

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

From the President

Camp Meeting—A Time to Remember

It was July 11, 1906 during Alberta Conference of the Church was official organized known as the Alberta Field Conference will be one time we meet at Foothills Alberta camp meeting! This celebration and rejoicing as led in our past and continues



camp meeting that the Seventh-day Adventist out of what was then Mission. Yes, the Alberta hundred years old at the Camp for this year's will, indeed, be a time for we remember how God has to lead us today.

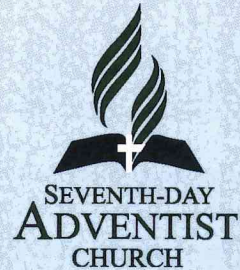
Special events and guest speakers are being planned for this year's camp meeting. The Pathfinders are planning a special heritage parade for the first Sunday afternoon of camp meeting. Guest speakers will include a number of previous Alberta Conference presidents including Pastor Herb Larsen, Pastor Don Corkum, and Pastor Dale Kongorski. Pastor Tony Kaytor, another past president, had planned to attend but recently phoned in his apology stating that due to his health and age (92) he felt he just could not attend but would be with us in thought. Pastor Ed Teranski will begin every day as the speaker for the early morning meeting ("morning manna"). A special history book of the Alberta Conference has been written and it is planned that each family present at this year's camp meeting will receive a copy. (The history book presentation is being planned for the last evening of this year's camp meeting.)

Pastor Henry Feyerabend, Speaker Emeritus, It Is Written Canada, will be the featured speaker the first weekend and he will be accompanied by some members of the Harmony Singers. Pastor Dan Jackson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, will be the speaker on the concluding weekend. There will be other speakers and seminar presenters who will bring blessings and spiritual growth to the attendees as the Spirit uses them in this year's camp meeting.

Camp meeting is a special time of the year and should be a highlight in every Seventh-day Adventist's annual planning. Camp meeting has something special spiritually for every one, from the little children, the teens and youth through to the aging adults. Memories are made at camp meeting. Decisions for Christ are made at camp meeting. Do let camp meeting positively impact your life for Christ. Do take time for God in your life and in that of your family.

This year we will remember in a special way how our pioneering forefathers, meeting together at a camp meeting, formally established the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta as a Conference. We will also take time to review how God has been leading in the lives of those of us who are still alive and fellowshiping and worshipping in His church. "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we may forget how God has led us in the past..."

June, 2006



"We have nothing to fear for the future except as we may forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history"
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Pastor Lew Wiegel Receives Distinguished Service Award

Since 1998, Lew Wiegel has been the pastor of the Grande Prairie Seventh-day Adventist church and has served as the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital volunteer on-call chaplain.

In April 2006, he was honoured with the Alberta Pastoral Care Association's distinguished service award for 2006, during the association's annual conference held in Grande Prairie. Since becoming an on-call chaplain at the QE II, he has contributed more than 2,000 hours to the calling.

"It was very humbling to me, first of all, to get an award for something I enjoy doing. I get a real blessing out of doing what I do, as far as visiting with and being involved in people's lives . . . trying to share in just a little bit of encouragement and hope in their lives," said Wiegel. Helping those who are struggling through grief or uncertainty and guiding them through times they are forced to navigate the deepest of "life's valleys" is uplifting to him.

Rev. Vernon Begalke, Peace Country Health's QE II chaplain and program director of pastoral/spiritual care, said that Wiegel is well-respected and is a worthy recipient of this year's distinguished service award.

God's richest blessings and good health, Pastor Lew, as you and Eleanor continue in your service for Him through the years of retirement ahead.



My Grateful Heart Remembers



The outpouring of love and support for me, for my husband, and for our family has been overwhelming.

Compassion has come in many forms: books, bread, calls, CD's, cards, DVD's, emails, flowers, PRAYERS, reunions with old friends, thoughtful walks and talks with friends, and an inspirational Women's Ministries Weekend. Unfortunately I cannot thank each of you personally. Just know that your love sustains me.

Therapy is ongoing for my breast cancer. I am of good courage. My faith is strong. May I leave this Oswald Chambers' quote with you: *"Faith untried is simply a promise and a possibility -- tried faith is pure gold."*

Thank you again for all your support. May God be glorified in all we do and all we are.

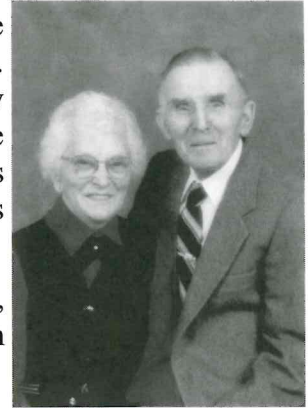
In Christian love,
Judy Olson

70th Wedding Anniversary

Holger and Fern Haggkvist were honoured at a Garden Party hosted by the Lacombe Senior Citizen's Lodge on June 6, 2006. The Honourable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, and many other notable community leaders as well as senior guests from the community were present to acknowledge and honour the Haggkvists on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. The Haggkvists received a lovely gift of Royal Albert china as a keepsake of this momentous occasion.

An anniversary program and open house was also given in their honour on Sunday, June 11, at Casey's Cabin (close to CUC) when family and friends joined in celebrating this auspicious occasion.

Fern and Holger met at Buck Lake in 1935 and were married June 8, 1936. They lived in Alberta at the beginning of their marriage, moved to British Columbia and among other things worked as caretakers at the old campgrounds at Hope from 1967 until 1977. Holger worked at the new campground in various areas until his retirement in 1982. They moved back to Alberta in October of 2000.



“Tweaking” Personal Ministry

The *Lay Activities* or *Personal Ministries* Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church began in 1869 as the *Vigilant Missionary Society*, by a group of dedicated women who said there was a need for organized soul-winning activities in the new Adventist Church.

One year later, S.N. Haskell, mindful of this promising society, created the *Tracts and Missionary Society* in New England, which later would evolve into the *Lay Activities* Department as we know it today.

For many years, *Personal Ministries* officers were elected, who attempted to whip the church into shape by encouraging church members to get out and witness to their neighbours. At times heavy guilt trips were laid on the not-so-excited saints. Studies have shown that in every church, generally 10% of the believers have the gift of evangelism, and unfortunately, it seems as though it is always mature females who head the list over males. Seldom are there ever any young people involved.

In many of our churches today, the pastor often has to shoulder the *Personal Ministries* office because the members refuse to accept the position anymore. Yet, year after year, we keep doing the same thing, the same old way and wonder why we do not get different or better results. As someone has said, “this is the definition of insanity!” Have we noticed that *Personal Ministry* training has not worked for the most part in the more affluent part of the world either?

After years of observing the same few committed saints who always support the training events, the same old complaints arise: “I don’t know why I come to these things, because when I return to my church I never seem to get any support anyway. So after a few weeks I even

get tired of trying.” After awhile you begin to ask yourself this question: is there no other way? Why should serving God and the community be so painful, and so unsuccessful? Why is *Personal Ministry* training only done on Sabbath afternoons, after the potluck when most people have gone home or are sleepy after a good feast? Many folks have learned to resist watching the PowerPoint or slide show on how to lead a soul to Christ. Few people go out of their way to actively engage in personal witnessing and so avoid further guilt trips on the issue.

So what am I saying? Am I saying we should stop trying to witness? No! What I am saying is let’s ‘tweak’ the way we do *Personal Ministry* training. How about doing *Personal Ministry* training during the worship service?

Yes! I think and I know what some of you are thinking now! But then look at the advantages:

You have the entire congregation, including the children, all listening attentively

You have the young people, who never seem to stay for the training after potluck anyway

The sermon could center round Jesus Christ and His training of the twelve or on the Holy Spirit and His leading of the twelve and the rest of the early church. You may even take a look at Jesus and the woman at the well in John 4 - a fantastic teaching moment that all of us can emulate.

The congregation’s involvement can be encouraged by holding up a *Vibrant Life* magazine on “How to Fight Cancer for Life” and asking how many would be willing to give such a magazine to a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbour. Many

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hands would go up. Then you could suggest that a "pocket Signs" and a *Discovery Bible* card be inserted between the pages. In my experience, if tastefully done, many, if not most, would be willing to do that. At the time of writing, two Bible Workers are reporting fantastic success in using this method as a pilot project.

I don't believe we have to throw the baby out with the bath water, but I do believe we can improve on the way we are presently doing our ministry. Here is a proposal for us to consider: *Personal Ministry* training has proven to be very successful when done in conjunction with an evangelistic series.

A Proposal for Regional Evangelism Teams (RET)

The Alberta Conference should embark on setting up **RET's** throughout Alberta to enhance *Personal Ministry* training and maximize evangelistic growth.

