

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Project Mamawi Off to an Excellent Start

Carolyn Osmond

**\$100,000 GOAL FOR MAMAWI ATOSKETAN
NATIVE SCHOOL REACHED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

Members of the Alberta Conference have reached the first goal on the way to the construction of a new school building for Mamawi Atosketan Native School. \$116,331.20 in cash and pledges was reported as of September 30.

The specially called Alberta Conference Constituency Meeting of August 27, 2000 voted overwhelmingly to build a new facility. At that time constituency members also put in place several fund-raising milestones:

◆ **September 30, 2000**

\$100,000 in Cash and Pledges to demonstrate that the constituency vote would be confirmed by donations.

◆ **December 31, 2000**

\$400,000 in Cash and Pledges, payable no later than February 28, 2001, to know that no less than half of the money needed will be on hand in cash in the spring according to North American Division Policy.

◆ **February 28, 2001**

An additional \$400,000 in Cash and Pledges, payable up to the year 2005, must be on hand to complete a total preliminary cost estimate of \$800,000 before construction can begin. This is also a requirement of the North American Division building policy.

We are happy to report that the goal of \$100,000 was reached by September 30.

Decision to Build

The constituency decision to build a new native school is based on several factors:

1. Notice has been received that the school building currently used will be sold this year.
2. In view of the sale of the current facility, the Conference Executive Committee commissioned a Feasibility Study by an independent accounting firm, Meyers Norris Penny. This study presented valuable decision-making information.
3. With respect to the purchase of the existing building, the study stated:

“Upgrading the existing school site will require almost as much funding as would building a new school. The easily identified costs quickly add up to approximately 2/3 the cost of building new. Additional costs are virtually guaranteed. There are mice running in the walls. The damage caused by a leaking roof and twenty years of dormancy have not been fully calculated and would continue to surface. All contractors contacted as part of the research supporting this project advised against refurbishing a structure of this age in this state of disrepair.

“In addition, the barrier of travel time for the students would continue to exist. There is a perceived increase in concern with the travel time and its impact on the quality of



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education and resulting quality of life, particularly for the younger students." (Transportation to the school averages 75 minutes one-way at the present school site.)

4. With respect to building a new school closer to the children's homes, the study made several observations:
 - a. "According to industry sources, to buy the land and build a new school could cost as little as \$900,000. The price can be reduced further through creative measures that only organizations such as a community or a congregation can achieve."
 - b. "The materials are estimated at \$560,000 for the scaled back school option. Ponoka Christian Elementary School (Eight classrooms, a small gym and the required offices, washrooms, etc.) was reportedly built on the strength of their community for \$450,000 total. There is no means of calculating the potential contribution that could be made by church members or other members of the community. In the Ponoka case, the contribution obviously went far beyond labour."

Cost Estimate

The preliminary cost estimate of \$800,000, voted at the Constituency Meeting, was below the lowest feasibility study estimate of \$897,660. However the study included \$150,000 to purchase land, and it is believed land can be acquired for at least \$50,000 below that estimate. Materials and labour have also been estimated lower by a local contractor, especially due to the expected participation of Maranatha International, a volunteer SDA building group.

Native Ministries Expansion

Mission Projects are always adventures, but they usually result in expansion of the work of Christ. A new facility for Mamawi Atosketan Native School is projected to expand Native Ministries in many ways:

- ◆ **Adult Outreach**
 - Health seminars
 - Smoking awareness
 - "New Moms" parenting class
- ◆ **Community Fun Night**
 - Volleyball
 - Floor hockey
 - Family night
 - Basketball
- ◆ **Pathfinders**
- ◆ **Evangelism**
- ◆ **Church programs**
 - Sabbath school
- ◆ **Daycare/Kindergarten**
- ◆ **GED training**
- ◆ **Computer training**

Thank You

A very sincere thank you to each family and individual who has donated, or plans to donate to this Alberta mission project. Only in eternity will we fully realize the ultimate benefits of our gifts. However, we can be assured that we are participating in the life-changing role that Mamawi Atosketan Native School plays in the lives of children today. May God inspire each of us as we consider our part in this mission.

The question has been asked, "What will happen to my donation if not enough money is raised to build a new school for Mamawi Atosketan?" All donations for a particular project must be used for that project, so it needs to be understood that money donated for the new Mamawi Atosketan Native School can only be used for that purpose. However, as has been asked, if a new school cannot be built for any reason for Mamawi, donors of record will be contacted to decide how they wish to have their gift redirected. The donor may redirect the gift for any charitable purpose within the Alberta Conference. Donors who wish to know if the project has been successful before making an actual cash gift are asked to make their pledge now and send their cheque when the money is needed to begin the school, or at later dates as indicated on their pledge forms. In this way, fund raisers will know how much to expect in donations and by what date(s). Of course, if the project continues with the enthusiasm it now enjoys, these questions should not be necessary. But they are of importance to those who have concerns. Please contact Carolyn Osmond at (403) 342-5044, Extension 202 or 201, if you have any other questions related to donations.

MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL

Cash/Pledge Response

Please clip and mail today.

Yes, I want to be a part of Project Mamawi!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC _____

Telephone: _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec. 31, 2000 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Feb. 28, 2000 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec 31, 2001 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec 31, 2002 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec 31, 2003 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec 31, 2004 \$ _____

___ Cash ___ Pledge by Dec 31, 2005 \$ _____

___ Cheque Enclosed \$ _____

(payable to Alberta Conference)

___ Credit Card (Visa or Master Card) _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ Amount \$ _____



*“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of God.”
Mark 10:14*

*Please mail to:
Treasury, Alberta Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists
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Church Training / Growth Seminars Available

Mike Lemon (Pastor of the Lethbridge SDA Church) is the coordinator for Sabbath School and Children’s Ministries for the Alberta Conference. He has been active in training Sabbath School leaders in churches throughout the Conference (Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Calgary, Edmonton, CUC, etc). Pastor Lemon is available and willing to come to your church to conduct training which will include:

1. Seeing Sabbath School as a ministry and *not just* preaching to the converted
2. How you can make Sabbath School more *interactive*
3. Understanding and defining the different *Learning Styles* of your Sabbath School class members
4. Using the *total* Sabbath School *learning time* to reach the different Learning Styles with your class

Mike Lemon can be contacted at (403) 381-4011 or email: mlemon@telusplanet.net



Family Ministries

Family Ministries presenters are willing to speak in your church on family-related topics. You can make arrangements by calling them directly.
Ken Lebel (403) 782-7916; Wanda Johnson (403) 309-0811; Werner Seidel (403) 947-2686; Honey Todd (403) 782-1702

Conference Office Staff Complete

After several months of vacancies in our conference office staff, all positions are now filled. Since the arrival of our new Conference President in July, a new Conference Treasurer and a new Ministerial Director have been selected. After a diligent search, the conference Nominating Committee selected Carolyn Osmond, Vice-President for Finances at Canadian University College, to serve as Conference Treasurer. She is married to Aubrey who works in the Plant Services Department of CUC. John Adams, pastor of the Calgary Bridgeland / Southside Churches since 1989, was selected to serve as Ministerial Director. He is married to Ruby, who together have two daughters, Shanelle and Delicia.

Other members of the conference staff are: Norman Yergen, General Secretary; Bob Holdal, Associate Treasurer; Kim Lebel, Accountant; Curtis Polishuk, Auditor and Education Accountant; Grant Misseghers, Youth and Communications; and Isaac

Zayachkowski, Education Superintendent. Secretaries in the office are Marlene Holdal, Joyce Wasylshen, Penny Marcinyk, Irma Hartley, and Evangeline Medavarapu.



l-r: John Adams, Norman Yergen, Frank Tochterman, Carolyn Osmond

The Alberta Conference also leans heavily upon Volunteer Ministry Coordinators. Assisting the conference at this time are: Victor Schulz, ADRA Appeal / Community Services; Ruth Riffin, Adventurer Ministries; John Blake, Deaf Ministries; Werner Seidel, Family Life; Darlene Blaney, Health Ministries; Brian Townsend, Men's Ministries; Linda Calderbank, Native Ministries; Carol Morton, Pathfinders; Evangeline Medavarapu, Prayer Ministries; Gerald Chipeur, Religious Liberty; Mike Lemon, Sabbath School; Nicole Sydenham, Women's

Ministries. Wolfram Hackenberg serves as Camp Ranger for Foothills Camp and Victor Schulz serves as Director of ADRA Alberta.

Northwest Territories Search

The Alberta Conference is seeking to more fully serve the Seventh-day Adventist members who live in the Northwest Territories. We currently have a church in Yellowknife, the capital of the territory. Our new pastor there, Robert Schafer (formerly of Sylvan Lake), has a vision of seeing our church in Yellowknife become a resource center for assisting Adventist families in other distant northern communities. If you know of Seventh-day Adventists who live in the Northwest Territories, please send their names and addresses to Marlene Holdal at the conference office (abconf@albertasda.org)

Bentley Church Homecoming

Pastor John Blake

This year is the Bentley SDA Church's 80th Anniversary since its founding in 1920 when a group of German-speaking Canadians banded together to build a church just south of the town of Bentley. The Village of Bentley is also celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year.

Because of the General Conference Session in 2000, plans are being made for the Bentley Church celebration and homecoming to be held on June 23, 2001. Many of the early members of the church were also students of Carritt Creek Community Public School, southwest of Bentley. The school's Alumni are working with the Bentley church to schedule their homecoming school the next day, June 24, 2001.

