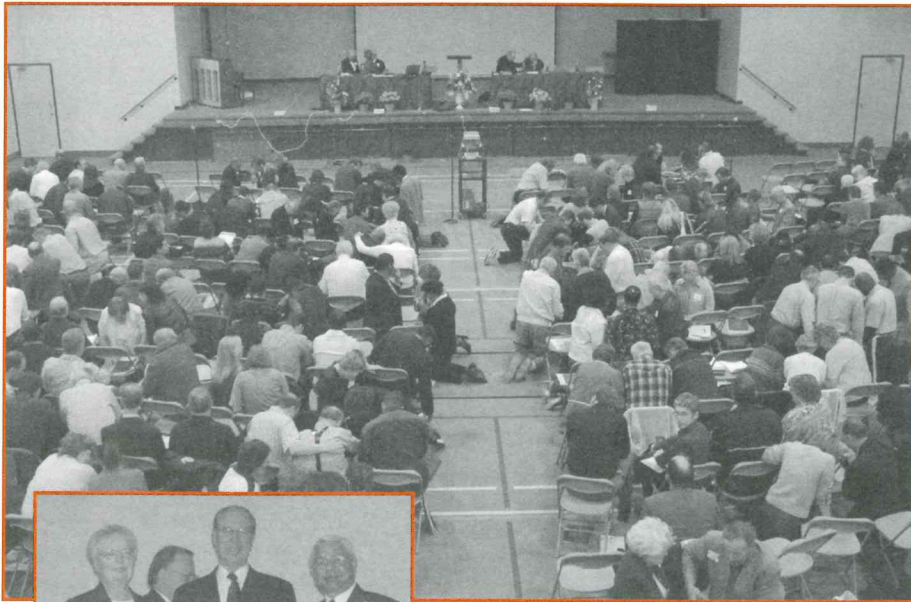


Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Conference Session - A Success



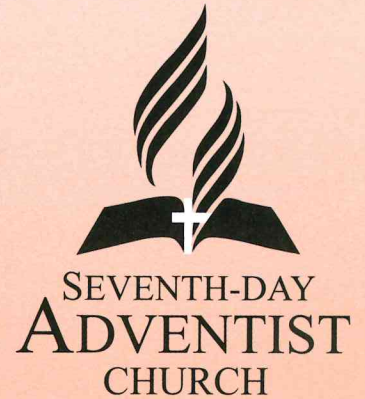
At 7:30 a.m. Sunday, September 26, the Organizing Committee began their work of selecting new members for two committees who will be asked to serve for the next term. A light breakfast was served to these early risers. They continued their work until 9:30 a.m. when it was time for the general Session to be called to order. A special time of prayer was given to the delegates to invite the Spirit of God to be present in all matters throughout the day.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Nominating Committee report which met prior to Session day to make a recommendation to the Delegates that the three Conference officers be re-elected for the next term – Elder William Olson, President; Elder Romy Daquila, Executive Secretary (now referred to as Vice President for Administration); and Carolyn Osmond, Treasurer (now referred to as Vice President

for Finance). As the ballots were counted for each person and position, it was evident that there was a strong support for our three officers and a round of applause was heard as each smiling candidate re-entered the room.

The agenda for the day moved along smoothly. Conference Initiatives for the next term were presented to the Delegates. Comments and suggestions were made to the Bylaws Committee's report which presented several proposed changes to our Bylaws. Two of significance would be that in the future, Regular Sessions will be held quadrennial rather than triennial. Another change would give the Executive Secretary and Treasurer a more definitive role as indicated in the second paragraph.

The day ended on a positive note and there was a good spirit in the hearts and minds of the delegates. God has truly blessed the Alberta Conference in the past and we can only anticipate greater blessings as we unite to bring the Good News of the Gospel to every corner of our beautiful Province of Alberta and the Northwest Territories.



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From the President

Fall Week of Prayer, 2004

The week of November 7 through 13 has been designated as the Week of Prayer for the fall of 2004.

If ever there was a need for a time of prayer and increased communication with our God it is now. The Christian beliefs which we cling to are under attack from within and from without. Individuals and churches are facing critical situations which tend to discourage and destroy Christian love and unity. We have a work to do and a desperate need for the power of the Holy Spirit if we are to accomplish what God intends us to be doing with our lives. We need to pray.

The inspired writer, Ellen White, wrote these words a century ago, "We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being, and also the salvation of other souls, depend upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon his Word, especially upon the scenes of the judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are taking place around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 601)

I want to take this opportunity to encourage every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta to increase their time in prayer to their God and their time in reading of His Word during this special fall Week of Prayer. Please pray for your families, for our youth, for your church and your pastor, for your Conference and its administration and for your self. I hope that God's people will gather together in the churches, in small groups in private homes and as families and pray. We can be assured of a powerful blessing when we do this.

I am mindful of the words of Samuel in speaking to God's people, "For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and right way: Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you". (1Samuel 12:22-24) My colleagues and I here in the Alberta Conference office will be praying for you, God's people, during this upcoming special Week of Prayer.

William M Olson, President



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Local Church News

Airdrie

The Way to the Heart is Truly Through The Stomach!

The Airdrie Seventh-day Adventist Church was delighted to witness the baptism of seven precious souls on Sabbath, June 26th. Six of the seven baptized came into the church through the monthly Airdrie Vegetarian Supper club.

Airdrie church member, Ida Unruh, spearheaded the Veggie Supper Club. When Ida brought the idea to the Airdrie church board she found the idea fully and enthusiastically supported by Pastor Ken Eirich, the entire church board and all of the members



of the church. Everyone thought it would be a great community outreach. That was two years ago and the fruits of this outreach are now beginning to appear.

We didn't conceal the fact that the Airdrie Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored the Veggie Supper Club, nor did we push our faith on anyone. We chose to love them all unconditionally. At times, we have had as many as fifteen visitors to the Sabbath services from the Supper Club. It's a phenomenal community outreach and we are all blessed by the addition of these brothers and sisters in the Lord to our Adventist family.

