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Jesus IS Coming Again!



My heart was glad when Dad would announce at the Sunday morning breakfast table, “Ken, you can stay indoors this morning to help Mom do the ‘washing.’” Doing laundry was not my preferred pastime, but it meant I could listen to my favourite radio program. Amidst the swish, swish of the Beatty washing machine, at precisely 9:30, came the melodious tones of the King’s Heralds, “Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again!” and before the strains died away, came that clear, gentle, familiar voice, “This is the Voice of Prophecy; a voice crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord!’”

Funny how such things impact one’s life forever! As I moved through high school and college, the words of that theme stayed with me; in fact, became internalized. “JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD!”

Make no mistake – Jesus IS coming again. Unfortunately many know this truth conceptually, but living it is more challenging. The sun rises and sets each day - like always; we go to work, school, or wherever, each day – like always; seasons come and go – like always; our world continues its hustle and bustle, trade and commerce, seeking pleasure, and avoiding pain – like always. It’s always been like that, and we hardly give it a second thought. But one night, 2000 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem things were not “like always.” A Baby was born who would change the world forever!

That, evidently, will happen again. There will be a day when things will not be “like always.” The sun will NOT rise and set, people will NOT go to work or school, trade and commerce will NOT continue, and pain and suffering WILL be over, because that same “Baby” will come again, only this time as King of kings and Lord of lords.

So what does this mean? It begs the question, “Are we prepared to meet our God?” It means we have a sobering responsibility to humble ourselves before God,

to confess our sins, to invite the Holy Spirit to do His life-changing work in our lives, and to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Ellen White says, “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of our needs. To seek this should be our first work.”

But it doesn’t stop there. We have a responsibility to our family. True, we cannot force our spouse, children, grandchildren, or parents to accept Jesus as Saviour; that is personal, but we can encourage.

We have a responsibility to our church family. Jesus said, “By this shall all men (and women) know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another” (John 13: 35). Perhaps we would do well to reflect on what that looks like in real life!

There’s one more category – our community. The neighbour next to you may or may not be a Seventh-day Adventist, but that’s not the issue. As wonderful as it is to see our neighbours embrace our belief system, that’s not our primary responsibility. Reflecting the loveliness of Jesus is; speaking words of encouragement and hope, showing kindness and understanding, and then, who knows at the right moment the opportunity may come to invite him/her to follow Jesus.

Jesus is coming again! Personally, “Am I ready to meet my God? Am I encouraging my family members to develop a relationship with Jesus? Am I doing my part to encourage my church family to remain faithful? What about those living in my neighbourhood – have I walked and lived among them in such a way that the message is clear, ‘I care about you and so does Jesus?’”

The strains of the King’s Heralds still echo in my soul, “JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!”



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2010-2011 School Year - Newest Teachers



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Elias
Chinook
Winds
Adventist
Academy



Andrea
Gray
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School



Shelly
Hulin
College
Heights
Christian
School



Ellen
Kim
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Academy



Paul
Smith
Calgary
Garden
Road

Heidi
Lehmann
Prairie
Adventist
Christian
eSchool



Susanna
May
Higher
Ground
Christian
School



Matthew
Picco
Mamawi
Atosketan
Native
School



Melanie
Stevens
Sylvan
Meadows
Adventist
School



Newest Pastors in Alberta

Melbourne
Turgott
Leduc &
Parkland
District

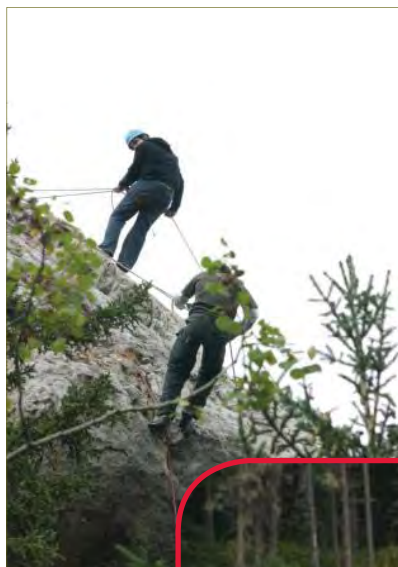


We want to hear from you!

The *Alberta Adventist News* is wanting news articles of events happening in your church, school, or club. Please submit a brief news blurb and .jpg photos to the *Alberta Adventist News* at info@albertasda.org. Submissions about baptisms, cooking schools, milestone wedding and birthday events, child dedications, and other events that would be of interest to the Alberta churches will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

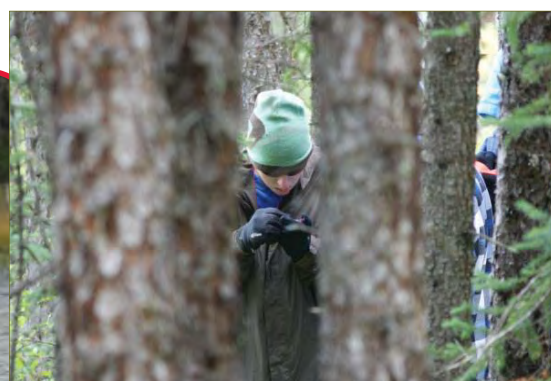
Grade 9 Outdoor Education

September 13-16, 2010



The Grade 9 students from the Adventist schools in Alberta participated in the Outdoor Education program at the Cavalcade Group Camp in the David Thompson Region. The purpose of involving students in an outdoor program like this is so that these young people can meet God in the great outdoors and make new friends, too.

