

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Greetings from the President . . .

Dear Members and Friends
of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta

My wife, Judy, and I have recently accepted an invitation from the Alberta Conference executive committee to return to Alberta and to serve as your conference president. We are delighted to be returning home; yet at the same time we feel overwhelmed at what will be required of us and even more so by what will be expected of us. However, we are mindful of the apostle Peter stepping out of the boat and, with his eyes on Jesus, walking on water. We know, so very well, that any success we may achieve in our new leadership role will only be possible with our eyes fixed firmly on our Saviour.



Judy and I have been away from Alberta for almost fifteen years, other than for occasional visits, and we know that many things will have changed. However, having served in the British Columbia Conference, in the Middle East, and currently in the Trans-European Division we have learned to accept and to adapt to constantly changing

environments. The one thing we hope will not have changed is the friendliness and hospitality of Alberta Seventh-day Adventists and their faith in their God and soon coming Lord.

Upon my request the Alberta Conference office has provided me with a list of the pastors serving in Alberta. I wanted to acquaint myself with those who are your ministers and who are in the front line of service. Your faithful stewardship allows your conference to maintain forty-three pastors. Besides being faithful in the return of the Lord's tithe, making it possible to maintain such a roster of pastors, I am hoping that each member is upholding their pastor in prayer. Our pastors need the support and prayers of their congregations.

Judy and I have three sons, two living in Edmonton and one in Washington State. They will not let us overlook ensuring that Seventh-day Adventist youth in Alberta are given enticing opportunities to become involved in the Church and in activities for their Lord. You can expect to see your Conference directing much of its resources towards endeavours for our youth. We love our youth too much to let them slip away.

I am writing this letter from England in anticipation of arriving in Alberta in early January. Until our arrival I will be in close contact with the other conference officers who are keeping me well informed and already involving me in Alberta Conference issues. Our pastors are being made aware of how they can contact me during this transition period, should the need arise. We are anxious to join the conference office team and begin renewing old friendships and making new ones. Above all we want to be involved in the gospel commission for Alberta. Judy and I solicit your prayers as we make the move to Alberta and take up our duties in your conference.

Jesus is coming soon, very soon!

Yours faithfully, William M. (Bill) Olson



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1st Annual Employee Convention

Pastor Tom Lemon Teaches Principles of Communication



Tom Lemon challenges teachers, pastors and office staff

Oregon Conference, led small group discussions on how to apply various skills and tools to pastor-teacher relationships so that each can effectively communicate expectations to one another before getting into the "pinch." The office staff spent time discussing how to apply the same techniques in an office environment.



After a group assignment, Pastor Werner Seidel explains what he found in nature that brings his thoughts toward the Heavenly Creator

On October 5-7, the Conference office staff joined with the pastors and teachers for a time of fellowship and learning at Foothills Camp. Guest presenter, Pastor Tom Lemon, Ministerial Director for the

Bible Worker for Calgary Area

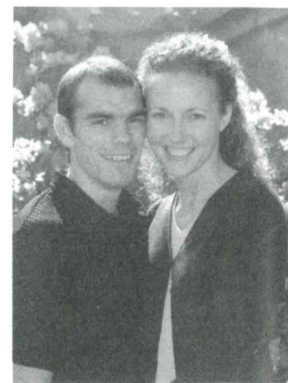
Impressed by the truths studied in the Bible, Chuck Novosad took the steps toward baptism on March 31, 2001 and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then shared his experience with other members of his family, leading to the baptisms of grandparents and mother.

Excited by his first soul winning experience, he began to work with the local church and hold a small group study in Salmon Arm, BC. Because of his enthusiasm to spread the message, mentors in the church encouraged Chuck to attend the Mission College in Black Hills, South Dakota.

After graduation he was hired as a Bible worker in preparation for the Revelations Speaks Peace series in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The series was successful, resulting in 40 baptisms. It was so rewarding to see five of the candidates Chuck had been studying with make a decision for Christ. During the series it was also a great privilege for him to work with Shawn Boonstra and It Is Written. Chuck and Trina (Cordett) were married August 10, 2003 and settled in Calgary.

Currently he is working with the local churches in Calgary, as a Bible worker, in preparation for another Revelation Speaks Peace series in 2004.

