

Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Tell Alberta Tell Canada

From the president

Recently, September 15-17, the 16th regular meeting of the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada took place in Oshawa, Ontario. The theme of the weekend meetings was "Tell Canada!" The theme was not one intended to last only for the duration of the weekend meetings but was to echo across Canada from conference to conference and from church to church. Gem Fitch, a member of our conference, wrote and composed the theme song, **Tell Canada**, which I hope you will all have an opportunity to learn.



In a specially prepared DVD, the President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, Pastor Dan Jackson, outlined the plan for activating this theme in our conferences, churches, and companies over the next five years. Special goals for (1) Proclaiming Christ, (2) Nurturing Believers, and (3) Serving Humanity were addressed. In addition to the DVD presentation, this is all outlined in a brochure captioned TELL

CANADA! It is the intention of the Alberta Conference administration that every church should receive and see the DVD and that every church member should receive a copy of the brochure. It is our hope and prayer that it will stimulate energetic action to, indeed, share and tell what we know about a loving God and soon coming Saviour.

Just in case someone may not have a chance to see the DVD or read the brochure, I want to briefly outline the specific goals right here where you can read them:

Proclaiming Christ

- To encourage every congregation in Canada to conduct one outreach event in their community on an annual basis.
- To invite each member to spend at least one hour per week focusing on some activity outside the doors or the programs of the church in order to assist unchurched people in their community.
- To encourage one third of our membership to commit to reaching one soul for Christ during the next five years.
- To plant, over the next five years, 150 new congregations throughout the nation.

Nurturing Believers

- To encourage our members to spend at least ten minutes per day in addition to what they already spend reading God's Word.



"Have you something to share? Have you something to tell . . . Jesus is coming soon!"

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- To encourage every congregation to develop a team of prayer warriors who will not only pray for the community but also intercede for the church, the conference and the union.
- To encourage and facilitate our pastors to become great preachers of the Word of God.
- To encourage and facilitate our teachers to be academicians who are, first and foremost, trainers of youth for service in the world and in the world to come.
- To ensure that our institutions are positively Seventh-day Adventist in their mission and approach.

Serving Humanity

- To foster the growth of the ADRA Canada National and International Programs through renewal, appropriation and strategic leadership.
- To work with ADRA Canada National Program leadership in order to involve more young people in STORMCO projects throughout Canada.
- To encourage every church in Canada to find a niche where it can serve its community outside the doors of the church.
- To encourage the development of at least ten new community-oriented service projects in Canada within the next five years.

Stop now and think a bit about what you have just read. Can you see what you and your church can do towards meeting these goals? Have you something to share? Have you something to tell? Where can you apply the talents that God has given to you for His glory? There are lost souls all around you. You have something to tell them. Jesus is coming soon! When He comes may each of us hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" because, indeed, we have told Alberta.

Toonie a Week

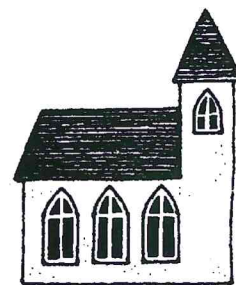
The Alberta Conference Executive and Administrative Committees in their joint meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2006 voted to approve the concept of the Church and School Building Investment Project.

The concept approved was to encourage each church member to give at least \$2 per week towards the church and school building project. There is going to be a special collection of this gift once a month. The total collection will be divided equally into three and distributed to three churches and schools who have met the specified criteria.

Just think of this possibility: If only a third of our members faithfully participate in this investment project we will be able to distribute each year a total of \$312,000. Instead of the regular \$10,000 subsidy from the conference, the churches and schools that qualify will be receiving more than \$100,000.

The criteria for qualification to benefit from this project will be developed and sent to all churches and schools. Promotion coordinators will be appointed to represent each region of the conference. Promotional materials will also be made available to all members.

"A toonie a week
Builds churches and schools quick"



In 2001 the Alberta Conference hosted the first-ever Canadian SEEDS Church Planting Seminar. Since then, no less than eight other Personal Ministry Evangelism Training seminars have been conducted in this province; none, however, has generated the kind of enthusiasm and infectious spirit as has been demonstrated by the Global Evangelism BOOT CAMP, September 29-30, 2006, at Foothills Camp. One week prior to the event there was doubt as to the viability of this seminar as only 106 people had registered and many of those were the pastors in our conference. A week later, however, we had to discontinue registrations after 360 people had expressed their interest in attending.

What was the reason for this marvelous response to an evangelism training event? There is a desire to learn how to conduct inexpensive, effective, lay-led soul winning. Speaker Bob Folkenberg Jr. did a superb job of teaching, enthusing, and encouraging all to feel the need to be involved in evangelism on a daily basis. He called it 'Evangeliving' – making evangelism a way of life.

When asked the question, Why are Global Evangelism Boot Camps so successful world wide versus many other forms of training? His reply was, "the accountability process is built into the program." Pastors are to support and guide the laity even though the outreach is the responsibility of the person in the pew. During the training, people were encouraged to sit in church groups with their pastor to begin making plans and setting dates for their first two meetings in 2007 and to understand the process of accountability.

The movie, "The Harvest" from Campus Crusade for Christ, generated quite a sensation of emotional energy so that every church was desirous of obtaining their own copy. The group was also treated to a very inspiring video presentation by Elder Bob Folkenberg Sr. which created much clarity for many, as it clearly portrayed *the grace of God and how to share it with others*. Over and over again Bob Jr. indicated that 'The Seed is in the Harvest' – that it is really important to use those who have recently been converted as the ones who are the best evangelists for inviting people to the next event.

What a tremendous response! One hundred ninety-three people signed up to be involved as speakers, associate



Boot camp attendees met in the Primary building at Foothills Camp



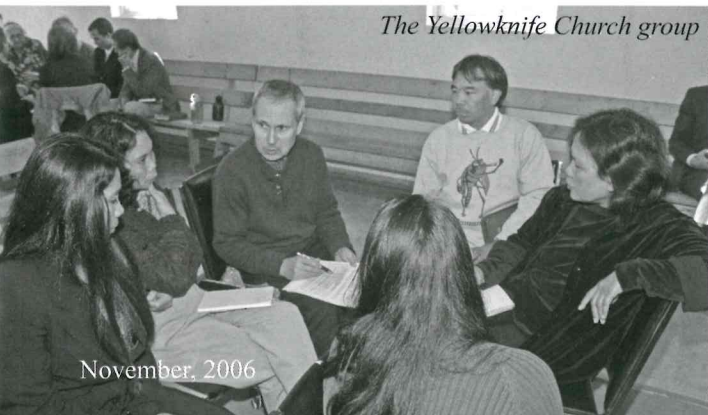
Elder Bob Folkenberg Jr, guest presenter

speakers and helpers in evangelistic activities soon to be conducted throughout Alberta. BOOT CAMP II is planned for January 2007 where the speakers will get the necessary training to equip them to go forward as a mighty army doing great exploits for God.