The **Purpose** of the Teams would be:

1. To train, equip and motivate the laity in a particular region about the joys and benefits of ministry to others
2. To conduct *Personal Ministry* training workshops/seminars and other entry events in preparation for evangelistic campaigns
3. To hold reaping evangelism meetings (at least 3-5 per year)
4. To revive churches that are in need of revival
5. To plant new churches in the region
6. To organize community outreach events thereby fostering a good relationship between local Adventist church and the community it resides in

The **Team** will consist of:

1. The local pastors in the area
2. The evangelist/pastor (either already in the area or to be employed)
3. Bible workers
4. The church members
5. Intercessory prayer teams
6. Medical and literature evangelists

The **Regions**:

- North West
- North East
- Edmonton
- Central
- Calgary
- South East

Each region may not necessarily have a team of its own but will share or benefit from mobile teams.

The **Cost**:

Evangelist/Pastor	\$.....
Bible Workers	\$.....
Resources to be determined	\$.....
Housing	\$.....
Per Diem	\$.....
Miscellaneous	\$.....

I personally believe that it is time for us to make disciples of our members, and by making these changes we can impact our churches in Alberta for God in a very dynamic and powerful way in and for the future.

Pastor John Adams
Personal Ministries Director

New Pastor for Beiseker & Drumheller District



Brad, Randa, Christopher, Bethany, and Nicholas Dahr

Brad Dahr is a committed disciple of Jesus Christ, a husband of one, Randa, and father of three, Christopher, Bethany, and Nicholas. He grew up in Alberta and was a practicing non-Christian. The first time through post secondary, he was in the Recreation Administration program; however, due to a set of strange circumstances he ended up in the computer systems business.

After baby number two, they relocated to Surrey, BC. where they lived for the next seven years. During this time, he committed his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized in the Surrey Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 18, 1998. His wife, Randa (formerly Richardson) had grown up in the church but had wandered away and she was baptized a few months later. A year after being baptized, Brad experienced a call to ministry and they eventually moved to Red Deer and he attended Canadian University College in the pre-professional Religious Studies program. Brad graduated on April 30, 2006 and was hired by the Alberta Conference and assigned to the Beiseker/Drumheller district. With a passion for the lost and a burning desire to spread the awesome Good News of Jesus Christ, Brad and his family now go as willing servants into the field.

7th Annual Health Workshop “Love and Respect”

“As a Christian we should be willing to learn new things in order to grow spiritually. Baptism is the beginning of our spiritual journey. We all know how much effort we have to put in daily in order to be connected with our Saviour. When we break our communication with God, our spiritual life will collapse very soon. Our daily private time with our Lord is the only way to progress spiritually.

After our marriage ceremony, we think that since we are now married, we have achieved everything and the state of happiness will be present forever...after all, we love each other, right? We are not perfect, so there is no such thing like a perfect marriage. Most of us do not really know what to do to empower and succeed in marriage and what to do in order to communicate not only in a good, but also in a bad situation. The marriage ceremony is the beginning of new life together and lots of God’s wisdom is needed daily to continue the healthy relationship.

Nearly HALF of all marriages end in divorce. Where is the problem? How do I find the solution and rescue my marriage? How can I find what I am doing wrong? Why do we not understand each other any longer? This is only the example of a few questions frequently asked. Do not let your problems overcome your marriage. Look for help. It is never too late to save, renew, or improve your relationship.

I and my wife accepted the invitation and participated in the Annual Health Workshop on May 12-14, 2006. It was presented on the campus of Canadian University College in Lacombe. The theme of the workshop was: “Building Healthy Marriages and Relationships.” It was organized by the Conference Health Ministries Coordinator, Darlene Blaney.



Diana and Dan Clarke shared their testimony of how God brought them together now in a marriage that is stronger than the day they married 32 years ago! “Love and Respect” is now their personal ministry. Be sure to contact them for more information on enrolling in this program at clarkedd@telus.net or 403-569-2025

We took along a friend and her daughter with us. This was a good witnessing opportunity for them as well. I am very thankful to God that I managed to be there. It was a good opportunity to go away from home for awhile together; we had more time to talk, walk and meet new people. I learned many new things—how different we are as a man and woman, so we act differently and our needs differ too. All these and much more was presented by the DVD- “Love and Respect” – an 8-hour live conference. Bill Spangler reminded us how to practice forgiveness and what the price of judging others is. The other speaker Mel Djkowich

presented a seminar on how our character development will reform the church. I and my wife enjoyed every moment of the program. As a still not-perfect husband, I would like to appeal to all men, take your wife to the next workshop. Do not miss the chance to improve your relationship. As a Christian we are obligated to learn new things and allow God to work through our various relationships.

Darlene, thank you for inviting us! It was worth it. Two marriages were saved. If they could do it, then the others can do it too, with God’s help! God bless you all!”

Arthur and Maria Hajzer
Members of the West Edmonton Church



Home Schooling an Option

Home schooling is an option for Christian education in areas where there are no church schools. Moore Academy Canada in partnership with the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Sylvan Meadows Adventist School offers home schooling.

For more information, contact Bernice at (403) 742-0428.

“Veggie Dinner Club” Full Swing in Calgary

With approximately 80 people each month in attendance, the outreach ministry approach is only positive!” The last Sunday in each month, community people along with central church members, attend a Total Vegetarian Potluck meal followed by a informative lecture or video seminar. The month of May presented a couple from the community of High River who demonstrated a variety of “machines” in the kitchen. Various dishes later were enjoyed for the supper meal including fresh baked whole grain buns, sugar-free jam, rolled cereal, “cheese” sauce, a fruit shake, and hot “carob” drink. These dinners are a lot of fun, educational, and especially a great opportunity to meet new friends and introduce them to our special Friend Jesus!”

As health director for the Alberta Conference, I encourage every church to get involved whether you are a small or large congregation; there are people in your area who need your friendship and the news about Jesus! Look forward to a seminar in the fall especially for you to learn some new ideas and perhaps have the opportunity to share your ideas with others at a Health Ministries Conference.



Demonstration of a variety of “machines” in the kitchen

Darlene Blaney, MSc, NCP

Health Ministries Coordinator for the Alberta SDA Conference

AMEN Ministries

Thank you to all the volunteers who have made a real sacrifice to attend **Alberta Men’s Ministries** Mission Project in *Valley of Peace*, Belize. The year 2006 marks the most aggressive building program we have undertaken to date and with the blessing of the Lord we are just moments away from hearing that we have been granted a license to operate our school.

Our project in 2006 started when our first group headed down on January 18 to construct another school building. We were greeted by rain on our arrival, in spite of the fact that it was supposed to be the dry season. We did not even get part one of the floor poured before the rain restarted and so we were unable to finish floor properly. Then, with the supposed dry season in progress we did not get another proper day for concrete work during the rest of the trip. Soon the days and nights of rain filled creeks, ditches, and culverts with water that totally caught the locals off guard. After the third day of rain and water-soaked clay soil, it became obvious that our plan to build a school building with two classrooms in it would not be possible.

We began to look for other things to do; we built book shelves, board walks, and did a lot of electrical work. I need to thank the volunteers on the January trip for taking disappointment, and turning the experience into a golden opportunity to live out thankfulness and

graciousness. The local people really did know we were frustrated with the weather and were hoping that the challenge would not trip us. Bless those who came in January.

A couple of the volunteers who came in January did not return home until the end of February, and worked with the February group of volunteers that included four dental volunteers and a few couples who really worked hard to upgrade the water purification system. Actually, the government has given us permission to sell bottled water in the community. This is the start of revenue generating ventures to help the school deliver education to students who have little or no way of paying. The dentists had full days of patients and two proper dental chairs, from Texas, to work with. Real chairs allowed the dentists to work longer without getting tired. Children from the two local elementary schools, as well as adults from the community were really blessed by the relief experienced from having dental problems fixed.



Garden tractor with all the gadgets donated to work the land

Another job that the February crew did was to unload the third container that has been shipped to our school in VOP. But these contents were extra special, because a brand new 25 HP John Deere 2305 garden tractor, with all of the gadgets, was inside. This will make taking care of the school grounds easier because the village has given AMEN MINISTRIES six acres of land. There was

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also a 2000 Chevy ¾-ton truck, in mint condition onboard the container. As these treasures were unloaded one could see the surprise of the locals. AMEN MINISTRIES has been truly blessed by generous giving. Our supporters have shared with us and ultimately with our friends in VOP. We have a real opportunity to share God's goodness with people who really need it.

I hope my church family will really embrace missions at home and abroad. God has blessed North America with riches. We still have opportunity to arrange talent, time and treasure so that God's kingdom can be increased, His family can be blessed and His disciples enriched.

March volunteers heard how the weather had affected our construction plans and were fully aware of how far behind we were on the project completion date. What really encouraged the March crew was the beautiful weather they were experiencing. As a result, volunteers who came from across Canada stayed longer than originally planned and so the schedule for building completion was realized. To date, two more school buildings, with two classrooms each, are completed; two containers to store school assets and construction materials are now placed and functional.