Chuck & Trina Novosad



Ordination / Commissioning Service

2003 Camp Meeting

(Back l-r): Curtis (Commissioned) & Lucia Polishuk; Jee & Jae Min Yeon, Edmonton / Calgary Korean Companies.

(Front l-r): David & Sheila Beaudoin, Peace River / Morningstar; Lise & David Beaudoin, Bonnyville / Innisfree / Lloydminster



Pastoral Couple Retires After 44 Years of Service

Pastor Frank Johnson, BSc (Ed.), MA (Min) was born in British Columbia where he grew up on the Pacific Coast. His wife, Yvonne, (Critchley) was born in Newfoundland. They met at Oshawa Missionary College (Kingsway College) where they were taking the teacher-training program and were married in 1960.

Their teaching careers began in 1959: Frank, as a part-time substitute teacher in the elementary church school at OMC, and Yvonne as a full-time teacher in the Corner Brook Adventist School. For the next 14 years, Frank and Yvonne taught in various schools in the Atlantic Provinces. In addition to teaching, Frank was involved in the construction of three churches and the major addition to one school. He also served as acting pastor in several places and officially (for three years) as pastor in Bonavista, NF where (at that time) one of the new churches was built.

During the years that Frank taught in the St. John's Adventist Academy, he also served as an operator / announcer on VOAR becoming a certified radio announcer / operator – a training that aptly prepared him to operate the PA system at Foothills Camp for ten years and Camp Foothills Radio for eleven more.

Being qualified as a master of marine craft; in 1974 Frank became captain of the British Columbia Conference Mission Ship, the M.V. Northern Light. Together, Frank and Yvonne served as

resident missionaries on the ship along the northern third of the beautiful but often stormy B.C. coast. After the M.V. Northern Light was sold, Frank entered the ministry full-time and was ordained in 1978. Yvonne returned to teaching.

In January 1982, Frank accepted a call to Alberta as a pastor / evangelist and since then has served in the Edson, Sedgewick, Peace River districts, Edmonton area, and the Hobbema and Gleichen Native missions, as well as holding evangelistic campaigns in a number of other places. During his time in the pastoral ministry, Frank helped add new school buildings in several districts and most recently was active in the development of the new Mamawi Atosketan Native School facility.

The Johnsons wish to take no personal credit for the above, but

lift their hearts in praise and gratitude to their wonderful Saviour and Friend, Jesus, who has made these 44 years in His service through His church exciting and happy. They also wish to express their deepest appreciation to their wonderful friends in Alberta who have helped so mightily in their ministry. As they retire to their small acreage in Golden, B.C., they do so in the hope of Jesus' soon return. Though slowing down, they have been asked to pastor the two small churches in Golden and Revelstoke. They will now have more time to spend with their son, daughter and grandchildren.



Carolyn Osmond, Conference Treasurer, presents Pastor Frank and Yvonne Johnson with a plaque recognizing their dedicated service

Enrolment in Adventist Education (2003/2004)

The number of students attending Adventist Schools has continued to increase over the last four years. This year approximately 704 students attend the nine schools and 78 students have chosen home schooling as their venue of education.

CAAA (Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta) Retreat



(1-r) Syl Forgache, Secretary; Lorraine Powell, President; Claire Brown, Treasurer; *Cynthia Campbell*, Chaplain; Judith Walters; Vernal Bruce, Grounds manager; (front) Lois Ryan-Ottley, Scholarship Fund Coordinator; and Glen Fox, Bylaws coordinator

The Caribbean Association of Adventist in Alberta (CAAA) celebrated its 24th annual camp meeting September 5-8, 2003. Guest presenter, Dr. Kevin Jenkins of the New York Tabernacle SDA Church, encouraged the group to pray for the Holy Spirit, as “something is definitely missing,” He challenged them to make prayer a priority.

The weekend was spirit filled and enjoyable with the usual fun and games Saturday night and Sunday morning (the cricket game was particularly exciting)! A youth-dominated talent night prefaced by a wonderfully reminiscent sing-along of old time Caribbean favorites concluded the weekend retreat. A new Executive committee was chosen and they are excited and already planning for our 25th Anniversary next year. Look for upcoming Newsletters at your local churches, which will give step-by-step updates of what’s in store. See you next year!!!

