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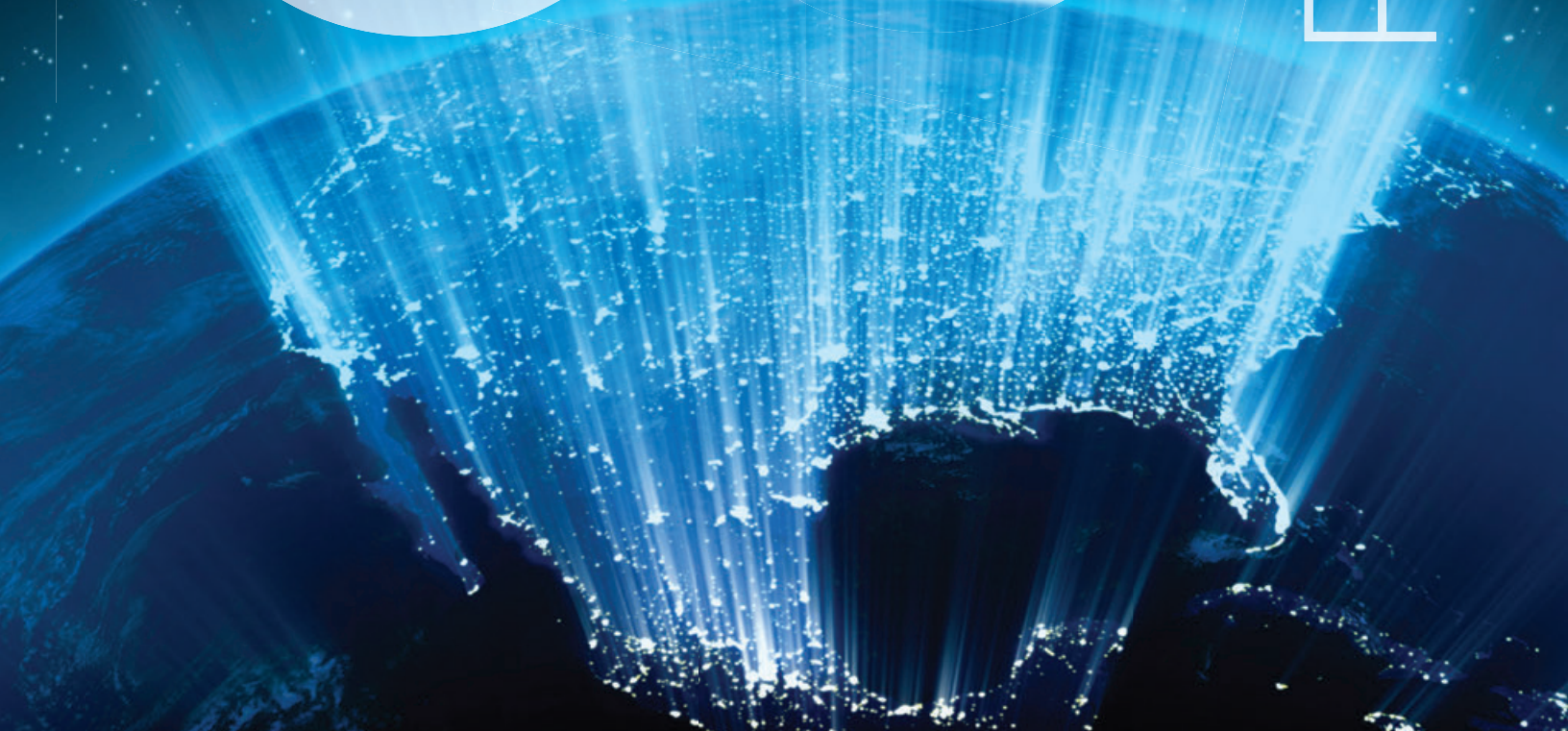
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GO

and
make disciples of
all nations, baptizing
them in the name of
the **Father** and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

REACH



Evangelism is a Way of Life

We have just completed Impact 2015 – or have we? Reach Calgary begins in April 2016 – really?

Public evangelism may well be the trade mark of Seventh-day Adventists methodology in bringing people to Christ. True, other denominations conduct revival series, inviting non-Christians or the unchurched to accept Jesus as Saviour and even “join the church of their choice.” But Adventists, besides inviting people to accept Christ, proclaim a unique message – a message that expands on what accepting Christ means – a message, not theoretical, but practical; a message that brings Christ-like living into the every-day life of the true disciple. Expounding on this may take more than seven sessions – in fact, maybe 20 or more.

Some folk decry that public evangelism is too costly – and it is. They say that we must use a different approach – and perhaps we should. The question though – what approach? Various methods have been suggested and tried, but when it comes to calling for a decision to accept Christ as Saviour and making a disciple, public evangelism still seems to be the most effective way, as costly as it is.

The truth is most Adventist’s view of “evangelism” is too narrow. The word “evangelism” conjures up the picture of

the 20-28 night preaching series when in reality that’s only about 1/18th of the picture. That concept represents one person preaching while the rest of us sit as spectators. Preaching is necessary and our attendance is helpful, but the Biblical model is much broader. Listen to Luke’s account on how it worked for the early Christian church. “All they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word” (Acts 8:4). Interestingly “all they” refers to all except the apostles. The chapter in Acts 8 starts out with, “they were all scattered abroad except the apostles” (verse 1).

Obviously, the first principle for evangelism is that the church is under orders by Christ to share the gospel with the whole world. The second is that the laity, not just the evangelist, pastors and Bible workers, must do its part in evangelism.

Evangelism is really a way of life for every follower or disciple of Jesus. It’s not a 20 or 28 evening event, but a 365 day involvement for all of us. Everything we do should be “evangelistic.” That’s why Adventists in North America have adopted “Community outreach and evangelism” as one of the core values. And it’s a team approach. The apostle Paul said that for the work of ministry, Christ has given to the church “some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers...” (Ephesians 4:11-12). When writing to the believers at Corinth, Paul expanded that list and included gifts like healing, helps, and administrators. In other words, whatever gifts we have been given, they are to be used for the work of ministry; which really means making more disciples.

How does this translate into practical daily living? After all, I’m responsible for making a livelihood.

1. It means living a consistent Christian life. Whether at work, home, school, or wherever, our lifestyle must model the life of Christ. Our attitudes, our speech and demeanor

must reflect the same as Christ’s.

2. It means being on the watch to help someone in need. Needs are all around us and sometimes it’s not just physical needs, although those are the most visible. It may be emotional needs and lending a listening ear or sharing words of affirmation could be just what someone needs. A word of caution though; meeting needs should be genuine and not with ulterior motives.

3. Be on the watch for hints that may lead to spiritual opportunities, but never force the issue. Let it arise naturally. One person aptly said, “Our job is not to answer questions people are not asking, but rather to cause people to ask questions.”

4. Be ready to share your own testimony, preferably in two minutes or less. This can always be expanded as needed, but it’s the most powerful form of evangelism. It’s the reality of Christ’s life in you.

The preaching part of Impact 2015 may be over, but teaching new believers to be a true disciple has just begun. Jesus didn’t invite people to follow Him and then leave them on their own to figure out how to witness for Him. Reach Calgary still needs us to band together NOW; to do our part according to the gifts bestowed on us. Evangelism is a way of life 365 days of the year for ALL of us.



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Alberta Camp Meeting 2015

The Camp Meeting theme this year reflects upon the “C” in the REACH core values. In keeping with this value, the theme is “GO.”



Wait With Hope

The 2015 Alberta Conference
Women’s Retreat was held
at the Sheraton Hotel in
Red Deer, March 27-29.



MANS Celebration

Milestone Celebration Ce-
lebrates Alberta Adventist
Founders and First Gra-
de 12 Graduating Class.

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Postpartum Depression is More than the Blues

There are three variants of postpartum depression: the blues, postpartum depression and puerperal psychosis. The blues affects approximately 80% of women and consists of mild hormonal changes that take place in the first 48 hours after giving birth. Symptoms of postpartum blues include tearfulness, mood instability, sadness, anxiety, lack of concentration, feelings of dependency, irritability, confusion, anxiety, and sleep disturbance.

Postpartum depression is a more serious mental illness than the blues that affects 10-15% of new mothers. Symptoms include low mood, irritability and, in most cases, sleep and appetite disturbance, fatigue, loss of interest, and guilt.

The third variant, puerperal psychosis, is rare, occurring in 1 to 3 mothers per 1,000 births. The clinical onset of puerperal psychosis is rapid, with symptoms presenting as early as 48 to 72 hours postpartum, and the majority of episodes develop within the first two weeks postpartum.

In new mothers postpartum depression could cause difficulties with family life and affect their relationships with their children and their partners. Depressed mothers become less affectionate toward their infants and less responsive to their cries. There is also poor communication and intimate dysfunction between partners.

Canada's provincial governments are committed to Canadians receiving the most appropriate care by the most appropriate provider. This has led to the release of a draft framework in 2009 entitled, *Toward Recovery and Well-Being: A Framework for a Mental Health Strategy in Canada*. The framework has eight goals and includes recommendations such as a recovery-orientated mental health service and support. Although this framework



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Psalm 46:5

makes pragmatic sense, there is little evidence available regarding its overall impact and effectiveness.

Today, mothers with postpartum depression are poorly recognized. Some women will not say they feel low or are depressed, other women have never heard the words postpartum depression, and some women perceive that they are seen as crazy or mad, and as a result they do not seek appropriate help.

Seven Questions for Seventh-day Adventist Church Leaders and Members to consider:

How do we encourage new mothers to talk about their feelings?

How do we encourage new mothers to embrace mental health services in the postpartum period?

Who do new mothers turn to for help in the postpartum period?

Are there things new mothers would seek out church leaders and members for in the postpartum period?

How could the Family Life Ministries Department get involved?

How could the Women's Ministries Department get involved?

How could the Health Ministries Department get involved?

Church leaders and members are in an ideal position to support new mothers and their family in the postpartum period. We need to listen to the silent voices of these vulnerable women and their families, and work towards transforming the way we care for our new mothers in our churches and in the community during the postpartum period.

“God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.” Psalm 46:5



Carolyn Richardson
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Clinical Nurse Specialist

What's it Mean to You?

“You get to know these people like they’re your sisters.”

Denise Nichols
College Heights Adventist Church



Family is important to Denise Nichols. But Denise's family isn't limited to biological relations. Women's Ministries connected her to a whole community of women who share on a personal and spiritual level.

Her involvement as a decorator for the annual Alberta Conference Women's Ministries retreat for the last eight years created some surprising bonds. Working with Lorraine Richter, who also helps with event decor, the two realized they are both the only Adventists in their immediate families, they grew up in the same area, and they share the same maiden name.

The friends plan to look back on their genealogies one day to determine if they are indeed related, but with a laugh, Denise says that it doesn't matter if the connection is official: "We're like sisters anyway."

As well as decorating venues for the annual retreats, Denise works with Women's Ministries at her local College Heights church in Lacombe. Throughout the year, the women run a "secret sisters" program, Christmas and spring luncheons and teas, and mother-daughter social events.

Women's Ministries programs, sponsored by the Alberta Conference and embraced by Denise's local church, have created new friendships and strengthened her faith. She loves that she's been able to give back to her community, and the blessings she receives are bountiful: she prays with the women on her decorating committee, experiences a greater sense of belonging in her church community, and knows women in the church that she wouldn't have had the opportunity to otherwise.

"I would encourage any woman to get involved some way in Women's Ministries, whether at the local church or through the Alberta Conference," she says. "There are so many opportunities."

