

# Alberta Adventist News

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## God Values Children



There is an old adage that says, “Children should be seen but not heard.” Perhaps it was used to control unruly and undisciplined children, but from a Biblical perspective such a rule is unfounded and unscriptural – in fact it’s devaluing. Over and over again Scripture applauds children who are both seen and heard. Children, and older young people, rightly instructed, contribute enormously to God’s work in sharing His message of love and salvation with a sin-filled world.

Three of the gospel writers ascribe the value Jesus placed on children. “Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them and said, ...unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest... and whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me...” (Mt. 18:1-6). Evidently children and older young people have a way of getting the message across that sometimes adults, for various reasons cannot.

Take the child Samuel for example. Re-read 1 Samuel 3 and let the imagery catch your imagination. First of all, “the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation” (v.1). To a large degree, the injunction in Deuteronomy 6 was forgotten. Sin and injustice, crime and immorality apparently had numbed the consciousness of even the religious leaders to the point God could not penetrate their hardened minds.

Secondly, although Samuel’s age is not scripturally recorded, he evidently was still very young. Ellen White refers to him as the “child Samuel.” Certainly he was young enough to not yet understand how God could manifest His presence. Scripture says, “Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.”(v.7).

Thirdly, even as a child Samuel had the ability to respond to God’s call. But it must be noted, that response came with coaching. Eli, recognizing that God must be calling Samuel, instructed him in how to make an appropriate response.

Finally, as Samuel responded, probably with great apprehension, the Lord gave him a huge message and a mission – a message that would strike fear into even the most courageous of men. Consider the stern words, “I will do something at which both ears of everyone who hears will tingle” (v.11), “I will judge his (Eli’s) house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because of his sons...and he did not restrain them” (v.13), and again, “the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned...” (v.14). Can a little boy – a child, bear up under such responsibility? Evidently - at least if that’s God’s instruction!

What does this tell us?

1. We must not devalue children. They are as precious in the eyes of God as any other human being. Treat them with the utmost dignity, make friends with them, enter into their interests, and win their confidence.
2. Children may not fully comprehend all doctrinal matters as adults might, but that doesn’t mean they can’t grasp the basics of God’s love for them and others.
3. Children can and do respond to the call of God. Granted, there is a huge benefit in godly coaching, and that’s the responsibility of parents, church and school.
4. God has, can and may continue to ask children to conduct tasks for Him well beyond what we might think appropriate – tasks that many of us, with our human pride and sophistication would cause us to shudder.

Children should be seen, and when God gives them a message they need to be heard. The question is, “are we listening?”

*Kenneth J. Wiebe, President*

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## 2011 Pastoral Assignments



Sandra Silva was working in a managerial position in banking when God called her to Amazing Facts College of Evangelism and to a more fulfilling lifestyle. While there she served as Bible worker, prayer coordinator, and lecturer on family life, evangelism training, and health seminars. She brings to the Alberta Conference a wealth of knowledge in diverse areas and speaks fluently in

English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese and immensely enjoys working with individuals of differing cultures and backgrounds.

She is a graduate of Andrews University with a Master of Divinity and is currently serving as an assistant pastor of the College Heights Church in Lacombe.

We are happy to have such a dynamic young person with a vision of the mission of the Church to join us in growing God's Kingdom here in the Alberta Conference. It is an honour and privilege to have you as part of our team, Sandra. Welcome to Alberta!



*Pastor Tyler Rosengren came back in January 2011 to the Alberta Conference after completing two years of studies at Andrews University where he completed his Master of Divinity degree. Before he went away to school, he served as youth pastor at Edmonton Central. His new assignment is the Peace River and Fairview District. We are*



*confident that Tyler and his family will be a blessing to the communities in the Peace River District. Welcome back! Pastor Tyler, Catherine, and Isaiah.*



## Newest Office Employee



The Treasury Department is pleased that Becky Masson has accepted the position of Local Church Auditor / Church School Accountant. It is our policy to audit each church at least each or every other year. As Church School Accountant she assists the bookkeepers in the local schools and does all the government reporting to the Department of Education for Government funding.

Becky obtained her degree from Walla Walla University in 2009 and put her accounting skills to use since in a Calgary office. We have enjoyed the short time she has been with the Alberta Conference thus far and appreciate the contribution she will make to the Treasury Department. Welcome, Becky!

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## Conference Administrative Committee Updates

January - February, 2011

- Deborah Bissondett was hired as a replacement teacher for Chinook Winds Adventist Academy to replace a teacher on maternity leave.

- The following individuals were approved to attend the Kids University Training Course in Las Vegas, NV, January 14-16, 2011:

Shelley Hulin	June Fiorito	Steven Gabrys
Klaus Irrgang	Brian Leavitt	Pattie Reasor
Mildred Weiss	Isaac Zayachkowski	

- Elder Dragan Stojanovic, VP for Administration at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada was invited to present a workshop on "Principles of Sacred Music" at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary.

- The request from Bruce Boyd and Charles Brown to conduct a Conflict Resolution Team Training seminar in our conference April 9-10, 2011, was approved.

- Pastor Michael Corbel was assigned to the Onoway / Westlock District effective March 1, 2011.

- Retired Pastor Dennis Braun was hired on 3/4 time to be the interim pastor for the Boyle, Lac La Biche, and Smoky Lake District.

- Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool (PACes) mission trip to Alaska in June 2011 was approved.

- A service request was approved to invite Pastor Dave Miller of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference to speak at a youth rally in the Leduc SDA Church May 13-14, 2011.

- The theme for the 2011 Alberta Camp Meeting is "Re-verse Us Again" using the Kid (Kids in Discipleship) program to help fulfill the training aspect for parents, teachers, and church families by helping parents conduct meaningful family worships, provid-

ing opportunities for our children to give their hearts to Jesus, and many practical "tools" to help build families in discipleship (see centre fold in this issue).