The students learn no-trace camping skills, planning and cooking their own food, rock rappelling, hiking, canoeing, orienteering, surviving the cold and rain, playing games in the field, and, most importantly, learning about how much God loves them and how much He is wanting to be their forever Friend.



2010-2011 Adventist School Enrollment

School	Enrollment
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (Calgary)	158
College Heights Christian School (Lacombe)	105
Coralwood Adventist Academy (Edmonton)	107
Higher Ground Christian School (Medicine Hat)	19
Mamawi Atosketan Native School (Ponoka)	153
Peace Hills Adventist School (Wetaskiwin)	24
Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool (On-line)	78
South Side Christian School (Red Deer)	46
Sylvan Meadows Adventist School (Sylvan Lake)	16
Woodlands Adventist School (Ponoka)	11
TOTAL	717

Something New Coming!
K.I.D. University
in
Alberta!
You'll soon find out more!

K.I.D. School
Kids in Discipleship School
October 14-17, 2010
Hope, BC

Four teams of a parent, a teacher, a pastor, and a principal from four SDA schools across Alberta attended KIDS School, October 4-17 at Camp Hope, BC. This event was a training session for discipling kids at school. The focus was:

1. Gain a stronger understanding of Biblical discipleship.
2. Discover a Biblical model for discipling children today.
3. Grow in their personal discipleship journey with Jesus.
4. Learn methods to bring intentional discipleship into the school system.
5. Learn how to empower children as spiritual leaders.
6. Learn how to involved parents, pastors, and church members as:
 - Prayer partners
 - Classroom Chaplains
 - Community Outreach Sponsors
 - Week of Prayer Small Group Leaders
7. Build a discipleship team of principal, pastor, and parent.
8. Create a working plan that brings intentional discipleship into the school system.

For more information: <http://www.kidsindiscipleship.org>

Next step: K.I.D. University in Alberta!

Watch for further information in the near future!



Annual Executive and Administrative Committee Retreat

The weekend of October 22-24, 2010, was a special one for Executive Committee (EXCOM) and Administrative (ADCOM) Committee members and their spouses. We met at the Foothills Camp for our annual retreat and of course to become acquainted with our newly elected president, Elder Ken Wiebe.

We began our retreat on Friday afternoon by covering quite a few agenda items and receiving reports from the ministerial, education, and youth departments as well as receiving reports from the treasury and secretariat offices.

On Friday evening we focused on the relevance of the 1844 “great disappointment” to Adventists today and we challenged ourselves to reflect on the Biblical basis for the meaning of this event. On Sabbath, after being blessed with a Sabbath School lesson/prayer walk by Isaac Zayachkowski and sermon by Pastor Steve Reasor, we enjoyed the great outdoors on a hike around our beautiful campgrounds.

On Sunday morning the committees met again--this time to reflect on our conference vision/shared objectives.



Some of the committee members enjoyed a sunny Sabbath afternoon hike through the woods and stopped for a photo take near the Pathfinder cabin.

We also spent significant time discussing how the four discussion group reports from camp meeting this summer fit into our vision/shared objectives. The four discussion group reports from camp meeting were:

- *Technology - how can we use technology for spreading the gospel*
- *City Evangelism – strategies for reaching the masses*
- *Small Churches - resources to facilitate revival and growth*
- *Local Churches – tools for effective ministry*

We felt the Lord’s Spirit guiding us in this venture and our meeting ended on a very positive note such that we agreed to devote another session in the early New Year to finish this important work. Once we have completed this task we will communicate the results to you in a future *Alberta Adventist News*.

We extend a big thank you to those who devoted their time at camp meeting this summer to help guide the future direction of our conference as we plan strategies to make disciples for Jesus.

Larry Hall, VP for Administration



Conference Dateline

Dec	16	Evangelism Committee, Red Deer
OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 3, 2011 (Reopens January 3, 2011)		
<u>2011</u>		
January	23-26	Pastors’ Meetings, Foothills Camp
February	4-6	CUC Board
	21	Family Day (office closed)
	27	Executive Committee, Red Deer
March	5-7	SDACC Board
	13	Daylight Saving Time changes
April	15-17	Elder’s Training, Foothills Camp
	25	Easter Monday (office closed)
	29-30	MANS Openhouse
May	1	Executive Committee, Red Deer
	13-16	Adventurer Family Camp
	23	Victoria Day (office closed)

8th Annual Filipino-Canadian Camp Meeting

August 27-29, 2010

Matthew 28:19 said: "Go ye therefore and preach....." We are called to be the light in a dark world. No matter where we are from or what our age is, God wants to use us to tell His story.

This year's Theme: "Focus on JESUS" gave us hope, inspiration, and encouragement to walk in the full authority Jesus spoke of, before He left this earth. It is a gift to which we in this generation must give appropriate stewardship, that the generations that follow may also reap eternal rewards.

Pastor Simeon Rosete was the adult guest speaker and Pastor Daniel Ocampo was the youth guest speaker for the weekend.

As Pastor Daniel Ocampo in his concluding sermon said, go deeper in a personal relationship with God and lead others to reach for more through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit! This year's Filipino-Canadian Camp Meeting draws us to a greater level of intimacy with GOD and stirred us to revival!

