will resolve our connection issues. We apologize for any inconvenience or frustration this has caused you when trying to contact any of the office staff either by phone or email.

Man Up Teen Basketball Camp for Ages 13-19: On May 30-June 2, Gerald Kazanowski, who played for the Canadian National Basketball team against some of the greats like Michael Jordan, will be teaching his world famous basketball skills and drills, and giving motivational talks on how to be a better Christian in the 21st century. For more information, please contact Lyle Notice at lnotice@albertaadventist.ca.

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Bentley Church	bentleyadventist.ca
Blackfalds Company	blackfaldsadventist.ca
Bonnyville Church	bonnyvilleadventist.ca
Boyle Church	boyleadventist.ca
Brooks Immanuel Church	brooksadventist.ca
Calgary Bethany French Company	bethenieadventiste.ca
Calgary Bridgeland Church	bridgelandadventist.ca
Calgary Central Church	calgarycentraladventist.ca
Calgary Central Spanish Church	calgarycentralspanishadventist.ca
Calgary Garden Road Church	gardenroadadventist.ca
Calgary Korean Company	calgarykoreanadventist.ca
Calgary M.E.T.R.O. Filipino Church	calgarymetrofilipinoadventist.ca
Calgary Maranatha Spanish Church	calgarymaranathaadventist.ca
Calgary Mountain View Church	mountainviewadventist.ca
Calgary Northwinds Company	northwindsadventist.ca
Calgary Parkdale Church	parkdaleadventist.ca
Calgary Southside Church	calgarysouthsideadventist.ca
Camrose Church	camroseadventist.ca
Canmore Mountain Sanctuary Company	canmoreadventist.ca
College Heights Church	collegeheightsadventist.ca
Cornerstone Community Church	cornerstoneadventist.ca
Drayton Valley Company	draytonvalleyadventist.ca
Drumheller Church	drumhelleradventist.ca
Edmonton African Fellowship Company	africanfellowship.ca
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Edmonton Central Spanish Church	edmontoncentralspanishadventist.ca
Edmonton Filipino Church	edmontonfilipinoadventist.ca
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Edmonton Korean Company	edmontonkoreanadventist.ca
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Peers Company	peersadventist.ca
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Rimbey Church	rimbeyadventist.ca
Rocky Mountain House Church	rockymountainhouseadventist.ca
Ryley Church	ryleyadventist.ca
Sedgewick Church	sedgewickadventist.ca
Sherwood Park Church	sherwoodparkadventist.org
Smoky Lake Church	smokylakeadventist.ca
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Strathmore Company	strathmoreadventist.ca
Sylvan Lake Church	sylvanlakeadventist.ca
Vegreville Church	vegrevilleadventist.ca
Warburg Church	warburgadventist.ca
Westlock Company	westlockadventist.ca
Wetaskiwin Church	wetaskiwinadventist.ca
Whitecourt Company	whitecourtadventist.ca
Yellowknife Church	yellowknifeadventist.ca

School Name	Website
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy	cwaa.net
College Heights Christian School	collegeheightschristianschool.ca
Coralwood Adventist Academy	coralwood.org
Higher Ground Christian School	highergroundchristianschool.ca
Mamawi Atosketan Native School	mamawiatosketan.ca
Office of Education	albertasdaedu.org
Peace Hills Adventist School	peacehillsadventistschool.ca
Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool	albertasadl.org
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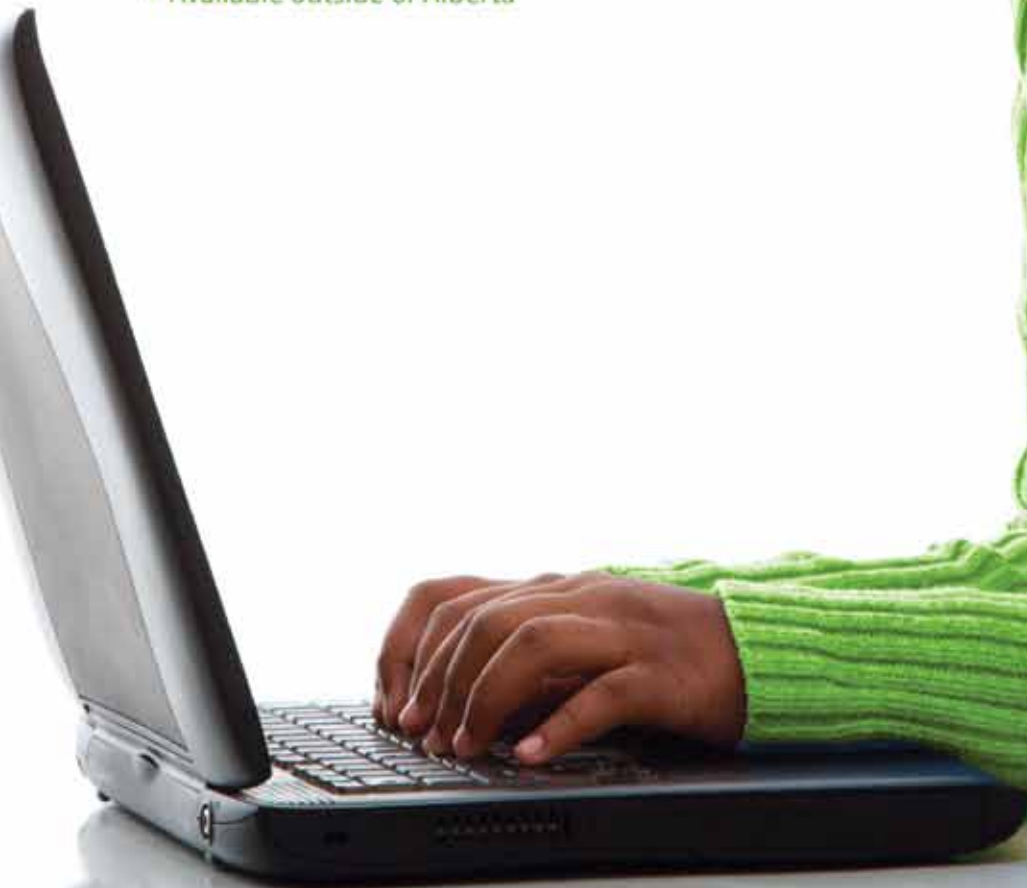


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