- Elder Don Corkum, Retired Conference President, who lives in Calgary, was invited to serve as the Church Planting Coordinator in the Alberta Conference for 2011.

- Virgil Covell, Pastor of the Medicine Hat SDA Church, was invited to be the Alberta Conference 2011 Revival and Reformation Ministries Coordinator (including Prayer Ministries) by giving leadership and be a resource person in Alberta for all churches who will be encouraged to emphasize revival, reformation, and evangelism in local churches.

- The town of Elk Point and surrounding area was assigned to the Lloydminster / Bonnyville District under the pastoral leadership of Robert Pohle.

- Pastor Myles Gillespie, Youth Pastor in the Red Deer SDA Church, has been asked to provide 1/4 time pastoral coverage for Rocky Mountain House effective March 1, 2011.

- A service request was approved to invite Pastor Jim Gaull from the British Columbia Conference to be the Earliteen guest speaker at the 2011 Foothills Camp Meeting.

- Travel approval was given to the following educators to attend the SDACC Education Council in Oshawa, February 28-March 6, 2011:

Janet Griffith	Janet Hall	Murray McLeod
LeeAnn Leming	Shelley Hulin	Shad Lehmann
Isaac Zayachkowski		

- A service call was extended to Pastor Rowel Puedivan, currently a pastor in the Wisconsin Conference, to serve as the Alberta Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director.

*and we say good bye . . .*

Samuel and Angela Millen joined the Alberta Conference in 2007 after serving as chaplain at Kingsway College in the Ontario Conference. His years of service with the Alberta Conference are highly appreciated. During his tenure as assistant pastor at the Edmonton South Church and chaplain at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary, he has demonstrated moral and spiritual qualities that have been a hallmark of his personality.

Sam, Angela and young Isabella, will be missed in our conference. We appreciate and thank him for his commitment and dedication in service to God and the Alberta Conference. Conference administration and staff wishes them all the best as Sam takes up his new assignment as associate pastor of Wichita South, Kansas, in the Nebraska Conference.





# Calgary Southside



## *"Our Hope is in This Child" Christmas Program*

On Dec 18, 2010, Calgary Southside presented a musical program entitled "Our Hope is in This Child." This program was intended for witnessing to our non-Adventist friends and guests about the birth of Jesus through songs. Our choir conductor, Robert Dunn, with the support of his parents, Pastor Ed and Cheryl Dunn, helped us perform our best for the glory of our Master. A fellowship lunch was held after the program.

## *Active Youth Get Involved in the City*

For the past several months Calgary Southside youth have been actively volunteering in the city of Calgary making sandwiches for Inn From the Cold, setting up lights along Bow River, setting up tents for army barracks, walking for cancer cure, and wrapping gifts for shoppers in Sunridge Mall who made a donation to Calgary Family Services. The money raised was used to help make the Nurture Yourself Empowerment Seminar available free of charge to more people in Calgary. Volunteers were Angelique Musabyimana, Branzh Rival, Dawn Duran,

Debbe Sermonia, Eregee Loriezo, Lyre Orcajada, Novee Shanee Orcajada, Nyamal Puok, and Aries Quinn Orcajada.



*Sally del Socorro*

# Drayton Valley Fellowship

From Bible studies and Sabbath worship in an Adventist couple's Drayton Valley home in January 2009, God has led to the formation of a faithful Seventh-day Adventist group worshipping every Sabbath and meeting for Bible study and prayer each Wednesday evening. One family came to the home group in May 2009 through viewing Amazing Facts, while a young Adventist teacher employed September 2009 in Drayton Valley was put in contact with the little group. Another couple decided for baptism following evangelistic meetings held in Drayton Valley in the spring of 2010 by the Warburg SDA Church. The group has continued growing to 22 Adventist adults and children, as well as three non-Adventist adults, including one

young couple who are seeking pre-marital counseling through the Adventist Church and looking to be baptized.

The Drayton Valley group has been renting a local facility each Sabbath since May 2010, continuing Wednesday meetings in the home, and sharing their love of the Lord and His Word with family, friends, and others in their community. This group is excitedly looking to form an official company and planning outreach activities, praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to move in the Drayton Valley area, leading others to Christ. Please pray for the work the Lord is doing in this area and for the opening of hearts.

*Derald Kisser*

*Alberta Camp Meeting @ Foothills Camp  
July 8 - 16, 2011*

# Calgary Garden Road

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" Psalms 92:1(KJV)*

The Garden Road Church began the New Year Sabbath with high praises with the baptism of Shaine Stephenson on January 1, 2011. Shaine wanted to keep his baptism as a surprise. No one in the congregation (including his family) knew who the person being baptized would be until he entered the baptistry. Congratulations to Shaine who decided to re-commit his life to the Lord. May God's countenance always be upon you.



Shaine Stephenson

On January 22, 2011, the church celebrated the baptism of Aping Ajang. Aping went through trials and tribulations as her husband became sick after a return trip from the Sudan in December 2010. Her husband was admitted to the hospital, and passed away not long afterwards in the latter part of December. Elder Kuey Nhail from the Sudanese Congregation and the Garden Road Church supported the family during this difficult time. Because of this support, Aping wanted to know more about God and requested Bible study from Elder Kuey and Pastor Ali.



Aping Ajang

The Garden Road SDA Church Family is happy to welcome both Shaine and Aping into membership.

