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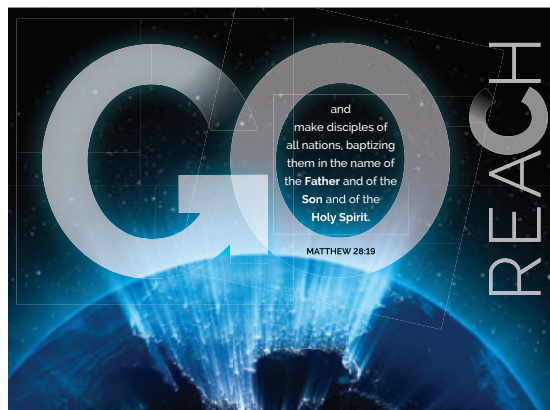
Camp Meeting Reflection

Every year Troy McQueen, our communications director, encourages me to share my observations in the Alberta Adventist News (AAN) about the Camp Meeting past. Here are three observations from Camp Meeting 2015.

First, Camp Meeting 2015 may have represented the original intent of Camp Meeting more closely than previous years. Early Adventist Camp Meetings were evangelistic in nature, a take-off from the Millerite tent meetings where crowds flocked to hear the word preached. The powerful preaching drew attendance from miles around. In fact so popular were the meetings (so the story goes), that in at least one case, the rail company ran a shuttle to and from the meetings. People were convicted and baptized.

Perhaps we did not draw crowds that caught the attention of the airline companies (the equivalent of the rail companies back then), we did have preaching that spoke to the heart. The theme “Go” stemmed from the letter “C” in the core value Community Outreach and Evangelism in the REACH acronym. “Go,” the shortest complete sentence in the English language and a clear directive, has many Biblical applications, the most familiar perhaps being, “Go therefore 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). Evidently, because of the diligent work of pastors and laity, and the appeals from our speakers, 17 people were baptized during Camp Meeting this year.

Secondly, I observed the graciousness of our members. For years we talked about camp improvements, specifically washrooms. To this end we started construction, intending completion to be done well before Camp Meeting opened. Unforeseen circumstances forestalled that plan and it became evident that would not materialize. We imagined the frustration this



inconvenience would create, yet in spite of the obvious, we received not one word of disgruntlement. I'm proud to be a part of the Alberta Conference family who is so gracious and understanding!

Thirdly, I observed the pride our members take in the camp and Camp Meeting. I want to acknowledge the work of our camp director and his team: the maintenance and custodial workers, the kitchen and housekeeping staff, and all others who make our stay so pleasant. The grounds were manicured and in readiness. Each staff member willingly responded to and efficiently handled the many requests - emergency and otherwise - without fanfare, most of them unknown to the average individual. The summer camp staff, directed by the youth department, who, in addition to helping our pastoral staff, moved from their regular summer accommodations into condensed living arrangements to make room for others. Our pastoral and office staff diligently fulfilled their assignments and in at least one case pinch hit for a speaker who had to cancel last minute. The music team and musicians brought inspiration through music, the sound and video technicians conscientiously performed their duties, and division leaders and their assistants faithfully instructed and cared for our young people.

Another group, our volunteers, whose service is invaluable, is frequently

overlooked and unacknowledged. For instance, there is the team who creatively turns the theme into a visual representation in the rostrum decoration. SAGE and Singles (and others) annually come to the camp to assist in its preparation. This year one volunteer took it upon herself to beautify the grounds with carefully planned flower beds and strategically placed flower pots. Thank you for that lovely touch.

There is much detail I could mention and without a doubt I have missed some, but my point is simple – our people take pride in Foothills Camp. Whatever is done for the camp it is done in love as unto the Lord! Thank you.

Although the camp is utilized year round, Camp Meeting is the one time when our Conference family come together in fellowship and worship – an annual family reunion if you please. Already we are planning Camp Meeting 2016. Although the wording for the theme has not been chosen, it will reflect the core value of the “H” in the REACH acronym; Healthy Leadership and Management.

May God bless each of you and I look forward to seeing you at Camp Meeting 2016.



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Brain Matter: The Seven A's of Dementia

Dementia is known as a major Neurocognitive Disorder — a cluster of neurodegenerative disorders characterized by progressive decline in cognitive function. The four main types of irreversible dementia are Alzheimer's, Vascular, Frontal Temporal and Lewy Body Dementia. One of the first signs of the disease is memory loss, but it can affect other domains such as language (difficulty speaking and understanding), praxis, visual perception, and executive functions as the disease progresses.

The Seven A's of Dementia help us to understand the trajectory of the disease process on an individual's brain. Each 'A' represents damage to a different part of the brain; however, it is important to know that an individual with dementia may not experience all of the A's.

1. Anosognosia

This means that an individual can no longer realize there is something wrong; they may not be aware that they are experiencing memory loss.

2. Agnosia

An individual's senses are impacted and they can no longer recognize things through their senses, such as sight, sound, taste, touch and smell.

3. Aphasia

This means an individual has lost the ability to speak or to understand spoken words, or to be able to read or write.

4. Apraxia

An individual has lost the ability to command his/her body to move a certain way.

5. Altered Perception

An individual misinterprets information their senses receive. This problem could become worse in the morning or evening.

6. Amnesia

An individual experiences memory loss. They lose their short-term memory in the beginning and eventually long-term memory is lost.



7. Apathy

An individual no longer has the drive or initiative to do things or even to communicate.

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Some ways to preserve cognitive function:

- Try to get 30 minutes of exercise (walking) three times per week.
- Engaging in regular crossword puzzles can reduce the risk of dementia.
- Protecting the brain from injury is important.
- Keep your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose within normal levels.
- Eat avocados, walnuts, flax seed, brown rice, spinach, and lentils regularly.
- Ensure your B12 and Vitamin D levels are good.

Avoid:

- Alcohol, saturated fat, trans fats, enriched bleached or refined flour, simple sugars and syrups.

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” Isaiah 26:3.



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What's it Mean to You?

*“If it's real—if it's your people,
you don't give up.”*

Jose Rojas
Past Director of Youth Ministry
& founder of Volunteer Missions, North American Division
Evangelist & President of MOVEMENTUM



Jose Rojas knows that hope and Adventist education can change a life.

“I grew up in East LA,” says the Native American. “I witnessed my first homicide at the age of 8.”

As one who still feels the stigma born by those with Aboriginal roots, Jose understands what drives so many of Canada's Aboriginal youth to despair and suicide—five to seven times more often than non-Aboriginal youth.

Jose knows it's hard for the average North American to grasp what it's like to come from a place where hope is limited. But he sees hope for the Cree of Maskwacis in Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS)—Canada's only Adventist mission school.

Jose believes that despite the best intentions of the Samson Cree Nation, which he visited extensively, its state-of-the-art high school will not stop the violence and suicide.

The reason is simple reason: “Cree kids need more hope.”

That's why this August, Jose helped launch The Bridge Campaign to build a high school at MANS.

Jose found transformational hope through his Seventh-day Adventist education. His life and dynamic ministry stand in striking contrast to that of his brother Jerry—who did not go to an Adventist high school and died begging for his life on the streets of LA.

“To see a Seventh-day Adventist logo at a place that needs it, to come in and see overcrowded classrooms,” Rojas says with emotion, “I say, ‘Thank you, Jesus!’”

“I am the result of those who sacrificed to give so that I might receive an education,” Jose says choking back tears. “This is real, folks. We are the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These are our children.

“Lord, this school is a project of faith,” concluded Jose. “Make us faithful—for the sake of our children.”



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News

A Little Love Can Go a Long Way

On Tuesday, August 4, early in the morning, 47 volunteers attending the Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Camp Meeting held at Foothills Camp, loaded a bus heading for the City of Chestermere. They had one purpose in mind, to help with cleanup efforts in Chestermere after severe flash flooding. Because of ADRA Canada's presence during the 2013 southern Alberta flooding, ADRA was called upon to assist with the recovery efforts.

As the cleanup work began, Synergy, a nonprofit youth organization in partnership with the City of Chestermere, helped to organize volunteers.

One of the first homes to be cleaned was a Filipino family whose basement had been severely flooded. As David Benjamin, Assistant Youth Director for the Alberta Conference, pulled up to the house with the ADRA disaster response trailer and the school bus packed with volunteers, the family was overcome with joy. "It was good

to connect with our Filipino brothers and sisters in the Chestermere Community," said Calgary volunteer, Gloria Diwa. "We had a great time with them, we laughed, shared stories and even took selfies."

One of the flood victims stated, "A few days ago, in the midst of the disaster, someone offered to help with the fixing of my home, but instead they ended up stealing my car. Today, I was at a low point in life and contemplating suicide. When I heard that ADRA was offering to sanitize basements for free, I knew it was a sign. A sign that God still cared about me and the City of Chestermere."

Another flood victim said, "So many of you...wow." And then with teary eyes he continued, "If only the world had a few more good people like you, it would be a much better place!"

God can do much with the little we give. A little love goes a long way! —Submitted by Lyle Notice



Volunteers getting ready to work.



Flood victims with volunteers.



Alberta Conference disaster response trailer.

SAGE Fall Retreat Coming Soon

SAGE fall retreat will be held November 12-15, 2015 at Foothills Camp. It will feature great fellowship, tasty food, inspirational moments and the opportunity to gain new insights about the amazing leadership and guidance of Ellen White in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2015 is the one hundredth year since Ellen White's death (July 16, 1915). Many events are taking place throughout North America this year to commemorate her life and ministry. We are pleased we can be a



Denis Fortin

part of this commemoration during the fall retreat.

The featured speaker for the weekend is Denis Fortin, a graduate of Burman University (formerly Canadian University College). He has become a specialist among Adventists for his contribution to the study of the ministry and teachings of Ellen White.

An example of his contribution is The Ellen White Encyclopedia, published in 2013. This book of almost 1500 pages which he co-edited gives

the most comprehensive overview of Ellen White of any book yet published.

Fortin will present matters of Ellen White's life, writings, teachings and issues regarding her ministry. Topics will include: "The life of a real woman: Ellen White and her family," "Inspired author or plagiarist? Can we trust the writings of Ellen G. White?," "Steps to Christ: A little book that changed my life," and "Ellen White and vegetarianism: Did she practice what she preached?"

Fortin has been a pastor in Quebec and since 1994 has been a professor and administrator at Andrews University Theological Seminary. He served as dean of the seminary for seven years.

—Submitted by Don Corkum



Workers at the first GC session Deaf Ministry booth, 2015.

Global Deaf Ministry

Evangelistic Meetings in Edmonton:

As a result of the Deaf Ministry's involvement with the Impact 2015 evangelistic meetings in Edmonton, the paid professional interpreter for the meetings became convicted about the truths she was hearing and interpreting, and has now become a member of the Red Willow St. Albert Seventh-day Adventist Church.

General Conference Session in San Antonio:

Pastor Blake had the privilege of looking after the General Conference session Deaf Ministry booth when Dr. Larry Evans was in the main auditorium as an official delegate. Many excellent contacts were made with leaders and members from around the world. Already there is a new full time worker for the Deaf starting in Zimbabwe through the contacts at the booth, etc. A GC session first was the broadcasting of "live interpreting" over the Internet of many of the meetings. The GC paid for three professional interpreters to sign most of the meetings that were broadcast over satellite on HOPE & 3ABN. Deaf from many areas were watching the interpreting on a special Internet channel.

