

# Alberta Conference Adventist News

**A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta**



From the president

## Happy Christmas!

Merry Christmas! This is a greeting often heard at this time of the year. And it is usually spoken with the best of intentions but probably with little thought as to the actual meaning of these two words. My Webster's dictionary describes the word "merry" as "giving pleasure, delightful, full of gaiety or high spirits . . . Merry suggests cheerful, joyous, uninhibited enjoyment of frolic or festivity." "Christmas" is defined by Webster's as a Christian feast on December 25 . . . that commemorates the birth of Christ and is usually observed as a legal holiday." It is interesting how these two words, with such defined meanings have come together for such common use during the last month of the calendar year. Sadly much of the gaiety and festivity has little to do with commemorating the birth of Christ. Instead of happiness and peace there is often sadness and remorse.

It is good for all of us to ponder the miraculous birth of the Son of God not only at this time of year but often throughout the rest of the year too. Indeed, it should give us great happiness in recognizing what our loving heavenly Father did in sending his Son to not only be born as a baby on this earth but to live here and then die for us on the cross that we might live forever. As a result we can have peace within and calm happy assurance in our faithful walk with Him.

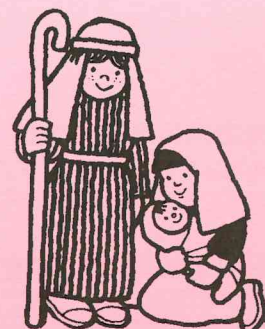
Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." What a promise! Are you experiencing the abundant life? Our Alberta Conference Vision Statement is very simple, "Every member faithful." I would like to think that this includes faithfulness in experiencing what our loving God has promised

## The peace within . . . is a gift . . .

us through His Son. I would like to suggest some ways whereby at this time of the year we can, in a very special way, experience some of that abundant happy life.

The apostle Paul, in Acts 20:35, reminds us of the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He meant not just gifting to those who already have and from whom we may in turn expect to receive gifts but in Paul's words, "ye ought to support the weak." There are many around us, yes, here in Alberta—the province of "oil and money," who are lonesome and experiencing real need. We can give friendship and help to some needy or lonesome one this Christmas season and see the joy it brings to their life and in turn experience the blessing that Jesus spoke of in our own lives. Just try it and see the true joy it brings to you.

The angel multitude sang at the birth of Jesus, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Jesus is our peace. The apostle Paul said, "For he is our peace . . ." (Ephesians 2:14). The peace within that Jesus gives when He comes into the life is a gift that gives enrichment to life, making it worth living. It leaves us with a secure trust in our God with resulting contentment and happiness. We, like Paul, →



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→ can, with great assurance, say, "I know in whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12). In Jesus' own words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). I like what Jesus includes in the abundant happy life that He has promised. His promise is dependent upon our response to His invitation. In commemorating the birth of Jesus at this time of the year may you find true joy and peace which the frolic and the mirth of the world does not provide. May you find it in Him.

My wife Judy and I want to wish all our friends and members of the churches in the Alberta Conference real happiness and peace in their relationship with their God and His Son Jesus. May this time of the year known throughout the Christian world as Christmas be a time for real true commemoration of the birth of Jesus and be a time for experiencing the peace and happiness of the abundant life He has promised. Happiness in Jesus! Happy Christmas!

Bill and Judy Olson

It's a gift . . .  
It's a gift . . .  
He's a gift . . .  
He's a gift . . .

# 100 Boxes for Christmas Child Project

Students and staff at Coralwood Adventist Academy participated in a world-wide program called "Operation Christmas Child" sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The school has 94 students, and we were able to put together 100 boxes which just barely fit into the back of a teacher's car. The excited students enjoyed putting together a shoe box of their choice. They were able to choose a box for



either a boy or a girl, as well as their age. Through this project the students were able to tangibly demonstrate the life skills of caring, integrity, problem solving, and responsibility. They enjoyed knowing that other children were going to have a happier Christmas. Way to go kids!

Rayette Hetland  
Project Coordinator

A full trunk of Christmas boxes

# Deaf Ministry Kananaskis Retreat at Watson Lodge

On October 13-15, 2006, eleven deaf folk met at Watson Lodge to fellowship, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and relish the delicious food. The weather was pretty good – just a bit of rain on Sunday morning, but otherwise, very nice, but cool!

The location of the Watson Lodge Complex is nestled in the trees above a lake about 108 kilometres southwest of Calgary.