Lois Ryan-Ottley

Joining the Pastoral Team . . .



Pastor Terrence Horrell, a graduate of Caribbean Union College, comes to us from the Island of Trinidad where he served with distinction since 1986. He is a dedicated and hard working Pastor/Evangelist, who has a tremendous appetite for winning souls to the Kingdom of God. He looks forward to new experiences as he works with God’s people in Edmonton. We pray God’s choicest blessings upon them as they work with us in the Alberta Conference.

(front) Pastor Terrence; (l-r) Arienne, wife Kathy and Aron, West Edmonton Church



Ishmael Ali, Calgary Garden Road Church



Teacher Kevin Kiers gives instructions

Grade 9 Outdoor School

September 22-25



Team building assignment

Joining the Teaching Team . . .



Loney Ziakris, Coralwood Adventist Academy



Michelle Maier, Coralwood Adventist Academy



Joan Matiko, Peace Hills Adventist School



Ardyn Kay, Mamawi Atosketan Native School

(Photos unavailable)



Cindy Mayo, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



Mike Berdan, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



Kristine Grovet, Higher Ground Christian School

Renee Nessman & Maja Johnson, Mamawi Atosketan Native School

Amy Rochford-Jeffrey, Coralwood Adventist Academy

ITI (Integrated Thematic Instruction)

Education Update

Why are we following this method of teaching? The words of Mrs. White in the book *Education* say it best. "The work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education as in redemption, other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The process of implementation will look at three components:

- The training of expected mannerisms for personal and community citizenship

- Learning skills to be a positive contributor in a learning club or community group
- Implementation of the curriculum by using resources not text and workbook activities.

The exciting aspect of this approach to teaching is that it allows the students to experience education rather than just being kept occupied doing busy activities.



Karen Landry's Grade 5 class at CHCS is an ITI classroom



Mrs. White has given us great ideas for Education; our desire is to practically apply this wisdom to real learning. To see how it looks in action, take a moment and visit your Adventist Schools. (*look for more ITI in the next issue*)

Isaac Zayachkowski, Education Superintendent

New Home Immigration & Settlement Centre Celebrates!

The Honourable Minister of Community Development and Deputy Government House Leader, Dr. Gene Swozdesky; Julius Yankowsky, MLA; Pam Boutilier, Assistant Minister; Krishan Joshee, Chairman of the Wild Rose Foundation and other dignitaries were present on September 5 as New Home Immigration and Settlement Centre commemorated its 12th Anniversary.

Dr. Victor Schulz, currently Calgary Spanish pastor, and his wife Elsa founded 'New Home' as an evangelistic outreach, fulfilling the mission of the Church.

Over 8000 individuals representing 73 different countries of the world have been helped through the programs offered—many became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result.

The government ministers and the other dignitaries' visit was the beginning of a major restructuring of the organization. The 40 full-time employees presented the following recommendations to the Board of Directors and approved:

NEW NAME – The one used up to now, "New Home," was chosen to convey warmth to those that, sometimes in tragic circumstances, make Canada their new home. Reality showed that on occasion people confused the entity with a realty agency. So it was

decided to change the name to "Canadian English Language Institute – A Learning Centre for Newcomers and International Students."

NEW LOCATION – Until now, the organization was functioning in a remodeled medical clinic at a Shopping Centre. To better serve the community an action was taken to relocate to excellent new facilities in the downtown of the city.

NEW SERVICES – More academic programs have been added to the curriculum already in place like English as a second

language, computer training, Internet services, parenting courses, first aid classes, referral services, furniture and clothing banks, etc.

'New Home' from now on has a **NEW NAME**, a **NEW LOCATION** and provide **NEW SERVICES** but continues with the same determination to reach out to people in need showing them in a practical manner the way to an even better land than this beautiful country of ours: the Kingdom of Heaven!

Pastor Victor Schulz



Honourable Minister of Community Development, Gene Swozdesky, Dr Victor Schulz, Elsa Schulz, and Julius Yankowsky, MLA



Pastor Emile Maxi

Elder's Retreat

The 3rd Annual Elder's Retreat, held October 3-5, 2003 at Foothills Camp, was an unqualified success, according to the 110 elders and spouses who attended! Training and equipping lay people to witness for Jesus Christ in very simple ways was the focal point of the workshops and presentations that weekend.