And there is always room for Denise's church family to grow larger. —*Melissa Meyers*

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(L to R): Orin and Jeanette Davis; Njare and Keith Clouton; Marlene and Bob Holdal; Sharon and Glen Brown and Phyllis and Don Corkum. Taken outside the ski lodge at Nakiska.

SAGE Winter Retreat at Kananaskis

Sometimes the word retreat is associated with withdrawal or even defeat. Such was not the case at the SAGE winter retreat (March 9-12) where six couples gathered at William Watson Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta to enjoy



Enjoying a meal together at the SAGE Winter Retreat.

fellowship, spiritual inspiration, recreation, relaxation and great food. At the winter retreat, snow shoeing and cross country skiing are usually popular activities. However, this year the conditions were not favourable for these activities. A few went downhill skiing at Nakiska, a short distance from the lodge. SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) is a ministry of the Alberta Conference that any church member over 50 can participate in. Events take place throughout the year and make for a good time to connect with others and be engaged in various types of activities. Your church should have a contact person for SAGE. If not, please contact Darlene Reimche for information about SAGE by email at dreimche@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 206.

—Submitted by Don Corkum

Sabbath School Convention 2015

The 2015 Sabbath School Convention “Reach Out and Grow Your Church with a Relational Sabbath School” took place at Foothills Camp, March 20-23. The weekend was a true inspiration and as a result, several Alberta Conference churches will experience “Loving and caring for one another the way Jesus would if He was physically with us today.” In his workshops, Dr. Ern Brake, Assistant to the President for REACH BC, enthusiastically shared how the Sabbath School was created to help members grow in truth and in relationships. His presentations were informational and all attending left desiring to let Jesus grow His church through Sabbath School.

—Submitted by Darlene Reimche, Alberta Conference Sabbath School Director



Group listening to Ern Brake, Sabbath School Convention presenter.



One of three Sabbath School material displays.

The Deaf SHALL Hear

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is involved in ministry to the Deaf and around the world.

John and Alberta Blake gradually became involved in deaf ministry after their daughter became deaf at three months of age due to an illness involving a high fever. They later adopted a three year old deaf son. They have four children...all grown with families of their own. Their first work with the Deaf was focussed in helping their own children integrate into life in a largely hearing world. As John and Alberta became involved in using sign language and providing for the needs of their family, their knowledge and expertise expanded to the classroom and the world beyond. They were dedicated to creating a functioning world for anyone in their space.

The Blakes, now well into retirement, are still very active. The Deaf ministry needs torch bearers in the form of donor supporters and/or leaders. They work tirelessly to this end.

A significant part of Blake's work is focussed on awareness. The Deaf community is often overlooked and left out because in many cases the hearing community do not know how to communicate with them or understand their life complications. This year at the Alberta Camp Meeting, an introduction to basic sign language seminar will be made available again in the afternoons. Discussions will be held about Deaf culture and how to reach deaf people with the great news of Jesus' love and grace. "To really do Deaf work we need to live and work with deaf people," stated Blake.

Most churches and conferences across North America have had little or no involvement with the Deaf world, due largely to lack of knowledge and training. That is changing slowly though. The General Conference has a designated coordinator for International Deaf Ministries under the leadership of Dr. Larry Evans. Each of the 13 world divisions has a liaison for Deaf ministries. As awareness grows, ministries grow.

Canadians are involved in three significant projects that are in process and need awareness. A DVD series on the life of



The Mindanao, Philippine deaf school (SULADS) this Spring with students, faculty and visitors.

Jesus is almost ready for duplication. For the past eight years, John Blake has been the thrust behind its development. The signed DVD's are produced especially for the Deaf, but also have a sound track and English sub-titles. They are comprised of more than 700 pictures with about eight hours of signed material. Approximately \$50 000 has gone into the production, but it's worth far more. These digital video disks will soon be available through the Alberta Conference and Advent Source.

The other two projects are schools for the deaf in Kenya and the Philippines. Mwata Adventist Deaf School in western Kenya has received donations from Canada through *A Better World* (ABW) to help build a four classroom deaf school for the current 25 students (ages 6-14), who now have a new adopted family. Ten of these students are orphans. Mwata is operated by a local Adventist church and has three paid workers. The SULADS Adventist School for the Deaf in Mindanao, Philippines is home to 26 students (age 11-47). ABW has passed funding on for the buildings there also. Some of the staff in each school receives a stipend from Gospel Outreach.

Many of the students come with little language base. They learn sign language, writing and math skills. Language skills now open doors to the salvation story. The reputation of the schools is spreading and they are bursting at the seams. Both schools desperately need dormitory space.

There are 196 countries in the world. Even though these schools operate in only two countries, they greatly impact the students who attend. There's a large unreached group waiting to hear the

Gospel. "The Deaf also need to learn about the Three Angels' Messages before Jesus can come" stated Pastor Blake.

As ambassadors of Christ we need to have a toolkit filled with tools to share with anyone and everyone. Part of that toolkit needs to include resources to point the Deaf to Jesus. Donations also help to develop current and extended work. Whatever is given is greatly needed and appreciated! Many smaller donations pooled together create a large fund which can be used to reach the Deaf.

I long for the day that "(God) will...unplug the ears of the deaf." Isaiah 35:5 NLT

Resources:

Deaf Messenger – a missionary magazine (free for deaf – ask John Blake how to obtain)

To read previous issues of the "Canadian Deaf Ministry International Report" go to: www.albertaadventist.ca/article/113/administration-departments/departments-ministries/deaf-ministries

For further information on how to work with Deaf, or to send donations, please contact:

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—Submitted by John Blake and Linda Steinke



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 Deaf Ministry Department
 Alberta Conference

CHANGE on the Road

The CHANGE on the Road team conducted a weekend training event on January 30 - 31 at the Red Deer Adventist Church. On Friday evening, CHANGE Director, Sandra Deer gave a presentation on how to witness to family and friends. She shared many practical points as well as personal experiences.

On Sabbath morning, Burman University theology student and CHANGE graduate, Frank Unger, conducted an interactive and in-depth Sabbath School presentation on the subject of "Reaching the Lost" as found in the parables of Luke 15. The sermon for the worship service was presented by CHANGE Assistant Director Nwamiko Madden. His message focussed on the dynamic appeal of living an evangelistic life. The worship service closed with an appeal to join the afternoon outreach activities.

In the afternoon, Burman University theology student and CHANGE graduate, Kingsley Moyo, conducted a presentation entitled "Christ's Method: Telling Christ's Story in Our Relationships." His talk revealed that when sharing facts or information, the context of a story allows that information to have much more relevance to listeners.

Next, Pastors Sandra and Moises organized the participants into groups and explained details about the outreach activities. Every group was given a different area in Red Deer to visit. They offered prayer for those in each home and provided a door hanger that introduced the Red Deer Adventist Church.

After the outreach activities, each group met back at the Red Deer Church for refreshments and to share about their experiences. One group shared the story of a young man who was met by the team at his front door. The young man told the group that he had awoken that day hoping for some physical relief from a medical condition. The group prayed with the man and left. The young man was so encouraged by this experience that he wrote about it on the Red Deer Church Facebook page just hours later.

The following weekend, CHANGE

On the Road conducted a seminar at the Sherwood Park Adventist Church. Friday evening began with a worshipful song service lead out by Kiah Unger. Nwamiko Madden facilitated an interactive study on the subject of Preparation for Evangelism through Prayer. The discussion was interspersed with testimonies, Bible verses and quotes emphasizing the necessity and power of prayer in evangelism. The evening was closed with a season of prayer for friends and family who had not yet accepted Christ.

The next day, Sabbath School was facilitated by Frank Unger on the subject of Seeking the Lost. For the worship service, Burman University theology student, Andrew Orpana told the children's story with the help of fellow Burman University theology student Sherwin Whyte. They animated the story of Nehemiah's prayer in front of the king in an interesting way that the children enjoyed. After the story, Andrew and Sherwin conducted a children's church where they taught about evangelism and how children can also share Jesus with their friends.

The sermon for Sabbath morning was delivered by Kingsley Moyo who preached an energetic discourse on the subject of "The Broken Leg." Kingsley used the illustration of the four legs of a chair as being likened to four essential practices upholding the Christian experience. He presented that worship, prayer and Bible study were like the three sturdy chair legs for Adventists, but the fourth leg of sharing the Gospel isn't typically as sturdy as the others. He went on to explain how the Gospel commission was essential to the character growth of the disciples, and so likewise, it is essential for our character growth today.

In the afternoon, CHANGE Director Sandra Deer gave a seminar on the subject of Winsome Witnessing in the Family and in the Workplace. She shared some practical approaches to sharing Jesus with others

To schedule a CHANGE weekend at your church, please contact Sandra Deer by email at sdeer@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 216.

—Submitted by Nwamiko Madden, Alberta Conference



Sandra Deer presenting a seminar on how to witness to family and friends.



Adventurer Family Camp 2015

As the adventurers poured into Foothills Camp on May 1 for Adventurer Family Camp, the buzz of laughter and excitement flooded the air. This year was the largest Adventurer Family Camp ever, with approximately 400 families attending.

The theme was “Helping Hands,” and with the help of “Handy” Andy Roy, a performer from Seattle, it made the weekend a huge success.

The “Helping Hands” theme was selected in order to teach adventures that God can use their hands to do great things for Him. At one point during the weekend, Handy Andy shared his powerful testimony of how God uses his hands to bring encouragement to people and share about Jesus. He used a

suitcase of props that displayed nuggets of truth that Adventurers could understand. One parent said, “To be honest, at first I wasn’t sure if it was a good idea to have tricks performed at family camp...but when I saw how Handy Andy used Bible truths and connected a spiritual lesson, I was very impressed.”

With the help of a great Adventurer Conference Team, the Executive Coordinator and Area Coordinators planned a great program that inspired Adventurers to use their Hands to help others.

Here in the Alberta Conference the Adventurer Ministry is growing each year, with four new clubs starting up just last year.

—Submitted by Lyle Notice

MY CHURCH Initiative Starting this Camp Meeting

The Alberta Conference Youth Department, along with the Conference Executive Committee, is beginning a new initiative starting this Camp Meeting. MY CHURCH is a program that will engage church leadership with the intent of dealing with the age-old dilemma of church retention. Many church members are asking questions like: “How do we retain our members in today’s changing society?” “Is there something I can do to help others with their walk with Jesus?” “Can we improve our church in any way?” The MY CHURCH initiative opens up the topic and gets church members talking about these and other questions. Along with this, decisions can be made to implement new methods for ministry. This year at Camp Meeting, look for more on the MY CHURCH initiative.

my Church
 Rooted in JESUS.
 “To all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12



Handy Andy (right) with Athena Dube (left) performing at the 2015 Adventurer Family Camp.

Wait With Hope

“Wait on the LORD” and “HOPE”...two admonitions for the over 300 ladies who retreated to the Red Deer Sheraton Hotel, March 27-29. Waiting in a culture of ‘instant gratification’ is not easy. Waiting expectantly, purposefully, and confidently can be totally foreign. Disillusionment can block the resolution, restoration and renewal so earnestly desired.

Lieutenant Adrienne Townsend, keynote speaker—first Seventh-day Adventist US Navy female chaplain, reminded listeners of Micah’s commitment in Micah 7:7, “But as for me, I WILL watch expectantly for the Lord; I WILL wait for the God of my salvation. My God WILL hear me.” (NASB) As we keep our eyes on God, focus on His promises and rely on His faithfulness, we can grow in the wait process. HOPE=Having Only Positive Expectations.

Seminars targeted a variety of audiences. Leila Seale concurred with waiting as in her seminar--“Waiting while You Worship.” Her several “tweetable” taglines provided smiles and directed thoughts to God. “What God does not order, He over-rules. He only needs your permission.”