Sign Language/Deaf Ministry Camp Meeting Workshop:

Another Deaf Ministry class with about a dozen participants, was held during

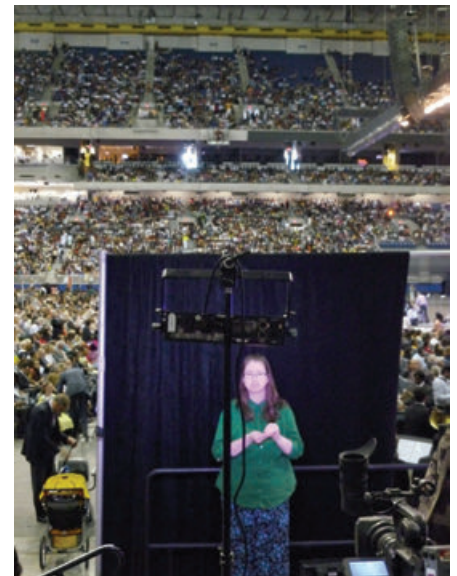
this year's Alberta Camp meeting. Ron Whitford taught the basic sign language portion, and Marian Rochford led out in the learning of a signed song. Five of the class were brave enough to tackle signing the song as it was played for the audience at the second weekend Friday evening service. Pastor Blake taught the Deaf Ministry outreach portion of the class each day.

Deaf Ministry Camp Meeting Booth:

Again this year, there was a Deaf Ministry booth in the display tent during the Alberta Camp Meeting. People were invited to answer a simple five question quiz to receive a chance to win a Sony digital camera. Many took part and amazingly, though the name box was carefully mixed, the last person to fill in the quiz, while still in the tent during the draw, won the camera when a name was picked from the quiz box! The purpose of the quiz was to encourage people to take a few minutes to think about the needs of the deaf, learn what is available for evangelism with Deaf and to find out if they have had any contacts with deaf people.

A Major Change in the General Conference Deaf Ministry Services:

At time of writing, the General Conference has decided to have a separate "Special Needs" thrust to help care for the world-wide needs of



Live interpreting of the GC session was provided for the deaf over the Internet.

the deaf, the blind and other groups with special needs. It seems that Dr. Larry Evans' special missions report during the first Sabbath School of the GC session helped focus a lot of interest in special needs - his topic!

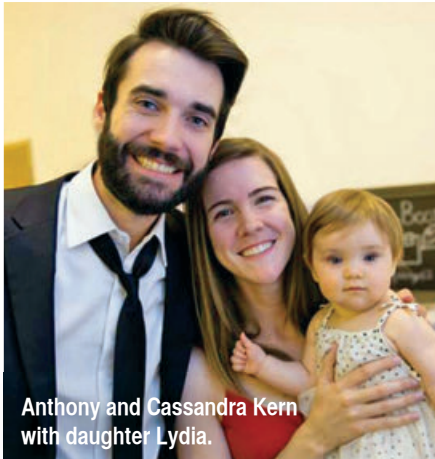
The next Alberta Adventist News will give more details on this wonderful new development and what it means for world Deaf Ministry.

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New to Alberta's Pastoral Team...



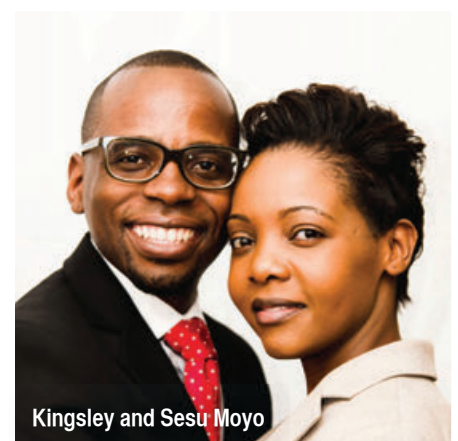
Anthony and Cassandra Kern
with daughter Lydia.

Anthony Kern

Church planting and small group ministry ignite Anthony Kern's desire to disciple young families and reach out to the community. Anthony and his wife, Cassandra, and daughter, Lydia, joined the pastoral team at Edmonton South and Christ the Way churches in May of this year after graduating from CUC (Burman University) in April. "I love being part of the first vision for a church and helping to create its DNA," states Pastor Kern. Small groups afford the privilege of communicating as a friend rather than a preacher-pastor. Anthony is a third generation Croatian who grew up in Mississauga, Ontario. He is a self-declared "foodie"—loving to cook, eat, and shop for food. In addition, he loves the spring season, family adventures, golf, discovering new walking trails, cheering for the Toronto Maple Leafs, and community service—in any order and as often as possible. Anthony resonates with Paul, especially in the book of Ephesians. "We are God's masterpiece...created anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." (Eph. 2:10)

Kingsley Moyo

Ministering to those experiencing the "mid-life Christian crisis" is a passion for Kingsley Moyo who is the assistant pastor to the African Fellowship Company, Filipino Church, and Ghanaian Company—in Edmonton. "We are bombarded with so many options that challenge our relationship with Christ," states Kingsley. "I'm compelled to share and live Christ's message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-18) and remind everyone that Christ died for us despite our rebellious nature (Romans 5:8)." Kingsley came to Canada in 2001 from Zimbabwe. He and his wife, Sesu, were married in 2012. They both graduated in 2015: Kingsley with a Theology degree from CUC (Burman University) and Sesu with Social Work from Red Deer College. He also notes that it was at the Alberta CHANGE School of Evangelism that he had an "encounter with the gospel...committing his life to Christ all over again." Warm temperatures, playing soccer, reading, and learning to love as Jesus loves put a smile on Kingsley's face.



Kingsley and Sesu Moyo



Derek and Rena Richter

Derek Richter

Derek Richter and his wife, Rena are serving in the right province—Alberta! When asked about his favourite season, he declared, "Sunshine!" No doubt most of us would agree. Derek returned to the sunshine province in January of 2015 after receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. His relationship with Coralwood Adventist Academy, as its first full-time chaplain, has come full circle. He attended CAA for some of his elementary grades. And now, "it's surreal working with amazing teachers who were also students at Coralwood at some time in their life," said Derek. He notes and values the priority placed upon youth ministry by the Alberta Conference. Interacting with students (at recess, studying the Bible together, playing music, or traveling on trips) is equally refreshing and challenging. "There is an authenticity and honesty that kids exude. Seeing a child experience God is the greatest reward anyone can receive. At Coralwood, we are seeking to develop the leaders of tomorrow, today. My focus is to help students take ownership of their faith and their church with confidence and genuineness" says Derek. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," says the LORD Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6) impacts every part of Derek's life—at home, in the work place, while cycling or playing hockey. Without God at the centre, there is no true meaning to being!

Alberta Camp Meeting Fun Run: A Great Time for Everyone



Donald and Rosa Wright

Donald Wright

“You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16 NCV). Despite brokenness and imperfection, Donald Wright opens his heart to the leading of the Holy Spirit in showing Jesus to those in his church family and the extended community. As did Paul in Scripture, he wants to bring the gospel message to the world. He must begin right where he is! Donald was born in Jamaica, grew up in Toronto, Ontario and graduated from CUC (Burman University) in 2012. He and his wife, Rosa, and four children (Alicia, Angelina, Anastasia, and Joshua) have recently served in central Alberta as a Bible Worker. On June 1, 2015, he became the assistant pastor for the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Calgary. Donald enjoys sitting down to a challenging game of dominoes, eating Jamaican food, the summer season and playing basketball.

Camp Meeting is always a time of spiritual, mental, and physical inspiration, and for a few exceptional people, the theme “GO” had them running right from the start!

Alberta Camp Meeting 2015 hosted the annual 5 km Family Fun Run bright and early Sunday morning. Celebrating health in action, more than 50 energetic campers banded together at 6:30 a.m. to walk, jog, or run the route.

For the second year in a row, Rachel McQueen, of the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lacombe, coordinated and officiated the race, providing encouragement, completion times, and prizes to all who finished. Kevin Kiers, AB Conference Youth Director, supported the event with free Foothills Camp gear for every person who got their exercise.

Pastors Brent Wilson (Chaplain of Chinook Winds Adventist Academy) and Jonathan Geraci (of Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church) kept pace and laughed their way to the finish line while Bethany Geraci assisted the youngest ever Fun Run participant in completing the course by walking both herself and her nearly newborn child through all 5 km. A few eager sleepy heads missed “On your mark, get set, go!” but were able to catch up to the crowd and finish the full distance.

Speedy runners Joshua McQueen (grade 8 student from College Heights Christian School) and Dr. Chris Sveen (of



Participants of this year's Fun Run.



First place runners, Dr. Chris Sveen (left) and Joshua McQueen (right), crossing the finish line together.

Red Deer) crossed the finish line side-by-side sharing the fastest time of the day.

Fighting the good fight of faith sometimes feels as strenuous as placing one foot in front of the other, but finishing the Camp Meeting race gave members from every corner of Alberta a chance to make new friends and celebrate victory together! Join us next year and get your week of renewal off to the right start. —Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz

Donald Pierre

Donald Pierre, along with his wife, Valerie, and children, Raphael, Valina, Priscilla, and Donovan, will pastor and nurture souls in Calgary with the French Bethany and Ghanaian Company, and with the Strathmore Company as of September 1. He recently graduated from CUC (Burman University). Connecting with people to help them develop a relationship with Jesus brings personal joy and fulfillment to Donald. Discipleship is the next natural step. He pledges to display and share a confident trust in God that “transcends all understanding” (Philippians 4:6-7). Crafting, weightlifting, nature documentaries, reading, jogging, Italian and Chinese food, travel, and the fall season round out Donald, keeping him grateful for his work in Alberta.



Donald Pierre

Alberta Conference Youth Mission Trips

The Youth Ministries Department of the Alberta Conference is very involved in international missions. This year, two mission groups have gone out to both Santa-Alina, Belize and Cerenid, Bolivia. In Belize, the group of 17 missionaries worked for ten days and constructed a brick church in the small village of Billy White. As the week progressed, the walls of the church went up very quickly, then a door at the back, and a distinguished area for a pulpit. The group worked very fast and by the end of the week the church was ready for the next group from Parkview Adventist Academy to install the roof. Part of the experience included a cultural trip to the Mayan ruins where the group was able to explore and climb to the top with a magnificent view of Belize and a look into Guatemala. Near the end of the week,

they spent an entire day at the ocean, took a boat to an island, had lunch, and then snorkeled along a world-famous reef where they swam with sharks and held stingrays. Sabbath was spent ministering to a group of children at Seven-Mile-Hill. Today, the church is finished and is growing rapidly as the community hears praises to God each Sabbath.

The second mission trip for 2015 that the youth department organized was a joint effort between the Alberta Conference Youth, A Better World, and ADRA Bolivia. The group of ten traveled 28 hours to Bolivia, South America, and stayed at an orphanage up in the Andes Mountains where flocks of parrots flew over each morning. The orphanage had been built by missionaries years ago and is now in need of lots of renovations along with the introduction of agriculture and farming in order to become more self-sustainable. Currently, there are ten children that live at the orphanage and plans are in place to expand to 50 kids over the next few years.

