# Alberta Conference Alberta Conference News

### A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

## **From the President**

## It's Camp Meeting Time!

ay D. Rizzo, in her book, **A Place In God's Heart**, writes these words of personal testimony to an early childhood experience she had at camp meeting: "I am a child of old-time camp meetings where the music

stirred the spirit and how I love to proclaim it! / Lamb!' 'What a fellowship, Everlasting Arms.' 'To God be done.' After such a song to be fed.

done.' After such a song to be fed.

It was at a camp meeting I, as a ten-year-old, first gave still smell the sawdust and



revitalized the soul. 'Redeemed Redeemed by the blood of the what a joy divine, Leaning on the the glory, great things He hath service, the worshipers were ready

in Union Springs, New York, that my heart to Jesus Christ. I can hear the tent ropes groan as the

wind off Lake Cayuga whipped the heavy canvas above our heads. Elder H.M.S. Richards, Sr., made an altar call that evening and, while I was certain the call was meant for adults and not kids, the Holy Spirit tugged at my heart. I knew I had to go forward.

What did Elder Richards preach about? I don't remember. What songs did we sing? I don't remember. Who had special music? I'm not sure. But I am sure that my decision, made in a moment of sincere worship, saw me through the tough teenage years that would follow."

How many of us like Kay Rizzo can recall committing or recommitting our lives to our Saviour at a camp meeting? How many of our children and of our young people have made life commitments to Jesus Christ at a camp meeting where they have been convicted by inspirational music and the Spirit-filled spoken Word? We can rejoice that we did not miss such opportunities.

Well, you may not smell the sawdust nor even hear the flap of heavy canvas at a camp meeting you may attend this summer but you will feel the Spirit speaking to your heart as you "come apart awhile" to worship Him. You will experience communion with God and you will experience good fellowship with members of the family of God.

"These camp meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but little importance. Let all who profess to believe the truth respect every privilege that God offers them to obtain clearer views of His truth, of His requirements, and of the necessary preparation for His coming. A calm, cheerful, obedient trust in God is what He requires." Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 576

It is camp meeting time. May you find deep spiritual blessings at whatever camp meeting you choose to attend this summer. William Olson, President





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### **Local Church News**

## Wedding bells toll at Edmonton West SDA Church

or this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24. The church family at Edmonton West recently came together to witness the



marriage of two lovely young couples. In this day and age it is a blessing to see young people upholding the institution of marriage and publicly making a commitment before God and man.

Sinikiwe Shoko and Xolani Neube were married on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2005. Pastor Terrence Horrell officiated and shared many tips for a successful marriage with the couple. He used the analogy of a parking lot with reserved signs to show commitment during the engagement phase. Once married the lot is full as the "car is parked". The

couple then ensure that others get the message that "no parking" is allowed as the stall is taken. The congregation and the bridal party were pleasantly amused during the ceremony.

Grace Karambi and Jared Nyabuti tied the knot on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005. Once again Pastor Horrell took the participants on a journey. This time it was a cruise, with stops at various rocky points along the way. The ships finally docks on the Rock of Ages where the couple builds a solid foundation for their life together.

On behalf of the Pastor, leadership and members of the Edmonton West SDA church, we wish the newlyweds all the best that God has to offer them as they embark upon their new journey together.



Sharon Long (Brown), Communication Secretary

## January to April 2005 Tithe and Offering Report

Conference Treasury is reporting the following Actual Cash Received to April 30, 2005, with a second report that shows Estimates for April based on previous year amounts for late church reports.

"... What satisfaction will every reaper have, when the clear, musical voice of Jesus shall be heard, saying, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." "Enter thou into the joy of they Lord."

Actual Cash Received -to April 30, 2005	Amount	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>
Tithe	\$2,148,163	5.12%
Mission Offering	90,747	-6.66%
Alberta Conference Advance	68,311	-5.03%

#### Estimates to April 30, 2005, Based on Previous Year for Late Reports

Tithe	\$2,433,255	10.40%
Mission Offering	105,173	0.17%
Alberta Conference Advance	81,207	6.98%

ADRA Annual Appeal to April 30, 2005 is a total of 30,866, a 3.14% increase to date.

"The Redeemer is glorified because He has not died in vain. With glad, rejoicing hearts, those who have been colaborers with God see of the travail of their soul for perishing, dying sinners, and are satisfied. The anxious hours they have spent, the perplexing circumstances they have had to meet, the sorrow of heart because some refused to see and receive the things which make for their peace, are forgotten. The self-denial they have practiced in order to support the work, is remembered no more. As they look upon the souls they sought to win to Jesus, and see them saved, eternally saved – monuments of God's mercy and of a Redeemer's love – there ring through the arches of heaven shouts of praise and thanksgiving."

Review & Herald, Oct. 10, 1907

Ester Hackenberg teaching basic sewing



Sweatin' it out in the heat of the day



Bus ride from airport to VOP

## Alberta Men to Belize Update

ission is something Alberta Men and their friends are getting used to, and for good reason. March 9-23, 2005, saw 15 men, women, and sons head south to Belize and there join our new church that has come to expect our arrival the second week of March for the last three years. Right from the start of this project we have felt God's presence, and none more evident than our last trip. THANK YOU, LORD, FOR SUPPLYING SMALL EVIDENCES OF YOUR GRACE to accompany our faith as we continue to step into unfamiliar territory.

The weather was very hot every day and provided our first indication that God was present. Any weather like this back in Alberta would cause us to head for the shade, or the lake, but in Belize we all went to work. Only responding to a higher calling could have made that possible. As a result our mission was accomplished.

From all previous indications, the village of Valley of Peace (VOP) needed a high school. With 60-70 students graduating from Grade 8 in two local schools in VOP only about 25-35% of the students would go on to high school. The cost of transportation to schools outside the community was just too much. Alberta Men did not have a lot of local support for the high school initially but as time wore on, locals came on board and as construction time came the local church was ready to take the risk. As construction of the new facility began, a survey of the graduating classes was done, and as the results were totalled, it was clear that a new high school would have support. Forty-eight students indicated their intention to attend the new Seventh-day Adventist High School. This information just made us work harder to get the building completed. The local church members could not believe we could do it! The Belize Conference President could not understand what was motivating us and the conference education director was wondering if we should be doing that at all. Needless to say,

it was the conference education director that proved to be our greatest ally. After Alberta Men were able to convince her that the Grade 9 classroom was just the beginning of our help with the school, and that we were prepared to complete a government recognized high school with even some bells and whistles (computer lab, science lab, library, the best playground in the country) she was converted. What a day that was! She was also made a believer when she was invited to a dedication of the school (Grade 9 wing) just nine days after construction was started. The building had exceeded her expectations (and ours) and has caused her to go to bat for us to get government funding for teachers in the fall of 2006, when Grade 10 will be added to the school program. The building program for the Grade 10 wing will take place March 8-22, 2006. Start making your plans to assist or participate now, if you feel you can help with this venture.

Part of the mission of the VOP was to help with some income generating opportunities. The water treatment facility built the first year we were there is poised to make an impact in this area. A fruit-drying venture is on the drawing board as we speak, with men from the Maritimes getting involved.