Ken Eirich, Pastor

Calgary Bridgeland

On the weekend of July 23-25 the Personal Ministry Department of the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a "Spiritual Growth Seminar" that was conducted by Pastor Justis St. Hilaire. The seminar was organized to benefit the entire church but, specifically those who indicated interest in conducting home Bible studies. Many who were interested lacked the necessary skills. Over forty individuals registered for the seminar. We were happy



to have participants from Central and Southside Churches as well. The program was a tremendous success; the participants were both enlightened and motivated. They are very anxious to put into practice what they have learned. Everyone said that the seminar was both informative and inspirational. In preparation for the "It Is Written" Calgary City-

Wide Crusade 2005, we hope to have at least twenty home Bible studies up and running very soon.

Reynold Ferary, Pastor

Edmonton Central

The month of May was an exciting month for members of the Edmonton Central church family and in particular for the Northern Lights Pathfinder Club. Two club members and two club counsellors were baptized and welcomed into church fellowship.

Shane and Laurie Vallette were initially introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist community through a group of friends and began attending *Revelation Speaks Peace* in the winter of 2002. Following the series, they began to attend Central Church regularly and became involved with the Pathfinder group as counsellors shortly thereafter. With tears of joy they were baptized on May 8, 2004 by Pastor John Wesley.

Gregory Hawthorn grew up at the Edmonton Central Church

and is an active member of the youth group and of the Northern Lights Pathfinder Club. Pastor Les Neal, a former pastor at the Central Church baptized Gregory on May 15, 2004.

Katie Caza-Glenn first became familiar with the Adventist church while babysitting for an Adventist family. As she began to attend church her interest in Pathfinders grew and she soon became an active member of the Northern Lights Pathfinder Club. She desired to publicly commit her life to God and was baptized on May 29, 2004 by Pastor Tyler Rosengren.

*Debbie Aubert,
Communications Secretary*



Local Church News

Lethbridge



The Lethbridge Church was richly blessed by two baptisms in May, 2004. Rebecca Match and Shawna Lussier both took their vows and were inducted into the family of God. Even though they were not baptized on the same Sabbath, the angels of God rejoiced twice in one month!

Richard Oevering



Lloydminster

On Sabbath June 19th, Seventh-day Adventist church members gathered from around northeastern Alberta to witness the biggest evangelistic harvest ever in the history of the Lloydminster church.

Fifteen precious souls (two rebaptisms) made their decision for Jesus and to become part of His remnant church.

About 18 seminar attendees moved from the Best Western Hotel's 'Crown Ballroom' to the Lloydminster SDA church after seminar night 11. Toward the last few meetings, to our delight, almost all of the attendees made their decision for baptism. Pastor/Evangelist Justis St Hilaire's presentations were clear, compelling and Christ centered.

The atmosphere was electric and the Holy Spirit's presence was evident as tears of joy were shed and songs of rejoicing sung of God's power to save. The efforts of the Alberta conference sponsored bible worker, Jerryn Schmidt,



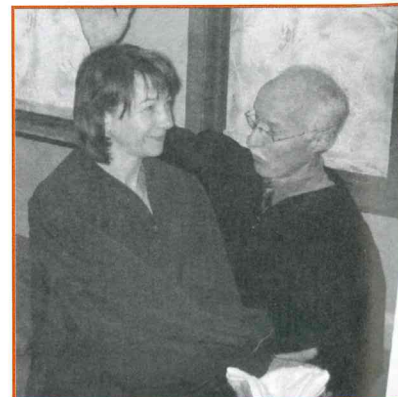
Door-to-door volunteers who handed out invitations

was rewarded with six of the 15 making their decision resulted from his evangelistic pre-work.

Several of the 15 converts indicated that a personal invitation from the 50 pre-seminar door-to-door ticket invitation workers was the deciding factor in their decision to attend the seminar leading to their conversion. Most of the door-to-door volunteer workers drove to Lloydminster from all corners of the Province of Alberta at their own expense, some driving several hours to give out tickets and a personal invitation a week prior to the start of the seminars.

To put it all into perspective, this grand victorious event was a result of the work of the Holy Spirit through the collaborative efforts of many branches of ministry and lay member involvement.

Pastor Darrell Beaudoin



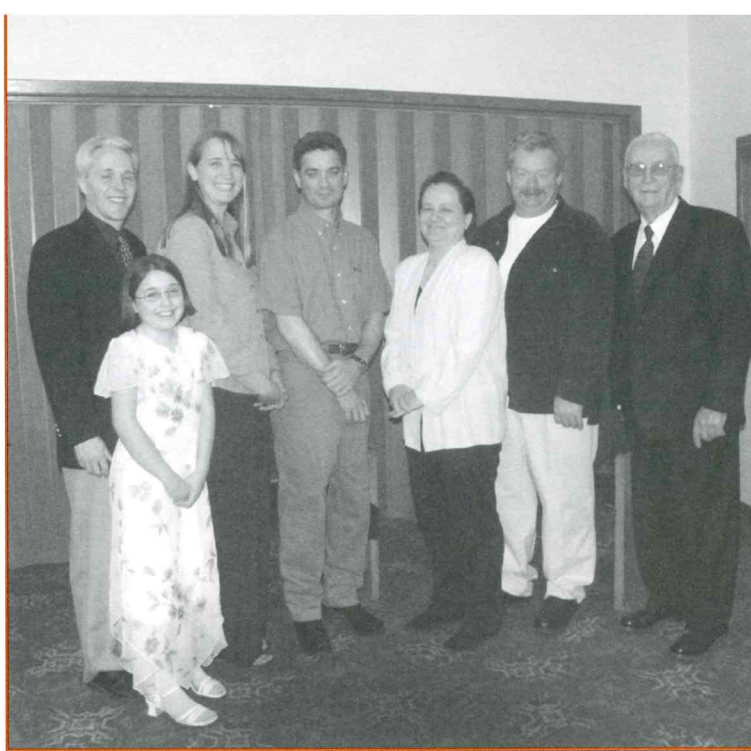
Back row: James Kennedy, Jerryn Schmidt [Bible worker], Helen Lewchuk, Dave Burton, Candice Campbell, Colette Burton, Eileen Habetler. Front row: Pastor Justis St Hilaire, Norman Glover, Walter Hiebert, Brad Trumpf, Deborah Trumpf, James Harris, Kara Fullerton, Lynn Teiber, Delmar Teiber, Pastor Darrell Beaudoin

Olds

Recently the church in Olds hosted the "Amazing Prophecy Seminar," with Pastor Justis St. Hilaire. The entire church showed tremendous support for the meetings through prayer ministry and personal involvement. As a result the Lord blessed their efforts with six decisions for baptism. Three other individuals are attending church regularly and hopefully will be making their decision for Jesus soon. We are grateful to the Lord for the people who are now a part of our church family.



