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Powerful Love Finds a Need

It's Family Day as I prepare this article. Either by design or coincidence, Family Day and Valentine's Day fall in close proximity. Regardless, both engender the concept of love; Family Day of phileo or "family love; Valentine's Day of agape or "genuine love" (in respect for the martyrdom of the legendary 6th century Saint Valentinus, known for his kindness and compassion).

This week Vera and I have been downsizing Mom's belongings. She lived with us for three years but now she requires specialized care. In sorting through her many papers I found a powerful devotional by Paul G. Smith*, *Love at Its Best*. The storyline, probably a parable, identifies the power of love. The headings are reflective of 1 Corinthians 13. Here's the edited version.

"Powerful Love Finds a Need! A country school teacher, Miss Miller, lay near death in a little village hospital. The doctor worked frantically to fan the spark of life into a flame. A lad of six, holding a bouquet of flowers he'd picked in the field, gently knocked on the door.

"Meekly he asked to give the flowers to Miss Miller and stand by her bedside. The nurse quietly explained Miss Miller was very ill. No visitors were allowed.

"Powerful love is persistent! 'She's my teacher', he offered. 'I don't want to talk to her. I just want her to know I love her.' The hospital room door slowly closed the lad out.

"The doctor had heard the boy. To the nurse he said, 'We've done all we can. Give the lad's love a chance.'

"The Healing Power of Love! The nurse called the sobbing boy back. She let him stand by the side of the bed, still tightly holding his flowers. She placed his hands into Miss Miller's open palm. Ever so slightly Miss Miller's hand moved.

"Miss Miller', he whispered, 'I don't want to talk to you. I just want to love you.'

"Love Exceeds Expectations! The

nurse heard nothing for an hour. And then, the boy and his teacher were talking and laughing! The power of the lad's love exceeded all expectations!

"Healing Power is Needed Now!

Sometimes even modern medicine can't meet needs. Often up-to-date human sharing displays the power of godly love."

When asked how to inherit eternal life, Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second," He continued, "is similar, and your neighbor as yourself." Then Jesus reinforced the lesson with a story: the Good Samaritan.

Can love really heal and protect our homes? Here's Ellen White's understanding. "The home that is beautified by love, sympathy, and tenderness is a place that angels love to visit, and where God is glorified. The influence of a carefully guarded Christian home in the years of childhood and youth is the surest safeguard against the corruptions of the world. In the atmosphere of such a home the children will learn to love both their earthly parents and their heavenly Father." (AH 19) Here's the nugget: "Christian courtesy is the golden clasp which unites the members of the family in bonds of love, becoming closer and stronger every day."

Evidently Jesus' concept of love extends even beyond the immediate family. "Love and loyalty to Christ are the spring of all true service. In the heart touched by His love there is begotten a desire to work for Him... Whether in the home, the neighbourhood, or the school, the presence of the poor, the afflicted, the ignorant, or the unfortunate should be regarded, not as a misfortune, but as affording precious opportunity for service." (AH 490)

Continuing to sift through Mom's papers, I found this hand-written poem. The author is not identified but the message is clear.

"A little bird with feathers brown,

*Sat singing on a tree;
The song was very soft and low.
But sweet as it could be.*

*And all the people passing by
Looked up to see the bird
That made the sweetest melody
That ever they had heard.*

*But all the bright eyes looked in vain,
For birdie was so small.
And with the smallest, modest dark-brown coat
He made no show at all.*

*"Why Father," little Alice said,
Where can the birdie be?
If I could sing a song like that
I'd sit where folk could see."*

*"This birdie is content to sit
Unnoticed by the way,
And sweetly sing his Maker's praise
From dawn till close of day.*

*"So live, my child, through
all your life:
That be it short or long,
Though others may forget your looks,
They'll not forget your song."*

**Paul G Smith's name is unfamiliar, though probably a Seventh-day Adventist.*



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IMPACT 2015 Convocation Event

Approximately 2000 people attended the IMPACT 2015 convocation weekend held in Edmonton on January 17 - 19, 2014.



Health Retreat

The Alberta Conference Health Ministries Department holds their first Women's Health Retreat Workshop.



Acts of Kindness

A group of seven individuals from ASAM deliver gifts to a single mom with five kids.

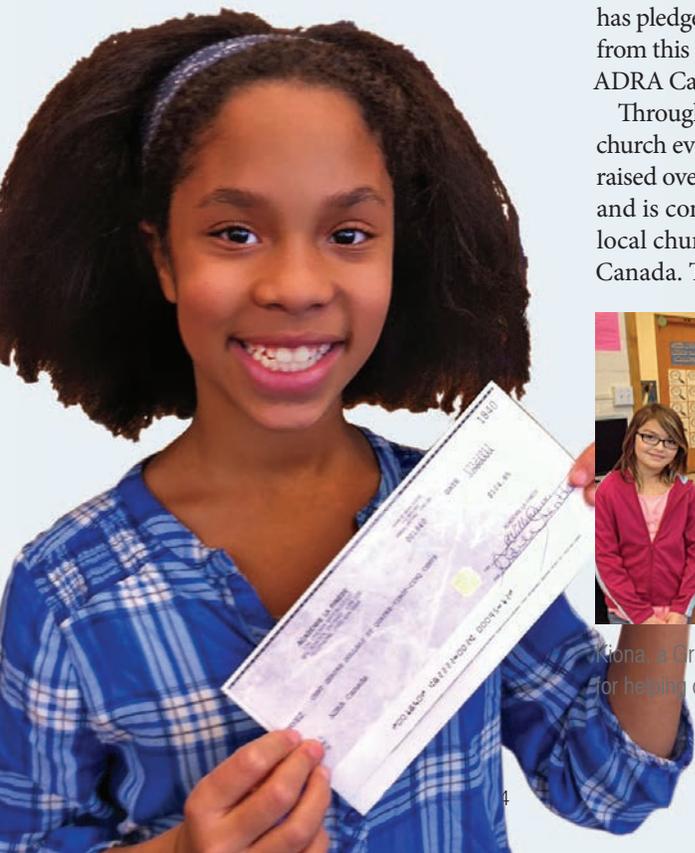
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Typhoon Haiyan: Canada Cares!

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on November 7, 2013, few people around the world realized the scale of the devastation that it caused. No one could be blamed for the delayed response: for agonizing hours, and even days, entire regions of the Philippines were completely cut off from communication with the outside world. When the storm had passed on and the sun again shone down on the tropical archipelago, infrastructure and utilities had been completely destroyed. Pictures and reports of the damage had difficulty reaching the outside world. Only as Internet and cellphone services came back online did the stories and images start trickling out of the country.

Thankfully, the Canadian response to Typhoon Haiyan quickly gained momentum. From the highest level of the government to the youngest schoolchildren, Canadians rallied in support of those left homeless, hungry, and grief-stricken by the storm. We wanted to tell you about two of the people who went out of their way to help those in need.



Kiona's gift

Kiona is a Grade 6 student at Académie La Pinède, a French public school in the town of Borden, Ontario. When she realized what had happened to so many children in the Philippines, Kiona wanted to help make a difference. Kiona recruited a few classmates, and together they gathered the materials they needed for the workshops and drawing. They purchased all the materials with donations from their families and their own money. Finally, they taught many students in the school the intricate art of making bracelets! After counting up all the dollars and cents, Kiona raised \$104.85 for ADRA Canada! Thank you, Kiona!

Aaliah's song

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. 4:10).

Aaliah Michaela, an aspiring professional singer, used her talents to record a song to help raise funds for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts in the Philippines! Working with a professional recording studio, she recorded a song titled "Never Walk Away" and posted it on the iTunes music store. Aaliah has pledged that 100% of the proceeds from this song will be donated to ADRA Canada for Philippines relief.

Through various concerts and church events, Aaliah has already raised over \$3,200 for the Philippines, and is continuing to perform at local churches in support of ADRA Canada. Thank you, Aaliah!



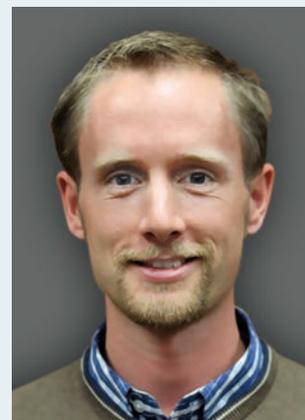
Kiona, a Grade 6 student with a heart for helping others! and her friends.



Aaliah (left) meeting with Analynn Bruce (centre), ADRA Canada Program Director and her husband (right) to hand over donations for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts in the Philippines.

What will you do?

These are just two of many, many more stories about how Canadians have responded to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. These stories are not over – they are still being written. The need in the Philippines is great, and our response must continue to be even greater. Through your support of ADRA Canada, you have given them food and water, provided them with shelter, clothed them, nursed them back to health, and helped replace their means of livelihood. On behalf of the thousands of people whose lives you have affected, we here at ADRA Canada want to say "Thank you!"



Ryan Wallace
Communication Specialist
ADRA Canada

Peace Be Still

When I was asked by the General Conference in 2012 to serve on the Theology of Ordination Study Committee, I was surprised and at the same time rather disinterested. As I looked at the list of individuals chosen to serve, I quickly realized that not only was I the only individual representing Canada, a large percentage were either scholars, evangelists or division leaders, with a majority being unfavorable toward women's ordination. Thus, being a female pastor entering such a committee was in my mind like Daniel entering the lion's den. Yet, through much counsel and prayer, I began to see the invitation as a real opportunity for learning and growth.

At the second meeting, the Theology of Ordination consensus statement was approved indicating, "Seventh-day Adventists understand ordination, in a biblical sense, as the action of the church in publicly recognizing those whom the Lord has called and equipped for local and global church ministry."

Biblical examples of ordained persons include elders/supervising elders and deacons, the document says, as well as "elders who were itinerant and supervised greater territory with multiple congregations."

In explaining the role of an ordained person, the statement continues: "In the act of ordination the church confers representative authority upon individuals for the specific work of ministry to which they are appointed. These may include representing the church; proclaiming the gospel; administering the Lord's Supper and baptism; planting and organizing churches; guiding and nurturing members; opposing false teachings; and providing general service to the congregation."