May Lynn Lee



Advertisement for upcoming evangelistic series conducted by Bill Santos of It Is Written

## Your Last Will and Testament

*Do you have a Last Will and Testament in place? It is recommended that we should review our estate documents approximately every five years to ensure that our intentions are accurately stated. If you have a recent Will that requires updating, or if you do not have a Will at the present time, I would be happy to assist you to create a Will. Exercise your "free will" and have your Will prepared now. If you have minor children, a Will is the only legal document recognized by the Alberta Government in which guardianship can be established. The Alberta Conference will reimburse church members for the cost of a basic Will as follows:*

*Single Will - \$150*

*Spousal Will - \$225*

*Your personal appointment can be held at your home or at the church, if you prefer. If I can be of assistance in the preparation of your Will, or if you have questions regarding the tax advantage of charitable gifting through your Will, please contact Frances Chant, Director of Planned Giving & Trust Services at the following:*

*Office: 403-342-5044 x233*

*Cell: 403-550-7259*



# Edmonton South

## Kingdom Seekers Pathfinder Club

As a special annual event, Kingdom Seekers Pathfinder Club celebrated new pathfinders joining their club. This event is called our Induction Service, which we had on January 15, 2011. The pathfinders lit candles which all have special meaning to them, and the new pathfinders pledged to follow the Pathfinder Law and Pledge and have their "lights" shine for Jesus.

This year, we have seven new pathfinders join: Jerel Bobb, Mathew Prangle, Megan Prangle, Tiffany Thompson, Timothy Thompson, Christelle Mwiza, and Yvonne Tumukunde.

We would like to thank the church family and the Edmonton North Kilimanjaro Pathfinder Club who came out to support our new pathfinders.

*Bev Prangle*



Kingdom Seekers Pathfinder Club

### Master Guides (l-r)

Danny and Michelle Northam,

Mark & Bev Prangle



### Sabbath Service

What a blessing it was for us at the Edmonton South Church to have our Kingdom Seekers Pathfinder Club host our Sabbath service on February 12. All our Pathfinders stood up and lead the song service with Shayla Francis doing the readings. Christelle Mwiza did a wonderful job playing the alto recorder during special music for us. The children's story was told by Christine Prangle and Yvonne Tumukunde and then they handed out special gifts to the children for Valentine's Day. Matthew and Megan Prangle shared with us some of their experiences in pathfinders

and how they look forward to going on camping trips and growing closer to God.

Two of our pathfinders did a wonderful job preaching their sermonettes – "Seeking God's Kingdom" by Klavs Cerneviskis and "God's Love" by Tiffany Thompson. It is such a blessing to see how involved and willing our pathfinders are. I am proud to say it was a job well done!

To close the service a Master Guide Investiture was held. The Alberta Conference Youth Director, Derek Richter, came as our special guest to help Carol Neptune with the Investiture. Beverly Prangle, the Director of the Kingdom Seekers Pathfinder Club, along with her husband, Mark Prangle (Asst. Director), Danny Northam (Pathfinder Leader) and Michelle Northam (Heart and Hands Adventurer Club Leader) were all invested as Master Guides. How wonderful it is to see these leaders be so committed to helping our children and youth become strong and loving Christians! Congratulations!

### Our Family is Growing!

It has been a very blessed year at Edmonton South Church. We have received 13 new members to our church family through baptism, rebaptism, and profession of faith. They are:

#### Baptism

Ming Heilesen  
Emanoil Jorza  
Erin Magee  
Tatiana Masalytina  
Ken Smith  
Michael Yaceyko  
Tracy Yaceyko

#### Profession of Faith

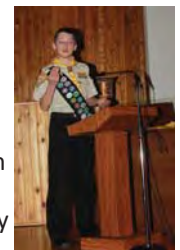
Esther Mudasebany  
Etienne Mugisha  
Ellen Mwiza  
Odette Uwamahoro

#### Rebaptism

Shem Nyambego  
Rose Ogoti



(l-r) Joe & Cindy Yaceyko, Lena & Alex Yaceyko, Mike & Tracy Yaceyko and son Austin, Pastor John Murley



Klavs preaching

Cristelle playing her recorder



Bev Prangle

Tanya Davis



Erin Magee & family

## Edmonton South continued ...

### Remembrance Day Tribute

November 6, 2010, was the Sabbath that Edmonton South held a Remembrance Day Tribute. Joining us for our service were: Comrade Dave Bashan, Area B Commander of District 2, Alberta/Northwest Territories Command, Royal Canadian Legion; Lieutenant Navy Sheila Firth-Wurland, Land Force Western Area Chaplain Coordinator; Ms. Linda Duncan, MP, Edmonton-Strathcona; Mr. Hugh MacDonald, MLA, Edmonton-Goldbar; Mr. Zephan Knichel, Piper, Alberta Caledonia Pipe Band.

The sound of a lone bagpipe filled the sanctuary as those in uniform filled their seats. The Canadian flag was held up high by one of our Kingdom Seekers Edmonton South Pathfinder, Shayla Francis; the congregation sang "O Canada." This was the day for us to remember those who gave their lives for us in battle and those who have served or are serving currently.

The most touching part of the service was when Mercy Yeboah-Ampadu shared a Scripture verse with us. Before she read it, she shared with us that she had just recently served overseas in Afghanistan. Most touching of all was when she told us of telling her comrades to make sure her boys and husband knew that she loved them if something should happen to her. Praise the Lord that she has returned to us!

This is a goal we aim to reach: to remember the lives that strive(d) to keep Canada a free country. Thank you to Pastor Ian for his touching sermon which then led our focus to a baptism.