Pastor Justis St. Hilaire with new member, Shirley Dixon
Justis St. Hilaire, Pastor



Pictured from left to right: Pastor Justis St. Hilaire, Michelle St. Hilaire, Coral Ross, Steven Peterson, Cathy Ellison, Allan Ellison, Pastor Bill Wigley

Parkland Company

Become a Vegetarian Gourmet ...

Soybean curd may not sound very appetizing, but once you know how to cook with tofu, it's actually quite tasty. This truth is the motivation behind the organization of the "Parkland Vegetarian Diners' Club" by members of the Parkland Company in Spruce Grove. To help familiarize interested people in the value and uses of tofu and other vegetarian cuisine, the club has met the last Sunday of every month since May in the Spruce Grove Art Centre. There have been as many as eight visitors from the community. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and a cooking demonstration follows at 6:30 p.m. God is truly blessing in the community outreach.

Ngaere Gill, Communications Secretary



Potter's Place Company

August 28 was a high day for the members of the Potter's Place Company of north Red Deer. On that day, members were privileged to witness the baptism of three very special people from their congregation. As the baptism was the first for this newly-formed company, it was especially poignant.

Moe Whalen, Lisa Heppner and Bethany Dahr were buried in the waters of baptism at the Bentley SDA church in a service that not only confirmed their commitment to the Lord, but also caused friends and family in attendance to reconfirm their own stand. As they baptized the candidates, Pastor Chanda Nunes and Brad Dahr, CUC theology student, called upon everyone to support their new brother and sisters in the faith throughout the continuing maturation process. The three baptized were then unanimously voted into membership.

We rejoice with our Heavenly Father at the decisions that the baptisms represent.
Crystal Holloway, Clerk



Moe Whalen, Lisa Heppner, Brad Dahr and daughter Bethany

Peace River

On May 29, Yves Tailleur joined the Peace River congregation through profession of faith. After two years of learning about the Adventist faith, Yves made his decision to follow the Lord's continued leading in his life. As a bonus, Yves also married Peace River church member, Beverly Tolen, on July 4, 2004. All the Lord's blessing to Yves and his wife Beverly as they prepare to meet the Lord together.

David Beaudoin, Pastor

Local Church News



Johann Kritziner, Japie Kritzinger, Annetjie Kritzinger, Ken Meers, Patricia Lee

Red Deer

Five precious souls who were baptized on May 15 into the Red Deer Church all had something to say to the congregation to the point where there was no time left for the sermon! Actually there were five sermons! One of them included a PowerPoint presentation. The uniqueness of this event was that all five people were the result of personal witness.

Irma Hartley

Red Willow

On Sunday August 22, 2004 members of the Red Willow Community Church set out to the Alberta Legislature grounds



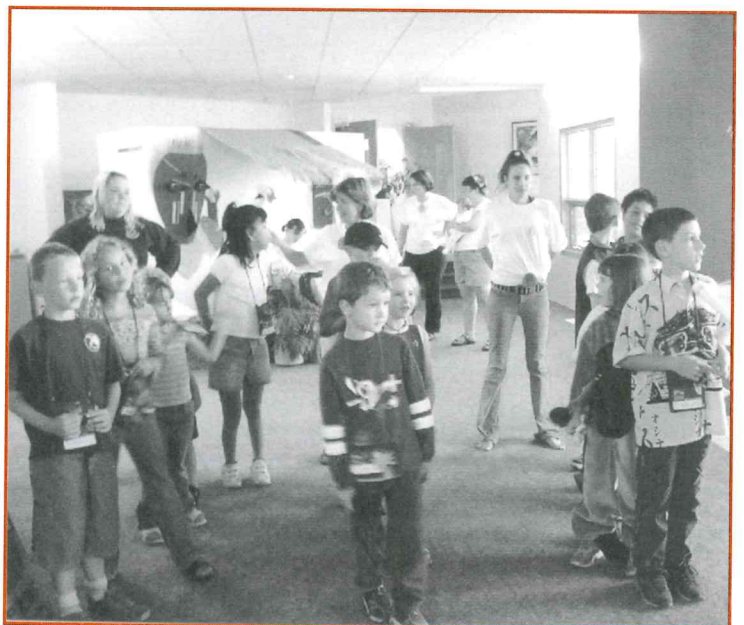
in Edmonton for a unique sharing and witnessing opportunity. Under the leadership of Dini Bos and Kim Kwasek, Christian bands and artists were given the opportunity to share gospel music and testimonies in the forty-five minute set each were given. Interspersed with the music and testimonies, a moving drama was given depicting a person's journey to finding Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. On hand as well were face painters and clowns to engage any children who came. Booths were set up for people to advertise Christian events such as First Love, a weekend program offered by the Red Willow Church to anyone who wants to renew their relationship with God or bring it to the next level of commitment. This was such a rewarding experience that plans are now under way to obtain the legislature grounds again next year for this dynamic ministry.

Dan Rochford, Pastor

Sylvan Lake

The lava was flowing and voices were singing as VBS 2004 was a great success in the Sylvan Lake Church. "Lava Lava Island" ran from August 25-30 in the evenings, with 27 volunteers making it possible. It was so exciting to work with God within our community. When in the planning stages for this year's program, the projected enrolment was increased by 20 children over past years' attendance. As the time drew near, it was a little stressful wondering if the increased budget would be warranted or not. But as VBS week progressed, it was evident that God was truly blessing our church and community. We finished with one kit left over, and a total attendance of 79 children. At the end of the week when Wendy Holly, our VBS leader, was asked how she knew how many to plan for, her reply was, "I don't think it would really matter what number we choose. However many we plan for, I believe God would send the children to fill it up." And that He did.

Jerralyn Severston, Communications Secretary





NW Regional Camp Meeting

The beautiful David Thompson Bible Camp was the spot where members of the North West Region met the weekend of June 18-20, 2004. The guest speaker was Dr. Winston Ferris who presented various topics on prayer. Eighty plus members gathered on Sabbath and were blessed with beautiful weather, spiritual food and sweet fellowship.