Seventh-day Adventist ordination "neither conveys special qualities to the persons ordained nor introduces a kingly hierarchy within the faith community." The statement concludes by noting, "the ultimate model of Christian



ministry is the life and work of our Lord, who came not to be served but to serve."

The following meeting was filled with presentations and papers on the subject of ordination, while the last meeting in January had the divisions presenting their research and their position on the subject of ordination. It was an overwhelming surprise to find the majority of the divisions to be in favour of women's ordination.

We met in small groups on a daily basis during the meetings to discuss in further detail possible solutions so that consensus may be reached. On Sabbath, Pastor Mark Finley shared how the church dealt with the situation of circumcision in Acts 15. How the Jews were unwilling to accept the Gentiles unless they were circumcised – all due to their understanding of the covenant given to Abraham and all generations there after. Yet, Peter could not ignore the fact that God had sent him Cornelius, filled with the Holy Spirit who he was not to discard as unclean but to accept. After Pastor Finley's message the committee felt that it was important to include testimonies from women in ministry at the next and last session in June. For more information on the Theology of Ordination, please visit www.adventistarchives.org/ordination.

These meetings have personally taught me that although God has the power to

give each one a vision indicating His will on the subject, He has brought us together for the purpose of dialogue, understanding and greater study. He desires us to meet together to really talk things out for the purpose of greater love, tolerance and acceptance of one another. Our God is a God of relationships, both vertical and horizontal, creating love and unity in diversity. Although no one knows what the final decision will be, one thing is certain, Christ is the head of the Church and He will allow the storm to pass. My prayer is that we represent Him in character and in spirit, no matter what the decision might be.



Sandra Silva
Personal Ministries Director
Alberta Conference

What's it Mean to You?

*“You’re not working by yourself.
You’re working with angels.”*

Adam Bially, Bible Worker, Drumheller, Alberta
Alberta Conference Change School of Evangelism graduate, Class of 2013



Only five months after graduating last summer as part of the first class of the Alberta Conference's Change School of Evangelism, Adam Bially experienced the thrill of witnessing the first baptisms from his efforts as a bible worker—three members of a family.

“The School of Evangelism really helped teach me how to study the Bible and how to study with others,” says Adam, a former Ukrainian Catholic. “It taught me a lot about myself, and how much surrender is involved in working for God. “It’s not just another job,” explains the former sheet metal worker. “There are eternal realities that go along with it.”

Shortly after joining the church, Adam began looking into Adventist schools of evangelism in the US, most of which are operated independent of the official church. Adam found the Alberta Conference school a better fit for him in many ways, including cost and a condensed schedule of intensive courses. He arranged for time off from his job in Regina so that he could attend the Alberta Conference Change School of Evangelism.

Did the Change School of Evangelism make a difference in Adam's life? Absolutely. Armed with new tools and a new vision as a front-line soul winner, the ripples set in motion by his experience at Change School of Evangelism are only beginning to be seen. “It’s really exciting to realize that you can’t convince anyone,” says Adam of his day-to-day experience on the job in Drumheller. “It’s God’s work, doing it. You may not know all the answers, but you have help; sometimes the Holy Spirit just takes over and brings things to mind.” For Adam, the change wrought at CHANGE continues.

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Alberta Camp Meeting July 11-19, 2014



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Daniel R. Jackson
President of the North
American Division

Opening meeting,
Friday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.



Shawn Boonstra
Speaker/Director
Voice of Prophecy
(VOP)

Friday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday, July 19,
(10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)



John Bradshaw
It Is Written - US

Saturday, July 12, 10:45 a.m.
Monday, July 14 - Friday,
July 18, 9 a.m.



Mansfield Edwards
President, Ontario Conference

Monday, July 14 - Thursday,
July 17, 7 p.m.



Opening Doors: New First Nations Staff Model Change, Enhance Students' Perspective

By Linda Steinke*

Recognizing the need to mentor students beyond academics and to expand their cultural growth, Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) administration sought to add two key individuals—a Guidance Counsellor, and a Native Cultural Studies specialist. For these positions, First Nations heritage would be significant, but could this combination be found?

With God, all things are possible!

Brad Dennis, MSW, Guidance Counsellor

In the spring of 2013, Brad Dennis, a fifth generation Adventist and First Nations therapist from the Huu-ay-aht nation of Washington State, was wondering what God's next move for him and his family would be. Working as a mental health therapist in the Portland Adventist Medical Center, Brad was intrigued when he was invited to apply for the MANS guidance counsellor position.

Brad liked what he saw: A positive, "We can be anything!" attitude pervaded, and Brad saw himself making the kind of front-line difference in a First Nations community that he wanted to make. Thus, in May of 2013, the Dennis family became part of the MANS family.

Brad has a passion for preserving people. "We need the positive to process the positive!" he says. "And the solutions are right here in the community!"

Common Needs, Extreme God

At base, says Brad, needs at MANS are no different than anywhere else. "We [First Nations communities] have a lot of problems," he observes, then on reflection, revises his observation. "No, we have a lot of strengths and talents! That's what I look at—that's what God looks at. That's what I want to call people to look at.

"There is a tremendous amount of great work going on in this community," Brad says. He is working to tap community resources to mentor a new group of youth to emerge from the Maskwacis (formerly Hobbema) community, which is home for most of MANS' students.

"I trust God!" he says, and sees promise all around him.

Connect with Professionals, Change Perceptions

Brad is impressed with the complex system of purposeful services to be found in Maskwacis. He works to mobilize the people providing these services to mentor and grow students' confidence, skills, and character. He endeavors to make the invisible visible.

"We don't see the native doctor, the First Nations executive director, the Cree newspaper producer, the native professor," he says. Part of his work, he believes, is to change that perception among those in his life space—at work, and wherever he is.

Part of Brad's perception change and connection mission involves working with a local newspaper editor, who helps the Grade 7 class to produce a school newspaper every two weeks. The parents, especially, look forward to the bi-weekly communication. The Maskwacis Restorative Justice Coordinator is also working with Grades 7 & 8 students to teach and mentor conflict resolution. High School students are being taken to visit colleges and universities in the province to make them aware of choices and careers open to them—doors of opportunity. But Brad's job has protective and mediation dimensions, too.

"Part of my job is to help the bully, the bullied, and the by-stander," he says. "When I'm here, things don't accumulate and escalate. We talk, we problem solve, and then we go back and work."

Strengthening an Atmosphere of Constructive Planning and Growth

Principal Gail Wilton says that Brad's work at MANS has created a greater student sense of safety, making it increasingly a place where problems can be worked out

and constructive planning happens. "We are working together," says the principal, "to help our children grow positively and productively from infancy to the outside world."

"I don't always know why God called me here," says Brad, "but I'm here. I'll do His work! I want to give hope to the students at MANS. The future is in God's hands!"

Ramona MacKenzie, B.Ed., Native Cultural Studies teacher

As Brad Dennis was getting settled at MANS, Ramona MacKenzie, who was teaching in Port Hardy, BC was searching to expand her teaching horizons. MANS opened the Native Cultural Studies door and Ramona walked through it. A positive atmosphere of learning, growing, and identity is emerging.

Ramona's childhood and teen years were often less than ideal. There were some poor choices, yet as God knocked, Ramona answered, stepping over the threshold—often seemingly blind—yet trusting in a power that continuously brought her peace and a better life.

Adventist Elementary Experience a Major Factor

Grades 1-6 at Thunder Bay Academy in Ontario provided her first Christian foundation. "Going to an Adventist school was the best thing that happened to me in my childhood," she reflects. "The environment was safe, so even if I was sick, I went to school," said Ramona.

Ramona's training for her current position as teacher of Native Cultural Studies for First Nations students began in her mid-teens. She recognized and appreciated the "normal" diversity that she had experienced in her Seventh-day Adventist community.

By age 17 Ramona knew that she had to make some changes in her life.

She accepted an invitation to live with a native Christian friend who led Ramona to pray the Sinner's Prayer and live a life in Christ. "From here on, things began to change," Ramona related. "Education became the key for me."

Ramona also began attending the Thunder Bay Adventist Church. While there, she met former

teachers who had made a huge impact on her life. She now fondly refers to them as "my Christian family." Ramona was baptized May 15, 1999. "Becoming a Seventh-day Adventist has been a huge blessing," says Ramona. She has completed a two-year mission service in Korea, received a Bachelor of Education degree from CUC, taught elementary school in Port Hardy, BC, and in September of 2013 accepted a position at MANS. "I'm living a dream!" she continues.

While living with her "Christian family," Ramona became involved with a group of volunteers called, "My Brother's Keeper." Here she had opportunity (the door opened yet again) to be mentored, to improve her professional skills, and to develop her abilities with multi-cultural groups. She learned how to facilitate "getting along" with those different from yourself, as well as mentor others who are seeking to improve/change their circumstances or themselves. Each step of the way, Ramona has walked through doors opened to her...sometimes miraculously and often not knowing the outcome, but knowing that God is in control.

Ramona is keenly tuned in to learning and growing into a more useful instrument in God's "tool kit," and her position allows her to do just that. She is Ojibway—one of the largest groups of First Nations people in North America—and is able to relate on a personal level with her kindergarten-Grade 11 students. "We're glad that you're here," one student recently told Ramona. "You saved us!"

Students at each grade level participate in Native Cultural Studies three times per week. This year they are recording their stories alongside the stories of other cultures such as ancient Egyptian, Australian aboriginal, etc. Through drawings, beading, cooking, photography and more, the students are learning how to tell their story as they explore the culture of other people groups, and then investigate their own heritage.

Ramona's cross-Canada life experiences have connected her to numerous key people who will now help her mentor MANS students to make positive life choices. Ramona smiles broadly and confidently as she says, "I am where I belong!" That security can only radiate to those with whom she works, and those for whom she works—her students!

**With contributions from Communications staff.*



Brad Dennis
and Ramona
MacKenzie.