Leila drew attendees to examine the story of Hannah who “waited expectantly.” She demonstrated perseverance, even when misunderstood by the priest. She waited with patience while she prayed for a son in the face of ridicule, and she waited with purpose to dedicate her son to God. Hannah inspires listeners to seek almighty El Shaddai in their deepest sorrows and disappointments, and to worship whole heartedly. We can learn with Hannah to return back to God the very answer He gives us in response to patient, persistent prayers.

Interestingly, Leila noted that Peninah means “pearl.” Peninah was Elkhanna’s second wife and had borne him many children. A pearl is formed when a foreign intruder persists in disturbing the inner being of a clam. Peninah’s job was to “pester” Hannah and turn her sorrow into a pearl.

Diligent planning, thoughtful organization, appealing décor highlights with a middle-eastern theme, meaningful small gifts (gum with the message, “Let’s chew on the

word of God together”), carefully selected music, and delicious food paralleled the spiritual refreshment each one received. Regardless of what circumstance brought attendees to the retreat or what struggle may have been manifesting itself, all learned to sing joyfully the words of the weekend theme song: “I’m waiting on You Lord. Though it’s not easy...faithfully I will wait!”

—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications

Photos by Kelly Dreger



Leila Seale (standing in back), Adrienne Townsend (red jacket), Shiphrah Fepulea'i (front right).



Praise group for Women's Retreat 2015.

Ladies attending Women's Retreat 2015.





SAGE RV camping at Sheep River Provincial Park.



SAGE participants enjoying some great food and fellowship at Sheep River Provincial Park.

SAGE RV Campouts

Seniors who own recreational vehicles enjoy campouts together each summer. Last year more than 40 SAGErs enjoyed the outdoors together at provincial parks north and south. Reservations have already been made for RV campouts this year at Sheep River Provincial Park (Sandy McNab group site) in the mountains west of Turner Valley, August 23-26 and at Miquelon Lakes Park (Group Area 7 again), September 18-21.

For those who participate, there is fellowship, food and fun activities which include: nature walks, games, campfire worships, and just plain relaxation. For either campout, \$110 will cover a powered site for three nights and a pancake breakfast on the final morning. The number of sites is limited, so reserve and pay Darlene Reimche at the Alberta Conference no later than Friday, August 7. —Submitted by Keith Clouten

Pathfinder Winter Retreat

This year's Alberta Conference Pathfinder Winter Retreat was held at Foothills Camp, February 27-March 1. The theme for the weekend was "Courageous." Just like Daniel and his three friends, Pathfinders were encouraged to be courageous. The guest speaker was youth Pastor Alex Portillio from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Pastor Alex engaged the pathfinders with deep and creative presentations. On Sabbath morning, during Sabbath school, each club presented a story, song, or skit on the theme. One parent stated, "It was just amazing to see the amount of talent found within our pathfinder clubs...we should definitely give more time for clubs to express themselves creatively." Over the course of the weekend, Pastor Alex focused on a reoccurring underlying theme. He spoke about Jesus and his acceptance of people and stated, "Remember as a child of God You are loved, you are valuable and you bring honour to this house." Pathfinders are already excited about next year's Winter Retreat. Hope to see you there. —Submitted by Lyle Notice



Alex Portillio speaking to the Pathfinders.



Pathfinder Winter Retreat 2015.

MAIN AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS



Leslie Pollard

Opening meeting,
Friday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday, August 1,
(11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Leslie Nelson Pollard serves as the 11th President of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, USA. His leadership has reflected local, national, and international service. He has served as senior pastor for a number of large church complexes, youth pastor, a university chaplain, a healthcare program administrator, and an educational administrator.



Jose Rojas

MOVEmentum
Monday, August 3-7
(11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Born in East Los Angeles, Jose Rojas serves as President of MOVEmentum, a ministry that reaches across cultural, ethnic and linguistic lines to offer innovative evangelism, training, consulting and motivational speaking in order to mobilize people. As an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 33 years, Rojas brings a breadth of experience and leadership to the cause of MOVEmentum.



Chris Holland

Speaker/Director
It Is Written Canada
Friday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.
& Saturday, August 8,
(11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Chris Holland is the Speaker/Director for It Is Written Canada. Prior to this, he served at the NAD as the Secretary/Treasurer of ASI. In his 14 years of ministry he has worked for the Illinois and Chesapeake conferences, pastoring a total of six churches. In 2009/2010, Pastor Holland was the Chicagoland Evangelism Coordinator for the Illinois Conference coordinating over 34 evangelistic meetings.

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SEMINARS AT A GLANCE



The Family—an Evangelistic Tool
Jesse Bevel
Retired Author & Pastor



Characters of the Bible: From Vanquished to Victors
Myrna Candelaria
Teacher - English & Drama
Takoma Academy



Being a Personal Representative & Executor
Ray Phillips
Phillips Farms, Beauvalion



Community Services & Disaster Training: What You Need to Know
Sung Kwon
Director - NAD Adventist Community Services



New, Bigger, Better Tax Breaks for Donors
Darren Swann, MNP



Visitation 101
Brian Hawes
Retired Pastor
Director - Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry (SDACC)



The Five Love Languages
Captain Jonathan Runnels
Chaplain - US Air Force



Individual Crisis Intervention
Martin Feldbush
Crisis Care Coordinator/
Western US for Adventist Community Services



Stewardship
Reynold Ferary
Pastor
Alberta Conference



Intro to Sign Language and Deaf Ministries
John Blake
Volunteer Coordinator
Deaf Ministries
-Alberta Conference



How to be an Effective Leader
Don Corkum,
Church Plant Director
Alberta Conference



Health and Fitness Series
Ron Schafer & Friends
Physical Education
Burman University



Growing Your Church with a Relational Approach to Sabbath School
Darlene Reimche
Director - Sabbath School, ASAM,
SAGE & Children's Ministries
Alberta Conference



Prison Ministries Training
Oliver Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator
Prison Ministries
Alberta Conference



Prayer Ministries
Warren Kay
Volunteer Coordinator
Prayer Ministries
Alberta Conference

OPENING MEETING: FRIDAY, JULY 31, 7:00 P.M. DR. LESLIE POLLARD

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TIME	Sabbath August 1	Sunday August 2	Monday August 3	Tuesday August 4	Wednesday August 5	Thursday August 6	Friday August 7	Sabbath August 8
7:00 - 7:30	Devotional Richard Means	Devotional Darrell Beaudoin	Devotional John Wesley	Devotional Moises Ruiz	Devotional Terrence Horrell	Devotional Ron Yabut	Devotional Bob Burke	Devotional Ken Wiebe
7:30 - 8:15	BREAKFAST							
9:30 - 10:45	Sabbath School	Free Time	SEMINARS					Sabbath School
11:00 - 12:15	Leslie Pollard	ABC Sale (10:00 - 12:00)	PLENARY SESSION - Jose Rojas (MOVEmentum)					Chris Holland
12:15 - 1:00	LUNCH							
1:00 - 2:00	Free Time	International Food Fair 12:15 - 2:30	Radio Talk Show 106.3 FM					Free Time
2:30 - 3:30	CHANGE Graduation	Family Fun Time (2:00 - 4:30)	DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS					Burman University/ PAA
4:00 - 5:15	Ordination/ Commissioning	Moses Strategy Celebration (2:30-4:00)	SEMINARS					Concert in the Park
5:30 - 6:30	SUPPER							
7:00 - 8:30	Leslie Pollard	Concert Christine Wollmann	Jose Rojas (MOVEmentum)				Baptism Chris Holland	Chris Holland
8:35 - 9:05			Mini Concert Mallets for Christ			Mini Concert Jaime Jorge		

Fun Run - Sunday, August 2, 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Camp Meeting Resource Tent open 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Divisions - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Please Note: Schedule times/programming may change.

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SPECIAL FEATURES



Christine Wollmann

Music Concert
Sunday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Sharing the love of God through music ministry has been part of Christine Wollmann's life since she was six. When Women of Spirit Magazine featured her on their cover, the caption was "God's Love is Her Song." She studied vocalization at the University of Toronto, presents seminars on music and music therapy, is a mentor and vocal coach, can be seen regularly on HOPE Channel, 3ABN and television. Christine is happily married to Ruben and they have one daughter Shania.



Myrna Candelaria

Nightly Dramatic Feature in the Main Auditorium.

"Timeless Messages"
 Spirit of Prophecy vignettes presented by Myrna Candelaria .
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Camp Meeting Meal Tickets (Individual):

Ages 0-3 (free)	
Ages 4-9	Ages 10 and up
Breakfast \$5	Breakfast \$8
Lunch \$8	Lunch \$11
Supper \$6	Supper \$9



Meal Package Pricing BEFORE July 9:

(No Sunday lunch due to International Food Fair)

Seniors 65+ Full Package (25 meals).....	\$195
Full Package - Age 10+ (25 meals)	\$205
Lunch Package - Age 10+ (7 meals)	\$70

Meal Package Pricing AFTER July 9:

(No Sunday lunch due to International Food Fair)

Seniors 65+ Full Package (25 meals).....	\$205
Full Package - Age 10+ (25 meals)	\$220
Lunch Package - Age 10+ (7 meals).....	\$70

Camp Meeting Meal Times:

Breakfast	7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Lunch	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Supper	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please note: There are no refunds on meal tickets.

No meal tickets will be sold during Sabbath hours. Please purchase your Sabbath meal tickets at the camp office before 9 p.m. on Fridays.

Please Note: Meal tickets can be purchased in advance until July 29 by calling Penny at (403) 342-5044 , ext. 201 and can be picked up at the camp office upon arrival. After July 30 call the camp office at (403) 556-6767

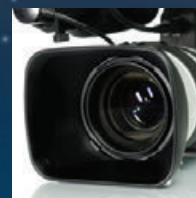


LIVE Stream

Camp Meeting presentations will be LIVE streamed (audio only) this year from the main auditorium. Check the Alberta Conference website for more information at www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2015.

Recordings

Wish you could hear that Camp Meeting message again or share it with a friend? All audio recordings (mp3) will be available to download free of charge at www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2015. No recordings (audio or video) will be sold during Camp Meeting this year. If you would like to order audio or video copies of the main auditorium messages, an order form will be available at the main camp office. Orders will be processed and mailed out after Camp Meeting.



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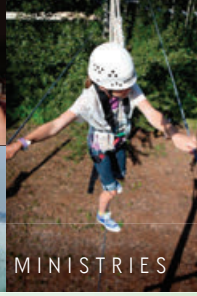
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STORMCO Visits Moosonee, Ontario

On April 19, a drama team of eight students from Burman University called IMPACT, headed by Crystal Johnson, boarded a flight from Edmonton to Timmins, Ontario and spent the night in Cochrane. The next morning the group boarded the Polar Bear express for a five hour train ride to Moosonee, Ontario for a STORMCO Mission Trip.

That evening in Moosonee, several of the group members had the chance to speak on the local radio station, while the others performed a skit at a local seniors' home. During their visit, IMPACT also had the opportunity to assist the local Red Cross by cleaning, packing and reorganizing their office space.

Before heading back to Cochrane on Wednesday, the group took a helicopter ride to Moose Factory Island to sing songs and share a skit at another nursing home and local hospital.



Skit performed by the IMPACT drama team from Burman University.

