

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta



Bob Crux

Is Christian Education Worth It?

On January 13, 1998, the importance of Christian education was indelibly impressed upon my mind while visiting the Grade K-4 class at the Pinebridge Seventh-day Adventist School. It started out as a snowy, windy day and I had been delayed at various points along the highway on my trip to Calgary by almost whiteout conditions. This made me about a half an hour late for my appointment to observe our teacher and multi-grade classroom.

Having arrived late, I quietly entered the classroom. The teacher noticed my entry, smiled and kept on working with a small group of students while other students worked independently on an assignment. I sat in a back corner of the room near a small bookcase of library books and proceeded to take a few notes.

Although I had not been introduced to the students that morning, the students seemed to enjoy having a visitor in their class and some students encouraged me to listen to their oral reading. A grade one student, Thompson, took a particular interest in me and wanted my full attention as he read short stories from a selected reader. He stood quite close, locked arms with me and looked up to see if I was listening to him (since he could see I was also using my note pad off and on). Two other students wanted me to listen to their reading prowess but Thompson indicated with some firmness that he had priority.

I realized anew that a school and a home united under the banner of Jesus Christ is a powerful influence for good. Thompson shared the "good news" with me that day and somehow I have a feeling I was not the first.

After about 10 to 15 minutes of oral reading with periodic short pauses, Thompson would look up and ask, "Are you listening, Mister?" He selected a Bible story book and asked if he could read a special story. I said that I would be glad to listen. He read the story of "Moses and the Burning Bush" with expression and articulation beyond his years. When he finished the story, he turned to me and asked, "Did you enjoy the story, Mister?" I said that it was an amazing story and that I really did enjoy it. Thompson proceeded to tell me that I could hear more stories like this one at the church he attended. He asked if I had ever attended the Pinebridge Adventist Church and invited me to attend the next Sabbath.

Needless to say, this was perhaps the youngest evangelist I had ever encountered. I thought of the positive spiritual development that Thompson must be receiving in his home and his school.

Bob Crux, Superintendent of Schools of Education



If A Child

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn
If a child lives with ridicule,
he learns to be shy
If a child lives with shame,
he learns to feel guilty
If a child lives with tolerance,
he learns to be patient
If a child lives with encouragement,
he learns confidence
If a child lives with praise,
he learns to appreciate
If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice
If a child lives with security,
he learns to have faith
If a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
he learns to find love in the world.

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From the President ...



Changed Lives

It's an old, familiar story that has suffered a number of variations from its frequent retelling. The way I remember it, it's the story of two young Scottish brothers, rebellious ruffians, who long ago were caught stealing sheep in their home village. In keeping with the customs of the times both brothers were branded in the forehead with the letters "ST" so that wherever they would go, people would know that they were sheep thieves. One brother, filled with embarrassment and anger, left home and traveled from city to city drowning his discomfort in alcohol and degradation. Everywhere he went his stigma followed him until in bitterness and discouragement he met an early death. The other brother, however, determined that he would remain in his little village and change his ways. He acknowledged the wrongs he had done and, in spite of the disdain shown him by his neighbors, attempted to live a proper life and restore the losses that had resulted from his wrong-doing. It was a painful process but in time his neighbors recognized the change in his life, received his apologies, and gradually accepted him once again into their confidence. As the years went by people slowly forgot the incidents of his early life and in time he was fully accepted back into the community life of his village. One day when this brother was a very old man, a young boy and his mother passed him on the street. The boy noticed the "ST" branded on his forehead and asked his mother about it. "I'm not too sure," his mother replied. "It all happened a very long time ago and I've forgotten the particulars. But I think the "ST" stands for saint."

Changed lives. Renewed hearts. It's something we all desire, we all long for! And the apostle Paul shares good news with us: "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" Hebrews 7:25 NIV.

