

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Conference President Elected

On June 4, upon the recommendation of the Conference Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee invited Elder Frank Tochterman to serve as the next conference president.

Elder Tochterman comes to us from the Rocky Mountain Conference, headquarters in Denver, Colorado. There he currently is serving as an Assistant to the President and Ministerial Director for the Denver Metro and Wyoming Region within that conference. In addition, he is the Communication Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Frank & Sally Tochterman

Elder Tochterman will assume his newly-appointed position just prior to the General Conference Session in Toronto where he will serve as our delegate. He will arrive here in the conference office shortly after the GC Session. His wife, Sally, will arrive as quickly as possible once her employment and home responsibilities are finalized. Sally is a Registered Nurse and currently the Director of Renal and Family Services for the University Hospital in Denver.

Before moving to Colorado, Tochterman served for seven years as Ministerial and Communication Director in the Texas Conference. Prior to that, he pastored in Michigan, Nebraska, Massachusetts and Ohio.

The Tochtermans have three children: son, Jerry, a Nursing Home Administrator, San Marcos, Texas; daughter, Janell Swan, speech pathologist, Denver, Colorado; and, daughter,

Jody, third-year medical student at Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas. Frank and Sally have a very special place in their hearts occupied by two young grandsons.

Believing that conference presidents are chosen and put in place by God, Elder Tochterman was open to God's leading in their lives when he allowed his name to stand as a candidate for presidency. Sally also shares that conviction and has willingly allowed her career to take second place so she could be the companion and support that is highly admirable in the conference leadership role.

Here in Alberta, many prayers were petitioned to God at decision-making time—praying that the committees would allow God to guide and lead them in the selection process. Praise God that those prayers were answered for us on June 4.

As the conference membership at large now anticipates the arrival of the Tochtermans, shall we now continue to pray for a smooth transition to our conference for them and shall we determine in our hearts to be the support and encouragement that Frank and Sally will need as they move to sunny Alberta and take up the many challenges that will come their way.



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— Matthew 28:19-20 NRSV

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Philippine

Evangelistic Crusades

In March 2000 ten pastors along with their wives and some lay leaders from the Alberta Conference travelled to various places in the Philippine Islands to conduct evangelistic crusades on behalf The Quiet Hour. The following is a first-hand account from Irma Hartley: – Editor

For some, it was a mad rush to be ready to leave on the morning of March 14, 2000, our destination, the Philippines! Some had minimal amounts of luggage while others took medicine for the clinics, clothes for the orphanage and books to give away. We were on our way to conduct ten different crusades on some of the 700 islands that make up the Philippines. The Quiet Hour and the Alberta Conference were sending two people to each location, but any others were invited if they would pay their own way. Excellent materials were provided to use for the health, family and spiritual emphasis talks in the crusade. Pastor Bill and Gwen Spangler had gone over a month earlier to prepare the way for the other nine teams. The remaining nine teams consisted of: Pastor Andrew Chin and Chee-Kong Ho; Pastor Werner and Gerry Seidel; Pastor Ian and Irma Hartley, Kris Falk; Pastor Mike Lemon, Ben Lacanilao, Jennifer Aldous; Pastor Eustace Williams; Pastor Brian and Karen Hawes, Cheddie Williams, Bruce and Janice Schnurr; Pastor Kelvin and Carla Schultz; Pastor Justis St. Hilaire and Theodore Johnson; Pastor Roy and June Dubyna, Victoria Tataryn, Allen and Jemema Atrill; Pastor Paul Donnett and Tony Huether.

When we finally arrived in Manila, it was close to midnight. We were tired and waited in the dark parking lot for transportation details to be sorted out. Some spent the night at the conference office in Manila and others of us went to the Division guestrooms and the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in Silang, about an hour out of Manila. After a good rest each group left for a different location. For Ian and Irma Hartley and Kris Falk it was a one and a half hour flight which took us to Davao City on the southern island of Mindanao, the home of the famous durian fruit that is proclaimed to "taste like heaven and smell like hell". (editor agrees with this assessment)

The driving style in the Philippines is amazing. There are very few traffic lights, and we saw no STOP or YIELD signs anywhere, each driver was continuously conscious of what was happening behind, in front of, and next to him on either side and it seemed that whatever part of the road was free was available to whoever needed to use it at that time. The horn was used merely to indication your intention or presence.