News

Darlene Reimche Receives Excellence in Ministry Award

Darlene Reimche, the Alberta Conference Sabbath School director, received an excellence in ministry award for Sabbath School at the 2014 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention held in Monterey, California from January 12 - 15, 2014. The NAD Adventist Ministries Convention is a premier event held for church leadership twice every five years. Since its inception in 1988, its purpose is to provide train-



ing and resources for over 700 denominational leaders. This year's convention featured over 28 ministry tracks, robust exhibits, inspirational sessions, outreach activities, and awards given to individuals for ministry achievements. Congratulations Darlene for receiving this award. Keep up the good work you're doing with Sabbath School Ministries. — *Communications Department.*



Darlene Reimche receiving award from J. Alfred Johnson II.

THIS FAR BY FAITH

APRIL 11TH - 13TH, 2014
"FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT."
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT

"This Far by Faith," April 11 - 13, 2014 at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis, AB.

Guest speaker, Pastor Elizabeth Talbot, is the speaker and director for the Jesus101 Biblical Institute, a media ministry of the North American Division featured on 3ABN and Hope Channel. Pastor Talbot will be speaking specifically on the theme of faith as found in the Biblical Narratives. For more information and to register, please visit <http://albertaadventist.ca/wm2014> or contact Irma by email at ihartley@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 210.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
ELIZABETH TALBOT



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Challenges of Relating to a Deaf Person

Several years ago, three Muslim deaf people arrived unannounced at an Adventist church in a Russian satellite country. One had received two dreams from Jesus, and wanted to learn more. The Lord knew that this church group was not fully ready for them, and brought a man from another congregation that day who took an interest in them and learned to sign. He became the first Seventh-day Adventist worker for the Deaf in that country, and these three deaf people became the founding members of what is now the only deaf Adventist church in that area of the world.

What would you do if a profoundly deaf person came to your church?

Profoundly deaf people are used to writing back and forth with hearing people. They are fellow humans who crave love, friendship and acceptance, just as do the Hearing. So, by writing, a good start would be finding out more about them and what has brought them to church. You could offer to write notes for them as the service progresses.

One method in this situation, that is not costly, is to have several fairly quick typists use a laptop computer and have the deaf person watch the screen. If there were several deaf, one would want an external larger screen.

A few profoundly Deaf read lips well, and have quite understandable speech if you listen carefully. Most of these rely heavily on sign language. Many Deaf have a little hearing and some measure of speech, but struggle in a "hearing world." They may be much more comfortable in the "deaf world." Others deaf shun the deaf world and prefer to just do the best they can in the hearing world. There are many different situations, and one needs to be sensitive to the individual needs.

Most profoundly deaf appreciate the

services interpreted into sign language. If someone from the congregation learned to sign very well, they could be the interpreter. However, in the meantime, the church might feel it best to hire a professional sign language interpreter. This can be a major expense, and the church would need to see that interpretation is really important.

The deaf person(s) need to become connected with the Adventist organizations/departments that work with Deaf. They may want to go to a camp meeting for the Deaf and receive various newsletters put out by the different Seventh-day Adventist organizations/groups ministering to Deaf. The Deaf need to be included in all church activities. It may be hard during social occasions to find those willing to write back and forth, but Deaf can play games and enjoy social activities just like Hearing. Deaf are often very good actors at pantomime, and one can include them in this type of activity to illustrate Bible stories or truths.

A warning to those of us working with Deaf. Many times in the past, hearing people may have come into a deaf person's world and taken advantage of, or tried to manipulate and control them. People have not always had bad motivations, but these Hearing may have pushed themselves into uncomfortable situations with the Deaf. Thus, Deaf may be rather suspicious of those of us from the hearing world - especially if we come into their world uninvited. To be truly accepted, we have to earn their trust by unselfish love and a growing understanding of their deaf world - treating them with respect, and not like children.

If you have Deaf attending your church and wish to talk with us, don't hesitate to call or write. There are many things we can share, according to your situation.



Top photo: Allen Meis, guest presenter for the BC Conference camp meeting for the Deaf.

Bottom photo: Former Muslim lady who received a dream leading to the founding of an Adventist Deaf church.

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Pastor John Blake
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ASAM Performs Act of Kindness

On December 22, 2013 a group of seven individuals from the Adventist Single Adult Ministry (ASAM) delivered gifts of food, clothing, school supplies, children's games and household items to a single mom living in Lacombe with five kids. The mother wasn't home at the time ASAM visited, so the gifts were left with the children. A few days later the mom contacted Darlene Reimche, ASAM director, to say thank you. She shared with Darlene that when she got home from work and saw all the gifts she was so overjoyed she began to weep. This mom was greatly touched by the ASAM act of kindness.

— Submitted by Darlene Reimche.



Top photo: Adventist Single Adult Ministry kindness team.

Photo by ADH/Zanettini.



Rainbow Ford

Rainbow joins the Foothills Camp staff as Housekeeper/Assistant Cook. She brings a wealth of experience for her young years, working alongside Donna Hodgins at Hope BC Camp for ten years. Rainbow does not sit idly. She enjoys playing basketball and recently managed the CUC men's basketball team for six years. Watching the Vancouver Canucks is a favourite pastime. Rainbow grew up in Lytton, BC and she loves the summertime skies. She admires the courageous spirit of Ruth in the Bible, bringing that same spirit to her life challenges. As Rainbow thinks about her future, it most definitely includes sushi and hopefully flying.

New Foothills Camp Staff

Derrick and Rosemarie Welch

"I can't imagine a better job!" says Foothills Camp Plant Assistant, Derrick Welch, who loves hanging out in God's creation, and is in awe of his opportunity to be upfront and in touch with a vast number of wildlife.

Derrick and Rosemarie, along with their three daughters; Cheyanne, Jasmine & Kiara, moved to central Alberta (childhood home for Derrick) from Victoria, BC where Rosemarie was principal of Lakeview Christian School and Derrick worked as a carpenter. Derrick has dreams of a vibrant and updated Alberta camp for the Adventist community and others who may choose to visit. Derrick resonates with the solidness of Isaiah 46:9 - 10 which states, "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. I



Derrick Welch

make known the end from the beginning."

With Derrick established at the camp, the camp cook/administrative support position was a natural fit for Derrick's wife, Rosemarie, who had a dream to one day own a restaurant of her own. Cooking at Foothills



Rosemarie Welch

Camp is close to that dream, combined with a love for cooking/baking healthy, nutritious, and appealing food. Rosemarie brings experience with catering

for weddings and sport tournaments and is up to the challenge of cooking for summer camps, camp meeting, and special events. Should you have opportunity to eat at Foothills Camp in the near future, you will be well nourished in an appealing and tasteful way. If pumpkin pie, banana bread, mashed potatoes or anything else are on the menu, you can be sure they have a home spun stamp.

Sherwood Care

Sherwood Care who are we?

Nestled against the beautiful Broadmore Lake in the heart of Sherwood Park, AB you will find Sherwood Care, a Seventh-day Adventist long term care facility for the elderly who require many facets of care. Our mission is “to provide a caring and safe environment based on Christian ideals and principles to all its residents, their families and staff.”

What does this mean?

As you enter Sherwood Care you will instantly feel there is something different about this place. The residents are visible and involved in activity, and the staff are visible providing warmth, love and compassion for all who enter our home. If you are fortunate enough to enter our doors on a Friday evening as the Sabbath begins you will feel a calm come over the building. Many staff and family members have commented that Friday evening and Saturday are the best days to be at the Care Centre. Sherwood Care has a full time chaplaincy program that plays an integral role in setting the spiritual tone. We believe it is important to help our residents and staff relive their own past religious experience thus giving the Holy Spirit an opportunity to work on their hearts, “sewing the

seed” as we are commissioned by Jesus. Sherwood Care provides a weekend of worship beginning Friday evening with vespers, Saturday morning Church service, Saturday afternoon spiritual program of music and spoken word and Sunday morning Church service, as well as worship each morning of the week. Many staff and family members join one or more of these worship times.

Along with our chaplaincy program, Sherwood Care provides a wide range of services including nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreation, laundry, housekeeping and dietary needs. These services are provided each day by staff who truly believe and live by our mission mentioned above.

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How does this happen?

Every staff member who makes the decision to become part of the Sherwood Care team is given a general orientation on our mission and philosophy. We then discuss what it means to them personally and the resident they are caring for. This is also important for every resident and family who come through our doors to begin this journey with us. As part of the selection process by future resident and the Care Centre, we provide an introductory tour of our home so they are familiar with our philosophy and what can be expected. When the decision is made and the move is confirmed the transition begins with each team member taking part in making the resident and their family



feel as if they have arrived at home. As our dedicated nursing staff settle them into their new home, the maintenance staff is hooking up any items they need, the resident therapies are seeing to the needs with wheelchairs or walkers, the laundry staff are collecting their clothing to have them labeled, and the dietitian is checking on their dietary needs. All staff have a part to play in making our residents feel as if they are home.

We are proud to have 200 phenomenal, dedicated staff, seven excellent physicians, 100 plus dedicated volunteers, all who truly believe and work by our Christian philosophy. This is the Lord's facility, the Lord's people, the Lord's work and all is a direct result of the Lord's guidance and richest blessings.
— Submitted by Gerald Northam.





Let Him Turn it to Gold

The first Alberta Conference combined Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) and Young Adult Singles Ministries Retreat entitled, “Let HIM Turn it to Gold” took place at Foothills Camp on February 14-16, 2014. Guest speaker for the Adult Singles Ministries was Andrea D. Hicks, former North American Division ASAM Coordinator, founder of F.O.C.U.S. Ministries and current Atlantic Union Volunteer Assistant for ASAM. The Young Adult speaker was Pastor Shantel Smith, Associate Chaplain at CUC. Both presenters enthusiastically shared

Biblical and current information about how to live a satisfying life while obeying God in all things. On Sabbath morning Ed Rice and Leo Reimche lead the discussion on the life of “Jesus and Social

Outcasts” while young adults created murals of how children of God treat people they come in contact with. Group fellowship was experienced through interactive games and volleyball. Cecille Anderson coordinated the Saturday evening social activities which were enjoyed by all. Thank you to Derrick Welch for providing Sabbath afternoon mini horse sleigh rides. For more information about Single Ministries, please contact Darlene Reimche at (403) 342-5044, ext. 206 or email dreimche@albertaadventist.ca.