Along the way, from January to April 2006, there are a few highlights we need to share. The first is the baptism of two friends from the community. One Sabbath afternoon, while talking to one of our brothers who was baptized, he told us the reason he was so convicted was because Alberta Men came such a long way to volunteer in their village and got along so well together and were willing to share their building expertise. This, I believe is



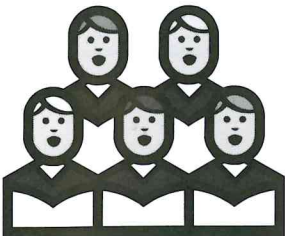
Robichaud helps to make the school building take shape

just the beginning of the Lord's blessings in this community. Secondly, the Belize Department of Education has been to our school site for two inspections. A principal of a near-by high school was part of the second inspection and he openly said that he would support our application for a license. The head inspector has given us verbal affirmation that she will support the application as well. The final report will come from the Education Minister's office by May 30, 2006. Thirdly, we have an Alberta family that will be going to teach at our school, arriving August 1, 2006. The Belize Conference is happy with this new development as it greatly lightens their financial burden. Please remember our project in your devotions.

Do you want to go on a Short Term Mission (STM)? Do you want to increase your awareness of people's needs? Do you want to see your talent, time and treasure multiplied? Would you like to see this happen right before your eyes? Would you like to be inspired to become more involved in mission work in your home church? Please check www.albertamen.com to appraise the latest developments.

P.S. We are sponsoring another trip around August 24, 2006. Volunteers are needed to help with the last minute details for the opening of the school year in September. Dear friends, we are looking for someone to answer this call, would you be the one? Please join us if you feel the Spirit moving you. You will be blessed! Get in touch with AMEN MINISTRIES to be on the right flight by calling Irma 403-342-5044 or email irma@albertasda.org.

Camp Meeting Music



There will be a camp meeting choir the second Sabbath of camp meeting (July 15). All those interested in singing in the choir, please contact Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or e-mail hgzinner@primus.ca.

There will be a camp meeting orchestra both Sabbaths (July 8 & 15) for the church service and to accompany the camp meeting choir. All those able to play violins, violas, cellos and double bass are invited to join. Please contact Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or e-mail hgzinner@primus.ca.

If you, or a musical group you are a member of, would be willing to provide special music for any of the meetings, please contact Trudie Comm immediately and offer your talents where needed or convenient for you. She can be reached at (780) 532-6411. Organist, pianists, choristers are also needed.



Job Opportunities at Canadian University College

Development Support Specialist - Office of Advancement

The Support Specialist will have developed skills in desktop publishing including software programs such as PageMaker, InDesign, Microsoft Office, Photoshop, etc., database management, and administrative secretarial skills. Qualified candidates should send a letter of application, a resumé, and names of three references along with contact information to: Brian Leavitt, Vice President for Advancement; Tel: 403/782-3381, x4010; Fax: 403/782-5675; E-mail: bleavitt@cauc.ca

Fundraiser - Office of Advancement

The Fundraiser will possess skills that will develop donor relations, work with alumni class gifting, engage individual and corporate donors and perform grant writing. Qualified candidates should send a letter of application, a resumé, and names of three references along with contact information to: Brian Leavitt, Vice President for Advancement; Tel: 403/782-3381, x4010; Fax: 403/782-5675; E-mail: bleavitt@cauc.ca

Financial Aid Officer - Student Finance Office

The Financial Aid Officer provides detailed information and counseling related to financial planning for CUC, PAA, and LLU. The FAO will be a skilled communicator, both verbally and in written form, be able to successfully manage simultaneous projects and be computer literate. Additional responsibilities include rental property management and publication of a weekly newsletter. Qualified candidates should send a letter of application, a resumé, and names of three references along with contact information to: Debra Chenowith, Director for Student Finance; Tel: 403/782-3381, x4017; Fax: 403/782-4107; E-mail: dchenowi@cauc.ca

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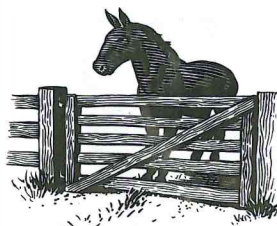
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Calling All Youth!

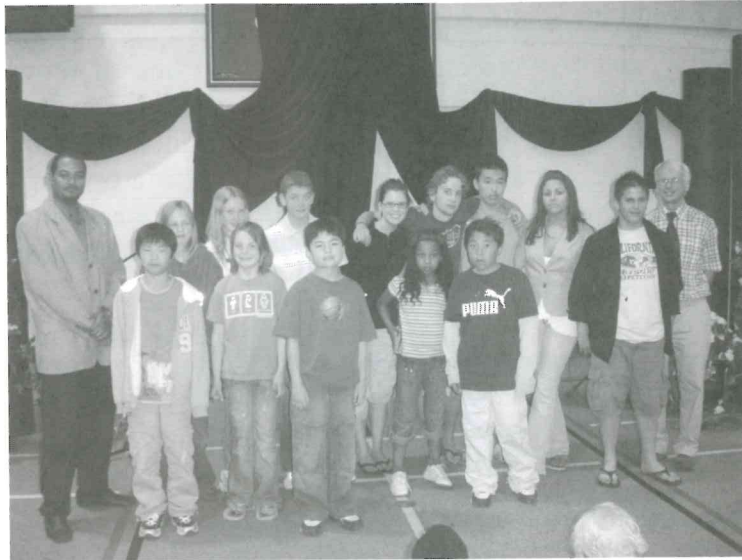


Do you like to blow your own horn? Can you strum, stroke, or pluck? When you sing do people look heavenward for angels? If you like to praise and worship God through music and you are 16-18 years old and coming to camp meeting we want you! Bring your instruments and jam with us during your worship programs. For more info call Pastor Tyler at 780-982-2383 or Pastor Brad at 403-820-4728. Hear you there!

Chinook Winds Adventist Academy Baptism “The Glory Road”

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and look back at many positive experiences. We began the year with approximately 200 students. This was a sudden increase of 40 students from the previous year. This caused certain problems in terms of staffing and classroom sizes. We overcame the problems and the year is now closing with several exciting things to report.

Several new students joined the senior high school classes and contributed very positively to our school environment, our academics, and our sports programs. Our boys' basketball team finished first in their division, and our girls' team finished second. Academically, we had several students that scored very high on Government Diploma exams. Our overall averages were very positive as well.



Back (l-r): Pastor Baldeo-Chaplain, Kalisha Anderson, Olivia Fitch, Connor Wasylucha, Brittney Wensink, Chantz Fleck, Wing Tim Kwok, Mr. McLeod, Principal. Front (l-r): Jacky Hong, Rochelle Jacobson, Jose Castillo, Janelle Ali, Norlan Ayerdis, Landon Saylor.

We managed to overcome the organizational difficulties presented by a bulging enrolment to carry on our usually array of activities – skating and swimming for elementary, participation in sports days, a number of field trips. Our Grade 12 class attended both CUC and Walla Walla college days.

There were several spiritual highlights for the year. Chaplain/Pastor Baldeo has combined an enthusiastic personality with imaginative ideas to help stimulate the spiritual atmosphere of the school. There were two ‘week-of-prayer’ events. The last one was highlighted by the participation of student speakers, Devin Kelloway and Christopher Villacorta, which were very impressive. Several baptisms happened throughout the school year, to God be the Glory. Students also participated in several outreaches to the community. They handed out flyers for evangelistic meetings in Medicine Hat and over 200 *Steps to Christ*

were given out in the Tuscany area in Calgary. Overall, there has been a very positive spiritual thrust to the school year. We are looking forward to even more spiritual growth next school year as a Jamaica Mission outreach trip is planned.

As we prepare for the summer holidays we thank God for “the Glory Road” we have traveled and for His leadership in our school.

Murray McLeod, Principal

AAAA Home Coming Retreat September 8 – 10, 2006

The Alberta Asian Adventist Association invites its members, their children, and their families, former missionaries to India, Pakistan, Burma, & Nepal and their children, and friends of the association to attend this retreat at Foothills Camp, September 8-10, 2006.

Many of the events for the weekend will be coordinated by the children of the members of AAAA who were babies or preschoolers about 28 years ago. Our children will be coming from other provinces and the US to participate in this special occasion. The events will include Friday night vespers presented by the members and friends from British Columbia and Sabbath and church services by the children of Alberta. There will be a sacred musical concert, cultural social program, recreational activities coordinated by the US and Canadian children. In addition, there will be recognition of former missionaries to Southern Asia Division, an ethnic banquet, etc.

The guest speaker for the Sabbath service will be Dr. John Fowler, Associate Director of Education for the General Conference. So, come and join us as we “Praise the Lord and Pass It On.”

For more information, please contact Grace Dara at (403) 782-7156 or Pam Ramalingam at (403) 782-6345 or email: pauldara@shaw.ca.