On Friday evening, the group had a scheduled performance at the Native Friendship Centre. It was a full house with members from the community and a large youth group from the local Pentecostal

church. Many who watched shared how touching the presentation was and how it left a positive impact on their spiritual lives.
—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications

1 DAY ONLY!

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Being a Personal Representative & Executor:
Assisting through Powers of Attorney, Personal Directives, and Wills
Raymond Phillips
9:30-10:45 AM

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A Framework for using the new tax incentives
Darren Swann, CA & Aina Potts MNP
4:00 - 5:15 PM

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CAMP MEETING FOOD Fair



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If your church or group is planning to participate in this year's Camp Meeting Food Fair, please contact Irma Hartley at the Alberta Conference to book a spot. This year, a limited number of tables and canopies will be provided by Foothills Camp on a first-come, first-served basis.

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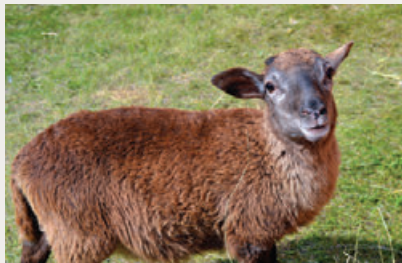
Foothills Camp Nature Trail Project and SAGE Education Centre

Over the last several years, the Foothills Camp Director, with the support of the Alberta Conference administration, completed a number of camp projects to improve your camp experience. These projects include: a playground, petting zoo and basketball court. This year's project is a larger endeavour that will take approximately two years for completion. It includes a developed nature trail system with a building that will be used for teaching about God's Creation. The trail and new SAGE Education Centre will be constructed on the lower level of the camp between the current zip-line and log cabin. This year, camp meeting attendees will be given the opportunity to volunteer to help lay the gravel for the trail. Later, benches and interpretive signs will be added. In the spring of 2016, the walls of

the Education Centre will be raised. This project is exciting but costly. We are asking for your financial support to complete it. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering envelope – "Foothills Camp Natural Area."



Basketball court at Foothills Camp.



Petting zoo at Foothills Camp.



Playground at Foothills Camp.



Hike at Kerry Wood Nature Centre, Red Deer.

SAGE Alberta 2015 Annual Convention

April 30-May 3, 2015 brought SAGers from across the Province to participate in the annual SAGE Alberta Convention held on the campus of Burman University. Pastor Ken Wiebe, Alberta Conference President, welcomed those attending with the first convention presentation on Thursday evening.

Weekend events included a trip to the Kerry Wood Nature Centre in Red Deer, where tour guides encouraged all to carefully use and preserve while enjoying God's nature and great outdoors. Friday evening's banquet at the Lacombe Memorial Centre included great food, great fellowship and an inspiring presentation by Pastor Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, originally from Alberta. Other weekend presenters included Pastor Larry Hall, VP for Administration of the Alberta Conference and Keith Leavitt, a Professor of Education at Burman University.

Sabbath afternoon, Pastor Jackson openly shared about current actions and plans for the future of the Adventist Church across North America and around the world. The day ended with a gospel concert which once again included beautiful and inspiring music from individuals, groups and families from around the Alberta Conference. Concert master of ceremony brothers, Keith and Brian Leavitt, added radio programming tips while introducing those participating.



Lacombe Memorial Centre Banquet.

The Sunday morning presentation by Professor Leavitt and brunch in the University Cafeteria brought the convention weekend to a great close. Plans are already being made for next year's SAGE Alberta Convention, May 5-8, 2016.

—Submitted by Darlene Reimche



The Cake Mix

What do you do when things just don't seem to be working out? What do you do when things seem to be not going your way? Sometimes in life bad things happen and you're left asking the questions, "Why God?" "Why Me?"

I have come to realize that sometimes we can't see what God sees? God has the ability to take a bad situation and turn it into something good. One of my favourite Bible verses I memorized from childhood is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things will work out for good, to them that love God, and to those who are called according to His plan."

Let me illustrate, when I was much younger my mom used to love making Pineapple Upside Down cake. As one who had a pretty bad sweet tooth, I would be hovering over my mother, tugging on her apron as she performed the awesome process of baking a cake.

My mom would get out the flour, butter, milk, sugar and cake mix. I was so eager to taste the cake that I would put my finger in the bowl to snatch a taste. After putting a scoop of the cake mix in my mouth, I would quickly run to the washroom in disgust and spit it out. Right there and then it tasted bad and I could not stomach the premature cake mix.

My mom would often remind me, "Lyle, in order to have the best cake possible...it needs ample time to cook!" Every so often I would shout, "Mom, is it ready yet?" After what seemed like an eternity, out of the oven would come a beautiful and tasty looking cake.

Why do I share this story? Well, individually each ingredient, if you were to taste them, would be horrible. I mean, can you imagine eating 1 cup of butter by itself or 3 cups of flour and 4 raw eggs. But mixed together and cooked at 350 degrees C for 60 minutes, and you end up with a beautiful and tasty treat.

Sometimes situations in life individually do not feel so great. They might even hurt sometimes. But over time, as God takes those experiences and mixes them up under intense heat and pressure, something good comes out.

The Bible doesn't say that all things are good. No, all things are not good. The Bible says God has the ability to turn it into something good!

Let me share one more story with you about an only survivor of a shipwreck. One day he came upon a small, uninhabited island. He prayed repeatedly for God to save him and everyday he scanned the horizon for an answer. Even though he was exhausted and in despair, he eventually managed to build a little

hut to keep himself out of the weather and to store his provisions. Then one day, after searching for food, he came back to find his little hut on fire. The worst thing that could have happened, happened. Everything he had was consumed. In his grief he cried out, "God, how could you do this to me!" Early the next morning, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. They had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the castaway. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. God always has a way of working things out for our good...even when things seem bad.



Lyle Notice
Associate Youth Director
Alberta Conference

DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting Facts About the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Here are some facts about the Seventh-day Adventist Church you might not have known.

GENERAL FACTS:

- The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been an official denomination since 1863.
- The Seventh-day Adventist Church has more than 18 million members worshipping in more than 71,000 churches around the world, including 1.2 million members in North America.
- In 2011, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was recognized as the fastest-growing Christian denomination in North America, according to USA Today.
- The Adventist Church has the largest Protestant integrated network of hospitals and clinics worldwide, with 172 hospitals and sanitariums, 238 clinics and dispensaries, and 169 lodging facilities, including nursing homes, retirement centres, orphanages, and children's homes (as of December 2011).
- In 2014, North American Adventist hospitals and clinics provided healthcare assistance to 17 million people.
- The lifestyle of Seventh-day Adventists has been featured in National

Geographic, CNN, The Today Show, Good Morning American, and The Blue Zones, a New York Times best-seller book that describes the lifestyles of the world's longest living people.

EDUCATION:

- The Adventist Church has the world's second largest integrated network of schools, with more than 7,800 schools worldwide enrolling more than 1.6 million students.
- Since the first Adventist school formed in the 1850s, Adventists have believed that education should be redemptive in nature, with the purpose of restoring human beings to the image of God, our Creator. Adventist education also includes mental, physical, social, and spiritual health; intellectual growth; and service to humanity. <http://education.gc.adventist.org/>

HEALTH OUTREACH:

- The Adventist Church focuses on a "ministry of healing," which encompasses catering to the spiritual, physical, mental, and social needs of people around the world.
- The Church held the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

More than 750 people from 95 countries attended to learn more information about how to provide improved health and spiritual care for the global community.

- Seventh-day Adventists established a master's degree program throughout the continent of Africa that equips pastors with comprehensive health courses. They learn not only the anatomy of health, but also practical applications of the Adventist lifestyle.
- The Church developed the "Breathe-Free" program, a smoking cessation program that has helped hundreds of thousands of people worldwide quit smoking. It is the official smoking cessation program of China and Taiwan. <http://healthministries.com/>

FAMILY OUTREACH:

- The Adventist Church helps nurture marriages and families because strong marriages lead to strong families, and strong families lead to strong churches.
- The Church has programs and ministries to help enhance communication, problem-solving, and relationship skills. <http://family.adventist.org>

YOUTH OUTREACH:

- Outreach programs include the Adventurer Club (for ages 6-9) and Pathfinder Club (for ages 10-15). These programs offer specialized weekly activities to promote psychological and spiritual development through camping, marching, community projects, vocational training, and arts and crafts.
- Youth Outreach also provides an opportunity for more than 100 young adults from all over the world to volunteer in a major city every year for what is known as "One Year in Mission." <http://gcyouthministries.org/>

Now you know more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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A student of MANS' musical sign language group Total Praise waits to perform during the Milestone Celebration. Photo: Kelly Dreger

Brayden Omeasoo-Steinhaur conducted a special music contribution from Total Praise, MANS' sign language musical group. Brayden, a Grade 8 student and assistant director of the group, can be seen performing solo in a video at www.albertaadventist.ca.



Milestone Celebration Celebrates Alberta Adventist Founders and First Grade 12 Graduating Class

Despite surprise snow and treacherous roads on April 25, Church in Canada officers, returning founders, teachers, and friends packed the school gym of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) for its Milestone Celebration & Open House. The theme, “Hats Off to You” celebrated 12 years at the school’s location and MANS’ first Grade 12 graduating class, but the focus was clearly on the Alberta Adventist community and the church members who laid the school’s strong foundation and made Alberta’s mission school milestones possible.

The afternoon of celebration, reflection, and entertainment included a meal, a performance by MANS’ musical sign language group, Total Praise (video of Assistant Director, student Brayden

Omeasoo-Steinhaur at www.albertaadventist.ca), and a short video history of the school’s development entitled “We’ve Come so Far” collapsed years into minutes, bringing back memories for many, including Pat and Victor Latoski.

Teamwork with Solid Results

The Latoskis, who’ve donated their time and skills to at least ten church projects, helped build the present MANS building. While working on a building project in Oregon, they spoke with their mission-minded counterparts about MANS, Canada’s only mission school. When the group was finished in Oregon, it traveled to Alberta, working on the trusses in the gym for two weeks—the same gym in which the Latoskis were

now celebrating the spirit of Mamawi Atosketan (Cree for “working together”) that characterized the volunteers.

Victor remembers the challenges that the MANS project manager faced. The volunteer labour wasn’t always consistent, but volunteers never failed to deliver selfless, serving attitudes and the ability to work together for a deserving cause.

Returning to the school to celebrate 12 years of student education and growth was a highlight for the Latoskis. “We had a great experience,” says Victor. “You filled the auditorium to overflowing—very impressive. The kids seem very happy. We went to look at some classrooms and they were so well-maintained. They all look good. Everybody’s ‘with it!’”

Hats Off to Alberta Adventists

MANS has been able to thrive because of the support of mission-minded donors like the Latoskis and other Alberta Conference church members. Students were not shy about expressing their appreciation.

Medallions beaded by Grade 10 student Krista Abt, a student at MANS since Grade 1, were presented: for “Time Invested” to developer/contractor Alfred Breikreuz (Ponoka) and developer/contractor, Ken Taylor (Camrose); for “Talent Invested” to Sandra Kiehlbach Toms, who was the founding teacher/principal of the school at its first location on the Reserve in 1985; and for “Treasure Invested” to Lacombe resident Elizabeth Tym as representative of deceased founding donor Mary Krysovaty (also of Lacombe).



Alfred Breikreuz accepts a hand-beaded medallion thank you award from MANS student Krista Abt and SDACC President Mark Johnson thanking him and Ken Taylor for their donations of time and labour in overseeing the construction of the school.



Elizabeth Tym accepts a hand-beaded medallion as a thank you award on behalf of Mary Krysovaty from SDACC President Mark Johnson and MANS student Krista Abt, who created the medallions.

First Teacher Returns

Toms, who lives in Calgary, expressed amazement at the school’s transformation from a one-room school with 17 students to a complete K-12 school that is bursting at the seams. “You do your little bit, and wonder whether you make any difference—like tossing a marble into a pond,” said Toms. “But when many people toss in their marble, look what it can become!”