David Beaudoin, Pastor



Adventist Schools News



Coralwood Adventist Academy Visits Quebec

Coralwood Adventist Academy in Edmonton just finished an educational trip of a lifetime! French teacher Muriel Huguenin, two mothers and sixteen students flew to Quebec for nine days. We got accustomed to another culture and a fantastic place, 'le vieux Quebec', for the first couple of days. Our visit to the SDA church in Quebec City was unforgettable in more ways than one.

The Grade Nine girls and their teacher had special music there and the members put on an excellent potluck for us. The Youth Hostel was renovated and comfortable with five or six students per room. From Sunday through Thursday, May 2-6, our guide from Rendez-vous Canada, a division of Sevec, taught us so much about the history of our country. The students loved the hands-on and interactive activities and the three-dimensional shows of the past. In their journals they mentioned learning way more at those twenty-three sites than they would have back inside their classroom. More detailed information is on CatNet for teachers who are interested in organizing such a trip. We thank the Lord for His blessing and for safety on our unforgettable trip!

Muriel Huguenin

Sylvan Meadows School Visits Nicaragua

What is our mission while on this earth? Introducing people to God and serving fellow believers. That is exactly what a group of people, ranging in age from 15 to 70, did from May 30 – June 12, 2004 when they went on a mission trip to Nicaragua. The group came together from Sylvan Lake, Peace River and Hazelton, BC under the direction of Onardo Ortega, teacher and principal of Sylvan Meadows Adventist School.

The main project was to build a high school for students in La Trinidad but they also led out in a week of video meetings, put on puppet shows for the children in Spanish, provided music and church services for both Sabbaths in two different churches, played soccer with the young people and delivered medical supplies and clothing to an orphanage and some of the mountain villages. It was a very rewarding and eye-opening experience for those on the trip.

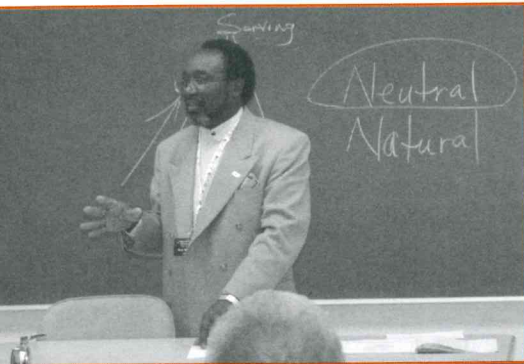
One thing seemed to stand out above everything else though and that was the absolute faith that was exemplified by these people. They have next to nothing in a material sense but yet they are very happy and content, fulfilled by their belief and faith in God. The school was not quite completed when the group left but another group has since gone there to finish it.

Jerralyn Severtson, Communications Secretary



Western Canada Teacher's Convention at CUC

Approximately 190 excited and enthusiastic Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers and administrators from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, converged on the Canadian University College campus August 22 to embark on



Dr. Roo McKenzie, Head Principal of Loma Linda Academy, was a keynote speaker where educators were challenged to begin the "Extreme Makeover" needed in Adventist Education. Go and tell what good the Lord has done for you, he commissioned.

the wonderful adventure of the Western Canada Teacher's Convention. The weather was a bit dismal and the umbrellas given (many thanks to Mike Lekic, Director of Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada) were a welcome gift to the participants. However, the anticipation and excitement could be felt in the air as registration proceeded.

"Adventist School Practices that



Pastor Ron Sydenham, Senior Pastor of the College Heights Church challenged teachers and administrators to remember the little things that count.

Matter Most" was the theme selected for the convention and participants were challenged to take the best new practices they learned back to their classrooms and schools. Keynote speaker, Dr. Roo McKenzie, Principal and Business Manager of Loma Linda Academy, challenged his listeners to check out our personal "Spiritual Quotient" (SQ). A high IQ, (intellectual quotient), or high EQ (emotional quotient), or high PQ (positive quotient) will not give the results we want in Adventist Education.

What will give us the changes in Adventist Education we are looking for is a high SQ beginning with us, the teachers and administrators.

General Session presenters included Larry Blackmer, Associate Director of Secondary Curriculum for the North American Division; Eleanor Doctor, Barrister and Solicitor in Education Law; Dennis Plubell, Associate Director of Secondary Curriculum for the North Pacific Union Conference; and, Warren Walikonis, Associate Director of Field Services for Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

Expert teachers and administrators from the local conferences presented breakout sessions. The breakout sessions included topics such as: Multi-grade Classrooms by Pat Cove (BC); Integration of LA and Math K-3 by Betty Morris (Alberta Learning); Art by Agnes Oosterhof (BC); Bible/Chaplains and Outreach by John Bullock (AB) and Mike Dauncey (BC); Secondary English by Loraine Popik (PAA); Elementary Language Arts by Rose Perry and Tammy Larsen (BC); Secondary Math by Leo Ganson (PAA); Elementary Math by Keith Leavitt (CUC); Physical Education by Stacy Hunter (BC); Science by Lawrence Wong (CUC) and Pennie Daffurn (BC); Social Studies by Loren Agrey (CUC); Brain Based Learning by Teri Carey (BC) Digital Cameras by Larry Murrin (CUC) and



Leo Ganson, Vice Principal of Parkview Adventist Academy conducting a high school math breakout session.

Randy Chenoweth (CUC); Classroom Management by Steven Gabrys (BC); Music Enhancement Band/Choir by Heidi Kettner (BC); Music Enhancement Chimes by Karen Landry (AB); Music Enhancement Guitar by Onardo Ortega (AB); Youth Safe Outdoors by Glenda Hanna (AB); CAT 3 by Dr. Cheng (AB); Teaching a Second Language by Muriel Huguenin (AB); ITI (Integrated Thematic Instruction) by Ellen Bell, Judy Gorbenko, and Karen Landry (AB); Retirement and Financial Planning by Carolyn Osmond (AB); Physical Fitness and Wellness by Reuben Lorenson and Travis McMurray (CUC); Smart Board presentation by Mohamed Shiek (AB); and Premier Agenda (AB).

World-renowned Randall Wiebe from the Canadian Passion Play presented a one-hour monolog of "Thomas: The Confessions of a Doubter" Tuesday evening. What a powerful presentation on "Seeing is.....believing?" This was a

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The joy of music can be brought to the classroom as these teachers learned about the guitar.