Cherry Farro



Pastor George Ali, Alberta Conference Ministerial Director, welcomed everyone on opening night.

Adventist World News Clips — for complete newstories, go to <http://news.adventist.org>



In Haiti, ADRA is ramping up efforts to prevent the spread of cholera to displaced persons, many who are living in makeshift shelters since the deadly January 12 earthquake.



Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the SDA world church, exhorts members to "Remember Your Name" as the church celebrated the 150th Anniversary of their name.



Members of the NAD executive committee voted overwhelmingly to allow commissioned ministers to lead SDA conferences and missions.



Oakwood University board selected Loma Linda University VP of Diversity Leslie N. Pollard to serve as its president.



Adventist Review recently retired associate editor, Roy Adams, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Adventist Communicators.



Philippines Education Department specifies right to Sabbath observance.



Rudi Maier is the new leader of ADRA International. He replaces Charles Sandefur, who served as ADRA president since 2001.



A 7-member singing group in Mongolia, called Descentants, is supporting evangelism as the Seventh-day Adventist Church grows in that country from only 22 congregations.



Adventist Media Center in Russia celebrates Voice of Hope 20 years of broadcasts.



Dorothy Watts, missionary, author, child advocate, dies at 72. She is survived by her husband, Ron Watts, 3 children, and 6 grandchildren.

Teacher's Convention . . . *was a time to learn*

The year was 2010. The setting—a prairie landscape tucked up against a quiet gurgling stream. In the foreground a lodge sits nestled against an outcropping of evergreens. The doors swing back and forth as teachers busy themselves with registration and settling in so they could enjoy a couple of days of “Drinking to be Fountains.”

Sunday evening began with a recommitment of the teachers to the Master Teacher. This included a consecration service facilitated by Pastor Larry Hall, the Conference Vice President for Administration, and a symbolic ceremony of bringing a rock to the cross which signified that for each one of us we must truly leave our burdens with Christ as we did with the rock, so we could go away renewed!

Monday morning found everyone ready to roll up their sleeves and launch into the workshops that had been organized. Our focus was on Math, which had two presenters: Kim Sutton, from Creative Mathematics and Leo Ganson, our Alberta Conference Math specialist who presented Math in a new package. They led the teachers through twelve hours of creative ways to make Math come alive for students from kindergarten through grade twelve.

For those who taught subject specific content other than Mathematics, they joined a presentation where Julie Bancarz and Ralph Cervi provided them with skills that prepared them to deal with students that have behavioural challenges.

The third area of focus was the topic of healthy minds. Healthy minds only happen when intelligent choices are made on how one must fuel and maintain the gift God has provided us. Mrs. Mildred Weiss-Schmidt shared three presentations to motivate each of us in attendance to look on what we are promoting in our schools as good eating habits.

And so the two and a half days of learning and activities quickly came to an end. The teachers went off to their schools to begin their labours of love for another year. If you are fortunate enough to have an Adventist School in your community go and visit and see what is happening with the children of your church!

Isaac Zayachkowski, Education Superintendent



Two teachers bring their rocks to the cross at the consecration service.



Three thousand copies each of the special issues of Signs of the Times have been purchased by the Alberta Conference for local churches to use in outreach ministries of their choosing. The four topics are:

- ◇ The End of the World
- ◇ What Happens When You Die
- ◇ History's Greatest Hoax
- ◇ A Day to Remember

If your church would like to purchase these magazines, contact Irma at the Alberta Conference (see p. 8 for costs).

Conference Administration Updates

September - November, 2010

This column will be a new feature in upcoming *Alberta Adventist News*. We will keep you informed of Administrative Committee voted actions that would be of interest to our church membership in Alberta.

◇ A three-year contract has been signed with Meyer Norris Penny as school auditors.

◇ The Chinook Winds Adventist Academy students travelled to Walla Walla College for a soccer and volleyball tournament October 6-10, 2010.

◇ The following individuals were approved to travel to Hope, BC, October 14-17, 2010, to receive training in the Kids in Discipleship program (see page 4):

Coralwood Academy

Michael Adams
Michelle Northam
Ken Smith
Melbourne Turgott

Sylvan Meadows

Gerald Bartley
Warren Kay
Carol von Gunten

College Hts Christian School

Steven Gabrys
Shelley Hulin
Moises Ruiz
Judith Walters

Conference

Janet Griffith
Janet Hall
Larry Hall
Isaac Zayachkowski

Calgary Region

Darlene Lessard
Murray McLeod
Keith Samuels



The above people received this training with the understanding that what has been learned will be shared with other schools and churches who did not participate.

◇ Retired pastor, Dennis Braun, was approved to fill in as an interim, part-time pastor for the Peace River and Fairview District for November-December, 2010.

◇ The Conference purchased 3,000 of each of the four evangelistic-type issues of the Signs magazine entitled "Truth Matters" offered by Pacific Press Publishing at a reduced rate of .25 per copy. The costs will be shared at 1/3 - SDACC, 1/3 Alberta Conference, and 1/3 the Local Churches.

◇ Pastor Steve Conway from the Michigan Conference was approved to speak at the Edmonton Central Church January 21-22, 2011.