If you are interested in serving God as a short-term missionary with the Alberta Conference Youth Department, please contact Kevin Kiers by email at kkiers@albertaadventist.ca.

—Submitted by Kevin Kiers



ASAM Foothills Camp Cleanup Day

A crew of adult and young adult singles went to Foothills Camp on June 7 to clean up the Riverview Commons area. This area is where the Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Camp Meeting Tent was pitched this year and last. It is a very beautiful location and the improvements made to the area this year enable the name "Riverview" to be truly authentic. —Submitted by Darlene Reimche



Al Cherney cut down and cleaned up many of the dead trees.



Volunteers hard at work.



Five large loads were taken to the camp burn pile.

Southeast Asia Calls SAGERs

A unique tour of the exotic lands of Southeast Asia is planned for Alberta SAGEs, February 7-24, 2016. It's unique because it combines visits to major tourist attractions in three countries – Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam – with inspection of ADRA projects in the same three countries. ADRA Canada is hosting this 18-day “special” to provide seniors with a rare opportunity to explore one of the most interesting and historic parts of the world. And at prices that beat anything offered by commercial tour companies.

Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam are peaceful countries that welcome increasing numbers of visitors. Three UNESCO World Heritage Sites are included in this tour: the famous Angkor jungle temples of Cambodia, the exotic ancient capital of Laos (Luang Prabang), and the dramatic islands of

North Vietnam's Halong Bay which rise like giant pillars from the emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. These and other sights will excite tour participants.

ADRA personnel in each country will escort tour members to some of their diverse projects that include a summer camp for children in Cambodia, medical and birthing clinics in Laotian villages, and a school for blind children in the mountains of northern Vietnam. There will be opportunities to help children learn English, demonstrate hygienic practices, and do some small improvements to school facilities.

Weather-wise, February is a good month to visit these parts of Southeast Asia. Accommodation throughout will be western style, with private facilities. A full itinerary with prices will be available shortly. The size of the group will be limited, so it is important at this time to indicate if you are interested in being part of the tour. For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Darlene Reimche, SAGE Coordinator for the Alberta Conference, by phone at (403) 342-5044, ext. 206, or email dreimche@albertaadventist.ca. —Submitted by Keith Clouten



THIS IS THE TRIP YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Join ADRA Canada and SAGE as we visit projects in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. We will be departing on February 6, 2016 for 17 exciting days of travel through exotic south-east Asia!

For more information and to sign up, contact Darlene Reimche: 403-342-5044 ext. 206 or email dreimche@albertaadventist.ca



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#REACH1 Lethbridge

As the Alberta Conference Adventist Community Services (ACS) truck pulled up in front of the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 20, several members were eagerly waiting outside to greet the team that had driven all the way from Lacombe. Tyler Pelly, a local Lacombe fire fighter, with Jessica Francis, Chelsea Bartholomew and Steve Sainte packed into the blue ACS truck attached to the 40 foot disaster response trailer.

After a wonderful church service and fellowship meal in the park, it was time to head downtown Lethbridge for the #REACH1 Adventist Community Service outreach initiative. The church members showed up faithfully and were given bright mustard yellow shirts along with food and clothing to give out in the community.

As everyone made their way back to the trailer, several shared personal testimonies of how God was seen through this experience of engaging the community. Pastor Shawn Brummund, senior pastor of the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church, said, “We just did a flash mob with our group singing a song about Jesus, a man joined in with his guitar and then sang us a song...it was a touching experience as he started to cry and tell his personal story.” Donna Mitchell, a young adult member shared, “We spoke with a business owner who was impressed with what we were doing in the community. We told him we have a community service donation centre at our church...so he said he would love to donate some of his clothing to our outreach program.”

That afternoon, the community of Lethbridge got to experience the real church, a church beyond the four wall. A church where Christ followers walked throughout the streets helping and assisting those in need. The Gospel was lived out in an amazing way. —Submitted by Lyle Notice



Giving food and clothes out in Lethbridge, AB.



#REACH1 Volunteers in Lethbridge, AB.



Cleaning cabin windows.



Fixing picnic tables.

SAGERs Help Get Foothills Camp Ready for Camp Meeting

On June 8, SAGERs from across Alberta arrived at Foothills Camp for a day of work. Cabins were cleaned, new picnic tables were made and old ones repaired, a new road was bulldozed near Sherwood Forest while work on the new SAGE Nature Centre began. Much work was accomplished and everyone enjoyed the fellowship of others while working together. —Submitted by Darlene Reimche



Master Guide Sabbath service, College Heights Church.



Ephriam Baragona.

Master Guide Sabbath Held at College Heights

“Once a Master Guide, Always a Master Guide,” was the phrase of the morning spoken by Tendai Mash, the Alberta Conference Executive Coordinator for Master Guides. With over 60 Master Guides in attendance at the College Heights Church on June 27, the Alberta Conference Master Guide Sabbath celebration was underway.

The theme was, “Sacrificial Service.” Master Guides from all over the province came together to honour and celebrate the many years of the Master Guide Ministry.

As Tendai welcomed the church that morning, he asked who had been the longest invested Master Guide. It was a surprise to see, there was a church member who had been invested since 1959.

Ephriam Baragona, the Pathfinder club Director for Knights of God club in

Edmonton, gave an impassioned report of the Pathfinder mission work being done in Kitwanga, British Columbia and urged all Pathfinders to join the Mission Trip Scheduled for August 2016.

Next was the award presentation. An award was given to Ephriam Baragona for his outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in the mission field. The second award of recognition was presented to Elder Ken Wiebe, for his many years of dedicated service in ministry and for being a faithful Master Guide always ready to report for duty.

The sermon was presented by Elder Ken Wiebe, who eloquently and passionately shared how the enemy, on a daily basis, is attacking youth and families. Elder Wiebe highlighted the

importance of understanding we are in the Lord’s Army. Every day we must be prepared for battle against the enemy.

After enjoying a wonderful potluck together, it was time to go out into the community of Lacombe. Over 50 passionate Master Guides and families gathered together in front of the College Heights Church to pray and organize. Two groups split up and marched through the town with one goal in mind, “Pray for the Community.”

Marching and praying was a great display of hope, faith and trust that resembled that of the story in the Bible (Joshua 6:15) where the people of Israel marched around the city of Jericho, expecting a breakthrough. We are thankful that no walls fell down in the City of Lacombe that day. However, we were praying that spiritual walls would come down in order that bridges to Christ be opened up. —Submitted by Lyle Notice



LtoR: Colleen Ellis (Adventurer Director, West Edmonton Church), Ken Wiebe (President, Alberta Conference), Lyle Notice (Pathfinder Director, Alberta Conference), Tendai Mashonganyika (Executive Coordinator for Master Guides, Alberta Conference).

Personal Rep/Executor Recognized for Dedication

Elizabeth Tym received the Nicodemus Award at this year's Moses Strategy Celebration at Camp Meeting on Sunday, August 2, and is the subject of the latest Means & Meaning video, *On Her Behalf* (watch video at www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning).

The Nicodemus Award recognizes dedication to the principles of Christian stewardship and the wise use of planned giving tools. For more than a decade, Elizabeth helped her aunt, Mary Kryswaty, continue her patterns of giving. Elizabeth acted first as Mary's personal representative and attorney (under a Personal Directive, and a Power of Attorney, respectively) that came into effect when Mary could no longer make decisions. She also acted as executor of Mary's will.

Mary involved Elizabeth in her decision making before losing capacity, and so Elizabeth was well-acquainted with Mary's passions and giving patterns, which included the founding gift to the present Mamawai Atosketan Native School building. Though being a personal representative, attorney and executor was a lot of work, "I would do it again," said Elizabeth.

Those who attended the Moses Strategy Celebration were also treated to a hands-on demonstration of the Conference's new iPad Teaching Library, which a gift in Mary's will made possible, and a fellowship reception with warm appetizers. Rosemarie Walker of Calgary won the draw for an iPad donated for the event by Advanced Systems.

"I'm very pleased with the iPad teaching Library," said Elizabeth. "I think Aunt Mary would have been very pleased, too."

—Submitted by Lynn McDowell



Sherry Ferguson, Vivian Dobbin, and Lucy Kiehlbauch get familiar with the iPad's movie-making capabilities and explore an educational app on equipment made possible by Mary Kryswaty's bequest.



Janet Hall, associate education superintendent (left), talks with Lillian Matiko, Charlotte Cooper and Marian Anderst, about the new iPad Teaching Library already in use to keep Conference teachers on top of classroom technology and more than 2 million apps available for teaching.



Elizabeth Tym (centre) receives the Conference's second Nicodemus Award from President Ken Wiebe (right), assisted by Planned Giving/Philanthropy Director Lynn McDowell (left) at The Moses Strategy Celebration on Sunday afternoon at Camp Meeting. See Elizabeth's story in video at www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning.



L: CHANGE School 2015 students and instructors.
R: Props for this year's CHANGE for KIDS program.

CHANGE School Graduation

On August 1, 2015 CHANGE School of Evangelism completed its annual three month intensive training course with a graduation celebration held at the Alberta Camp Meeting. Not only was this a major accomplishment for the students, but it was also a significant milestone for the school itself as this was a year of many firsts.

This was the third year that students were welcomed from all over Alberta, BC and the United States to convene upon the campus of Burman University to learn the science of evangelism. One family in particular came all the way from the South-Eastern United States, driving diagonally across the continent to make it to Alberta! There were 13 students (seven adults and six children). The CHANGE staff was also expanded to include Lauri-Ann Lundberg who joined to help with instruction in the KIDS curriculum. Students regularly commented about the classes being transformative. "One of the highlights for me was when Ty Gibson came. I really enjoy his speaking [and] the way he portrays God," said recent CHANGE graduate, Kaylee Burns. Students also had an opportunity to be exposed to various facets of ministry such as Muslim Ministry, Jewish Ministry, Prayer Ministry as well as Prison Ministry. All of this year's

graduates received official certification from Oliver Johnson and the Alberta Adventist Prison Ministry Organization.

CHANGE for KIDS

The adults were not the only ones to experience all the fun and excitement! CHANGE for KIDS was a new program in the 2015 course which aimed at helping children develop a winsome mindset, evangelistic skill and most importantly, a Christ like character. The classes ran simultaneously with the adult schedule and consisted of KIDS in Discipleship training, Physical Education, nature walks, Conflict Resolution courses, crafts, Health Education, preaching and more. For the Garcia family, it was particularly the new KIDS program that weighed heavily in favour of their attendance at CHANGE given that it was the only School of Evangelism to offer courses for the entire family. Though challenging at times, it was an outstanding occurrence to see all of the children pass their "final exam" via the marshmallow patience test.

First Online Graduate

Another first time for CHANGE this year was the first online graduate, Rochelle Zoerb. Rochelle was enrolled into the online course last year after having heard many positive things from her sister who

had graduated from CHANGE the year before. As a self-employed wife and mother from Saskatchewan, Rochelle's schedule was best suited to experience CHANGE via the online videos that were accessible to her 24/7. Having gone through the theoretical portion of the program, Rochelle also went on to fulfil the practical requirements of the course by coordinating a community health event at her home church in Saskatchewan and participating in outreach for a week in Alberta. So even from a distance, CHANGE can happen!

