

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

From the President

In Appreciation of Pastors

That inspired writer, Ellen White, wrote “God has a church, and she has a divinely appointed ministry.” Yes, your church has a minister and spiritual leader who is there not just by chance but because God has intended it to be that way. consideration was entered made to place your minister in responsibility.



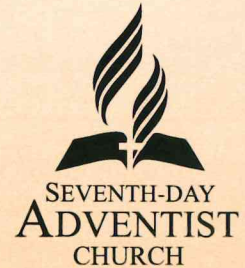
Much prayer and into before the decision was her/his place of

They do not have a celestial hope. Sometimes they make criticize them when they expectations. In contrast,

Pastors are human beings. origin as many of us would mistakes. How easy it is to appear to fall short of our how hard it is to express our appreciation to them when they do minister to us in a way that produces a real blessing. Look for the good things your pastor does for your church (you may be pleasantly surprised) and do not fall into that all too human rut of focusing on the negative.

We can help our pastors be even better and more productive than they are. Let me suggest three ways. First of all we can pray for them. Yes, prayer works miracles. And it is pretty hard to criticize someone you are praying for. Prayer and criticism are not good partners. Secondly, we can encourage our pastors. One author wrote, “Encouragement is not the responsibility of the gifted few; it is the privilege of every believer.” A few well-chosen words of encouragement can be like water to parched ground. And, you can express appreciation to your pastor. All of us like to be appreciated for something and so does your pastor. Look for that which you appreciate about your pastor and let her/him know you appreciate that about her/him. Be honest and do not be a flatterer. That American humorist, Will Rogers, said “I never met a man I didn’t like.” Can you and I say that about our pastors? Surely there is something you appreciate about your pastor. Let her/him know of your appreciation and just watch for the glow it will ignite.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like some additional ideas and suggestions, log on to www.family.org/pastors/cam and download the “Clergy Appreciation Month Planning Guide.”



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Conference Treasury is reporting the following Actual Cash Received to August 31, 2005, with increase/-decrease percents that compare this year with last year at the same date.

Actual Cash Received to August 31, 2005	Amount	Increase/-Decrease
Tithe	\$5,057,125	10.70%
Mission Offering	205,701	0.31%
Conference Advance Offering	173,261	18.38%
ADRA Annual Appeal	59,673	26.66%

GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT* . . . Romans 12:6-8 NIV

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
 If a man's gift is prophecy, let him use it in proportion to his faith.
 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;
 If it is encouraging, let him encourage;
 If it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;*
 If it is leadership, let him govern diligently;
 If it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

Carolyn Osmond, VP for Finance

*Thank you for generously exercising
 your gift of giving.
 The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
 2 Cor. 9:7*

Foothills "Wet" Summer Camp Brings Decisions for Jesus

Another summer has drawn to a close. It has been a summer to remember for many reasons. The summer began with the worst flood the province has seen in 200 years. Our main buildings were safe due to the hill, but places like Sherwood Forest, the campfire pit and

our canoe lagoons were all damaged. I was amazed to see water flowing across most of the lower part of the camp. A day after the river peaked it was still nearly waist deep on the road down to Sherwood Forest.

The summer also was interesting since the majority of the weeks we had campers, it rained almost non-stop. Many of our outdoor activities were difficult to offer. I prayed



Foothills Camp - Junior II

We spent the next three days without power as the region tried to recover from the damage. The flood happened during the weeks prior to the arrival of campers so we were thanking God for small blessings.



Foothills Camp flood — campfire pit



Foothills Camp flood – several days later

several times over the summer asking the Lord to not allow any of the difficulties we faced ruin the opportunities to lead the campers to Him.

After a decrease in the number of campers last summer we were hoping to see a reverse in our numbers for this season. We were excited to record an increase by almost 10% in our total camper numbers this summer.

We started a new program this summer during our afternoon rest period. Campers were given the opportunity to attend a Bible study. I had hoped and prayed that it would be a success and that we would have many campers attend. The turnout was amazing as some days whole cabins



Teen Camp

chose to attend. The Lord really blessed this program.

We also began asking the campers to fill out decision cards this summer on Sabbath evening. I was overjoyed when we sorted out these cards and found the Lord really impacted the hearts of our campers. Praise God for the following results: 126 young people committed their hearts to Jesus, 55 requests for Bible studies at home and 55 requests for baptism back home. We are presently forwarding these names to the local pastors in their areas and hope that the work can continue through out the year. Praise God!!

Richard Williams, Youth and Summer Camp Director

Chinook Winds Adventist Academy Celebrates Centennial

As the “Happy Birthday, Alberta” strains faded following the September 1, 1905 Inauguration ceremonies in Edmonton, by Sir Wilfred Laurier, the dimness was complimented by its immortalization: Forever in the hearts and minds of Albertans. And, now, 100 years later the fading strains are picked up once more as Chinook Winds Adventist Academy resound and reverberate the “Happy Birthday, Alberta” chorus: Centennial celebrations frame the western prairie skyline and roll with ease and pride across its landscape.

Chinook Winds, with its sentinel post on the hilltop, beckoned its students to “come, see and learn” – to gaze beyond the city structures of Calgary – to the hills, to the mountains, across the rolling plains – to that historical moment when Alberta became Canada’s 8th province.

Mrs. Trina Novosad, accompanied by Mr. Tim Dukeshire on guitar saluted Alberta with Ian Tyson’s song: “Four Strong Winds” followed by “O Canada.” Pastor Baldeo’s worship talk, while clearly reminiscent of Alberta’s history, surged with the power of true greatness found only in Christ “from whom all things cometh.”

Alana DeLong, MLA for the Calgary/Bow district, accentuated the reasons for celebrating and remembering Alberta through poetic imagery and political jargon. Her presentation of an official centennial flag delighted the

students as Mr. Murray McLeod and Ms. DeLong opened and displayed the special birthday emblem.

Centennial mementos of balloons, buttons, flags, bookmarks, stickers honored the morning’s festivities as staff and students filed outside for the flag-raising, picture-taking and cake-cutting. No “birthday” is complete without the traditional birthday cake – made and decorated by Darlene Blaney.



The students and staff had returned to the classrooms. I lingered on the front lawn for a few moments – the gentle breezes playfully tugged at the “100 Years” outlining our new flag; cake crumbs dotted the carpet of green; misplaced napkins and plates trembled uncertainly as they found new resting places; the exuberant and cheerful laughter had become just an occasional

chuckle. “Happy Birthday, Alberta” – the strains had once again faded, its dimness forever immortalized in the hearts and minds of a student body, those who walk the halls of CWAA.