Alberta Youth Challenge

The Magabook Program has come to a close for the summer. And what an inspiring summer it was! Participating students were able to see the Lord work in the hearts of many of the people they met. We all had a good time going door-to-door.

The Maga Book program is where students go door-to-door selling books and magazines to help earn money to go to school. It is also where students have a chance to pray with people, witness, and look for bible study interests. Students hand out The Passion of the Messiah as free literature, pass out survey cards, sell life-changing books, and meet interesting people.

We have distributed 4921 pieces of literature and knocked on 11,734 doors, prayed with 227 people, had 39 survey cards come back with interest, enrolled 3 people in bible study's and invited 683 people to camp meeting. Students made over \$9,000 this summer to help with their education.

The top selling book was *More Choices* an excellent choice for cooks who are interested in healthy cooking and vegetarian fare. The other three top sellers were *Health Power*



which gives excellent information on most aspects of health; *Angels Among Us*, a popular book of stories involving the watch care of angels; and *Secret Keys*, a storybook for children in the style of Uncle Arthur *Bedtime Stories*

but with modern tales. Other books that were sold were: *God's Answers (Bible Readings for the Home)*, *The Great Controversy*, *Joy in the*



The AYC Team consisting of (l-r) Janine Howard, Theresa Howard, Martin Perez, Montes Estiriphil, Delicia Adams, Lyle Notice, Eval Bernard. (Absent: Shanelle Adams and Ron Sydney)

Morning (Thoughts From the Mount of Blessings), *Liberty*, *Peace Above the Storm (The Desire of Ages)*, and *Shiloh*.

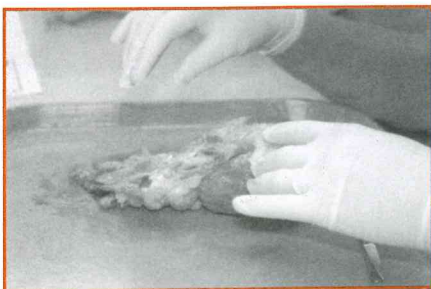
It is with gratitude that we look back on a summer of spiritual growth and experiences in trusting the Lord. The students learned that even homes that did not look promising could yield wonderful results. In fact, in one home the customer told the student that God had sent him to help her. He prayed with her and she bought the entire set of books. This student was thankful that he listened to that still small voice leading him to the home and ignored the gigantic "No Soliciting" sign on the door. We look forward to another exciting and faith building adventure next year!

If you would like to join us next summer, feel free to contact me at the Alberta Conference Office, ext. 200 or by email: jhoward@albertasda.org. Looking forward to hearing from you.

John Howard, Director

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prelude to the inspirational message given to us Wednesday morning by Ron Sydenham, Senior Pastor of College Heights SDA Church, where we were reminded of the little things that really count. The culminating spiritual commitment of a communion service was shared to send everybody home with a slightly higher SQ.



One of the "fun things" to do in a science class!

To summarize, Dr. McKenzie challenged teachers and educators to go home and tell our families, church families, school families, and personal families, what good the Lord has done for us. I challenge you, the reader, to go and do the same.

Janet Griffith,
Asst. Education Director

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Faith on Fire

INTERNATIONAL PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

Nearly 200 Pathfinders and staff from all over Alberta joined a group of 33,000+ who gathered at Osh Kosh, Wisconsin for the "Faith On Fire" International Camporee held August 10-14, 2004. For most Pathfinder groups, their journey began many months ahead of their actual trip, as clubs planned and did fundraisers to cover costs incurred. Our journey would take us approximately 2700 kilometers and thirty hours from home. Excitement mounted, as our departure time drew closer. For many, this would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and for some a life-changing experience.

Clubs from all over North America experienced their share of challenges; from tire blowouts to rollovers, Visa refusals, and record-setting cold temperatures. Our archenemy was working over time, to prevent us from receiving the blessings waiting for us at this Camporee. Although he tried very hard to discourage us, our God is always triumphant. Our theme for Camporee, "Faith On Fire," could easily be changed to "Faith Under Fire." We personally experienced a damaging hailstorm, starter replacement and blowing the motor in our truck, all within the first five hours of leaving home. God intervened on our behalf and within 24 hours, we were

back on our way with a new motor. Praise God for everyone one of you who prayed for all the Pathfinders!

Clubs started arriving Monday afternoon, and soon after, Alberta experienced its toughest trial of the week with the sudden passing of Romy Atagan from the Calgary Crusaders, Calgary Central Church. Our prayers, tears and heartfelt sympathies were extended to the club as we wrapped arms of love around the club and prayed for the Atagan family in Calgary. Our extended Pathfinder family at Camporee immediately responded to our tragedy. James Black, NAD Pathfinder Director, and many pastors on site met with the entire Calgary club

to console, support, counsel, and pray. Our North American brothers and sisters continued to support the Calgary club throughout the week. Donations poured in on Sabbath to help the grief stricken family. Words cannot adequately express how much love we felt.

Calgary experienced the "trials of Job." All their food and supplies were held up at the border when one of their families was not allowed to cross. Various clubs offered food and cooking equipment and then Ohio offered to feed the Crusaders for the whole week. A staff member was slightly injured when hit by a



Aerial view of Osh Kosh



Alberta Pathfinder Group



Alberta Conference Pathfinder Group Picture



Alberta Pathfinder's flag lowering

taxi at the Chicago airport, but God provided help with a club from Washington. God is good! At our darkest moments, He is always there for us. He carries us through when our faith is under fire! He brings triumph out of tragedy!

Our theme, "Faith On Fire," took us to Egypt and the life experience of Joseph. Each night we were able to relate to Joseph's doubts, questions and fears,

and see how his faith in God triumphed. We learned with Joseph that, "He wants the best for me, so I'll trust Him when I cannot see. My God is in control, He's in control." Each night as we sang our theme song, we witnessed an increase in the number of glow sticks lighting the sky. By Saturday night, each person lit and held a glow stick representing the ember of faith within each



Pathfinder Parade



Calgary Pathfinder Crusaders

of us and how when we set our "Faith On Fire," "the world can see, there's a fire in me, burning by the power of Jesus' name." May we all fan the flames of faith!