What a wonderful day for Alberta, when not only the lay people were set on fire, but pastors, conference administrators, departmental leaders, and other support staff not only attended the training but also indicated an interest in being involved in this outreach possibility.

We must extend our special thanks to those who spent many hours organizing the whole event and to the conference for their generous support, not only by attending physically, but also providing the meals without cost, and to the cooks who bravely accommodated all of the people who came – they did a splendid job. And, definitely many thanks to "Global Evangelism-Share Him" for generously providing us with this free training. Thank you to all who shared and came. Hold the flame high; *pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers.*

Pastor John Adams, Ministerial and Evangelism Director



The Yellowknife Church group



Bonnyville

Former pastor of the Bonnyville Church, Darrell Beaudoin, has this report on evangelism outreach:

Another prophecy seminar was held in Bonnyville. The first ten nights were in a rented hall and then moved to the church taking about 14 non-church members with us for the remainder of the seminar.



Local Church News

When the topic of God's last day church came and decision cards were handed out, ten indicated baptism and membership into God's remnant church. Four were baptized on Sabbath, May 27, including my first born son Aaron and a young church member from Beauvallon.

Seven more have been attending church since then and have indicated their willingness to join our church family and are preparing for baptism.

Over all, the church members are ecstatic about the success since we've added another ten new members and friends to our congregation.

Our little church is reaching seating capacity. We've seen about 50 new members join our little church in Bonnyville in the past four years and about 20 members in Lloydminster.

"Evangelism works for those who work it."

*Pastor Darrell Beaudoin
Fort McMurray*

NEW "GATOR" FOR FoothILLS CAMP

The maintenance department of Foothills Camp is the proud recipient of a brand new John Deere "Gator" – thanks to the members of the Loyalist Church. Pictured here is Murray Sankey presenting the keys to Foothills Camp Maintenance Manager, Tom Openshaw, while Bill Olson, Alberta Conference President, and Ron Letniak and Alex Tym of the Loyalist Church look on. The staff of Foothills Camp and the administration of the Alberta Conference greatly appreciate how the Loyalist Church members recognized a need and rose to the occasion by providing this vehicle which will be so beneficial in the day-to-day operation of our conference campground.



Local Church News

Bridgeland

There was a baptism during the "Happy Family Bible Seminar" at the Bridgeland Church in Calgary on May 5-28, 2006. The speaker for the seminar was Pastor Reynold Ferary.

Stephon Duodu



↑(l-r): Ian Phiri, Thamar Mwizerwa, Pastor Ferary, Owen Chigumira, Kenneth Kapiniak, and Emily Kapiniak.



←(l-r): Jackie Douglas, Valencia Lamontagne, Delano Christopher Nelson, Dorit Foster, Pastor Ferary, Nothani Sikhosana, Terry Afflick, Leisa Afflick.

Brooks

September 2, 2006, was a memorable Sabbath for our own Seventh-day Adventist group here in Brooks, Alberta. Situated on the Brooks Museum grounds is one of the first Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Alberta. In 1940 Elder Farnsworth donated this church to the Brooks Seventh-day Adventist Church, with the structure finally ending up as part of the present day area known as Heritage Park. The Brooks Seventh-day Adventist group has the privilege of meeting in this heritage church once a year. This year was every bit as special as in years past.

A country gospel group from Medicine Hat led by Marcel Corbel provided us with a beautiful sacred musical program, and Mr. Corbel was also kind enough to deliver the sermon of the day.

In attendance on this special Sabbath were pioneer members Betty and Otto Herman of Hays, Viola Schafer, and Evelyn Flanagan of Brooks. Pioneer member Mrs. Alameda Wiebe was unable to attend that day. All the members would like to state what an honor and a privilege it is to have these dear members still attending the church in Brooks. When the service was over everyone enjoyed a wonderful fellowship dinner.

The Adventist group in Brooks meets each Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. in the little house church on 2nd Street. Join us at 437-2nd Street West.

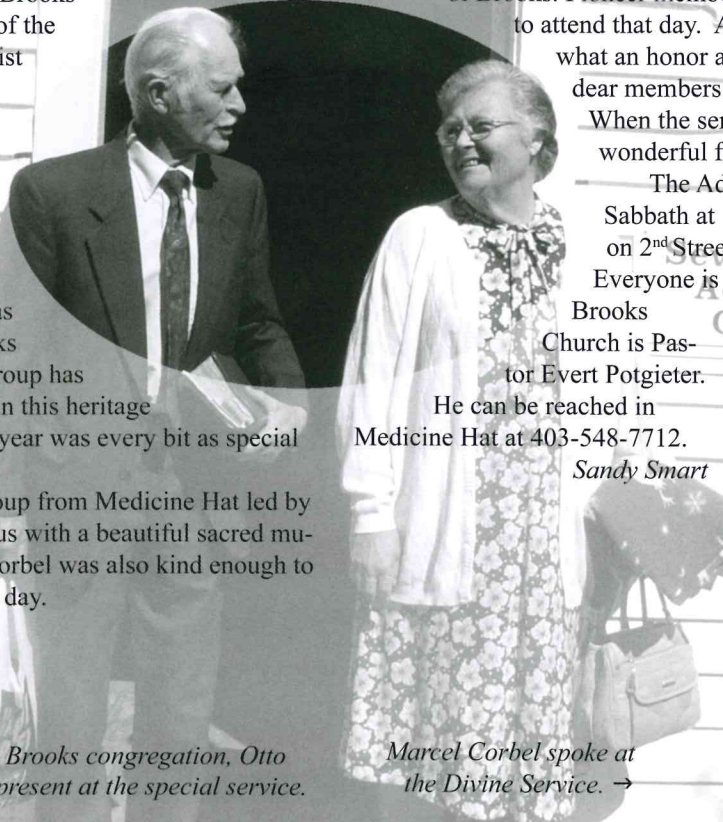
Everyone is welcome! Our new pastor for the

Brooks

Church is Pastor Evert Potgieter.