◇ 2011 Executive Committee Dates

February 12	September 18
May 1	October 21-23
June 5	December 4

◇ April 22, 2012, is the date for the next Conference Session.

◇ Pastor Brian Wahl, BC Youth Director, was approved as guest speaker at the FCA Tournament November 19-21, 2010, on the CUC Campus.

◇ Leslie Pollard, newly elected president of Oakwood College, has been approved to be the guest speaker at the pastors' meetings January 23-26, 2011.

◇ Randy & Shandra Ban from ARISE were approved as guest speakers at the Alberta Young Adults (AYA) Conference November 12-13, 2010, at Foothills Camp. This action was an affirmation that the Alberta Conference acknowledges AYA's desire to work closely with the Youth Department of the Conference.

◇ A Conference policy will be established regarding financial assistance for small groups/Branch Sabbath Schools who need help getting started.

◇ Tyler Rosengren, has been assigned to the Peace River/Fairview District upon completion of his studies at Andrews University in December, 2010.

◇ Pastor Pablo Chaperro from South Columbia Union Mission has been approved to conduct an evangelistic series in the Red Deer Church December 3-11, 2010.

◇ A document presented by the African Fellowship in Edmonton was accepted and permission has been given them to submit an application form to be organized as a company in the Alberta Conference.

◇ A policy document which outlines the procedure that groups must follow in order to reach company status was approved. A copy of this document is available by contacting the Secretariat office.

◇ Pastor Ron Sydenham was approved to travel to Rwanda on behalf of A Better World October 26-Nov. 8, 2010, according to policy.

◇ John Earnhart, Columbia First SDA Church Pastor, was approved as the evangelist for the Edmonton Central Church in May 2011.

◇ The Leduc / Parkland Churches have a Bible worker, Aldon Ambrose, for three months subject to the churches indicating they will cover 50% of his wages.

◇ The Conference Evangelism Committee will meet on December 16, 2010, to consider all the evangelism budget requests that have been sent to the Conference for 2011 and allocate the monies.

◇ The Edmonton African Fellowship was voted as the Global Mission project for 2011. This group meets in a location that is very close by the University of Alberta campus which has great outreach potential.

◇ Pastors Ishmael Ali and John Wesley were approved to attend the NAD Evangelism Council at Oakwood College December 6-9, 2010.

◇ The Mamawi Atosketan Native School Board meeting dates are as follows: November 15 & December 13, 2010; January 17, February 21, March 21, April 25, May 16, and June 5, 2011. An available Conference representative will attend these meetings.

◇ Bob Burrow, a Seventh-day Adventist lawyer, has been approved and invited to be a guest speaker at a sexual misconduct meeting prior to the scheduled Pastors' Meetings January 23-26, 2011, at Foothills Camp. All teachers, principals, pastors, and office staff will be asked to attend this preliminary meeting which will begin at noon on Sunday, January 23, 2011.

Be Bold! Foothills Summer 2010



2010 Summer Camp Staff Caught in a High Energy Moment!

Wow! What an amazing summer we had! Lead by our seasoned leaders Joe Adante, Cristy Kay, and Jay Johnson, the staff at Foothills were truly Bold for Jesus as they fulfilled our mission this summer, "To Demonstrate the Love of Jesus to Every Camper!" Two hundred fifty-nine (259) campers came and had a summer to remember. Every camper had fun developing life skills, growing their personal relationship with Jesus, and learning to Be Bold. We even had a baptism this summer right at the camp, with others expressing interest in Bible studies and baptism as well. Six families became part of the first ever Family Camp at Foothills. They had a blast as they enjoyed a much more relaxed and adventurous holiday, where all the meals and activities were provided. A big Thank You to all the churches and amazing people who sponsored campers to attend Foothills Camp. Next year we hope you will continue to support Foothills Camp with your prayers, campers, and donations as we seek to share Jesus and his love with every camper.

Derek Richter, Youth and Summer Camp Director

Remember!

This fall's Alberta Young Adult (AYA) conference at Foothills Camp (Nov. 12-14) was truly a blessing to all who attended. Close to 70 people gathered to remember our veteran & pioneers, and most importantly Jesus Christ. Guest speakers Randy & Shandra Ban shared

poignant messages about the importance of remembering how God has led us in the past and will carry us through till Christ returns. Seminar's were also presented by Valmy Karemera who shared his testimony from Rwanda, Sarah Reiswig who helped us remember the sacrifice during the great wars, and a session on Identity led out by various young adults who

encouraged us to remain faithful at home, work, and in our community. Most importantly, this weekend saw genuine and spiritual fellowship, prayer and bible study as young adults strengthened each other to continue living for Jesus as we await His Coming. Info on the upcoming AYA retreat in February will be coming out soon!

Calgary METRO Filipino Church

The Calgary M.E.T.R.O. Filipino SDA Church was so honoured to have invited Pastor Edwin Gulfan to their yearly evangelistic meeting October 15-30, 2010. This series was entitled "Timeless Truths for the Last Days." This year was like no other! We are so blessed by GOD for sending such an eloquent and Spirit-filled preacher! It was indeed timeless TRUTHS that changes the lives of the new members and brought spiritual renewal to everyone. We would like to echo what Ellen White said in *Review and Herald, March 22, 1887*: "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work."

May we all focus on what matters most, that we may hasten the coming of our most awaited King! "Even so come LORD JESUS" (Rev. 22:20).