Pathfinders participated in many different activities throughout the week including community service in Osh Kosh, Young Eagles plane rides, daily air shows, parades, camel rides, life-size sanctuary demonstrations, talent search, pin trading, hot

air balloon rides, Sabbath morning investiture, Sabbath afternoon baptism, numerous honors and much more. The week was very busy!

As Camporee 2004 came to a close, Pathfinders took home memories, souvenirs and life experiences. The journey home

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Sylvan Lake Pathfinders



Carole Neptune, Carol Morton, Richard Williams

Alberta Conference Pathfinder Counselor Dies

(Excerpts from news release as
published August 11 at the Camporee)



Romy Atagan, 52, died of an apparent heart attack about 6:30 Monday evening Aug. 9 on the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) campground.

Atagan has been excited about Faith on Fire International Pathfinder Camporee for the past several months. The excitement during the months of preparation and planning was contagious to family members, friends, and members of his Calgary, Alberta, Canada, church. As an adult counselor with the Calgary Crusaders

Pathfinder Club, his enthusiasm was particularly evident, even as he was driving to Oshkosh.

Upon arrival, however, tragedy hit. While setting up camp, Atagan suffered what appeared to be a heart attack. Attempts by a respiratory therapist were unsuccessful as emergency medical services arrived. An autopsy is planned to determine cause of death. The grief and shock of the club was heightened as Atagan's wife Melujean Aquino and his daughter Megan, 12, received the news back at their home in Calgary.

Atagan was born on June 4, 1952, in Kabanglan, Negros-Occidental, Phillippines. He trained as a medical technologist before immigrating to Canada in 1988. In 1992 he married Melujean, a nursing graduate of Mountain View College, in the Philippines. Most recently he was working as a school bus driver in Calgary.

Surviving are seven brothers and sisters. One brother predeceased him.

Atagan was active in his home church at Calgary Central, especially in the music program and the van ministry, "People Helping People." He was much appreciated for his interest in encouraging others to use their time and talents for God and the church. Members of the Calgary Crusaders are now planning a special project in memory of Atagan, possibly a sponsor-a-child initiative.

Ron Whitehead, Faith on Fire camporee director, said, "We are deeply saddened at the death of a Canadian Pathfinder leader at the Faith on Fire Camporee in Oshkosh. His devotion to God reminds us of the Savior who loves us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and the young people from Alberta.

"We have brought in several people to counsel with the young people and other adult leaders, helping them to process their grief. During this painful time, we will continue to minister to those who feel the loss keenly. Please join us in praying for the family, for the Pathfinders from Alberta, Canada, and for all who feel sadness and loss at this time." Whitehead added.

Dirk Zinner, Canadian Correspondent

Wedding Announcement

Devin Demitor and Tiffany Ball were married August 8, 2004 at Sedgewick, AB. They are making their home in Edmonton. Devin is the son of Reg and Judy Demitor and Tiffany is the daughter of Donald and Ruth Ball.

Baby Dedication

It was with much joy and thanksgiving that Onardo and Angie Ortega, along with big sister Nina, presented their daughter, Isabel Lucia to be dedicated to the Lord on May 15, 2004 by Pastor Warren Kay at the Sylvan Lake Church. Onardo is the principal at Sylvan Meadows Adventist School.

Obituaries

Connie Bechthold Born Dec 6, 1911 in Newburg, North Dakota. Died May 19, 2004 in Rimbey. Predeceased: Spouse Adolph Bechthold; daughter Yvonne (Bechthold) Tetz. Surviving: Son Wayne (Donna) Bechthold, Tillamook, OR; brother Harry Simmonds, Calgary; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was a member of the College Heights Church since 1927 and was active in Dorcas work for many years.

Yvonne (Tetz) Bechthold Born Jan 18, 1934 in Calgary. Died April 9, 2004 in Angwin, CA. Surviving: Son Gregory (Sandy) Tetz, Fontana, CA; daughters Rhonda (Bernie) May, Red Deer and Julie (Joe) Yanke, Oregon City, OR; brother Wayne (Donna) Bechthold, Tillamook, OR; five grandchildren. She served as a float secretary for many years at St. Helena Hospital and was involved in the local Pathfinder club.

Louis Bugden Born June 7, 1930 in Halifax, NS. Died Feb 7, 2004 in Calgary. Surviving: Spouse Stella Bugden; son Paul (Rosita), Calgary; daughters Shauna (Charles) Calgary; Cindy (Howard) Crossfield; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Lou spent 30 years serving his church in many areas – school teacher, MV and Education Director in the Man-Sask Conference, Pathfinder Leader, school principal and pastor. He also led out in numerous youth camps and school choirs.

Gwen Compton Died Sept 15, 2004 at the age of 63 years. Predeceased: Father William J. Compton. Surviving: sons Andre Beaulieu (Nicole Hall) and Stephen (Aislin) Beaulieu; daughter Racquelle (Michael) Pilon; mother Agnes Compton; brothers Evan (Cher) Compton and Nyren (Chris) Compton; sister Louise (Stewart) Roper; two grandchildren.

Alice Cyr Died May 9, 2004 at 88 years old in Edmonton. Predeceased: Spouse Art Cyr.

Surviving: Daughters Lorraine (Richard) La Pierre, Langley, BC; Paulette (Tom) Jenkins, Edmonton; sister Helen Foster, Edmonton; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Iris Dorosh Born Oct 12, 1930. Died Feb 29, 2004 in Edmonton. Surviving: Spouse Walter Dorosh; son Grant (Sandra) Dorosh, Stony Plain; daughters Aileen Dorosh, Edmonton; Sharilyn (Jay) Kmech, Edmonton; brother Dr Walter Roberts, Loma Linda, CA; sister Sheila Cardoza, Loma Linda, CA; three grandchildren. She contributed to the music department of Edmonton Central Church and in the community for more than 40 years.

Margaret Frey Died May 9, 2004 in Edmonton at the age of 91. Predeceased: Spouse Joseph Frey, Sr. Surviving: Son Joseph Frey, Jr; daughter Agnes (George) Kovago, Edmonton; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Horz Died April 15, 2004 in Edmonton at the age of 79. Predeceased: Spouse Eugene Horz, brothers John and Mike; sister Anne. Surviving: Sons Gene (Trish) Horz and Marving (Brenda) Horz; brothers Joe (Alice), Edward and Peter; sister Ersie (Johnny) Rose, Deanna (Stan); two grandchildren. Mary was baptized in 1991. Her brother, Edward Romaniuk is a member of the Edson church.