Camp Meeting Heritage Display Tent



There will be a special tent designated for displaying heritage items that you may want to share during camp meeting week. If you have antique clothing, machinery, household items, or anything of that nature, the Alberta Conference invites you to bring what you have with you to camp meeting to put on display for others to enjoy and reminisce. Efforts will be made to provide security measures so that your item(s) will not disappear by the time you wish to pick them up to take home with you! Also, if you are bringing items that might be damaged by dampness in the air, please preserve your item within a display case. Thank you in advance for your help in making this camp meeting a special celebration of God's leading in the past 100 years.

Camp Meeting Trust Services

Make a Wills Appointment with a Lawyer

PLANNING FOR THE

*Cycle
of
Life*

A new Trust Services feature for Camp Meeting 2006 will be the availability of a Seventh-day Adventist lawyer for personal consultation to prepare your Will. Since the lawyer's time needs to be scheduled, you are requested to contact Trust Services as soon as possible for an appointment. Please call Carolyn Osmond at 403 - 342 - 5044, Extension 202 or e-mail cosmond@albertasda.org

Your appointment may necessitate your missing a meeting. If that is a concern you may wish to purchase a tape or CD of the missed event.

Regular Trust Services personnel will also be available to visit with you about your Will or other planned giving opportunities. You may make an appointment ahead of time by calling or e-mailing as above, or by signing up at the Camp Meeting Office. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

The Alberta Conference reimburses its members up to \$150 for single Wills and up to \$225 for joint Wills. The making of a Christian Will is encouraged to protect your loved ones financially, to appoint guardians for your minor children, and to ensure any charitable bequests you may wish to make.



Making A Will = Peace of Mind

May God bless as you make your Christian Will

Camp Meeting Centennial Parade July 9, 2006

On July 9, 2006, at 1 p.m., we will be holding a parade to begin our week long celebration for our Alberta Conference Centennial. Come one, come all!

We would like to invite people who have antique vehicles, horses and buggies and antique machinery to join us. We have made arrangements for a trailer to transport vehicles from where the pavement ends right to the camp. Watch your bulletin for transport times, or contact Carol at 403-782-4438.

Members are invited to dress up in era attire and join the parade.

Floats and decorated bicycles for the parade are welcome.

We are searching for the most senior church member in Alberta to be our parade marshall. If you know of someone who would be able to come to camp meeting, please let Carol know before June 26.

All former Pathfinders and Adventurers and staff are invited to join us for the parade. Come with or without your uniform!

School or church groups who would like to march together are also invited. Make a banner to celebrate and come along for the fun! If you know of any marching bands, please let Carol know.

If you plan on participating, we need to know by June 26th, so we can organize the parade.

Come and help us celebrate our 100th Birthday!

Carol Morton
Pathfinder Coordinator
403-782-4438

Other Camp Meeting Features

1st Sabbath

It Is Written Team

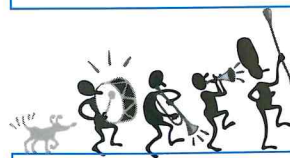
**Old-Time
Concert in the Park**

Young Adults



**Guest Speaker—
Lisa Hope**

1st Sunday



**Centennial Parade
& other activities**

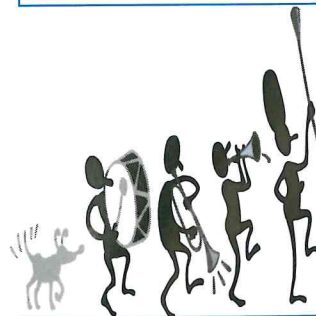


ABC Book Sale



International Food Fair

Children's Meetings



**Full-day programs and
activities planned for the
whole week**

Youth

**Guest Speaker—
Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
Sun—Sab**

Korean Services

Both Sabbaths

**Spanish Services
Second Sabbath**



**Guest Speaker –
Pastor Guillermo
Quiroz**

2006 Alberta Conference Centennial Camp Meeting

Celebrating 100 Years of God's Leadings

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” *Life Sketches, p. 196*

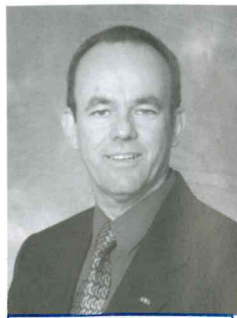
Opening Meeting: Friday, July 7 at 7:15—Henry Feyerabend

TIME	SABBATH JULY 8	SUNDAY JULY 9	MONDAY JULY 10	TUESDAY JULY 11	WEDNESDAY JULY 12	THURSDAY JULY 13	FRIDAY JULY 14	SABBATH JULY 15
7:00-7:45	Ed Teranski							
7:45-8:30	BREAKFAST							
9:00-10:15	9:00-10:30 Sabbath School (Education?)	Ed Reid						9:00-10:30 Sabbath School (CUC?)
10:30-12:00	10:45-12:00 Henry Feyerabend Harmony Singers	10:30-11:30 Bruce Boyd	SEMINARS					10:45-12:00 Dan Jackson
		Family Time						
12:15-1:00	LUNCH							
1:00-2:00	3:00-5:00 Old Time Concert in the Park	Parade	CHOIR PRACTICE					3:00-5:00 Outreach & Education
2:15-3:30		2:00-4:00 ABC Sale	Ed Dunn	Ed Dunn	Douglas Devnich	Douglas Devnich	Douglas Devnich	
3:45-5:15		SEMINARS						
5:30-6:30	SUPPER	4:00-6:00 International Food Fair	SUPPER					
7:15-9:00	Henry Feyerabend	Henry Feyerabend	Bill Olson	Don Corkum	Herb Larson	Dale Kongorski	Dan Jackson	Dan Jackson
9:15-9:45	Prayer and Praise at Harmatton Heritage Church starting Friday, July 7							

Seminars



Health
Darlene Blaney



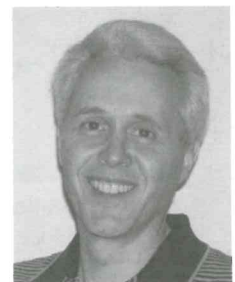
ADRA
James Astleford



**Practical
Retirement**
Jack Harris



Stewardship
Ed Reid



**Giving Bible
Studies**
Justis St. Hilaire

Guest Speakers



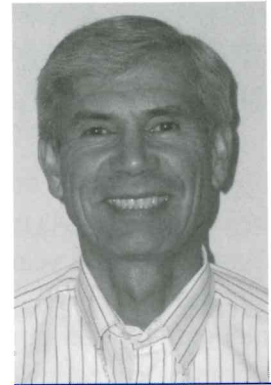
Dr Bruce Boyd
Newly-appointed
Theology Department
Chair, CUC



Pastor Donald Corkum
President, Wisconsin
Conference; Former
president of the Alberta
Conference



**Pastor D. Douglas
Devnich**
Retired; Former pastor
& Departmental Director
in the Alberta
Conference



Pastor Ed Dunn
Pastor, Kelowna;
former pastor in the
Alberta Conference



Henry Feyerabend
It Is Written



Harmony Singers
It Is Written
Above Left— Alpha;
Above Right—Beverly
Right—Joe



Pastor Dan Jackson
President, Seventh-day
Adventist Church in
Canada; Former pastor
in the Alberta
Conference



Pastor Herb Larsen
Retired; Former
President of the Alberta
Conference



**Pastor Dale
Kongorski**
Pastor, Islands District
in Washington State;
former president of
the Alberta
Conference



Edward G. Reid
North American
Division Stewardship
Director

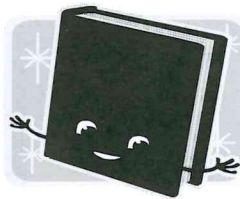


Pastor Ed Teranski
Pastor (retired),
Winfield church in the
BC Conference; Former
pastor and departmental
director in the Alberta
Conference

The following regulations are in place for the comfort and safety of all users of Foothills Camp. Your cooperation in observing them is very much appreciated.

- No pets are allowed on the grounds or camping area
- Sabbath meal tickets must be purchased at the Administration office before sundown on Fridays. No IOUs
- Children under 18 years of age are not permitted to stay overnight at the campground unless in the care of an adult guardian
- Skateboards, water guns, firearms, bicycles are not permitted on the campground
- Maximum occupancy on one RV site is one camping unit plus one same-family tent
- Maximum of two vehicles are permitted at one RV site, campsite or cabin
- A \$10 per key CASH deposit will be required at check-in for all cabins, lodge rooms, and division building keys. The deposit will be refunded when you return your key(s) upon departure
- The Camp Administration office will be open for your convenience from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 – 9:45 p.m. daily

Cafeteria Meal Ticket Prices



	Children 5-11	Adult
Breakfast	\$4.00	\$7.00
Lunch	\$6.00	\$9.00
Supper	\$4.00	\$7.00

Please arrange to purchase your Sabbath meal tickets prior to sundown Fridays.

Tent and RV Sites Available



If you would like to make your reservation, please call Penny at the Conference office (403-342-5044, x 201) right away. Sorry, no lodge rooms or cabins available – only tenting and RV sites left.