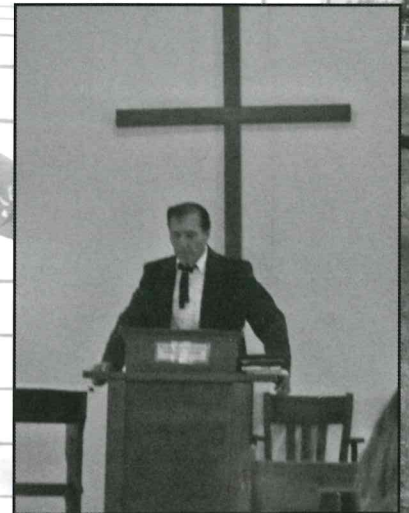
He can be reached in Medicine Hat at 403-548-7712.

Sandy Smart



↑Pioneer members of the Brooks congregation, Otto and Betty Herman, were present at the special service.

Marcel Corbel spoke at the Divine Service. →





Bonnie and Wolfram Hackenberg looked so classy in their vintage outfits.

Alberta Conference Celebrates 100 Years!

Four generations of Parade Marshall Anna Samograd (l-r): Daughter Lillian Matiko, Great-Grandson Michael Matiko, Anna Samograd, and Grandson Everett Matiko



On July 9, 2006 the Alberta Conference began its week long birthday celebrations with a Centennial Parade. The day was bright and sunny; perfect for a parade! Our parade marshall was Mrs. Anna Samograd who will soon be celebrating her 96th birthday. She was also the first MV leader for the Innisfree Church. Under her leadership, all her children participated in the MV program. We were proud to have her and four generations of Pathfinders in her family lead the parade. Excited parade watchers lined the parade route, some in lawn chairs, some standing, and still others watching from the comfort of their campsite.

Highlights of the parade included: antique vehicles, Pathfinder clubs, Adventurer clubs, horses, a float, people dressed in vintage clothing, a group from India dressed in their Native garments, clowns, the camp boat, the Airdrie Church group, former Pathfinders and Adventurers, retired pastors and conference employees, and many more. Bonnie Hackenberg, dressed from head to toe in her grandmother's outfit, helped us reminisce about the turn of the century—A time of early beginnings for the church in Alberta.

Thank you to all who participated in the parade and who helped make it a success! Happy 100th Birthday!

Carol Morton
Pathfinder Coordinator

Local Church News

Camrose

On Sabbath morning, June 24, 2006, Marie Freemark entered into the waters of baptism in a public declaration of her recommitment to her Saviour. Marie had been baptized many years ago but had strayed from her Adventist faith. She returned to church a few years ago and has become a valued member of the Camrose Adventist Church. Marie felt convicted during recent evangelism in Camrose, conducted by Evangelist Justis St. Hilaire, that she needed to be rebaptized and fully recommit herself to Jesus publicly. She went through Bible studies with Pastor Bob Burke, and these studies culminated in her rebaptism. Marie's Camrose Church family rejoice and look forward to continued fellowship and worship with her.

Pastor Bob Burke



Marie Freemark and Pastor Bob Burke

Fairview

When Pastor Dave returned from camp meeting there was a message on his answering machine from someone he'd never met asking for baptism. Almost one month to the day after that call was returned, Donald Schweigert was baptized into the Fairview Adventist Church on Sabbath, August 19. His addition to our fellowship is a testament to the effectiveness of friendship evangelism and the Discover Bible School.

When Don moved back into the Fairview area, he renewed a friendship with his cousin Lynn Johnson and her family. He found that when he had questions of a spiritual nature, they gave answers from the Bible. Soon Don and the Johnson family began to study the Bible, and they enrolled him in the Discover Bible School.

The Holy Spirit started to convict Don of changes he needed to make in his life, and Don began to attend church on occasion. After he completed the Discover Bible School, Don called Pastor Dave and asked for baptism. When Pastor Dave studied with Don, he found that Don already had a good understanding of Adventist beliefs and practices. And so the Fairview Church joyously accepted Don and his two young boys, Jessie and Alexander, into our family.

Pastor David Hamstra



Don (left) and Pastor Dave Hamstra

The Hows Celebrate Their 70th

On Monday, October 23, 2006, Elder and Mrs. Norman How celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Edmonton where they both had lived for some time.

On August 20th, at a time when family and friends were able to attend, a festive dinner was held in the Canadian University College dining room. Family came from California, New Westminster, Airdrie, and Edmonton to mark the event, and a number of local friends helped make this a memorable occasion.

The Hows served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for a number of years in locations all across Canada including the Alberta Conference, British Columbia Conference, Newfoundland, and Oshawa, ON, from where he retired in 1980 as secretary of the Church for Canada. After retirement, a call was accepted to serve as acting secretary for the Egypt field, and thirteen interesting months were spent working in Cairo.

The Hows are living in Lacombe, where they attend the College Heights Church. Their son David, and his wife Vivienne (Gray) live in nearby Morningside, and their other son, Fred and his wife Beverly (Tetz) are located in Loma Linda. They have four grandchildren and one great grandson.



Peace River

Vacation Bible School is one of the greatest opportunities we have to reach all people, especially children and preschoolers, during the summer months. For the Peace River Adventist Church, it continues to be one of the most productive special events in terms of both finding prospects and leading them to the Lord. This year was the best ever, with 50 children attending, the energy was high, and the kids had a great time.

For many parents in the community the week long VBS program is a must-go-to event and is scheduled in every summer. Parents say their kids sing the songs all through the week when they're at home. They love the crafts, they make new friends, but most of all they are being introduced to Jesus in a dynamic way. There are many ways to break down prejudice in the community, and our VBS is one of the best ways we have.

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 many will be saved because of VBS ministry outreach.

Pastor David Beaudoin

It is the reward of Christ's workers to enter into His joy. That joy, to which Christ Himself looks forward with eager desire, is presented in His request to His Father, "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am."