The weekend together provided lots of time to talk, enjoy each other's company, and join in a wonderful Sabbath afternoon hike to enjoy the beautiful view from up high. Everyone who went on the hike made it to the top! Several of us took so long getting down – we did a lot of talking and also a bit of playing around, with Leah up a tree – even though there was no grizzly bear after her! Actually, on the way up, we did see what looked like a freshly dug hole, where it looked like a bear had been trying to get at an animal burrowed into the ground. The claw marks were very large! We tried to make lots of noise and stay together as groups going up and down. The area in this part of the park is grizzly country with just a few black bears, so they told us.

John Blake  
Volunteer Deaf Ministries Coordinator



... a gift ...

*Well, the climb wasn't really like Mount Everest, but it was a nice Sabbath afternoon hike up and up (l-r): Jason Chartrand and his wife Tara Reimche, Karen Bol, Harmony Edge, Leah Nahirnik, Judy Booth, Wendy Patterson, and Greg Greenwood*

*Second Seventh-day Adventist church in the world built just for the deaf. It was built earlier this year and dedicated July 22 in Locharia, Andhra Pradesh, India. It was built with funds given in Alberta, costing approximately \$6,000CDN. There are now 20 full-time lay workers for the deaf in India.*

*Lots of time to talk for Leona Thomas (second from right)*



... a gift ...

# Calgary Southside Celebrates Baby Dedication

*“But Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”* Matthew 19:14.



On Sabbath June 21, 2006 the Calgary Southside Adventist Church and the family of Dr. Joseph and Saede Oyeyemi celebrated the dedication of Moyinolowa (the name means “I praise God”).

*Sally del Socorro*

*(l-r) Saede, Samuel, Ayodelle, Dr. Joseph, Moyinolowa, and Pastor Leo Launio. Back: Friends and families*





*Chippers ready to go shopping*

*... a gift ...*

# CHIP Ahoy at Calgary Bridgeland!

“Eat as much as you like and lose weight!” No, that’s not the main theme of the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP), but that’s exactly what happened to many of the participants attending the CHIP seminar during the month of October at the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Calgary, Alberta. The four-week-long seminar, conducted by John and Dorothy Alai, is part of a community-focused program developed by Dr. Hans Diehl, DrHSc, MPH at Loma Linda University.

The main message was clear – “Follow a set of simple lifestyle changes and you could reduce your risk of coronary diseases by more than 50% within just four weeks.” Dr. Hans Diehl went through each study carefully, followed by health tips from other leading doctors and dietitians. John and Dorothy with some help from other CHIP alumni kept the participants motivated with cooking demonstrations and outings to local health food stores. Out of the initial 15 participants, 14 graduated with an average weight loss of 10 pounds as well as appreciable reduction in cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels.

Several of the participants who were taking blood pressure medication prior to beginning the program were able to reduce their medication after just four weeks. Others were astonished at the fact they lost an average of 10 pounds during the four weeks, while not reducing their daily intake of food. One of the participants explains, “During the pre-screen test I found out that I was 20 pounds above my ideal weight. I never paid any attention to my weight as I ate all the grains, vegetables and fruit I could eat, drank about eight glasses of water each day, and exercised moderately. When I took the post-screen test, I was shocked to learn that I had lost 12 pounds without even trying.”

The secret, if you could call it a secret, is to eat as God intended us to eat. In Genesis 1:29 we read that man’s original diet consisted of herbs and fruits. This simple diet has been proven to reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and osteoporosis more than any modern drug or medical procedure. Dr. Hans Diehl’s research has shown that through some very simple lifestyle changes, these diseases can be reversed and even completely cured.

may you have

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS which is Peace

THE GLADNESS OF CHRISTMAS which is Hope

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS which is Love

# Sherwood Park Celebrates Another CHIP Graduation

Another 13 individuals graduated from the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) program in Sherwood Park on November 1, 2006. Tracy Aguilar, Debbie and Noel Bartley, Gerry Boehm, Dorothy Channell, Laurie Dunfield, David Krill, Gail Hope, Donna Lowry, Judith Paiement, Neall Paterson, Beth Querengesser, and John Tanasichuk received their certificates for having successfully completed the four-week program. They are now part of the 250-member CHIP alumni group in the Edmonton area.

The CHIP program, founded and presented by Dr. Hans Diehl, provides information on adopting lifestyle changes, particularly in the areas of diet and exercise. Making these changes can help decrease risk of heart attack and strokes, lead toward normalizing blood pressure and blood sugar levels, lower cholesterol, reduce weight, and increase the overall quality of life. The program which had its beginnings in 1988 in Creston, BC, came to Alberta in 2001 under the direction of Brian and Christine Simpson at Edmonton South Church. The Sherwood Park Church began working in cooperation with them in 2004.