Cherry Farro



The Calgary METRO Filipino church family and Pastor and Mrs. Edwin Gulfan, on the final day of the evangelistic meetings.



Four precious souls were baptized by Pastor Edwin Gulfan. L-R: Michael Awa, Marichelle Gatilogo, Noemee Awa, and Jennifer Miranda, Pastor David Sulite.

Lacombe Community Church Hosts Dr. Noyes

Dr. Edwin Noyes presented the "Spiritualistic Deceptions in Health and Healing Seminar" at the Lacombe Community SDA Church October 29-31, 2010. Guests came from several churches within a radius of 100 km to hear the presentations which were the result of his research into alternative medicine modalities.

On Friday evening he presented the story of our health message. Subsequent sessions Sabbath morning and all afternoon showed that when the light of God's truth is shed on man, a true method of health and healing has through the ages accompanied this spiritual light. When man rejects the spiritual light, then God's method of health and healing is lost sight of and a counterfeit system arises. He explained the origins of many "alternate healing" methods such as yoga, ayurveda, acupuncture, biofeedback, crystal therapy, divination, therapeutic touch, and reflexology among others. The seminar ended on Sunday with Dr. Noyes answering questions of the attendees.

God's system of health and healing is an integral part of sanctification in the restoration of man to reflect the image of his Creator. The Devil, by deception, offers his counterfeit system of health and healing to entice man to give to him the honor and worship due only to Jesus Christ. The Seminar presented the basic elements of deception in healing modalities that Satan presents to us today.



Dr. Edwin Noyes, author of the book, *Spiritualistic Deceptions in Health and Healing*, is a General Practitioner in Oregon

Local Church News

Leduc

On Sabbath, October 9, 2010, the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church partook in the Second Annual Weekend of Hope and Inspiration for Boys and Young Men. A special dedication was given during the church service for our elementary to college age boys, asking God to bless them as they stay in school and set graduation as a life goal. The congregation showed their support by participating in a responsive reading which encouraged the young men to consecrate themselves anew to God and stand brave and dare to do right. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by the church head elder. Young men are more likely to drop out of school than young girls. Leduc members believe our young men can be whatever God wants them to be.

Rayette Hetland



Jeremy Hetland was baptized in the river while at Alberta Camp Meeting by Pastor Adam Deibert on July 24, 2010. Several people crowded on the bank as Jeremy made his public testimony to live for Jesus by being submerged in the watery grave. Jeremy was voted as a member in good standing into the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Leduc Church young men participated in a special dedication service for them.



Ponoka

Oct. 1-3, 2010, the Ponoka Church hosted a Total Health workshop by Darlene Blaney, Volunteer Ministries Health Coordinator. It was well attended with a number of people from the community who came throughout the weekend. All who attended enjoyed learning the principles of a healthy lifestyle. The seminar climaxed with a beautiful vegetarian supper on Sunday night. Follow up plans include monthly vegetarian suppers with themed cooking demos and mini talks where appropriate.

Sheila Beadoin



Darlene explains the benefits of healthy eating practices while demonstrating how to prepare those healthy foods.



The ladies had the opportunity to watch closely Darlene's simple techniques.

Peers Company

Helping Hands Community Thrift Store



First customers on opening day, Nov. 16, Elmer and Felipa Dubois

After much preparation Helping Hands Community Thrift Store opened its doors on Tuesday November 16, 2010, in Peers, Alberta.

This is a non-profit outlet sponsored by the Peers Seventh-day Adventist Company. Our church is in partnership with ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), and we are actively promoting ADRA in the store.

The thrift store will sell donated items and funnel the profits back into the community to assist persons with proven needs.

Helping Hands is very grateful to Henry Boxma of Boxshaw Four Reality Inc. who donated the space and who is also covering the utilities. The generosity of Henry Boxma is a great blessing to us allowing us to fulfill a dream of the church to be of more service to the community.”

With much affection the store is nicknamed “the little wee thrift store” because space is very limited; however you can think of it as one of those trendy shops in a big city, small on space but huge in variety.

The shop is selling a good assortment of donated goods. There is a nice section of Christmas items including winter village houses and accessories, some excellent quality clothing is available and a good assortment of housewares, children’s toys and miscellaneous items.

Helping Hands Community Thrift Store is all about Neighbours Helping Neighbours and making our community a caring place to be.

On opening day there were 16 customers. Some people came to browse and most came bearing donations of items for the store. It was a fantastic first day. We had a great time meeting and visiting with members of the community. The Peers Company wants to make the store not just a place to shop but a place where people feel free to visit with their neighbours, have a cup of herbal tea, and find a peaceful time in their day.

Dolores Fletcher

Vegreville

We had five busy days of fun studying, “Sea Quest Diving Deep for Treasures in God’s Word.” Ulli Unruh was our leader. Our star performer was Sushi the Octopus, a puppet handled by Danielle Serna. This year we wanted the children not only to have fun with underwater adventures, but also to know Jesus as their Saviour. Even the snacks taught children of Jesus saving love and grace. Features were:

Exploration Centre -- where kids did scientific experiments like using suction cups to lift fairly heavy objects, experimenting with water and light etc., learning about sunken treasure ships, all combining the theme of the reef and the story of salvation in Christ.