William Letniak Born Sept 20, 1919 in Consort. Died July 1, 2004 in Consort. Surviving: Spouse Lila Letniak; daughter Audrey (Doug) Miller, Red Deer; brother James (Marie) Letniak

For 25 years William was the treasurer of the Loyalist church where he was a member. William was a faithful student of the Bible and a faithful member and supporter of the church and its mission.

Elsie Schultz Born Jan 23, 1918 in Fox Valley, SK. Died Apr 24, 2004 in Rimbey. Surviving: Adopted sons John (Blossom) Parry, Calgary; Bev (Shirley) Schultz, Red Deer; Don (Leslie) Parry, Calgary; adopted daughters Rose Marie (Lloyd) Alcock, Buck Lake; Lorraine (Fred) Engel, Red Deer; brothers Dan (Jennie) Straub, Calgary; Albert (Maureen) Straub, Calgary; Ben (Bea) Straub, California; sisters Viola Rucher, Fergus, ON; Ruth Cameron, Calgary; 19 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the Rimbey church, welcoming many CUC students home for Sabbath dinners.

Grace Trapp Born Nov 4, 1907 in Bonesteal, South Dakota. Died May 5, 2004 at Lethbridge. Predeceased: Spouse Herman; son Donald; grandson John Wesley; brothers Ernest, Noel and Clair; sisters June, Pearl and Maude. Surviving: Sons Lloyd (Doreen) Trapp, Lethbridge; Norman (Lorna) Trapp, Calgary; Dale Trapp, Bend, OR; daughters Lorna Henderson, Vancouver, BC; daughter-in-law Delores Trapp; 22 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Grace was a member of the Lethbridge church since 1941. She held office as Community Services leader for several years and a long-time member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

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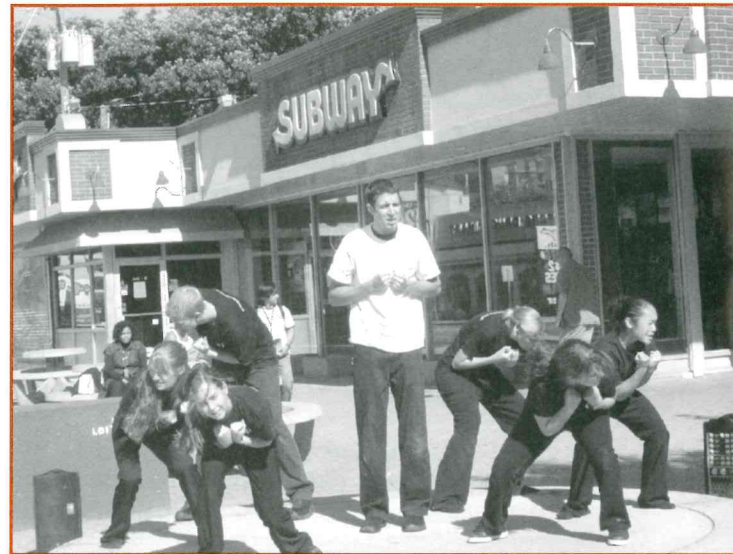
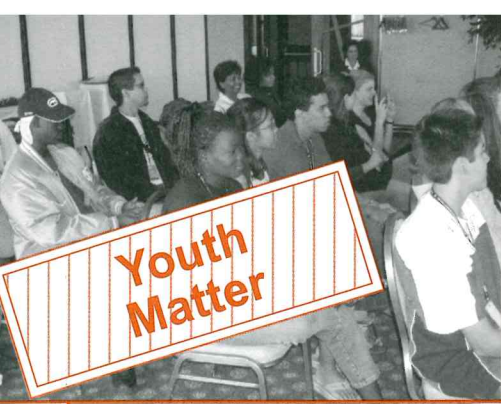
also provided more opportunities for faith building. The Ponoka Woodlands group experienced a flat tire. God used His own walkie-talkie channel, to provide a miraculous way for the club to communicate between vehicles, so no one was stranded.

Were we glad to be home? Yes. Were we tired? Definitely. Despite all our trials, was the trip worthwhile? Absolutely! Would we do it again in five years? You bet!

We would like to say a special thank you to our Youth Director, Richard Williams, for taking time from his busy summer camp schedule to be with us. Thanks as well to the Medicine Hat Prairie Cactus Club, for your extra help in camp set up and take down. Thank you to dedicated directors and club staff, who willingly share their time and energy to mentor our youth! Thank you to the Alberta Conference, all the churches, members and families who helped make our trip to Osh Kosh possible. Thank you for investing in our youth! May God Bless us all as we continue to believe in and invest in our youth!

Carol Morton, Pathfinder Coordinator

Winnipeg Youth Summit



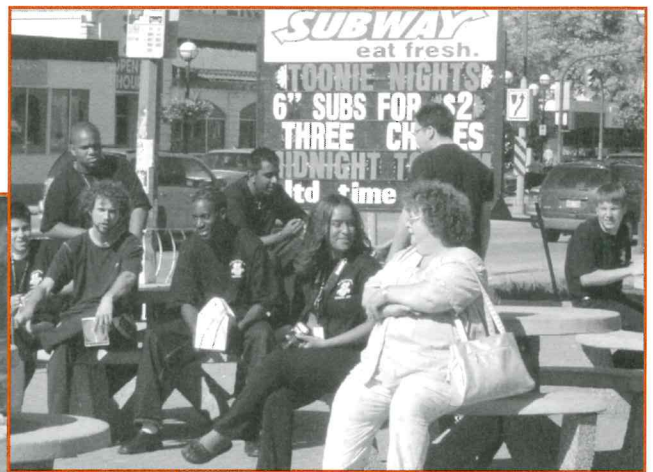
On September 16, 2004 the City of Winnipeg was invaded by Seventh-day Adventist youth and young adults from across the country. Approximately 250 young people including about 50 from Alberta arrived at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. They were coming to attend the “His Heart—Our Hands” Youth Summit. The Summit was sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and planned by the Youth Directors from across the country.