### Music, an Inspiration of Faith

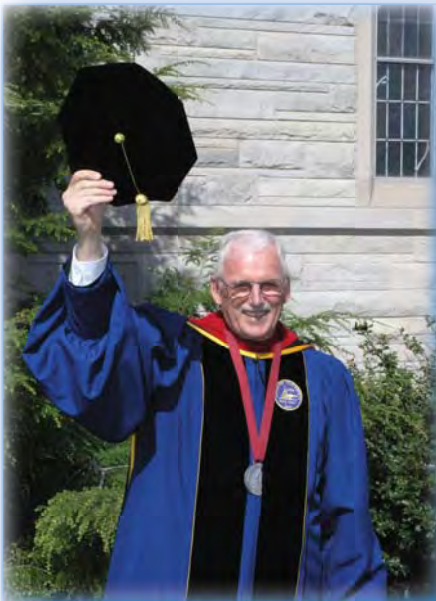
A music recital was recently held at the Edmonton South. Davina James, a student at CUC and a fellow student, Josias Sanchez, performed for us an "Evensong Recital." Davina shared with us her calling to play music for her Lord Jesus. It was very obvious in her playing that she was indeed playing her songs with the passion she has for her Saviour, and I hope she continues to share this with other congregations! The selections by Josias Sanchez were such a blessing. His tone on the violin was rich and full, praising God note by note. Truly this young man loves his Saviour as it is carried through into his music! If either of these two young musicians comes to your church, please welcome them and bring many friends and family as their music is an inspiration of faith.

### Camel Lot

"Have we got a camel for you? Yes, we've got a camel for you. We got 'em old or new, one hump or two. Yes, we've got a camel for you." "Camel Lot" was the title of the Christmas performance our kids' choir at Edmonton South put on December 11! "Beth," played by Gabriel Funk, falls asleep after talking to her dad (played by Jaise Northam) who is a car sales man that cannot make it to her Christmas concert because it is a busy time at the lot. In her dream her dad is a camel salesman who is too busy selling camels to go see the newborn King, baby Jesus. The characters encouraged him by singing, "Don't miss the Manger, go see the Baby..." He eventually learns his lesson in the dream and Beth wakes to discover that her dad has actually shut down the car lot early to come see her show! The children really put their hearts into learning and performing for us, and the end result was a job well done! We are so proud of all of you for doing so well and for just being you! Thank you for keeping us smiling and laughing. I even found myself singing along (the songs were easy to catch on to and had great melodies!) A big thank you also to Shelley Smith, Charlene Hymanyk, Pastor Ian Bramble, and all the parents and church members who helped make this production possible! Please keep the performances coming!

Tanya Davis

### Donald W. Corkum (MDiv '70, DMin '10)



Donald W. Corkum was born in Nova Scotia. After graduating from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., in 1965, he attended Andrews University to pursue theology through graduate studies. Corkum completed a Master of Divinity in 1970 and a Doctor of Ministry in 2010!

From 1966-1996, he served as a pastor, evangelist, and departmental director for two conferences in Canada. Throughout this 30-year span, he spent nine as the president of the Alberta Conference. When he went to the United States in 1996, Corkum served as the president of the Wisconsin Conference until retiring in April 2010.

Corkum has been actively involved in evangelism and has participated in mission trips to Peru and the Dominican Republic. He has also traveled several times to Israel to enrich the ministry there as well as helped to train pastors in the Ukraine following the evangelism explosion of the early 90s. Besides serving the church throughout these ministries, he has also led in fundraising for many capital projects and has written articles for Conference and Union communication magazines.

"Andrews University has greatly enriched my life both times I have pursued degrees there," says Corkum. "First, the training that was a springboard to my ministry with my MDiv, and the capstone to my ministry with a DMin near retirement. My life has been blessed by these two experiences."

We feel so blessed to have Don and Phyllis back "home" to Alberta to retire. They live in Calgary, and they have three children, Sheri, Rhonda, and Brian and four grandchildren.



# KID

## KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Young people dream dreams too. *"...when she told them she trusted Jesus with her life, they were captivated by what she said".* ( Inside Out, Don MacLafferty)

Interestingly enough these words echo a quote that is found in Testimonies IV p.70 *"Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children."*

In October 2010 the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and the Alberta Conference sponsored four school teams to attend the KIDS School training session, at Camp Hope. Teams of teachers, principals, parents and pastors numbering almost a 100 worked together shoulder to shoulder learning purposeful strategies in helping students experience a personal walk with Jesus.

*"By the age of twenty 50+% of our young people are leaving our church." - G. Barna*

A team of nine from College Heights Church made the journey to Las Vegas, Nevada on January 14 -16, 2011 to a KID University training session, hosted by Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church who graciously provided their gift of hospitality to forty three people who attended the weekend training. We met with seven other churches, six from the Utah-Nevada Conference and a church from BC Conference with the same objective in mind, to learn how to bring kids to Jesus.

*"What could we want more than a Bible-based ministry that brings our children along the side of the Master? I believe that what we see here is an opportunity for our children to grow spiritually and develop a real relationship with Jesus." - s.hulin*

Each team that attended the two training sessions had an opportunity to create their own local action plans of how they would begin their ministry in

discipling young people for Jesus. The goal for the home, church and school would be to design, intentionally plan and assist in nurturing the children in their spiritual walk with Jesus.

As I observed those that were in attendance, their level of attentive interaction was indeed refreshing. There was a fervor in the room that I have rarely experienced! It did visibly appear that the Holy Spirit was right in our midst.

Are we, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and mentors, ready to take our children deeper in the word of God? Are we ready to ask them to make a decision to follow Jesus? We believe the answer is YES!

*"...These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates." Deut. 6:4-9 (NIV)*





What dreams does our mighty God have for HIS children? Yes, that includes you, your boys, your girls, your parents and their parents! It includes everyone of us, for we are all children of the King.

*"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."* Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV) God wants to see our family

together in that glorious day when He returns. ALL, together. The word discipling and being a disciple is powerful when used in the context of working with Jesus to save His children.