An Attitude of Gratitude

Students presented customized MANS mugs packaged with a variety of cookies made by Grade 2 and 3 students to those who contributed labour or cash to construct the present building. Handmade thank you cards with personalized messages from Mamawi



Camrose Rotarian Ron Grue recently helped William Piersanti and Steven Van Rensberg complete an addition to MANS that created enough additional space to allow MANS’ first Grade 12 students to complete high school in June of 2015.



Pat and Victor Latoski raise their hands, in the school gymnasium they helped construct 12 years prior, at the Milestone Celebration with those who contributed donations of labour to MANS’ construction in 2003.

students were displayed on tables.

One Grade 5 student wrote, “Thank you for helping me have a safe place to go to school. Thank you for building our school. We love our school. We all love you for making our school.”

A recently-completed addition to the existing facility, added through generous donations of labour from Camrose Rotarian Ron Grue and Calgary contractor William Piersanti, created enough additional space to allow MANS’ first Grade 12 students to complete high school in June of 2015.

Thank you for helping me have a safe place to go to school. Thank you for building our school. We love our school. We all love you for making our school.
Grade 5 student

A Reason to Grow

Principal Gail Wilton explains the reason for expanding to Grade 12. “By carrying students from Kindergarten through to the completion of Grade 12, the school can also provide direction to students for college and higher education opportunities.”

The current high school completion rate among First Nations youth across Canada is 39% of those who register for high school. MANS supporters believe that by extending the unique learning environment that has allowed students to score above average on Alberta Standardized tests, MANS students will far exceed national graduation rates. This year’s 100% completion rate is a good start.

MANS is dedicated to providing an excellent Seventh-day Adventist academic program that respects and responds to each student’s cultural and academic needs within a safe and caring Christian environment, while providing opportunities for each student to grow in God’s love. MANS is on its way to becoming a model of First Nations education noted for exceeding and changing cultural expectations.

—By Melissa Meyers & Lynn McDowell.
Photos by Kelly Dreger

Peace Hills Adventist School

A conversation around a Sabbath meal led to pouring a foundation and building a church, plus a two room school with gymnasium and kitchen for Wetaskiwin and community. Land was purchased from a local farmer and the membership raised the necessary funds. Peace Hills Adventist School (PHAS) opened its doors to nine students and one teacher in the fall of 1989.

Since that time, there has been no turning back. Members are proud of their school, their children and take ownership of their school. They are committed to providing an environment where students daily experience the love of God. Enrollment has peaked

at 45 with three teachers; current enrollment is 22 in Grades K-9.

When more space was necessary, two more classrooms and a gym extension including washrooms was completed in 1995. PHAS doesn't come with a long history dating back to the 1900s but it does come with a strong commitment and dedication to Christian education. That commitment grew to include "no tuition fees" for the past three years. The membership and constituency have pledged to support the children's education through offerings, donations and fundraising.

This summer, the first stage of a new playground will begin. It is

anticipated that some of the new play centre will be ready for the students in September 2015.

Parents choosing PHAS appreciate the family atmosphere, monthly hot lunches, and an active fund raising plan to provide learning "extras" for their children, such as computers and Smart-boards. Participation in Terry Fox Run, Jump Rope for Heart, Senior's Christmas Projects and more teach the children the value of service to others.

When church, parents, students and teachers work in harmony with the Holy Spirit, everyone benefits.

—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications



First class for PHAS (1989).
Back Row (L-R): Dean Demitor, Rosalie Zinner, Janella Abbey (Pincipal/Teacher), Marilyn Zinner, Aaron Peterson
Front Row (L-R): Jean Chartrand, Amanda Wigley, Jamie Chartrand, Lisa Meehan, Devin Demitor



Top right photo:
Peace Hills Adventist School.
Bottom photos:
Building Peace Hills Adventist School.



Last Class as CUC Graduates!

CUC, now Burman University, conferred degrees to 103 students during its 2015 commencement service on April 19. This was the last class to carry the name Canadian University College. The whole weekend was live streamed online and over 400 viewers from 12 countries watched the LIVE streamed programming. This year's Commencement speaker was Dr. Denis Herr, Professor of English. Dr. Herr was this year's graduating class sponsor and will be retiring this summer after 33 years of service on the campus.

Burman University is happy to announce that nine Burman alumni have been accepted into schools of medicine, dentistry and optometry for the fall of 2015. These recent graduates have been accepted into

Loma Linda University School of Medicine, University of British Columbia, University of Waterloo along with other professional schools. Burman University is committed to prepare students seeking careers in medical professions and research. We offer two professional tracks within our Biology degree: a Bio-Medical track and an Environmental Science track.

For more information about Burman University, please visit www.burmanu.ca.
—Submitted by Jr Ferrer, Burman University Communication Director



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PAA's Choral Union students at the Eiffel Tower, Paris.



PAA students relax in the Borland Family missionary house in Santa Elena, Belize.



Dauntless team members Pradeesha Gnanasekeran, Carlye Smedley, and Matt MacDonald smile as they serve with the students of NOJA in Armstrong, BC.

PAA: Learning for Life

Parkview Adventist Academy is excited to provide students with unparalleled learning opportunities on our Central Alberta campus, but it's equally thrilling to think about all the international possibilities our students have enjoyed this year.

Pastor Ted Deer, PAA's Chaplain, took a group of 16 to Santa Elena, Belize to participate in several arenas of service. Students worked in the remote village of Billy White to complete the construction of a long-awaited Adventist church. Two of the sponsors, Rosemarie and Derrick Welch, stayed behind the student group and were able to share the first Sabbath service with the excited community. The 10th, 11th, and 12th graders also hosted an activity-packed VBS program for the neighbourhood in which they stayed and put on evening radio talk shows for Faith FM, a non-profit Adventist radio ministry supported by the Borland family in Belize. From bonding as a group to having to share and defend their personal faith, this trip really did provide a unique environment for personal growth and the participating students returned blessed.

Over the April break, two different student groups were able to travel and

gain valuable experiential knowledge. First, Dr. Monroe, Choral Union director, led the campus choir through Europe. Altogether, 11 students from PAA, along with sponsors Ms. Grovet and Ms. Fernandez, fund raised and joined in the adventure. The group began in Paris and saw many beautiful architectural features and landmarks throughout Western Europe, including Germany and Rome. Making the most of their musical focus, the choir students also participated in "The Sound of Music Experience." For many, the highlight of the trip was lifting up their voices in harmony surrounded by medieval acoustics and history. One student said she would never forget singing "Silent Night" in the very church where it was composed.

The second group to recently represent PAA abroad was Dauntless. The student-ministry leaders took their inclusive youth-oriented programs out to Vancouver Island, visiting three churches and seven schools along the way. In Victoria, the group of 12 students and staff were able to take part in the praise and worship for an Island Youth Rally and in Port Hardy, they hosted a

rousing gym night for Avalon Academy. PAA students also participated in several community service projects, supporting families who have contributed greatly to the success of Adventist education. The purpose of this tour was not only to take some of PAA's BC-based students back to their local congregations, but also to draw attention to the wonderful work God is doing in the talents developed within our school program.

Of our entire student body, more than half packed a bag to travel as part of a PAA group this year. Many are engaged in other extracurricular campus programming (Acronaires, Rosedale Valley Orchestra, Silverwinds Band, Impact) whose tours were not coordinated by PAA's school office, but all work together to prepare our students to learn and to expand their life experiences for their bright and blessed futures serving their communities wherever they may go. —Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz, PAA Communications

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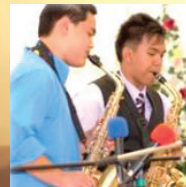


Adult Speaker
Pastor Ramon V. Baldovino
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Youth Speaker
Pastor Glenn L. Sta. Ana
Assistant to
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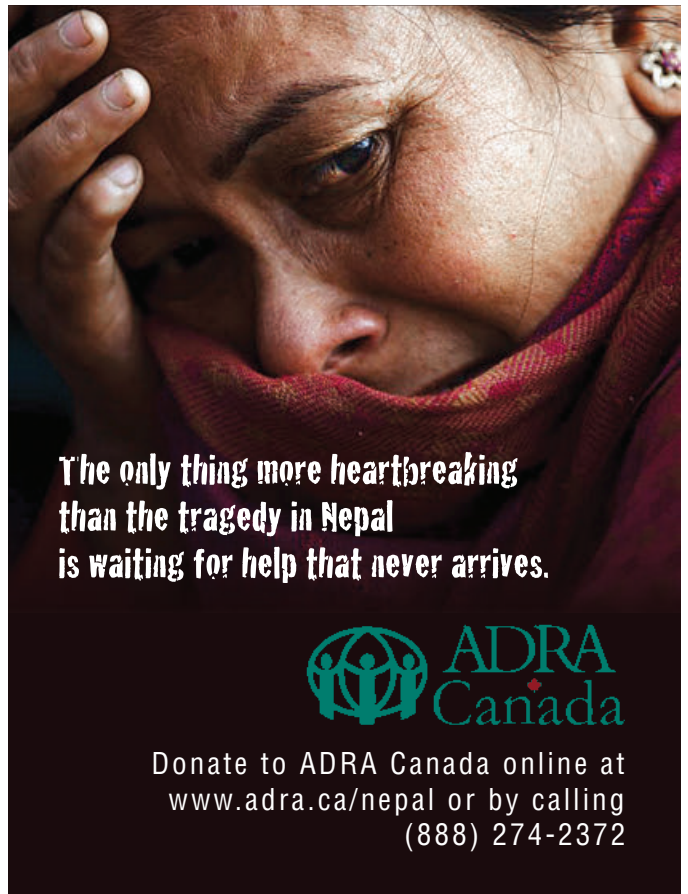
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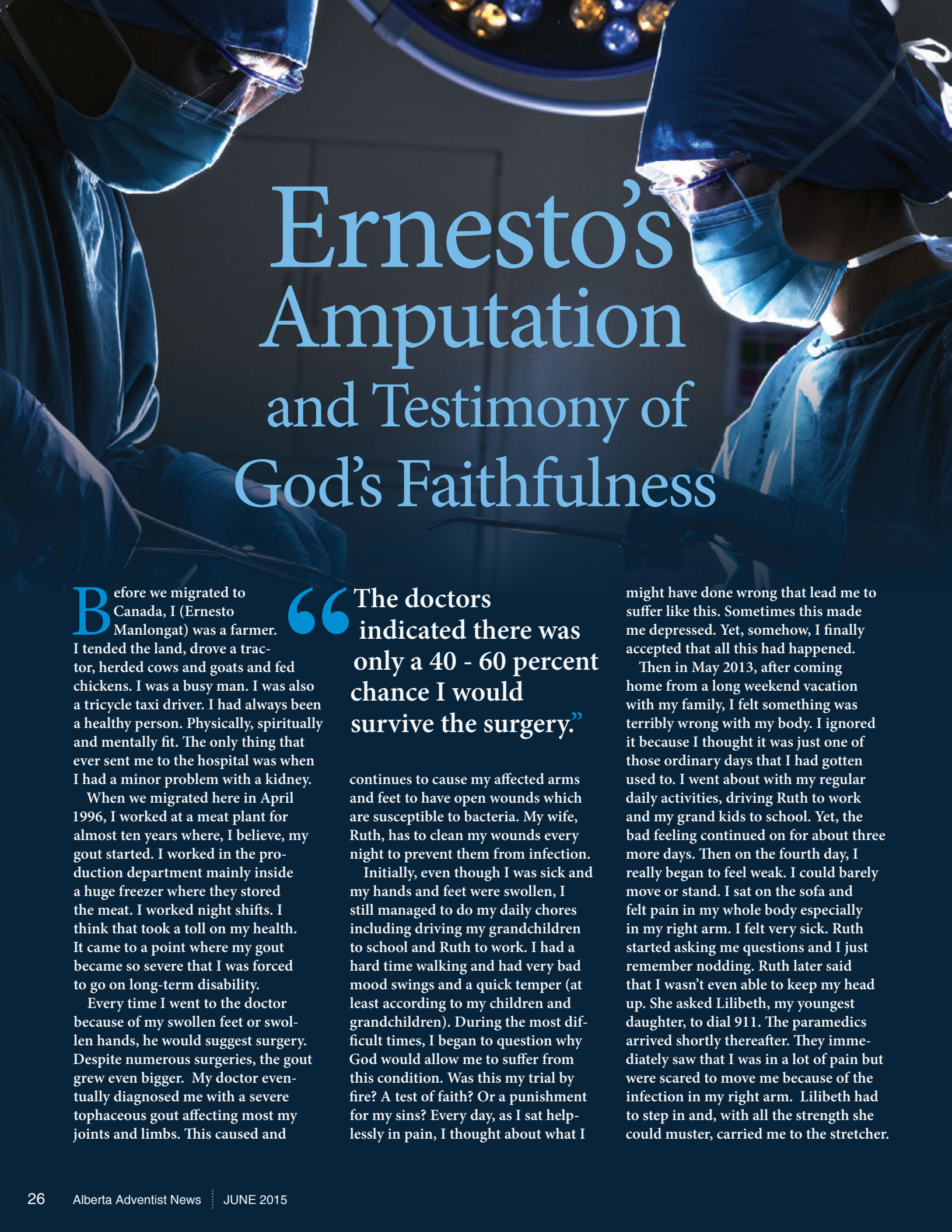
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Ernesto's Amputation and Testimony of God's Faithfulness