CHANGE On the ROAD

Now that the 2015 flagship program is completed, CHANGE now directs its full focus towards CHANGE on the Road efforts and its 2016 curriculum. CHANGE on the Road is an itinerant team of CHANGE graduates and others that travel to various churches to give training weekend events. In other words, if you couldn't go to CHANGE, CHANGE is making efforts to come to you. If interested in attending CHANGE School of Evangelism in person, online or having your church prepared for evangelism with CHANGE on the Road, please visit our website at www.changeschool.ca.

—Submitted by Nwamiko Madden

The Bridge Campaign for Mamawi Atosketan Native School Launched

An eye-opening Sabbath School that highlighted the experience of our Aboriginal neighbours and MANS role in effecting change set the tone for the launch of The Bridge Campaign for MANS, Camp Meeting, August 2.

The Bridge Campaign's goal is to change lives and a community—a reserve that is often regarded as the toughest in Canada. The method? An Adventist mission high school that can accommodate 160 students and provide hope. The price tag: \$4.9 million, \$2.3 million of which was already in place at the launch.

Among the program highlights were speeches by Honorary Campaign Chair and First Nations businessman Larry Wilkins (External Affairs, Edmonton &

St. Albert) and Pastor Jose Rojas, who both spoke about their experience as Aboriginal people whose lives were radically changed by Adventist education*.

Canada's only Adventist mission school serves students of the Maskwacis reserves exclusively. With a 95% daily attendance rate, a 25% enrollment increase over last year (now there's 218 in kindergarten-Grade 12) and learners eager to get to school and enthusiastic about what happens there, MANS is a haven of safety, caring and hope.

"As the former leader of missions, sending out over 100,000 a year," Rojas declared emphatically, "we need mission work right here.

"Now is our time to act.

"We are the Seventh-day Adventist Church," Jose told the packed auditorium. "These are our children. To see a Seventh-day Adventist logo at a place that needs it, to come in and see overcrowded classrooms—I say, 'Thank you, Jesus!'

"Give and invest in a life," Jose urged. "Let's make it count." —Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications

*See page 5 for more on Jose Rojas' experience. Separate installments of Larry Wilkins' story can be found in the June 2014 *Alberta Adventist News*, and at www.mans1.ca ("Campaign Detail" button). Larry's video, *Investing in Success* can be viewed at www.mans1.ca/photos-videos.



Larry Wilkins



Jose Rojas

Larry Wilkins, Honorary Campaign Chair and St. Albert businessman (left) and Jose Rojas, past Director of Youth Ministries and Volunteer Missions at the North American Division, and current President of MOVEMENTUM, (right) share their experiences as First Nations/Native Americans whose lives were changed by Adventist Education.

The 1-2-3 Principle

MANS' Founding Teacher Speaks at Launch

On September 21, 1984, I got a call from the Alberta Conference asking if I would teach at a new mission school in Hobbema. Four days later, we opened with 17 students; we finished the year with 37. It was a difficult year. We moved to three different buildings.

At the open house in April I was thrilled to see how MANS has become a thriving, safe, happy place for 175 students and 15 teachers. God's dreams are always far beyond our wildest imagination.

In this envelope I have three pieces of currency, there is a one, a two, and a three.

One. Because it always starts with one. One dream. One prayer. One God. One equals pure potential! Raw unbridled energy.

But one by itself is lonely. It longs for two. Two for conception. Two for conversation. Two who work together in harmony on a common goal. The Bible speaks of the power of two.

But the real magic happens when you add three and more.

Look what's happened at MANS. Ed Desjarlais had a dream, I had a skill. Marlene Sinclair, my teacher's aide, had

experience with the culture. Pastor Van Diemen had dedication, as did Linder Calderbank who carried the school through the second year.

Because of the trust of parents, support of the Conference, skill of the teachers, and the support of many who have added their love, MANS has become what it is today. But I guarantee

none of it would be possible without the prayers of every single "one."

Sometimes it seems like our contribution is not much. But one tiny pebble can produce effects that ripple forever.

Please join me in supporting the expansion of Mamawi Atosketan and its new High School.

—Sandra Kiehlbauch Toms, delivered Aug. 2



Sandra Kiehlbauch Toms, MANS' first teacher/principal, receives applause (see above for speech). Pictured (L to R): Warren Kay (Church Liaison), Larry Wilkins (Honorary Chair), Lynn McDowell (Director Planned Giving & Campaign Manager), Sandra Kiehlbauch Toms, Ken Wiebe (Conference President).



Vicky and Pastor Peter Ford share their conversion experience.



Dr. John McDowell, Acting VP Academic of Burman University, provides little-known historical background.



Darlene Reimche, Director Sabbath School and other ministries, coordinated the eye-opening Sabbath School program.

Camp Meeting Highlights

This year's Alberta Camp Meeting, that took place at Foothills Camp, July 31 - August 8, proved to be another wonderful experience for all who attended. The week was filled with activities for everyone, including: Family Fun Day, International Food Fair, horseback riding, seminars, time to fellowship with friends and much needed spiritual food for renewal. Camp Meeting dates for next year are July 15 - 23, 2016. I hope to see you there. More information about Camp Meeting 2015 can be viewed online as well as all the main auditorium presentations and seminars in MP3 format by visiting www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2015.



Christine Wollmann sharing beautiful music.



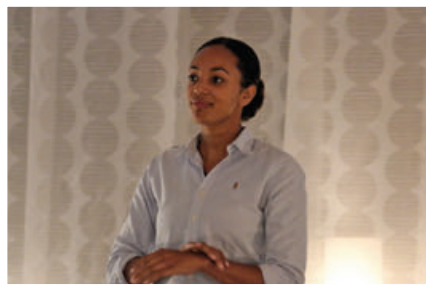
Leslie Pollard speaking on the first weekend.



Jaime Jorge playing violin for the Thursday evening Mini Concert.



Volunteers helping to cleanup after flooding in Chestermere, AB.



Shantel Smith speaking at the Collegiate/Young Adults meeting.



Chris Holland speaking on the last weekend.



Ken Wiebe sharing on the first Sabbath.



Nightly dramatic feature by Myrna Candelaria.



Jose Rojas speaking during the week.



Kevin Kierns driving tractor for Family Fun activities.



Log throwing on Family Fun Day.

Following in Jesus' Footsteps

As we sat in a circle on the floor in an end-of-the-summer debrief with 40 camp staff, I asked questions that helped everyone reflect over the last two months of camp ministry. I listened earnestly as they took turns describing how God had worked in the lives of their campers and in their own lives and how they were renewed spiritually. I quietly observed and began to consider all the different personalities and talents of each person. I reminded myself that this “Leadership Group” was the heart and soul of the “Camp Church Family.” Throughout the summer, I watched this church family function very similarly to that of each of the church families around the Alberta Conference.

As I listened, I realized some important common factors that described their experiences and I jotted them down on a piece of scrap paper that is now taped in my journal. Their experiences at camp centred on three key aspects of ministry. First, and most important to them, were relationships. Their ministry experience was built around the relationships with each other and with the campers. They expressed that they were stronger together and that without each other they would not have been able to accomplish what they did. Second, they loved the fact that they could worship together. Each day included singing, prayer, stories of Christ, sharing of their personal journey with Jesus, and so much more. Many voluntarily joined a group Bible study at 6:00 a.m. in the morning or

at other times during the day. Worship was an integral part of their experience. The third important part of their summer was the fact that they were actively serving God. Each staff member played an important role in leading campers to a deeper relationship with God. The camp staff soon understood their important role in showing Christ to others. In fact, ministry and service happened more and more naturally as the summer progressed.

I sometimes wonder what it would look like if relationships, worship, and service became the three most important goals in my daily life. What would it be like if I looked in the mirror daily and told myself to build stronger relationships with those I come in contact with? I wonder what a life full of continual worship would lead me to become. Also, what would the world be like if I performed all of my daily tasks with the only goal of serving others? In fact, let's go further . . . what would our church look like if all the members focused on these three concepts?

Jesus gives us many real life examples

that we should consider. The Bible describes His love for young people by saying in Mark 10:14, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” His ministry was focused around relationships of all ages, gender and race. Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples, mentoring and teaching them to love. He showed us that relationships are a key to ministry.

There are numerous accounts in the Bible where Jesus worshiped. He often withdrew from the crowd and found a quiet place to pray to worship alone. Luke 5:16 tells us that, “. . . Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” He spent much time worshiping with others in the temple courts; “Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple . . .” (Luke 21:37). He celebrated with others in the Jewish ceremonies as described in John 2:13; “When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.” Jesus showed us how to live a life of worship.

There are so many examples of service in the New Testament. Everywhere Jesus walked, he helped someone. He was always in tune with the needs of the people around him and was willing to stop what he was doing and serve.

As we look at our day-to-day lives, it is my prayer that we become more like Jesus and desire to focus more on the people around us, live a life of continual worship, and serve others in everything we do.



Kevin Kiers
Youth Director
Alberta Conference



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October

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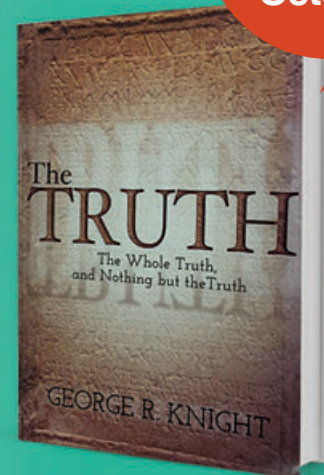
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Author: George R. Knight

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Food Sale
October



ABC Bookmobile Fall Schedule 2015

September to December

Fall Run October 25 - November 11 (Schedule below)
North Run October 4 - 6
October 4 - Whitecourt (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
 5 - Peace River / Fairview (11 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)
 6 - Grande Prairie (4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
 7 & 8 - St. Albert (Wednesday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. & Thursday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
 13 & 14 - Calgary
 15 - Beiseker / Brooks (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.)
 Christmas Sale, St. Albert (Tentative) - November 14, 15 & 16
 Christmas Sale, Calgary (Tentative) - November 21, 22 & 23
December 15 & 16 - St. Albert
 20 & 21 - Calgary

ABC Bookmobile Fall Run Schedule 2014

Whitecourt October 4, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Portage La Prairie November 1, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Peace River October 5, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.	Dauphin November 2, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fairview October 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Yorkton November 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Grande Prairie October 6, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Swan River November 3, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
St. Albert Red Willow October 7, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. October 8, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Hudson Bay November 3, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Calgary Central October 13, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. October 14, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Canora November 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Brooks October 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Quill Lake November 4, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Beiseker October 15, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Rosthern November 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lethbridge October 25, 12:00 noon – 2:30 p.m.	Prince Albert November 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Medicine Hat October 25, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Saskatoon November 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Swift Current October 26, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	November 7, 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. November 8, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Moose Jaw October 27, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	North Battleford November 8, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Regina October 28, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Lloydminster November 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Brandon October 29, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bonnyville November 9, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Winnipeg Henderson Hwy October 30, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. October 31, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Beauvallon November 10, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Vegreville November 11, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Sedgewick November 11, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

David Toews Becomes New ABC Manager

A warm welcome to our new ABC manager, David Toews. David was born in Vernon, BC to missionary parents. He enjoyed his childhood adventures traveling and living in many diverse places in Canada and Lahore, Pakistan. He said these experiences created for himself lasting impressions about life and work. For the last 38 years, David worked in the Forestry Industry as a manager. He is married to Lana and they have 6 adult children.