"Kids in Discipleship will help Alberta churches and schools to build up the families in discipleship. Together developing strong generations following the footprints of Jesus, showing his love in acts of kindness and care, spreading the gospel" - m.weiss

Many questions arise when we begin talking about discipling children. Questions such as: How do churches and schools disciple children? How do churches equip parents to disciple their own children? How do churches and schools implement a Kids In Discipleship ministry? Psalms 78: 3,4 says it well "... What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us - we will not hide them from our children, we will tell the next generation the praise worthy deeds of the Lord; His power, and the wonders he has done."

*"Psychologists have told us that from the ages of 0 to 13 is when the children are most open to our influence in helping them develop their core values which include a desire to follow Jesus. "*

*- G. Barna*

#### **What will this ministry do for you?**

- The Alberta Kids In Discipleship team will help church and school leaders in deepening their own spiritual journey.
- They will help equip the teachers, parents and members with practical methods to disciple children to Jesus.
- They will provide support through deeper partnerships between the home, school and the church.

What if all these dreams that the Lord has for us became a reality? The dreams the Lord has for us... that we would prosper.

What if every parent, every teacher, every pastor and every child work together and went deeper with Jesus? We would suggest, *"He desires to see gathered out from the homes of our people a large company of youth who, because of the Godly influences of their homes, have surrendered their hearts to Him, and go forth to give Him the highest service of their lives."* (CT 131 - EGW) An army of youth rightly trained.

Learn more about how you and your church can help your child(ren) become better acquainted with God. Call Pattie Reasor at (403)782-6598.

Submitted by: Isaac Zayachkowski



# Ryley



Meet Gertie Wecker . . . a Modern Dorcas



Gertrude Wecker is 80 years old and a hard worker. She makes quilts for ADRA.

Someone from the Ryley Church went to the Ukraine and visited a 75-bed orphanage--there were 75 children with no bedding on their beds! He came back and talked to Gertie about their need--not a problem for Gertie--she made 75 quilts and he took them to Muldova for the orphanage!

When asked recently how many quilts she has made for ADRA in the past seven years, she replied, "Just 1800." She usually makes 200 a year but this year she only made 100 as her arm is weak with arthritis. Many of her quilts go to the Edmonton shelters as well.

Congratulations, Gertrude, your labour of love is outstanding! You truly are a modern Dorcas!

## What is IMVO?

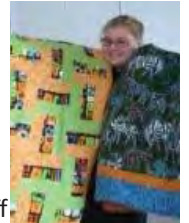
"It's My Very Own" is a project started in the US by Barbara Neher to give a gift of love to a child in difficult circumstances. This gift is a duffle bag given out by local children's services when a child must be removed from his home and placed in care. The duffle bag is stuffed with personal care items, a toy or two, a large stuffed toy, and a new homemade quilt.

Although we are a very small church in Ryley we love children and saw a way to brighten the lives of children taken into care. We submitted a budget to ADRA and were blessed with a generous start-up donation. Off we went, on an adventure of Godly proportions. The communities surrounding us have eagerly supported our cause and the blessings of generosity have continually amazed us.

If you are looking for a way to serve others in your community contact It's My Very Own.org and for a small donation you will receive a manual with everything you need to begin your own chapter of IMVO and your own adventure with God.

Our project is only one year old and we now have duffle bags available in all the major offices of Region 5 – South Central Alberta. We have modified the brochure to make it more locally acceptable and would be happy to assist you in beginning your endeavor. Wouldn't it be great to have duffle bags available in every Children's Services office in Alberta??

Please contact Jewel Lien @ 780-663-2135 / me\_jewel@hotmail.com or Nancy Clubb @ 780-662-2916 / s\_nclubb@telusplanet.net if you are interested.



# Coralwood Adventist Academy

## Operation Christmas Child

Coralwood staff and students participated in Operation Christmas Child again this year and donated 99 boxes filled with Christmas joy and cheer. Grades 2-4 enjoyed forming an assembly line from the classroom to the waiting vehicle to take the boxes to the designated drop off spot. Students at Coralwood know how it is to "give unto the least of these my brother. . .ye had done it unto Me."



Rayette Hetland, Teacher



# Peers Company

## Peers Company Hosts Community Movie Night

On February 20, the Peers Company hosted a viewing of the documentary: "SIMPLY RAW: Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days."

This fascinating, independent film follows the remarkable journeys of six diabetics (Type 1 and 2) for 30 days as they take the "Raw Challenge" to reverse their disease naturally without prescription drugs by eating only organic, vegan, uncooked, 'raw foods' despite the American Medical Association's claim that "Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure." Their physiological and emotional transformations are featured in the movie.

One member of the Peers Company went on this Raw Food program and in less than two weeks he was off all his medication including insulin. This was remarkable since this person had been a diabetic for over thirty years. Because of this wonderful result, the group wanted to help others who are struggling with diabetes so they hosted the movie for the community.

Eighteen members of the community came out for the viewing and seemed to be happy with the program. Some of the people even decided to make more raw food and greens a part of their lifestyle.

The audience were even treated to Green Smoothies so they could experience the taste of this very nourishing drink.



## Helping Hands Community Thrift Store Update



The Helping Hands Community Thrift Store, operated by the Peers Company, is well accepted by the community. Each week we see more people coming to shop and to drop off donations for the store.

Many solid friendships are being formed now with "the regulars" and many witnessing opportunities are opening up.

The store opened on November 16, 2010. We have given out literature and have had many spiritual discussions with interested persons about what is happening in the world. People are concerned. Is it the end times happening with all the unrest in the world? One solid Bible study has begun as a result of these discussions.