The people in the Philippines were wonderfully friendly and hospitable and we enjoyed culinary vegetarian delights at each meal, expertly prepared for us by Smyrna, the lady who would live in our condo and take care of us. It was after several days into our stay there that we discovered that our hosts were extremely concerned for our safety, and a variety of precautions had been taken to ensure our safety. The Moslem extremist movement in Mindanao have been known to take foreigners hostage, with the intent of getting revenue to fund their move to make Mindanao a Moslem-ruled state. The meetings, we discovered, were attended each evening by three plain-clothes police for protection. Even our condo was extremely secure, every window and door was protected by burglar bars and the whole four-condo complex was enclosed by a high wall and gate accessible only by ringing the bell on the outside. However, we never felt afraid or insecure in our suburb of Bankal.

The crusade that we participated in was held in the Toril Church, about twenty minutes from our condo. The Toril Church seats about 500 people and the building is not completed and consists of the bare concrete walls with only openings where the windows will be.

Each evening saw about 100 children gathered for their songs and stories and Kris enjoyed teaching them new songs. Irma presented health and family features. Pastor Ian was in his element telling of God's goodness, wonderful love and forgiveness.



One of the highlights was the opportunity of visiting people in their homes, and every morning Pastor Cabaluna would take us to visit somewhere. There is a very interesting system followed in the Philippines in preparation for the crusades. Several weeks beforehand the Mission appoints and pays a small wage to laymen, men very well versed in their Bibles who go from door to door in the area assigned them, usually near their home, to study with interested people and invite them to the crusade. Transport was provided by the church so that people could easily get to the meetings. Public transport consists mainly of myriads of little tricycles, seating up to ten people, and hundreds of larger jeepnies, carrying up to thirty passengers, which are creatively re-designed jeeps left after the war by the US army, and now a flourishing industry.

Our visits took us to such interesting people and here are a few of the amazing visits we were able to make. An elderly gentleman, a sharp shooter with the US army during the war with the Japanese, had been afflicted four years before our visit with a paralyzing stroke. He had time to reflect on the sad events of his earlier years and became increasingly depressed that God could never forgive him for the many people he had killed. But wonder of wonders! The tears of relief he experienced when he understood God's gracious forgiveness and love. Baptism could not come soon enough for him as he was afraid he might die before the end of the crusade. But he was spared to be carried into the ocean at the end of the crusade in his wheelchair and confirm his love and thankfulness to his God.

Annalisa was a young girl of sixteen, who had been possessed by the demons. The family had no Christian profession but a very special uncle was not afraid to share his convictions with them. Annalisa's father had a dream in which the devil told him he would show him where the Japanese had buried the gold in the creek before they retreated after the war, all this in exchange for one of his children. The father could not agree in his dream as he loved all his children very much. But the devil attacked one of his children anyway, and Annalisa started to develop seizures regularly, talking in a deep guttural male voice at these times. A large red "M" appeared on her arm which the devil said, when challenged by her uncle, meant "the terrible one" in the local dialect. A continuing terrible stomachache created fear that Annalisa would die and late one Friday night a message was sent for Pastor Cabaluna to come. When the messenger arrived and gave his request, Pastor Cabaluna told them "this sickness is not unto death" and he would come after his sermon the next day. That very night the large, strong supporting beam of their house snapped in two and the house came down. The family took refuge with the uncle who confronted the devil and on Sunday morning Annalisa vomited up a handful of little black stones, which the devil had made her eat, and she was made whole. What a delight to see a whole family committed to serve the God who was so powerful that He had healed Annalisa!

There was Julie who, after intently listening each night and believing, was convicted of the crime she had committed in aborting her baby because she was unmarried. God loves and cares and forgives and she grasped these wonderful concepts and with tears of joy and peace accepted God's gift of forgiveness.