— Submitted by Darlene Reimche.



Young Adult Sabbath School Activity.



Andrea D. Hicks (Single Adult Ministries Speaker).



Pastor Shantel Smith (Single Young Adult Ministries Speaker).



Sleigh rides with Derrick.

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CAMP 2014	DATE	AGE	COST
NEW - Camp For The Visually Impaired	June 29-July 6	ALL	TBD
Watersports/Horsemanship Specialized Camp	July 6-10	13-17	\$310
Adventure Camp	July 20-27	6- 10	\$280
Sherwood Forest	1 July 20-27	9- 12	\$310
Junior Camp	July 27-August 3	10-13	\$290
Sherwood Forest 2	July 27-August 3	10- 13	\$310
Teen Camp	August 3-10	13-17	\$290
Sherwood Forest 3	August 3-10	13-17	\$310
Family Camp	August 10-17	ALL	*
NEW - Young At Heart Heritage Camp	August 10-17	50+	FREE Donations Accepted

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

Treasurers Report

By Keith Richter

We humbly thank God for His marvelous work amongst His people here in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. In the fall of 2011 the Executive Committee determined that due to a strong financial position a process of setting financial priorities needed to be in place to spend some of the reserves accumulated. With this in mind we presented a financial plan at the 2012 town hall meetings that were in harmony with our REACH objectives. Along with feedback from these meetings we have achieved the following:

1. Investments in the local church, school and evangelism

- We've increased the pastoral work force from 51 in 2011 to currently 63 and added nine Bible workers.
- Funding of local building projects has gone up from \$30,000.00 in 2011 to \$620,928.00 in 2012/2013. In addition, Llew Werner has been hired to help local churches with capital projects, particularly assisting churches who don't own their building.
- Education funding to the local schools has gone up by \$1,010,000.00. Enrolment continues to increase and two more schools are moving towards Senior Academy status.

Last year, 13 individuals graduated from the new Alberta CHANGE School of Evangelism. An evangelistic crusade was conducted in Camrose by the CHANGE School of Evangelism students and seven people were baptized as a result.

2. Investment in Youth

It is exciting to see the youth work grow here in the Alberta Conference. We have added support both at the conference level with two additional youth workers, and at the local church level by adding four new youth pastors to the field with plans for one more in 2015.

3. Investment in ministries that serve our members

We have doubled our funding for existing volunteer ministries and added SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence), Family ministries and Men's ministries. Our camp meeting programming was also expanded.

4. Investment in Communication and IT support

A Communications Department was added to the Alberta Conference and serves as a support to both Conference and local churches by providing communication assistance, media production and development of communication resources, delivery of current news and information, and technologies that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of day-to-day procedures and operation. Live streaming of audio and video events are now available on the Conference website at www.albertaadventist.ca/live. Hard copies of the Alberta Adventist News (AAN) are sent to all churches and are available on the Conference website at www.albertaadventist.ca/aan.

5. Investment in Foothills Camp

In addition to Llew Werner working on special projects as mentioned above, he will also be managing Foothills Camp and putting in place a long term development and sustainability plan. Our efforts to put in a new washroom block have been dealt a blow due to the strong building climate in central Alberta. Quotes for the new building came in around \$825,000.00 without onsite costs for septic changes included. This is far above our original projected estimate, so now we are exploring the possibility of bringing in mobile bathroom and shower units to cover peak periods. We will continue to do some renovations to current facilities until a feasible long-term plan is in place.

Our financial results for 2013 were stronger than expected due to a tithe increase. We even gave additional grants to our schools totaling approximately \$320,000.00 to assist with the drop in Alberta Education funding. In 2014, a deficit budget of \$1,000,000.00 is planned to meet the above objectives. Approximately \$750,000.00 involves costs that can be discontinued in the future. This budget deficit is possible because of a strong financial base the Alberta Conference has set aside. As you can see, services to the local churches and schools is more than our net tithe dollars, with \$12,143,258 being spent on pastors, education, ministries (volunteer and regular) camp meeting, evangelism, youth camp, special local projects, media and communication. This does not include money to support areas such as Human Resources, Treasury, Foothills Camp and many other departments. In the Alberta Conference we service approximately 450 employees (full-time and part-time) annually with under 7% being from the Conference office and Foothills Camp. We are so grateful for your support and all that is happening throughout the Alberta Conference. Please pray for us as we continue to advance God's kingdom here in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The Alberta Conference Operating Fund Financial Results for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2013

2014 BUDGET		2013 YTD BUDGET	2013 PRELIMINARY	2012 YTD	2011 YTD
REVENUE & SUPPORT					
RESTRICTED REVENUE					
\$259,260	Restricted (Gross)	\$214,687	\$237,955	\$469,685	\$473,352
UNRESTRICTED REVENUE					
\$15,394,404	Tithe	\$14,650,000	\$15,513,095	\$14,590,294	\$14,158,898
(\$3,941,708)	Tithe Percentages (Higher Organizations)	(\$3,749,652)	(\$3,972,343)	(\$3,735,755)	(\$3,601,400)
\$11,452,696	TOTAL TITHE (NET)	\$10,900,348	\$11,540,752	\$10,854,539	\$10,557,498
\$475,000	Alberta Advance	\$450,000	\$468,769	\$447,199	\$424,823
\$1,831,604	Other	\$1,994,992	\$1,854,405	\$2,047,975	\$2,081,881
\$14,018,560	TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	\$13,560,027	\$14,101,881	\$13,819,399	\$13,537,554
EXPENSES & LOSSES					
PROGRAM SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS					
\$8,085,025	Total Church Ministries	\$7,921,440	\$7,360,525	\$6,552,350	\$5,352,170
\$1,268,323	Retirement Plan	\$1,219,983	\$1,219,970	\$1,217,176	\$1,194,892
\$2,883,626	Total Education	\$2,884,866	\$3,342,849	\$2,888,398	\$2,332,853
\$267,508	Special Services/Other	\$269,305	\$219,914	\$197,375	\$95,189
\$12,504,482	TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$12,295,594	\$12,143,258	\$10,855,299	\$8,975,104
\$2,475,846	TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$2,274,319	\$2,488,984	\$2,408,408	\$2,231,344
\$14,980,328	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,569,913	\$14,632,242	\$13,263,707	\$11,206,448
(\$961,768)	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) FROM REVENUE	(\$1,009,886)	(\$530,362)	\$555,692	\$2,331,106
(\$89,925)	Transfers Btwn Funds	(\$89,925)	(\$89,925)	(\$49,588)	(\$97,223)
(\$1,051,693)	GROSS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY	(\$1,099,811)	(\$620,287)	\$506,104	\$2,233,883
	From(To) Restricted Fund Balance		\$180,821	(\$269,881)	(\$128,037)
(\$1,051,693)	NET EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) FROM IN OPERATING	(\$1,099,811)	(\$439,465)	\$236,224	\$2,105,846

What's it Mean to You?

“Without all the services provided by the Alberta Conference, our lives would be very, very different.”

Keith Clouten, Lacombe, Alberta
Retired librarian & former president of Boomerang Tours
SAGE volunteer & tour organizer
Planned Gift donor



Keith and Ngaire Clouten have traveled the world—more than 107 countries and still counting. Born in Australia and New Zealand respectively, they arrived in Alberta in 1979 and fell in love with Alberta's Adventist community. Though they moved on to other places, when they thought about retiring, one place topped both of their lists: Alberta.

It had everything that really mattered to them, including numerous ministries and organizations sponsored by the Alberta Conference. When Boomerang Tours, the Cloutens' private economy tour company of 25 years, wound down, it seemed natural to look for a way to give to God's cause in Alberta, and they invested in a Planned Gift that will benefit the Alberta Conference as well as other charities. Hosting 1,000+ Adventist travelers over the 25 years of Boomerang Tours' life honed the Cloutens' organization and leadership skills, which they've used to enhance the Alberta Conference's 2011 initiative for active seniors, SAGE—Seniors in Action for God with Excellence (see March 2013 Messenger cover story).

“Why did we make a Planned Gift to the Conference? It was because of all the benefits I believe that we as Adventists receive from the Alberta Conference,” says Keith, citing Alberta's week-long annual camp meeting as an example—a benefit that's become increasingly rare in the US and Canada.

In giving back to their community through the Conference, Keith and Ngaire continue to be blessed. And they know that their Planned Gift will help ensure the future of the community and cause that's important to them, right here in their beloved Alberta.

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Women's Health Ministry Retreat 2013

Health is more than just exercising and eating right – “Total Health” supports every aspect of who you are and what you wish to accomplish in life!

The Alberta Conference Health Ministries Department held its first ever Women's Health Retreat Workshop entitled, “How to Live like Mary in a Martha's World” at the Best Western in Calgary, AB on October 25-27, 2013 and repeated again at the Hilton Hotel in Leduc, AB on November 1-3, 2013. Guest speakers included Carolyn Richardson, a registered nurse/facilitator specializing in women's health, and Darlene Blaney, a nutritionist with a PhD in nutrition and Volunteer Health Ministry's Coor-

dinator for the Alberta Conference. Richardson spoke on pre-pregnancy and PMS, postpartum and menopause while Blaney shared about Craving the Desired, Living Like Mary in a Martha's World, The Lessons of Mary Magdalene, and Preserving Your Sanity.

Those in attendance were motivated and excited from what they heard and learned. One lady said, “Carolyn was very knowledgeable. I liked the fact that she was very open to enlightening women about their bodies and explaining very candidly those intri-

cate and sensitive aspects that many women are not comfortable discussing with their GPs.” And another shared this comment, “Presenters were very knowledgeable about the various topics. I specifically liked Darlene's tone of presentation, the inflection and tonal shading in her voice, the simplicity of her presentations, but driving the moral straight to the heart.”

Plans are underway for another retreat to be held fall 2014. Be sure to watch for further details on this event. — *Submitted by Darlene Blaney.*



Enjoying a banquet dinner at the Women's Health Ministry Retreat.



