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From the president

Tell Alberta  
Tell Canada



## Churchianity Versus Christianity

I recently heard a television speaker use a term I had not previously heard to describe what he considered a contemporary issue. He used the word "Churchianity." My first reaction was to think he had just coined a new word. But curiosity getting the better of me, I went to my *Webster's Dictionary* to see if it was there, and sure enough there it was. The brief definition was "...excessive or sectarian attachment to the practices and interests of a particular church."

I guess that word adequately describes me and likely many of you. Yes, we are attached to the practices and interests of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We go to church on Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. We return our tithe and give our free will offerings. We support the church's world mission programs. We support Christian education. We may even try to practice the recommendations of the health message. And, the list can go on. But, is that all?

Interestingly enough, Gallup and Barna polls suggest that the churched, or those who call themselves evangelicals, differ very little from the non-churched or

the so called "pagan" world. In matters of honesty, covetousness, materialism, divorce, and physical and sexual abuse, the church goers (Churchianity) rank right up there with the non-churched. What is wrong?

Now there is a word with which we are all familiar and that is "Christianity" which defines those who profess belief in Jesus Christ and follow Him. Those who profess to be followers of someone have a relationship with the leader and they reflect that relationship in the way they live. (Just look at the Hare Krishnas—they even dress like their leader). Regrettably, too often the so called "churched" do not have a relationship with their leader, Jesus. That is where we can go wrong.

How is it with you? Which is best applicable to you? Churchianity or Christianity? Do you know your Leader?

In His service

Bill Olson

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# 91 Years Young Still Writing

Professor Boris Pache Publishes Second Book  
*IN THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS*

Ninety-one year old retired professor Boris N. Pache of Lacombe, Alberta is currently publishing a second inspirational storybook. *IN THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS* is a collection of thrilling, moving real-life stories for young people and for those "young at heart." It is excellent reading for Friday evening or Sabbath afternoon, but can be enjoyed any time.

Professor Pache's previous book, *BY WAYS I KNEW NOT*, is an account of his miraculous adventures during World War II. Copies of *BY WAYS I KNEW NOT* can often be found on Amazon.com. His large print second book is no less captivating as he shares Christian stories of his own and others, gleaned from experiences of abiding under God's wings.

*IN THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS* is available by contacting Boris Pache, Royal Oak Manor #110, 4501 College Avenue, Lacombe, AB T4L 2M8, or by calling 403-782-2099 for information.

*Meet Professor Pache*  
Boris Pache, B.Arch., B.Th., and B.Ed., holds an M.A. in French Language and Literature from McGill University, Montreal. During his professional career he taught at both Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario, and Canadian University College, Lacombe, Alberta. He was born and grew up in Bulgaria, but later lived and worked in Austria, France, Africa, Canada and the United States.



# Tell Alberta Tell Canada

# MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL *Praises God for a Special Gift*

"There's no way they'll fit all of that in their van," the husband in the COSTCO parking lot whispered loudly to his wife.

"Do you want to bet?" she replied. "They've done this before; I can tell."

"You're on," he answered.

As the man's wife had astutely noted, we HAD done this before. And so, with our tires nearly scraping the wheel wells, we pulled away in the old van. Loaded with COSTCO groceries for the breakfast and lunch program at the Alberta Conference Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS), we left a disappointed husband to settle his losses.

The cost of the groceries to feed our 130 First Nations students is mainly supported by local Adventist churches who forward ADRA rebate grants to MANS. Until recently, these frequent food purchases were transported with the help of a volunteer couple and their aging van. As the principal of the school, I am truly thankful to them, as one van-full would have required four or five 110 km return trips in my own vehicle.



*The keys to the new van were presented to Julie Bancarz, School Principal, by Pastor Romulo Daquila, Alberta Conference Vice President for Administration, on behalf of ADRA and the generous private donor. Ken Fox, Development Committee Chair and Pastor Ian Hartley, School Board Chair, looked on with appreciation*



*Continued on page 4 The students of Mamawi definitely approve of the new van!*

## AIRDRIE

### *Three ladies make public commitment for Christ*

On Sabbath morning, February 3, 2007, Airdrie Seventh-day Adventist Church members rejoiced in the public confession of three women for Christ. Sharron Stoyles and Aroline Prodaniuk were baptized, and



Joanne Albersworth was re-baptized by Pastor Michael Corbel into Christ and into fellowship of the Airdrie SDA Church.