This is what the store is all about. We are there to serve the community with affordable clothing and household items, but our mission is to bring the message of salvation to all who are willing to hear. Praise God for this Bible study and all the seeking persons who come in "just to chat."

Peers is a very small town with a very small but dedicated group of Adventists. We are looking for more dedicated Adventists with a passion for mission to move into the area and help with our outreach.

*Dolores Fletcher*

## Conference Financial Report

The New Year is well under way and the Treasury Department is busy getting ready for the annual audit of the Alberta Conference books and the NAD policies. December is the month that tells us if we reached our budget goal for the year. We received over 22% of our tithe in the month of December. I am happy to say that we exceeded our 2010 budget by \$68,746. The people of Alberta contributed on a per capita basis \$1,256.22 in tithe last year for a total of almost \$13 million. I thank you for your faithfulness. By working together we can accomplish great things in Alberta.

The church faces many challenges, and we pray that the Lord will guide us in the direction He would want us to go. When we look at how we spend the Lord's money given into the storehouse, I would like to share a few numbers with you. We are part of a worldwide church and to support that worldwide work 25% of our tithe is given to parent organizations. Some of that is returned in grants and subsidies. Of the tithe dollars that we use in Alberta 55.5% is used for preaching, 27.5% for teaching, and 17% for serving the people of Alberta. Thank you for what you give to make this possible in Alberta.

Looking ahead, we want to keep our evangelism thrust to reach out to the searching. We have an aging campground, which we are slowly growing out of. We are working on a long-range plan to make your camp even better for you. The decline in the real estate market has kept us in our office building in spite of our water problems.

As we go forward into this year may we all be good stewards in what the Lord has entrusted to us. I hope that you will join me in praying for a revival and that it will begin with me and you. I believe that in these end times we need to draw closer to God than ever before. The signs within the church and in the world point to His coming. Let's work together to hasten His return.

*Bob Holdal, Vice President for Finance*



## Adventist Single Adult Ministries 2011 Winter Retreat

**R**ekindle Your Fire was a true ministry for each and every single adult in attendance at the Alberta Adventist Single Adult Ministries Winter Retreat, Foothills Camp, February 18-20, 2011. Passion and love for their Saviour was rekindled and revived. Speaker Bill Needham from Sequim, Washington, left the thought: "Leave the irreparable past in His hands and step out into the irresistible future with Him."

Saturday evening The King's Players from Medicine Hat shared an amazing look at "The Father's Heart" as He watched His Son Jesus live, die, and rise again for your sins and mine.

This Alberta Conference Adventist Single Adult Ministries retreat weekend presented by Lois Graham, Acting Volunteer Coordinator, and her leadership team, truly was a Christ-centred, safe, nurturing place where friends gathered.

*Darlene Reimche*



### BAPTISM - PROFESSION OF FAITH - REBAPTISMS (Fourth Quarter 2010 to January 31, 2011)

*Calgary Bridgeland*

Alice Gonzales

*Calgary Central Spanish*

Beatriz Bautista  
Emanuel Castillo  
Juan Ramirez  
Ligia Ramirez  
Mario Ramirez  
Sara Torres

*Calgary Garden Road*

Brenda Fowler  
Michelle Lemire  
Arnold Mugadya  
Nyachanguoth Pal  
Celeste Richardson  
Shaine Stephenson  
Deron Thompson

*Calgary Metro Filipino*

Michael Awa  
Noemee Awa  
Marichelle Gatilogo  
Jennifer Miranda

*College Heights*

Keeshia Fortney  
Carolyn King  
Ryan Lambert

*Edmonton Central*

Samuel Agyemang  
Robert Chayachuk  
Zulfiye Chayachuk  
Melanie Cordeiro  
Boniface Havugimana  
Kathy Hubel  
Roger Lewisky

*Edmonton Maranatha Spanish*

Adrian Enamorado  
Marcos Gomez  
Mavel Gonzales  
Isael Perez

*Edmonton South*

Ming Heilesen  
Erin Magee  
Tatiana Masalytina  
Todd McCuaig  
Esther Mudasebany  
Etienne Mugisha  
Ellen Mwiza  
Odette Uwamahoro

## Conference Calendar

April	1-3	Women's Retreat, Red Deer
	8-9	Conflict Resolution Training, CUC
	15	Education Sabbath
	15-17	Elder's Training, Foothills Camp
	25	Easter Monday (office closed)
	29-30	MANS Openhouse
	29-May 1	CUC Graduation
May	8	Executive Committee/MANS Constituency
	13-15	Adventurer Family Camp, Foothills Camp
	23	Victoria Day (office closed)
June	3-5	CUC Alumni Homecoming
	5	Financial Statistical Review Committee
July	4	July 1 - Canada Day (office closed)
	8-16	Camp Meeting

# At Rest . . .

**ANDERSON Harry David** was born January 19, 1931, in Merna, Alberta, and passed away peacefully at the age of 80 years at the Killam General Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife and companion of 57 years, Fredella; three daughters, Harriet (Dan) Amundson, Bonnie (Dan) Kenny, Cheryl (Ed) Jones; and his seven grandchildren: Michael, Madelaine, Samantha, Emma, Braeden, Dean, and Dylan. Harry was predeceased by his parents, A. P. and Katarina; five brothers, Andrew, John, Albin, William, Gilbert; three sisters, Anna, Elsie, Myrtle; and daughter, Charlene.

Harry grew up on the Anderson farm in the Merna area. He attended Merna school and Canadian Union College until he was called home to help run the Anderson farm. In 1953, Harry married Fredella. He continued to farm and established Anderson Family Contracting as an oilfield contractor in the Bellshill oilfield. Harry loved his community and loved to sing, sharing his talents in the surrounding area and beyond. He was a leader in his church, volunteering for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Executive Committee in Oshawa, Ontario; sang for evangelistic meetings for It Is Written and Voice of Prophecy; and served as church elder for many years in the Sedgewick SDA Church. Harry also volunteered locally for many sporting groups and for community economic/fundraising events.