Alberta Men would like to thank ADRA, Better World, and many private sponsors for their support. The children of Valley of Peace are really looking forward to great things. Before we returned home, some of the students from the local church family could hardly wait to hear what colors their new school uniforms would be. They were asking us what colors we would like to see, and were suggesting all sorts of combinations. Sounded to me like they were enjoying some new school spirit even before the school opened. What a sense of satisfaction one felt as we watched these new students embracing their new opportunities!

I believe we, too, can embrace new opportunities; like giving and praying and supporting missions at home and abroad like we never have before. The time is shorter than we think. This short-term mission is just a springboard for Alberta Men and like minded missionaries to stand and demonstrate their faith even at home and in their communities. GOD BLESS YOUR DEMONSTRATION!

For more information on this project, check out <u>www.Albertamen.com</u>. See you at a mission station near you.

Brian Townsend, Alberta Men's Ministry Coordinator



School takes shape so quickly

## Grade 5/6 Outdoor School



he week of May 29-June 1 found 120 Grade 5/6 students at Foothills Camp getting excited about having school outdoors. Kevin Kiers, Grade 9 teacher at College Heights Christian School, and Scott Sackett, teacher in Strathmore,

Ribbitt!



Let's see what we can find in this pond ...



Constructing ladders with poplar tree branches

were the co-directors of the Alberta Conference sponsored event.

The student activities were curriculum based and classes took place in various outdoor classrooms around the campground, such as the river, the pond, the forest, the field, and the campfire pit. Classes taught were Pond



Rockin' Rockets with teacher,



Yummy, pine-needle tea

Study, River Study, Forest Study in the mornings and in the afternoons students could be found at either Rockin' Rockets, Hooks and Ladders, Owl Pellets, Crafts, Canoeing, or Project Wild.

Pastor Tyler Rosengren inspired us each morning and evening with songs and stories to remind us of our Creator.

Looking for an exciting challenge?—teach Grade 5/6 students about Jesus' love through nature! It is inspiring to see students get excited about learning in the great outdoors.

Janet Griffith, Assistant, Education Department

#### **Fort McMurray**

Two young people were baptized in Fort McMurray Church last May 21. They were Annina Engelbrecht and Rochelle Wilson. Willie Engelbrecht, an ordained minister from South Africa, had the joy of baptizing his own daughter Annina. Pastor Delotavo baptized Rochelle. Geneve Francis, the elder of outreach, has been serving as the spiritual guide of the two young people. This year, so far, Fort McMurray Church has welcomed five new members.

Alan Delotavo, Pastor Fort McMurray, Boyle, Lac La Biche District



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## Even as thy soul prospereth ...

## **Family Health Workshop**

Those who attended the annual Family Health Workshop weekend at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary, May 27-29, were privileged to have three unique



(l-r) Donna Bowie, Wendy Johnson, and Betty Ann Schur are preparing their culinary delights at the cooking class

presentations on Friday and Sabbath. On Sunday, the Alberta Health Ministries Director and Nutritional Consultant, Darlene Blaney, offered an optional, but exceptional, vegan cooking school.

The two main speakers actively promoted health in aspects we may not always focus on. Pastor Richard Willis, Director of the British Union Health Ministries, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, an author of several books, shared much pertinent information from a book he is presently writing as well as his latest book, "Holistic Health, Holistic Hoax."

Bill Spangler of Family Mediation Services and Marketing Director for "Choices," a program to help people establish healthy relationships, urged us to understand from a Biblical perspective the true meaning of forgiveness and judgement. It was also an opportunity for testimonies of how God works in human lives.

A video presentation by Dr. Michael Greger gave latest research and the tremendous advantages of eating eight super foods—one of them being flaxseed. We learned that 1 Tbsp. of ground flaxseed a day could regulate our growth hormones to slow down cells that could become cancerous.

Thanks to Ron and Darlene Blaney, all the volunteers, and everyone who contributed to the delicious dinner and supper, as well as the West Ridge Company for sharing their space with us during the worship time on Sabbath morning.

Catherine DuBourt, attendee

(Books by Dr Willis are available to those who were not able to attend the workshop. Contact Ron or Darlene Blaney for more information: (403) 288-9293 or <a href="mailto:rdblaney@telus.net">rdblaney@telus.net</a>)

## Singles' Work bee

The long weekend of May 20-23 found the Alberta Adventist Adult Singles Ministry group at Foothills Camp for a work bee. Our job for the weekend was to erect a fence around the camp house and get it ready for painting. Singles from Calgary, Lacombe, Rocky Mountain House, Clive, Olds, and Fort Saskatchewan came together for this "mission" project. We enjoyed a lovely Sabbath



Debra Pelletier & Lois Graham pack fence posts



Wolf Hackenberg, Ed Rice, and adopted "Single" for the weekend Rob Morton line up, dig, and pound

fellowshipping together, had potluck and a campfire vespers to end the day.

Bright and early Sunday morning, Uncle Wolf Hackenberg was there with the post pounder to start the project. With the help of Rob Morton and Uncle Wolf our project was completed and everyone had fun.

Rose Lee, Olds AASM Member

# Alberta Youth Department Has "Rallied" . . .

It has been a busy spring for the Youth Department here in the Alberta Conference. We have been working to have youth events in most regions across Alberta. So far we have had three rallies sponsored by the Alberta Conference, and another coming very soon.



Karl Haffner, guest speaker



CUC Youth Extravaganza - Drama team

The first rally was at Canadian University College on the March 11-12 weekend. Canadian University College hosts "Youth Extravaganza" each spring for the youth of Alberta. This year the speaker was a well-known youth speaker and author, Pastor Karl Haffner. Pastor Haffner is the Senior Pastor of the College Place Church at Walla Walla College. A big thanks to Wesley Szamko and his team at CUC for providing this weekend.

The second rally was in Calgary at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy on March 18-19. The speaker was Wayne Williams from the Ontario Conference. The purpose of the rally was to inspire our youth to get involved with the *It Is Written* Crusade that was soon to begin. The attendance was excellent with over 200 people in attendance on Sabbath. We were overjoyed when Pastor Wayne made a call for those who wanted to commit their lives to Jesus publicly to come forward. We watched as about 50 young people made this commitment to Jesus. Praise the Lord!!

The third rally was held in Edmonton at Coralwood Adventist Academy on the weekend of April 29-30. The speaker for the weekend was Ron Sydney who was a theology student at Canadian University College. The weekend was well attended with around 100 young people on Sabbath.

Our fourth rally was held in Lethbridge June 3-4. The speaker, Matt Para, is a young man who is originally from B.C. but is now living in Florida. He is passionate about reaching young people and encouraging them to be in service of our Saviour. Many prayers were answered with approximately 300 young people in attendance at the church service.

Please raise our young people before the Lord in prayer. We want to see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our youth like never before. These young people are the ones who can finish the work here on earth and usher in the return of the Saviour. Please pray for them and their struggles and for guidance as they grow as servants of the Lord.

Richard Williams, Youth Director



Jim & Sally Hohnberger

## **Empowered Living...**

"It's about walking with God," says Jim and Sally Hohnberger. This couple recently held a prayer seminar in Sylvan Lake that was sponsored by the Alberta Conference Prayer Ministries and by the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jim & Sally said they had it all, a successful business, a beautiful home, expensive vehicles, even a great reputation in their church.