Darlene Blaney



Carolyn Richardson

New Teaching Staff



Nyabouny Guet
Gymnastics, Greek Salad, warm temperatures, and the book of Proverbs, keep Nyabouny Guet balanced and connected to the Sovereign God. Following graduation from Canadian University College, Nyabouny accepted the Grade 4 position at

Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. “I absolutely love teaching here,” says Ms. Guet. “I gave my heart to God, and understood Him as my Saviour and Friend for the first time here at CWAA. It’s where I wanted to be.”



Skyla McCreery
Writing, music (bells, violin, voice), reading, art, and sharing experiences from Ukraine are some of Skyla McCreery’s “loves” that she adeptly weaves into her students’ lives (Grades 5 - 9) at Sylvan Meadows Adventist School. Skyla grew up in Ha-

zleton, BC, admires Zipporah for her strength of character, and enjoys “Kefir” as often as she can — a cultured buttermilk drink popular in Slavic countries. Skyle has been with the Alberta Conference since 2012.

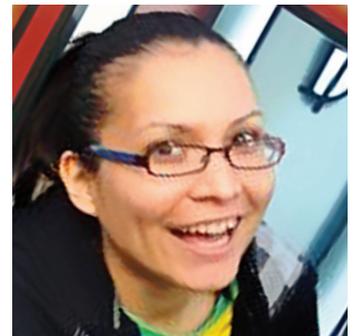
Sandra Dodds

“Moving has been a positive and growing experience,” stated Mrs. Sandra Dodds, who recently moved from Muskoka, ON to Calgary, AB. “After homeschooling for a time, we wanted our teenagers to be able to make friends with other Adventist teens, so the time to move was right,” she continued. Sandra teaches Physical Education for K - 6 students at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. “You (God) made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb,” (Psalm 139:13) reminds Sandra of her infinite worth. Music, gardening, vegetarian cooking, reading, mangos and family all keep Sandra on the sunny side of life.



Ramona MacKenzie

Ramona is a perfect candidate for the position of Native Cultural Studies teacher at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. She grew up in Thunder Bay, ON, spent two years in South Korea on a mission assignment, is Ojibway, has lived in numerous places throughout Canada, and graduated from CUC in 2008 with an education degree. Ramona is responsible for creating a pertinent and meaningful program for Grades K - 11 students at MANS. She says, “I am responsible for helping them to connect who they are in their culture, and build bridges with other cultures as they journey in life.” Like Joseph in the Bible, Ramona tackles each day, giving her personal best. She enjoys Ultimate Frisbee, Korean food, and springtime.



Tricia Gabrys

After a time of being a stay-at-home mom, Tricia Gabrys has returned to the classroom full time, teaching Music to Grades 1 - 4 and junior high, and Language Arts to Grades 4, 5 & 6 at College Heights Christian School. She is married to Steven Gabrys and they have two boys in Grades 1 & 4. Tricia admires Biblical Ruth’s willingness and ability to leave everything in God’s hands and head into the great unknown. While life is packed with activity, she tries to find time for quiet reading and knitting.

Holly Kay

Growing up as a pastor's kid, Holly Kay has lived in several western Canada locations. Currently, Holly and her husband Brad and their two children, Cassandra (5) and Hunter (3) enjoy living in central Alberta. Holly commutes to Mamawi Atosketan Native School to meet her vivacious Grade 5 students. She believes it is important to create a classroom atmosphere of love, learning, and laughter. When she can find the time, Holly loves to paint wall murals and do craft projects. Queen Esther overcame her fears and trusted God with the outcome...Holly espouses to emulate that kind of trust.



Landen Blize

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT). Aside from a daily new life in Christ, Landen Blize is enjoying his new teaching position at Coralwood Adventist Academy, where he is responsible for high school English. When not preparing for class, teaching, or grading, he enjoys reading, camping, hiking, mountain biking, working out in the gym, and spending time with his wife, Megan.

Lori-Ann Kennedy

Lori-Anne Kennedy has called many parts of Canada home: Toronto, Fort McMurray, Calgary, Lacombe, Burnaby, and now back to Calgary at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy teaching Grade 3. "I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me," (Phil. 4:13, Amp.) was Lori-Anne's lifeline while growing up, and continues to be so today. Lori-Anne enjoys arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and singing in groups. She is looking forward to a summer trip to Jamaica for her grandfather's 100th birthday.



Kathlynn Butler

"Even though I do not qualify for anything worthy of God's name, I am still worthy because the grace of God through Christ is all I need," (2 Corinthians 12:9) says Kathlynn Butler, high school Math and Science teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. Kathlynn is married to Andrew, an associate pastor at Calgary Central Church. She enjoys playing sports, Ketchup Roast, and the three non-winter seasons.

Krystal Williams

From St. John's, NL to Edmonton, AB, Krystal Williams, teaching Grades 7 & 8 at Coralwood Adventist Academy, looks for opportunities to enjoy the fresh outdoors—preferably in the summer when she doesn't have to wear a winter parka. Isaiah 43: 1-2 holds a treasured promise for Krystal: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you...because I am GOD, your Savior." (*The Message*)



Andres Albornoz

Travel, studies abroad in Spain, cooking, swimming, and Latin American food—Chilean empanadas and Salvadorian pupusas, round out Andres Alboornoz’s adventurous spirit. Andres grew up in Edmonton. He is happy to be employed at Coralwood Adventist Academy, be close to family and be back at his “mother church”—Edmonton Central Spanish. Andres graduated in 2012 with a Social Studies major and Bachelor of Education degree. He is intrigued by Moses and his life in ancient Egypt.



Faye Geates

Faye had the pleasure of growing up on beautiful Prince Edward Island. Since moving to AB, she has added hiking and downhill skiing to the list of activities she enjoys. Faye returned to the classroom at South Side Christian School in the fall of 2013, teaching Kindergarten to Grade 4. Philippians 4:8-9 gives Faye pause for personal reflection and a desire to share with her students a growing relationship with Jesus. “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Alyssa Stacy

“Whether learning about my character, learning about my students, or looking into something that I need to learn, everyday is a learning experience,” states Alyssa Stacy, Grade 6 teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take;” (NLT) gives Alyssa hope as she faces daily decisions. She is a new University of Calgary graduate; loves teaching Science, climbing walls and mountains, playing trumpet in a jazz band; and is looking forward to her wedding in August of 2014.



Gabriel Perez

“...As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15). Gabriel Perez did not set foot in a public education facility until his master’s degree. Currently, Mr. Perez, who grew up in Chile and Argentina, is Vice Principal and Out of School Care Coordinator at Coralwood Adventist Academy. Gabriel enjoys teaching Physical Education and participating in any kind of sport involved with chasing a ball...tennis, soccer, golf. Creating strong family bonds for their two sons is valued by Gabriel and his wife, Roxana. One of those bonds is having homemade pizza for their Friday night meal, a tradition that was part of both sides of the family.

Brad Dennis

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young...” 1 Timothy 4:12. “I’m inspired by stories of children!” says Brad Dennis, Guidance Counsellor at Mamawi Atosketan native School (MANS). The position is new and Brad and his family (wife, DeeAnna and three children-Sarita, Isla, Cedar) are new to AB, most recently from Portland, OR, where Brad worked as a mental health therapist at the Adventist Medical Center. Brad loves spending time with his family. He knits for relaxation and enjoys Mexican food. “Our adventure to Alberta has been nothing but a blessing!” he said.



Bruce Fillier

“After eight moves, it’s great to be together as a family,” says Bruce Fillier. Bruce and his wife, Denise, are enjoying living near their three adult children...which includes grand-children. He spent 28 years with the federal public service in NL, finished a degree in education, taught there for two years, and in the fall of 2013 joined the team at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. “I’m a high school teacher by training,” noted Bruce, “but I’m totally enjoying Grade 5.” The spring season brings the dormant back to life again and reminds Bruce about the time when Jesus, who gave His life for each of us, returns to give us new life...eternal life!



Hilary Blackburn

Whether living in her home country of England, walking paths under the blue skies of Albuquerque, New Mexico, or exploring biblical connections in Israel and Egypt, Hilary Blackburn loves the curiosity of children. She is especially enjoying her Kindergarten students at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. Hilary and her husband, Les, have two teenagers: Elliot, graduating in June from Grade 12 and Caldora in Grade 10. Being assured that God has plans for her life (Jeremiah 29:11) keeps Hilary secure in her day to day activities. She rounds out her days with making greeting cards, reading, walking, and travelling.



*“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.”
(Proverbs 3:1-2)*

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Canadian University College & Red Deer College representatives sign unique agreement that provides benefit to nursing students in our region.



Pictured in back row (left to right): Mark Johnson (Chair, CUC Board of Trustees), Joy Fehr (Vice President for Academics, CUC), Linda Moore Martin (Dean of Science, Sport, Health & Education programs, RDC), Brad Donaldson (Vice President Academic, RDC).
Seated (left to right): Mark Haynal (President, Canadian University College), Joel Ward (President & CEO, Red Deer College).

CUC Partners with RDC to offer Nursing

Canadian University College and Red Deer College have completed a unique agreement that will afford nursing students the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of both campuses.

The unprecedented four-year agreement, signed on January 31, 2014, will provide up to eight seats for CUC students to join RDC students in the University of Alberta Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Red Deer College. While students will continue to live at the university campus of CUC, they will take their courses at RDC where they will work to attain the degree.

The agreement targets students who want to pursue nursing and yet have the faith-based education and experience they can get at CUC.

Mark Haynal, CUC President, is excited about the opportunity

this collaboration with Red Deer College provides for CUC students. "Canadian University College students want to serve their communities with confidence, competence, and compassion. Many of our students and their families regard professions in the health care field as an important way to meet their communities' needs. The opportunity to earn a nursing degree at Red Deer College while living on the Canadian University College campus allows our students to realize their dreams of compassionate service."

Students first apply to CUC, and, once accepted, are eligible to go through the competitive entry process for entry into the BScN program at RDC. CUC has up to eight seats reserved in the very competitive RDC Nursing program.