Hotel / Motel / Campsite Accommodations Available in the Area

Innisfail

Highwayman Motor Inn	403-227-6001
R & R Inn & Suites	1-866-227-2214

Olds

Best Western Inn	1-888-908-5900
Siesta Motel	403-556-3376
Sportsman Inn	403-556-3315

Red Deer

Black Knight Inn	1-800-661-8793
Days Inn	403-340-3297

Red Deer Cont'd

Holiday Inn Express	1-800-223-1993
Western Budget	403-358-5755

Sundre

Chinook Country Inn	403-638-3300
Kings Motel	403-638-2750

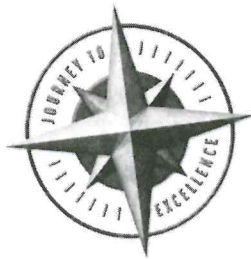
Camp Sites

Red Lodge Park	403-224-2547
River Ridge RV Park & Cmpgrnd	403-224-2727
Westward Ho Park	403-556-2568

"Together We Can"

Education Program
Sabbath, July 15, 3-5 p.m.
Main Auditorium

Come and hear the life-changing stories from our Schools and join the Journey to Excellence.



Adventist Education

A journey worth taking.....



Smart birds those geese! By sharing in each other's draft, taking turns in the lead position, honking encouragement to each other, staying informed, and watching out for the wounded, they accomplish so much more than if each bird flew solo.

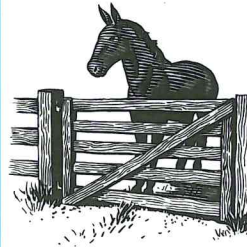


Together We Can!



Foothills Camp Summer Program

To register your child(ren) for any of the following summer camps, please call 1-877-228-1175



July 2-6

Waterski / Horsemanship Camps

July 16-22

Blind Camp

July 23-29

Adventurer / Sherwood I Camps

July 30-Aug 5

Junior I / Sherwood II Camps

Aug 6-12

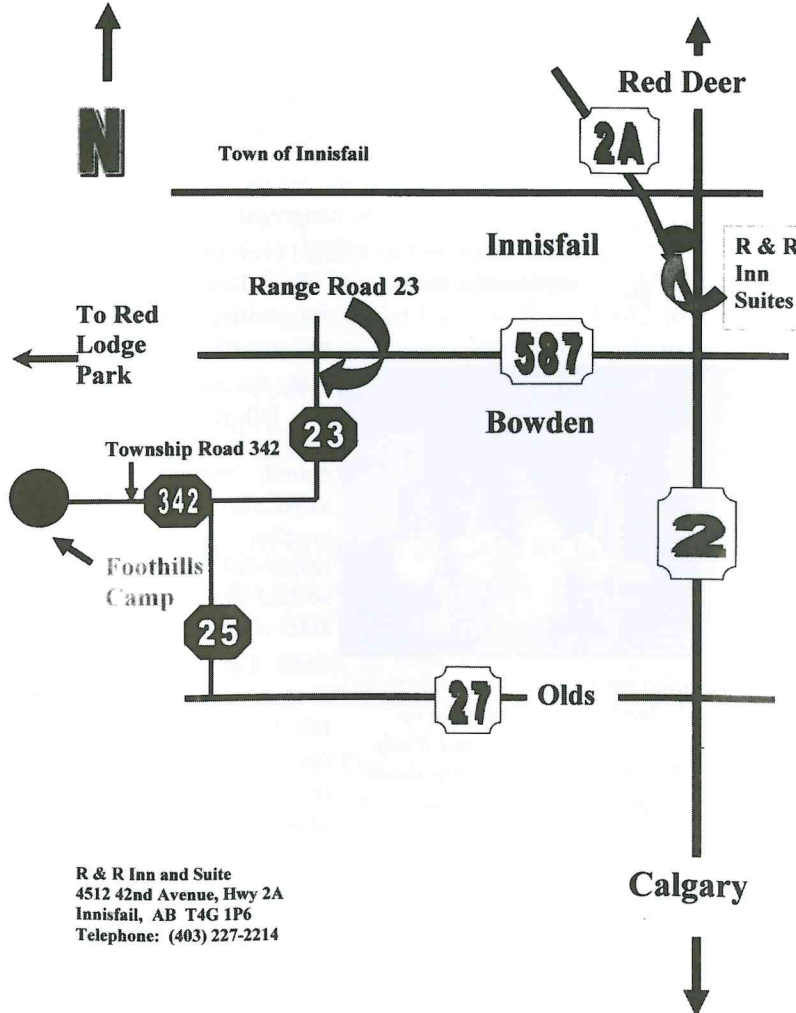
Junior Camp II / Sherwood III Camps

Aug 13-19

Teen Camp



Map to Foothills Camp



R & R Inn and Suite
4512 42nd Avenue, Hwy 2A
Innisfail, AB T4G 1P6
Telephone: (403) 227-2214

Dusty Roads - Please Note New Directions!

Help us be a good neighbour when traveling to and from Foothills Camp. Arriving from the south, use Highway 27 west from Olds to **Range Road 25**, turn right and stay on Range Road 25 to Township Road 342, turn left to the camp. Arriving from the north, turn right on Highway 587 and travel west to **Range Road 23**, turn left and stay on Range Road 23 to Township Road 342, turn right to camp.

Local Church News

Beauvallon

“Reachout” Sabbath

Have you ever wondered how you can reach those people that you touch in your life? Those that you have contact with off and on? How can you get them to want to hear the message of God’s love? Or get interested in spiritual things?

Winter evenings are long after the chores are done, supper is over, and dishes are done. This could be a good time for visiting and here is Paul’s experience:

Paul and his wife, Katie always took time to visit their neighbors and friends. After one such visit they were going home, they hit an icy spot in the road and slid into a snow bank. When Paul got out of the truck to survey the situation, he realized that he wasn’t dressed warmly enough to walk to a neighbor’s place, he placed his arm on the fender and put his head on his arm and prayed, “Dear Lord, you see the situation we’re in. Please send someone to help us. Amen.”

Just as he reached to open the door of his truck, he looked to the side and saw a young lad about 12 years old peddling his bicycle towards him and stopped. Paul says, “I was shocked to see him dressed only in a shirt without a cap or jacket.” He asked Paul, “Mister, are you having trouble?”

Paul replied, “Not really, but I don’t know how to put this truck into four-wheel drive.”

“It’s easy, no problem,” he said and asked, “You want me to try it for you?”

“Yes, please try,” Paul said. Immediately he jumped into the truck. With ease he shoved the gears into four-wheel drive, and then backed the truck out of the snowdrift and onto the road.

Paul says, “After he slid out of the truck and I was thinking of paying him, my wife suggested, ‘Put his bicycle in the back of the truck and let’s take him home.’ I turned to suggest this idea to the young lad, but there was no one there.” Paul continues, “I walked around the truck looking for him, but there was no trace of him or his bicycle!”

“Right then and there I bowed my head and thanked God for answering my prayer so promptly,” Paul says, “And for sending a guardian angel in the form of a lad on a bicycle.”

Visiting is an activity that is blessed by our loving Father in heaven. Now because Paul is alone, he misses those visits he made when his wife was living; he doesn’t drive much but he has another way of reaching his neighbors and friends; he talks to them on the phone.



The tables were very attractive and the visitors enjoyed each other’s company.



Beauvallon men’s quartet members (l-r): Charles Townsend, Garry Townsend, Bob Palinka, and Wally Zukiwsky provided some of the music for the afternoon program.

Paul invited his friends and neighbors to Sabbath School and the worship service and then a dinner at his Beauvallon church on December 3, 2005.

Just a few days before the planned dinner, Paul received a phone call, “What’s going on? I hear you are inviting my neighbors and friends to a dinner and I’m not invited,” the caller said.

Paul responded, “Sure, you are invited.”

“Well, no,” she said, “I’m not invited.”

Paul replied, “You come with your friends.”

She came and later said, “The program in church, the meal, the whole day was very good. I like the friendliness here. I’m glad I came.”

As Paul was making his calls and inviting the people, a friend suggested that Paul not waste his time inviting one couple because they were not interested in religion and will not come to church, but Paul called and invited them. They came and said that they enjoyed the time with Paul and his family. Later they brought a large tray of goodies in gratitude for the invitation! You never know, do you?

One man who came because he enjoyed the 2004 Sabbath dinner, said, “Only a blizzard and cold weather will keep me at home this time.” He came and brought another neighbor.

The Sabbath School superintendent was Margie Ruptash and her remarks were on the characteristics of the two sons and their loving father, who never gave up on his children. Just as earthly fathers patiently help and guide their children in their walk, our Heavenly Father is patiently waiting for His children to come to Him and He accepts them with open arms. The Sabbath School lesson was taught by Pastor Felix Richter with excellent participation from the congregation.