But underneath it all, their lives were stressed, pushed and bruised. They said their marriage was troubled, their Christian experience was superficial, and they didn't even really know their kids. They were convinced that pursuing the "American Dream" was robbing them of a true walk with God.

So you ask, "What did they do?" Well, they sold everything. Pretty drastic actions wouldn't you say? But that is exactly what Jim and Sally did. They took their boys and set off for the Montana wilderness hoping to find a deeper, more meaningful relationship and walk with God. Much like Enoch had, and it changed their lives. They shared with us that it's been over 21 years now since that decision was made to sell all and move to Montana and they've never regretted it once. Both Jim and Sally spoke to us that weekend sharing how God had changed their lives through their "wilderness experience", and how we too, through God, could have the same experience.

So many of us can relate to the packed lifestyle they described, running on the treadmill of life getting busier and busier and wondering how we can escape. Jim shared, "that

it starts with a change of heart and focus. It's about reordering our priorities and turning down the volume of busyness, bustle and hurry so we can connect with God and our families in a way that makes us truly come alive." We need to learn how to live every day, hour and moment to the glory of God, and listen to His still small voice whispering to us throughout the day. Only when we do this will we discover that true Christianity goes beyond intellectual assent to truth and church affiliation and deals with our day to day choices in our homes.

Sally had some wonderful advice for us as well. She shared some of her antidotes of being a Mom raising two boys and trying to go about it God's way. She home schooled both boys through the 12th grade and told how she got through that, even when she felt like giving up. In her book, "Parenting by the Spirit," Sally explains that she felt like she was blowing it as a Mother, making a mess of raising her children, when she really wanted to do what was right. As she shared with us, we were able to see that even when we are depressed, want to give up or feel like someone else could do a better job of things, God is always there, willing and ready to help us out and to give us the direction we seek. Parenting by the Spirit isn't based on behavioral science techniques or psychology, it is totally by the Spirit of the Lord.

Both Jim and Sally gave us wonderful tools to live by and shared with us a glimpse of the better life that most of us long for. It was such a blessing to have been a part of the weekend and to know that we too, through God, can have the same walk that they now have. May you live each day, moment by moment with our Lord and Saviour.

Tanya Warner



## **ICE School for CAA Students**

At Coralwood Adventist Academy we try to implement a lot of teaching that uses God's second book (nature) and many 'hands-on' learning experiences. Last April Grade Two, Three and Four went to ICE School at Rexall Place in Edmonton for a week. ICE stands for 'In Class Education' and the children did Science, Social Studies, Art, Language Arts and Math in a different setting. They measured, calculated and sketched. Students learned how to read and compare maps from long ago and participated in many other experiences that made the days go by very fast. Their journal has pictures and many entries in it so they will never forget this special week.

The teacher at ICE school was impressed with our children and how they prayed or sang before meals. We feel that they did a very thorough job of witnessing while they were off campus. Not only Mrs. VanRiper, teacher for the week, was very happy but our bus drivers loved transporting God's children from Coralwood Adventist Academy to Rexall Place and back each day. Thank you, parents, for lending them to us and for the spiritual training you give them at home!

Mrs. Hetland & Mrs. Huguenin, CAA Teachers



The Blessing

On April 1, 2005 a long awaited event took place in the city of Calgary with tremendous support from members and visitors alike. In preparation for opening night, approximately 1000 chairs were set up in The Place, but to the amazement of everyone, by the time the night was over, an additional 200 chairs had to be set up – to the delight of everyone and to the honor and glory of God. After the first three meetings, it was determined

that there were over 800 non-Adventist visitors.
From beginning to end the attendance never dropped below 700 attendees.

Many people have since said that in all their years in the church and after all the messages they have heard, these meetings were by far the best they had been a part of. From Billy Santos to Henry Feyerabend – from Don and Phyllis Stoyanowski to the rest of the It Is Written team – from Randy Barber to the rest of the Calgary pastors and Bible workers – from Blenda Arzadon, myself and the Steering Committee – from the volunteers and regular church members – everyone made an outstanding contribution to the

success of this series of meetings. Pastor Barber and his committees did a splendid job of planning and organizing this huge event. Billy Santos' preaching was awesome and the people responded with

their prayers, their presence, and invited their friends and families. The It Is Written Harmony Singers, Christine Wollmann and other guest artists did a phenomenal job! The Alberta Conference officers,

especially Elder Daquila, also supported the meetings very well and were quite pleased with what they saw and heard. Elder Feyerabend preached at least one night and made an appeal at which time well over 100 people responded to accepting

Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. In the end 91 souls were baptized and are now members of various churches in Calgary and area. One hundred and seventy people made decisions for Christ and the meetings closed with a larger attendance than on opening night.

On the closing night, Elder Bill Olson and Elder John Adams placed the symbol of Calgary, a white Stetson hat, on the head of the three "Amigos" – Billy Santos, Henry Feyerabend and Don Stoyanowski.

Elder John Adams, Conference Ministeria

Elder John Adams, Conference Ministerial & Evangelism Coordinator



## CUC Theology Club Spearheads Anti-Drug March & Rally

Traffic jams are almost impossible in the town of Lacombe, Alberta. But on Sabbath, April 16, 2005, at 3 pm, cars had no choice but to stop for the town's first anti-drug march.

Organized by the Theology Club of Canadian University College, the march built a bridge between student-led vision and community activism. It showed the community that, "Need supersedes creed. CUC is not just a school on the hilltop, isolated from the realities of the town it's in," said Greg Baldeo, outgoing

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president of the Theology Club.

After considering ways for the club to become more visible in both the affairs of the school and the community, Baldeo decided that an anti-drug march would not only increase visibility but create a unified front as both university and surrounding community take a

stand for what is right.

Led by the Red Deer Royals, a marching band comprised of youth from across central Alberta, the march included students, faculty and staff of Canadian University College, pathfinder groups, and members of the community. Community businesses and organizations donated money and various products that helped make the event a success.

Following the march, a rally was held in the Lacombe Memorial Centre where special guests, Judy Gordon, mayor of Lacombe, and Ray Prins, MLA of Lacombe-Ponoka, addressed a crowd of 500. The Major both admitted to the problems of drugs and our need to speak out against them. She stressed that the anti-drug march should become an annual event.

Perhaps the most sobering comment of the afternoon came when Prins said that when it comes to alcohol abuse, in particular, he is sure the Seventh-day Adventist community is in the minority. "I want you to be strong," he added, "and show the rest of us the right way." With God's strength, CUC will be an example of not only drug-free living but the love that's needed to continue making meaningful connections with others.

Was the march a success? Yes. People and organizations that don't usually work together were seen working together. In addition, CUC is now more closely connected to the community and its desire to maintain a healthy environment for its residents. Cheralee Shipowick sees the importance of that connection. She lives in Lacombe and is "glad to see CUC more involved in the community. Many people don't know that much about CUC and this is a great way to change that."

Participants in the anti-drug march proved that irrespective of religion, politics, culture, and socio-economic status, what affects one affects all. And they will get the opportunity to walk together again. Under the leadership of incoming president, Matthew Feely, CUC's Theology Club is already planning for another anti-drug march.