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New to Alberta's Education Roster...

Several Staff have been added to the Alberta Adventist Education roster of dedicated teachers/principals. Let's get acquainted...

Hannah Hackett

"I actually love teaching all subjects!" says Hannah Hackett. "I like math and novels, playing tag, making connections with the past and present, creating art master pieces, singing, using computers, and setting up experiments. I like teaching students about things they never knew before, however exciting or challenging, and seeing all those bright eyes light up." Hannah is beginning her second year of teaching with K-4 students at Woodlands Adventist School in the Morningside/Ponoka area. She graduated from CUC (Burman University) and married her husband, Joseph, in 2014. Hannah enjoys hiking in the mountains, playing soccer, creating all kinds of things, reading cross-cultural novels, and tackling healthy cooking. She hopes to vacation in Barbados often. As the seasons of life change, Hannah resonates with a variety of scriptures. Currently, "For God did not give you a spirit of fear or timidity, but a spirit of power, love, and self-control," 2 Timothy 1:7. "These words have picked me up many days," said Hannah.



Hannah and Joseph Hackett

Donald Sands

After a few years of working as a replacement teacher, Donald Sands is happy to be in a full time position at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. He will have many opportunities to share his love for learning, especially in the areas of Language Arts and Social Studies. Spending time with his wife, Autumn and eight month old son, Aidric, reading non-fiction and writing fiction balance out Donald's life. "Test everything. Hold onto the good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21...great wisdom upon which to build a life!



Donald & Autumn Sands
with son, Aidric

Chris Dubyna

Always up for a new challenge, Chris Dubyna is navigating in the virtual classroom with PACeS (Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool) as Vice Principal and teacher for Grade 9 and 10 students. He is married to Jai Dubyna who teaches at College Heights Christian School. Together they have three wonderful girls (Samantha, Mackenzie, Jorjah). Chris loves the outdoors: hunting, fishing, rock/ice climbing. He enjoys spending time in the Rockies and eating hay stacks. Daniel and his faith and trust in God provide opportunity for personal reflection time.



Chris Dubyna

Anna Goltz

Adventure and Anna are kindred spirits. “I love to travel and explore new places,” says Anna Goltz, Grade 1 replacement teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. She is a seasoned teacher (12 years) who has taught in several countries: Japan, England, Bangladesh...and Alberta. This past summer found Anna in Netherlands and Belgium. One of her favourite stops was to visit the home of Corrie ten Boom. “I was inspired by her courage and relationship with Jesus.” Anna smiles and is ready to help anyone whether or not they ask for help. She resonates with James 1:27 MSG, “Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.” If you want to go out for sushi, Anna’s in!



Anna Goltz



Wayne Thomas

Wayne Thomas

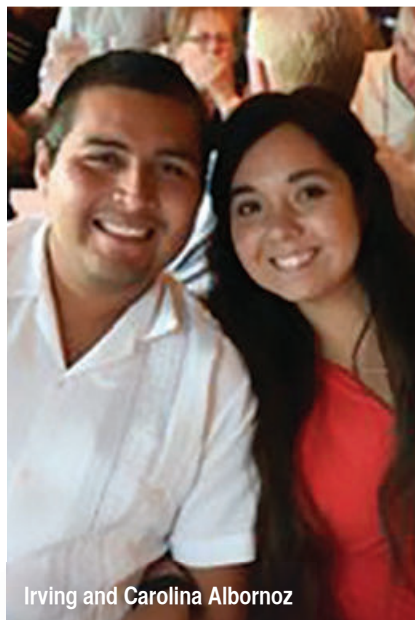
Wayne Thomas brings to Higher Ground Christian School an international flavour, spending time teaching in Korea. He has a Master of Education degree from the University of Alberta and has taught in the public system in Edmonton. Wayne will fill the principal shoes, as well as teach the upper grades at HGCS. When not teaching, running, cycling, swimming, or exploring educational technologies, Wayne will be found travelling to every continent of the world and stopping by to visit his family. He notes that Philippians 4:7-8 begins with a promise of incredible peace of God—exceeding our finite understanding...when grounded on the true, the honorable, the right, the pure, the lovely, and the admirable.

Nyabuony Guet

Nyabuony Guet loves life. Family is huge! “I love my family with all my heart!” she says. Being active is key to her love for life—acrobatics for one. She will share her love for life with a precious group of Grade 5 students at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. Nyabuony enjoys Indian food and is dreaming of traveling to Australia. Her new favourite animal is a hippo.



Nyabuony Guet



Irving and Carolina Albornoz

Carolina Albornoz

For Carolina Albornoz, a desire to teach was solidified while teaching choir and piano during her high school years. She graduated from the University of Alberta and will share her love for learning with Grade 5 students at Coralwood Adventist Academy this year. Carolina and her husband, Irving, love to travel and go on nature walks. Kauai Island is a favourite destination. She hopes that one day that list will include Iceland. Practicing piano, cooking and baking, or curling up with a good book provide pause in Carolina’s life as she remembers to “delight in the Lord” (Psalm 37:4). She also delights in the fact that she can live close to family and enjoy her mom’s Chilean empanadas.

Surya Joseph

“Knowing that my life is planned out by my Lord gives me peace!” says Surya Joseph, teacher of Grades 5-9 (K-9 in the afternoons) at Woodlands Adventist School in the Morningside/Ponoka area. Surya brings a wealth of teaching and life experience to her assignment: 14 years in India and Sri Lanka and two years in Ontario. Surya and her husband, Nelson have two children, Jane in Grade 12 and John in Grade 9. “Sanity” activities include music (singing and listening), cooking, painting, drawing, and eating chocolate ice cream. One day, Surya hopes to take in the sights that Europe has to offer.



Nelson & Surya Joseph



Zachary Loxdale

Zachary Loxdale

“Whether it be on the top of a mountain, in the middle of a forest, or while bobbing in the ocean, there will be a smile on my face. Depending on the season, you will find me on the saddle of a bicycle or strapped into the bindings of a snowboard. I’m the happiest when outside,” says Zachary Loxdale, first year teacher at Coralwood Adventist Academy. He will be teaching a variety of junior and senior high school classes with a focus to share his passion for Jesus and nature with his students. Zachary calls the stunning Prince Edward Island home. He finds solace in the Psalms, treasuring their creativity and emotion. “I find Jesus and His peace on each page.”

Tessa Willing

Tessa Willing graduated from CUC (Burman University) in 2014. She is teaching a vibrant group of Grade 2 children at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. Tessa enjoys the outdoors, sunshine, animals and hanging out with family and friends. “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer,” (Romans 12:12) keeps Tessa grounded through the joys and challenges of teaching.



Tessa Willing



Sara Concha

Sara Concha

“I can do all things through Christ, because He gives me strength” Philippians 4:13 NCV. Sara Concha states with conviction, “When I doubt, this scripture redirects me to remember that God has brought me this far, so He will be the one to take me through it.” Science, an active life style, music, and remembering that God will not abandon His own, will all be part of Sara’s focus while teaching K-3 at Higher Ground Christian School in Medicine Hat this year. Originally from Vancouver, BC, Sara is a new graduate from CUC (Burman University) and eagerly anticipating her first teaching assignment.

Nikeisha Jackson

After a nine year teaching experience in Jamaica, Nikeisha Jackson, along with her husband Damian and two children, came to Calgary to teach at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (Grade 8 homeroom, Humanities, Language Arts). As she left her homeland this year, she clung tenaciously to Psalm 27:1... “The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Nikeisha will continue to love baking for her family and friends and have sundry new nature paths to explore throughout Alberta.



Nikeisha Jackson



Steven Gabrys (left) and Adam Kostanuck selecting two names of students to receive a free iPad from Mathletics.

CHCS Student Selected for the World Education Games

This past year was an astounding Mathematical year for CHCS. Through the use of an online math tool called Mathletics, students had fun learning new math concepts. Besides becoming stronger “mathematicians,” students were given the opportunity to participate in a math competition (put on by the Mathletics team) throughout the month of March. CHCS students - from ECS to Grade 9 - participated as a school team against 386 other schools throughout Canada. Mathletics gave away prizes each week to

the top schools in total points as well as total number of math skills learned. For the first week of the competition, our teachers worked together to encourage and provide time for students to work on Mathletics. We were all thrilled to learn that CHCS took 1st place in the competition for that first week, scoring almost double the second place school.

Even after the main push in Mathletics during the first week of March, students kept working hard at home and on free time at school. And that hard work paid

off because CHCS also received 1st place in two of the four weeks in most math concepts mastered. The results of the student’s efforts earned CHCS a trophy as well as two iPad Mini’s. When the iPads arrived, we held a special Mathletics ceremony and drew two student names to give the iPads to.

About a month after the Mathletics celebration and awards, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from Adam Kostanuck, the Mathletics Implementation Manager from 3PLearning, Alberta. The phone call was an invitation to CHCS and our top Math-

letics participant to become the Mathletics Ambassador for the World Education Games that are coming up in October of this year. I’m proud to announce that Alexandra Buttler has been chosen as the Alberta Student Ambassador for the World Education Games.



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as the Alberta Student Ambassador for the World Education Games. She is one of five students across Canada selected in this role. You can see more information at the following link www.3plearning.com/meet-world-education-games-ambassadors.

God has truly blessed CHCS with wonderful students and teachers. For me, it’s amazing to be a part of God’s team, educating His children for eternity. —Submitted by Steven Gabrys

A Year to Stand OUT

With the first day of school out of the way, teachers and students at PAA can focus on all the amazing things God is going to do on our campus this year as we learn how to STAND OUT – BE OUTSTANDING!

Romans 1:2a encourages believers, “Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” With the goal of renewal, Parkview Adventist Academy stands out for a few of the things being done to transform learning in 2015-2016.

First of all, our hallways and classrooms have a fresh look and improved function. Over the summer, an updated colour scheme was introduced as well as beautiful new hallway flooring.

Second, PAA extends a very warm welcome to a new face on the team, Patti Smedley, the new Maple Hall Girls’ Dean. She brings a great deal of experience to the position, and offers a huge range of interests and programs to the school’s weekend schedule. With 45 students in residence, PAA is feeling very blessed to have the dedication and energy of this talented new staff.

Third, every Grade 10 student enrolled at PAA this year has been issued a Google Chromebook in a 1-to-1 student-technology initiative that will create online learning spaces and provide the access needed for advanced learning tools. PAA teachers have adapted classroom activities to incorporate Google apps and will continue to challenge students to find digital solutions to classroom questions. The goal is that within three years, all PAA students will use a device to be connected to our learning community, which will allow the use of online textbooks, coding, and so much more as school strives to prepare students for their yet-unknown future.