“Let them look to the past, but let them also look to the future; let them look to the land of their ancestors, but let them look also to the land of their children.” Sir Wilfred Laurier’s words live on long after the birthday chorus has been sung.

“Happy Birthday, Alberta; Happy Birthday To You.”

Marilyn Kelloway, Teacher

Gulf States Conference Mission Project

How many ways can God bless us? Each and everyday there should be something we experience that points us in the direction of Christ and the love He shows for us. *Mamawi Atosketan Native School*, once again, has felt God's immense blessing this summer with the visitation of a group of young people from the Gulf States Conference.

In November, 2004 I received a call from someone in Alabama wanting to know if he could bring a group of students to the school on a mission trip to do whatever needed to be done. I asked around and soon discovered that the group had been to *Mamawi* when it was located at the previous site. The Gulf States Conference was willing to send another group of individuals to help us out. I agreed to the project and was looking with anticipation to their arrival.

In April, 2005 three individuals, John Gorecki—the director, Skip Lowery—work project director and Bob Hill—transportation director, all showed up on our doorstep to check over what needed to be done, took lots of pictures and assured me that they had some talented individuals that could handle just about anything. I felt much better after meeting these individuals and was much more relaxed about the whole project. The amount of work that needed to be done around the school facility was overwhelming.

The group of 33 teens and 13 staff members were an answer to prayer! For 16 years, Bea and Bob Hill have been spearheading this outreach group and have been completing projects in and around the United States and Canada. Their purpose is to provide teens with the opportunity to participate in a safe, controlled mission project that minister to those less fortunate. Each and every individual has their own personal reasons for wanting to be apart of the group. Many say it is for the friendships that they form, the new people they meet, some feel called by God to give of their time and talents, others are looking for Spiritual meaning in their lives. Whatever the reason, the group has shown time and again, the true meaning of Christianity.

On July 12, a group of tired looking individuals pulled into the parking lot of *Mamawi Atosketan Native School*. After five days of driving (including a two-day stay at the General Conference) and a longer lay over at the border than anyone had anticipated, their energy levels were low. It did not, however, take long to see the enthusiasm and energy these individuals had for the work they were about to begin and the love they had for Christ.

For the next week and a half there were many activities planned: Trips into Ponoka for food and supplies, tourist fun, and the many work projects that they had come to complete. The group finished installing the playground borders, they painted the entrance sign and removed debris from the trees and bushes to the north of the school, and this seemed to take up a lot of time. Other projects included building a shed, repairing portables, painting

Gulf States Teen Outreach group picture in the gym of Mamawi



VBS skit with the Teens

inside and outside the building, laying sod – the list was endless.

The group also went into the reserve and painted the United Church which the Adventists use each Sabbath. This project was of special interest to the teens as they met several of the young children that would attend VBS the following week. The children came to help with the painting and with careful attention from the mission group they had a great time! At the same time as the painting was being completed another group sat on the grass and sang songs and played with the children who were enthralled with the teens and could not soak up the attention fast enough.

The most important project lay with the Vacation Bible School that they would be conducting with the neighboring Native children. What a success! Throughout the week there was a total attendance of 315 children from the Hobbema reserve. This was a true blessing for the children who live with drive-by shootings, murders, stabbings, varieties of abuse and many gangs that surround them on a daily basis. The safe, loving, and caring environment during VBS was a pleasant change and they truly experienced the love of Christ.

Even as school begins, these students still talk about “the people who were here in summer and did crafts and stuff with us.” The smiles of the children as they talk of the skits, games, activities they participated in and the good times they had, truly show just how much they enjoyed themselves.

The **Gulf States Mission Outreach** group has been blessing people over the past 16 years and *Mamawi* is grateful to be one of the many places fortunate enough to be blessed by their presence, not once but twice. We would like to send our greatest appreciation to those involved with the **Gulf State Mission Outreach**. The leaders and supporters of this group should be very proud to have such an active and dedicated Christian group of individuals who want to spread the love of Christ wherever they go. They have done just that in Hobbema, Alberta, Canada.

*Julie Hodder-Bancarz,
Principal, MANS*

CAAA 2005

The Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) held its 26th annual camp meeting at Foothills Camp on September 2-5, 2005. The theme for the weekend was "Pass it On," which was a follow-up to last year's focus on "Rekindling the Flame." Dr. Rosa Banks, the newly elected Associate Secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker for the weekend. Pastor John Adams brought greetings on behalf of the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventist churches.

On Friday night Dr. Banks shared a message entitled "Crafting an Ethical Legacy." On Sabbath she encouraged the attendees to "Draw the Circle Wider." Sunday morning's devotion focused on "Regaining Human Compassion." The messages were timely and challenged the worshippers to dig deeper in the "Word" as we are living in the last days. We were reminded that we are brothers and sisters in Christ and we ought to love one another. God made us all, He loves us all and salvation is available for all. It is time to draw the circle wider, foster a spirit of inclusion in our hearts and in our churches, and show compassion to all people because we are all God's children and there is room at the cross for everyone.

In addition to the spiritual feast, we were well fed

physically. Chefs Keith Otto and Clarence Williams assisted by trainee, Dwight Marshall, did an outstanding job in taking care of our physical needs. A special "Thank you" to these gentlemen for volunteering their time and talents to serve others!

Activities included Pastor Ishmael Ali and his wife, Ruth, hosting the talent night, which consisted of songs, dialogues, a news report, jokes and much laughter – Caribbean style. Other social events included basketball, Uno, nature walks and dominoes. A lot of "love" was shared on Saturday night, six to be exact! The congregation took time out to pray for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

Election of new officers for 2005-2007 also took place. The new executive committee consists of Pastor Baldeo-President; Claire

Brown-Treasurer; Arlette Lynch-Secretary; Errol Supria-Camp Director; Miguel Brown-Chaplain; as well as the local chapter heads (northern, central and southern chapters). Laurain Powell served as president of the association for the past four years. The new executive is committed to ensuring enhanced programming for our youth; inclusion of people from other cultures, increased communication, spiritual enhancement, and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you next year Labor Day weekend, God willing.