Gary Townsend welcomed everyone to the worship service and expressed a thank you to Paul, Leonard, and Shirley Hryhirchuk for inviting your friends and neighbors to come to worship with us today.

After the service everyone was invited to the fellowship room where Paul, his family, his friends, and the Beauvallon church members ate a very tasty vegetarian meal. In 2004, there were 25 couples plus single people who responded to the invitation. For this second annual dinner on December 3, 2005 about 35 couples attended.

After the dinner, there was a musical program by the Beauvallon and area talented musicians. Many of the community guests stayed for the program and enjoyed it so much.

Many guests later telephoned or sent cards thanking the Beauvallon church for the wonderful day spent fellowshiping with them.

Sandra Elkow
Communications Secretary

Calgary Garden Road "Mother May I?"

During the recent evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor Dan Jackson, President of the SDA Church in Canada, at the Garden Road church the question wasn't "Mother May I?" for four precious, teenagers living with their foster mom. Instead, they had to ask permission of their *Social Workers*...

One young girl, *Krista, was overjoyed to have her mom present for her baptism. (We continue to pray for Krista's mom as she has been in the hospital for an extended stay.)

Two sisters, *Cathy and *Ann, bubbled over with excitement as they sang a beautiful song together with Krista in the baptismal font. "They have come a long way in the last year and they love the Lord," says their foster mom.

*Sandy had to wait to be baptized since her social worker had asked for proof that she was doing it for the right reasons. She penned a letter to Social Services to clarify her reasons for being baptized. What a witness! She is very knowledgeable and has done her homework; looking up Scriptures and taking notes. The social worker finally gave her permission before Pastor Dan Jackson left. (Her biological family had already consented.)

"Mother May I?" asked Krista, Cathy, Ann and Sandy. Jesus says: "Come ye blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Many thanks to Pastor Dan Jackson and Pastor Ishmael Ali for their dedication and hard work in winning souls for God's Kingdom. Some 30 souls were baptized as a result of this evangelistic outreach.

*(update) *Cathy, and *Ann have had an answer to prayer since their baptism as their sister who was previously with them in foster care is now back and they are together as a family with their foster mom.*

*Names have been changed to protect the innocent and no photo's available.

Corinne Sweet
Communications Secretary

Memories

Alfred Alvin Hubbard was born October 22, 1920 in Lethbridge and passed away May 28, 2006 in Lethbridge. He was born to Harry and Ada Hubbard as the fifth of eight children. He served in WWII in the Royal Corps of Signals, in England and Europe from 1942 to 1946. As a committed life-time farmer in west Lethbridge, he also enjoyed auctions and collectibles. A huge interest of his was taxidermy—animals and birds which along with the collectibles formed the basis for an interest museum. The collection was donated to the Lethbridge Community College in 2005. Alfred was very active in the Coalhurst Home & School and Coalhurst School Board as well as the Pemmican Club and the Royal Canadian Legion. He was also known for his jokes and sense of humor.

Besides his loving wife Mary, Alfred is survived by his daughter Linda (Fred) Kwan and their sons Peter and David of Port Elgin, ON; his two sons Ken (Doris) Hubbard and their sons John (Lisa) of Red Deer and Adam (fiancée Kara) of Oreville, CA; Phil (Annette) Hubbard and their daughter Carissa of Lethbridge; his three sisters Rosada, Pearlie and Nancie, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Alfred was predeceased by his parents Harry and Ada, brothers Harrisam, Art, Auburn, and sister Nellian.

Eldon James Pregoda was born December 21, 1970 in Lacombe and passed away March 19, 2006 in Red Deer. Survived by: spouse Debby Pregoda; mother-in-law Jean Shewchuk; parents-in-law Shirlee and Howard Hunter; brothers-in-law Rick (Carmen) Hunter, Kelly (Donna) Hunter, Tracy (Miette) Hunter, Stacy (Stacey) Hunter; and sister-in-law Taffy (Dan) Blake; father Dan Pregoda; and mother Carol Solberg. He was predeceased by two brothers Cory and Jason. Eldon was baptized on June 21, 2003. He was a member of the Lacombe Community Adventist church.

Edmonton Mill Woods

Celebrating New Birth Through Baptisms and Baby Dedications



Top left: Baptismal candidates Carolyn Joseph, Dean Pasin and Dawn Foster-Mosonyl are all smiles with Pastor Evert Potgieter on April 1, 2006 as they take the all important steps to be buried in the baptismal waters and born again in Christ

Top right: On the occasion of another joyous baptism, from left, Pastor Evert and Lorette Potgieter, newly baptized member Elva May Laroque, Pastor Earl and Tara Beckles and Head Elder Eunice Reid (top right) celebrate Elva's birth as a new creature in Christ on May 20, 2006

Bottom left: In celebration of the wonderful baby dedication May 20, 2006. From left, Cynthia Bartley (sister), Trinity Bartley (dedicated one), Sandra Bartley (mother), Pastor Evert Potgieter, Debbie Bartley (grandmother) and Noel Bartley (grandfather)

Bottom right: Another delightful baby dedication held on April 15, 2006. From left, Anita Phillips (mother) holding Devon Phillips (dedicated one), Doreen Hinds, Eustace Hinds and Pastor Evert Potgieter.

33 Ladies Attend Annual Women's Retreat

The women at West Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist church are alive, well and on fire for the Lord. Thirty-three delegates attended the Alberta Adventist Christian Women's Ministries retreat in Red Deer, Alberta from April 7-9, 2006. The theme for the weekend was "Joy on the Journey." Keynote speakers included primary presenter Heather-Dawn Small, Director of Women's Ministries at the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; Joy Fehr, PhD who teaches English literature at Canadian University College; and Cynthia Campbell, a woman of faith.

Una Marshall, Women's Ministries Coordinator for the West Edmonton SDA church, was extremely pleased with the contingent. She believes in women empowering women and encouraged the ladies to attend this life-changing weekend. Indeed no one left Red Deer the same as when they arrived. Even the hotel staff were blessed from their encounters with us. We were a force to be reckoned with. When women pray, things happen. When 184 women pray, extraordinary things happen, and that it did! One of the highlights of the weekend was the anointing service, which came about as a result of one of the women disclosing that she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. While the elders led out in the anointing service, prayer worriers guarded each corner of the room. The power of God was evidenced in that spontaneous service. God was indeed in that place.

We learned how to be intimate with God and spend quality time with Him in prayer. We need to share our stories so others can

grow spiritually through our experiences. It was an awesome experience to see women, sisters, mothers and daughters, friends letting their hair down and being vulnerable in a safe, spirit filled environment.

During the course of the weekend, we were reminded not to let anyone steal our joy. We must be prepared, have a backup plan, bring back the joy when the enemy has stolen it, keep our joy and stay hopeful on our journey. Our joy comes from the Lord. Happiness is a feeling, an emotion. Joy is listed as the second fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22.

Heather-Dawn shared this poem with the ladies:

Be like a bird that
Halting in its flight
Rests on a limb too slight
And feeling it give way
Beneath him sings
Knowing He has wings

Joy gems:

Taking joy in life is a woman's best cosmetic
Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and
our intelligence aglow
Joy comes from a thankful heart that is confident in
God's provision
A joyful heart is the best service we can give to God
A joyful heart is like the sunshine of God's love
Any day above ground is a good one
Jesus I give you me
Don't let anyone steal your joy!

Women's Day at West

April 29th 2006 was Women's Day at West. The speaker for the hour was Elder Eunice Reid from the Mill Woods Company. The topic of her message was "God's Possibility Partners." Sister Reid reminded us that women are uniquely made, distinctively identified, inherently powerful beings of strength. We are possibility partners with Jesus Christ for He sees our potential and our possibilities.

After the fellowship meal, the day climaxed with an affirmation service. It was very uplifting to hear members affirming each other for a variety of things. Everyone appreciated being acknowledged for his or her service and no deed was seen to be too insignificant. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Outreach Through Evangelism

The West church is now in the midst of an evangelistic program which commenced May 19th for four weeks. Pastor Justis St. Hilaire will be the nightly speaker (except for Wednesday and Sunday when there are no meetings). As part of their game plan, the women conducted literature distribution on Sabbath May 13th 2006.

Sharon Long (Brown)
Communication Coordinator



Fairview

On April 29, 2006 Rachel Lucas was accepted into membership of the Fairview church on profession of faith. Rachel had recently been baptized into the Alliance Church when she began dating Tony Johnson, a member of the Fairview Church. Soon she was coming to church with Tony on Sabbaths and requested Bible Studies. The two of them studied with Pastor David Hamstra for nearly a year, during which she accepted the Sabbath truth and attended the Fairview church faithfully. At the end of the studies when Pastor Dave asked her if she wanted to become a member of the Adventist church. She replied, "I thought I already was!" By that time she was very much a part of our church family, and so with the blessing of her former pastor we officially accepted her into our fellowship.