Melody was a conspicuous attender because her face was radiant as she eagerly listened. Melody had been married at the age of twelve to an older man, who soon disposed of her by getting an annulment to their marriage. Without home or love, she finally found a nice young man to share her life with in her early twenties, but neither had the money to get married. Melody knew that what she was hearing in the meetings was what she wanted to accept without reservation and the terrible disappointment that she experience when told that until she was married to the father of her little baby girl, she could not be baptized. If her relationship to David was going to stand in the way of her relationship and commitment to Jesus she knew what she would do. But the church has a way of helping people in this predicament, and although Melody could not be baptized at this time, the church provided the money for her to get married and she would do all in her power to be ready to be baptized at the next baptism scheduled for the end of April.



Baptism in the Philippines

The last Sabbath afternoon of the crusade saw everyone gathered on the beach for the baptism. One hundred thirty-one candidates, including young children, were lined up in four rows awaiting the four pastors to lead them into the ocean. When most people had left the beach to go back to the church for the next meeting, a group of nine more candidates arrived from Davao City. All in all, one hundred forty were baptized at the far north part of Davao City, under the gaze of the volcanic Mt. Apo.

We also had the serendipity of going on a few wonderful excursions with the Cabaluna family. We had a delightful swim in the clear blue sea on the small island of Samal off the coast of Davao City, and saw the endangered Filipino eagles in the sanctuary where they have a breeding program underway. Although Pastor and Beth Cabaluna will retire soon, they have responded to the needs of many orphan children and have recently adopted three young children. The youngest was two weeks old and seven weeks premature when they retrieved him from the hospital where his mother had left him. He is now one and one-half years old and the two older Cabaluna daughters help support the children, both financially and with motherly love. Thanks be to God for the blessings we received in our ministry in the Philippines!

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‘Faith Leads Us Home’

IAN HARTLEY,
Pastor, Red Deer SDA Church

August 8-12, 2000, Adult Program - Main Auditorium

Ian Hartley was born and grew up in South Africa and is a graduate of Helderberg

College. With his wife, Irma, he has served in the mission field in East and Central Africa. He taught in the SDA school

system from 1963-1989, 12 years of which he served as the Academic Dean at both Solusi College, Zimbabwe, and Helderberg College, South Africa. He is currently the pastor of the Red Deer SDA Church in Alberta. Ian has always had an interest in the book of Revelation since

his college days and leads two small groups at Red Deer Church where they are studying this fascinating book. *The Seals, Trumpets and Plagues Workshop.*

DORIS HUBBARD, Family Therapist and Director of Clinical Training , Loma Linda University Canadian Campus Marital & Family Therapy

Doris is currently working as Director of Clinical Training at Loma Linda University Canadian Campus Marital and Family Therapy Program. She is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and is actively involved in teaching and clinical supervision

with Loma Linda University's graduate studies program. As well, she manages her own independent practice in relationship consultation and lives on a small acreage with her husband and two sons. *Self-Transformation and the Conspiracy of Relationships Workshop.*

TIME	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11	SABBATH 12
6:40		Dan Jackson	Dan Jackson	Dan Jackson	Dan Jackson
7:30-8:15	Breakfast				
9:00-10:30		Warren Peters	Warren Peters	Warren Peters	CUC/Education Department
10:45-12:00		Marvin Moore	Marvin Moore	Marvin Moore	Leslie Pollard
12:15-1:30	Lunch				
2:45-4:30	Workshops 2:15-4:15				Evangelism
4:30-5:30		Larry Kositsin	Larry Kositsin	4:30-6:00 ABC Sale	4:45-6:00 Commission/Ordination
5:45-6:45	Supper				
7:15-9:00	Morris Venden	Morris Venden	Morris Venden	Leslie Pollard	Frank Tochterman

Sunset: 8:55 p.m.