Sharon Long (Brown), CAAA Northern Chapter President



Outgoing President, Lorrain Powell (l), shakes hand with incoming President, Pastor Greg Baldeo

Local Church News

Beiseker – Level Land

Holy Spirit Leads to Ten Baptisms

Sabbath, July 16, 2005, was a joyous celebration for the Beiseker – Level Land Church as ten souls were baptized – eight joining our little country church and two individuals joining the Golden, BC church. The Sabbath day started out with a praise service in the church, which included music and heart-felt testimonies followed by a fellowship meal in the hall. Following the meal everyone gathered by the Rosebud River for the baptism. Howard Hixt, Ruth Hixt, Nancy Phipps, Jackie Howe, Rob Howe, Ian Howe, Christine Howe and Shandra Gieck were all welcomed into our church and Joseph and Glenys Lehman from Radium, BC joined the Golden, BC church. It was heartwarming to see members of families baptized together.

Howard Hixt started out his quest for the Lord six years ago when he had a life threatening farm accident, which sent him to the Word of God. Led by the Holy Spirit and with the encouragement of Les and Lil Berreth, long time family

friends, he became convicted of the Sabbath and he shared what he learned with his family, his mother Ruth and sister Nancy. Ruth then shared with her sister Jackie and her



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Edmonton Central

Northern Lights Pathfinder Club

The Northern Lights Pathfinder Club is a very active group of young people. After a very busy summer in 2004 going to the International Camporee in Oshkosh, WI in August—we had a couple



weeks off and then began another year. This 2004/2005 year we had 21 Pathfinders and nine staff members. We meet each Tuesday evening and enjoy worship, unit time, games, honors, and field trips.

This year the honors we worked on were Stars, Knot tying, Cooking, Drill, Archery, Block Printing, Felt craft, Fossils, and Origami. Some of the activities included; field trips to search the sky for stars, visiting the science museum and shut ins, going to the Sherwood Park Care Centre where we put on programs, decorating and serving for the Senior's dinner. Other activities included

camping, hiking, a field trip to Drumheller, a canoe trip on the river, fun days, game nights, bowling nights and lots of fund raising. We also participated in the Alberta Conference activities such as Winter Retreat, Camporee, and the parade at camp meeting. We had a Food Bank Drive; an Induction Service, a Pathfinder Sabbath in which all the Pathfinders participated in presenting the sermon, and having an Investiture Service.

All these activities gain our club points towards the Trophy Awards at the end of the year: 1200 points – Bronze, 1500 points – Silver, 1800 points – Gold, and Highest Over-all. Totals include June – May with a possibility of 2225 points. Our club had the privilege of, once again, receiving the 2004-05 Gold and Top Club of the year. At camp meeting following the parade on Sunday morning, the award was presented to our group by Elder Bill Olson. A big “Thank you” to Carol Morton and Richard Williams for all they do. Thank you to all who support young people and the many things they do in service for others, it is a great learning experience.

Diane & Glenn Hawthorne, Pathfinder Leaders

Calgary Garden Road

Youth Ministries Celebrate Student Achievements

On September 10, 2005 the Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Youth Ministries Department celebrated the achievements of their Jr. High, Sr. High and College students. Approximately 30 students were given tokens of love to encourage them in their studies.

Various individuals made motivational speeches and the First Elder, Errol Lewis, and Pastors Ali and Baldeo offered prayers of

dedication. The Garden Road Youth Ministry hopes to provide support to each young person as they plan for their future here and the future to come.



In front, Pastor Ishmael Ali & Greg Baldeo. The AY Leaders are standing on the fringes and the students in the middle

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family and soon Jackie, her husband, Rob, and children, Ian and Christine, were studying God's Word and attending church. Pastor Seidel began to study with this family group and Shandra Gieck, who grew up in this church and has experienced a renewed relationship with the Lord. Joseph and Glenys Lehman were studying with Les and Lil Berreth and desired baptism. Les requested that they come to Beiseker to join the others to be baptized.

Christine Howe and Shandra Gieck, two of the young ladies, have been convicted by the Holy Spirit to share their knowledge with others. To be better prepared they left at the end of August to attend ARISE, an evangelism training program in Detroit, Michigan.

Beiseker – Level Land church members are amazed and encouraged by the working of the Holy Spirit in our community. The new church members have breathed new life and enthusiasm into our worship.

There is no greater fulfillment in our spiritual walk than to see spiritual fruit. Let's all be busy sharing as the Lord leads us to bring other's into the fold.

Pat Grabo, Communications Secretary

Edmonton West

And a Little Child Shall Lead Them

Edmonton West SDA church is growing by leaps and bounds. Our children are our greatest resource. God instructs us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Sisters Colleen Ellis and Joan Ison are doing just that as leaders of the Adventures and Pathfinders clubs. On May 28, 2005 the children led out in the Northstar



Pathfinder/Adventurer Day. They actively participated in the Divine Service by doing special music, songs of praise and Scripture reading. The children looked grand in their uniforms as they marched in and each recited their pledge and law. Elder Domnick Agboli from the Mill Woods Company delivered the message of the day entitled "Be careful, danger ... look forward." Elder Agboli challenged the young people to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus Christ. Danger is lurking all around us and if we look away, turning our eyes from Jesus then we are sure to fall prey to Satan. The day concluded with an Investiture program and snacks/treats for the children.

Sharon Long (Brown), Communication Secretary

Attention Alberta Conference Medical Professionals

The Alberta Conference would like to see its members, who are medical professionals, gather together on occasion in support of one another and to form a common interest group. It has been suggested that such a group of medical professionals could provide encouragement to one another, share experiences of professional interest, provide advice and counsel to those entering the medical professions, encourage the return to Alberta of those studying outside of Alberta, and take time to collectively grow spiritually. Would you, a medical professional, like to get together with fellow Seventh-day Adventist medical professionals for these stated reasons? We would like to hear from you if you share such an interest. Please contact us by telephone at 403 342-5044 Ext 206 or e-mail us at wolson@telus.net. The Alberta Conference adheres to prevailing privacy laws.

Edson

"Can I Come Next Year, Too?"

This was the most common question at the Vacation Bible School held at the Edson Seventh-day Adventist Church July 10-15, 2005. Sixteen of the 19 children who attended were from the community.



The children participated in object lessons that taught them about temptation, choosing to live a Christian life, and how much God loves them. There were arts and crafts, treats, and even the occasional water fight. Everyone enjoyed themselves, even the adults that came were laughing and playing along. The children enjoyed wearing tropical hats as part of the "Island" theme.

We are very grateful to the Calgary Central Church, as one of the churches to help with the supplies and crafts. "Thank You" so much. It was appreciated!