Pastor Dave Hamstra

Maskwachees (Hobbema) & Wetaskiwin District

A Breakthrough in Hobbema for All of Us!



(l-r): Kevin Deschamps, Pastor David George, and Steven Deschamps

On a cold, winter's evening, two First Nations boys from the Hobbema town site slipped into the waters of baptism and joined the Tribe of Jesus Christ. There were tears in the crowd at the Wetaskiwin Seventh-Day Adventist church as the Kokum (Grandmother) of Kevin and Steven Deschamps prayed in the Cree language for her boys.

Actually many of us should feel that we have had a part in the steps these boys have taken. They both had attended the Happy Family Seminar in Hobbema, and then Elder Justice St. Hilaire's evangelistic series in Wetaskiwin. But they have been also blessed by our Native School, Mamawi Atosketan, where they attended for a number of years, and also Peace Hills in Wetaskiwin where they intend to graduate from 9th grade this spring!

Their hope is to attend Parkview Adventist Academy this next fall, even though they are uncertain of the Band's level of support for this type of Christian Education. With gang shootings in broad daylight, the small team serving the church group in

Hobbema is also praying for a safe place of their own where these boys, and other children, may worship in peace...won't you join them in prayer on this matter?

Rocky Mountain House Extends Its Ministry to Hobbema!

"It is uncommon to experience the sounds of a van full of Native women who are packed, up to their necks, in clothing that they received from the Community Services Centre in Rocky Mountain House!" states Pastor David George. "You would think that the discomfort of all the plastic bags around them would dampen their spirits, but no, they were chattering in Cree

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and laughing all the way back to Hobbema!”

But most of us would enjoy an outing to a lovely spot in the foothills where we were free to select articles of clothing that our families might need. We, too, would appreciate a delicious meal and enjoy the chance to meet caring people who are happy to serve.

Well this experience has happened twice now and the Hobbema ladies are still talking about it! This sermon of love-in-action is something that has not ceased to impress hearts over the months. Special thanks go to Betty, Joan, Al, Don and Heather Johnson! Keep it up Rocky Mountain House...you are fondly remembered in Cree Country!



Community Services workers, Betty Leskosek, Al Cherney, Don Johnson, and Joan Peterson helping to load the Hobbema-bound van



(l-r): David, Lu, Elannah, and Yuel George, Linda Gage, Kevin Deschamps, Chad Ta-ala, and Steven Deschamps

Wetaskiwin and Maskwachees Members Team-up For Mission!

Before the big snows of March could hit, a small group of youth, along with Pastor and Mrs. George took flight out of Calgary for the second poorest nation in our continent... Nicaragua!

The plan was to conduct a Happy Family Evangelistic Seminar, and also minister to orphans from Hurricane Mitch who live in a facility run by Seventh-day Adventists in that region.

Each team member had their job and mission on the journey. Some were helping with the sound system, others (like Chad Ta-ala and Steven Deschamps) were responsible in helping with the music ministry, and still others (Kevin Deschamps, Elannah and Yuel George) helped with set-up, tear-down, and PowerPoint presentations. The result was wonderful...60 baptisms and 80 more in preparation! The orphans, too, were blessed by the time that our young people spent in sharing

with them!

But the blessing did not stay down in Nicaragua...the young people came back with a greater appreciation for what they have, a stronger spirituality, and more confidence to minister in their own towns!

If your youth group needs a shot in the arm, perhaps a mission trip is the answer!

Pastor David George

Medicine Hat

Celebrating 80 Years of Ministry



The Honourable Minister, Rob Renner, presents a plaque to Mrs. Violet Cooper, daughter of the first Adventist that arrived in the area 104 years ago. Mrs. Cooper is a member of the College Heights church in Lacombe

“This is a historic moment for us. This church is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. It means an eighty year journey towards eternity, towards the Promised Land. We don’t want more anniversaries here. The next one needs to be over there!” With these words, Dr. Victor Schulz, Pastor of the Medicine Hat Church in Alberta, opened the weekend festivities that marked their Anniversary occasion.

Everything started when in 1902 the Boschee family, Adventist European immigrants living in South Dakota, moved to the Medicine Hat area. They became the first Seventh-day Adventists in the area (that actually was 104 years ago when there was no province of Alberta or Alberta Conference in existence). There are records of several other Adventist families attending worship services by 1911 and erecting a church building. Two Farnsworth brothers, Alton and Ernest (sons of William Farnsworth, the very first Adventist), started the organized work in the Medicine Hat area. On February 27, 1926 the Medicine Hat church was officially organized.

Representing the Premier of Alberta, the Honourable Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, was present and spoke at the main event of the celebrations. Representing the city, the Honourable Garth Vallely, Mayor of Medicine Hat was present. And in the words of Pastor Schulz, ‘representing the Kingdom of Heaven,

Jesus Christ is with us today!’ Other dignitaries, members of the media, former pastors and a number of visitors and special guests coming from as far away as Nebraska, Oregon, Washington State, British Columbia, and other places were also in attendance. A touching moment during the main event was when descendants of the very first church members were recognized and presented with a beautiful plaque. Messages arrived for the occasion from the office of the Prime Minister of the country, the Governor General, the President of the General Conference, the President of the North American Division and many others. At

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the end of the service the members of the church received as an anniversary gift a full-color printed history book and pictorial directory that was donated by a printing company.



The historic first Hilda church building which has been donated to the city and in permanent display at the Pioneer Village

Other activities during the weekend included a tribute to former pastors and wives, a Gala Banquet, the official opening of a new computer/language lab with 25 donated computers at the church school. With the presence of representatives of the government the unveiling of a plaque honoring donors and volunteers was done. Perhaps the most touching moment was the afternoon visit to the historic first Hilda SDA church building, donated to the city and in permanent display at the Pioneer Village on the Stampede Grounds. A beautiful plaque honoring the pioneers was unveiled there and a re-consecration ceremony to the

service of the Lord took place. All at the tune of a group singing the 'Old Country Church'!

A number of other anniversary events are taking place during the year. Among them an already completed mission trip of seventeen young and not-so-young members to Ecuador, South

America where a church building was finished and 49 baptisms occurred in an evangelistic series run simultaneously. Also included in the celebrations are a major Bible contest with a micro-Bible computer as a prize; an anniversary tour to the Bible lands that will take place from November 20-28, 2006; monthly musical concerts including the Canadian University College chamber choir, the Selah Singers, the Okanagan Adventist Academy choir, the Boschees and friends, the Divine Harmony group, etc., and special monthly guest speakers like Gary Hodder, William Olson, Romulo Daquila, John Adams and others.



The Medicine Hat church family celebrated 80 years of God's leading on May 27, 2006

To capitalize all the enthusiasm and the momentum a major satellite crusade was planned with Shawn Boonstra of the It Is Written telecast as the speaker. It started the very next day, Sunday, May 28; and in preparation for it, all the houses of the city were mailed invitations and approximately 4000 homes visited in a door-to-door program involving the students of Chinook Winds Academy of Calgary. The meetings were extensively advertised via newspaper, radio and television and are having a very good attendance.

Pastor Victor Schulz

Parkland

The Parkland Seventh-day Adventist Church could be said to have its beginnings in 1987, when the Alberta Beach Church membership felt that they had outgrown the little country church they had been renting near Alberta Beach.



Charter Members—April 29, 2006

Various alternatives were investigated and the decision was made to move the location to the Stony Plain United Church. During the time the church met in Stony Plain, funds were raised, but the decision was made to build on the land already owned near Onoway.

In May of 1993, the church members moved to their own building just outside Onoway and felt they were "home." As hoped, the Church in Onoway attracted other members and the family grew. When Pastor Kevin Chung came to Onoway in early 2001, he brought with him a philosophy of "planting churches" in unreached areas. The eastern end of Parkland County, including the communities of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, had the largest concentration of people in the Pastor's district. There were regular discussions about how to establish "a church presence" in this area.

During the summer of 2001, a Bible worker witnessed in Spruce Grove and uncovered a number of persons interested in Bible studies.

Several Onoway members got involved in leading these studies, among them a Spruce Grove family, who began a weekly Bible study in their home.

In the summer of 2002, the Onoway Church board recognized that the time had come to formalize the work in east Parkland. The board approved the planting of a new congregation in Spruce Grove. A meeting was called, a number of interested persons from Onoway and other area churches met, and the decision was made to name the group "Parkland."

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The Edmonton South Church smoothed Parkland's launch with a generous financial contribution toward establishing a church in this area.

Pastor Chung spearheaded the search for a meeting place. Parkland leaders were invited to view the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church and meet with their leaders. When Pastor Jim Heinbuch of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church informed us that his board and membership would be willing to allow us to share the use of their building, it was felt that God had led to this place.

Our first worship service was held here on January 4, 2003. The first six months were spent getting our feet under us. By July we had established something of a track record and on July 26, 2003 we were officially organized as a Company with 23 members.