DAN JACKSON, President, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

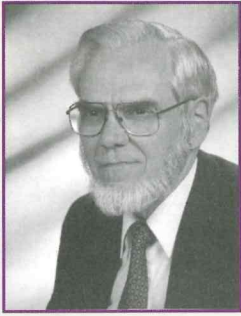
Dan Jackson is no stranger to Alberta. He once served as the senior pastor of the College Heights Church and is currently president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. *Wednesday through Sabbath, 6:40 am.*



LARRY KOSITSIN, Director of Counseling and Development, Maranatha Corrections, California

Larry was born of Russian parents in China. He received his Bachelor of Theology at Canadian Union College and Master of Divinity at Andrews Theological Seminary. He has pastored congregations in Canada and Hawaii. In 1996, while furthering his education in psychology, Larry founded The Mourning Star Center, a non-profit facility for grieving children and those that love them. He presently is the Director of Counseling and Development for Maranatha Corrections, a private company that builds and operates prisons. He is the chairperson of the NEWSTART Committee, a prototype program that is revolutionizing corrections. He continues to teach anger management, parenting courses, addiction and spousal abuse classes in prison. Larry's desire to help those who are incarcerated as well as helping high-risk children, gives him extreme fulfilment. *Wednesday and Thursday, 4:30 pm and Behavior in Children and Dealing With Angry People Workshop.*





MARVIN MOORE.
Signs Editor, Pacific Press
Publishing Association, Idaho

Marvin Moore was born in Lima, Peru, where his parents were Seventh-day Adventist missionaries. He also lived in Argentina and Cuba before coming to the United States to complete his high school and college education. In 1985 he became an associate book editor at Pacific Press in Boise, Idaho, and in August 1994, he became the editor of Signs of the Times. He is also the author of 26 published books. Among the most recent are *The Crisis of the End Time*, *Conquering the Dragon Within*, and *The Coming Great Calamity*. Since 1990 he has conducted seminars on the end time at churches and camp meetings throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. *Wednesday through Friday 10:45 am and Hope for the End Time Workshop.*



J. DAVID NEWMAN, Adjunct
Professor of Christian Ministry,
Andrews University and Pastor,
Damascus Grace Fellowship,
Maryland

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, David Newman has pastored in the United States and abroad. He previously served as the editor for *Ministry* magazine. His passion is to communicate the gospel in culturally appropriate terms and make Adventism relevant for people in the 21st Century. *Young Adult Guest Speaker and When Truth Changes Workshop.*



WARREN R. PETERS, M.D.,
JEANNE PETERS, RN
Director of Center for Health
Promotions, Loma Linda
University, California

Dr. Peters is both interested in prevention and treatment of degenerative diseases. As director of Loma Linda University Center for Health Promotion, he applies his experience and skills from years of work in preventive medicine and vascular surgery. He grew up in Texas and Washington State and received his college education at Walla Walla College and his medical training at Loma Linda University. After completing his surgical training at the Mason Clinic in Seattle, Washington, he was a partner with Rockwood Clinic in Spokane, Washington, for 10 years. The last fifteen years have been devoted to the development and implementation of clinical preventive medical care. A Master's degree in epidemiology and biostatistics created for him the added dimension of population-based medical care. The Peters will present information on: Diseases that exercise can treat, Stress only happens to the living!, and Genes, obesity and some answers. *Wednesday through Friday 9:00 am and Health Workshop.*

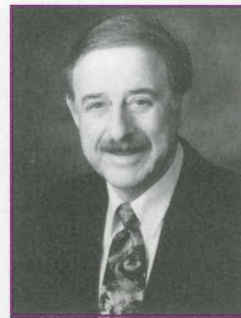
LESLIE N. POLLARD, Vice President for Diversity,
Loma Linda University



As an ordained minister, Dr. Pollard has served the SDA Church in a number of capacities—a senior pastor, college chaplain, radio speaker, preacher, youth pastor, writer, and presently, university and medical center administrator. His preaching ministry has taken him to cities as diverse as Seoul, London, Sydney, Lagos, Harare, Bangkok, Kingston, Sao Paulo, and many places in between.

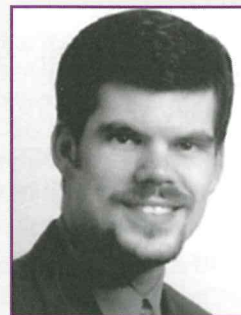
Friday 7:15 pm, Sabbath 10:45 am and Ordination 4:45 pm.