In 2006 CHIP was endorsed by Capitol Health as a weight-reduction program.

Presenting a program demands a great deal of preparation and involvement, and the sessions are typically staffed by volunteers from both church and community. Sherwood Park member Veronica Dribnenki, a registered nurse, was overall coordinator and facilitator of this year's program working in consultation with Dr. Christine Simpson.

Dribnenki was assisted by Airlie Fowler, nutrition coordinator; Gisela Zinner, hostess coordinator; Carol Dunfield, resource table coordinator; and Lorraine Sorokan, shopping tour guide. Table hosts included Bunty & Albert Nahorney, Karen Waller, Elaine Woytuck-Stiansen, and Troy & Tanya Davis.

Results from this year's program were, as usual, quite dramatic in some individual cases with one person dropping about 50% in cholesterol levels between

the pre-session heart screen on October 1 and the follow-up heart screen on October 29. Average results for the group showed an overall drop in total cholesterol of 14 percent. Weight loss averaged eight pounds, and the Body Mass Index averaged a one-point decrease. Daily exercise is a highly promoted component, and during the four weeks the group's exercise equalled walking from Sherwood Park to Kenora, Ontario.

Along with medical improvements, →

*CHIP graduates Noel and Debbie Bartley*



*A melon bowl prepared by the husband of one of the CHIP grads*



*Airlie Fowler (centre), Nutrition Coordinator, with assistants Lesley Bishton-Fox, and Barbara Riddle*



*Veronica Dribnenki, CHIP facilitator*

# Wetaskiwin

## The Birth of a Radio Ministry

If you had asked the Wetaskiwin Adventist Church three months ago about when they were going to be starting their radio ministry, you would have gotten a lot of amused looks and blank stares! But that is no longer the case! Monday through Friday on CIHS country gospel radio Tammy Dawn and the pastor are cranking out the good news to central Alberta with 5,000 watts behind them!

How did it come about? Church member and disc jockey, "Wee Willy" became aware of an opportunity to get very affordable air time and shared it with the church. The church then voted to give it a try and now it is rolling along!

"I have heard that radio ministry takes a lot of time," reflects Pastor George, "but thanks to help from Roy West of Quiet Hour Canada, it has been a lot easier for Tammy Dawn and me . . . we aren't professionals, but we are having fun while we learn!"

The station reaches from east of Camrose to Fallun, from Edmonton to Ponoka, and sometimes even further! There have already been positive responses to the program from the community, and it is hoped that this will be another way to



*Tammy Dawn in training! Look where this has taken her to today!*

## Cooking Class 101

Darlene Blaney, Alberta Conference Volunteer Health Ministries Coordinator, taught two cooking classes at Canadian University College through their Continuing Education Program. The first class was "The Wonders of Gluten," which included learning how to make ginger beef, shish kabobs, and sweet n' sour balls." Twenty-two people enrolled in the class—some from the community and some from local church-



es. The second class offered was "Mexican Cuisine." Nine people registered and learned how to make fajitas, Mexican lasagne, cornbread, homemade tortillas, salsa, and traditional favourites using black beans and jicama.

*Darlene Blaney, that looks like a delicious dish*

→many CHIP participants also experience an overall improvement in their outlook on life. As one says, "CHIP has honestly changed my life. I believe in this program and I know I will follow it for life. Before CHIP I was depressed and absolutely dreading the years ahead. I thought at my age that nothing was going to get any better. But I don't think that way anymore. I've always believed in an eating style like this one. But this time I've taken the bull by the horns. My prayers have been answered. I'm grateful to CHIP."

More information about CHIP can be found at [www.edmontonchip.com](http://www.edmontonchip.com).

*Corrine Vanderwerff*

reach hearts before the Revelation Seminar comes to Wetaskiwin in January 2007.

Please keep this new ministry in your prayers, and if you would like to hear it, tune in to 93.5 on your FM dial just after the 9 a.m. news!

*Pastor David George*

On Remembrance Day, Nov 11, 2006, the Wetaskiwin Adventist Church had the privilege of giving honor to the Veterans and their families that served in the World Wars. Lorraine Richter arranged this special program during Sabbath School time. With Sheila and Elmer Ta-ala leading the singing and their son Chad accompanying on the piano, the congregation stood to sing "O Canada." The scripture, Joshua 4:1-7, read by Keith Richter, reminded us of God's directing in the establishment of memorials.