Fourth, Wednesday afternoons at PAA stand out, not only because they fall in the middle of the school week, but also because it has become a time of enthusiastic enrichment! Humanities teachers, Science teachers, and Math teachers work cooperatively to provide an out-of-the-box learning experience

known as Flex Time. Students of all grade levels have the option of choosing from three exciting programs each week, developed to compliment whichever courses in which the student is currently registered. In any given week, students may be measuring fractals, spying out a scientific scavenger hunt in their everyday life, debating the moral merits of a certain worldview from a Christian perspective, traveling to an off-campus location, or participating in service activities. As the schedule allows creativity to continue developing, PAA teachers are excited about helping students reach their potential by inviting them to learn outside of the classroom.

Fifth and final, the PAA calendar is filling up with outreach on personal, local, and global fronts. Community-building projects within our school family, home churches, and international interests are underway and we can’t wait

to share all the doors God is opening for our students and all the ways PAA will take a STAND for Him this year. Please pray for God’s blessing on our campus and the hearts of all who spend their days here.

—Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz



PAA Staff.



Interactive learning at PAA.



Flooded Home.

ADRA staff cross the river with supplies.



The Point of No Return?

Aye Hmune, wonders whether she will ever be able to live in her home again.

“All our paddy fields are lost, we can’t stay in the village anymore. We have to stay in the camps for now, and maybe only with help we will be able to go back. The mud is about two meters deep [and] our village is about two miles from the river,” she said.

Brendon Irvine is the Country Director of ADRA Myanmar.

“When Cyclone Komen made landfall on the west coast of Myanmar it continued inland to the north and dumped over 1000 mm of rain in a very short time on the Chin hills. This heavy intense rainfall caused dramatic erosion and landslides in the Chin hills and was rapidly funnelled by the streams and rivers dropping out of the hills into the valley to the east causing massive flooding around the town of Kalemmyo and surrounding rural villages. Approximately 90,000 people were affected in the lower sections of Kalemmyo town and 62 rural villages in the valley. As the flood waters receded they left behind heavy mud and silt deposits between one and two metres deep, almost completely burying houses in some villages. This scale of flooding and destruction in the Kalemmyo area has

not been seen before in living memory... While the floodwaters have subsided in some areas, they have dumped so much mud that many people fear they will never be able to return to their village. Entire houses are almost completely buried in mud; others are lying toppled over on their side. Farmers don’t know when they will be able to plant their crops again because of the mud residue.”

The floods have critically affected an estimated 1.1 million people across 12 out of the country’s 14 states. More than 100 people have died, with that number predicted to rise as floodwaters continue to cause damage. More than 240,000 households have been or remain temporarily displaced by the disaster.

In Kale, one of the most affected districts in the country’s west, ADRA was the first international aid organization to respond. Some of the most urgent needs include providing food, shelter and sanitation, and removing mud and debris.

ADRA has already distributed food packages of rice, potatoes, onions, oil and salt to families affected by the unprecedented flooding, despite facing significant logistical challenges.

ADRA has resorted to unusual methods to rapidly reach isolated communities cut off by the floodwaters.

“By rigging up a flying fox system, ADRA staff and volunteers have carried 8.5 tonnes of rice and about four tonnes of beans, oil, salt, potatoes and onions across a flooded river to deliver urgent food assistance to people in need.” Mr Irvine said.

Your donation to ADRA Canada helps us to respond immediately when communities need urgent help. Please visit www.adra.ca/donate today. Your gift will bring hope to people like Aye.

*Based on a report from Josh Dye, Media and Communication Coordinator, ADRA Australia



Sharmilla Reid
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The Perfect STORM

By Myken McDowell

With a little creativity and a healthy dose of Conference support, Alberta's Youth Department is empowering young Adventists to take outreach to a new level. It's Entrepreneurial Evangelism.

STORMCo Alberta's Entrepreneurial Evangelism—connecting in new ways with people who need to see God's love—is touching Adventist youth and communities across Canada. Through STORMCo (Service to Others Really Matters), a youth initiative of the Alberta Conference, youth in Alberta find support for their ideas for serving their communities, and their creativity is ignited.

Home Address not a Factor

STORMCo is based on the premise that you don't have to travel to a third world country to do missionary work. The initiative is already empowering young people who live in Alberta both long term and short term to take action—to spread God's love in real, meaningful, and surprising ways. It facilitates opportunities for young people to serve others in their community, even if their membership there is temporary—like being a student at Burman University—and they carry their learning experiences further abroad. STORMCo members serve teachers, coworkers and neighbours alike because (now here's a

fact that will likely surprise no one) people require love and care, regardless of who they are or where they are in the world.

Out of the Box and Into Transformative Service

Though the idea behind it may seem obvious, STORMCo only got off the ground in Alberta about two years ago when Community Services Director Lyle Notice (affectionately known as “Pastor Lyle” among the STORMCo group) extolled the virtues of “Living Outside the Box” at Foothills Teen Camp. He encouraged his young audience to step outside their immediate social circles and—using Jesus' life on earth as the ultimate model for “out of the box” evangelism—approach their own ministry in a fresh, unique way. Jessica Francis, a Burman University student who was in the audience, knew this was what she'd been looking for.

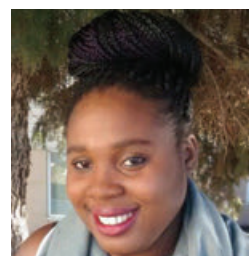
A self-described “outreach person,” part of Francis' motivation for getting involved in STORMCo projects comes from a personal place. “I know what it's like to

not have a relationship with God, and I know how miserable my life was. For me, it was like I had no direction, nowhere to go, even loving myself was impossible... Once I got to know Christ and what he has done for me and how special I am in his eyes, it did a lot for me. If I see that there is a community of people that doesn't have that, I want them to have that.”

Taking Notice's “out of the box” message to heart, Francis and a number of other volunteers went door-to-door distributing health books and pamphlets about Christ in the Foothills area, with Francis earning her very first STORMCo shirt in the process. Although the prospect of having the door slammed in ones face is enough to keep many people away from door-to-door ministry, Francis approached it with sincere enthusiasm. “A lot of people were scarred but I was more excited than anything,” she says with a smile. “We just wanted to get out there!”

And get out there she did. Ever since her time at Foothills Teen Camp, Francis has been an important and active member of the STORMCo team.

Picture LtoR: Joel John, Lyle Notice. For Joel John, who grew up near Dubai, one of the wealthiest cities in the world, getting involved with STORMCo was life-altering. “We are called not just to be missionaries to third world countries, but to every person around us, regardless of age. STORMCo strives to achieve that, and I will forever be grateful to STORMCo and IMPACT for opening my eyes to this often-neglected field.”



Jessica Francis, who got in on the “ground floor” of STORMCo two years ago, thrives on the creative energy STORMCo helps her and other young Adventists channel for good.

Kelvin Kublall found support and a venue for his creative ministry when he came to the Alberta Conference Youth Department with his proposal for service ministry. Haircuts for Humanity, the latest addition to STORMCo's avenues of service, offers professional haircuts to homeless patrons of the church's Red Deer Community Services Centre—a tangible loving hand, God's touch here and now.



STORMCo opened my eyes to the necessity for love and care in our own backyard.”

A busy student now entering her third year of theological studies at Burman University, Francis still manages to make time for STORMCo projects. She keeps in touch with Notice over text messages and on Facebook so she can stay up to date on STORMCo events happening in the local area. She also knows that if she has an “out of the box” idea for a mission trip, Notice is the person to reach out to.

Creating New Connections

Through Notice’s connections and the financial support of the Alberta Conference, the student-lead Burman University ministry group IMPACT (Impossible Made Possible at Christ’s Throne) was able to realize their goal of ministering far off campus and reaching a wider audience. Joel John, a Burman University student and member of IMPACT, describes the ministry as one “that strives to reach out to others through praise and worship, drama to music, spoken word, pantomime, random acts of kindness and prayer.” Notice recognized that both STORMCo and IMPACT had something special to offer the community and suggested that the groups combine forces to go on a mission trip to Moosonee, Ont. and Cochrane, Alta.

During the course of their weeklong trip, the group visited with children and seniors, distributed pamphlets about Christ, and conducted IMPACT programs in the evenings. “People were so welcoming and warm,” Francis remarks, “they were so happy we were there.”

The Mission Field at the Doorstep

Not only did the mission trip have a positive impact on the communities they came to serve, it also had a profound effect on the STORMCo/

IMPACT members themselves. For John, the experience strengthened his resolve to “reach out and do mission work right here in Canada.”

“STORMCo opened my eyes to the necessity for love and care in our own backyard,” John explains. “Yes, there are people in Africa and India who are suffering, but at the same time we are blind to some of the people living [in Canada] who lack basic necessities and must travel really far and spend a lot of money to get quality care and services.”

Reflecting on his time in Moosonee, one of the most powerful moments for John was when he decided to part with a Bible that had been given to him on his 18th birthday by a close friend. The IMPACT/STORMCo team had been socializing with some of the residents at a local retirement home when one of the visitors, who “had too much strong drink in him,” tried to slip the Bible under his coat. Rather than get upset, John decided to show the man some compassion.

“I told him that I noticed he needed a Bible,” says John. Since they did not have any extra bibles to donate, John decided to give the man his own. “After a while, he told me that this Bible would probably do more for him than it had done for me, and that he was grateful!” John recounts. “I was touched and I knew that I had done the right thing.” Although parting with his beloved Bible wasn’t

easy, John believes that “it would be more useful in his hands than mine.”

Presence & Connection

What keeps Francis coming back to STORMCo projects? “The people—definitely the people,” she responds without hesitation. This answer includes both the people on the STORMCo team—comprised of youth from churches across the province—as well as the individuals they meet on their mission trips.

One homeless woman in particular affected Jessica in a deep way. “This woman was in tears because she was just so moved that we came all that way, out of our way, for people like her. She took it so personally.” And so did Francis.

In the gulf that separates good ideas and good deeds, “Lyle is like the bridge,” says Francis. “What I really love and appreciate about Pastor Lyle is that he is known,” she observes. “Anywhere he goes, he leaves a presence that people see and want to connect with.”

Presence, connection, Christ—for Francis, John, and the other young adults of STORMCo, this combination is modeled and experienced as meaningful Christian outreach. Alberta STORMCo’s Entrepreneurial Evangelism makes service to others a living, creative and heartfelt reality.

It’s life—more abundantly.

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Date Night Event a Success in Bonnyville



Children's program for Date Night event.

Since our last report, projects undertaken in Bonnyville include: building a proper shed and "Date night."

The shed was seriously needed because the Bonnyville Church have items currently taking up the limited storage space inside the church and in addition, a ride on lawn mower was donated that needed a place to be stored. Volunteers assisting the pastor in this project were: Chris and Garrett Richards, James Ouellette, and Eldon Powel. We even enlisted the aid of our neighbour. Even something as small as a shed encourages fellowship and binds us closer together as a church family. "Date night" event: Melanie Kinch and her children offered to entertain and

care for the children of busy parents who also happen to be members of our congregation. Moms and Dads dropped their children off at the church thus providing them an afternoon free from parental responsibilities. Comments from the children after the first "Date Night" included, "It was fun, let's do it again." I think Date Night is definitely an idea whose time has come and I predict that it will not die from lack of interest. —Submitted by Pastor Robert Pohle Bonnyville/Lloydminster



Bonnyville Church gets new shed.