MORRIS VENDEN, Voice of Prophecy



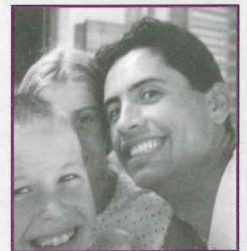
Morris Venden is associate speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, the international radio broadcast of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He joined the VOP ministry in 1997 upon his retirement from pastoral ministry. A popular author of more than 30 books, Venden has served as senior pastor of several large churches, including Azure Hills, La Sierra University, Pacific Union College in California, and Union College in Nebraska. Tapes of his sermons and his many books have presented the biblical message of righteousness by faith in dozens of countries. Tens of thousands, young and old, consider him their spiritual mentor. *Tuesday through Thursday 7:15 pm and Dynamics of Christian Living Workshop (Wednesday and Thursday Only).*

Earliteens and Youth Leaders



RYAN BELL, Speaker, Youth

Ryan is a seminary student at Andrews University. He serves as a worship leader at First Church in Indiana and has a passion for innovative worship experiences.



WILLIAM HURTADO, Youth
Pastor, Kirkland SDA Church,
Washington

William loves kids and speaks to them often, from Washington to Maine to Slovakia and beyond. He recently co-authored the book—*Principles of Youth Ministry* and has served as the Managing Director of Giraffe University, a national youth leadership training outreach for the Center for Youth Evangelism. *Junior Guest Speaker*

CAROLYN MACOMBER, Speaker, Earliteens



Please Note Increased Rates for 2001

August 3-11

(x) Accommodation	Rates for Camp Meeting 2001	Old Camp Meeting Rates
() Lodge (2 per room) (9 nights) (limited availability)	\$205.00	\$195.00
() Lodge (2 per room) (9 nights) (4 rooms under kitchen)	\$185.00	
() Cabin (9 nights) (limited availability)	\$142.00	\$132.00
() Trailer Hook-ups (nightly)	\$14.00	\$13.00
() Trailer Hook-ups (9 nights)	\$100.00	\$97.00
() Trailer/Tent Space (nightly)	\$10.00	\$9.00
() Trailer/Tent Space (9 nights)	\$65.00	\$63.00
() Trailer/Tent with electricity (nightly)	\$12.00	NEW
() Trailer/Tent with electricity (9 nights)	\$80.00	NEW
() If you're planning to arrive early for camp meeting please pay for the additional nights of your stay. Thank you. Administration		

Please Note the Following:

1. **Full refunds** are allowed on cancellations, if the Reservation Office (342-5044 ext. 201) is notified prior to July 23, 2001.
2. **Two keys** are available for each Unit/Lodge room upon arrival. These keys must be returned before departure.
3. Check-out time is 11:00 am.
4. The Cafeteria will provide food service (including Sabbath.) Meal tickets can be obtained at the Administration Office. NO meal tickets or IOU's will be sold during Sabbath hours. Unused meal tickets will be refunded.

Meal Prices:

Age 0 - 4	Free	5 - 12	\$4/meal
Adults: Breakfast	\$5.50	Dinner	\$6.50
Supper	\$5.50		

5. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CAMPGROUNDS.**
6. Turn in your application to the Administration Office during Camp Meeting or send your application form with your **cheque, money order, or VISA information for the FULL AMOUNT** to:

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On Sunday, August 5 from 9 am to 11:30 am registration for 2001 can be made at the registration table in front of the Camp Administration Office. Please have your forms completed **in full** prior to registration time. To ensure your accommodation for Camp Meeting 2001 **payment must be made in full at the time of registration.** (Postdated cheques will be accepted no later than August 31, 2000). If you are unable to register Sunday morning, a receptionist will take your form and payment at the Administration office **before 10 pm Monday evening, July 5.** After Monday evening if you have not registered, your accommodation will be available to the next person requesting it.

****PLEASE NOTE: You are not guaranteed your booking until notified, in writing, by the office. Notification should take place by mid June.**

- Pets - No pets are allowed on the campground. Kennels:
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Workshops

(Wed - Fri 2:15 - 4:15pm)

Ian Hartley - *The Seals, Trumpets and Plagues*

Make sense out of the major series of 7's in the Book of Revelation. This is Revelation made simple so you will never forget it even if you disagree! Notes on the whole book will be available to those attending.