Guest speaker for the weekend was Pastor Emile Maxi, Personal Ministries, Sabbath School & Children's Ministries in the Quebec Conference.

Plans are in place for Pastor Maxi to return in January 2004 to give training to the pastors.

To further enhance the weekend, Pastor Justis St. Hilaire (Olds & Conference evangelist) presented a powerful sermon on Jonah. Also, Pastor Ishmael Ali (Calgary Garden Road), gave a lively and informative two-hour workshop on how to grow your prayer meeting. The 4 G's and other guests from Calgary Bridgeland church gave an inspiring musical concert on Saturday night.

Pastor John Adams, Ministerial / Evangelism Director

2004 Camp Meeting

July 9 – 17

1st Weekend

Friday evening – Bill Olson, President

Sabbath morning & evening – Shawn Boonstra,
It Is Written

Evening

Sunday – Thursday: Lloyd Erickson,
Andrews University

9:00 a.m.

Monday – Friday: Hans Diehl,
Loma Linda University

2:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday: Barry Bussey,
SDACC

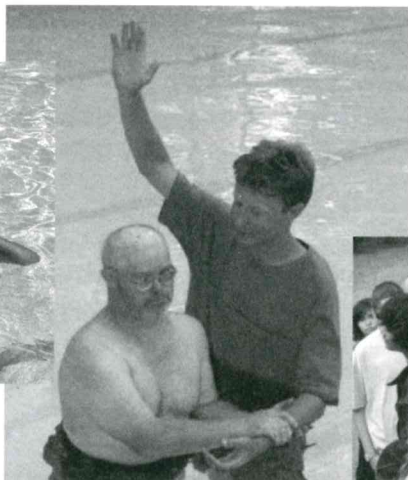
2nd Weekend

Friday evening, Sabbath: Peter Prime,
General Conference

2003 Summer Camps A Great Success!

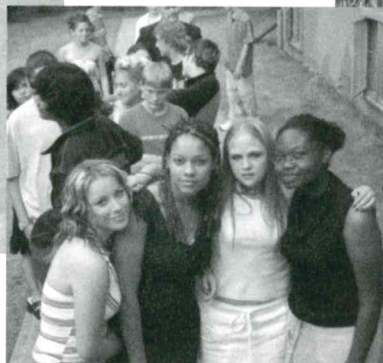


Campers enjoying a refreshing dip!



Pastor Matthew Smith baptizes blind camper, Sam

Making new friends at Teen Camp



Celebrating Canada Day at Sherwood Forest?



by **Richard Williams,**
Youth Director

The 2003 summer camp season has come to an end, yet again, at Foothills Camp—the best ever. This summer proved to show a 13% increase in total campers giving a total camper attendance nearly 450. Several of the youth pastors from around the conference came each week, which added much to the spiritual program, and hopefully they, too, received a wonderful blessing as well.

A wide variety of activities, provided for Adventist and non-Adventist young people, are at a cost lower than the pro-

vincial average. The focus of summer camps is to allow kids to learn about Jesus in a safe and fun atmosphere. Many children and youth give their hearts to Jesus this summer. It is thrilling to listen to kids praying for the first time or talking to their counselor about Jesus. You would be amazed at some of the deep spiritual questions these young people ask. The young adults who make up our staff have an incredible opportunity to minister. One of the blind campers committed his life to Jesus through rebaptism this summer (*see*

Sam's picture). What a joy to watch this man rededicate his heart to the Lord!

One of the teen campers was killed in an accident a couple weeks after camp. It again emphasizes the reason why camp is so important. Perhaps being at camp was one of the last opportunities to reach this young man's heart for Jesus. We never know when someone will be taken from us, so the time we have is important. The camp staff prays that something said or done this summer influenced this young man to give his heart to Jesus.

Deaf Ministry Video Interview With Dr. Neil Nedley

Pastor and Mrs. Blake, from the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Dept., conducted the Canadian Mini-Camp Meeting for Deaf during the BC Camp Meeting this summer. Later in the week, along with George Stothart of Ryley, they conducted a Deaf Ministry workshop there; similar to the one this summer at the Alberta Camp Meeting.