The redeemed will meet and recognize those whose attention they have directed to the uplifted Saviour. What blessed converse they will have with these souls! "I was a sinner," it will be said, "without God and without hope in the world; and you came to me, and drew my attention to the precious Saviour as my only hope. And I believed in Him. I repented of my sins, and was made to sit together with His saints in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Others will express their gratitude to those who fed the hungry and clothed the naked. "You brought me food for my physical necessities, and you opened to me the word of God, awakening me to my spiritual needs. You treated me as a brother. You sympathized with me in my sorrows, and restored my bruised and wounded soul, so that I could grasp the hand of Christ that was reached out to save me. In my ignorance you taught me patiently that I had a Father in heaven who cared for me."

What rejoicing there will be as these redeemed ones meet and greet those who have had a burden in their behalf! And those who have lived, not to please themselves, but to be a blessing to the unfortunate who have so few blessings,—how their hearts will thrill with satisfaction!

Excerpts from Gospel Workers, pp 516-519

Fifty children in Peace River attended the Vacation Bible School

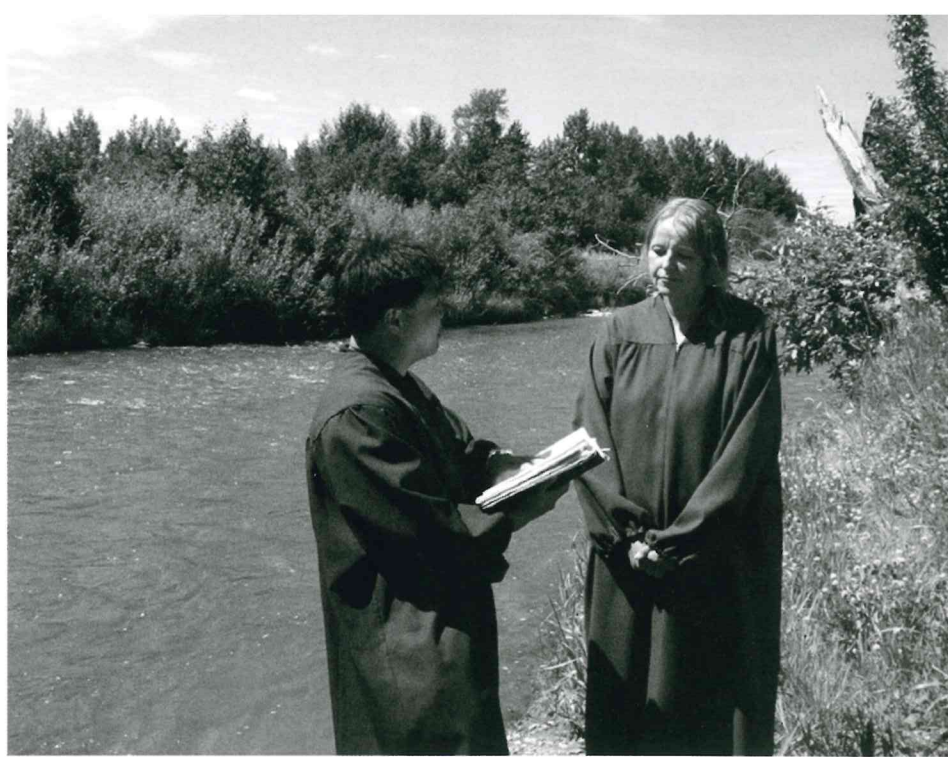


Ponoka

Evangelism on All Levels

The Ponoka Adventist Church welcomes Lorna Piel into the family of Christ here in Ponoka. It all began with friendship evangelism, right up to the invitation to a series of evangelistic seminars at the College Heights Church. In turn with many prayers and Bible Studies done by our Ponoka members, Lorna Piel accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. It is truly a revival for us to see someone on fire for the Lord. We believe that evangelism works on all levels. It all begins with our friendship in Christ and His promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Toby Wong



Sedgewick

Adventist Couple Honoured for Years of Community Service

On Saturday evening April 1, 2006, Harry and Fredella Anderson enjoyed a special evening as the Battle River Community Foundation held a Community Builders' Dinner and Auction in their honour.

Harry and Fredella are members of the Sedgewick (Merna) Adventist Church near Sedgewick, Alberta. The dinner and auction were held to recognize their many years of service to their surrounding communities. The Anderson family is well known for their musical talents. Harry is in demand for miles around for his singing, and Fredella is an accomplished pianist.

The 300 tickets that were sold for the event went quickly, and the Forestburg Community Hall was filled to capacity with family and friends who wanted to share in this special evening with them. Long-time friend and fellow church member Dale Jones led out in the charity auction and garnered quite a few laughs at their expense. The auction raised several thousands of dollars with the "big ticket item" being an autographed Shane Doan Phoenix Coyotes jersey which sold for \$1200. Another item that was auctioned for top dollar was a home-baked pie which sold for \$1000.

The night wouldn't have been complete without Harry singing, and he was joined by his three daughters as they performed an entertaining rendition of "The Wonder of You." Harry commented that, "It's a wonderful feeling to have people want to do this for us. There is a lot of satisfaction in being able to help people. I really appreciate their (The Battle River Community Foundation) willingness to do this and honour us in this way."

Harry has served in a variety of positions, including head elder, in the Sedgewick Church for many years, and Fredella was recently recognized by the congregation for over 30 years of serving as the church clerk among many duties and positions.

Pastor Bob Burke



Sherwood Park

Sherwood Park Church members bid a reluctant farewell to Pastor Evert and Lorette Potgieter at a special fellowship dinner in their honour on Sabbath, August 26. During their four years at Sherwood Park, the Potgieters have exemplified a deep commitment to their pastoral calling and have done their utmost to promote spiritual growth in the congregation. They actively supported church projects, were keen participants in developing the CHIP program at Sherwood Park (see photo), and were deeply involved in evangelism and personal outreach through Bible studies. They leave the church "on the move" in the Fort Saskatchewan area, hoping eventually to plant a new church there. The Sherwood Park members wish the Potgieters God's blessing as they continue their pastoral ministry in Medicine Hat.

Corrine Vanderwerff



Pastor Evert and Lorette Potgieter

Thank You from Sudanese Students and Teachers

Pastor Miroslav Didara, President of the Sudan Field, has just confirmed that the container from Alberta containing school supplies for students in Sudan has been received and delivered.

Earlier this year Alberta Pathfinders and church members from Alberta and British Columbia gathered school supplies for hundreds of displaced children in Seventh-day Adventist schools in and around the city of Khartoum, Sudan.