John Noel Desrosiers, who carried and positioned the Canadian Flag, led an honorary parade. Wreaths were carried and placed as follows: Frankie Ermineskine's wreath represented those who sacrificed with their lives; Violet Schafer's wreath represented the families and friends who lost loved ones; Bob Buckler's wreath represented those who were wounded and scarred physically, emotionally, mentally, and/or spiritually.

Lorraine interviewed John Noel, a sixteen-year veteran of the Peace-Making Division.

Chad Ta-ala presented the poem "In Flanders's Field."

In closing Lorraine reminded us of the blessing of peace and freedom and what it has cost in human lives. We were encouraged to remember the memorials that God has put in place for us such as the Sabbath and the meaning that they have for us.

We at the Wetaskiwin Church were thankful for the opportunity to "Remember" with the rest of our fellow Canadians.

*Judy D. Buckler*



*Pastor Kay with Lindsey Bell after her baptism. Lindsey, daughter of Stan and Debbie Bell, surprised her father by being baptized at Twin Lakes during Father's Day Sabbath, 2006 at the annual Sylvan Lake SDA church campout. Lindsey is a Grade 12 student at Parkview Adventist Academy. We welcome Lindsey officially into the SDA church family.*

*Pastor Kay with Foliki Maeli at her baptism October 28. Foliki is the niece of Collins and Dorothy Falesau of Red Deer, and is a second year student at CUC. Foliki is from Fiji and pleasantly surprised her family with her decision to become part of the SDA family.*

## Local Church News

*Cash Popik, son of Tim and Kyla Popik, brother to Trinity and Tristan, from the High River area, was dedicated in the Sylvan Lake Church. Grandparents Bob and Lorraine Popik of Edmonton, and Norm and Lorraine Moore of Alder Flats were present for this special day.*

# Sylvan Lake





## Local Church News

# Youth Summer at West Edmonton SDA '06

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God; I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)

It was truly a dream come true, as the youth of the West Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church, took over the church for the summer of 2006. Every position, from the divine hour speaker to the greeters, Sabbath School, and AY, was filled with young men and women who wanted wholeheartedly to work for the Lord. Every song service and special music was sung with the vocal chords of the youth. It was our summer to make the church service our own and to share the love of Christ our way. Ayanna Griffith, along with other youth leaders, had a vision that each youth would be involved, in some aspect, with church programming. Each Sabbath, Shauna Spence designed and produced a bulletin. Our divine hour speakers during the two-month period were: Joseph Muswizu, Pastor Dexter Smith, Ian Bramble, Pastor C.J. O'Connor, and Kurt Thomas. We also participated in revitalizing our church basement by painting.

Even though the youth and the youth leaders worked hard to provide Sabbaths that were well organized; sometimes they were hectic, busy, or confusing. But the youth always made sure that church was welcoming, not only for visitors, but for God. There were times when our youth leaders would ask themselves why they took on this challenge—to lead rowdy and sometimes lazy youth to work for God. There were times people would twist their mouths and shake their heads as something went awry with the program. However, we learned that when hard times come or someone knocks you down, someone is there to pick you up—that someone is God. In everything that we did God helped us, He led us, and He gave us strength to make His day special.



*West Edmonton youth (l-r): Sherine Spence, Lavern Hewson, Jarett John, Rhoen Beckford*

We are the next generation, the ones who will take positions of leadership. This summer was only a foretaste of what worship will become with our generation at the helm. The youth came together as one, and we tried our very best to spread the gospel. But the most important thing all the youth learned was that we are capable of doing anything if we trust, not in ourselves, but in God. This summer was the youth's time to share our vision, and I hope that everyone saw that great things can come about when we let God lead our lives. Remember, “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young [old], but set an example for the believers in Speech, in Life, in Love, in Faith, and in Purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

May the Lord continue to bless our ministry.

*Ashley Boyce, Youth Representative, Communications Department*

## Onoway



*Rebecca McNaughton, daughter of Dan and Nerissa McNaughton, was dedicated to God on November 11, 2006 with Pastor Aaserude officiating.*



*Donna Boschman (left) and Audra Bryenton (right) were baptized in the Onoway Church by Pastor Aaserude on November 25, 2006.*

## Report to the Constituency

# From Mamawi Atosketan Native School

## The Principal's Report

*Julie Bancarz*

### 2006-2007 Enrolment

The school year is well underway with 162 students here at the school. They are wonderfully resilient children with a passion for life. Our vision is to prepare them for success in this life and for a joyful eternal life.