With the current shortage of registered nurses in Alberta, post-

secondary institutions like RDC are working to find innovative ways to increase seats in already over-subscribed programs in the province.

The agreement is inspired by Campus Alberta, a provincial government concept introduced in 2002. The concept encourages Alberta's post-secondary institutions to work together to make Alberta's post-secondary system a leader.

Red Deer College has offered the BScN through an agreement with the University of Alberta since 1990. Though the degree is conferred by the University of Alberta, students are able to complete all of their coursework at RDC. Along with the eight seats opened through the agreement, RDC currently offers 96 seats in the program.

For those interested in Nursing at CUC please contact the enrolment office. info@cauc.ca, 403-782-3381.

CUC Canada-Wide Offering

At CUC we are proud to be Alberta's Seventh-day Adventist University. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students as they work towards achieving their university education goals. We invite you to support your Seventh-day Adventist University through the CUC Canada-wide Offering on March 29, 2014.

It is exciting to hear of the tremendous growth that has taken place at CUC over the past few years. With youth from every province in Canada, the Northwest Territories, much of the US and abroad, CUC is very representative of our church in Canada and our world church. Many of our pastors, teachers, evangelists and administrators across Canada are proud of their connection to CUC. Please support your university in Canada as our young men and women study, work and live together on a safe, vibrant, and diverse campus, striving to fulfill their goals of training for service.

Your gift during the CUC Canada-wide offering this March 29, 2014 is very much appreciated and needed and does make a real difference in the lives and success of our incredible young people. Last year's offering increased substantially thanks to your increased participation. What a huge blessing if that could again grow to match the increasing needs. Special CUC Canada-wide envelopes will be made available on the Sabbath of March 29, 2014. Thank you for your financial support and for continuing to lift up the students, faculty and staff of Canadian University College in your thoughts and prayers throughout the year. Investing in our youth is investing for eternity!

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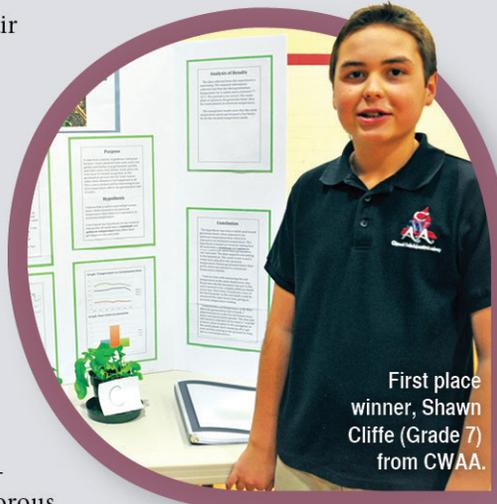
2014 Jr. High Science Fair at PAA

PAA's second annual Science Fair took place on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the CUC gym in Lacombe, AB. Junior high students from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary travelled to participate along with sponsoring teachers Cindy Mayo, Mark Bedford, Melissa Brown, and Vice-Principal David Elias. More than 50 students competed for prizes.

Preparing their projects in advance, each student contributor was required to follow a rigorous rubric and presentation guide, demonstrating learning through an originally designed experiment. The submitted research projects – including multiple variables, hypotheses, and conclusions – addressed such topics as the relationship between video games and player heart rates, the impact of electricity on a potato, and the connection between physics and PVC pipe length in generating and tuning musical notes.

PAA's Biology, Chemistry, and Physics teachers judged all entries alongside Rod Jamieson, the school's Vice-Principal. The science program at PAA, coordinated by Landon Saylor, Chelsea Lamming, and Michelle Reyes, is very strong. Students are encouraged to engage with concepts through hands-on learning and active scientific experimentation. Innovation and creativity combined with attention to ethics and detail, such as what was displayed in the 2014 Science Fair contestants, is a welcome addition to the classrooms of PAA.

The two first-place prizes were awarded to CWAA students Shawn Cliffe (Grade 7) and Isabel Dodds (Grade 8). Cliffe investigated radish seedling growth rates with moderated soil temperatures and Dodds' work was an involved study of the link between body language displays and personality.



First place winner, Shawn Cliffe (Grade 7) from CWAA.



Michelle Reyes judging



Ariana Villegas-Rojas (Grade 9)



First place winner, Isabel Dodds (Grade 8) from CWAA.

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Each project involved a logbook, a research paper, and an exhibit board highlighting procedures followed and conclusions found. Scoring higher than any other student or project, Cliffe and Dodds both received a Samsung Galaxy tablet courtesy of PAA.

Isabelle Ison (Grade 7), Cheyanne Romeo (Grade 8), and Claudette Banaag (Grade 9) were awarded iPod shuffles for Second Place, Honourable Mention,

and a creative tribute entitled the Ig Nobel Prize. Last year, PAA awarded significant scholarships to students for the highest scoring science projects.

Each of the judges commented on the quality of work, and the improvement in academic rigour over last year's submissions. Every presentation was enjoyed and the students did well in responding to the judges' questions.

PAA's Student Association provided lunch under the direction of PAA teachers Kathryn Egolf, Sharline Fernandez and Kristy Grovet.

The now annual event is targeted toward any student in Grades 7-9 attending an Adventist school in Alberta or any Adventist student who may be attending another school in Alberta. — Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz.

Chris Holland Accepts Position of Speaker/Director for It Is Written Canada

In January 2014, Elder Chris Holland accepted the position of Speaker/Director for It Is Written Canada. Elder Holland was previously Secretary-Treasurer of ASI, a North American Division role. He and his wife Debbie have served the church in a number of pastoral roles and as the coordinator for Elder Finley's Chicago evangelistic series. Mark Johnson, President SDACC, had this to say, "Chris is a man of prayer; a man of faith and a man of the Word who is passionate about sharing the message he loves. His genuine love for people comes across both in his interactions with the people around him and his preaching to evangelistic audiences. I am confident that in his new role as the Canadian It Is Written speaker, he will make a positive difference for the kingdom of God."



Chris Holland



Les Miller

Ponoka Church Home Bible Evangelism Training

On Sabbath, February 8, 2014 Les Miller presented a seminar at the Ponoka Adventist Church on Home Bible Evangelism Training. The seminar was developed around his recently published book, "I Was Saved in a Living Room." The seminar focused on: How to be an on fire Christian, How to find interests, and The psychology of giving Bible studies. Les is a lay worker from the Airdrie church and has made his services available to help church members become more knowledgeable about sharing their faith. — Submitted by David Beaudoin.

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Hanna Church Baptisms



Left to right: Adam Bially (Bible Worker), Sebastian Balderson, Nathaniel Balderson, Angela Balderson, Pastor Sandra Silva and Pastor Ralph Ellison in background.

On January 18, 2014 Angela, Nathaniel and Sebastien were baptized at the Hanna Adventist Church and joined the Drumheller Adventist Church Membership. Adam Bially (Bible Worker in Drumheller) followed up with the Balderson family after they went through Messiah's Mansion and indicated an interest in Bible studies. Adam later began sanctuary studies with them. Their deep interest in God and in health led them to attend the Full Plate Diet Healthy Eating Program that Adam presented in the local community centre. Angela, Nathaniel and Sebastien are already sharing their love for Jesus and the truth they have found in the scriptures with others.
— Submitted by Sandra Silva.

60th Wedding Anniversary in Medicine Hat

Lavern and Joyce Rose married March 20, 1954, in Medicine Hat, AB and moved to Brooks, AB, March 27, 1954. They have two children, Karen and Keith, and five grand-children. The Roses' are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in March 2014. Joyce is currently involved in the Women's Ministry and Head Deaconess of the Medicine Hat Seventh-day Adventist Church. She also enjoys volunteering at the Higher Ground Christian School in Medicine Hat. Lavern is a recently retired Deacon and was heavily involved with the church and school upkeep. The Medicine Hat Church is blessed by their many talents. May God continue to watch over you both and grant you many more years of wonderful life together!
— Submitted by Karen Rose.



Top photo: Lavern and Joyce Rose married March 20, 1954, in Medicine Hat, AB. Right photo: Lavern and Joyce Rose counting 60 years of blessed matrimony.

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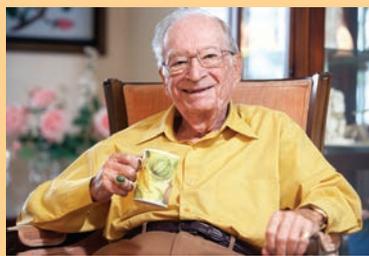
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Districtwide Christmas Program

There was 80 people in attendance for a districtwide Christmas program held at the Rocky Mountain House Church with Bentley and Blackfalds churches participating. The program included several special musical numbers, a nativity pageant with the children, and a sermon about the three Magi preached by Pastor Steve Reasor. — *Submitted by Steve Reasor.*

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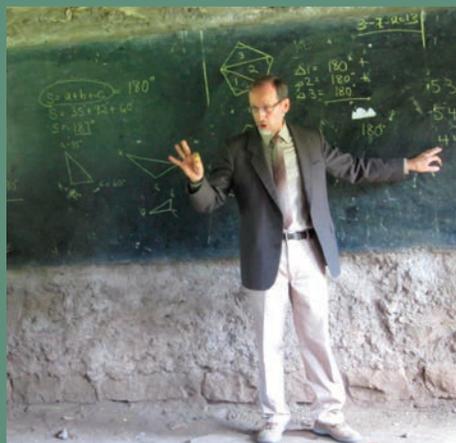
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Fort Saskatchewan Conducts Healthy Choices Seminar

On Sunday, January 12, 2014, 50 individuals (40 from the community) attended the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant Healthy Choices Wellness Workshop conducted by Dr. Darlene Blaney. Pastor Darrell & Lise Beaudoin are currently working in the Fort Saskatchewan area to plant a church. Pastor Beaudoin said in respond to the Healthy Choices Workshop, "We were blessed and relieved to have several diligent helpers from our local Edmonton area churches come and help. Thank you and praise the Lord for your willingness to help in the mission of the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant." Many of those who attended the Healthy Choices seminar expressed a desire to attend the next one and that they will spread the word to friends and family in the area. One couple even mentioned that they are interested in attending upcoming prophecy seminars. Please pray for the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant project and others throughout the Alberta Conference. Pastor Darrell & Lise Beaudoin can be reached at hopeandhealing@telus.net.