Michaela Lawrence

## **New Chaplain for CWAA**

Greg Baldeo, a 2005 graduate from Canadian University College, recently began his ministry as chaplain at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in

Calgary. Pray God's blessings on Greg, his wife Dawnette, and family as he begins his ministry to the young people at CWAA and area.

Greg Baldeo has been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for over 18 years. From a very early age God has been using him to preach and teach; sitting him for the task that God has in store for him. He is passionate in the



welfare of the youth of the church and the world in general and has led many youth seminars and conducted evangelistic series in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa and St. Ann's, Jamaica.

He and his wife Dawnette have two boys, Rashaun and Javar. His prayer and aim is to first be a spiritual leader to his family and then to society at large.

## Pastor for Airdrie/Olds

Michael Corbel and his wife Janelle have just arrived to begin their ministry in the Alberta

Conference, effective June 1.
Michael is an Albertan and recently obtained his degree in Religious Studies from Canadian University College. He and Janelle came to us from the Rutland church in BC where Michael was helping in the ministries there. The Corbels are living in the town of Olds. The Alberta Conference welcomes you, Michael and Janelle!



## **More Pastoral Updates**

- ♦ Pastor John and Debby Bullock are on their way to a mission appointment in Sudan where John will be President of the Sudan Field located in Khartoum. We will miss the Bullocks here in Alberta but know that the Lord will bless their ministry there.
- ♦ Stephen and Pattie Reasor have just returned to Alberta after spending two years in seminary at Andrews University. During the summer months, Stephen will be involved in a Field School of Evangelism in Edmonton while Pattie will be assisting with the summer camp program at Foothills Camp. Effective September 1, 2005, Stephen will be assistant pastor at the College Heights Church. Welcome home, Steve and Pattie!

## Coralwood Adventist Academy's First Annual Silent Auction

Sunday, March 13, the Silent Auction Committee put on Coralwood's first annual Silent Auction held at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in Edmonton. Over 200 staff, parents, pastors, church constituents and neighboring community members came out to show their support as they bid on items that would raise money for items needed to enhance Christian Education. Our MC's, Jeff Fortunat and Lonnie Hetland kept the people bidding, gave out door

prizes and hammed up the evening as a delicious vegetarian meal was served. A live auction was part of the program as some pies sold for \$225 and a quilt went for \$800. Each classroom donated a theme basket and the Italian Basket, donated by Grade



Lovely hand-made quilts were some of the items up for auction

8's went for \$225. Generous donators gave of their hard earned money to see that children get the finest Christian Education possible. Over \$11,000 was raised. Praise God! Everyone had a good time. We are already planning and looking forward to next year's auction.

Rayette Hetland, Auction Committee Chair

## **January Creek Company**

January Creek Company in Peers, held a Cooking School and Health Seminar Workshop April 14-16, 2005.

Darlene Blaney who is the Volunteer Health Ministry Coordinator with the

Alberta Conference and has her own Nutrition College, did an excellent job presenting the principles of the health message to our group.

Darlene started on Thursday with a full cooking school; on Friday she had a lecture on exercise and water. Participants went on a onemile walk fitness test and dined on the scrumptious meal demonstrated the night before in the cooking seminar. On Sabbath Darlene presented the message, "The Frontal



Lobe," showing how damage to this part of the brain affects our personality.

Fifteen people attended the seminar including four people from the community.

Even though we were a small group, the atmosphere was wonderful and the people from the community were already talking about having another session.

Thanks Darlene, you did an absolutely fabulous job!

Nerissa McNaughton, Communications Secretary

## **Edmonton West SDA**

#### Youth Takes a Stand for Christ

Keron Ottley made his decision and decided to follow Christ, all the way. Although he has been attending Edmonton West for about three years now, Keron acknowledged that he did not like church initially. Keron had a burning desire to learn more about God, so he began to study his Bible and attend Wednesday night prayer meetings. His love for God grew and Keron accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He thanks his

father, Steve Ottley, for bringing him to Canada and exposing him to a new spiritual life. Keron is a young man who is on fire for the Lord. Pastor Terrence Horrell baptized Keron on April 2nd 2005. Please pray for Keron as he embarks upon his journey as a new believer.

Sharon Long (Brown), Communications Secretary



## Paul Boaheng Wins Teaching Award

Paul Boaheng, a member of the West Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church, is the recipient

of one of the 2005 Graduate Student Teaching Awards (GSTA). He is a teacher in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.



## **Sherwood Park**

#### Wild Rose Pathfinder Club Induction

Sherwood Park Wild Rose Pathfinder club inducted five new members during the February 5 church service. Pictured are (l-r) Back row: Katie Kennedy, club helper:



John Wortman, Voyager Class; Ted Howard, Drill Instructor; Nicholas Kennedy, club helper; Terry Greenlaw, Assistant Director; Calvin Kennedy, club helper. Front Row. Dulu Modi, Adventurer Class; Gregory Maksym, Explorer Class; Terri Waller, Guide

Class and Teen Leadership Training; Theresa Kennedy, Club Director; Courtenay Aaserude, Guide Class; and Kerry Waller, Friend Class. Not pictured are club members Annemae Phillips, Friend Class and Niall Maksym, Builder Class; and class teachers Airlie Fowler, Allen Fowler, and Naomi Waller.

#### **Prophecy Seminar Reaps Harvest of Souls**

Seventeen individuals committed their lives to God in a new and deeper way by either baptism or profession of faith on the last Sabbath of the Prophecy Seminar conducted by Pastor Justis St. Hilaire in Sherwood Park in April. Two more plan to be baptized later in the summer. (Back row, l to r), Sherwood Park Pastor Evert Potgeiter, Tony Fryer, Megan Maksym, Ruth Hartwig, Ray Bernier, Terry Hartwig, John Yonkers, Sharlene Yonkers, Noella Dunse, Khara Scoffom, Lorraine Gallagher. Front Row: Spencer Trenchuk, Maura Morales, Byron Morales, Sue Anne Uchal, Yochabel Robanske, Elvie Lacampuenga, Rene Lacampuenga, and Pastor St. Hilaire.



## Sylvan Lake

#### **Baby Dedication**

What a joy it must give our Heavenly Father when a precious new life is dedicated to Him. And it was with joy that the family and friends of Darrel and Rachelle Potorieko witnessed the dedication of Jedidiah Darrel on November 20, 2004.



#### **Student Pastor**

Being only 30 minutes away from CUC, Sylvan Lake church is fortunate to be a recipient of many student pastors that are looking for places to do their practicum. In September, 2004, Ted Deer was one of those

students. He came to Sylvan Lake church in his third year of Theology, has been involved in the church in various ways, and was ordained as an elder by Pastor Warren Kay this spring. He has also been the Theology Club Vice-President / Treasurer at CUC and plans to retain this same position next year, his senior year, along with being the Student Association Vice-President / Treasurer.



Pastor Warren Kay and Ted Deer

Ted plans to spend part of his summer in Kenya, Africa with four other student pastors and a sponsor. It will be a very demanding experience, with each one of them required to speak 19 nights, along with helping out in the children's and health departments. Ted believes it will also be a very rewarding and educational experience, too. We wish him well in this next endeavor. May God's message be heard and accepted by many through the efforts of these students.