Before we migrated to Canada, I (Ernesto Manlongat) was a farmer. I tended the land, drove a tractor, herded cows and goats and fed chickens. I was a busy man. I was also a tricycle taxi driver. I had always been a healthy person. Physically, spiritually and mentally fit. The only thing that ever sent me to the hospital was when I had a minor problem with a kidney.

When we migrated here in April 1996, I worked at a meat plant for almost ten years where, I believe, my gout started. I worked in the production department mainly inside a huge freezer where they stored the meat. I worked night shifts. I think that took a toll on my health. It came to a point where my gout became so severe that I was forced to go on long-term disability.

Every time I went to the doctor because of my swollen feet or swollen hands, he would suggest surgery. Despite numerous surgeries, the gout grew even bigger. My doctor eventually diagnosed me with a severe tophaceous gout affecting most my joints and limbs. This caused and

“The doctors indicated there was only a 40 - 60 percent chance I would survive the surgery.”

continues to cause my affected arms and feet to have open wounds which are susceptible to bacteria. My wife, Ruth, has to clean my wounds every night to prevent them from infection.

Initially, even though I was sick and my hands and feet were swollen, I still managed to do my daily chores including driving my grandchildren to school and Ruth to work. I had a hard time walking and had very bad mood swings and a quick temper (at least according to my children and grandchildren). During the most difficult times, I began to question why God would allow me to suffer from this condition. Was this my trial by fire? A test of faith? Or a punishment for my sins? Every day, as I sat helplessly in pain, I thought about what I

might have done wrong that lead me to suffer like this. Sometimes this made me depressed. Yet, somehow, I finally accepted that all this had happened.

Then in May 2013, after coming home from a long weekend vacation with my family, I felt something was terribly wrong with my body. I ignored it because I thought it was just one of those ordinary days that I had gotten used to. I went about with my regular daily activities, driving Ruth to work and my grand kids to school. Yet, the bad feeling continued on for about three more days. Then on the fourth day, I really began to feel weak. I could barely move or stand. I sat on the sofa and felt pain in my whole body especially in my right arm. I felt very sick. Ruth started asking me questions and I just remember nodding. Ruth later said that I wasn't even able to keep my head up. She asked Lilibeth, my youngest daughter, to dial 911. The paramedics arrived shortly thereafter. They immediately saw that I was in a lot of pain but were scared to move me because of the infection in my right arm. Lilibeth had to step in and, with all the strength she could muster, carried me to the stretcher.

The paramedics brought me to the Rocky View General Hospital. There were a lot of tests done during which my whole body kept getting weaker. After being in the ICU for days, the doctors eventually determined that I had something called necrotizing fasciitis. Necrotizing fasciitis is a rare infection that's often described as a condition involving "flesh-eating bacteria." It can be fatal if not treated promptly. It spreads quickly and aggressively to an infected person and causes tissue death at the infection site and beyond.

The doctors were trying to save my arm. Unfortunately, despite extensive antimicrobial therapy and removal of damaged tissue, this required a right above-elbow amputation in order to save my life. They said the longer the surgery was delayed, the higher the risk of mortality.

Ruth and my kids had a family meeting to discuss what to do to save my life. They decided that I should have the affected arm amputated. But my arm wasn't only the problem. I also had a complicated body-wide infection which leads to dangerously low blood pressure, acute kidney requiring dialysis, upper gastrointestinal bleed with the discovery of a gastric ulcer. Also, the doctor needed to perform a tracheostomy. A breathing tube was placed through this opening to provide an airway and to remove secretions from my lungs due to pneumonia. My wife later told me that the doctors had indicated to her that, even with surgery, there was only a 40 to 60 percent chance that I would survive. The surgery went ahead nevertheless.

When I woke up after the surgery, my wife told me what happened and I saw my amputated arm for the first time. I felt devastated, but my wife said that it had to be done to save my life. Through prayers and the help of the doctors, I am here today, alive and well.

Six months of staying in the hospital made me realize a lot of things. God humbled me. He wanted me to know that He is my saviour and that I can lean on Him. I'm still blessed with a loving and supporting wife. I can't



(Front row) L-R: Jorielle Manlongat, Ruth Manlongat, Ernesto Manlongat, Jayvi Quiba
(Second row) L-R: Jocelyn Manlongat, Ariel Manlongat, AJ Manlongat, Angel Nieva, JC Quiba, Angelo Nieva, Pastor Honey. (Back row) L-R: Lilibeth Quiba, Jomel Quiba, Rowena Manuel.

“Trials may come and go, but *“me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*”

thank her enough for the patience and care which she continues to display each and every day. I would also like to thank her for being by my side alone at the hospital even during those times when it seemed almost hopeless. She held onto God and fought for me.

I would also like to thank my children and grandchildren here in Canada whom I was told stayed by my side even when I wasn't able to recognize them anymore. Thanks to my grandchildren from the Philippines who made a video and sang for me even when I was unconscious. I love each and every one of them dearly. I am loved. A special thanks also goes out to our church Pastor Honey Todd and our church elders, who visited and anointed me at the hospital when I was

unconscious and fighting for my life.

Half of my right arm is gone. I won't be able to do my daily chores or walk unaided and won't be able to go on a long drive with my family. But, I can still see all my grandchildren go to college and graduate. I can still work on the many things I want to accomplish in life. My work for God still isn't finished. God gave me another chance to do it right this time. I am God's living testimony. It is a miracle that I'm still alive today and that I'm here with you telling my story. God moves in mysterious ways.

Brothers and sisters, we have so little time in this world. How do we spend the time that God has given us? Who are we spending our time with? God purposely saved me from this condition, so that I may guide my family towards His heavenly kingdom. But even if I have to do that with an amputated arm, I will do it. I have to do it. Because trials may come and go, but “me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” God truly is loving and merciful. He is faithful and if we faithfully ask, it will surely be given. —Submitted by Rowena Manuel



(L to R): Marcelle Griffith, Celia Findley, Edith Kiggundu, Sandy Boyce, Ethel Spence.

VISITATION WITH A PURPOSE

“Thank you for remembering me!” is heard often through the ministry of four ladies at Edmonton West Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Remembering how her husband’s spirits soared after receiving a visit, Marcelle Griffith felt the tug on her heart for those in need of a “God-hug.” Marcelle’s husband, Felix, endured a lengthy illness resulting from MS. The days for him were often long but, seeing a familiar face, having some conversation, or a prayer would brighten his day.

After her husband’s death, Marcelle was even more compelled to visit the seniors and those unable to leave their home. She chose three individuals to compliment her passion of bringing joy to others: Ethel Spence, Edith Kiggundu, and Sandra Boyce. Each lady brings something to the group; a strong spiritual gift, the gift of prayer, the gift of speaking and engaging others, and one who is committed to leading. “It’s important to keep the group small,” says Marcelle. “We don’t want to overwhelm the individual(s) and often space is at a premium.”

Any geographical area can accommodate more than one “serving group.” Create a unified unit with whom you can connect and start! Let your church family know that you are available to serve. The doors will open. Keep the following guidelines in mind:

Keep the visit short—leave with a sweet flavour. The ill and the elderly often tire readily.

Be certain to pray with and for the individual being visited.

Include singing, a short devotional, but be certain to allow time for the individual to talk—especially if they are seniors. They love to relive the good old days!

Take something small with you: baking,

a meal, a book, flowers, fruit basket etc.

Follow up with “in-touch-with-you” phone calls when appropriate or a card in the mail.

The melody, “We are His hands to touch the world around us” is ringing in my ears. Now it needs to play out in our hands and feet and voice.

—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications



This year at the Alberta Camp Meeting, Brian Hawes, retired Pastor, will be presenting a seminar on visitation entitled, Visitation 101. Hawes has extensive training and experience in chaplaincy ministry and visitation including skills in how to conduct effective visits with the elderly, discouraged, or those facing terminal illness and crisis. He is currently the director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

Participants will be able to gain expertise and confidence through open discussions and sharing--learning what to say and what not to say. Hawes will demonstrate how to be the comfort and calming factor that we set out to be. You will learn to visit and nurture with godly purpose.

Brian Hawes, Retired Pastor
Director - Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry (SDACC)

Health Expo Held in Red Deer

Sunday, March 15 marked a bright and chilly morning where more than 25 volunteers from the Red Deer Adventist Church, Sylvan Lake Adventist Church, and Burman University (then CUC) hosted over 100 visitors in talking about the unique Adventist health message. Faye Cherepuschuk and Wendy Gareau from Sylvan Lake coordinated the stations with materials provided by the Alberta Conference to ensure that each step in the NEWSTART program was thoroughly introduced.

Guests began by receiving an accurate height and weight measurement and then advanced through the stations to receive information on the benefits of water, sunshine, rest, proper nutrition, and more. At the “Exercise” table, individuals were challenged to engage in a minute of rigorous activity with heart rates

measured before and after the aerobics. “Trust” provided a confidant and the offer of prayer, which none of the participants refused. At the conclusion of the tour, each visitor’s health age was calculated based on their current lifestyle and measurements with recommendations on how they might improve their overall wellbeing.

The community of Red Deer was incredibly receptive to this relationship-building project and important groundwork was laid for the April evangelistic series. More than providing an opportunity for connections, the Health Expo excited the entire church. Before the clean-up was done, people were eager to find out when the next Health Expo would be held! What an awesome privilege and opportunity to serve. —Submitted by Red Deer Church Communications

(L-R): Medilyn Caponpon and Rosie Agdon.



Jhuzay Pennicooke (16 years old) preaching in Cornerstone Community Church during Children's Day program.



Cornerstone Children's Choir.