Those who loved Harry will remember him best for his heart-felt singing, his sense of humour and natural tendency to entertain, and his dedication to his family, friends, and community. He will be deeply and sadly missed.

**BLAIN Leonard Herbert** was born July 18, 1928, in Edmonton, Alberta, and entered into rest on November 12, 2010. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 33 years, Barbara, of Calgary, Alberta; daughter, Vickie Snider of Calgary; step daughter Sheryl-Lee Archer of Great Falls, Montana; sister Clara Bergery of Rimbey, Alberta; three grandchildren of Calgary; two step grandchildren of Montana; and three step great-grandchildren; in addition to numerous other relatives.

Leonary enjoyed mechanical repairing, music, and helping others who had no transportation.

**HUDKINS Elizabeth "Lizzie" Anne (Johnston)** was born September 4, 1937, in Camrose, Alberta, and died December 26, 2010, in Lacombe, Alberta. She is survived by her husband, Ron, and their three children: Darren (Cindy), Lorrie (Doug), and Debbie (Terry), and her nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**TILLOTSON Yvonne Pandora** was born on November 16, 1925, in Hanna, Alberta, and passed away on January 21, 2011, in Lacombe, Alberta.

"Vonnie" was a school teacher and taught for 32 years, of which 21 of those years were in Lacombe, Alberta. Yvonne was loved for her compassion, hospitality, and merry heart. She is lovingly remembered by her sister, Bette Gibson (Bob); her nieces, Karen Shirley and Kathleen Sicotte (Garod); her nephews, Douglas Tillotson, Alan Tillotson (Lisa), Bradley Tillotson (Lianna Campbell), Victor Almond (Bev Travis), and David Almond (Karen McCullough).

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## ADRA Canada News

*ADRA Canada has recently launched its new ADRA Connections initiative! Connections provides Canadians the opportunity to participate in short-term humanitarian trips that offer long-term results through life-changing experiences. 2011 destinations include Peru, Kenya, and St. Lucia).*

*Join the team of participants and travel to an ADRA project. Meet families and communities who are struggling with poverty, experience the culture, see the faces, listen to the stories, and get to know the people that ADRA serves. Perhaps you'll build a house for a family without one, construct a dormitory so rural people can attend workshops, give attention and hugs to an orphan, help plant a vegetable garden. Whatever the task, you can be sure that your presence will make a difference; not only to others, but also to you! Learn more about ADRA Connections online at [www.adra.ca/connections](http://www.adra.ca/connections) or by email to [connections@adra.ca](mailto:connections@adra.ca) or by phone at 905-433-8004 x7 3101; toll free at 1-888-274-2732 x7 3101.*

# Canadian University College Report

The Canadian University College (CUC) Board of Trustees met Friday and Sunday, February 4 and 6, 2011, and among other agenda items, heard reports of the University's progress. Following are excerpts and summaries from the President's Report to the Board:

- The primary reason Canadian University College exists is to prepare young men and women for active faith experience. Last year the dorm worship's program provided greater emphasis on small group worships, numbering as many as 36 groups meeting weekly.
- The Campus Ministries team offers student spiritual and service activity choices. Popular ministries include Hobbema, prison ministries, soup kitchens, and sunshine bands. Two new diverse student-led ministries includes a Sabbath afternoon AY (Adventist Youth) program, and the formation of a Southern gospel style choir known as Spontaneous Praise. The latter is well received both on campus and in non-Adventist church communities in Alberta.
- The Acronaires under the direction of new head coach, Toby Asante, has already presented a number of performances and workshops. They are currently planning a trip to Vancouver Island in March.
- The men's and women's soccer teams are experiencing success. The men's team has lost only two games, and the women's team has gone undefeated. To add enthusiasm, each goal the women's team scores raises money from donors for schools in Afghanistan. To date they have raised \$1295.
- The PE Complex continues to contribute to the physical well-being of students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. The gym floor and racquetball courts were refinished over Christmas break.
- The semester's WISE (Week in Spiritual Emphasis) concluded on January 29. WISE was completely student led, with 13 students identifying why they have chosen to be followers of Jesus Christ. Ten different praise groups led the singing.
- Under the direction of Student Missionary Leader, Eric Anderson, there is a significant increase in the number of students indicating a desire to serve as a student missionary. CUC is expanding the support and training it offers student missionaries before, during, and after their service.
- CUC opened the 2010 fall year with an enrollment of 493. Second semester projections were for a head count of 466. A drop in enrollment is typical between the two semesters. Reasons for the drop vary anywhere from course completions to academic restrictions, finances, family, and a host of other reasons.
- Regrettably Loma Linda University has discontinued its Canadian campus Marriage and Family Therapy program. On December 3, 2010, Dr. Richard Hart, President of Loma Linda University, released the following announcement:

*Loma Linda University has recently reassessed its delivery of the Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy program on the Canadian University College campus and has determined that there are ongoing challenges with both costs and enrollment in the program. The administrations of the two institutions have discussed the problems of the high costs and small enrollment and mutually concluded with regret that it is prohibitive for Loma Linda University to continue to offer the Master of Science degree program at Canadian University College.*

*Loma Linda University has been pleased to provide the program in Canada for over two decades. Canadian University College has been pleased to host the program on its campus. The students who have graduated from the program have been of the highest quality.*

*Students currently enrolled shall be assisted in continuing their studies at Loma Linda University in California or through a "teach out" option via distance learning.*

## Haynal Inaugurated as New CUC President



Before friends, family, colleagues, and dignitaries, Dr. Mark Haynal was inaugurated as the 24th president of Canadian University College on February 4, 2011.