In May 2003, the Blakes had worked with Elder Fred Griffith of Manteca, CA, in recording a series of eight health lectures in Bentley utilizing the PowerPoint Presentations prepared by Dr. Neil Nedley which were a part of his book on preventative health, "*Proof Positive*."

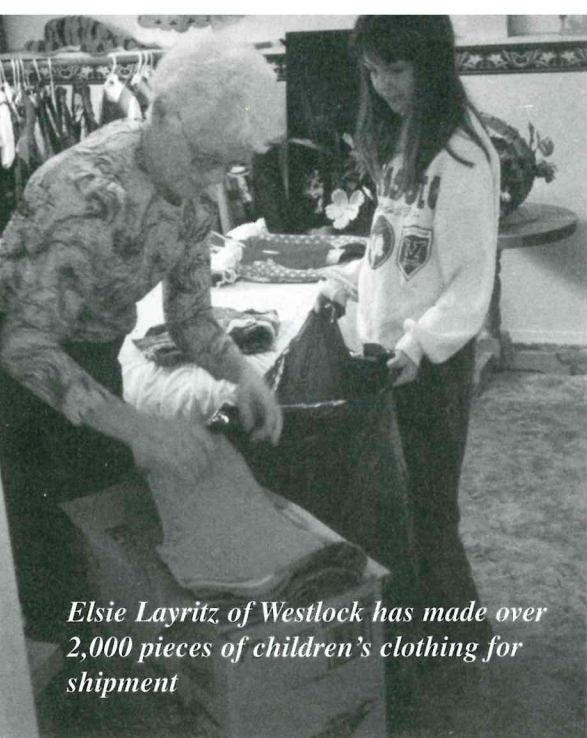
So while at BC Camp Meeting they thought, "Why not see if they could also interview Dr. Nedley himself?" Dr. Nedley was approached and agreed to a personal interview. As George Stothart, deaf himself, interviewed Dr. Nedley in sign language through Alberta Blake's signing, the interview began by showing the Nedley books that George had just purchased. The entire signed interview, along with the sound, was recorded on video to add to the "*Amazing Health Facts*" signed video series now being edited by Pastor Blake for Seventh-day Adventists and other deaf around North America.

Unfortunately the Blakes video camera was stolen from their travel trailer en route home, they know that their Heavenly Father protected the



(l-r) George Stothart, Dr. Neil Nedley, and Alberta Blake

newly recorded Nedley videotape, Mrs. Blake's purse and a sizeable cash donation for the Deaf Ministry in India from being stolen.



Elsie Layritz of Westlock has made over 2,000 pieces of children's clothing for shipment

Are My Shoes in Guyana?

"Sometime ago I finally parted with some clothing which had mysteriously "shrunk" and a pair of shoes that I had hardly worn, as they pinched my toe and spent most of their time being kicked around the floor in our porch. I hauled the box down to the New to You store on Main Street and dropped it off, glad to have more room in my closet. Where they would go from there didn't concern me at all.

"Months later I was in the store poking around and I noticed that my shoes were gone ... no one could tell me where they ended up, but it was suggested that they could have gone to Guyana, the Ukraine, Moldova, or any other of a host of disadvantaged areas on planet Earth. How had my Nikes ended up on another continent – I left them in downtown Consort?

Following the trail of my sneakers, I ended up in Veteran – yes, Veteran, Alberta. Literally tons of clothing, shoes, blankets and other necessities fun-

nel through the home of Alex and Elizabeth Tym before they are distributed all over the world by ADRA."

The Tyms gather clothing from local thrift stores or accept donations of clothing that are then repaired, cleaned and sorted by age and gender. When the Tyms run out of room in their house and garage, they gather up all the boxes, load up their van and head for Beauvallon where there is a 60' x 30' storage centre and a baler for bundling up cloth items. Along with clothing and essential items, books, canes, walkers and hospital beds have been shipped. When enough items have been collected and mountains of paperwork organized, volunteers assemble in Beauvallon to bale and sort and pack boxes and load up the shipping containers. It takes about three hours for 15 people to load 20 tons of goods into one container. The loaded containers are trucked to Edmonton where they will be transferred to long distance carriers and hauled to ports on either the West or East Coast. Private donations and monies from charitable organizations pay for most of the shipping costs and ADRA covers the expense of shipping three or four containers from that area every year.