Cornerstone Community Church Hold Children's Day program

On March 14, the Cornerstone Community Adventist Church held a Children's Day program entitled, “The Road to Salvation.” Children from all ages took part in the service from singing, scripture readings, facilitating adult Sabbath School, preaching and prayer. The program was planned and overseen by the Children's Coordinator, Clara Maseko, Elders

and Master Guide. One young man accepted the call to preach the Gospel and delivered the message of Jesus Christ to the congregation. Jhuzay Pennicooke (16 years old) took over preaching duties like a seasoned preacher and did a terrific job. Jhuzay dug deep into the Word of God and fed each soul. —Submitted by Donna Grimsley, Communications Leader



John Bradshaw, speaker of It Is Written - US.



Fountainview students singing during the last evening of the Revelation Today series in Edmonton.



Pastor John Wesley speaking during the last evening of the Revelation Today series in Edmonton.

A Culture of Evangelism in Edmonton

“We want to develop a culture of evangelism... a lifestyle that includes intentional evangelism every couple of years,” stated Pastor John Murley, Senior Pastor at the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church and pastor for the newly formed Christ the Way Church in South Edmonton.

A second church resulted from Edmonton’s four month long evangelism focus. Abundant Life Church, located in West Edmonton, opened its doors with Pastor John Wesley (Senior pastor of the Edmonton Central Church) leading out.

A \$1.2 million budget created from partnerships with the Edmonton area churches, Alberta Conference, SDACC, North America Division and the General Conference provided the funds necessary for this undertaking of faith. Faith to dedicate the dollars, faith to bring in presenters of the Word, faith to include the entire city of Edmonton.

In 2012, when the ideas were first spoken, three predominant goals emerged: 300 baptisms, two church plants and a unifying of Edmonton and area churches. From its inception, each discussion, each plan, each meeting, was bathed in prayer.

In early 2015, Evangelist Jose Rojas held a 10 night “Transformation” series, resulting in 18 baptisms and 50 decisions pending. (Please note that these numbers are fluid and in constant change.) It Is Written - US speaker, John Bradshaw, followed

with a “Revelation Today” series resulting in 60-70 baptisms and numerous pending decisions. Data shows that there were several hundred livestream participants each night worldwide.

The two church plants offer a unique schedule with the worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. and a tea time for 20 minutes at 11:00 a.m. A Bible Study begins at 11:25 a.m. followed by a fellowship luncheon. Pastor Murley explained that they are working to build relationships. Most everyone, of the 80 in attendance, at each church remains to participate in the Bible Study time. Pastors Wesley and Murley are dedicating 80% of their time to the two new church plants. In moving forward, plans are being made for another church plant in the near future.

Edmonton and Alberta can no longer say, “Why not here?”

Contact info for the two new church plants:

Christ the Way Church
 11520 Ellerslie Road
www.christthewaysda.com
Abundant Life Church
 7003-199 Street
www.visitabundantlife.com

—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications

CUC Acronaires Visit Edson

Edson Adventist Church hosted the CUC Acronaires from February 13-14, 2015. This energetic team skillfully lead out in the vespers and church service. Later they performed at the Yellowhead Koinonia School, where they engaged the audience in their breathtaking performances and encouraged them with a positive message about healthy living and the importance of staying active. This was a great opportunity for the church to interact with the community.

—Submitted by Joel Waldron



CUC Acronaires leading out in Edson church service.



Acronaires performing at the Yellowhead Koinonia School.

Central Alberta Churches Host Lessons for Living Seminar

Early in 2015, the Red Deer and Sylvan Lake Adventist churches began preparing for a Central Alberta evangelistic series. In January, Pastor Sandra Deer brought the CHANGE School of Evangelism to teach members how to share their testimonies before beginning to reach out. During the months of February and March, both churches intentionally engaged their communities with friendship-building activities resulting in invitations to attend the April meetings. Advertisements on Red Deer's bus benches introduced Pastor Bill Santos as the guest speaker and complemented the personal connections members made with their families, friends, and co-workers, all resulting in tremendous and consistent attendance throughout the series.

The Lessons for Living seminars began in the Red Deer Lodge, and the turnout every night from members and visitors

was encouraging from the start. The Red Deer Adventist Church also began a meaningful LiveStream program to share the nightly messages, which can still be found at <http://livestream.com/Red-DeerAdventist>. Pastor Santos preached of hope in uncertain times and the role of the Church in Bible prophecy. These words of present truth were accompanied by inspiring music, health nuggets, and other community-affirming features.

The evangelistic series was only possible through the cooperation of the Central Alberta churches, the support of the Alberta Conference, and the unwavering commitment of the many volunteers. After 16 evenings of programming, the series concluded on April 25 in a joyous celebration, with the baptism of six individuals. Others are currently continuing in Bible studies.

—Submitted by Pastor Moises Ruiz



Bill Santos preaching.



Pastor Ruiz (left in red) and Pastor Clausen (right in red) with Baptismal candidates.



Leduc Hosts LEGO Building Contest

Amazing LEGO creations telling Bible stories made the judges deliberate long and hard over who should receive the recognition for each category (ages 3-7; 8-12; teen/adult) at Leduc's 2nd annual LEGO Extravaganza. A brief devotional thought was shared by leader, Michelle Leming, followed by LEGO-themed games and then delicious snacks...the best being cupcakes with edible LEGO pieces. Grand Prize went to Alex and Rafael Silva who built the story of the Red Sea Crossing. We are looking forward to next year's masterpieces! —Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications



Abundant Life Company Organized

April 11, 2015 will be remembered as a high day among Adventists in the city of Edmonton. It was the beginning of Revelation Today with John Bradshaw. It also saw the organization of the Abundant Life Company in South West Edmonton.

Impact Edmonton 2015 has many components to its outreach. There was the evangelistic series by Jose

Rojas and John Bradshaw, the bible worker ministry, the extensive prayer ministry, community outreach events and new church plants.

The Abundant Life Company is under the leadership of Pastor John Wesley with many of the core group members from the Edmonton Central Church.

On April 11, approximately 50 individuals signed as charter members of

this new company of believers. Conference leaders, Larry Hall and Keith Richter were present along with Church Planting Coordinator, Don Corkum.

There is a vibrancy which can be evidenced in this new company as they seek to extend the mission of Christ in their area of the city. —Submitted by Don Corkum, Church Planting Coordinator, Alberta Conference



Members and friends of the newly organized Abundant Life Company after it was organized as a company on April 11, 2015.

Pastor John Wesley shows his support and encouragement as Joan Hager signs as a charter member.



Healthy and Well in Fort Saskatchewan

Pastor Darrell and Lise Beaudoin, along with dedicated members, continue to pray and work in the community of Fort Saskatchewan. Each Sabbath approximately 25-30 attendees gather for worship and fellowship.

Planting a church is a work in progress. The group was very involved in Impact 2015. To continue the spirit of healing hearts and pointing people to hope in Christ, the group most recently have been busy with:

- Trade Show opportunities on April 25 indicated 60 interests for health programs and 20 individuals requested Bible studies.
- A Depression Recovery seminar provided hope and healing for 18 attendees, five of whom are involved with Bible studies. The program and graduation dinner was well received. A second seminar is planned for the fall.
- A successful Healthy Choices workshop demonstrated how to make lifestyle and eating choices that enhance ones quality of life.
- Hope & Healing ads around town continue to raise awareness and attract inquiries. "Maurine Lugas was recently baptized as a direct result of these ads," says Pastor Beaudoin.
- Brochures inviting residents to attend Sabbath services are distributed regularly.

—Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications



Khumalo family with baby Jasmine.



Wigley family with baby Silver.

Leduc Church Bursting with Blessings

May 2 was a busy day for the Leduc Church filled with many blessings. First of all, David Bodnaruk committed his life to Jesus through baptism. He loves the Word of God and eagerly engages in Bible study with Pastor Turgott. Secondly, two families brought their babies to be dedicated to the Lord. Mark and Cassi Wigley brought Silver Lynn (born November 22, 2014) to be dedicated. They praise God for His protecting hand over her during the first few weeks of her life while in intensive care. And Sobala & Christabel Khumalo brought Jasmine Zolisa (born January 27, 2015) to be dedicated. Jasmine means "gift of God" and Zolisa means "she calms me." Sobala and Christabel are determined to raise their child to love and honor God. Pastor Turgott encouraged both families to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them in raising their children for the Kingdom of God. —Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications



Darlene & David Bodnaruk.



Anne Lario having fun at the trade show.



Maurine baptized by Pastor Beaudoin.



Children at the Bartsch home after Sabbath School in 1970. Henry Bartsch is on the far right.

Henry Bartsch and Herb Larsen at new plane in Yellowknife. This plane was donated by the Quiet Hour to the Yellowknife mission almost as soon as the Bartsch family arrived. Henry was a pilot and he used the plane to hold VBS programs in Ft. Smith. The plane was also used when clothing donations were delivered to outlying communities due to fires etc.



Yellowknife...The Early Days

“Mama, tell me ‘bout the good ol’ days!” Listening to early heritage stories seems to be more compelling these days. Perhaps the constant hum of technology is causing us to want to ‘come away’ and relive calmer days. By no means am I suggesting that those first days of establishing a Seventh-day Adventist presence in Yellowknife were calm and quiet, yet in looking back they hold a serenity that is attractive.

In 2014, a 50 year celebration of Seventh-day Adventist presence in Yellowknife was held. Stories remain to be told for those of us not able to be there. I spent time speaking with Sheila Van Alstyn and Valerie Aymont, both daughters of the late Henry Bartsch, who accepted the challenge to move his family of six to Yellowknife, where no formal Seventh-day Adventist presence existed.

The idea of opening a work in Yellowknife was actually born in the summer of 1964 when Mr. and Mrs.

Abel and their son, Alfred (a gold mining family in the area) were baptized. Thus was born the idea of a Canadian mission field. Alberta Conference personnel (President Kaytor and Herb Larson) knew just the man—Henry Bartsch.

Upon arrival (August 1969), Pastor Bartsch knocked on every door, meeting the people and offering a complimentary *Signs of the Times* subscription. That winter a Sabbath School was started in the Bartsch living room. Pastor Bartsch went out to pick up children with his snowmobile. Valerie, at age 15, remembers teaching the children.

Later a dental clinic was used for worship services until the infamous Maranatha “fly-in” built a church in 1972. A one hour sing time was held every Sabbath afternoon, ending with “How Great Thou Art.”

Two Vacation Bible Schools held back-to-back produced great interest in what these newcomers were doing. “Dad loved social times together

and instituted the all-night church picnic. We would meet at Cameron Falls for all night food, games, and swimming. The time for “dawn” was determined by when the pancakes were ready. We would eat to more than full and then decide if we were up for more games. We would arrive home by 10 a.m., thoroughly exhausted and happy. The date for next year’s picnic was put on the calendar immediately so that there would be no scheduling conflicts. No one wanted to miss it!”

“Life was often a bit of a procedure,” recalled Valerie. She reflected upon a night time winter breakdown on the road. “Mom and Dad were en route home from Alberta—a 1200 mile jaunt with 600 miles of gravel. Just past Ft. Providence, the car’s fan belt broke. God had already taken care of the details. Friends from Pine Point came on the scene. My parents piled into their small car and journeyed safely home.” Val was then woken up to help her dad tow the

Bonnyville & Lloydminster Host Wellness Program

The Lloydminster and Bonnyville churches have been busy sharing with the community ideas for better living. The program ran from April 6 - May 27 (Tuesday and Wednesday evenings).

The major portion of the program was DVD presentations by Dr. Don Hall. Each participant was given a seminar workbook, a pedometer to monitor their walking program and a current record of their blood cholesterol and blood glucose, weight and BMI.