Watch for further announcements in the *Alberta Adventist News* and *Messenger* concerning the Bentley Church homecoming. The invitation is open for anyone to attend but a special invitation is extended to former members, former pastors and student pastors of the Bentley Church.

There is a marvellous story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the injustice and pain of the world. "Dear God," he cried out, "look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in your world. Why don't you send help?"

God responded, "I did send help. I sent you."

When we tell our children that story, we must tell them that each one of them was sent to help repair the broken world—and that it is not the task of an instant or of a year, but of a lifetime.

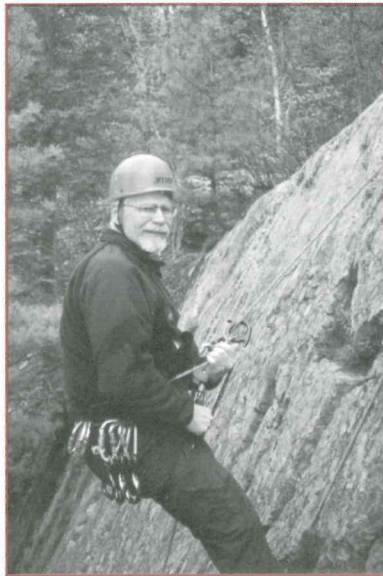
—Teaching Your Children About God (Henry Holt)

CUC Outward Pursuits at Alberta Environment Department

Lynn Neumann McDowell

Paul and Shad Lehmann, head of the Outward Pursuits (OP) Department at CUC and a CUC Education student respectively, taught 26 individuals a wilderness first-aid course near Battle Lake this summer. Most of the group was composed of Alberta Environment and Protection Agency employees, but also among them was the director of the Red Deer Division of the St. John Ambulance Association (which covers Central Alberta from Edmonton to Calgary and to the Saskatchewan border), and some members of the Edmonton Boys and Girls Clubs.

Paul Lehmann was invited to teach the course by the Alberta 4H Council, and was pleasantly surprised to find that many group members were excited to find that a school - CUC - offered out-



door courses from a Christian perspective. They were tremendously impressed not only with the CUC team's knowledge but also with their down-to-earth attitude —something that had been lacking in many other instructors they had experienced.

“They fell in love with Shad,” says his father.

“They said, ‘We didn’t think there were young people like that in the world anymore!’ and I said to myself, ‘Come to CUC and we’ll show you a bunch more’.”

Canada-Wide Evangelism Think Tank Meets at CUC

Lynn Neumann McDowell

Drawing on the expertise of the visionary leader of Net '95, It Is Written speaker Pastor Henry Feyerabend, conference presidents and lay people from across Canada, met for an evangelism think tank held at Canadian University College at the end of August. The purpose was to strategize for a five-week, Canada-wide uplinked evangelistic series—one created by Canadians, for Canadians and produced in Canada to be broadcast in the fall of 2002.

It Is Written's Shawn Boonstra takes minutes at the landmark think tank meeting

November, 2000

The meeting was chaired by Glen Aufderhar, who is presently in charge of Adventist World Radio and who originated the Net evangelistic series

concept. The proposed Canadian version would differ, according to Pastor Feyerabend, in its emphasis on field preparation, including seminars for SDA lay people prior to the launching of the series.

The concept was approved by the It Is Written board, and is to be voted on by the Church in Canada in November. The Alberta representatives at the strategy meeting this summer were (l-r):

President Frank Tochterman, Pastor Ron Sydenham, Pastor Randy Barber, Ministerial Director John Adams, Pastor Gary Hodder, and lay representatives Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Marion.



Alberta Representatives

CUC Faculty and Students Evangelize this Summer

In addition to the CUC students who provided enthusiastic Christian leadership as **staff of church camps** across Canada, CUC students, faculty and staff also helped evangelize in other ways this summer.

Ontario conference hired five CUC students to assist new and small groups of Adventists in its **Church Planting and Church Growth projects**. This number was increased from the three students hired last year because of the conferences' satisfaction with the work done by CUC students during the summer of 1999.

- CUC's Outward Pursuits father and son team, Paul and Shad Lehmann (see page 5) also spent a lot of time this summer sharing their recreational skills in a poor neighbourhood as **Recreation Ministry leaders at Impact Toronto 2000** youth ministry training event during GC (article in the July 11 *Review*). They also led out in an academy Week of Prayer in Nova Scotia this spring. (Photo)
- Chaplain Sabine Vatel was **Prayer Ministry Leader at Impact Toronto 2000**, teaching nine delegates how to use prayer as a ministry. One tool that caught many people's attention was that of a prayer car wash - an idea that caught the imagination of youth at the Alberta Camp Meeting as well. Vatel, who headed the **Alberta Camp Meeting Youth program** with the assistance of several CUC students, took the camp meeting group to Olds, where they washed more than 70 cars in an afternoon and attracted the Olds Chamber of Commerce, who wanted to highlight the group's activities in the newspaper.