### Brain Compatible Learning

Teachers this year are creating a more cohesive atmosphere through brain compatible learning techniques and community building activities. This is Professional Development that is moving quickly throughout the Alberta Conference and is making a positive difference in student learning.

### Computer Lab Project

We are working toward setting up a computer lab for our students, not only for meeting Alberta curriculum requirements, but also to be sure that students have the skills they need to succeed in the workplace and outside the school. Many jobs require keyboarding and technology skills and this has been a weakness within our pro-gram. We have had computers in the classrooms but not enough for an entire class to use at once.

Recently Computers for Schools generously gave us enough computers to place in one room to begin a computer lab. We are hoping that in the near future we will have a reliable setup with Internet that will enhance and benefit the education of all students using the computer system. We can only accomplish this dream with your help.

### Thank You

We continue to enjoy this fine school building, built by many of you. We also appreciate the many supporters who help us every year. And like most great causes, the needs of this school continue from year to year.

We have come this far working together, so we are letting you know what a difference your financial support makes every day at Mamawi school. We also value your prayers, and if you have some volunteer time, please let me know! We have several projects waiting for volunteers.



*Students pose with the Principal while preparing for Open House last May.*

## Notes of Appreciation

### From Mamawi Teachers

#### Kindergarten

Working here at MANS is so rewarding. I work with the smaller children and they never cease to amaze me. Once they obtain your trust you can sit back and watch them grow. It is really rewarding!! Thank you for your support.

*—Bettyanne Tompkins*

#### Grade 1

This year we have 15 precious little ones in Grade 1. During the first two weeks of school we focused on classroom procedures and expectations. One of the activities we did on the first day of school was called "Stop the Bullying." This activity was a good way to illustrate the "Golden Rule."

At Mamawi we teach the students that Jesus loves them and that we are to treat others the way that we wish others to treat us. Your continual support of Mamawi Atosketan Native School helps us get this message of acceptance and love out to the students. Thank you so much.

*—Violet Hannebury, Grade 1 Teacher*

## Grade 2

I have taught now at Mamawi for five years, and I have seen support for the school in so many ways, such as funding the playground and a new photocopier. However, what you are also supporting are those 16 smiles that walk through my door every morning with questions and a zest to learn and explore.

Making a difference in a child's daily life can change their view of the world and their view of how much they are loved. With your support we are making a difference in the daily lives of our students. This affects them now, it will affect their futures, it affects your world, and it affects their eternal life.

—Charissa Hawes, Grade 2 Teacher



## Grade 3

Our class continues to enjoy your support, from the playground and maintenance crews of volunteers, to the little girl who bought things for our class with her birthday money. Your generosity and support is making a difference in the lives of the students in our school. If we are ever tempted to be discouraged we need only look at the history of our school and how God fills every need that arises.

—Darlene Hoffman, Grade 3 Teacher

## Grade 5

Just the other day one of my little girls told me the loveliest little story:

"I accidentally closed the door on my dog's paw. He was whining really loudly. I felt really bad for him."

"Then what did you do?" I inquired.

"I prayed to Jesus, and when I was done praying my dog stopped crying."

She was so excited and I was so proud of her.

Christian education is a chance for these children to not only learn about Jesus but also a chance to learn to trust Him.

—Pattie Reasor, Grade 5 Teacher

## Grade 6

We have an awesome group of students this year. There are 22 students in Grade 6—all of them eager and anxious to learn. Many of the Grade 6 students are new to our school this year. When I asked why they chose our school some of them responded by saying, "We heard the teachers are really nice here and the work is harder."

Each and every one of the Grade 6 students are eagerly awaiting the second coming of Jesus when we will all be reunited with loved ones we miss dearly. It is such a joy to see these students explore and discover new promises in our Bibles and come to the realization that Jesus made each promise for them personally.

Please help us continue to bring new light to these precious students as they develop personal relationships with their Creator. Your donations are greatly appreciated as we strive to reach into the First Nations communities with the love of Christ.

—Gail Wilton, Grade 6 Teacher



**"We are part of the Evangelistic Team of the Seventh-day Adventist Church"**

## Grade 7

We are part of the evangelistic team of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as we bring Jesus to the First Nations people in our own country. Your prayers and funds not only make this evangelistic mission possible, they also go toward Christian Education and the First Nations leaders of tomorrow. Thank you.

***Our children and youth are the unknown message we send into the future.***

—Kelly Aldrich, Grade 7 Teacher



### Grades 8/9

At present we are putting our “green thumbs” to work as we test variables of healthy plant growth. We will also be building plant presses and filling them with samples from outside that the students can then examine to learn about different root, stem and leaf types. Later we will be building matchstick/toothpick bridges and testing the student designs for strength.