Colleen Pepper, Communications Secretary

Grande Prairie

Young Mother Joins Church

On Sabbath, May 7 the Grande Prairie SDA Church welcomed Christina Kurylo into their fellowship with a baptism service by Pastor Lew Wiegel. Christina had been attending church with her parents from time to time when she suddenly requested Bible studies for baptism. The pastors were overjoyed at her request and found Christina to be a keen student of the Bible. The date of her baptism was arranged so that her whole family could attend. Christina's father Kip, a church elder, gave the sermon. Christina is the proud mother of five year-old Kaden who enjoys Sabbath School.



David Hamstra, Associate Pastor

Hobbema

New Missionaries!

Hobbema has long been a staging ground for outreach and mission work in Alberta. But this month it became the source of mission expansion among the First Nations of Alberta!



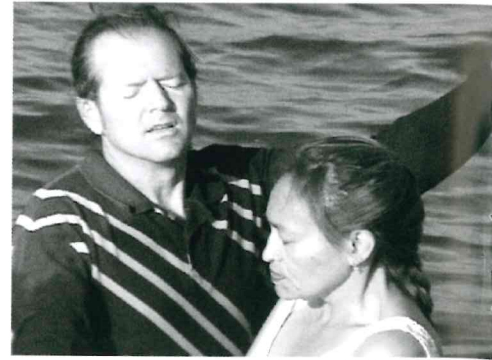
Rhonda Harbert

them was Rhonda Harbert who was teaching in the Hobbema public school system. She had been having Bible

Back in August, Pastor David and Lu George held an evangelistic mini-series in the old log church on the Samson Reserve. Some said it was the wrong time of year, but many young people were available and looking for alternatives to the trouble that often surrounds them. In addition to these were adults who had an interest in the Happy Family Seminar and what it had to offer their lives. Among

studies with Lu George and planning a career move up to the Calling Lake Reserve.

Just before her final move north, she and two other adults were baptized at Pigeon Lake on a wild and woolly Sabbath afternoon, that even included a tornado warning! Rhonda then left for Calling Lake, loaded with literature and videos that she plans to share with her people up there.



Verna Applegarth baptized by Pastor David George

Let us lift up Rhonda in our prayers, along with the other Natives who were baptized, and still others are now preparing for baptism!

Pastor David George

Medicine Hat and Brooks District

Miracles of God

The Lord is being extremely good in this corner of the Alberta Conference and the members are clearly excited with what is happening. It all began when a new pastor arrived and made long-range planning for the district. He had three dreams—three goals for the work in the region:

- (1) Have a strong outreach program involving the whole Medicine Hat church
- (2) Reopen the church school in Medicine Hat
- (3) Establish a solid Adventist presence in Brooks by planting a church in that thriving city.

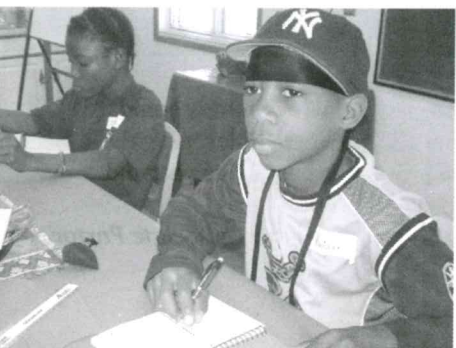
Victor Schulz, the pastor in question, started to work hard to accomplish these objectives. And he says, 'Honestly I felt that it would take two to three years to reach these objectives. But the good Lord didn't want to wait so long. And He is providing surprise after

surprise in each of the areas. He is doing in two to three months what we felt would take that number in years!" A short report follows on what is happening.

- 1) Medicine Hat Outreach Program The church is working for the decision of several people and the Lord is being good. There will be a baptism of six to eight in a few weeks. Between baptisms, professions of faith and transfers they foresee that the Medicine Hat church will have an addition of approximately 16-20 members in the coming months (a ten percent growth in that period). They are inviting Elder Dan Jackson, our Union president, for an evangelistic series in Medicine Hat next year.
- 2) Re-Opening of the Church School The church became excited with this project and rallied behind the challenge when the plan was presented to them. The Higher Ground Christian School has a nice building that is built on excellent property overlooking the city which was donated by Harry Veiner, a former mayor of the city. Michaela Lipus was called to be the principal, and Elsa Schulz as School Project Developer and ESL teacher. A school bus was purchased and improvements were made in the building. After a re-dedication and prayer ceremony held in the school the previous day, classes started officially on September 1st. People are looking forward to a strong school program. At the time of this writing the enrollment already more than doubled the previous year the school was open. One of the students, Kupzai Sujidya (12) excitedly commented at the end of the first day of classes, "This is really a cool, awesome school!"



Michaela Lipus, Principal



Another student, Christian Belinsky (8), spontaneously at another time wrote the following on a piece of paper and gave it to the teachers: "You are 'grate'!" And everyone agrees. The second objective is already a reality, thanks to God!

- 3) Church Planting in Brooks The Lord is doing real miracles in this area. The dream was to plant a church in this city, where at this point there is no organized work, no services – only a handful of members. But Brooks is flourishing as a city. It merits and needs a solid Adventist presence.

There were some challenges to accomplish it but the Lord answered each one in a miraculous way: (a) Having only a small group of believers in the city, prayers started to be elevated asking for Heaven's help for the increase of that number in the future. And God had a surprise in store! Unexpectedly the pastor found out that there is a group of 20-25 baptized SDA members that had recently moved to Brooks to work at the Riverside Packers plant (some indicate that with family members they total about 40 people!)

- (b) Then there was the problem of where to meet. A church facility was needed. The pastor decided to work on that and talked with three ministers in town about the possibility of using their facilities. But God had even better plans! During camp meeting time he was informed that a church facility was donated to Brooks. Complete with the building, pulpit, pews, organ, even hymnal books. All ready to be transferred!

- (c) Then there was the problem of getting a piece of land where to erect the building. The Brooks church has in the Conference some funds that could be used for the purchase of a lot and the move of the building. But trying to save as much as they possibly could of the Lord's money, Dr. Schulz had a meeting with the Honorable Don Weisbeck, the city mayor on August 31, 2005. He requested the donation or selling for a nominal fee, a well-located lot. He reminded the mayor that years ago the Adventist church donated to the city a valuable historic building that, according to the records, was the first church in the area. The city today proudly displays that property at the museum in Brooks.