Sandy Lake academy student experiences lessons in faith and discipline in a ropes challenge course during the Lehmann's Week of Prayer.



- Walter Rogers made his **Kids' Church** ministry a year-round effort, closing down only for Alberta Camp Meeting and during Impact Toronto 2000, where he was **VBS Ministry Leader**, teaching others what he knows about sharing Jesus with today's children.
- A number of CUC students **canvassed** this summer in Toronto, earning scholarships from both the Ontario Conference and CUC.



Jon Reimche

- A dozen CUC students were among the **Delegates to Impact Toronto 2000**, bringing their love for Christ and their fellow man to the streets of Toronto, and returning to their homes with fresh ideas and enthusiasm for evangelism. See the

Jonathan Reimche (Oregon/CUC) and Lalitha Ramalingam (Lacombe/CUC) photos and comments below. Reimche was one of eight students who took advantage of CUC's incentive offer of low-tuition academic credit for participation in street ministry at IT2000, and Ramalingam has started a new ministry on the campus of CUC - a high school student mentoring program for which 45 Parkview Adventist Academy students have signed up.

Comments of Jonathan Reimche (posted on the NAD/GC Session website - www.adventist.org):

"I'm in the door-to-door ministry [praying with people and talking to them about spiritual things in their own homes]. When I first started, I felt very far from my comfort zone and I was at an uncomfortable position. It made me stop and ask myself why I felt that way and how could I change it so I will be able to freely share my beliefs. Throughout this week, the more doors I knocked on, I felt more comfortable sharing and talking about Jesus. This experience has helped me because, by asking myself these questions, I had the chance to think about my beliefs and it has confirmed my faith."

Comments of Lalitha Ramalingam (posted on the NAD/GC Session website - www.adventist.org):

"Where I am from, a small town called Lacombe, there isn't a homeless situation. I have not seen a single homeless person there. Walking around here in Toronto and seeing fellow Canadians living on the streets breaks my heart, but I know I can help. Being in the Compassion Ministry... providing these small acts of love has inspired me because I have discovered that I love this ministry. It is becoming a part of me. Everyday I do it out of love. . . . In that way, God has worked through me and giving to others has blessed me more than ever."



Lalitha Ramalingam

West Edmonton



On Sabbath, May 27, 2000, three young men signified their desire to follow Jesus through baptism. They are Antonio Guzman, Ewoenam and Elorn Akabua. The baptism was performed by Pastor Eustace Williams, pastor of the West Edmonton Church.

Lacombe Community



Sabbath, April 29, 2000, marked the beginning of new lives in Christ for two happy ladies. Kathy Klammer and Charissa Frappe were baptised at the Lacombe Community church by Pastor Brian Hawes.

Bentley

Trista York (second from the front right) was baptized on May 13, 2000. Her parents (Lorne and Susan York), her brother (Logan), grandparents and other relatives came to support her decision for Christ.



Maskwachees

Jodie McCoy

If you could dream up something grand for your church and/or school, what would it be.....remodelling? a community service project? a special Vacation Bible School? enthusiastic, missionary-minded youth and adults who are willing to tackle anything? Well, sit back and tune up your imagination, then mix all of the above mentioned components together. The result? A modern day miracle!

The Mamawi Atosketan Native School and the Maskwachees Church Company in Hobbema were privileged to observe this miracle taking place from July 13-22, 2000.

A bus from the southern United States transported 28 youth, 12 adults (pastors, cooks, a nurse, and engineer, crafts director, other talented sponsors), and two children to Hobbema. They planned to remodel the kitchen at the school, paint lockers, walls and trim,



enclose the school secretary's area, paint the rented church in Hobbema, hold a full-scale Vacation Bible School for the children of Hobbema, and do whatever else they could find time for.

All their planned projects plus a few others were completed. The kitchen is unbelievable, the lockers look nice, the little church has a new look and the VBS was successful.

The crowning activity was a Sabbath church service and feast for all. Songs of praise were ascending to heaven as Carissa Northwest, a 12 year-old from Hobbema followed Pastor Frank Johnson into the water and was baptized. Carissa attended children's church for over two years and Mamawi Atosketan Native School the past school year. Amidst songs, tears, congratulations and hugs, she started her new walk with Jesus.

Dateline

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| November 16-18, 2000 | High School Prayer Conference at CUC |
| February 2-4, 2001 | Couple's Retreat |
| February 23-25, 2001 | Pathfinder Winter Retreat |

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