Nature Centre -- was based on the story of two children and their scuba diving adventures also had Sushi the Octopus to tell them more about an octopus’ life in the reef.

Bible Story Centre -- brought alive the parables Jesus told about the Kingdom of God, and how to be a child of God.

Bible Activities Centre -- where the children did memory verse games and Bible sheet activities.

Games -- rally races, and other games.

Crafts -- one they really enjoyed was making a periscope and seeing how it really works! Also melty beads on fish, octopus, turtle designs, fish sun catchers, and a dolphin to fill with colored sand.



Jenafor Siemens talking with Sushi



Submarine made by our Pastor Ole Unruh

The children were divided into three groups: Octopus, Fish, and Sea Horses. There was a total of 34 children, 26 coming from non-SDA homes. The Vegreville church has had a VBS every year except one year since 1967. Some children that are coming now have parents that attended VBS when they were young. We pray that the Harvest truly will be great when Jesus comes.

Marion Coppock

Yellowknife

Family Violence Awareness Service

On October 16, 2010, the Yellowknife Church took steps to increase awareness of family violence in their community. Pastor Brad Dahr invited two community members to come and speak to the church. Rebecca Latour, who works in the field of family violence for the past 25 years, and Hayley Maddeux Young, family violence consultant with the Department of Health & Social Services, were the guest presenters.

Rebecca and Hayley explained what family violence is like and how to identify it. The bottom line is to reach out, make a call, get help.

The presentation was closed with a garden of prayer asking God for courage to do what it takes to make family violence history within our community.



Rebecca Latour and Hayley Maddeux Young

All Aboard for a High Seas Expedition

It was intense. It was exhausting. It was the most amazing God-breathed week ever! That's how the Yellowknife church experienced their Vacation Bible School July 5-9, 2010.

The church had the opportunity to share Jesus with over 70 children each day, mostly non-Adventists. About two dozen children asked for a Bible to take home.

The VBS Planning Team and Outreach Team plan to follow-up with regular mail outs and invitations to other events.



The church gymnasium was transformed into a large sailboat on the ocean. Simple rooms became prison cells from which Peter was released from and islands where Paul was bit by a snake.

Pastor Brad Dahr

Calgary Sudanese Congregation

On May 29, 2010, the first ever evangelistic campaign began for the Sudanese Adventists. Pastor Ishmael Ali of the Calgary Garden Road SDA Church spearheaded the initiative to reach out to the ever-growing population of Sudanese.

Pastor Bern Puot Yout, Director of Evangelism for the Middle East Union, was the evangelist.

The attendance each night averaged 60-70 which resulted in 17 individuals accepting the Lord Jesus Christ through baptism and profession of faith.

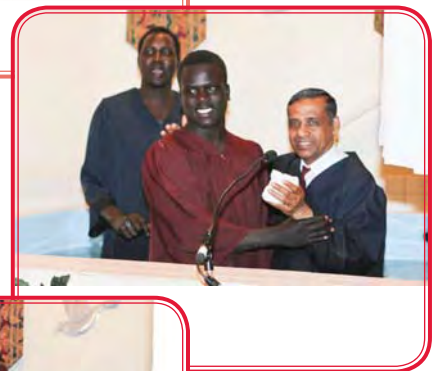
With the Lord's leading we will be able to have another reaping campaign in the near future.

Pastor Ishmael Ali



Dr. Bern is well known by many individuals in the Sudanese community who had paved the way for many to attend the meetings.

Seventeen individuals accepted the Lord Jesus Christ through baptism and profession of faith.



The meetings are over but the impact is still felt in the community.

Pastor Ali thanks the SDA Church in Canada, Global Mission, and the Alberta Conference for their financial contribution and encouragement.



Wedding Anniversaries



The Kays



Tom and Zelda Kay celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary at Royal Oak Manor in Lacombe on June 6, 2010. Their children, family, and many friends came by to share in the celebration and wish them many more years of marriage.



The Matikos

Edward and Lillian Matiko celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 9, 2010. Family and friends along with their children and grandchildren were honoured to celebrate in this joyous occasion. Farming for over 40 years Ed and Lillian retired in 1999 near Millet, Alberta. They have two children: Charlotte Cooper of Calgary, Alberta, and Everett (Joan) Matiko of Millet, Alberta; grandchildren: Melissa and Michael Matiko.



On September 6, 2009, Wolfram and Bonnie Hackenberg celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Harmattan Church at Foothills Camp.

Wolf and Bonnie wore their original wedding clothes that day (with all the buttons done up, too!). Family and friends came to share this memorable event. This is a happy memory for Bonnie especially—little knowing that her life would drastically change in just a few short weeks.



The Hackenbergs



*November 17, 2010,
Mable and Bill Wigley Celebrated
Their 70th Wedding Anniversary!*

In honour of this occasion, an open house was held on November 14, which was attended by many friends and family. Family included three daughters, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. In August of this year to celebrate this occasion, there was a family reunion campout weekend, which was attended by Bill's brothers and sister, Bill's and Mable's nieces, nephews, grandkids, great-grandkids, and great-great-grandkids, as well as great nieces, nephews, well...you get the idea! It's a BIG family and a five-generation picture was taken to prove it!

Bill and Mable, may you both continue to be blessed with happy and healthy years of wedded bliss!

At Rest . . .