Doris Hubbard - *Self-Transformation and the Conspiracy of Relationships*

This seminar will explore the development of self within large and small relationship frameworks. Attention will be paid to principles important to social interactions between individuals, couples, and families. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the role and influence of stress, coping mechanisms and the basic dynamics of human communication and behavior.

Larry Kositsin - *Behavior in Children and Dealing With Angry People*

What is anti-social behavior and how can it be changed? Learn new parenting skills and how to deal with angry people.

Topics:

- Criminal Behavior: Are Your Children Heading for it?
- How to Change Behavior Effectively
- How to Handle Angry People

Marvin Moore - *Hope for the End Time*

What the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy tell us about end-time events with a special emphasis on spiritual preparation for the final crisis.

J. David Newman - *When Truth Changes*

This seminar will discuss the following issues:

- 1) What is truth?
- 2) Why the pioneers could not join the Adventist church today if they had to agree with the 27 Fundamentals
- 3) How do you decide when it is time to change your truth?
- 4) How do you know what truths to accept or reject in the Bible?

Dr Warren Peters, Jeanne - *Health*

1. Diseases That Exercise Can Treat
2. Stress Only Happens to the Living!
3. Genes, Obesity & Some Answers

Morris Venden - *Dynamics of Christian Living*

(Wednesday & Thursday only)

A Huge Success

Brian Leavitt, Vice-President at Canadian University College, and Eric Rajah, owner of Advanced Systems in Red Deer/Lacombe, along with 100 members of the College Heights SDA Church, formed an organization known as "A Better World" in 1990.

As a Christmas present to the world, a project would be funded in a third-world country to help alleviate human suffering, each year for a period of ten years.

Since its inception, "A Better World" has funded ten separate projects in various developing countries including Kenya, Nepal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, the Philippines, and South Sudan. Both the Canadian government and international development agencies match funds raised locally by "A Better World". The total value of projects completed so far has been in excess of \$550,000.

The first project undertaken by "A Better World" in 1990 involved the construction of a physiotherapy centre in Kendu Bay, Kenya. Upon completion of the centre, retired Canadian physiotherapist Ken Hill, was sent by "A Better World" to organize and equip the centre, and to train local staff. As he assessed the local needs, Hill made the dramatic discovery that hundreds of deformed and crippled children could be walking where now they were crawling or completely immobile. All that would be required was completion of a simple surgery costing \$75.00. He contacted "A Better World", and the organization's directors readily agreed to fund the surgery of 75 children operated on a trial basis. After one year, Hill reported that over 60% of the children operated on were now walking with the aid of crutches. Since these first successful surgeries, "A Better World" has funded a total of 200 operations on crippled children, and today 98% of these children are walking with the aid of crutches or completely on their own.

Last November, Rajah invited Gary Gant, non-SDA owner of Westridge Cabinets of Red Deer to join him and a small group of donors from Lacombe—Edith Fitch, retired teacher; Florence Guinet, retired nurse; and Ted Proud, local businessman. They toured, particularly, the physiotherapy centre in Kendu Bay. The tour participants were certainly not left unaffected by what they saw and experienced.



Learning to walk after surgery

Says Gary Gant, "I have now seen the value of providing aid for projects such as these. The best thing about the project is that 100% of the donated money goes directly to the work. No administrative fees...no overhead...and the local people are involved in helping themselves." Gant is referring to projects that "A Better World" has implemented in which disabled people are provided with capital for raw materials to start their own trade, such as wood-working, basket weaving, or leather product manufacturing. Such

projects enable them to become productive members of society.

A recent non-SDA business partner to join the effort is Gord Bontje of Laebon Homes in Red Deer. After hearing Gant's report of this trip, Bontje offered a significant amount of money to continue the work in Kenya.

Since the start of the project, the Kenyan government has provided fifteen physiotherapists for the Kendu Bay region, and CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) has provided funding in the amount of \$300,000. CIDA has also offered "A Better World" a

\$75,000 grant to expand the project next year.

As co-founder Eric Rajah says, "The project has gone beyond my imagination. A little bit of help from committed people has given hope to hundreds of people in need, and has made the world a better place for them to live."