- (d) On September 3, the Mayor, the City Council and provincial dignitaries had a Thanksgiving service in the old Adventist church to thank God for Brooks becoming a city! Because of the historic moment of Brooks becoming a city, the 100th Anniversary of Alberta and also the 100th Anniversary of our own church presence in the Province, the organization is considering the possibility of contributing to the landscape of the thriving city, with a good facility to serve the

community. The Mayor got excited with the proposal. A few days after this writing, Dr. Schulz will meet with the City Council to discuss the possible property donation. Again the Lord had better plans! If the land donation for any reason finally does not materialize, then the church will just start looking for a site to be purchased.

- (e) The church already contacted the Conference evangelist in relation of the possibility of having a major evangelistic series as soon that the building is transferred and ready. Plans are to try to make a good impact with a nice inaugurating ceremony with the presence of City officers, the media and church leaders, and to follow immediately with an evangelistic series. So miracles are happening in Brooks. The building, a possible site, new members, and an evangelistic series! Everything is falling into place. For sure there will be challenges.

Everything will continue to require dedication, effort and hard work. But with God's blessing in the district they are convinced that very soon, we will have a well-established Adventist presence in the city of Brooks, Alberta.

Our members are praising the Lord for what He is doing in the three-pronged objectives for the area. The Lord has His own timing and decided to accelerate the accomplishing of the objectives according to His Divine plans because the end is coming and time is short. To God be the glory!

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Blessings Everywhere

To God be the glory, great things He has done! And it has been a blessing to see how He has been working in Mill Woods. In April, we had the joy of celebrating Paula Guzman's baptism and Caroline Walters'

out to the community with our music ministry. We hosted a half-night prayer vigil in support of the South Edmonton Evangelistic Series held in July and August. Through these meetings, we are overjoyed to welcome



Jennifer Portney's baptism



Fellowship at the Joseph's



Family picnic tug-o-war



Paula Guzman's baptism

graduation with a Master's degree from Loma Linda at CUC. In June, we were further blessed with Jennifer Portnoy's baptism as well as our first Community Guest Day for the year. Our first-ever family picnic and bike ride at Victoria Park in July was filled with sunshine, good food and fun. We have been reaching

10 new church family members who committed their lives to Christ through baptism. Finally, we welcome and look forward to working together with Pastor Potgieter and his wife, Lorette, as they join the Mill Woods family.

Lena Andrew, Communications Secretary

Peace River

VBS Program is a Big Success

The Peace River VBS program is a big event. Each year volunteers from the Peace River SDA church as well as other churches donate their time to make this a



successful program. In fact, a husband and wife who helped for the entire week, simply walked in after seeing the VBS sign outside the church. Even children who have grown up going to our VBS program have become helpful workers. Every year the Lord blesses with the right people for the right job. The program always concludes with a grand finale dinner and evening program for the parents and families of the children highlighting what the kids learned throughout the week. The pastor has developed a DVD video for the evening program for the last four years, and it has become a looked-for favorite. Special thanks to head coordinator Terry Proud who continues to have the vision and perseverance to make sure the program gets off the ground every year, and also thanks to everyone who put in so much time during VBS week.

Pastor David Beaudoin

Sedgewick

Baptism

On Sabbath, March 12, Pastor Bob Burke had the privilege of baptizing Kiarra Ball after several months of Bible study together. "Kiarra was a delight to study with," commented Pastor Burke "she often asked many challenging and intriguing questions." Kiarra is an active participant at the Sedgewick church, helping with a monthly kid's church, as well as taking part in a youth mission trip to Mexico just weeks after her baptism. She continues to be a good example and witness in her school and community.



Pastor Bob Burke (Sedgewick SDA Church) with newly baptized Kiarra Ball

Youth Mission Group to Mexico

This past spring break, March 22 to April 5, 2005, will always stand out in the minds of the 18 youth, one young adult and eight adults, from the Sedgewick/Camrose churches as they participated in a mission trip to Mexico.

It was always a goal of

Pastor Bob Burke to take a group of youth on a mission trip because of the impact it had on him when he first became a Christian. After participating in the Voice of Prophecy Target 50,000 in the Philippines campaign, he was convicted that God was calling him to the ministry.

After being posted to the Sedgewick/Camrose churches, Pastor Bob and myself (wife Ruth) proposed the mission trip idea to the two churches with an overwhelming response - 28 people signed up to go! We spent a busy year fund raising with an average of two fundraisers a month which included everything from a community Mother's Day pancake breakfast, a slave auction, a car wash, a pie making contest, a fall fest and a benefit concert, etc. All mission trip team members had to participate in a minimum of 10 fundraisers, and although a couple of the people changed along the way, the final team total was 27 people.

God blessed fundraising efforts through the generosity of our churches and communities, with enough funds raised to fully pay for all 19 young people! We dedicated our trip in memory of Lance Dietz - one of our Sedgewick church youth who lost his life in a vehicle accident in 1999.

Our destination was to Navajoa, Mexico where we worked on an ongoing building project for orphanage relocation. The orphanage - Hogar de Refugio Infantil - run by Bob and Annette Mason needed to relocate due to ground



The Sedgewick/Camrose Youth Mission Group participants: Back row (l to r) Jeff Ball, Donelle Grovet, Mandy Klinger, Rosie Ball, Samantha Amundson, Rachee Bownes, Bruce Gordon, Pastor Bob Burke, Travis Ball, Cody Anderson, Tyler Grovet, Darrel Ball, Steven Klinger, Todd Grovet, Madellaine Amundson, Dwayne Wilton, Jason Wilton, Dwayne Wilton Sr., Rosalin Wilton, Kaitlin Grovet. Front row (l to r) Ruth Burke, Megan Lewis, Kiarra Ball, Mabel Thompson, Danica Thompson, Raymond Anderson and Durrell Bownes.

contamination and substandard conditions in their current residence. The new location was not only much cleaner and more sanitary, it was also advantageously located next to the Adventist Colegio del Pacifico and high school and college boarding academy.

Work on the job site, (under the supervision of Sherwin Goerlitz - job contractor), included prepping a foundation, brick making and laying, roofing prep, rebar assembly, pre-stucco prep work, plus much more. The youth all worked very hard, making us adults very proud, and challenged us to work even harder!

As well as working on the building site 9 to 10 hours per day, we held a VBS in the nearby primitive village of Etchojoa for four nights, with as many as 60 children attending each evening.

This trip has generated enthusiasm for mission work in our youth. They are already planning how to fund raise for the next trip, and many are hoping to go back and continue working on the building project next winter. As well, it has made all of them more mission minded right here in their own communities.

Thanks to all who helped us achieve our goal - you not only helped people in Mexico - you helped our youth to take part in a Christian experience they will never forget!