Nearly 850 tons of desperately needed items have passed through the hands of Alex and Elizabeth en route to the helpless and destitute in places around the world. For the past seven years, the Tyms have laboured with Christ-centered love and commitment to improve the living conditions of people who know nothing but hardship and suffering – A practical application of the words of our loving Saviour, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25:40)

(Excerpts from newspaper article by Dave Bruha, "The Consort Enterprise")



Boxes of clothing and medical equipment loaded



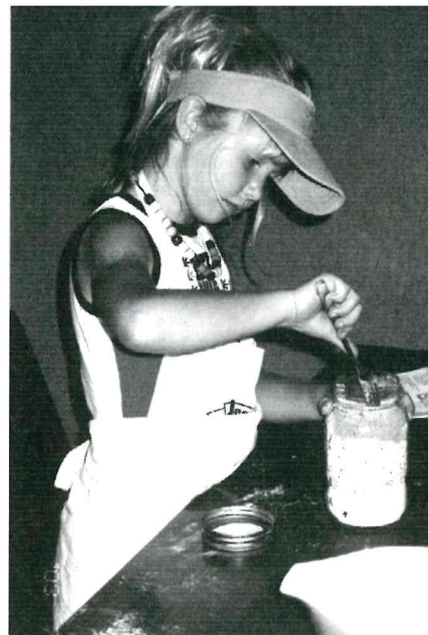
(l-r) Lillian Matiko, Alex and Elizabeth Tym rest a moment

Vacation Bible School Report

Ryley

Church held its VBS during the last week of July. With a small church family, there were relatively a few people able to assist with the program, so a modified format was used. Each nightly program began with singing, prayer, Bible story and memorizing Bible verses. For the remainder of the evening, the children separated into groups for various activities such as carpentry, tole painting, foam crafts and cooking. A number of follow-up activities have been planned. Photos taken of each attending child will be included in a Christmas card to be mailed in early December. The students and their families will also be invited to attend various church social and child-focused activities throughout the year, including an invitation to participate in the annual Christmas cantata.

*Vivian Grinde,
Communications Secretary*



Eryn Hunka prepares cookie mix in a jar



Story time

Sylvan Lake

Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted their VBS July 20-25. The theme was "Deep Underwater S.C.U.B.A. Adventure." The program was a great success because of all the wonderful volunteers who donated their time and love for Christ. Fifty-nine children attended – the majority coming from the community. The children already anticipate next year's Lava Lava program.

Wendy Holly

Evangelism Reflections and Visioning

- Thus far in 2003, one hundred twenty-five precious souls have joined the family of God through baptism into Alberta churches. Praise God for every soul won to His Kingdom – but yet more can be done!
- In early October 2003, Elder Emile Maxi, Personal Ministries Director for the Quebec Conference, conducted an Elder's Retreat. Over 110 elders and their spouses were so impressed with the training they received that they requested that their pastors also receive the same training. Plans are being made to bring back Elder Maxi in January or February 2004 to train all pastors so that they can concentrate on training and equipping their members for ministry.
- During the first half of 2004 more time will be dedicated to training the churches through training rather than conducting evangelistic meetings. This preparation will equip the members mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually for outreach in the fall season – not only to win souls but also to keep them, thereby closing the proverbial "back door."
- God has blessed and let us thank Him for what has been accomplished thus far. A bright future lies ahead with far more successes in the area of soul winning and planting of new churches.

Pray for the citywide evangelistic series coming to Calgary and Edmonton in 2004.

Pastor John Adams, Ministerial / Evangelism Director

Randy Maxwell

Members from churches around Alberta, students and faculty from CUC and PAA attended a prayer retreat hosted by the Alberta Conference Prayer Ministries and the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church September 12-13. The main theme for the weekend was revival – "Bring Back the Glory," – a title of one of the many books written by the guest speaker, Randy Maxwell. The meetings, both informational and transformational, were well attended.