In Career Technology Studies we are currently building blue bird nest boxes and will be finishing off our picnic table project from last year as well as building CO2 powered dragsters.

As part of my Grade 8/9 Bible class, we have made and served a pancake breakfast to our adopted Grade 1 Class. We will be doing this for other classes as well and we plan to make cookies to send out to places such as the ambulance and fire stations to show our appreciation for what they do.

Many of these hands-on things we do can be done without a lot of special equipment, using things that can be picked up at the local grocery or hardware store; however, the cost does add up considerably rather quickly. Just finding enough relatively warp-free spruce lumber for 20 students to build nest boxes can get expensive fast, and we need to be able to do several projects over the course of a school year. I want to thank you for your donations that have allowed us to be able to do these things.

I want to thank you for your financial support of MANS, but I also want to thank you for your prayers for the staff, students and families of our school. While your prayers may be unknown to us, they are of utmost importance to the success of our mission here at MANS. Thank you for your support.

*--Ardyn Kay, Grade 8 and 9 Teacher*

## Alberta Conference K-12 Schools “Together We Can”

Our Alberta Adventist School System principals, teachers, students, parents, pastors, church members, volunteers and Education Department are all working together to make Alberta Adventist schools not only the best in Christian Education, but also the best in academic pursuits. The Alberta Provincial curriculum is not only followed but it is enhanced by modern teaching methods. However, when it comes to financial support, private schools such as ours do not receive full government funding for operations and receive almost no government funding for equipment and capital projects. This is why all of our schools look to their local church constituencies for financial support. All Alberta Adventist schools have local church constituencies with the exception of Mamawi Atosketan Native School. The entire conference is the constituency for Mamawi Atosketan, but churches with schools almost always need to support their own.

As you consider your yearend donations, please remember the mission of Adventist Education. You may use the attached form or simply send a donation to the school of your choice for a tax-deductible receipt through the local church or school.

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*Ages 18 to 108 —*

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*—A Legal Last Will and Testament*

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- To set up trusts for the care of special needs children and adults.
- To make bequests for your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your parents or other members of your family.
- To remember the Lord's work through bequests to your local church, school, conference or other charities of your choice.
- To name executor(s) who will carefully care for your estate.
- To avoid the problems of dying without a Will.

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of  
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# Edmonton Spanish Evangelism

The Maranatha Spanish Company had a wonderful feast during their evangelism week November 11-18. The speaker for that event was Pastor Manuel Cabral who inspired us every night with his message of hope and trust in the future—as he said: “A new beginning is coming.”

Every day we had many visitors, and the week ended up with a moving ceremony when 18 precious souls give their hearts to the Lord.