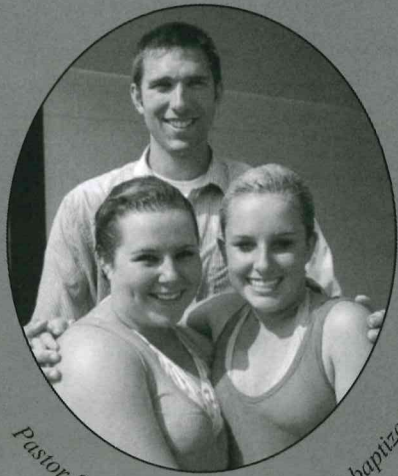
This was an effort sponsored by the Mountain View Church, and significant support was provided by ADRA Canada as well as the Alberta Distribution Relief Agency. The West Ridge Company also made a significant donation towards the purchase of a photocopier for the largest school in Khartoum.



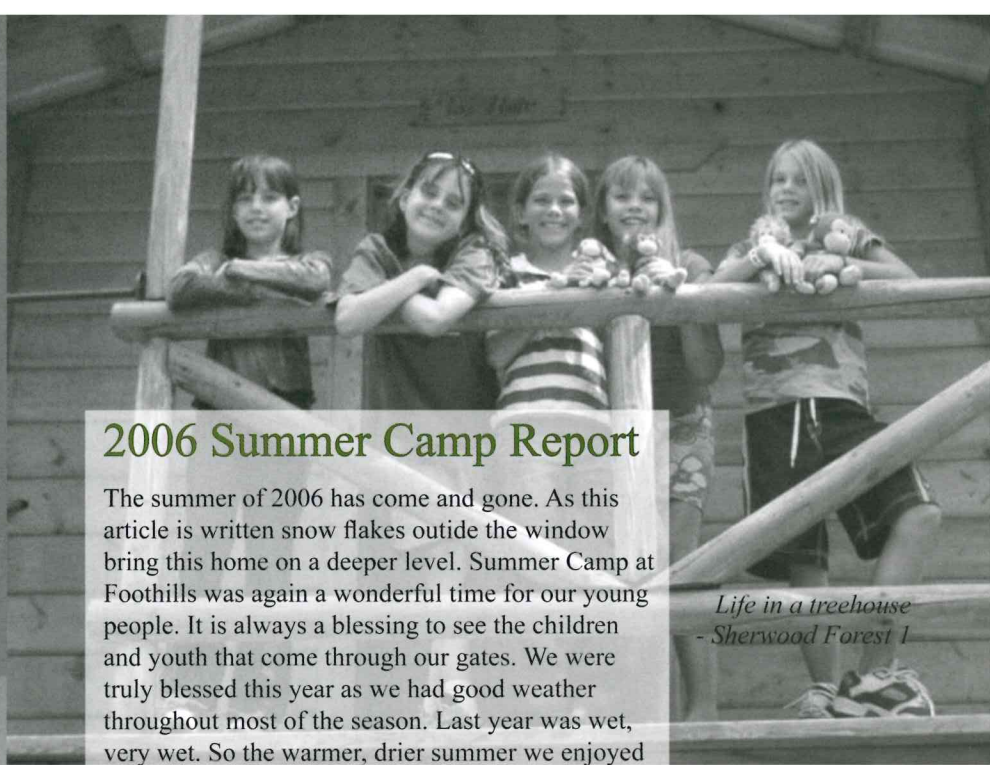
Pathfinders and parents around the province diligently prepared shoe boxes full of school supplies for all of the students. More than 850 shoeboxes were gathered. Other items sent in this container included, 350 chairs donated by the Calgary Central Church, and Richard Thorp of Calgary donated blackboards, desks, chalk, and Astro-Turf for the dusty mud floors.

I could never thank all the people that chose to give to this worthy cause, but believe me the children of Sudan are very happy and grateful! The teachers and students thank each of you for everything you gave. Please keep them in your prayers.

*John & Debby
Bullock*



Pastor Steve Reasor with two newly-baptized young ladies



Life in a treehouse - Sherwood Forest 1

2006 Summer Camp Report

The summer of 2006 has come and gone. As this article is written snow flakes outside the window bring this home on a deeper level. Summer Camp at Foothills was again a wonderful time for our young people. It is always a blessing to see the children and youth that come through our gates. We were truly blessed this year as we had good weather throughout most of the season. Last year was wet, very wet. So the warmer, drier summer we enjoyed immensely. The best indicator of a great summer, however, comes in the form of decisions for Jesus. This summer we witnessed more than 200 young people either commit or recommit their lives to Jesus. There were 64 requests for Bible studies once they returned home, and we were truly excited that four young ladies were baptized during Teen Camp. Praise the Lord!!!

Another trend that we noticed this summer was a significant increase in the number of children and youth that were sponsored by their local church to attend camp. I truly believe that every child that wants to attend camp should get that opportunity. I have always been impressed with churches like the Mirror Church. For many years now, they have sponsored any young person from their community that wanted to attend camp. And praise God the fruits of this labour are being harvested as several young people that they sponsored have been baptized over the last few years. I challenge every church to make this commitment to the kids in your area. As we have seen this summer, camp can lead these precious children to Jesus.

Richard Williams, Youth & Summer Camp Director

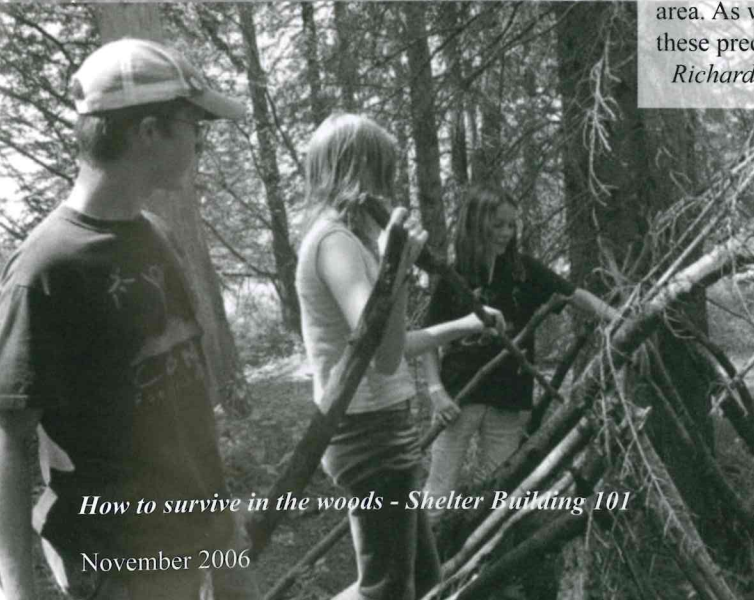


Learning to waterski - Teen Camp

**Tell Alberta
Tell Canada**



High ropes adventure



How to survive in the woods - Shelter Building 101



Fun times in the pool - Adventure Camp

“Big’ing up Jesus”