ANTONIUK, Susan Christaina was born December 27, 1934 and was laid to rest June 30, 2010, in Bonnyville, AB. She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Tanya Antoniuk of Bonnyville, Andrea (Glenn) Babcock of Bonnyville, Anna (Ken) Kurylo of Edmonton, Natalia (Chris) Poison of Calgary, Patricia (Bryan) Fitz of Edmonton; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; sister Elizabeth Baron of St. Albert; brother Linard (GeorgeAnne) Baron of Houston, TX. She was predeceased by her husband John Antoniuk and parents Mary and Nick Baron.

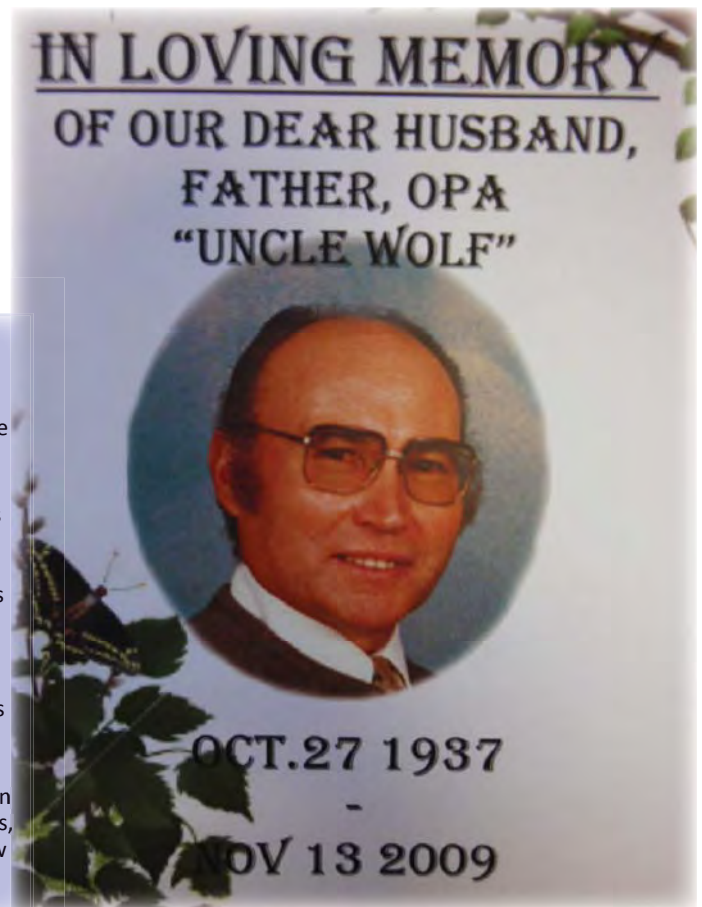
One Year Memorial and Tribute . . .

HACKENBERG, Wolfram Ludwig was born in Grossvoigtsberg, Germany. He has an older sister, Regina Joch. His brother Conrad predeceased him. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Elizabeth-Ann (Bonnie) and daughter Melanie Wortman, and a host of friends around Alberta.

"Uncle Wolf," as he was so lovingly called and remembered by, stole the hearts of his family, friends, neighbours, and the many, many young people's lives he touched, especially Foothills Camp summer camp staff. He loved life and he loved people, but most of all, he loved his God and Creator of all the nature that he was surrounded by during his and "Auntie Bonnie's" tenure as Foothills Camp Caretakers for nearly 20 years. He was loved by many and he knew how to show love to everyone.

Uncle Wolf was a man of God's great outdoors. Uncle Wolf knew so much about so many things—how to build tables, how to build houses and garages and decks, how to tell stories at camp meeting children's divisions, how to grow a vegetable and flower garden, and so much more.

Wolfram's life was cut short by septicemia which is a serious blood infection that did not respond to the five antibiotics he was given. Even in the last days, he was a witness to the hospital staff of his faith and trust in his God. He now awaits the call of his God, the Lifegiver.



MISSING MEMBERS?

The Alberta Conference in the process of trying to update the membership of the Alberta Conference Church. It looks like it is in great need! Please take time out of your busy schedules to look at the attached list and share any information that you might have on any of these people. Do you know where they live, their address, and telephone information? These people need to be 'pastored' and cared for and our first attempt will be near Christmas time. So, please share with me what you know. Contact Darlene Reimche at 403-342-5044 xt 208 or e-mail darlene@albertasda.org. Thank you so much for your help!