Members of the Calgary Canada Youth Challenge team with Don Corkum (right): (LtoR) Valence St. Jean, Sonya Ford, Dulce Frutos, Natalie Myers, Adon Cunningham, Jeneva Watson, and Miriam Kioko.

Canada Youth Challenge Summer Mission Work

Do you want to see dynamic witnessing in action? Observe the ministry of the Canada Youth Challenge! This year they have members in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. They are students from Adventist schools from various parts of the world.

Each weekday during the summer you will find members of these teams making contacts with people in the community. They are well trained to do their work and important connections are made.

On Sabbaths they minister to churches where they work.

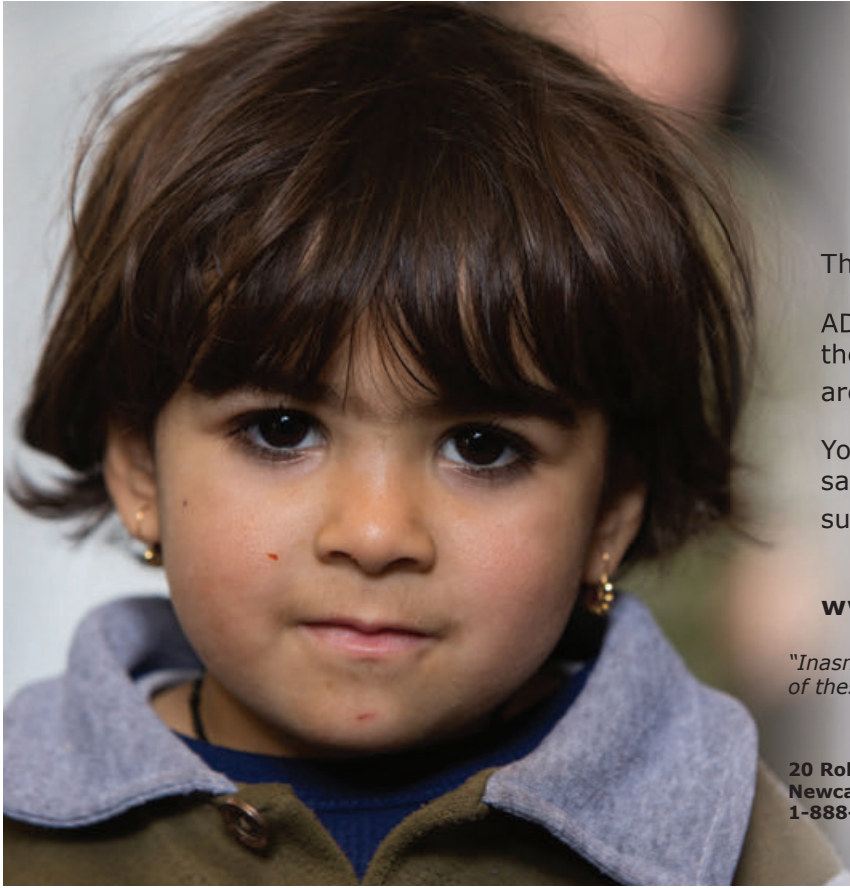
—Submitted by Don Corkum

Aboriginal Camp Meeting

An aboriginal camp meeting is held annually on the first weekend of June at Foothills Camp. This year, 80-100 people attended. The guest speaker was Brian Cladoosby, chairman of Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and president of the National Congress of American Indians. Brian has served on a number of boards and associations in the Pacific Northwest bringing positive awareness of the native culture.



Brian Cladoosby (left) with Ed Dunn, Native Ministries Coordinator for the Adventist Church in Canada.



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Calgary Ghanaian Company Reach Out to Their Community

The Calgary Ghanaian Company is a dynamic church organization. Attending their Sabbath fellowship you will be inspired by friendliness, good music, Bible centred preaching-- and good food!

They have a great desire to reach the 3500 Ghanaians that live in Calgary with the Adventist message. They also reach out to people with other backgrounds as well. They make outreach programs a regular part of their weekly ministry. For example, from July 12-25, an evangelistic outreach was held. The guest speaker was Dr. Paul Adu Sampah of the Ghana Union Conference. His dynamic presentations captivated the audience. As a result of these presentations, 12 people were recently baptized and others are currently receiving Bible studies in preparation for baptism. — *Submitted by Don Corkum*



The names of the individuals' baptized include: Vida Ayi, Joseph Amaning-Kwarteng, Salafina Owusu-Appiah, Andrew Addai Asamoah C., Alphonsus Igboanusi, Blessing Ayi Masopeh, Carter Brown, Elizabeth Amofa, Vivian Ntiamoah, Stephen Ntiamoah, Joycelyn Adofo. Also in the picture is the head elder, Yaw Adei (standing on the far left) and evangelist Paul Adu Sampah standing with local pastor, Donald Pierre (front and centre).



New Church Plant in Calgary, Cambrian Heights Fellowship

Although Calgary is planning to plant new churches in 2016 with “Reach Calgary,” momentum has already begun.

The new Cambrian Heights Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship now meets in the North-West of Calgary. Every week this new group is out in the community witnessing for Christ. They understand that the church does not exist for its members alone but for the community in which it resides.

This outreach from the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church is the fifteenth Adventist church body in the City of Calgary. — *Submitted by Don Corkum*

Edmonton Youth Work Hard for God on Mission Trip

For most people, hearing the words “Dominican Republic” and “Christmas break” evokes daydreams of vacation, relaxation, resorts, and tanning on a beach. However, for the youth of the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church, the reality of our trip was work, construction, dorms, and burning up under the blistering sun. Despite the harsh-sounding circumstances, our two-week mission trip was among the greatest experiences of our lives. Following God’s leading: Across the Aisle, Across the Street, Across the Globe. We had taken our church’s mission statement to heart, spending two years leading up to our trip fundraising in service to our church family and community. Finally, the time had come for us to follow His leading, this time across the globe.

Even from our arrival, we could see God’s hand at work as our ramshackle bus nearly caught on fire heading out of the airport. By His grace, we all managed to stay safe and complete the mission set before us without incident! We were tasked with completing the Adventist church’s frame and primary concrete structure, no small feat judging by the massive pallets of cinder blocks we discovered upon our first community visit. In the span of two weeks, I daresay we transformed into a well-oiled machine, even picking up enough of the local lingo to communicate with the construction foremen sans translator. Cries

for “más mezcla!” were met with a quick scoop of mortar, blocks were expertly tapped into place, and the trowels felt like an extension of our hands. Days were long and exhausting, but we made sure to rely on His strength to pull us through.

In addition, every afternoon a group would walk to the church elder Digno’s house nearby to run a VBS program for the children. By the last day, over 100 kids would eagerly gallivant over to sing praises, make crafts, and most importantly learn about Jesus’ love! On Christmas Eve, we spent half a day in community outreach, passing out toothbrushes and care packages of beans and rice to those in need. We also invited a needy family for a wonderful meal and fellowship. Thanks to the generosity of our church, we were able to provide them with further financial support, putting \$2500 USD to replace their rotting, dilapidated house. Recently, a local teen many of us still keep in touch with informed us that the house had been completed! Also, the church has since been finished by two other Maranatha groups who transformed our concrete and tin labor of love into a beautiful house of worship.

We will all have fond memories of the ridiculous streets expertly navigated by our bus driver, amazing construction foremen, breathtaking nature, Sabbath worship under a mango tree, and priceless smiles of the community members. Perhaps Digno



Community members and the group in front of the completed church structure.



Children from the community enjoying craft time at VBS.

put it best in his farewell to us: we may not be able to visit our Dominican brothers and sisters in Christ anytime soon, but we have the blessed hope that we will all meet again when Jesus comes to take us home.

Read more on our trip blog: edmsouthyouth.tumblr.com

—Submitted by Jonathan Shim, Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church



Working late on the construction site with a spectacular sunset.

Bonnyville Adventurer Sabbath

On the afternoon of August 15, as the pouring rain hit the roof top of the Bonnyville Seventh-day Adventist Church, a tightly packed congregation listened intently about the benefits of having an Adventurer Club and how to start one up.

Parents, supportive church members, well-wishers and many eager children all listened as Leah Malekano, the Southern Alberta Adventurer Area Coordinator shared about the Adventurer Family Network. "It's a good place for parents to meet, share ideas, be inspired and learn from other parents about what's working...we have it in our church and it is exciting," she said.

"I am fairly new to the church," said Melisa. "What are Master Guides all about?" Lundi Malekano an active Master Guide shared, "It is a powerful training program where you are equipped to be a Christ-like leader in your church and your community...you learn church history, leadership skills, social skills, spiritual teaching and of course physical fitness...we will be going on a canoe trip in September and you are more than welcome to come."



Bonnyville Church Adventurer Sabbath.

Many were interested in supporting the Adventurer ministry and becoming a Master Guide and even going on a three day camping and canoeing trip. It was great to see the church so "on fire" about youth ministries.

Caroline Dzingirayi, the new Adventurer club leader shared, "I'm so excited about starting a new Adventurer Club,

the kids are deeply looking forward to it and the church is very supportive as you can see...before I had about four volunteers to help...now I have over ten."

Although it was a rather cold, damp and rainy Sabbath afternoon in Bonnyville, the warmth of love, kindness and smiles gave off a warm feeling. —Submitted by Lyle Notice



Hymn Sing at the Pioneer Lodge.

Lloydminster Church Active in the Community

The Lloydminster Church organizes two programs on a regular basis that help keep the church spiritually active. The first is a weekly Vespers service held in the homes of its members. On a rotating schedule, one of four teams plan and host the vespers service and welcome the arrival of the Sabbath each week as members of the body of Christ.

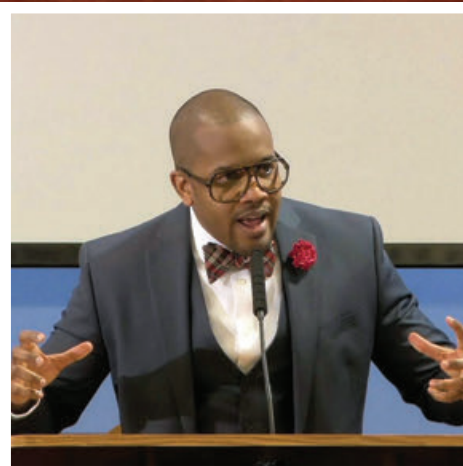
The second activity is a monthly "Hymn Sing" (September through June) for the residents of Pioneer Lodge. An hour of singing favourite hymns and special music are enjoyed by those who attend. Each month participants are also given the history of a favourite hymn. More than half of the church members participate and quite often there are 40 people praising God through song.

—Submitted by Pastor Robert Pohle, Bonnyville/Lloydminster



Baptism held at the Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Operation Victory Series Held in Calgary



Pastor Lawel Natufe preaching at the Operation Victory series in Calgary.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

The Calgary Bridgeland Adventist Church witnessed the fulfillment of this Great Gospel Commission with the launch of “Operation Victory Series” hosted by Pastor E. Lawel Natufe from May 2-16, 2015. In addition to the church members and visitors’ on site, over 1000 people from 36 countries were blessed as they followed the nightly meetings through the ministry of Bob Maetin and the Radio Bible Light team.