Intentionally focusing on the youth, the executive committee of CAAA made “Our Light, Your Life” the theme for their 2006 retreat. It was the hope that the foundational members of CAAA would shine their light of life on the younger members, therefore bridging what CAAA’s President, Pastor Greg Baldeo, calls “the generational gap.” The retreat was held on September 1-4, 2006, and it saw an overall attendance of approximately 600 individuals at Foothills Camp. The Lord used our speaker, Elder Trevor D. Christopher from Maryland, in a mighty way. Our journey led us to the hymns of old and how we can enhance our worship services when new songs are combined with songs of yesteryear. It bridges the generation gap and provides flexibility as young and old praise the King of Kings together.

Throughout the weekend the congregation was encouraged to search the Scriptures for themselves. “It’s not what Christopher said, it is what Christopher read. If it’s in the book and you take a look, accept it and don’t deny it.” We were also reminded that we as a people have two names? Our first name is “sinner” and our last name is “saved by grace.” We need to personally know Jesus and Him crucified. We were made for service so as we bow down to worship let us get up to serve. Hang on to God’s unchanging hand for He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is able!

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt all weekend but during the Sabbath service He manifested Himself in a powerful way. Elder Christopher has a burden for young people and their salvation. He pleaded with everyone to make his/her calling and election sure. The elder got up close and personal with

the brethren, asking them if they were saved, and giving them an opportunity to surrender all.

Brittney Wensink, a Caucasian visitor for the weekend said, “I can’t believe I sat for three hours and listened to a sermon! The preacher got very personal, but I felt the Holy Spirit there. I could sit and listen to him for another three hours.” One by one they responded to the call – ‘HSKNR’ - Holy Spirit Knocking No Response, suddenly turned to Response. The swimming pool was opened and the pastors were ready. Amid the singing, crying, and hugging, 48 went into the watery grave—20 new converts and 28 recommitments. To God be the glory, great things He has done. This baptism was the first in CAAA history.

This spirit-filled weekend had a tremendous impact on all in attendance. People travelled from as far away as Winnipeg to come to this retreat. One person from Winnipeg pleaded with the executive committee to ensure that this weekend continues for a very long time. She told the committee that in the 80s she rededicated her life to God at one other CAAA retreat, and she was so excited to get back home and tell her husband. When she arrived home, before she could share her good news, her husband told her he was leaving her. “It was the strength that I gained at the camp that kept me from going insane,” she cried. “And this weekend means the world to me. It is where I come for my spiritual renewal.”

The youth had a wonderful time and some rated the weekend as the best CAAA camp they have attended. At the conclusion of the Adventist Youth (AY) program the youth closed with the following statement: “We are all God’s children

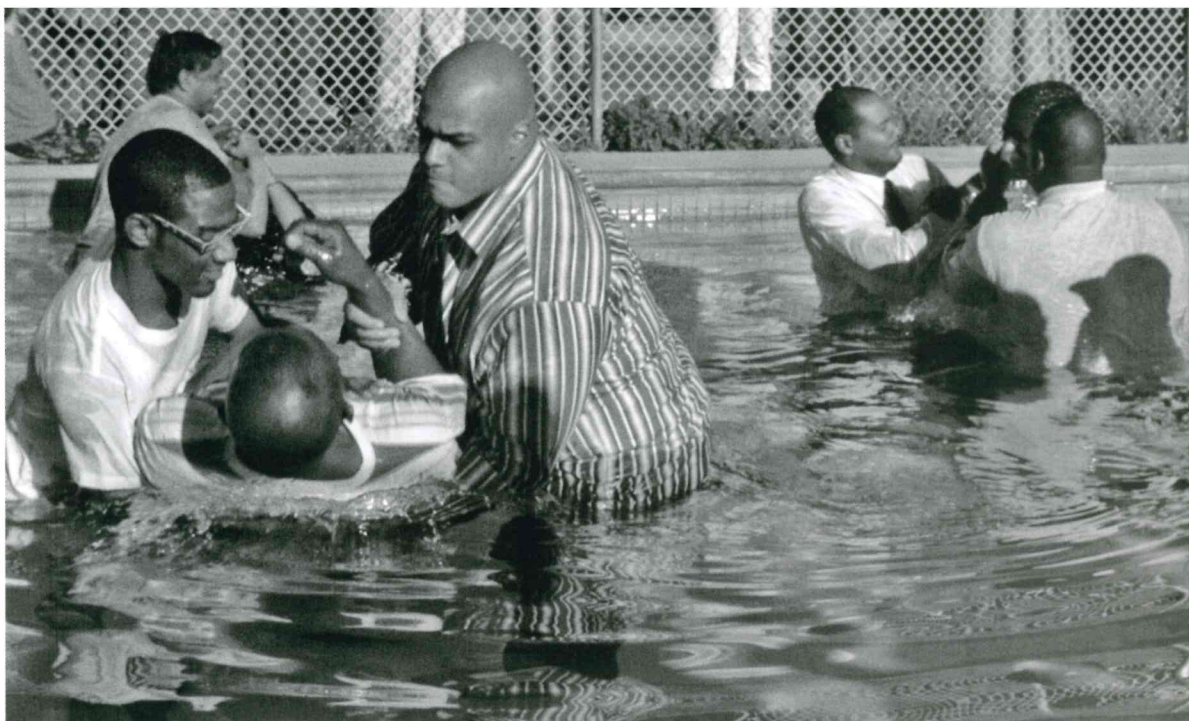
Pastors who participated in the baptism are kneeling (l-r): Dexter Smith, Wallin O’Connor, John Adams, Greg Baldeo, Speaker Trevor Christopher, Reynold Ferary, Dario St. Louis, Ishmael Ali.



whether we are African, Caribbean, Canadian, or Latin American. Red or yellow, black or white all are precious in His sight. We are on the same journey, striving to obtain the same goal. Let us put our dreams of the kingdom before our differences. In so doing we will not only help each other make it to the kingdom, but we will experience a little taste of heaven on earth where as God's people we can live in harmony."