Joanne was baptized at a young age and was already a member of the Airdrie family prior and just recently became a member of the Vegetarian Dinner Club committee. After attending an evangelistic series by Pastor Corbel, she learned new truths from God's Word and also became reconvicted of the Adventist message. She chose to recommit herself to Christ as a result.

Sharron was a friend of the church prior and made the Airdrie SDA Church her place of worship and fellowship for the past 18 years. Raised as an Adventist, she had been a part of church and junior camps and knew and

understood Adventist beliefs. She also attended some of Pastor Corbel's meetings and became reconvicted of the truth of the Adventist message as a result. With encouragement from a friend, she decided to respond to the drawing power of the Holy Spirit and make a courageous decision to take a public stand for Christ through baptism.

Aroline, who was not an Adventist prior, had already been studying the Bible before coming into contact with the Airdrie SDA Church. In her younger years, she questioned why the state of the dead and the Sabbath were not taught in the churches she attended. The answers came when her son and wife joined the Adventist church in Regina. Her husband passed away in BC this past year, and Pastor Cotton's kind support before and after the death further convinced Aroline of the need for a decision. Her son and family have since relocated to Ft. McMurray where she found the church there very friendly and caring. Aroline has also found the Airdrie Church to be the same way and was eager to join their fellowship. She requested baptism, and after studying with Pastor Corbel and going over the 28 fundamentals, she quickly affirmed and accepted all the truths of the Adventist Church.

The baptisms were held at the Olds SDA Church with almost a full house in attendance. The sister churches, friends and family, celebrated this joyous occasion with a magnificent dinner in honour of the candidates. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. Please pray for these precious souls who have made the most important decision of their lives and have embarked upon their journey as committed Adventist believers looking forward to the soon coming of Christ.

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#### *MAMAWI - Continued from page 3*

After several years of operating this way, early this spring the new MANS Development Committee, chaired by layman Ken Fox, decided to prioritize the acquisition of a new van, primarily for the school's feeding program. ADRA was contacted and approval was received for a matching grant. An anonymous private donor, who wishes to give the praise to God, contributed the matching funds to make the van possible. After negotiations between Ken and Red Deer Motors, the price of the van was lowered because of its planned use, and our dream of a school van was a reality.

The praise certainly does go to God for everything that was accomplished. With His blessing, ADRA and the

anonymous private donor have already made life a lot easier. Since we have owned the van, it has already made many trips for food and school supplies. The appreciation we feel to the Lord and to these donors is endless.

We look forward to experiencing other results as the new MANS Development Committee studies ways to make Alberta Conference members, and church members across Canada, more aware of the mission of the only Canadian Adventist First Nations school. We thank them for their dedication and hard work toward making Mamawi Atosketan Native School a success, all in the name of Christ.

*Julie Bancarz, Principal*

# Calgary Bridgeland



On May 4 to June 2, 2007, the Bridgeland SDA Church held a "Happy Family Bible Seminar" presented by Pastor Reynold Ferary. Some of the topics for discussion were: marital compatibility, managing stress, speaking in tongues, resolving conflicts, and where is the money? As a result of this program 18 people were baptized.

(Back row l-r) Maureen Mcneo Roberts, Brent Smith, Kristal Nurse, Kennedy Otieno Ayoo, Jendayi Ferary, Tori Rowe, Lisa Robinson, Shantea Richards, Stephanie Broomfield, Timi Abiola, Kealeboga (Kelly) Chirambo, Daniela Burla, Pastor Reynold Ferary (Front row l-r) Sheadene Morrison, Grace Achieng Ayoo, Shane Richards, Brigette Robinson, Kimberly Sikhosana, Lola Abiola

## Calgary Central Youth Pastor Says "I DO"

Pastor Ghena Girleanu and Beatrice Roman exchanged wedding vows on Sunday, August 5, 2007, at the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Ghena is youth pastor at the Central Church, and Beatrice is enrolled in the architecture course at SAIT. After their honeymoon in Mexico, the Girleanus settled in an apartment in Calgary.