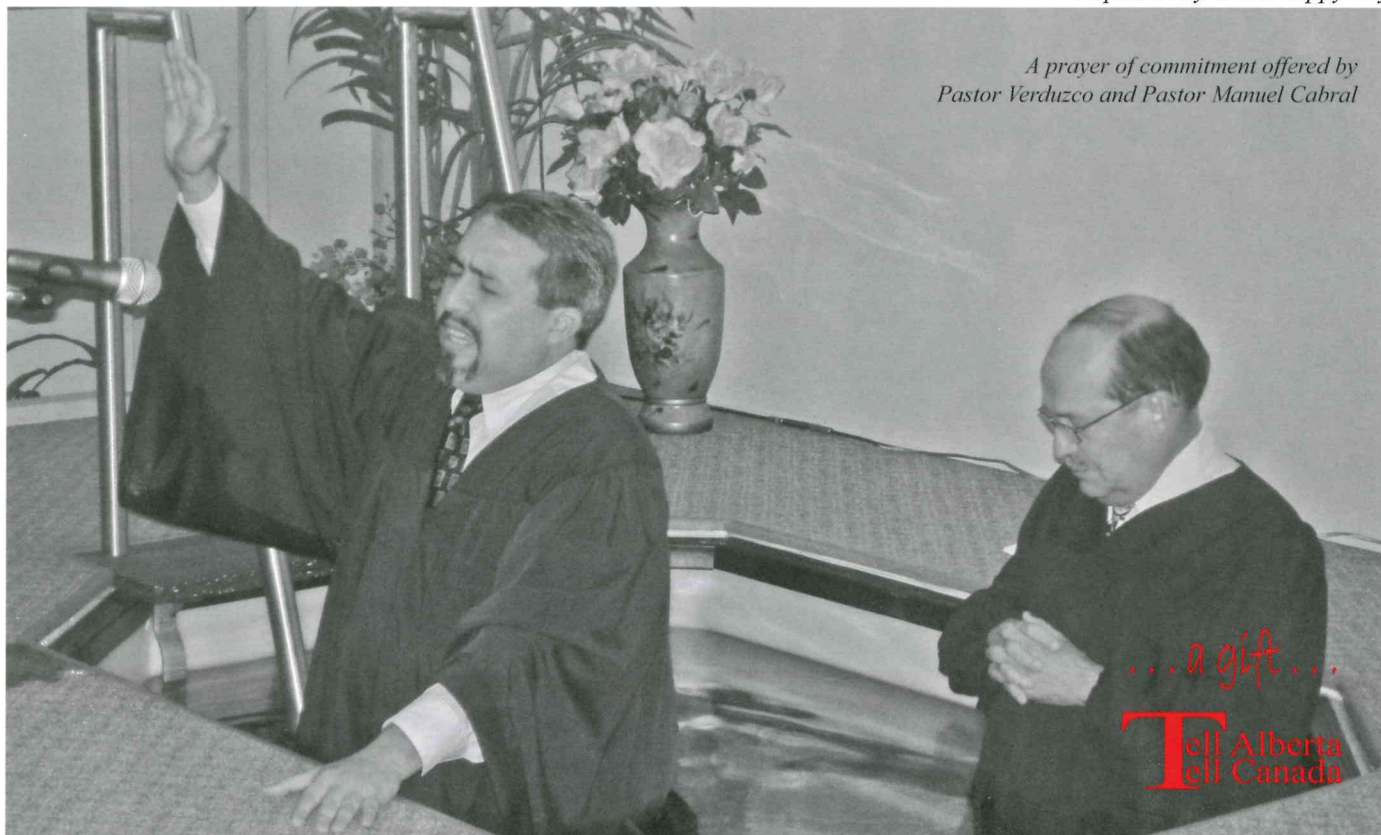
What a wonderful day for the Spanish Church in Alberta!! God is working miracles in the hearts of sincere people in all the world. The Spirit of the church has been motivated to continue and finish the mission that our Lord has commanded us.

We want to thank our God for the many blessings we have received. Jesus is coming soon!!!

*Pastor Ramon Verduzco*



*Baptism day was a happy day*



*A prayer of commitment offered by  
Pastor Verduzco and Pastor Manuel Cabral*

*... a gift ...*

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# “Blessings Crew”

On August 7, 2006, our lives were forever changed by the tragic death of our close friend and church member, Dale Bennett. Dale was just 41 years old. He died in a highway accident near Winfield, B.C. Dale will be fondly remembered as a teacher, friend, brother in Christ, prayer partner, vision-caster, theologian, chef, confidant, renovation expert, mechanic, preacher, wake boarder, sailor, camper, driver, technology master, project manager, holiday planner, comedian, etc. He was an incredible man.

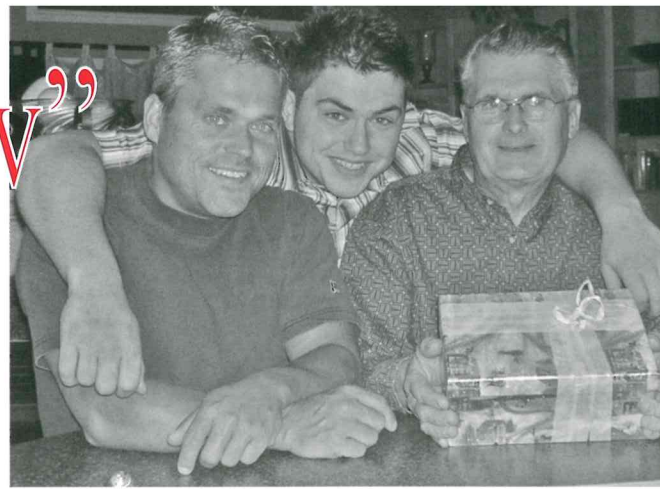
Dale was instrumental in the planning and development of Westridge SDA Fellowship beginning in December, 2003. He opened his home to a small group of SDA Christians that desired to plant a church in Calgary. His desire was to provide a comfortable, open, consistent place for people to worship God and fellowship with friends. For one and a half years Westridge met in Dale's basement until they moved to Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in January 2005, where they continue to meet on Sabbath mornings. It brought tremendous joy and fulfillment to Dale to worship with his friends and serve God with them. Since those early meetings in Dale's basement, Westridge SDA Fellowship has grown from 17 to 50 members!