In the fall of 2004, an evangelistic series, well attended by the community, was held under the leadership of Pastor Oliver Johnson. There were a number of interests, some of which resulted in baptism. Perhaps as important, however, was the way the series brought the church membership together and made us the core of what we hope will be an ever-expanding family.

April 29, 2006 saw the coming of age of the Parkland SDA Company when it was officially recognized and given the status of a Church. Pastor Daquila, Alberta Conference Secretary took the service in the morning in which he inspired us to continue to share our light in the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain community. Pastor Bill Olson, Alberta Conference President joined us for the afternoon program when the charter members signed on parchment indicating their support for this new church. Currently we have 44 members and are continuing to grow.

Daniel's Phelps' Testimony

"Although I have always had God in my life, this is the first time I have truly acknowledged it publicly. I am glad to be standing here before you today to proclaim my love for Jesus Christ and to accept Him into my life.

I did not take baptism seriously until my Mom and Dad completed theirs. Had my Mom not gone through with hers I doubt I would be standing here today. Although I have read the Bible a few times, I must admit I did not understand what I was reading 100%. That is where my study sessions with Louis and Joanne Balog come in. With their help I was able to understand the teachings a lot better and I can honestly say I am ready to proceed with whatever God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit have in store for me in my new Christian life. And although I will, as Pastor Kevin Chung said, face persecution I am not afraid and am more than willing to face any troubles or tribulations Satan may throw at me because I am a follower of the Lord.

On April 29 Daniel Phelps was baptized and joined his mother and dad, Bob and Hariette Burnhan, who had been baptized several months earlier as members of the Parkland church. The service was conducted in the Onoway church.



Peace River

Celebration for Peace River Spring Crusade

On April 8th the Peace River church concluded a three week Prophecy seminar and celebrated when Dagmar Stephens and Marilyn McLaren were baptized and joined the church. Both ladies bring with them a wealth of enthusiasm and gifts to the church. Dagmar is a solid student of the Bible and is a certified health counselor. Marilyn is a licensed ordained minister of the CFCM (Canadian Fellowship of Churches and Ministers) in Peace River. The meetings were presented by Pastor David Beaudoin. Many thanks to the Peace River members who supported the meetings with their time and help.



Pastor David Beaudoin

Lay Evangelism in Ethiopia

Eckhard and Barbara Christen of McLennan, Alberta, members of the Peace River Seventh-day Adventist church, have recently spent four weeks in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a city of 4 million inhabitants. Ethiopia is a developing nation of great contrasts between wealth and poverty, religion and politics. The language of Ethiopia is Aramaic and the main religions are Orthodox and Muslims. There are 4,500 Adventists in the greater Addis area.

Eckhard had volunteered to be a speaker at an evangelistic series in the city, sponsored by Global Evangelism. Twenty meetings were held simultaneously in various locations throughout the city and the country. The series began March 10 and

ended March 25. The name of the church the Eckhards were assigned to was the Kotebe Adventist Church in Addis.

Tony and Maria Huether from the Grande Prairie church gave a health presentation each evening before the sermon. There were seven other speakers in Addis from California and Hawaii preaching in other locations, some in churches and some in open fields. The youngest speaker was a 15 year old girl from California.

The team had an excellent interpreter whose name was Temesgen Bulti, who works as a translator for Adventist World Radio in Addis Ababa. He also volunteered many hours to work with Eckhard and the Huethers.

The people there are very beautiful physically, as well as warm and friendly and very eager to hear the messages presented nightly. On average there were about 200 people in attendance each night, with new non-Adventists in attendance every meeting. Some evenings it rained so hard Eckhard could barely be heard over the loudspeakers, but the people still came, walking in the pouring rain.

Satan was also at work trying to discourage us. The first week it was with electronic and equipment problems; and the second week it was the weather.

On the last Sabbath there were well over 550 people present for the morning service to witness a baptism. The whole congregation rejoiced as nine people were baptized from the



Kotebe church and 23 were baptized from a few smaller churches. During the last call for baptism over 30 people came forward.

As the final evening meeting came to a close the Christens and Huethers were called to the front of the church and the whole congregation gave us a traditional Ethiopian blessing, and although we didn't understand the words, we did understand the feelings of their love towards us. Tears fell as we said goodbye to new friends as Eckhard invited them all to meet together again on the second Sabbath in heaven on the right side of the river near the tree of life.

If any of you who read this article have ever thought of doing something like this, but are afraid or unsure that you could do it, we would urge you to try it. With faith in what God will do through you with the prayers and support of your church family and loved ones, you can do it. You don't have to go overseas or to a foreign country. There are many evangelistic campaigns being planned right here in Canada and the United States.

Brother Christen says, "We were greatly blessed by our experiences and give our sincere thank-you to our Peace River Church family and some other close friends who supported us with their prayers and their financial donations."

Barbara and Eckhard Christen

Red Deer

Mission Evangelism from Red Deer

While we have an evangelistic series planned for India in December 2007 there is another project that is thriving. Johan and Annetjie Kritzinger sent a few DVD's to their parents in South Africa. Johan's parents accepted the message and start sharing the DVD's with friends. The Alberta Kritzingers continued to supply DVD's for outreach to their parents in South Africa and when they went visited South Africa last year they took hundreds more for the use of the Nelspruit church where Johan's parents now attend.

They also took out a projector on loan to this congregation from the Red Deer congregation. As a consequence there are more than 50 new people attending the Nelspruit church. There are another at least 100 people studying in small groups who are very interested. We really have no idea how many more are watching the DVD's. These DVD's are getting scattering all over the country through friends and families.

All the DVD's that are being used, apart from those supplied from Red Deer, have been copied one at a time. To assist our brothers and sisters in Nelspruit we have purchased a DVD duplicator for their use and loaned this to them also. This is an amazing turn of events. There is now talk in South Africa of following the same procedure in other areas. All this, because Johan and Annetjie watched a few DVD's themselves in the privacy of their home, loaned to them by a non member.

God is able to use all those who are willing. Pray for your avenue of service to become clear to you. The fields are white with harvest, according to our Lord and Master.



Johan, an emergency specialist in the Red Deer hospital, and Annetjie Kritzinger, a nurse

Ps. Ian Hartley

Baptisms

Christian Fletcher was baptized on May 13, 2006 in Red Deer as a result of intense internet investigation and DVD exposure. His mother, Heather, drove from New Brunswick to be present for this occasion. Heather and her husband were baptized two years ago.



The Grise family (l-r): Jade, Andrea, Terence, Michelin, Susan, Rene, Reynald

The Grise family joined the Adventist family on April 1, 2006. Reynald and Susan and their eldest son Terence were accepted on profession of faith. Jade, the eldest child, was baptized on this happy day. This family noticed the change in life style of their neighbours, the Kritzinger family. The Kritzinger family was baptized in 2004 as a consequence of watching

Veith and other DVD's given them by a non Adventist colleague. As a result the Grise family studied the Adventist beliefs and joined the Red Deer congregation.



Heather and Christian Fletcher

Pastor Ian Hartley

Stettler

Two young people share similar spiritual journeys, a spiritual birthday and a church family. Coming from homes where faith was not a priority, both Josh Marks and Melissa Bokenfohr were each introduced to the church when they attended with a new family member. They have each attended Foothills Camp for several summers and count it as a major influence in their lives. While at camp this past summer each made a decision for Christ. After studying with their youth leader through the winter, both were baptized on April 22, 2006. Melissa chose to be baptized by Pastor Steve Reasor at the College Heights Church where she is attending PAA. Later that afternoon Josh was baptized at the Stettler church by Pastor Jacques Morris. The Mirror Church is delighted to call Josh and Melissa family!



(l-r): Les Morris, Josh Marks, Louise Buelow, Melissa Bokenfohr and Student Pastor Bob Condron

Reaching Out To the North Edmonton Community

"The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" Matthew 9: 37,38



Mr. Courage Nyathi leading an interactive review of the week's lesson during Sabbath school

Recently, a small group of church members in Edmonton heard the voice of God and responded to His calling. Because the Northern area of Edmonton is expanding fairly quickly, the Lord impressed upon our hearts to plant a church in that part of the city.

Our mission is to go out into the community in the North End to testify about the love of Jesus and the free gift of salvation that is bestowed upon all those

who believe in Him. The mighty hand of God has been and continues to be with us as we forge ahead into the battlefield. We hold our Sabbath services in a facility that we rent from Pilgrim United Church located at 9008-135 Avenue. Our first service was held on May 6, 2006. There were 65 people in attendance. What a blessed Sabbath day that was! The theme for the Sabbath school program was "There is joy and happiness at harvest time." Testimonies and praise songs blessed us all.

During the divine hour, our speaker was Pastor Quigley Morris, a CUC theology student. He encouraged us as his sermon focused on the many ways God fights our battles for us, especially with the task of evangelizing to God's precious souls. Pastor Morris offered a prayer for the work of the fellowship group and also prayed for divine guidance for the leaders of the group. Please keep us in your prayers.

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