— Submitted by Darrell Beaudoin.



Top photo: Darlene Blaney presenting at the Healthy Choices Wellness Workshop. Bottom photo: Lise Beaudoin (right) with other dedicated helpers.

Lacombe Community Church

On February 5, 2014, sixteen members of the Lacombe Community Church accepted the challenge from the City of Lacombe to participate in the Lacombe Winter Walk Day. The 16 participants spent an average of 45 minutes outdoors that day. The City of Lacombe gave away a few small prizes to each participant.

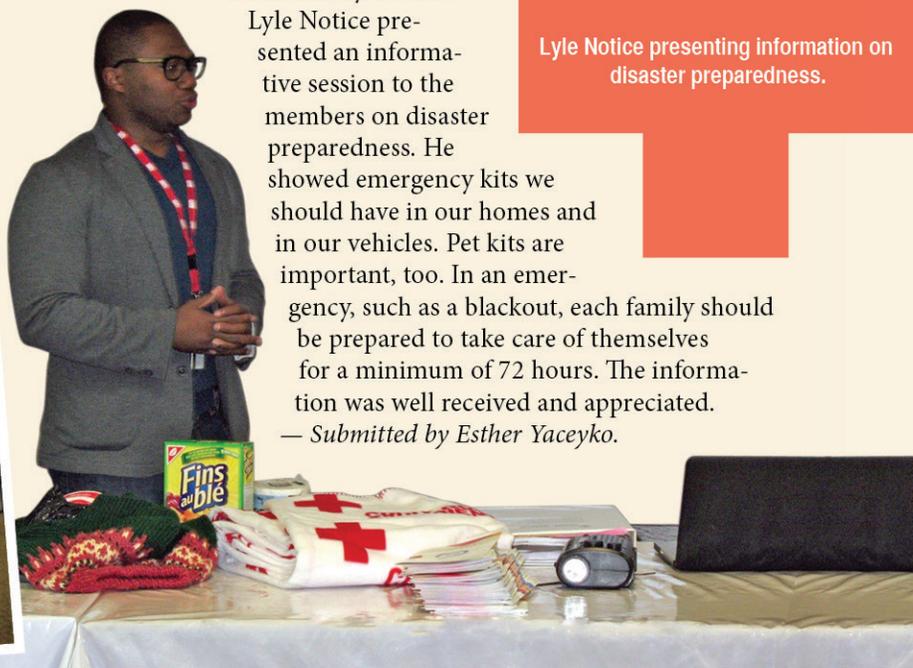


Participants in the Lacombe Winter Walk Day.

On February 9, 2014, Lyle Notice presented an informative session to the members on disaster preparedness. He showed emergency kits we should have in our homes and in our vehicles. Pet kits are important, too. In an emergency, such as a blackout, each family should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours. The information was well received and appreciated.

— Submitted by Esther Yaceyko.

Lyle Notice presenting information on disaster preparedness.





Pastor John Bradshaw speaking at the Evangel Pentecostal Church on Saturday January 18, 2014.

IMPACT 2015 Convocation Event

Approximately 2000 people attended the IMPACT 2015 convocation weekend held in Edmonton on January 17 - 19, 2014. On Friday evening, Pastor José Rojas, President of MOVEMENTUM, preached a dynamic message at the River Community Church. He ended his presentation with an appeal for people who are willing to be used by God in the upcoming IMPACT 2015 series to step forward. On Sabbath January 18, all Edmonton churches were closed and everyone was invited to hear Pastor John Bradshaw, It Is Written-USA, speak at the Evangel Pentecostal Church. Pastors Rojas and Bradshaw spoke again at 2:30 p.m. in a dialogue type format. On Sunday January 19, there was lay training from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Edmonton Central Church presented by John Bradshaw and Yves Monnier from It Is Written-USA, along with José Rojas and Karen Hamilton. The Alberta Conference Communication Department live streamed the Friday and Saturday

events that have received over 800 views already. The video of the events are available online at www.albertaadventist.ca/live. On March 8, 2014, Pastor Wesley Torres, Vice-President/Executive Secretary for the BC Conference, conducted an IMPACT 2015 Friendship Evangelism seminar that was held at the Edmonton South Church (also live streamed and available at www.albertaadventist.ca/live). IMPACT 2015 is moving forward with prayer, faith, and plans for multiple reaping events. The Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) has dreamed big. Two back-to-back evangelistic series will be presented in the spring of 2015. In March of 2015, Pastor Rojas will appeal to the secular mindset, the un-churched, and the teenage/young adult group. One month later, Pastor Bradshaw will conduct a more traditional crusade. For updated information about IMPACT 2015

events, please visit www.impact2015.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/impact2015.



A/V staff getting ready for the evening program.

Pastor Jose Rojas preaching at the River Community Church on Friday January 17, 2014.



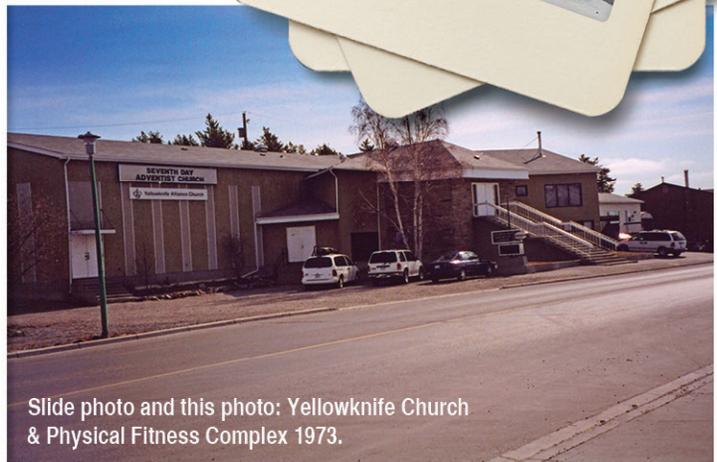
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Yellowknife Church Homecoming Weekend, 2014

The Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting all previous members, pastors, volunteers, as well as newcomers to a Homecoming in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on June 13-15, 2014. There will be opportunity to share memories of milestones from over the last 50 years as well as tour local landmarks, hike, picnic, and enjoy inspiring talks and music as we consider the church's past and future mission.

Why have a homecoming now? Two milestones are upon us. 50 years ago, on July 4, 1964, Pastor L. Astleford from the Montreal English Church and District baptized Mr. and Mrs. Otto Abel and their son, Alfred - a gold mining family in Yellowknife. Interest grew in Yellowknife as a mission field. Just over 40 years ago, in 1973 the Alberta Conference in concert with an organization now called Maranatha Volunteers International came to Yellowknife. The partners had a vision to more formally extend the Adventist mission in the Northwest Territories. Maranatha was becoming known as a group of volunteers who would fly their private planes to building projects around the globe. They flew and drove in to build a church-gym-apartment complex in an amazingly short period of time. Before and since that time many dedicated volunteers have contributed their resources and time to develop the Adventist perspective in the North. Many Alberta Conference personnel, Adventist business people and lay people have lived and worked in Yellowknife since 1964.

Yellowknife has grown into a modern Canadian city of 19,000 people. Our mission remains complex. Northerners are both self-reliant and relationship-oriented. Come and see the North for yourself; participate in our mission. For more information, please visit www.yellowknifesdachurchhomecoming.wikispaces.com. If you have pictures (on paper or digital), any stories you are willing to share with the planning committee, or questions in general, please contact Blake Wile at wile@theedge.ca, or call 867-669-8800. — Submitted by Blake Wile.



Slide photo and this photo: Yellowknife Church & Physical Fitness Complex 1973.



Yellowknife Church inside 2002.

Ryley Winter Festival

On January 31 - February 2, 2014, the Annual Ryley Winter Festival took place in Ryley, AB. Over 120 participants from AB, BC and the US gathered for an amazing weekend. The Ryley Winter Festival was started in 1991 by Pastor Roy Jamieson. Today it continues as a ministry of spiritual revival, friendship building and hockey.

This year Pastor John Murley, Senior Pastor of the Edmonton South Church, presented three powerful messages entitled, "When the Game is Over," "Keeping Score," and "Playing with Greatness." Sharing his own personal stories as a sports enthusiast, he challenged us to remember what is really most important in the "Game of Life." Also, thank you to Pastor Myles Gillespie and his "Impact Praise" team for the great worship music.

Nine games of hockey were played by young and old in

grace-filled fun rather than the usual competitive spirit. The games began on Saturday evening at the Mundare Arena and continued until Sunday morning. Adrien and Jennifer Larrivee and their children took care of everything from the ice to the concessions. Jennifer not only provided veggie burgers for us

but also offered homemade perogies, cabbage rolls, and borscht soup. Our heartfelt thanks to Adrien, Jennifer and family for treating us so well.

A total of six teams participated this year: The Roadrunners, led by Trevor McAfee; The "PAAK", led by Tyler Bell; The Mustangs, led by Steve Kozme-niuk; The Renegades, led by Jake Hofer; The Ole Sea Dogs, led by Bruce Booth and the home team, Hwy 14 Crusaders, led by Kent Grinde. The Annual Pastor Roy Jamieson Sportsmanship trophy was selected by our head referee, Larry Suchy, to go to the Renegades (their first year attending the event). Congratulations for exemplifying outstanding sportsmanship.

Mark your calendars for the 25th Ryley Winter Festival next year, January 30 - February 1, 2015.

— Submitted by Kent Grinde



Pastor John Murley (left) receiving a new hockey jersey.