Allen Andersen	Candice Funk	Anne Kruger	Alice Osborne	Reuben Straub
Carole Andersen	Wladylow, Gabrys	Annie Krushinsky	Kathleen Osinchuk	Ruby Straub
Donald Anderson	Annalee Gardiner	Mdm. Chew Kun	Gilbert Parranto	Lorraine Strickland
Yvonne Anderson	Roxanna Gerlitz	Kevin Kupusa	David Peck	Aaron Supria
Harry Andruschak	Andrew R. Gibson	William Kutner	Donna Peck	Craig Symington
Mrs. Harry Andruschak	Garnet Goerlitz	Donna Lacker	Kelvin Pelletier	Becky Synowec
William Andruschak	Trevor Greer	George Lafleur	Vera Pelletier	Bob Synowec
Amy Armstrong	Carrie Grovet	Daphne Lakus	Cheryl Penner	Wendy Tatrie
Janine Armstrong	Henry Grovet	Julie Lakusta	Mary Perrish	William Thir
Neil Armstrong	Grace Guptell	Violet Lane	Fern Peters	Betty Thorpe
Nikita Armstrong	Stan Guptell	Marc Lauzon	Gordon Peters	Edna Thorpe
Robert Armstrong	Susan Haberer	Leonard Leblanc	Kathleen Peters	Cindy Toftner
Savannah Armstrong	Lana Haight	Insook Lee	Shane Peters	Florence Toftner
Hildegard Baasch	Don Ooh Ham	Mary Kwis Lee	Doris Petluk	Gregory Toftner
Barbara Balan	Esther Me Harding	Lochoon Lee	Flora Pfeifer	Donald Topolinski
Robert Beachief	Bernice Hartt	Ue Sung Lee	Marilyn Pierse	Floyd Triebwasser
Iva Becker	John Hartt	Enn Kong Leiw	Shane Pittman	Amanda Trimbule
Byrne Berg	Marjorie Heare	Valerie Leiw	Pat Powell	Harvey Trynchuk
Elaine Berg	Ligia Herrero	Darcy Leske	Pearl Prokopenko	Eileen Tschritter
Kelly Ken Berg	Jennie Hobden	Sharon Letniak	Joe Proskiw	Kenneth Tschritter
Ruth Bergey	Lilieth Holtham	Harley Little Light	Mike Proskiw	Rosalind Tschritter
Elana Bernard	Berta Horst	Anne Mari Lodoen	Janet Redersen	Sharon Tschritter
Beatrice Berzgozzi	Esther Eu Hrenevich	Lynda Logan	Colin Reid	Bernt Uebel
Chloe Bobb	Bernard Huedepohl	Helene Ma Lord	Isabelle Reimer	Anne Van Scheik
Compton Bobb	Susan Huedepohl	Fred Lorenson	Audrey Reti	Donna Vashaken
Marilyn Bradford	Judy Hunwich	Ken Lorenson	Linda Roth	Pam Wageman
Donna Brodyk	Nathan Hussell	Gloria Lukinuk	Joy Rout	Wayne Wageman
Beatrice Brown	Richard G Hutchinson	John Lukinuk	Amelia Samu	Jerry Walker
Doris Brown	Connie Ilchuk	Mike Lyzanchuk	Lydia Saruk	H. Wallace
Ross Brown	Kenneth Ilchuk	Eva MacDonald	Eunice Sawchuk	Juergen Wergin
Victoria Bruneskia	Clarke, Jackson	Kenton MacDonald	Helen Sawchuk	Duwain Werner
Henry Budney	Agnes Jeckells	Lillian Marcell	Lydia Schafer	Blake Whalen
Nancy Budney	Reg Neal Jeckells	Frieda Marion	Alvin Schiffner	Maurice Whalen
Albion Carlson	George CA Jeckells, Jr	Arthur Martens	Christine Schmidt	Raymond Whitehead
Lewis Carter	Henry Jeckells	Annie Mastaler	Freda Schultz	Perry Wiehart
Paul Caryn	Grace Johnson	Rose Mattis	Elsie Schulze	Audrey Wilson
David Chung	Jeanette Johnson	Gary McCallum	Dieter Schurig	Baxter Winsor
Wendy Clayson	Rawle Joseph	Dorothy McColman	Lucelle Semeniuk	Tony Winsor
Olga Cook	Ronald Kaiser	Agnes McMaster	Terry Shapka	Albert Wollmann
Rajwante Coomansing	Tracy Keller	Darlene McQuid	Dianne Shewchuk	Donna Wollmann
Fred Corie	Wesley C. Keller	S. Shawna Medicine	Anna Shykulak	Tim L. G. Worthington
Melanie Corrivau	Jackie Kim	Anna Melnichuk	Hazel Simanton	Michael Wowk
Lorne Craig	S. W. Kim	Shona Milne	Shirley A Simanton	Keum Nyu Yoo
Lynette Crowther	Sun Ja Kim	Bernard Mudri	Karen Simmons	Laurence Zelenko
Lenore Ca Dafoe	Martha King	Mike Murphy	Phyllis Skish	Mike Zylenko
Clara Pea Denney	Glen Ritc Klassen	Sherry Myers	Annie Smigelski	Ronnie Zylenko
Wanda Dickeson	Heather A Klassen	Ok Cho Nam	Ann Carol Smith	Sandra Zylenko
Adela Dietsche	Irvin Dal Klassen	C. Nelson	Carol Ann Smith	
Alan Dmyterko	Joan Lynn Klassen	Faith Nelson	Edward Th Smith	
Lori Dmyterko	A Klem	Melyn Nepales	Michael A Smith	
Neil Dunlop	Luella Knoble	Blaine Neumann	Michael H Smith	
Marilyn Dunn	Julianne Knopp	Henry Neumann	Tanya Spotted Eagl	
Michael Dziuba	Abbie Konschuh	Mary W. Nicks	Warren Blai Spotted Eagl	
Evelyn Falsted	Natalie Kotlar	Walter Nordstrom	Elaine Strand	
Wilfred Finlayson	Donavon Kozachenko	Floyd Oliver	Jacquelin Straub	
Karen Luc Friesen	Sheila Krenzler	Alta Olson	Lloyd Straub	