#### **April Prophecy Seminar**

No matter how many times we study the book of Revelation, there always seems to be new information learned. And so it was when a Prophecy Seminar was held in Sylvan Lake this past April. Pastor Ian Hartley came to us from Red Deer to go through a study of Revelation that was well received by our community and our church members. The meetings were held at the Duffer's Den. There were five community people that attended regularly and have continued to attend our church each Sabbath, and 25-30 church members attended as well. It is so exciting to see God's message going out and making a difference in people's lives. May Jesus' return be soon coming.

Jerralyn Severtson, Communications Secretary

## More Reasons to Thank God and Celebrate

## Reimche 70th Wedding Anniversary

Albert and Emma Reimche celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in Lacombe, AB, in the newly opened Royal Oak Manor on March 27, 2005. Approximately a



hundred family members and friends from as far away as Hong Kong, Tennessee, and New Mexico came to celebrate this special anniversary. On Mach 25, 1935, Elder A. V. Rhoads, Alberta Conference President, conducted a quiet marriage ceremony in the Conference office, then located in Calgary. Adam and Amelia Roth of Beiseker, AB were their attendants.

Earlier as a young man Albert attended CJC to be followed later by his and Emma's eight children and many grand and great grand children. Albert and Emma were especially recognized at the Alumni Homecoming at CUC in 2000 for their contribution toward Christian education through their children's training at the College and their years of teaching. Seven of the eight children served as teachers at some point in their lives for a total of over 130 years.

Over the years the Reimches lived in Beiseker, Lacombe, Rimbey and Bentley before moving to Armstrong, BC where they lived for almost 50 years. In 1997 Albert and Emma decided to move back to Lacombe to live nearer their children. In August of 2004 they moved into the Royal Oak Manor.

Albert laboured as a farmer and carpenter for well over fifty years while Emma excelled as homemaker.

The Reimches have 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Albert delights in telling folks he is the head of a clan of 87 members. How true are the words, "He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honour"! (Proverbs 21:21) May the Lord bless Albert and Emma with many more years of quality companionship.

Pastor John Blake, son-in-law

Camp Meeting 2006

July 7-15

## Happy Birthday!

There are people in this world who have a special way of impacting many lives through their service to the Lord and the community around them, and Agnes Anderson is one of them. Her life has been dedicated to teaching and helping young minds; rejoicing with

the excelling student and encouraging the one that struggles—making learning a pleasant experience for all.

Agnes was born on June 14, 1907, near Red Deer, and after graduating from Camrose Normal with her teaching certificate, began her career as a teacher. Her first school was near Eckville, Alberta, and after being in various schools throughout central Alberta she began teaching within the Adventist



education system in 1946. She then had to go a little further from home for a time, teaching at Okanagan Adventist Academy and Leveland Church School, but eventually Agnes came back to Canadian Union College where she spent many years.

Agnes' service went beyond just teaching, though. She took in many students as boarders, giving them a home away from home; was a member of the Christian Women's Temperance Union; and after retirement worked for AADAC.

Now residing at the Red Deer Nursing Home, she has many recollections of her past years and the students she knew. At the mention of a name, she will fondly say with a smile, "I remember him or her as one of my students." On June 14, Agnes turnedo 98 years young. Her faith is strong and it can truly be said of Agnes, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Jerralyn Severtson, Sylvan Lake Church Communications Secretary

## **NW Region Camp Meeting**

#### June 10-12

Guest Speaker: Steve Wallace For more information, contact Sheila Beaudoin (780) 618-9961

## **NE Region Camp Meeting**

#### June 17-19

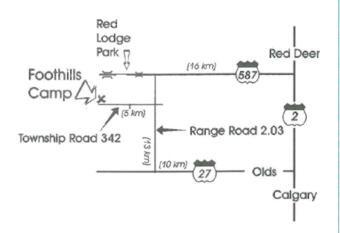
Guest Speaker: Herbert Douglass For more information, contact Adrian Trenchuk (780) 383-3876

## Camp Meeting 2005 July 22-30, 2005 Foothills Camp

## If not Now, When? If not Me, Who?

TIME	SABBATH July 23	SUNDAY July 24	MONDAY July 25	TUESDAY July 26	WEDNESDAY July 27	THURSDAY July 28	FRIDAY July 29	SABBATH July 30
7:00 - 7:45	Morning Manna - Reinder Bruinsma							
7:45 - 8:30					BREAKFAST			
9:00 - 10:15	9:00 - 10:30 Sabbath School Education	9:00 - 10:00 Devotional Lowell Cooper			9:00 - 10:15 Health Walter Veith			9:00 - 10:30 Sabbath School CUC
10:30 - 12:00	10:45-12:00	10:30 - 11:00 Pathfinder Parade	q	S E M I N A RS			10:45 - 12:00 James Cress	
	Lowell Cooper	11:00 - 12:00 Youth/Pathfinder Special Program						James Cress
12:15 - 1:00					LUNCH			
1:00 - 2:00	3:00 - 5:00	1:00-3:00 ABC Book Sale			CHOIR PRACTICE	Ξ		3:00 - 5:00
2:15 - 3:30	Old Time Concert in the	3:00 - 4:00			Marvin Moore			Outreach &
3:45 - 5:15	Park	Men's Ministry			SEMINARS			Education
5:30 - 6:30	SUPPER	4:00-6:00 International Food Fair			SUPPER			£
7:15 - 9:00	Lowell Cooper			Walter Veith			James Cress	James Cress
9:15 - 9:45	Prayer & Praise at the Harmattan Heritage Church starting Friday, July 22							

Opening Meeting: Friday July 22 – 7:15 p.m. - Lowell Cooper





#### **Trust & Forgiveness**

Corrine Vanderwerff - Lower Lodge

#### ADRA, Humanitarian Outreach

Nola Pal – Cafeteria

#### **How to Give Bible Studies**

Randy Barber - Heritage Church

#### **Happy Families**

Martinboroughs - Main Auditorium

## **Guest Speakers & Seminar Presenters**

#### **Pastor Randy Barber**

Senior Pastor, Calgary Central Church Seminar: How to Give Bible Studies Pastor Randy is well-known in the Alberta Conference as an administrator / pastor, enthusiastic evangelist and an excellent teacher of the Word. He has been senior pastor of the Calgary



Central Church for the past seven years. Most of his pastoral and evangelism ministry prior to coming to Calgary was in the Washington Conference.

#### Dr. Reinder Bruinsma

President, SdA Church/Netherlands Morning Manna

Religion in Relationships

- Why Relationships are Important
- Relating to Young People
- Relating with Other Christians and non-Christians
- Relating with Difficult People
- Relating with Our Pastors
- Relating with Other Ethnicities
- Relating with Fellow Church Members
- Mending Relationships

Dr. Bruinsma, born in the Netherlands, has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as pastor, editor, teacher and church administrator in various parts of the world. Dr Bruinsma is the author of numerous scholarly and popular articles and of 17 books in Dutch and English, some of which have been translated into other languages. In addition, he translated a number of scholarly books from Dutch into English, and his wife, Aafje, has translated over 100 books from English into Dutch, her native language. They have two adult children: Danielle and Peter.