*Ruth Burke, Mission trip coordinator,
Sedgewick/Camrose churches*

Community Outreach Through Home Repairs

For the last eight years Sedgewick church member Dale Trefz had been working with Ms. G. in a social service program for the county.

During this time Ms. G. was diagnosed with cancer and went through chemotherapy that was successful in that the cancer went into remission. Dale not only worked with Ms. G as a member of the board of directors for the agency that



Sedgewick Member Diane Gordon (right) spruces up the flower beds with Ms. G.

provided care and counseling and sometimes intervention for domestic violence victims but also worked with her in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing situations.

About 18 months ago, Ms. G confided in Patsy (Dale's wife) as her Physical Therapist that she had been given an early diagnosis of an extremely rare, so far untreatable, brain disease that will eventually leave her incapable of normal day-to-day functioning. For several months Patsy kept this in very strict confidence until Ms. G had effectively quit her work, was on sick leave and would try to attain "long-term disability" so that she would have some income source. In time her accrued sick time was depleted and she had no real income at all. During this whole time she had continued to take care of a grandchild and, on occasion, grandchildren, providing for them food, shelter and love. Eventually she requested that Patsy could include Dale into the confidence, as she was increasingly incapable of making some of her daily financial and operational decisions.

In March, Ms. G called Dale needing some help as water was coming into her basement. She lives in a 1/2-duplex home that she is making payments on, while renting out the other 1/2. Unlike normal duplexes, the whole unit is in one title but she was financially unable to have the building split into two separate parcels. And while she desperately wanted to be able to sell even one unit she was unable to and now saw this water coming into her basement as further limiting her ability to be able to sell the home. A sunken sidewalk at her side door, poor eaves troughing, and a crack in the foundation, caused a steady stream of water into the basement.

She related how she had been trying for the last couple of years to get a local cement finishing contractor to come and

'fix' her problem but had been unable to get them to commit to the task. It was a big job, crammed into a narrow area between Ms. G's building and the next-door neighbor, especially for the amount of money that would be charged for the job. There was a fence that further enclosed this tight area but was made from rough slabs.

After seeing the situation with Ms. G, Dale contacted Doug, another church member and landscape contractor, to seek his expertise on what could be done. It was determined that the best fix was to completely remove the old sidewalk, have it slope away from the house and particularly change its overall drainage pattern from draining to the rear of the house to the front of the house where it could feed down onto the street and away to town storm sewers. It was very apparent that Ms. G was not in any position to be able to afford the work needed.

So it was presented to the church, with confidences maintained, reflecting the needs of Ms. G both from a financial aspect but a dignity aspect as well. The church having just been involved in humanitarian work in a Youth Mission Trip to Mexico, was very open to doing humanitarian work and filling needs right here in our own community. Funds were raised and designated for the project and ADRA Canada was approached, and Dale went to visit Ms. G. After spending a couple hours just talking and reviewing Ms. G's needs, Dale informed her that her search for a contractor to come and tackle the job was over, that the church family was going to come do its own version of "Extreme Home Makeover!"

Ms. G is a lady who has been an emotional health care provider most of her life, and is much more familiar with giving than receiving. The news was at once both unbelievably joyful but almost incomprehensible to her. Dale informed her that this should just be considered as a small payment for all that she had done for our community. Ms. G had been raised literally across the road from another Adventist church as a child and it was overwhelming for her to see a side of our church that she had not seen before.

The Monday finally arrived when the weather permitted and a small army of church members converged to tackle the situation. It had been decided that the rickety and rather unsightly fence should be pulled out, that would make it easier to tackle the job with equipment and a new fence would be installed later. Doug brought his Bobcat to remove the cement slabs while a crew tackled the fence demolition. When the concrete sidewalk slabs were removed they discovered another thick slab of concrete was sitting by Ms. G's side door, sunken and tilted toward the house so that moisture coming down from above was being channeled toward the house. The ground was mucky from the spring thaw and rains but the crew managed to remove this slab as well. Gravel was brought in to build a base but even it required a layer of strong landscape fabric to give a stable base for the gravel to sit on.

There was a beehive of activity as some 18 members, from the youth to the retired, helped /continued on page 13

Sherwood Park

'Looking for [God's] Love in All the Wrong Places'

Paraphrasing Marc Almond's song, 'Looking for Love In All the Wrong Places,' this is exactly what my whole life has been. No matter where I went, or which faith path I followed I still had loads of unanswered questions. I have been asking them since I was 15 and was always given an excuse, a roundabout 'non' explanation, or a very supercilious "You don't need to worry about that sort of thing, let the church and the theologians deal with it." Which basically boiled down to 'Do what you're told!' As a very 'obedient rebel' I did as I was told, but continued to ask the questions. God became tired of my skirting around the issues and decided to hit me with a two-by-four, just to ensure my undivided attention.

My husband, Foxy, and I live on an acreage 30 km outside Sherwood Park, truly in God's country, and have one of those wonderful group mailboxes. We receive only mail specifically addressed to us and do not ever get 'junk mail.' This spring [2005] I received a brochure for the Prophecy Seminar that would be starting two nights later, in Sherwood Park. I phoned a couple of neighbors to ask if they were going, or if they knew anything about it. No one else had received the brochure, and the postman was convinced it had my name and address on it. I had to show it to him to convince him otherwise. He apologized and was about to take it back and destroy it, but I decided if God had gone to this extreme he wanted me at that seminar, and come what may, I would be there.

Guess what happened to this 'obedient rebel'? The answers I had been seeking were coming at me thick and fast, and what's more they were factual and biblically based. Hallelujah! So I have valid answers to my questions, but I'm now on a slippery ethical slope! As an Anglican, performing chaplaincy and pastoral ministries, I could not continue to work under the "Anglican Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion"

when I felt like a hypocrite— Either the Church must comply with its Articles, or the Articles must be revamped to reflect the true status of the Church. I discussed all this with Foxy when he came home on his days off, and he looked at me as if I was crazy. He replied, "If God has taken this much trouble, you had darn well better listen, and listen good."

So I continued with the seminar sessions and taught it all to Foxy when he was home on days off, which was a great review for me, and was good practice for the Field School of Evangelism coming in the summer. We attended the church in Sherwood Park and felt loved, wanted, and very welcome. By the end of June we had covered all 27 Adventist Fundamental Beliefs and

decided that although we could make a profession of faith, we both wanted to be re-baptized. We phoned our Pastor, Evert Potgieter, on Friday morning [Canada Day] and asked when we could get together to go over all the prerequisites for baptism. We had our 'exam' that evening. When we went through available dates it was either then or sometime at the end of September, so Pastor Evert scrambled to phone the various elders to ensure we would have the people needed at the church and we were joyously baptized on Sabbath, July 2, 2005, with Pastor Justis St. Hilaire attending also.