Pastor Natufe’s passion for evangelism was seen throughout the series as he proclaimed the distinct message of salvation

by faith, within the context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-16, and called upon individuals to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. One of the many highlights of the series was witnessing individuals respond to the call of Revelation 18 to come out of Babylon. Two baptismal services were held during the series resulting in a total of eleven baptisms. We affirm the hard work of Pastor Donald Wright and Elder Ewin Clarke who helped to prepare some of the candidates for baptism. —Submitted by Lawel Natufe

Praying for Rain in Edmonton

“The small belief we have in the power of prayer is evidenced by the little time we give it.” Along these lines were some of the statements we were challenged with at the Praying for Rain event held at the Edmonton Central Church, August 28 & 29. Prayer. It is one of the most basic tenants of the Christian experience, yet it can often be so misunderstood.

Melody Mason’s visit to the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church brought with her a fresh perspective on prayer. She highlighted basic principles on prayer and backed her messages with powerful testimonies. Being raised in an Adventist environment prepared her for later involvement in the church – from organizing GC initiatives such as 100 Days of Prayer to speaking appointments, missionary work, and authoring her recent book “Daring to Ask for More – Divine Keys to Answered Prayer.”

Melody shared testimonies with us that thrilled our hearts, stories that would fit right in the book of Acts. Melody encouraged us not to give up, not to yield to feelings but to trust in His promises, to seek first His kingdom. Fervent prayer is less about our piety than about His faithfulness. God is our “sun and shield,” and “no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Psalm 84:11) – but only if we, through prayer, allow Him.

What was especially a blessing during our time with Melody were the prayer sessions. The first corporate prayer session we had was on heart preparation – praising God, confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness. Those who were convicted had a chance to pray aloud as our church body gathered in the front of the sanctuary. The second prayer session on Sabbath afternoon was spent praying for specific requests of the church. As men and women knelt together, tears flowed as we bore each other’s burdens, encouraging one another and lifting up our requests before His throne. As we came before the foot of the cross, we all recognized our inability and unworthiness – hearts were opened and sins were confessed. —Submitted by John Leung
Photos by Jonathan Geraci



Guest Speaker,
Melody Mason.



Participants of the Praying for Rain event in Edmonton.

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Health Training Workshop:

The Alberta Conference Health Ministry Department, in partnership with It Is Written Canada, will be presenting a Health Training Workshop in Calgary, October 16-18, 2015. This weekend will feature a variety of guest speakers including Dr. Edwin Noyes, David Fiedler, Simbarashe Charumbira, Evelyn Cole-Kissenger, Don Mackintosh, Dr. Randy Bivens, and possibly Dr. Neil Nedley. Workshops will include training in the area of conducting Health Expos & vegetarian cooking classes, as well as how to present programs such as “Depression Recovery,” “Forgive to Live,” “NEWSTART,” “Diabetes Undone” and more. This event

is FREE. For more information, please contact Darlene Blaney by email at rdblaney@harewaves.net.

Children's Ministries Convention:

The 2015 Children's Ministries Convention entitled, REACHing Children for Jesus, will take place at Foothills Camp, October 23-25. Guest speaker is Pastor Saustin Mfuné, the GC Associate Children's Ministries Director. He is a native of Malawi and has worked as a pastor, departmental director and administrator in the former East-Africa Division in Harare, Zimbabwe and Malawi Union. For more information, please contact Darlene Reimche by email at dreimche@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 206.

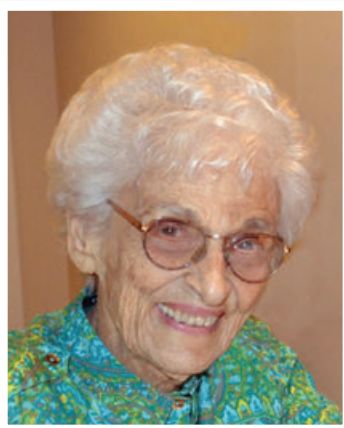
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In memory



Frederick (Lloyd) Bell, July 8, 1922 - June 18, 2015

Lloyd served in the Navy from 1940 – 1945 during WWII. Following graduation from CUC in 1953, he served as a pastor in the BC Conference for 4 years. He then spent 11 years in mission service as president or secretary-treasurer in Rwanda, Burundi, and Kenya, Africa. Upon return to Canada and receiving a business degree, he served as Administrator of Rest Haven Hospital in Sidney, BC for 4 years, and Administrator of Branson Hospital for 4 years. He ended his career serving in the Ontario Conference followed by the Canadian Union in the areas of Trust Services and Risk Management. He retired in Abbotsford, BC but soon moved to Lacombe, AB to be close to family. His wife, Lila, survived him by one week and then passed to her rest. He is survived by his son Bob (Ellen) Bell; grandchildren: Brian Bell, and Lisa (Nick) Jay; and great-grandson Mason Jay.



Elizabeth (Lila) Bell, April 17, 1923 - June 25, 2015

Lila (McDowell) Bell was a devout supporter of her husband, Lloyd, in his role as pastor, and administrator of missions, conferences, unions, and hospitals. During some of those years, she served as a church school teacher, librarian, and secretary to the CUC Dean, but most of her time was spent assisting her husband in his various roles. She was a gifted and gracious hostess and presented delicious meals with beauty and flair. Visiting church administrators were regularly entertained in their home and enjoyed her wonderful hospitality. Lila and Lloyd retired in Abbotsford, BC, but soon felt the call to be close to family in Lacombe where they resided from 1994 until their passing. Lila is survived by her son Bob (Ellen) Bell; grandchildren: Brian Bell, and Lisa (Nick) Jay; and great-grandson Mason Jay.



Perry Junior Rhine, March 7, 1925 - March 22, 2015

Perry Junior Rhine was born March 7, 1925 in Lacombe, Alberta and passed away in the Red Deer hospital March 22, 2015. At 90 years of age he lived a full life. Some of his many ventures included running his own sawmill, tree planting, and water tracing. His mother raised him to know and love Jesus but he wandered away in his youth. His greatest joy was returning to the faith of his childhood. He loved Foothills Camp and enjoyed spending each camp meeting there. Perry is the oldest of eight siblings. He is survived by his wife, Violet from Alix, AB, ten children, Linda, Beverly, Dan, David, Gloria, Wade, Melody, Anita, Lucy, Erica, and Karl as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends. He loved the verse “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31) We are waiting for that great reunion day.

7 WAYS TO HELP YOUR EXECUTOR NOW

People select executors for different reasons. Sometimes it's based on birth order (ex.: oldest child) or on ability, but it's always an acknowledgement and often a compliment. But it carries some big responsibilities—including legal responsibilities—and it can be a lot of work.

Whether you need help with your garden or babysitting your kids, it's courteous to make the work as easy as possible. With estates, there are added incentives such as making sure everything's found and costs are kept down — generally, good stewardship principles! Here are some ways you can help your executor fulfill your wishes.

1. Make sure your executor can get your original will.

Your executor will need the will with your original signature—not a photocopy—to access bank accounts, change land titles, and do any business. Safety deposit boxes can be a secure place for storage, but check on your bank's access policy: some require executors to pres-

ent the original will before the executor gets access to the safety deposit box.

2. Keep a list of your "Estate Contacts."

This would include the bank and branch you deal with, who does your taxes, financial planner, accountant, or lawyer. It is helpful to identify the way in which they are involved with your matters (ex.: name of a property manager and the address of the property).

3. Don't ignore your Digital Estate.

Keep an updated list of your digital assets and how to access them (computers, social media, online banking, etc.). If your executor isn't tech savvy, you may want to name a separate person as "digital executor" (more on digital estates in my Dec. 2014 Means & Meaning column).

4. Make a list that brings all your property together.

Do you have more than one piece of land? List each by address or legal description (the legal description will save your executor a step and the estate some money). If you have an interest in a business you don't actively run or that's in another province, make sure there is a record and contact information. Boats, RVs or other moveable property should also be listed.

5. Keep a "Wishes" letter with your will or the Alberta Conference.

Some things are time sensitive—like funeral wishes. Rather than putting those details or info about personal effects into your will, simply give your executor power to deal with personal effects as he/she see fit and write a letter expressing your wishes. You can save money on changing your will, and most executors are only too happy to know what you'd like to have done regarding. This allows you revise your wishes at no cost as children grow older or you give away or sell items.

6. Name only one person as executor, preferably someone in the province where you live.

It may be tempting to honour more than one person with this duty, but it will complicate each step and probably add cost and time to settling the estate. Family dynamics and circumstances may require a second executor, but think carefully about naming co-executors, especially the Church. Banks have added many more layers of red tape when the Church is named an executor or co-executor, so things may move even more slowly.

7. Let your executor know you'd like them to act for you.

Ideally, they'd agree to act before you list them as your executor in your will; being named as executor in a will does not guarantee that the individual will accept the responsibility, creating complications. If your first choice agrees while you're alive, you can communicate with them about where your will and other important information is stored, and discuss any concerns. Better to have a willing helper in life than a surprise and added stress for those you leave behind.

In short, helping your executor is just good stewardship. When things are done thoughtfully and in order, God's gifts and your memory continue to be a blessing.

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When wills are done through the Alberta Conference and its Wills @ Camp or regular rebate program, some information helpful to your executor such as funeral wishes is collected and kept on file. This can be released to the executor once identity is established.

Thank you to Edmonton lawyer Shelley Smith for her "give back to the community" spirit and professional work with Wills @ Camp 2015.

DID YOU KNOW?

What's it Mean to You?

“STORMCo is a very powerful ministry.”

Jessica Francis
STORMCo Participant
Burman University



Jessica Francis, a self-described “outreach person” and theology student at Burman University, first heard about STORMCo at Foothills Teen Camp. “Pastor Lyle” Notice, Alberta Conference Associate Youth Director shared the mission of the conference initiative for youth: to learn from, work for and encourage individual communities.

STORMCo’s mission resonated with Jessica and she has since played an integral role in STORMCo’s ministry.

“STORMCo has opened my eyes to what people are going through,” says Jessica. “When you’re on campus your mission is: go to class, do your homework, pass, graduate, and that’s it. What STORMCo did for me is it took me outside of that cycle and reminded me there are people who are actually dealing with bigger things than a C grade.”

During the STORMCo trip to Yellowknife last year, Jessica discovered how service can bring home important spiritual lessons. Upon arrival after STORMCo’s 18 hour car trip, the local pastor immediately put Jessica and others to work cleaning up the front yard of someone who was no longer in a position to take care of it.

Although few people would consider hours of weeding and heavy yard work to be a particularly religious experience, Jessica discovered a vivid metaphor for Christ.

“They had a really big tree in the front of their yard,” she recalls. “The root of the tree travelled so far that when we tried to take it out, it was so rooted that we couldn’t do it.” The takeaway? “Once you’re rooted in Christ it’s impossible for anybody to take you out.”

“If you want to get to know God, to see the power of God,” says Jessica, “STORMCo would definitely do that for you.”

—Myken McDowell

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