#### Elder Lowell Cooper

Vice-President, General Conference

First Weekend

Friday evening: The Church—Changing and Changeless

Sabbath morning: The Power of a Promise Sabbath evening: Hand of Providence Sunday a.m.: Church Priorities & Q & A

Canadian-born Lowell Cooper is no stranger to Alberta! He has served as a general vice-president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world-wide since 1998. His 31 years of church work includes serving as associate secretary of the General Conference (1994-1998), secretary of Southern Asia Division in India (1990-1994), and before that as a division departmental director, director of Sabbath School in the Pakistan Union, and pastor in the Alberta Conference. He holds a master of divinity degree from Andrews University and a master's degree in public health from Loma Linda University. Cooper is married to Rae Lee Figuhr and has two adult children: Jondell Roy and Todd.





#### **Elder James Cress**

Ministerial Dir., General Conference Second Weekend

Friday evening: "The Bad News" Sabbath morning: "The Good News" Sabbath evening: "The Best News" James A Cress, who serves as Ministerial

Association Secretary for the General Conference

of Seventh-day Adventists, considers himself a pastor on loan to the General Conference. Along with his wife, Sharon M Cress, who serves as coordinator of ministry to pastoral spouses and families, Jim has served the Adventist church as pastor, evangelist, departmental director, and instructor in evangelistic methods and preaching in the Florida, Lake Union, Ohio, Mid-America Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences. His most satisfying work, however, is pastoring a local congregation along with encouraging and motivating other pastors to excellence in ministry.

#### Gordon & Waveney Martinborough

Family Ministries, Inter-American Division

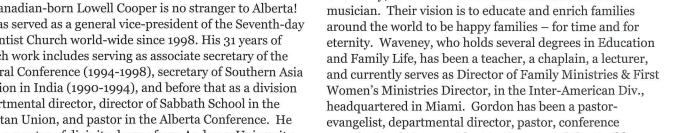
Happy Families Seminar Mon to Fri

- Eight Keys to a Lasting Happy Marriage
- Six Steps for Resolving Conflict
- Seven Things Every Christian Should Know About Sex
- How to do Successful Family Life Evangelism
- Ten Commandments for Parenting Teenagers

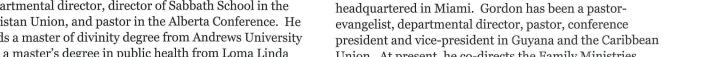
#### Young Adults Monday evening to second Sabbath evening

- Four Big Secrets of a Happy Family
- Six Steps to Financial Success
- Is It Really Love? Seven Ways to Tell
- Seven Ways to Manage Stress and Enjoy Inner Peace
- Single, Sweet, & Adorable; Seven Steps to Success
- Four Ways to Speak With Tongues Successfully in My Church and in My Family
- Happy Family Forever! Home Sweet Home! I'm Going Home!

The Martinboroughs are Guyanese by birth and have been happily married for 42 years. They have three grown children: Esther, a research scientist with a PhD in Chemistry; Samuel is a music teacher and John is a Union. At present, he co-directs the Family Ministries Department and evangelist in the Inter-American Division. He has authored books and manuals on family life evangelism.







#### Pastor Hugo R. Gambetta

Vice-President, Lake Region Conference Spanish Services - Second Sabbath Pastor Gambetta is Director of Multilingual Ministries and Bible Correspondence Ministry. His territory covers the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota States.



#### Nola Pal

Finance Director, ADRA Canada Seminar, ADRA. Humanitarian Outreach

- Your Church Acting in the Front Lines of Need
- Tell Us How You Do It and Why
- How to Apply for ADRA Annual Appeal Funds

#### **Corrine Vanderwerff**

Pastoral Counselor and Author Seminar: Trust and Forgiveness What is trust? How does it work? Why trust in God is the most vitally important component in our personal lives.



- Trust, Feelings, and Faith
- Trust, Self-Worth, and the Will
- Trust, Anger, and Forgiveness (2 parts)
- Trust How to Live Faith-Filled Trust Corrine Vanderwerff lives in Sherwood Park. Her current assignment is to prepare a heritage book for the Alberta Conference centennial in 2006. The seminar she presents derives from findings in her doctoral studies involving

practical applications of the seven dimensions of trust.

#### **Professor Walter Veith**

Author and World-renowned speaker and scientist

Health (Mornings Mon. - Fri.) Evenings (Sunday – Thursday)

Dr Veith, an accredited scientist, believes that life on this planet is less than 10,000 years old! "Countdown to Showdown," a

look at end-time events as they relate to current event, is the theme of his presentations, based on Joshua 1:8. Professor Veith obtained his doctorate in zoology from the University of Cape Town in 1979. He lectures international on the topic of evolution vs Catastrophism which is the Genesis account. His research field is nutritional physiology in areas such as animal disease transferral to man, degenerative diseases caused by incorrect nutrition, and the use of antibiotics. He has authored a number of books on these topics. Veith is an ardent student of Biblical prophecy and the veracity of the Bible, which he believes is proven by the science of archaeology as well as the fulfillment of numerous prophecies found in the Bible.





#### **Elder Marvin Moore**

Editor, Signs of the Times Afternoons (Mon – Friday) Topic: Preparing for the Final Crisis

Marvin Moore was born in Lima, Peru, where his parents were

missionaries. He lived in Argentina and Cuba before coming to the US to complete his college education. He holds degrees in theology, church history, and creative writing. Moore has broadened his experience by pastoring in Texas. He currently serves as editor of Signs of the Times at Pacific Press Publishing in Idaho. His wife Lois teaches nursing at Boise State University in Nampa. His son Barry is a

geneticist and his daughter Sheri is an elementary school

teacher.

#### Other Features -

1st Sabbath - Old-Time Concert in the Park 1st Sunday Pathfinder Parade & other activities ABC Book Sale International Food Fair

#### Youth & Children's Meetings

Full-day programs and activities planned for the whole week

**Spanish Services** 

Second Sabbath

#### **Korean Services**

Both Sabbaths

#### Do you have a Will or does your Will need updating? Consider:



- Young Adult on your own
- Newly married
- Family protection
- **Empty Nesters**
- Senior Citizens
- Guardianship for minors
- Care and Education Trusts
- Bequests updated for parents, children & others
- Charitable bequests

To obtain a worksheet and information on making or updating your will, please inquire at the Camp Meeting Administration Office. You may also make an appointment there to visit with a Conference Trust Officer during Camp Meeting or later. And whether or not you use Conference Trust Services, remember to make or update your Will. You and your family will experience peace of mind knowing that provisions have been made in case they are ever needed



#### Cafeteria Meal Ticket Prices

	Children 5-12	Adult
Breakfast	\$4.00	\$6.00
Lunch	\$6.00	\$8.00
Supper	\$4.00	\$6.00

#### Accommodations Available Hotel / Motel / Campsite

#### 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				
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 & Campground	403-224-2727				
Westward Ho Park	403-556-2568				

#### **Camp Meeting Music**

- There will be a camp meeting band the first Sabbath of camp meeting (July 23) for both Sabbath School and church service. All those willing to play an instrument (strings, woodwinds, or brass), please contact Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or e-mail <a href="mailto:hzinner@primus.ca">hzinner@primus.ca</a>.
- There will be a camp meeting choir the second Sabbath of camp meeting (July 30). All those interested in singing in the choir, please contact Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or e-mail <a href="mailto:hzinner@primus.ca">hzinner@primus.ca</a>.
- There will be pre-camp meeting rehearsals in Edmonton and Lacombe for those who are not able to be at camp meeting during the week. There are still two more rehearsals scheduled:

Greater Edmonton Region – Edmonton South Church
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. June 25 July 9

Central Alberta Region – College Heights Church
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. June 25 July 9

- There will be a camp meeting orchestra the second Sabbath (July 30) 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 <a href="mailto:hzinner@primus.ca">hzinner@primus.ca</a>. Music will be sent to you before hand.
- 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.