Haynal took over from previous CUC president, Andrea Luxton, who is now serving as provost at Andrews University.

He also owns the distinction of being the first child of a CUC graduate to later become president. In 1945, Haynal's mother, Helen Babienco, graduated from a one-year pre-nursing program at CUC.

"I am very glad that she can be here to witness this," Haynal said of his mother, who was in attendance for the ceremony.

Dr. Haynal's work as an educator started as an elementary school teacher. His post-secondary experience includes time at institutions in Washington, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Kansas.

"We've had two consecutive years of double-digit growth in enrollment," he said. CUC set a school record with 493 students enrolled in 2010.

Local politicians including Ponoka-Lacombe MLA Ray Prins, Wetaskiwin MP Blaine Calkins, and Lacombe Mayor Steve Christie spoke at Haynal's inauguration.

"From where I stand I see him as nothing but a positive influence for your entire organization," Christie said at the ceremony.

Haynal and his wife Kris have two daughters and one grandchild.



# Alberta Camp Meeting

July 8 - 16  
Foothills Camp

## GUEST PRESENTERS

(watch for more camp meeting info in the June issue of AAN)

### Main Auditorium

- Philip Samaan, Professor, Southern Adventist University
- Lael Caesar, Associate Editor, *Adventist Review*
- Mansfield Edwards, President, Ontario Conference
- Morning Devotionals by five teachers and three pastors

### Seminars

- Virgil Covell, Pastor, Medicine Hat - Revival & Prayer
- Carol Henry, Nutritionist & Professor, Saskatchewan - Health
- Dragan Stojanovic, VP for Administration, SDA Church in Canada - Worship & Music
- Larry Herr, Professor, CUC - Bible & Archeology
- John Blake, Deaf Ministries - Story of Jesus' Life (DVD)

**Earliteen Division** - Jim Gaull, British Columbia

## Things You'll Need to Know —

1. Sorry! ALL 30 and 50 amp RV sites, lodge rooms, and cabins are fully booked already! There are a few 15 amp and unserviced sites available. If you would like to book an unserviced site, call Penny at the Conference office — 403-342-5044 ext 201 or penny@albertasda.org.
2. If you find it necessary to park your RV a couple days early prior to camp meeting,
  - a. there is no charge for just a drop off for a day or two early
  - b. if you park your RV in an incorrect spot, you will be asked to move it! Don't be upset!
  - c. if you plan to stay in your RV a few days before camp meeting, you will be asked to pay the additional nightly camping fee(s) for use of campground facilities— sewer, electricity, water, campground washrooms.
3. Please! Bring your own food for Sabbath meals if you are coming to the campground for Sabbath only OR phone the Conference office prior to Sabbath hours Fridays and reserve meal tickets w/ credit card. **NO TICKET PURCHASE ON SABBATH** and no free tickets. PLAN AHEAD.
4. Bring your own special dietary food products if you have an unusual medical condition. Please, don't expect the cafeteria to cater to unusual dietary needs.
5. There is a \$10 refundable key deposit for ALL camp keys—cabins, lodge, division buildings, etc. Please, prepare to pay **CASH** for the deposit, and cash will be given back to you after you return your key(s) at checkout (before 11 AM Sunday morning, July 17).
6. **No Pets Policy** is in effect! Think now, make arrangements for how you can have someone else take care of your pet, either in a kennel, with a friend, or camp at Red Lodge Provincial Park.

## Camp Meeting Music

- There will be a camp meeting choir and orchestra for the second Sabbath of camp meeting. If you would like to join, please contact Harald Zinner at 780-922-1190 or email hgzinner@shaw.ca. Regional choir practices May 28, June 11 and 25. Watch for further announcements in your church bulletin.

- If you are able and willing to help with the music program at camp meeting by leading song service, provide offertories, or provide organ or piano accompaniment, please contact Trudie Comm, Camp Meeting Music Coordinator, at 780-532-6411. Also, if you or a singing / instrumental group would be able to provide special music or a mini-concert, please contact Trudie.

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# Revive Us Again

July 8 – 16, 2011

Opening Meeting: Friday, July 8, 7:15 p.m. Philip Samaan

TIME	Sabbath July 9	Sunday July 10	Monday July 11	Tuesday July 12	Wednesday July 13	Thursday July 14	Friday July 15	Sabbath July 16
7:00 – 7:45					Five teachers and three pastors			
7:45 – 8:30	BREAKFAST							
9:00 – 10:15	9:00 – 10:30 Sabbath School CUC / PAA	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	Lael Caesar	9:00 – 10:30 Sabbath School K-12 Schools
10:30 – 12:00	10:45 – 12:00 Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan			SEMINARS 10:30 – 12 noon			10:45 – 12:00 Mansfield Edwards
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH							
1:00 – 2:00	3:00 – 5:00 Concert in the Park	Parade			Choir Practice			3:00 – 4:00 Evangelism & Education
2:15 – 3:30		2:00 – 4:00 ABC Sale	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan			
3:45 – 5:15					SEMINARS 3:45 – 5:15			4:00 – 5:15 Ordination
5:30 – 6:30	SUPPER	4:00 – 6:00 International Food Fair			SUPPER			
6:45 – 7:15	Mini-Concerts							
7:15 – 9:00	Philip Samaan	Philip Samaan	Mansfield Edwards	Mansfield Edwards	Mansfield Edwards	Mansfield Edwards	Mansfield Edwards	Mansfield Edwards
9:15 – 9:45	Prayer and Praise at the Harmatan Heritage Church starting Friday, July 8							