## Calgary Southside Assists in a Philippine Crusade

Ephesians 4:11-13 says "And he Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

When Mila Cabrera went home for a holiday in the Philippines last December she was touched and convicted to help spread the good news. She then presented the matter to the Southside

Church board where it was agreed and voted that Southside Church would financially assist a healthy lifestyle seminar and an evangelistic meeting. The matter was coordinated by Pastor Jueles Bermudez, the district Pastor of Namnama SDA Church in Cabatuan, Isabela, Philippines.

Ground preparations were made on February 2007. Church members enrolled VOP students, and these students were visited by the members of Namnama during the week and on Sabbath afternoon. In March the church tried to classify the VOP students as to class A, B and C interest. However, a very dismal result came out. There was not even 10% of the enrollees indicating an interest to hear God's message. The assessment was very frustrating, but God said, "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19, 20)

May 2007, the Pastor and the church members conducted a livelihood seminar where people were taught to make virgin coconut oil, gluten and soy milk. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of May the Crusade finally started and a big crowd was present during the lecture. However, because of frequent rain and always no electricity the lectures were then moved to 2:00pm to 5:00pm instead of 7:00-9:00pm. The time slot of the lectures did not work very well for many of the people because they are in the fields during the day but still the crusade had to go on. On May 31 the Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital conducted a medical outreach right there at the crusade venue. They offered free medical check up, blood typing, FBS screening, circumcision among children, and giving free medicine.

The crusade went on, home visitation, and serenading did not stop. Along the way while at the midst of the crusade, many signified their intentions for baptism and accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Thus on June 3, 2007 seventeen souls were baptized by Pastor Gideon Ronas followed by 29 other souls on June 9, 2007.

God is coming soon. It is our responsibility to share the good news to others. Let us use our talents and resources by God's grace in order that the work of God will be brought to a mighty finish.



*First baptism on June 3, 2007*



*Medical Outreach - checked up, FBS screening, etc.*

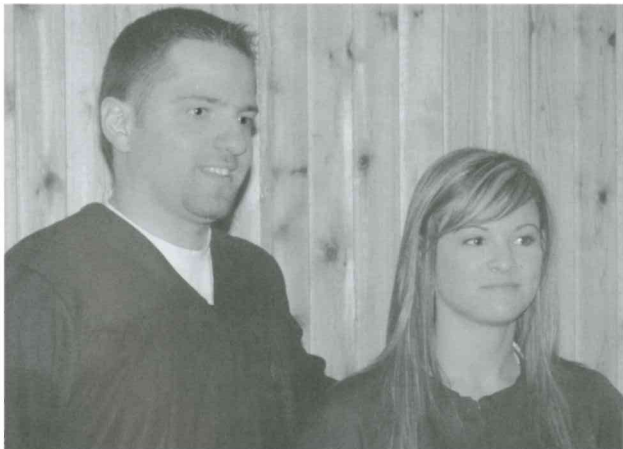
*Sally del Socorro*

# Edmonton South

On Sabbath, June 16, 2007, the Edmonton South Church had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Kaila Koperski, Kristina Bedard and Amanda & Henry

Klassen. What joy it was to welcome these four individuals into the family of God. Pastor Sam Millen officiated.

*Kaila Koperski*



*Henry Klassen*



*Kristina Bedard*



*Amanda Klassen*

# Red Deer

*Angelina Pierette Bouz, daughter of Roman and Diane Bouz, was dedicated to God on August 4, 2007, before witnesses at the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Ian Hartley presiding.*



## Vegreville “Kids in the Kitchen”

Only eight children attended the Vacation Bible School in Vegreville July 16-20, 2007—but they learned a lot! The theme chosen for this summer’s program was “Kids in the Kitchen.” In spite of limited help in running

the program, everyone had a wonderful time. A gentleman from Tofield SDA Company did a fantastic job of telling the Bible story. He is not yet an Adventist but is very gifted in working with children.



## Peace River “Avalanche Ranch”

It’s hard to say who receives the greater blessing at our VBS, the kids who come or those who work with the kids. For the young at heart “Avalanche Ranch” Vacation Bible School was the place to be in Peace River this past July. This year 50 beautiful enthusiastic children came to

take “A Wild Ride Through God’s Word.”