Health is the most valuable asset a person has. Unfortunately, many people don't invest much in their health until a serious problem develops, such as a heart attack or cancer. By adopting a healthy lifestyle now, you can significantly reduce your risk for serious health problems, increase your energy level, and live longer.

The *Eight Weeks to Wellness* program was developed to help people make positive lifestyle changes. At each weekly meeting, participants were introduced to a different aspect of health. During the following week they were encouraged to try what was learned. This approach to healthful living helps make lasting behavioral changes.

—Submitted by Pastor Bob Pohle



Some participants of the Bonnyville Wellness Program.



First Sabbath in the church constructed by Maranatha in 1972...this complex is still in use today.

Yellowknife Church building crew and helpers in 1972.

car home. Henry and Val took turns driving, using a window scraper to keep the window clear. They arrived home very early Sabbath morning. Needless to say, there was no sermon that day.

Anna (Henry's wife) was renowned for her cooking and baking. Even today at 84 years, she bakes bread and cookies in profusion. While in Yellowknife, the local proprietors were fascinated by the fact that she purchased many items in bulk and flour in 100 pound bags—several at a time. When asked what she did with all the stuff, her simple answer was, "We eat it." What else would one do? For many years, Anna was well known for her delectable donuts. She made them for the Yellowknife ski hill and Valerie's friends were eager to spend time at her house in order to be able to devour donuts and ice cream at midnight.

1973 was a centennial year for the RCMP. The city of Yellowknife hadn't planned much of anything, so Anna and helpers prepared a vegetarian supper

for the entire detachment: potatoes in the shape of Smokey the Bear hat and numerous other foods given native names, graced the table. The attendees loved the food and enjoyed as many as four helpings. Coralwood Academy students, under the direction of Dr. Reo Ganson, joined the celebrations with a gymnastics presentation and music.

Life today in Yellowknife is vastly different from those early days. "It is much like Lacombe," says Pastor Brad Dahr. It is a tourist destination and a busy place. Unfortunately drugs, suicide, domestic abuse, and other negatives are prevalent, but life is comparable to other Canadian centres. The Internet has narrowed the gap considerably. Cost of living is approximately 15%-25% higher than other more localized places.

Opportunities for ministry remain plentiful and will be so until Jesus comes.

Henry Bartsch died December 13, 1998. A piece of Yellowknife rests with him. —Submitted by Linda Steinke

BAPTISMS

Medicine Hat Baptism

Perry Marchand was baptized at the Medicine Hat Church by Pastor Warren Kay on February 28.

Pastor Warren Kay (left) with Perry Marchand (right).



Lacombe Community Baptism

Stan Weski was baptized at the Lacombe Community Church by Pastor Ron Henderson on May 9.

Stan and Judy Weski.



Edson Baptism

Patricia Hryckowski (A.K.A Patty) was baptized at the Edson Church by Pastor Enoch Okwaro on March 21.



Pastor Enoch with Patricia Hryckowski (A.K.A Patty).

Announcements

Has Your Address Changed?

Please be sure to let your church clerk know if your address has changed or will be changing. This helps to keep our records up to date, as well as ensuring that you will continue to receive the Messenger and Adventist World magazines. If you're not receiving these magazines, please contact your church clerk, or the conference office at (403) 342-5044.

Summer Camps are right around the corner!

There's something for everyone from five years of age to 105, with Adventurer Camp, Junior Camp, Teen Camp, Family Camp, Blind Camp and Young at Heart Heritage Camp (Senior's Camp). Register at www.foothillscamp.org. Spots are quickly filling up. Don't miss out on an amazing spirit-filled retreat.

ATTENTION Medical Personnel:

The Alberta Conference is looking for medical personnel who can assist during this year's Camp Meeting. If you are an LPN, nurse, physician or have first aid certification, and are available, please contact Debbie Schwarz at dschwarz@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 208. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fil-Can Association (Alberta) Camp Meeting:

Calling all members of the Fil-Can Association (Alberta) to please attend the 13th Fil-Can Association camp meeting, August 27 – 30, 2015 at Foothills Camp. This year's theme is "Arise, Shine, Jesus is coming!" Guest speakers are Pastor Ramon Baldovino, Potomac Conference (for the Adults) and Pastor Glenn Sta. Ana, Arizona Conference (for the youth). For more information, please contact Solomon Agdon by email at sagdon@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 205.

In memory



Lorraine June (née Pettite) Follett was born April 13, 1919, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and passed away on January 20, 2015, in Loma Linda, California. As a dedicated pastor's wife, she served with her husband in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Alberta as well as in Hawaii, Oregon, and California. Over the years Lorraine worked as an elementary school teacher, a music teacher, and an administrative assistant for the Oregon Conference in Portland, OR, and Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, CA. She was also registrar/secretary for Orangewood Academy, Garden Grove, CA. She has lived in Loma Linda since 1985. Lorraine is predeceased by her husband, Ira and her great-granddaughter, Emma Gonzalez. Survivors include: daughters Yvonne (Arthur) Kapiniak of Lacombe; Linda Follett of Kelowna, BC; Cherie (Louis) Dale of Sonora, CA; grandchildren Greg Kapiniak, Jeff (Lana) Kapiniak, Lisa (Jayd) Reimche, Cherié (Brent) Wilson, Wendy (Daniel) Gonzalez; and six great-grandchildren.

JoAnn McKay was born in Oak Flat, East Texas to Horace and Ada Woolverston. In 1994 she met Len McKay at BC Camp Meeting and they were married that fall in Westbank, BC. She passed away on March 8th in the Lacombe Hospital after a short illness. She leaves to mourn her husband, Len, from Mirror, AB; a son, Wesley; four grandchildren – Mikey, Zachary, Kayla and Stephanie; and great grandchild Shaindel. JoAnn was the youngest of 11 siblings and is survived by sisters Clara, Lottie and Delhia all in Texas; brothers Gene (Jeannie) from Connecticut, Buford (Marge) in Texas and half-sister Dale, also in Texas. Many nieces and nephews and friends will also miss JoAnn until resurrection day.



Albert Leo Goltz was born at home on the farm near Leduc, Alberta. He was named after his mother, but called Leo. Because of his tall stature, he was nicknamed Stretch. Along with several friends, Leo was baptized in the summer of 1946. As a young man, Leo took an interest in mechanics, animals, mathematics, and science. He attended CUC and the University of Alberta, earning a Bachelor of Education degree. He taught in public schools and Seventh-day Adventist Christian schools throughout Alberta. In 1976, Leo and Connie Beebe were married. Two years later their daughter Anna completed their family. Wherever Leo was, he contributed to his church family through teaching and leading out as an elder and Sabbath School superintendent. Leo is survived by his wife, Connie; daughter, Anna; sister, June Jeske; four nephews, many relatives, and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his parents Fredrick and Alberta Goltz. Leo's ashes were buried on May 11, 2015 in the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist cemetery where he awaits Jesus' return and trumpet call.

New Charitable Tax Deductions

“One thing about land,” my father, Fred Neumann, told me years ago, “they’re not making any more of it.”

Like many Alberta Adventists, George and Evelyn* have found that this limited supply of land has over the years turned a few thousand dollars into a much bigger nest egg. They and their son had pooled their “spare” money to buy some raw land which has quadrupled in value. Their son was ready to buy them out, and they were ready to use the money. There were so many ways they could use the extra dollars: a mission trip, home renovation, helping local church projects. But the amount that would be paid in Capital Gains Tax was shocking, so the money remained in the land.

The good news is that George and Evelyn will soon be able to totally eliminate their capital gain debt, which will still be owed if the land is sold to settle their estate. The federal budget released in April included new proposed charitable tax deductions that are to come into effect January 2017—in about 18 months. One will allow George and Evelyn to take Canada Revenue Agency’s (CRA) money and move all or part of it to a good cause while leaving much more for them as well as God’s work.

Gifts of Real Estate

At present, if you give real estate to a charity, capital gains tax rules still apply. Usually, you don’t pay anything to CRA because of the tax deduction allowed,

but starting in January 2017, no capital gains tax will apply to gifts of real estate. That means that if donors give the land or sell it and donate the money within 30 days, they get a tax receipt for the full market value of the land donated, but there’s no capital gain to eliminate. They can use their tax receipt to reduce other taxes—like income tax—and CRA will not even calculate the capital gain.

And it’s not an all or nothing deal. George and Evelyn can give a portion—perhaps 20% as a double tithe—and still have money to use for themselves. The tax receipt will still be available to be used to offset other income or other tax owed.

Gifts of Private Company Shares

Presently, private shares, which are often used in family businesses, are hard to give to charity. But in 2017, these shares may be sold to an “arm’s length party” without triggering capital gains if the proceeds are donated within 30 days. If a portion of the proceeds is donated, that part would be exempt. The donor, however, cannot re-acquire the shares or otherwise benefit from the transaction within five years.

All in all, it’s good news for George and Evelyn, and anyone who loves a good cause!

**Not their real names, but real Alberta Adventists.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Planned Giving is bringing a team from MNP, chartered accountants, to explain and answer questions about the new charitable deductions for a Super Seminar at Camp Meeting 2015. Be prepared: More than ever, planning ahead can help you do more for yourself and God’s cause!

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What's it Mean to You?

“We’re here to help each other, and make big things happen.”

Elizabeth Tym,
Personal Representative
of Mary Krysowaty,
MANS & iPad library donor



Elizabeth Tym acted as her aunt Mary Krysowaty's Personal Representative through a Power of Attorney. When Mary was no longer able to make decisions about her money, Elizabeth acted appropriately because she knew Mary's giving patterns.

She was able to ensure that Mary's philanthropic way of life continued. "She gave her church dues each month until she passed away," says Elizabeth, citing an example. "I know that's what she wanted."

Elizabeth loves that she was able to help her aunt accomplish good in ministries that mattered to her. As a teacher for 35 years, Mary recognized the value of Adventist education. When she was alive, she gave the founding gift to build Alberta's mission school, Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS), which was recognized at MANS' Milestone Celebration in April. Because Elizabeth knew of Mary's passion for education and evangelism, she was also able to make additional gifts for her aunt that covered both ministries.

When Mary passed away, the estate went to the Alberta Conference to be used for evangelism or education. Thus, the iPad teaching library was created. Through her gifts to the Alberta Conference, Mary and her heart for teaching continue to touch young lives. Elizabeth thinks that Mary would be thrilled to know that her contributions impact students. "She would have been so happy," beams Elizabeth. "People are already benefitting from her gifts."

Acting as Mary's Personal Representative required time and effort, but Elizabeth wouldn't have done it any other way. "It was worth it—very much. I'm just happy that I was able to help her," she says.

Elizabeth's effort to continue Mary's giving nature has helped "make big things happen" in Alberta through Conference ministries—something Aunt Mary would certainly be happy about.

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Camp for the Visually Impaired	June 28-July 5	ALL	Sponsored
Adventurer Camp	July 5-12	6-10	\$280
Sherwood Forest 1	July 5-12	9-12	\$310
Family Camp	July 13-19	ALL	*
Young At Heart Heritage Camp	July 13-19	50+	Donations Accepted
Junior Camp	July 19-26	10-13	\$290
Sherwood Forest 2	July 19-26	10-15	\$310
Specialized Horse/Watersports Camp	July 26-29	13-17	\$310
Teen Camp	August 9-16	13-17	\$290

* Family Camp Rates
 \$700- For a family of 2 adults and 2 or more children
 \$600- For a family of 1 adult and 2 or more children OR a family of 2 adults and 1 child
 \$400- For a family of 1 adult and 1 child OR a family of 2 adults and no children
 \$300- For a single adult with no children



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