Two things Dale loved to do: pray and laugh with his friends. He would often say that we needed to share our experiences with one another to help others from making the same mistakes. He cared deeply for his family and friends and always had time to listen and provide a few words of advice. We will miss his regular emails, (“Sabbath tomorrow... Ahhhh... Anything better than that? Blessings Crew! -Dale :-”). He had a humble, unobtrusive philosophy about Christian service. He served with his hands and listened more than he spoke. He recognized people's potential and challenged them to meet it. He never asked more than what he gave.

We, as a church, choose to praise God for the privilege of having Dale in our church family for the past four years. We also praise God because He has beaten death, and He will provide us with Dale's eternal friendship and fellowship. Dale sleeps, waiting for his Saviour, his family and his friends.

Please join us as we continue to lift Dale's closest family and friends up to God during this painful time. Left to mourn his loss are Dale's son, Matthew Bennett of Calgary, AB; his parents, Arthur and Sheila (Loxdale)

*Westridge church group at a Sabbath outing at Banff*



*Dale, his son Matthew, and his dad Arthur Bennett. Dale loved spending time with family!*

Bennett of Timberlea, N.S.; Nita Bennett of Calgary, AB; girlfriend Yvonne Plante of Calgary, AB; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

*Sincerely, Westridge Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship*

*Westridge volunteers for the People Helping People Outreach Ministry at the Garden Road Church (l-r): Yvonne Plante, Dale Bennett, Dawn Dupuis, Jeremy Roque*



*“What a day! What a great Sabbath! The music. So nice. My favorite part usually. So nice to hear the voices blend as one and praise our Father. Nice. :-) Don't ever think it's too much. I wait all week to hear that stuff! I really appreciate hearing about how God works on all of us. Especially when you least think He is doing it. His timing IS perfect. I'm so proud of worship with my friends and Christian brothers and sisters. Means something extra as an only kid.”*

*(January 21/2006, email to church entitled “Thank You”)*

# Memories

**Orville James Berg**, born July 14, 1920, in Bentley and died July 4, 2006, in Red Deer. He was predeceased by spouse Vesta (French) Berg and parents Jake and Lydia Berg. Survived by: daughter Beverly (Willie) McCallum of Hythe, AB; brothers Delvin (Rose) Berg and Kelly (Elaine) Berg; sisters Viola Kruger, Goldie Cuthbertson, Bernadene Reiman, and Donna Mead; five grandchildren [Mark (Shelley) McCallum, Todd (Bonnie) McCallum, Pattie (Sheldon) Shura, Lynn (Clinton) Marshall, Stacey Schuett], 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**Adelaide Josephine (Karpow) Sampsel**, born June 19, 1922, in Winnipeg, MB, and died September 20, 2006, in Pasco, WA. She was predeceased by spouse Leon Karpow of 53 years and parents Julian and Jessie Karpow. Survived by: son Bryan of Portland, OR; daughters Marilyn (Dave) Ludden of Glens Ferry, ID, Sharon (Robert) Muffet of Coos Bay, OR, and Heather (Craig) Johnson of Pasco, WA; brother-in-law Ronald (Huzella) Sampsel of Lacombe; sisters Vivian (Earl) Diebel of Citrus Heights, CA, and Evelyn (Ernie) Kay of Sweet Home, OR; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Adelaide loved to work in the children's Sabbath School divisions in churches she attended.

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### Tithe and Offering Report to October 31, 2006

		Increase over October 31, 2005
Tithe	\$7,352,277.01	10.5%
World Budget	230,725.41	22.6%
Sabbath School	178,687.82	23.93%
ADRA Canada	58,116.06	23%
Alberta Advance	258,380.01	15.6%

*It is a joy to see how the Lord has blessed His people in this Conference. I believe this is reflected in the increase of His tithe and your offerings to further the Lord's work in Alberta and around the world.*

*Robert Holdal, VP for Finance*

## Dateline ... a gift ...

Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 noon	Conference office closed
Jan. 7-11	Adv. Ministries Convention
Jan 17	Staff and AD Com Meetings
18-21	Pastor's Meeting
19-21	Boot Camp for speakers and pastors
21	K-12 Education Board
26-28	Ryley Winter Festival
31	AD Com
Feb. 2-4	CUC/PAA Board
2-4	Pathfinder Winter Retreat
7	Staff and AD Com Meetings
12	Alberta News Deadline
16-19	Adv. Adult Singles Retreat
19	FAMILY DAY
21	AD Com
25	Executive Committee
28-Mar. 4	NAD World Youth Congress "Just Claim It"