Many of the kids who have gone through our VBS program in past years are now volunteers, helping to make this a very exciting and anticipated program for the Peace River community.

Some have said this was the best year ever! The energy was high and the kids had a great time. Crafts, songs, friends, snacks, and learning about God’s Word and His awesome love, were the excitement and adventures of the week.

The VBS concluded with a supper and program for the kids and their families on Friday evening, and everyone left with a sense that we care for them and their children. Only God knows how far reaching the impact of VBS ministry will have been when Jesus comes to take us to our heavenly home.

*Pastor Dave Beaudoin*





# Yellowknife

# “Avalanche Ranch in the Territories?”



children were divided into four groups headed by two leaders and each group moved from station to station so that everyone had the opportunity to participate in all the daily activities.

On Friday, July 13, at the closing ceremony, 36 children who never missed a single day received certificates and awards in the presence of their parents and other relatives. The children learned to work as a team. They memorized at least five verses of Scripture testifying that our God, the Creator of the universe, is powerful, He is strong and mighty and is full of love and mercy especially to the children. They made wonderful crafts which they took home, and they made new friends.

The children are urging their parents to begin to pre-register them now for next year's Vacation Bible School to secure places for themselves. They asked the VBS staff to extend the time of the VBS to at least two weeks long because they had so much fun.

## **“A cowboy ranch in Yellowknife?”**

someone asked. “That’s unheard of! How can one keep a ranch in a rocky place like Northwest Territories?” But it is true! Ask the 45 children who spent a week participating in this year’s Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School in the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church gymnasium on July 9-13, 2007, and they will tell you that there is truly a cowboy ranch in Yellowknife.

About 15 members of the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church transformed the gymnasium into a ranch. Sheila Cruz, Children’s Ministry leader and director of the Vacation Bible School, took two weeks off from work to lead out in the preparation and the actual programs.

The activities began daily at 2:00pm and ended at 5:00pm. The activities included: praise and prayer time, scripture memorization, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks. The



# Canada Youth Challenge Appreciation Ceremony

Twenty-four of the twenty-eight students who participated in the Canada Youth Challenge program in Alberta for the months of June to August were present at the CYC appreciation ceremony held at the Calgary Garden Road Church August 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

The students who came from different Adventist colleges and universities sold over \$150,000.00 worth of books and magazines in Edmonton and Calgary within a little over six weeks. Fourteen students stayed at the Edmonton Central Church. These students did not only sell books but, they also helped to distribute hand-bills inviting people to attend the evangelistic series in Edmonton. The other team of fourteen students used the Calgary Garden Road Church as their home base.

At the appreciation ceremony, students shared their testimonies of how God has blessed them in many marvelous ways such as: protection from possible dangers, opportunities were granted them to pray with different types of people and various kinds of needs, sold books in unlikely places, shared the love of Jesus to countless individuals, have invited several individuals to attend church

and have actually seen them attend church services and are now regular attendees.

In many occasions the people they visited asked them if they were angels because of the glow that these people have seen on their faces. The students testified that this is a ministry where they actually experienced daily manifestations of God's power in their lives.

Jonathan Zita who has been with the CYC for over ten years is the overall director of this program. The CYC program was started in Ontario, and this the first time that this is extended to Alberta.

The students who participated in this program came from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Africa, United States, Korea, and from Montreal. When asked whether they would recommend this program to others, almost everyone indicated that they would. When asked if they would come again next year, nine hands went up. Some of the students will be graduating next year.

Only eternity will tell the saving effect of the Canada Youth Challenge ministry in Alberta this summer.

*Romi Daquila, Vice President for Administration*



*Johnathan Zita, Canadian Director of the CYC program, (front row left) and leaders for Edmonton area (back) and Calgary area (front).*

## "SHARE HIM" FIRE

In March 2006, my wife and I went to Ethiopia on a "Share Him" project. Our evangelistic campaign started March 10 in Addis Ababa. It was my first time, and I enjoyed it very much. The people were very eager to hear about Jesus and His love. They took us into their hearts. We were very blessed, and we saw the working of the Holy Spirit.