## **Camp Meeting Expense Offerings**

We are encouraged to "... bring an offering, and ... worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (1 Chronicles 16:29) Many faithful Adventists all over the Alberta Conference follow this advice, as



shown by 2004 annual increases in tithe, mission and Alberta Advance offerings of between 7% and 8%.

Camp Meeting is also a worship experience, a time when we gather in God's creation to praise Him and to receive a spiritual refreshing. So the above text could also be applied to Camp Meeting – "Bring an offering, and worship the Lord at Camp Meeting."

The specific offering for Camp Meeting expenses increased last year to \$4,432.39 from \$3,310.50 the prior year; however, the Camp Meeting Expense Offering has not come close to meeting Camp Meeting expenses that average nearly \$100,000 per year. Camp Meeting expenses include the costs for nine days for all eight

divisions from Cradle Roll to Adult; the rental of audio visual equipment for most divisions; Lodging, Meals and Travel for Guest Speakers; Music related costs; Seminars and Workshops; Miscellaneous such as

extra garbage bins and portable toilets, and camp meeting expenses for employees required to work.

Camp Meeting is supported by tithe as it is part of the evangelistic thrust of the Church. (NAD Working Policy T 20 15 6.) But wouldn't it be wonderful if more of Camp Meeting could be paid by the Camp Meeting Expense Offering, making more tithe available for other church pastoral and evangelistic support?

Thank you for prayerfully considering bringing a special Camp Meeting Expense offering to Camp Meeting this year.

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psalm 68:19

#### 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 – 10:00 p.m. daily

## New Foothills Camp Caretaker

The Alberta Conference welcomes Tom Openshaw as Foothills Camp caretaker and his wife, Charlotte, as part-time custodian, effective June 1. Tom and Charlotte have come to us from Fairview, Alberta, where most recently Tom was a self-employed carpenter and Charlotte was a greenhouse worker and cook for NAIT Fairview College. Past work experiences have provided Tom with skills in job management, carpentry, farming and maintenance. A warm and friendly attitude has complemented Charlotte's skills as chalet / housekeeping manager, bookkeeper, and cook.

During camp meeting week when you are there, please catch up with either Tom or Charlotte long

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enough to
welcome them to
their new
assignment and
responsibilities of
making Foothills
Camp their
"home" and
ministry.

### **Laurence Dunfield Retires**

A retirement dinner was held on May 19, 2005 to express appreciation to Laurence Dunfield, Chief Executive Officer at the Sherwood Park Care Center, for excellent God centered leadership

over the past nineteen years. William Olson, Board Chairperson, expressed appreciation for excellence in leadership and presented a gift from the Care Center. Many staff presented accolades, sang songs and reminisced as they wished him a happy retirement.

Laurence has given over thirty-six years of service to the health work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He took his internship in health care at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham Mass. After working as Administrator of the McBride and District Hospital for six years he joined Denominational service as C.E.O. of the Resthaven Memorial Hospital where he served for 3 years. Laurie spent a year with the Maritime Conference setting in place the groundwork for Kennebec Manor in St. John New



Brunswick. He then accepted a call to work as Administrator of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals. Four Years were spent in Hong Kong and then he joined the Far Eastern Division located in Singapore. There he acted as consultant to the many Hospitals located in Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Korea and the Phillipines.

In 1986, after graduating from a Masters in Health Care Administration from Loma Linda University, he accepted the position of C.E.O. of the Sherwood Park Care Center - formerly known as Sherwood Park Nursing Home. He has served the Care Center for the last 19 years.

We join in wishing Laurence and his wife, Carol, God's richest blessings as they enter a new phase of life.

\*Beryl Gosso\*

## Sherwood Park Care Center has new CEO

Sherwood Park Care Center, a 100-bed personal care facility, offering extended care to elderly and physically challenged persons, welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer on June 1. Along with the residents, staff, and operating board, the Alberta Conference wishes to welcome Gerald Northam to this position of responsibility.



Mr. Northam is an experienced health care administrator and is familiar with the Alberta health care system. He has served as Acting President, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie; as Chief Executive Officer, Mistaya Health Region, and most recently as the Treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

Sherwood Park Care Center has been operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church since the late 1960's.

Bill Olson

### What New Believers Need

(Taken from the Ministry Magazine, May 2005) By James A. Cress, Ministerial Association Secretary

ften we neglect the sobering work of discipling in favor of going back to the much more exciting process of gathering new converts. The dazzle of public preaching, coupled with the joy of witnessing thousands baptized, makes disciple building seem mundane and, thus, easy to neglect.

However, we neglect follow-up at our own peril and at risk to the kingdom we hope to advance. Jesus' great commission intends that newborn believers will be preserved, nurtured, and built into His body as strong disciples on an on-going basis. All of this is evangelism—the whole process. As Peter Wagner so eloquently reminded his church growth classes, "any scheme which separates evangelism and follow-up into distinct functions has already built into the system its own defeat."

So what do new members need? In a word, "everything." Just as a newborn totally depends upon its parents for survival, so newly-born believers are totally dependent upon the church's parental role in everything necessary for their survival.

Jesus intentionally chose familiar imagery of love, family, conception, gestation, birth, development, and maturity to describe the process (evangelism must always be understood as process, not event) by which individuals are brought to belief and matured into discipleship. If we wonder what new believers need, we can simply apply what newborns need to the spiritual development of new believers.

**Total care.** Loving nurture, tender care, acceptance, affirmation, companionship, conversation, admiration, high-touch bonding, appreciation, security, simple food, cleaning, copious companionship, and consistent attention are vital for the survival of either babies or believers.

Discipline. Long before reasoning allows an infant to comprehend dangerous situations, a firmly-worded "No!" command is essential to protect the baby from placing their hand in a fire. Such protection is essential to learning the authority of both God's Word and the responsible parent. Discipline is not harshly punitive, but protective. Abandoning a baby to its own conclusions would be destructive abuse.

**Instruction.** The milk of the Word is repetitive assurance of God's love, acceptance, and forgiveness; freighted not so much with information as with reassurance; taught by mentoring example, not by reasoned logic. Infants learn to walk, not by a discourse on the dynamics of locomotion, but by a patterning of "walking with them" until, eventually, they take their first steps.

**Education.** Next, believers must be taught to think for themselves. Education is not assimilating information only. Education is learning to reason for one's self rather than merely reflecting the thoughts of others. That's why questions are essential in the educational steps.

Discernment. Youngsters must learn to distinguish

between the genuine and clever counterfeits. When my brother, John, was a toddler, he drank a glass of gasoline thinking it was ginger ale. Deadly consequences were averted only by immediate intervention. Believers must be taught to test the "winds of doctrine" that are swept their way by well-meaning and ill-intentioned individuals.