*Evangeline
Medavarapu,
Volunteer Prayer
Coordinator*



Spotlight on Churches

Bentley

The Bentley church completed a special community project at the Bentley Care Center - re-furnishing a much-needed "Respite Room" for seniors and others to use while in temporary residence at the center.

The first stage of the project became an ADRA project, and involved the purchase of antique furniture, drapes, pictures, etc., to make the room 'homey' and not look like a hospital room. The church found some items cost more than budgeted, so added further funds themselves.

Later, the second phase of the project the local community helped with the purchase of a special and rather costly hospital-type bed with full electric controls. Finally, the Adventist "Men of Faith" Men's Chorus from the Lacombe area came and performed a benefit program at

the Bentley Pentecostal church. Their church made the use of the facilities as their donation to the project. The benefit program pushed the funds right up over the goal!

On Wednesday Sept. 3, during the annual Bentley Care Center Open House, the "Respite Room" was officially opened. Dorothy Pearson and Alberta Blake, who had led out in the project, were asked to be the two persons to officially cut the ribbon. The Care Center now has a large plaque on the "Respite Room" door and in the hallway giving tribute to the Bentley SDA church, ADRA, and others from the community who helped in the project.

Pastor John Blake



Sharon Luton, Team Leader of Nursing (left) at the Bentley Health Care Center with a man who is unpacking to stay for a week in the Respite Room



Lance & Jennifer Shaw and children with Henry Fletcher (Head Elder) at baby dedication

With a baby dedication, a farewell, and visitors' day, August 23, 2003, was an exciting Sabbath at the January Creek Company in Peers. Whitecourt Company members joined together to wish Ron Sydney farewell as he went back to school after working as a Bible worker in their area. The communities ben-

January Creek



Monique Ryan (Head Elder, Whitecourt) bids farewell to Ron Sydney

efited from having Ron work for the summer. Ron was instrumental in introducing the Shaw family to January Creek and, consequently, the Shaw family now attend services regularly and had their five young children dedicated on that day.

Nerissa McNaughton, Communications Secretary

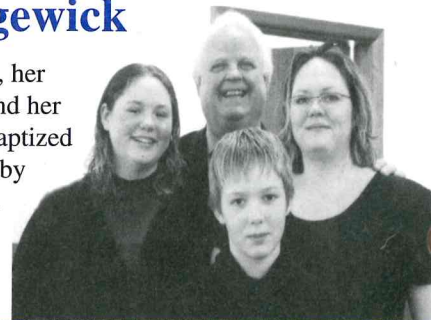
DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE PAYS THE LEGAL FEE

directly to the law office on your behalf for a basic Last Will and Testament? If you have minor children (under age 18) a Last Will and Testament is a recognized legal document in which you can appoint guardianship in the event that you should die leaving minors. If your will needs revising or if you don't have a will in place, but you realize the importance of such a document, the director of trust services would be pleased to assist you. Contact Frances Chant at (403) 342-5044, ext 215 or fchant@albertasda.org

Sedgewick

Angela Bownes, her daughter Rachee, and her son Durrell, were baptized on March 29, 2003 by Pastor Bob Schafer.

*Glen Carley,
Communications
Secretary*



Yellowknife



l-r Dave Harris, Samuel Colp, Pastor Clarence and Suzan Colp, Jeannine Akoumany, Ida Harris

On June 22, a surprise party, complete with wedding, was held for Pastor and Mrs. Colp, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Major Allen Hoft, from the Yellowknife Salvation Army presided over the renewal of their vows and the Yellowknife Bagpipe Band provided a moving musical in-

terlude between the service and reception. High point of the day was an afternoon excursion to Reed Lake. Dave and Ida Harris (pictured above) have now moved to Tofield, Alberta; where they will be returning to a more traditional native way of life by taking up residence in a family-sized tepee.

In the wake of the Colp wedding cel-

church families, the Lamberts, donated their car for the eleven young people, who eagerly decorated both it and themselves in traditional Dominion Day colours. Pastor Clarence Colp and his daughter, Mrs. Jeannine Akoumany, bore the flags of our nation and territory, while young members of the Carlson family wore "sandwich" posters proclaiming their faith and gratitude for the freedom of worship in our country. These youths also distributed over three hundred tracts and Bible-study invitations!