This year in March 2007, the Peace River Church held a reaping meeting March 2-17. Due to very bad winter weather, rain, snow, and freezing rain, we had

very poor attendance. Opening night we had 35 in attendance with seven non-Adventists. Average attendance was eight per night with three or four non-members. Some came faithfully every night and took notes. There were no baptisms, however, one person is still attending church every Sabbath.

I am ready to go again! I have caught the fire and like to go where God wants me to be. I am praying for that end.

*Eckhard Christen*

# Raise a Tower with VOAR Christian Family Radio

Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR) is the only radio station operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada – radio that changes lives for good; radio that brings a message of hope to all people. VOAR has been given the opportunity to erect re-broadcast towers in remote places all over Canada. Members working with local churches could rally together to raise up towers in their communities.

All those who are interested in raising up repeater towers in their area may login to [www.raiseatower.ca](http://www.raiseatower.ca), check the document on how to get started, download the application form and **submit your application to the Alberta Conference.**

Let us all be part in preaching the message of salvation through Jesus Christ in all villages, towns and cities of Alberta and all over Canada through VOAR.

## Dateline

Oct	8	Thanksgiving Day
	12-14	Local Church Treasurer's Workshop, Foothills Camp
		FLY Youth Evangelism, Sylvan Lake
	19-21	EXCOM / ADCOM Retreat, Jasper
	28	K-12 Board
		Adventurer Fun Day, College Heights
Nov	2-4	Highschool Age Youth Rally Volleyball Tournament, CUC
	4	Back to Standard Time
	7-10	Jr High Central Alberta Youth Rally CHCS
	11-16	SDACC Year-end & Board Meetings, Oshawa
	16-17	Edmonton Youth Rally
	23-25	New Believer's Weekend, Foot hills Camp
Dec	noon 24-Jan 1	Office closed for Christmas break – reopens Jan 2, 2008
Jan	13-15	Pastor's Meetings, Foothills Camp

# Attention!

## University of Alberta Students

Are you attending the U of A this fall? If so, and you are interested in being involved in ministry, or you just want to know what's happening on campus, email [campus\\_advent@hotmail.com](mailto:campus_advent@hotmail.com) to be added to the mailing list and keep up to date with what's going on. If you have any ideas for things you would like to see happen, your suggestions would also be appreciated. Come make the most of your University experience!

## IN MEMORY

**Douglas (Doug) Jamie Dean** Born June 17, 1948 and passed away August 23, 2007. He will be greatly missed by his family: brothers Bill (Marj Dagg) and George; sister Barb Billingsley, Aunt Marion Ballentine of Sarnia, ON; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the Grand Manor staff. He was a member of the Edmonton Central SDA Church

**Darlene Louise Dubilowski** Passed away April 28, 2007 in Edmonton, AB. She leaves to mourn her loving family: husband Peter; two sons Dale and Toby (Brenda) Dubilowski; four grandchildren; mother Lorene Kirzy; mother-in-law Luba Pangras; brother Richard (Wendy) Kirzy; sisters Valerie (Bob) Stewart, Christine Harnum and Linda (Bruce) Stewart; brother-in-law Jerry (Shayla) Dubilowski, sisters-in-law Marie Pangras and Lydia Neufeld; several nieces, nephews, family and friends. Darlene was a member of the Edmonton Central SDA Church.

**Roy Looyenga** Born October 1, 1923, and passed away May 25, 2007 in Saskatoon, SK. He is survived by his wife Johanna, sons Roy Jr (Donna), Cliff (Bethany), daughter Johanna (Don) Nischuk, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Brother Looyenga served as a deacon for many years and sang with the Men of Faith men's chorus. He was a member of the Lacombe Community SDA Church.



# Alberta Conference Staff Updates

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Celina, Aaron, Grace *Lethbridge Dist.*



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Condrón & Anthony, Nathan  
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Adam (Angela)  
Deibert & Austin,  
Anthony  
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Sherwood Park District*



Bob (Gabriele) Pohle  
*Lloydminster & Bonnyville District*



Moises (Katlyn) Ruiz  
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*Edmonton South*



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Toby (Rachel) Wong  
*Chinook Winds Adventist Academy  
Chaplain*



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*Home Schooling & Distance Learning  
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Suzie Jecrois-Pierre  
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*Chinook Winds Adventist Academy*

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