We already believed many of the tenets, and behaved as 'closet Adventists' without realizing what we were doing, but now we are proud to belong to Sherwood Park Adventist community. We feel like root-bound plants that are newly repotted, and are loving being a part of a community that is encouraging our roots to spread deep and wide, giving us the stability and honesty to know that we can bloom freely and profusely where God has planted us.

*[Rev.] Lesley Bishton-Fox and Robert C. Fox,
newly-baptized church members*



From Left: Pastor Evert and Lorette Potgieter, Lesley and Robert Fox, Justis St. Hilaire

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remove the old sidewalk, build a base for a new walk, and paint boards and posts for the new fence that was to follow. A large part of the preparatory work was done in one day. The following day holes were dug for the new fence posts, the sidewalk formed, and holes drilled into the foundation and rebar dowels placed so that the sidewalk would not be able to settle sloping in towards the house as it had before. Even though a fairly hard rain shower came, necessitating covering the newly placed concrete with poly, the sidewalk was poured and finished.

The following day a smaller crew arrived and the

new fence was installed and given a second coat of paint, gates built, a new front step built and what had been a detriment to the house, a run down appearance, now reflected a new freshness and attractiveness. And in her time of need, it had all been done for her at no cost to her.

Fittingly on the final day that we were there finishing up small details, she received word that she finally had been accepted for long-term disability aid, so in several ways at once she had been given hope and an expression that there is a God who loves and cares for all.

Dale Trefz, (former) Communications Secretary



Sylvan Lake

Blocks of Fabric – A Personal Testimony

A year ago, a mom's study group awakened a tiny seed in the heart of one of the moms. Rachele Potorieko's purpose in life was to use her spiritual gift of craftsmanship to organize a project that would give every church member an opportunity to share a part of themselves or their family with the rest of the church. The challenge was put out to everyone to make a block, using fabric pieces which had been distributed to each family, that showed what God means to them personally. With the help of various people, this project came together and the blocks were displayed on a large banner which would eventually be hung in the church. On Sabbath, June 25, the banner was presented to the congregation and now hangs in the front of the sanctuary. What a beautiful testimony to the way the Holy Spirit works in our lives individually and collectively as a church family!

Jerralyn Severtson, Communications Secretary

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY — Alberta Summer Series

Andrews University's dilemma became Alberta's blessing and manifested itself in a very tangible way this summer.

The Spring Theology graduating class of Andrews University, Michigan, needed to complete the ninth quarter of Evangelism Field Training in order for students to graduate, but they were unable to do so without a professor. In the meantime, the Alberta Conference needed a returning student from that class to begin employment in the fall. Negotiations ensued and by July 17, 2005 students began their practical training in Edmonton under the leadership of our Conference Evangelist, Pastor Justis St. Hilaire.

The series of meetings were held at the Greenwood Inn, Gateway Boulevard and Whitemud Drive, which was a visible and ideal location. Many people doubted the wisdom of a summer series of meetings here in Alberta because most people either travel or prefer being outdoors when the weather is good.



Mario Guzman & Mandy Wilson with Pastor Potgieter

On the opening night, in spite of it being a Thursday night and the opening night for Klondike Days, there were 240-260 people in attendance. At the conclusion of the meetings there were 28 souls baptized, including Mandy Wilson and her boyfriend, Mario Guzman. Another 10 people had vacation plans during that time and requested further studies upon their return. At present a Bible worker is busy preparing another 19 interested people.

On August 16, the first person to be baptized was Pastor Earl Beckles, a Methodist minister from England. He is well educated with a PhD in Psychology, two Master's degrees—one from Yale and one from Oxford, and a third Master's, equivalent in Education earned from another university in England. Earl is a fine communicator and evangelist and was an educator of teachers and pastors.



Pastor Earl Beckles' baptism by Pastor Justis

Special thanks to all of the Edmonton pastors and churches for their support, with special thanks to Pastor Evert Potgieter and Leroy Kydd for their leadership, to the Bible workers, the students from Andrews University, the prayer coordinators from Mill Woods and Edmonton South churches and for the financial support and other commitments from the members of the Edmonton South church family.

*Pastor John Adams
Ministerial Director*

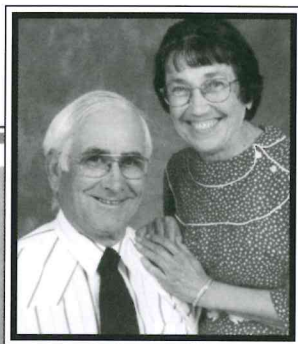
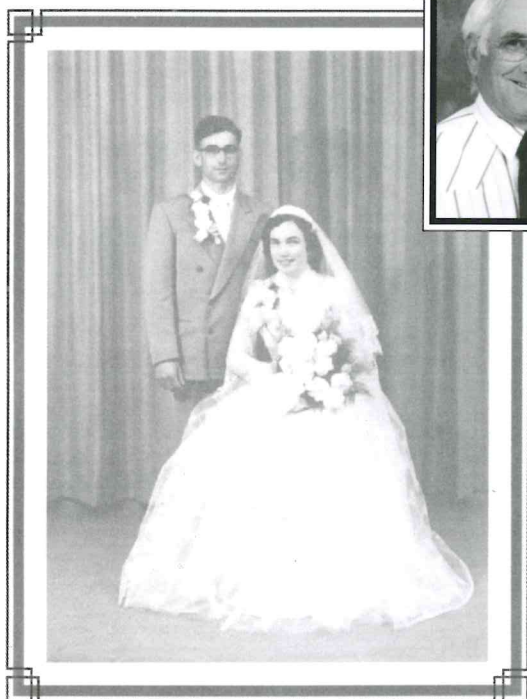


90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

On the same weekend that the Province of Alberta celebrated 100 years, Mrs. Mary Krysovaty of Lacombe, Alberta celebrated her 90th Birthday, September 4, 2005. Mary's nieces, Mrs. Esther Polishuk, Mrs. Elizabeth Tym, and Mrs. Lillian Matiko were the hostesses for a large family gathering that included guests from across Alberta, the United States and Saskatchewan. Mary's sister, Mrs. Annie Samograd, who will be 95 years old on Christmas Day, also attended. Guests were treated to a beautiful Ukrainian feast, nostalgic memories of early family life on the farm, and a wonderful family reunion. Mary is wished continuing health and happiness together with all of the Lord's blessings.