The young people came to fellowship with youth from across Canada, but more importantly, to learn skills they could take home to reach out to their communities. They attended training seminars in a variety of different outreach areas. Some of these included: Epic (Drama/Mime) Ministry, Storm Co. (Community Service), Internet Evangelism, Prayer Ministry, Multimedia Ministry, Worship Music Ministry, Evangelism Through Games, Touch of Love Ministry (outreach to homeless and those in need), and many more. On Sabbath these young people were sent out to the streets of Winnipeg where they put into action the training they received. What a beautiful sight to witness our young people reaching out to the people of Winnipeg! Seeing them talk to complete strangers about Jesus, or play games with little children in a poor neighborhood, handing out sack lunches to homeless people, and so much more. God truly blessed us that day.



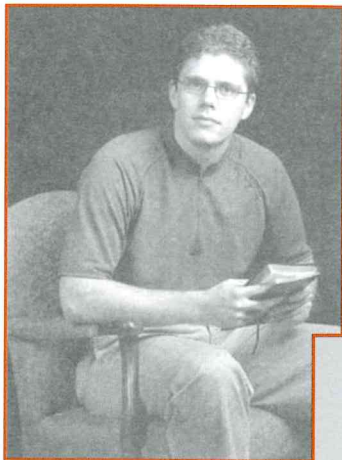
Jackson, SDACC President, encouraged the young people to reach out to their communities for Jesus. It was also wonderful to see several conference presidents, including our own Bill Olson, take time from their busy schedules to come and support our youth. The Lord truly blessed this event and I pray that He will continue to bless our young people across this country.

Richard Williams, Youth Director



The weekend also included uplifting, motivating speaking by three wonderful speakers. James Black, NAD Youth Director; Frankie Lazarus, Ontario Conference Youth Director; and Dan

Four New Pastors for Alberta Conference

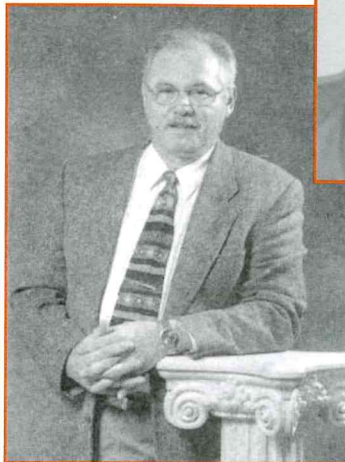


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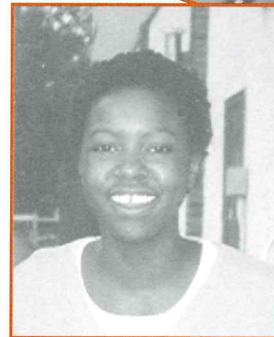


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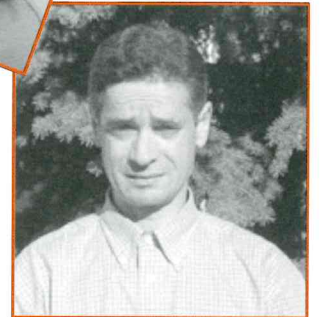


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Handbills Distributed for Prophecy Seminar at Cold Lake



On September 12 - 16 eager prayerful church members combed the city of Cold Lake as they systematically distributed reserve seating tickets and handbills for their Prophecy seminar which began September 17. On opening night 58 non-Seventh-day Adventists attended as a result of the prayerful effort of many. A new church plant is anticipated for the city of Cold Lake. Stay tuned for the final results of the seminar in the next issue of AAN.

Pastor Darrell Beaudoin

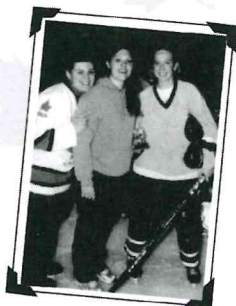
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October	20	ADCOM
	22-24	EXCOM Retreat, Canmore
	27 - Nov 3	NAD Year-end Meetings Battle Creek, MI
November	7-13	NAD Week of Prayer
	10	Staff Meeting / ADCOM
	11	Remembrance Day (office closed)
	15-23	SDACC Year-end Meetings / Board
	24	ADCOM
	26-28	CUC / PAA Alumni Fun Fest
	27	NAD Welcome Home Sabbath
	30 - Dec 3	Pastoral Evangelism Council, Oakwood College
December	5	Conference Executive Committee
	9	Staff Meeting / ADCOM
	12-15	Westpoint School of Evangelism
	23 - Jan 3	Christmas Break (office closed)

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Alberta Member Receives Award

On June 20, 2004, Elsa Schulz, co-founder and Executive Director of the New Home Immigration Centre and the Canadian English Language Institute was a happily surprised recipient of the 2004 RISE award. This prize is equivalent to the Pinnacle Award but in the service to the community area. It was established to recognize and honour individuals who had experienced outstanding achievements – people who not only become successful in their areas but who also made significant contributions to the community.



Many dignitaries, musicians, television channel owners, representatives of the business sector and the media were present at this auspicious occasion. Mrs. Schulz was recognized for her commitment, dedication, significant leadership and contribution to society through her successful charity organization. Some 8,000 immigrants and refugees from 75 different countries as newcomers to Canada have received helpful guidance, training, love and attention from Elsa and her 44 full-time employees and 160 volunteers in the past 20+ years.

Newcomers feel a special affection for Elsa and many have called her “The Canadian version of Mother Theresa.” She sums up her work saying “what motivates me is the satisfaction of knowing that God has used me today to be a blessing for someone in need. This satisfaction can’t be achieved through money. I go to bed tired each night, but with a song in my heart!” Her only motivation being the Lord’s words “I was a stranger, and you made me welcome!” (Matthew 25:43)

Evangelism Update

Several evangelistic meetings are in progress or recently completed at press time. Here is a brief report based on available information:

Justis St. Hilaire, Cold Lake, Opening attendance: 44
Average attendance continuing: 23

Verne Snow, Whitecourt, Two baptisms October 3, 2004
Meetings continue

Les Saylor, Rocky Mountain House

Ian Hartley, Red Deer, Just completed series at Red Deer Lodge

Dr. Walter Pearson, Satellite series, Opening night October 2, 2004 Several churches are participating. Reports unavailable at time of printing.

Further updates will be given through the “For Your Information” weekly e-mail newsletter to churches and in the next edition of the Alberta Adventist News.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to impress the honest in heart who are being introduced to Jesus Christ through these evangelistic outreaches.