On August 16th, little Genesis Joshua Saturos was given back to the Lord during a dedication service. A celebratory dinner was held later that evening.

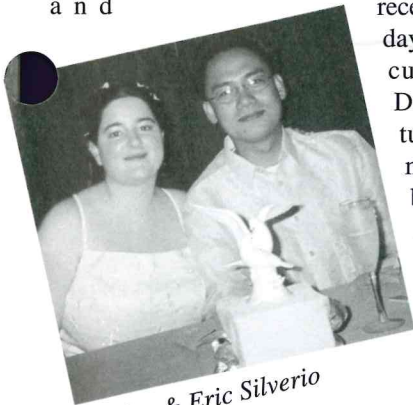
Also in August, Tracy and Chris Byrd dedicated their three youngest children to the Lord. David, Joshua, and Rebecca smiled as they stood with their parents and older brother, Matthew, and were prayed over by Pastor Colp.



Genesis Joshua Saturos was given back to the Lord



Tracy and Chris Byrd dedicated their three youngest children to the Lord.



Sandra & Eric Silverio were married

bration, Sandra and Eric Silverio exchanged their wedding vows on July 26th in Yellowknife. Just the evening before her wedding, Mrs. Silverio proclaimed her faith in God and was baptized!

July 2003, also marks the first time in many years that the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist church entered a float in the Canada Day Parade! One of the



The Yellowknife SDA church float in the Canada Day Parade



Corinne Carlson's baptism

September 6th welcomed Corinne Carlson into the family of God, as she followed Christ into the waters of baptism, proclaiming her faith in his spilled blood.

The Lord has been moving mightily in Canada's North. Praise His holy Name!

Carol-Rose Carlson, Communications Secretary

Three New Companies Organize

Parkland (Spruce Grove)



Sabbath July 26 was a very exciting day for 33 members of the new Parkland congregation as they formally became a company. With Pastor John Adams representing the Alberta Conference and Pastors John Wesley and Dan Rochford officiating, founding members signed to become the first official Seventh-day Adventist presence in Parkland County, which includes Spruce Grove, a fast growing city of approximately 18,000, plus Stony Plain and outlying areas. Kevin Chung is the pastor and our address is 303 Church Road, Spruce Grove.
Ngaere Gill, Communications Secretary

Whitecourt

On July 26th the Whitecourt group was officially organized into a company. With a membership of 15 the company is invested in bringing the Message to Whitecourt. The group was first organized in April of 2001 and met initially on Wednesday nights for Bible study and prayer. In September of 2002, a Food Bank drive was organized to introduce the group to the community. We have just completed another drive and the many of the people remembered us from last year!

In November of 2002, an evangelistic series by Pastor John Adams, Ministerial Director of the Alberta Conference resulted in several interests and two families joined the Whitecourt group. A part-time Bible worker this past summer followed up on the interests and the Whitecourt group is looking forward to having a full-time Bible worker as soon as possible. Pray with us as we seek God's direction and move forward in His work.

Potter's Place

(Red Deer)

On the afternoon of June 14, 2003 the Potter's Place Company was organized in Red Deer North. This company is a result of Kathy Yergen's vision and perseverance. While Kathy is no longer in Red Deer it was her determined efforts which resulted in this church plant. Seventeen charter members and other attendees make up this new congregation.

Steve Couto, a fourth year Religion major at CUC is the elder, Larry Murrin is the administrator, Crystal Holloway is the clerk and Tim Heppner is the treasurer.

The charter members are as follows:

Viola Blake; Tim Heppner and Linda Heppner; Dianne Hinchey; Lo, Corey and Crystal Holloway; Leslie, Sandra and Michelle Oslund; Julie Peck, Aaron and Kelsey Peterson; Tim and Heather Worthington; Larry and Barb Murrin; Steven Couto.

Pastor Ian Hartley

Couples Retreat 2004

Who: Married couples willing to invest in their marriage

What: Romantic mountain getaway

Where: Jasper, Alberta

When: February 6-8, 2004

Cost: \$300 per couple (to include rooms, three meals [except Saturday night], taxes, and gratuities).

Payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard or cheque, payable to "Alberta Conference"

Will cancel if less than 15 couples