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Joseph and Sandra (Fedorak) Elkow, of Vegreville, AB, were married on May 7, 1955 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 3, 2005 with over 100 family members and friends attend the celebration.

Their children, Elizabeth (Reiner) Kuppers, Kenneth (Venita), and David; and their grandson, Karl Kuppers, presented the anniversary program with the "Bluebirds" theme. Their first son, Joseph, passed away in 2002.

Joseph still enjoys farming and Sandra worked as a nurse's aide and enjoys being a homemaker. Joseph and Sandra enjoy working for the Lord and have been very active in their church since their baptism on March 24, 1962. They have served in every department of the church. They have also been involved in the health programs such as Health Seminars, Cooking Classes, and the Vegetarian Dinner Club. The Elkows still enjoy the ADRA Annual "Ingathering" just as they did from the very beginning in 1962.

Because they love the Lord, their greatest desire is for their family members and friends to know Jesus as a dear Friend, so they were pleased to share their hope in Jesus at the celebration through a spiritual program that followed the vegetarian dinner served at the celebration.

Sandra sums it up when she says, "We are so thankful to the Lord for these years we have enjoyed together and in His church."

AT REST

Walter Lindstrom – Born June 21, 1931. Died June 2, 2005 in Edmonton, AB. He is survived by his spouse, Denise Bosse; Sons, Erick (Patti), Ed, and step-son Ed (Theresa); daughters, Theresa (Brian), Edna (Al), and step-daughters Marieann (Gordon), Diana (Terry) and Annette (Dean), and one sister, Agnes (Don) and 19 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, Otto, and mother, Edna. He was a member of the Edmonton Central Church.

Stewart Renschler – Born March 5, 1937 in Eureka, SD. Died May 30, 2005 in Red Deer, AB. He is survived by his son, Bruce of Stettler, AB; four daughters, Brenda of Santa Monica, CA, Gayla (Stewart) Poole of Red Deer, AB, Terri (Terry) Wise of White Court, AB, and Holly (Dee) Elias of Riverside, CA; brothers George and Leo of Castor, AB and Howard of Red Deer, AB; sister Joyce Farrell of Edmonton, AB; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Stewart will be terribly missed by his family and friends.

Heritage Youth Research Summer Program

The Heritage Youth Research Summer Program (HYRS) is an opportunity for Grade 11 students across Alberta to participate in a laboratory and experience hands-on research. It is funded by the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) and is currently run in Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge. AHFMR made applying to the program very simple and a total of 45



Mandy Klinger

students were accepted throughout Alberta (20 from Calgary, 20 from Edmonton, and 5 from Lethbridge.) Of the 45 students accepted, two were from Seventh-day Adventist Schools in Alberta, Mandy Klinger from Parkview Adventist Academy, and Jennifer Sidey from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. Here is what the girls had to say about their experience:



Jennifer Sidey

Jennifer: "I was placed in a laboratory where we would change the partial pressure of oxygen and carbon dioxide in subjects while measuring and recording their cerebral blood flow velocity, arterial oxyhemoglobin saturation, blood pressure, heart rate, and ventilation. I found the program very interesting because not only were students able to participate in studies

in their own labs, but were able to observe those in other labs as well. During the six-week program, the HYRS students were invited to tour the University of Calgary campus as well as various other research laboratories. We also got to participate in social activities like bowling, barbecues and movie nights.

Once finished our six weeks of research, the HYRS students presented their findings at an open house in the Health Sciences Center of the hospital. Overall, I really appreciated being accepted into the program. I was given an opportunity to meet a lot of new people and to gain valuable experience in a laboratory. HYRS helped me decide what it is that I want to do after high school. It really aids in career decisions and presents students with different career options. I felt very privileged and excited to be accepted into a program like this. I had a lot of fun meeting the people in the program and surrounding labs. HYRS is an amazing opportunity to any student interested in a science or medical related career. I look forward to visiting the students of 2006 next summer.

Cindy Mayo, Grade 11 science teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, says she was not aware of the HYRS program for grade 11 students until Jennifer asked her to fill out a recommendation form for her. "I was very impressed by her interest in science and excited about the opportunity it would give her. At the end of the summer, I attended the open house. After lunch, Jennifer gave a tour through her lab explaining in detail all the procedures and equipment. She even hooked me up an ECG to take my heart rate.

Jennifer has an open invitation to go back and help with some projects. I felt honored to have representation from our school and I will be promoting this every spring to all our grade 11 students."

Mandy Klinger, Grade 11 student from Parkview Adventist Academy tells her experiences this way: "This summer I had the opportunity to work with top researchers at University of Calgary. I was one of 20 exceptional students that were part of the southern Alberta HYRS program. I worked in Dr. Pere Santamaria's lab studying the immunogenetics of type 1 diabetes. I found out about this program because of an article in the *Central Alberta Advisor*. My science teachers helped me with my application essay and they also provided essays. As part of the program, my referring teachers were invited to a Teacher's Day at the University of Calgary. In addition to the laboratory work, every week there were guest speakers, social activities, field trips and a poster presentation where all the students were able to present a poster they made summarizing their project for the summer. Everyone worked in a different laboratory so it was cool to be able to see some of the projects that other students had worked on. I've always enjoyed science and math and it was fun to be able to experience science outside of the classroom. The people in my lab taught me so much about science, lab work and presenting my ideas to other people."

Way to go Jennifer and Mandy! What a terrific opportunity you had to explore science. For more information regarding the HYRS program, the website is www.ahfmr.ab.ca/HYRS/index.php

Janet Griffith, Asst. Education Department

LOST CHURCHES?

Information is needed about the following former Alberta churches for the Alberta Conference Heritage Book: We haven't yet been able to ascertain exact locations or details for these churches beyond what is listed below:

- ◆ Bismark, organized Aug 7, 1915.
- ◆ Lunnford, organized in the fall of 1919 by R. C. Cordis.
- ◆ Leaman, records show it was operating in the mid-1040s and perhaps much earlier
- ◆ Olive, operating during the early 1930s, perhaps earlier.
- ◆ Retlaw, organized in 1915 and had 10 members in 1916. (Walter spelled backwards.)

In addition, we have only limited information about these former churches: Clemens, Devon, Hawksdale, Granum (Leavings), Lewisville and Winnifred churches.

If you can provide any information concerning any of these churches (or the organ), please contact Corrine Vanderwerff at 780-721-7951 or email: heritagebook@telus.net.