**Deployment.** Every believer must receive a ministry assignment. Otherwise, they cannot mature and will remain perpetually immature and dependent. The work of the pastor is to "work" the members.

Partnership. Those being deployed must also be partnered with experienced leaders who teach by associative example what they have experienced themselves. From the very beginning, Jesus designed a partnership role for the most effective pursuit of any good venture. It is dangerous to work alone.

Supervision. The deployed must also be closely supervised to assure their success and to correct mistakes from becoming habits. When Jesus sent his disciples two-by-two, he also brought them back together after a short time to evaluate their performance, rejoice in their successes, and instruct them for even greater achievements.

**Accountability.** Maturing disciples must embrace accountability both to leadership and to their fellow members. Independence in belief or action indicates immaturity. Unwillingness to accept the counsel of the wider body disqualifies anyone.

**Responsibility.** As disciples mature, they will value the things that their Saviour values. His priorities will be their priorities. His mission will become their mission. They will earnestly pray and diligently work to build up His church and hasten His coming.

**Reduplication.** Only when the disciple is reproducing other new believers and assisting them into becoming disciples do you have maturity. Only then is the church's evangelistic process complete as these disciples, themselves, are effectively engaged in birthing new believers.

## **Foothills Camp Summer Program**

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

July 10-17 Adventurer (Ages 6-9)/Sherwood I (Ages 9-11) 17-22 Specialty Camps – Horsemanship &

Waterskiing (Ages 13-17)
31-Aug 7 Junior Camp I/Sherwood II Camps
(Ages 10-12)

Aug 7-14 Junior Camp II/Sherwood III Camps
(Ages 10-12)

14-21 Teen / Youth Camps (Ages 13-17)

#### AT REST

Betty Anne (Sees) Armstrong — Born May 3, 1946 in Montpelier, Vermont. Died March 24, 2005 in Olds, Alberta. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Ralph Armstrong, Jr, and her father, Harold Sees. Surviving: Daughter Linda (Andrew) Birney, Fairfield, CA; Luanne Armstrong, Columbus, OH; mother, Selma Sees and three sisters, V. Wessell, Judy Gardner, Patty Bennett. Betty had three grandchildren.

Peter Babiuk – Born March 10, 1912 in Swan Plain, SK. Died February 15, 2005 at home near Veteran, AB. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Lena (Predinchuk); one son, Eugene, Portage la Prairier, MB; two daughters: Evelyn (Ken) Steinke, Kelowna, BC and Elaine (Murray) Sankey, Veteran, AB; sisters Minnie (Stan) Dwornik and Marie Klamut, brother Paul (Mary) Babiuk; and six grandchildren. As a young man Peter became a committed Seventh-day Adventist Christian and served his church as an elder, treasurer, superintendent and Sabbath School teacher. In his later years he enjoyed participating in various Maranatha projects.

*Lester Beck* – Born October 15, 1922 in Millicente, AB. Died March 11, 2005 in Lacombe, AB. He is survived by several nephews and many loving friends. Lester was baptized four years ago and served as a deacon in the Lacombe Community church. He was very active and supportive in missions and evangelism.

Cameron Corbett, Sr – Born June 10, 1931 in Vancouver, BC. Died March 5, 2005 in Lacombe, AB. He is survived by his spouse, Margaret (Clarke); two sons, Cameron, Jr. (Sue) of Lacombe and Carmen (Lorna) of Vancouver Island, BC; one daughter, Merrietta (Sven) Skold of North Vancouver, BC; parents, Ernest John (Emma-Belle) Corbett; two brothers and two sisters; 10 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Arnold Fischer – Born January 1, 1935 in Hanna, AB. Died April 3, 2005 at home in Bentley, AB. Arnold worked at the furniture factory at CUC for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Mable (Janzen); two daughters, Brenda (Ken) Robison of Lillooet, BC, and Arnetta (Milton) Bolig of Bentley, AB; sons, Douglas of Chilliwack, BC, Clyde of Bentley, AB, Lann of Airdrie, AB, and Michael of Lacombe, AB; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Olga (Manke) Garlock – Born March 12, 1915 at home in Manitoba. Died March 1, 2005, in Hanna, AB. Surviving: spouse, John Garlock; sons Dave (Dolly) and Walter Garlock; daughters, Linda Schulthies, Mary (Rick)

Clarkson, and Marlene (Leo) Labrie; parents, Adolf (Emilie) Manke; brother Eddie Manke; sisters Lydia and Bertha; twelve grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alice (Chaplin) Kay – Born June 23, 1902 in Durham, England. Died April 18, 2005 in Lethbridge, AB. She was predeceased by spouses, Glen Todd and John Kay. Surviving: daughter-in-law Jean Kay, Lethbridge, AB; sister-in-law May Kay, Calgary, AB. Alice was a member of the Lethbridge Church and was involved in various community organizations throughout her life prior to her residence in a lodge for the past 20 years.

Sadie "Ruth" (Payne) McAfee – Born March 13, 1909 in Dale, ND. Died March 28, 2005 in Calgary, AB. She was predeceased by spouse, John McAfee and daughter Kathleen. Surviving: sons Ken (Evelyn) McAfee, Falkland, BC and Keith (Arlene) McAfee, Beiseker, AB; daughter Gail (Wayne) Leiske, Beiseker, AB; brothers, Ralph, Bill, and Elmer Payne, Calgary, AB and Clifton Payne, Edmonton, AB; sisters Alto Anderson, Alic Shipman and Gladys Moulin. Sadie served as Dorcas leader, deaconess, Investment leader, hostess, Sabbath School superintendent, and actively promoting the church's mission.

Nickolaus Ostanoski – Born September 24, 1948 in Kensington, PA. Died April 6, 2005 in Edmonton, AB. Surviving: spouse Christine Ostanoski; daughter Kelly Ostanoski, Edmonton, AB; mother Elizabeth Thiel and sister Nancy (Bob) Stewart, all of New Kensington, PA.

Virginia (Pittman) Schram – Born September 25, 1924 in Whitefish, MT. Died March 30, 2005 in Red Deer Alberta. Surviving: spouse Walter Schram; sons Wesley (Cheryl) Schram, Keene, TX and Richard (Randa) Schram, Angwin, CA; daughters Blanche (Larry) Schwarck, Moab, UT; Beverly (Robert) Link, Temecula, CA; Zelma (Robert) Anger, Colcord, OK; Darla (Bruce) Bell, Sylvan Lake, AB; brothers Robert (Nita) Pittman, Valleyview, AB and Arland (Maryann) Pittman, Breton, AB; sisters Elaine Poffenroth, Calgary, AB and Verna Woods, Breton, AB. Eighteen grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren suffer the loss of their grandma. Virginia was a faithful servant, living for her family and serving God in community service work for many, many years.

Esther Unruh – Born January 26, 1913 in Beiseker, AB. Died March 5, 2005 in Taber, AB. She was predeceased by her spouse David D. Unruh. Surviving: daughter Loralei Byatt, Detroit, MI; four grandchildren, ten greatgrandchildren and one great-grandchild.

If there was ever a place where the believers should bear much fruit, it is at our camp meetings. At these meetings our acts, our words, our spirit, are marked, and our influence is as far-reaching as eternity.

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