The Ole Sea Dogs.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth...” (Luke 15:7). If all of heaven rejoices for only one person that gives his or her life to Christ, I can only imagine heaven’s joy for nine people! On January 4, 2014, members from three different Edmonton congregations—Millwoods, African Fellowship, and North—gathered together for a joint baptism that took place at Edmonton Central Church. Themba Bhebhe, Jean-Adony Droicin,

Jennifer Marcia Edwards, Mark Taruona, and brothers Tion and Timothy Thompson gave their lives to Christ for the first time, and Gabriel Changamire, Gilbert Marungu, and Chido Ndiraya recommitted their lives to Christ: all very different people, but all with a common life goal. Pastor Dario St. Louis and Pastor Ian Bramble had the privilege of baptizing these individuals, some of whom Pastor Simba Charumbira had studied the Bible with. Witnessing the nine baptismal can-

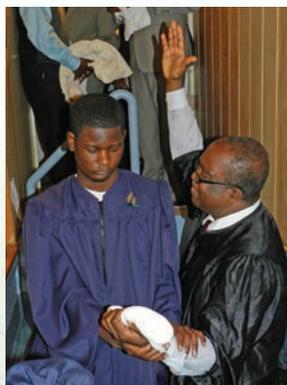
didates publicly declaring their commitment to God gave everyone present the opportunity to share in a piece of heaven’s joy. Nine people, three churches, two pastors—but “One Lord, one faith, one baptism”(Ephesians 4:5). These people were some of the first fruits for these congregations as a result of initiatives towards Impact 2015, the evangelistic effort planned for the Edmonton area.
— Submitted by Courtney Lucas, Communications Leader (Edmonton North).



Pastors Dario St. Louis (left) and Ian Bramble (right).



Thompson brothers: Timothy (left) and Tion (right).



Pastor Dario St. Louis baptizing Jean-Adony Droicin.



Front row (left to right): Pastor Ian Bramble, Mark Taruona, Timothy Thompson, Themba Bhebhe, Tion Thompson, Jean-Adony Droicin. Second row (left to right): Gilbert Marungu, Jennifer Marcia Edwards, Gabriel Changamire, Chido Ndiraya, Pastor Dario St. Louis.



Pablo Montes declared his intention to follow Jesus through baptism on October 12, 2013 at the College Heights Church. Pastor Massiel Davila counted it an honour to participate in this special event with Pablo. May God bless you, Pablo, as you continue to use your talents to share Jesus’ love with others.

College Heights Church

Anthony Deibert was baptized on November 9, 2013, by his father, Adam Deibert.



Calgary M.E.T.R.O. Filipino Church

A Christian writer wrote: “Beginnings are very important. In fact, the place of origin has much to do with the quality of journey as well as the final destination.” The Calgary M.E.T.R.O. Filipino Church journey began just like any other in the heart and mind of God. Through the years, we have proven that He acts in accordance to HIS will. M.E.T.R.O.’s story is short, yet filled with accomplishments occurring at a pace that can only be attributed to God and the people He gathered to serve together in this young church. In 2004, we have started as a company with 20 members, now a church; we’re blessed to have over 100 members. Our yearly Evangelistic effort played a central role. M.E.T.R.O.’s growth is in a name itself: “Ministry Enhanced Through Reaching Out.” “Christ Himself set an example of

true service. His whole life on earth was spent in ministering to others.” We would like to imitate that through our friendship evangelism, visitation, Bible studies, volunteer work, and everything else that we do. It’s such a blessing to work together with Pr. Daquila and Pr. Garsula. Last year, with the blessing of God through the Alberta Conference, our request for a Pastor was granted. God has given us a Shepherd after His own heart in Pastor Isachar Garsula with wife Carol. In his September 2013 Evangelistic meeting, Pastor Garsula baptized 11 individuals. “Not unto us Oh, LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy Truth’s sake.” –Psalm 115: 1
 — Submitted by Cherry Farro, Calgary M.E.T.R.O. Filipino Church Communication Department.



Newly baptized: (L to R) Sue Hurdman, AJ Campos, Jergens Campos.



Bonnyville Church with a full sanctuary.

Church Growth in Lloydminster and Bonnyville

The Lloydminster and Bonnyville churches are excited about an influx of immigrants to both congregations. In fact, the growth in attendance in Bonnyville has presented a challenge; the need for a new church building. On some Sabbaths there is not enough seating for everyone. On the other hand, after years of struggling to maintain a viable congregation in Lloydminster, there is now a regular attendance that fills approximately 80% of the sanctuary capacity. At the Lloydminster Church on December 14, 2013, there were three baptisms and one membership transfer from Hong Kong. — Submitted by Bob Pohle.



Pastor Isachar Garsula in his final day of “BY HIS WORDS” Evangelistic Meeting.



Keith & Ngaire Clouten's Planned Giving Investment: Boomerang Tours comes back with 350% Return

Sometimes God blesses in ways that make you feel like you're just the custodian. That's how Keith and Ngaire Clouten felt about the "contingency fund" they never had to use in the 25 years that they headed Boomerang Tours—low-cost excursions for Adventist friends and acquaintances that took them to more than 30 countries.

Because the Cloutens felt God's hand had shielded them and everyone throughout the trips they led,

they decided to put the contingencies money to work for causes they believed in, including a gift to the Alberta Conference (see "What's it Mean to You?" on page 18).

By purchasing and donating a life insurance policy with a fixed amount payout to the Alberta Conference (using payments from a charitable gift annuity to pay the annual insurance premium), the Cloutens were able to multiply their contingencies fund money—their initial investment—three and a half times. At the same time, they receive an annual charitable tax receipt for the annual insurance premium paid by their annuity, which reduces their taxes and increases their refund.

With more than three times the money available for good, the Cloutens began to dream of helping more than one charity—which they were able to do. When the Alberta Conference, which is the named beneficiary of the

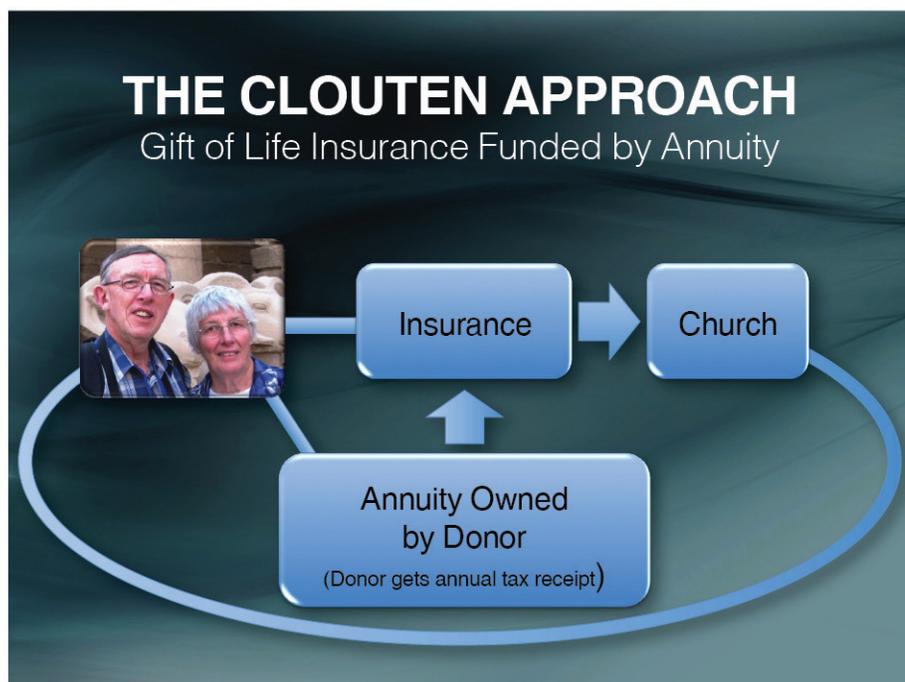
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policy, receives money from the insurance company, the Conference will distribute the funds according to the agreement made between the Conference and the Cloutens to a variety of charities, including the Conference.

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In memory



Marie (Mary) (nee Tym) Letniak was born October 8, 1917 near Beauvallon, Alberta and died on December 23, 2013 in Lacombe, AB. Marie's faith was basic to her life. She loved the Lord, and that love showed in her service to others.

Mabel (Schafer) Steinke

was born at home near Woodbend, Alberta on March 11, 1924 and died in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on December 29, 2013 with her husband, Sam, by her side. Mabel had a kind and gentle spirit. She lived by the words of the song, "It Takes a Lot of Love." Mabel supported CUC and It Is Written by crocheting tops on kitchen towels and selling them. She is resting in the Millet Cemetery awaiting the coming of Jesus.



Alberta Adventist News (AAN) Archive: For your reading enjoyment, we've archived 75 editions of the Alberta Adventist News (AAN) from 1986-2014. They can be viewed on the Alberta Conference website at <http://albertaadventist.ca/aan>.

Yellowknife Coach Tour: Don't miss your opportunity to visit Yellowknife during a 7-day coach tour, June 11-17, 2014 to coincide with the Yellowknife Adventist Church anniversary and homecoming celebrations. Based on 40 participants, your cost of \$670 per person will cover coach transportation, 6 nights in comfortable hotels, 2 meals daily, and 3 days in Yellowknife for visits to area sights and participation in weekend events planned by the Yellowknife Church. Tour is sponsored by SAGE Alberta. Deposit

required of \$100 per person, and balance of payment by May 5 – fully refundable if the tour is canceled for any reason. To book and receive a tour brochure, please contact Darlene Reimche at (403) 342-5044, ext. 206.

Foothills Summer Camp Now Accepting Registrations: You should register soon for 2014 summer camps because some of the activities are filling up fast. Encourage anyone who is camp age (ages 6-17) to register at www.foothillscamp.org.

Missing Members: The Wetaskiwin Church is missing the following members: Darlene Holt, Pamela Kelly and Henrietta Roos. If you have any information, please contact Judy Schafer by email at schafer.judyfaye@gmail.com.

Calling All Social Media Users: The Alberta Conference needs your help to connect with more people through social media by "liking" our Facebook page ABAdventist and following our Twitter feed @AlbertaSDAConf. We currently have 566 Twitter followers and 253 Facebook "likes." The goal is to get 1000 followers on Facebook and Twitter by next year. The more people we can connect with through social media the greater the reach. Thanks for helping us be more social.

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The North Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church is relocating. Starting March 1, 2014 worship services will be taking place at the Emmaus Lutheran Church (5015 - 144 Ave., Edmonton). It is our hope that this newer facility will better meet the need of our growing church family.

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