President Greg Baldeo, Chaplain at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary, intends to take this organization to new heights. His vision is to enlarge our territory and make the organization more inclusive so that people from other cultures will come and enjoy the sweet fellowship at CAAA, led by people of Caribbean heritage. He challenged the executive to work harder so that this goal will become a reality.

CAAA will be celebrating people and their accomplishments next year, God willing. Members can nominate individuals for Student of the Year, Young Adult of the Year, Pastor of the Year, Leader of the Year; and Teacher of the Year. Nomina-



tions must be submitted to caribbeanassociation@hotmail.com no later than May 30, 2007.

When all is said and done, and the hype of the weekend is over, and we go back to our reality of bills, unemployment, illness, loneliness or whatever befalls us, the only thing that matters is our relationship with Jesus Christ. Live for God and receive your just reward. It is my hope and prayer that, along with Elder Christopher, we keep our appointment with God and meet on resurrection morning. Someone will enter the pearly gate, shall you? Shall I?

*Sharon Long (Brown) Northern Chapter President CAAA
September 2006*





Dr. Miriam Acosta, guest (left) and Dilcia Torres, retreat coordinator

On September 15-17, 2006, a group of 63 Spanish women coming from different churches in Edmonton and Calgary met together at the Red Deer Lodge to hold the first Adventist Spanish Women's Retreat, "Lluvias de Gracia 2006." This retreat was inspired by God and His guidance was evident throughout the weekend. Dr. Miriam Acosta, a doctor in psychiatry from Montemorelos University, was the guest

speaker. All participants agreed this was one of the greatest spiritual celebrations in our history as Spanish Adventists in this province. The sisters are already preparing their second retreat for next year, and they are expecting the attendance will increase by 25% or more in 2007. Praise the Lord for this success!

Dilcia Torres

Memories

Rachel "Patricia" (Peterson) Anderson was born May 12, 1918, in Galahad and passed away August 23, 2006, in Red Deer. Survived by: Son Raymond (Debi); daughters Carol (Murvin) Nicks, Shirley (Allan) Freed, Nellie (John) Radomsky, Patsy (Dale) Trefz, Ingrid (Ray) McBeth; brothers John and Raymond Peterson. Pat was predeceased by her husband Albin, brother Alfred Peterson, and sisters Ruth and Mae. Fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren mourn their loss. Pat volunteered throughout her lifetime. She continued to help at the soup kitchen, Meals-on-Wheels, and VBS even at 88 years of age. She played the piano for prayer meeting and in the Primary Sabbath School until two weeks before her death.

Earl Coupland was born January 1, 1917, in Delia and passed away April 27, 2006, in Red Deer. Survived by: Spouse Beatrice; son Murray (Sharon) Coupland of Grants Pass, OR; daughters Sherrie (Bob) Ferguson of Calgary and Arloene (Roger) Dalke of Ferintosh; brothers Ken (Amelia) of Spruce Grove, Ralph (Astri) of College Place, WA, Robert (Delores) Coupland of West Bank, BC; and seven grandchildren. Earl served in the Adventist church over 30 years, many of which were as manager of the ABC (formerly Book & Bible House) and in treasury department in the Alberta Conference. In retirement he participated in many Maranatha Projects and ADRA Relief.

Winifred Florence (Mitchell) Haynes was born Nov. 11, 1918, in St. David's, Grenada and passed away June 26, 2006, in Lacombe. Survived by: Spouse Dr. Ralph Haynes; son Roland of Vancouver, BC; daughters Miriam of Lacombe, Joy (Gilmore) Hurst of Edmonton, Jessie of Saskatoon, SK; brothers Godwin Mitchell Sr. of Florida, Steve (Esther) Mitchell of Edmonton, David (Mae) Mitchell of Florida, Roger (Nel) Mitchell of Florida, Rodrique Mitchell of Grenada; sisters Relis Williams of New York and Betty Ince of Trinidad; and three grandchildren. Florence was a life-long Adventist who spent 15

years in the Caribbean serving, along side of her husband's denomination work, as a midwife, district nurse, and school nurse. She was an active member of the College Heights Church during her 20 years teaching in the County of Lacombe.

Dorothy May (Bloye) Sinclair was born April 5, 1920, in Bracken, SK, and passed away July 5, 2006, in Lacombe. Survived by: Daughters Gayleen and Linda; brothers Bill and Jack Bloye; sisters-in-law Jean Watson and Margaret Cameron; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband Donald Sinclair, son George, four sisters, and parents William and Maude Sinclair.

Clayton Tates was born May 6, 1923, and passed away June 19, 2006, in Red Deer. Survived by: Spouse Eva Tates; son Calvin Tates of Clive; brother Leroy (Jean) Tetz of Langley, BC; sisters Elodie (Henry) VerBoom of Calgary and sister-in-law Lily Tetz of Trochu; and two grandchildren.

Martha (Leiske) Taylor was born November 15, 1911, in Beiseker and passed away September 4, 2006, in Lacombe. Survived by: Sons Raymond of Ladysmith, BC and Daniel of Honolulu, HI; and two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Norman Taylor and son Reginald.