So, since the ten years proposed for the duration of "A Better World" have now expired, does "A Better World" now sit back with a satisfied air? Not at all! The church board has given Leavitt and Rajah full authority to continue making this world A BETTER WORLD. Plans are now being laid for its 11th project. As we see how the Lord has blessed the previous work, we know He will continue to bless these efforts to make the world a better place for His needy children.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.'"
Matthew 25:45 (NIV)n

Marriage Encounter

If you have been to Marriage Encounter and have changed your address since then, it would be most helpful if you would please send your new address to: Box 18, #2, 7400 Macleod Trail South, Calgary, AB T2H 0L9 or call Ardella Littman at (403) 239-2815, or e-mail at j.littman@home.com

Please note the next dates for Alberta Marriage Encounter weekends are: November 3-5, 2000 and February 9-11, 2001.

Around the Conference



Passover at Red Deer Church

Participants talk to each other about why the feast is taking place. This included the four cups, the ceremonial foot washing and hand washings, the lighting of the candles, the vegetables and salt water, the bitter herbs, the unleavened bread and the "roast lamb". (The latter purchased at the ABC!)

The thirteen men who sat at the front table were colourfully dressed as first century Israelis.

The Messianic expectation was highlighted in most of the above. Many non-members attended. We would recommend this meaningful service to other congregations. For those interested, full instructions for this feast are available from Irma Hartley at the Conference office.

Baptismal Service, Beauvallon, March 11, 2000

It is a real joy when parents see all of their children join the family of God through baptism. Pictured here is Allan and Mary Saylor with their children. Pastor Brian Bechthold officiated.



*Photo: front, left to right: Alicia, Aaron
back, left to right: Pastor Brian Bechthold, Matthew, Mark, Alana, Mary, Allan*

Myrnam SDA Church Historical Society

You are invited to attend the official opening of the Myrnam Seventh-day Adventist Church as an Historical Site June 24-25, 2000. For more information, phone (780) 366-2441.

Announcements

- Sabbath Meal Tickets for August 12, may be purchased at the Administration office at Foothills Camp, beginning Tuesday afternoon, August 8 until sundown (8:45 p.m.) Friday, August 11. No cash transactions will take place during Sabbath hours. No IOUs.
- Children will be allowed to use water guns on the lower level of the camp ground only. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of water guns.
- Children are not to be left unsupervised overnight. Children under the age of 18 without a parent or guardian will be turned over to child protection services.

Red Deer Celebrates an Authentic Passover

To better understand the meaning of the Communion Service it was decided to celebrate an authentic Passover Seder, or talking feast. A talking feast is one in which the participants

Baptism and Wedding at Red Deer

Cameron Corbet and Suzanne Ramstad were baptized on Sabbath morning May 27 and married at 9:00 am on Sunday May 28. Unique to the wedding was the covenant by Cameron and Suzanne

to care for each other's son. Thus Jeremy and Steven were part of the covenant made. A celebration breakfast after the wedding was enjoyed by all those who managed to come to the morning ceremony. We wish God's blessing on this family for the future.



Baptism of Cameron Corbet and Suzanne Ramstad

Warburg Church

Irene Schafer has been treasurer of Warburg SDA Church for 50 years. A special supper was held on January 9, 2000 in appreciation of her dedicated continuing service.



Irene Schafer

Camp Meeting Needs

- Due to the shortened camp meeting this year, there will be **NO CHOIR OR BAND**. However, special music, song leaders, pianists and organists are needed. If you sing solos, in a group, or play an instrument and would like to be part of the music program at camp meeting please contact Trudie Comm or leave a message at (780) 532-6411.
- A janitor is needed for cleaning the bathrooms during camp meeting time. Please contact Bob Holdal at the conference office with your interest and expected remuneration. Phone: 403-342-5044, ext. 203 / Fax: 403-343-1523 / or e-mail: rholdal@albertasda.org.
- A Kindergarten leader and helpers are needed. Contact Pastor Mike Lemon if you are willing (Phone: 403-327-6029 or 403-381-4011 / e-mail: mlemon@telusplanet.net).