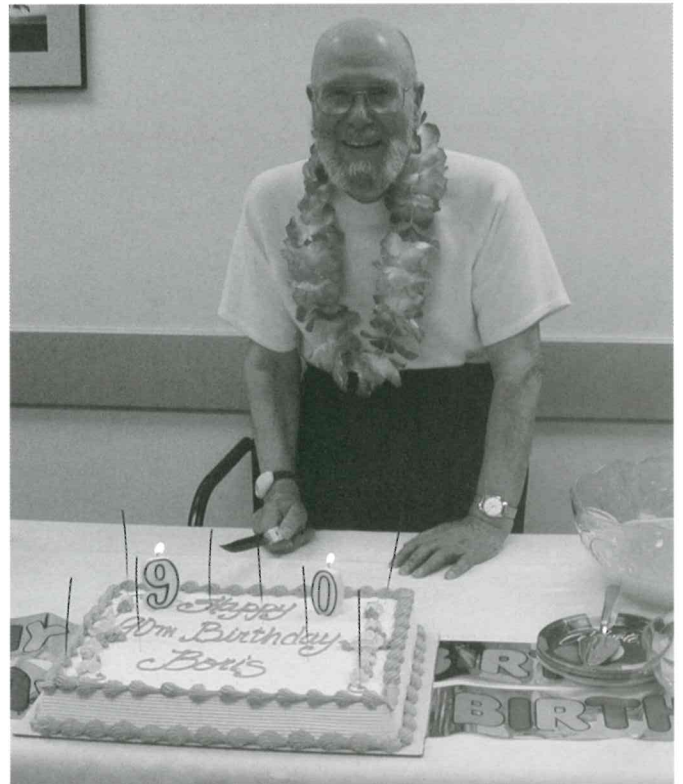
Art Young was born February 16, 1926, in Howie, AB, and passed away September 15, 2006 in Edmonton, AB. Survived by: Spouse Joan Young; sons Roger (Anne) Young of Vancouver, BC and David (Roberta) Young of Big Valley, AB; stepson Richard Fleming of Armstrong, BC; daughters Helen (Rick) Winters of Didsbury, AB and Esther (Glenn) Knopp of Leduc, AB; stepdaughter Tonya (Gerald) Bartley of Sylvan Lake, AB; honorary daughter Tracey (Chris) Bird of Fort Smith, BC; 16 grandchildren. He was predeceased by spouse Miriam Young. Art was a faithful follower of his Lord and his life demonstrated the love of Jesus to all he knew.

Dateline

- November 1-2 Unordained Pastors' meeting, Red Deer
- 8 Staff and ADCOM meetings
- 13-20 SDACC Year-end meetings, Oshawa
- 17-18 Youth Rally, Edmonton
- 21 Alberta Adventist News deadline (revised)
- 22 ADCOM meeting
- 28 Evangelism Committee, Red Deer
- 29 Ordination Committee, Red Deer
- December 3 Executive Committee, Red Deer
- 6 Staff and ADCOM meetings
- 20 ADCOM meeting
- 21 Office closed at noon for Christmas break until Jan. 2/07

Boris Pache Celebrates 90th Birthday

Boris N. Pache celebrated his 90th birthday on May 11, 2006, at a party held in his honour in Lacombe, Alberta. He was born and grew up in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 1938 he left for Graz, Austria, where he completed an architectural degree in 1942 and worked until spring 1945. He and a friend then fled



TRUST SERVICES RE-ACTIVATED

The Conference Trust Services Department has been re-activated on a part-time basis as of September 2006. Prior to this, since the departure of the former trust services director three years ago, conference officers covered trust services but were unable to promote an active program due to time constraints.

The part-time trust services director is Carolyn Osmond who retired as vice president for finance this year at the end of June. Carolyn is in the process of planning regional Trust Services Workshops where attendees will be able to complete a Wills Worksheet for use in preparation of a legal will. Watch for announcements of a workshop in your area or contact Carolyn anytime with your trust services inquiries at 403-342-5044, Ext. 215 or cosmond@albertasda.org

Watch for a Workshop in Your Area

from Russian troops in winter weather over the Alps to Salzburg, Austria, a story published in his book *By Ways I Knew Not*.

In 1947 Boris left Salzburg for Campus Adventiste du Saleve in France to study Theology. There he was also Dean of Men, directed the Male Choir, and taught Greek. In 1953 he immigrated to Montreal, Quebec, where he was a literature evangelist. The next year he enrolled in Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario, to study English but was also invited to teach French, German, and Music Appreciation, and at times he led the school and community choirs. He later taught at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, Texas; College Adventiste de Kivu, Zaire, Africa; and at Canadian University College, Lacombe, Alberta.

Boris earned a Master's Degree from McGill University in 1961 and a B.Ed. in 1969 from the University of Western Ontario, London, as well as half of a Ph.D. As a scholar and dedicated Christian teacher he is wished much continued happiness in the Lord.

Carolyn Osmond

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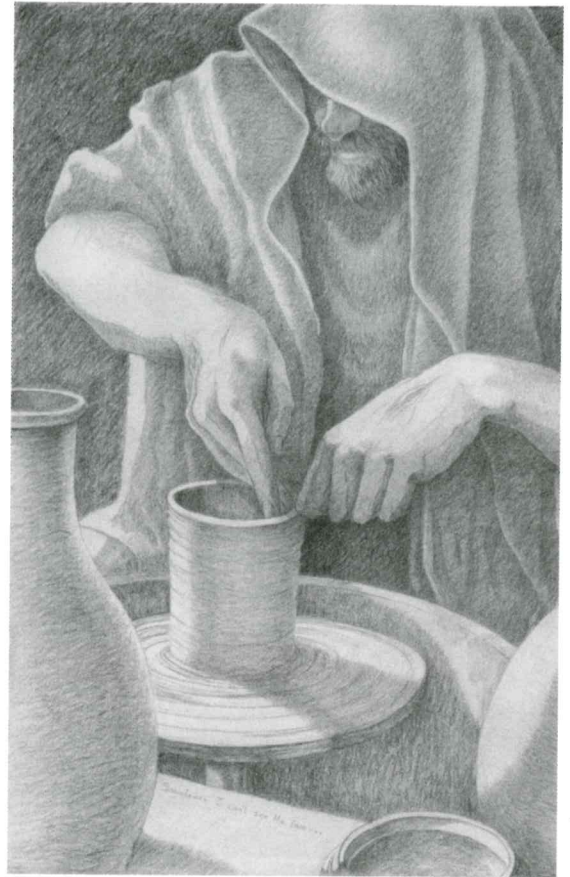
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Sometimes I can't see His face . . .

Little girls draw hearts and faces.

And so it was with me.

As I grew up I studied faces,

thinking if I could learn the face,

I could know the person.

And I drew faces:

faces on the walls, faces in the mud . . .

In church I heard

“the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”

And “Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always. . .

from Job, “Why do you hide your face
and consider me your enemy? . . .

If only I knew where to find him;
if only I could go to his dwelling!”

In answer to this heart's cry I learned,
and am learning

“O Lord, you are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;

We are the work of your hand . . .

Shall what is formed say to him who formed it,
Why did you make me like this?”

and finally, “They shall see his face,
and his name will be on their foreheads.”

Ruth Proud