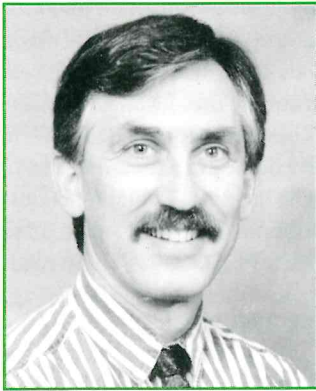
"What does intercession comprehend? It is the golden chain which binds finite man to the throne of the infinite God. The human agent whom Christ has died to save importunes the throne of God, and his petition is taken up by Jesus who has purchased him with His own blood. Our great High Priest places His righteousness on the side of the sincere suppliant, and the prayer of Christ blends with that of the human petitioner...."

"The Lord Jesus loves His people, and when they put their trust in Him, depending wholly upon Him, He strengthens them. He will live through them, giving them the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit, imparting to the soul a vital transfusion of Himself. He acts through their faculties and causes them to choose His will and to act out His character. With the apostle Paul they then may say, 'I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me' Galatians 2:20...."

"The Lord will not leave His afflicted, tried children to be the sport of Satan's temptations. It is your privilege to trust in Jesus.... To the true seeker through the mediation of Christ the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit are imparted" *That I May Know Him*, page 78.

My friends, with promises like that we **can have confidence** as we meet our temptations and trials! Why? Because Christ "blends" His prayer with ours! He supplies us "a vital transfusion of Himself." "He acts through (our) faculties and causes (us) to choose His will and to act out His character." Changed lives? Renewed hearts? They're ours as we put our trust in Him! Praise God we have such an Intercessor!

Meet Our Newest Teachers!



Isaac Zayachkowski

Born in the beautiful province of Saskatchewan, the pioneering spirit led me west into Alberta. Married with children, 1986 saw us moving to Duncan, BC, to teach at a multigrade school. We spent four memorable years in Canada's paradise, then in 1990, the opportunity to teach at a senior academy was available, so we packed up and moved to

Williams Lake as our two girls would soon need a senior school to attend. Teaching grades five and six was a change from teaching five or six grades in one classroom. I also became involved in minor hockey and the Youth for Christ organizations in the community. Spring soon came in the Cariboo Country; the flowers were blooming and the bees were buzzing and it was only natural to get back to my old hobby of bee keeping. Seven enjoyable years went by quickly. Filled with many memorable teaching experiences and faces of young people that God had placed in our path, we were ready for God to turn the next page in our book. I am currently teaching grades seven to nine at Sylvan Meadows Adventist School.



Martha Boehner

I grew up in Windsor, Ontario and attended SDA schools, for both my elementary and high school education where I met friends, who would last me a lifetime, peers as well as teachers. While in grade three, at the end of day, I would stand in front of the empty desks and begin my teaching career.

In the fall of 1992, I went to Canadian Union College. During two of my summers I worked at Foothills Camp as a gymnastic counselor. I had the privilege of going to Nepal for a six-week ADRA project with Dr. Van Scheik which made a real impact on my life. In April, I left CUC with an Elementary Education degree, as well as with a fiancé, Brad Boehner, whom I married in July, the best thing that happened to me! I am currently teaching at the Sedgewick SDA School and we are truly blessed with a loving church community.



Shara Kay

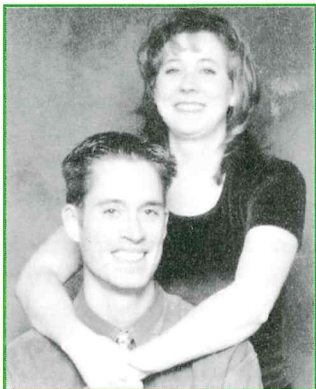
I'm a native Albertan. I attended PAA and CUC. After college I spent sometime working at a daycare in Red Deer. I, then, spent 18 months as a preschool assistant director in Illinois. I am very happy to be teaching. Level Land Junior Academy is my first teaching position. I have a one-room school with eight students. I'm enjoying the challenges, trials, and rewards of teaching.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, being with my three-year old cat, Simba, reading and crafts.

Dayna Manweiler

If change equates growth, then I have grown much, for change has been the story of my life. Growing up as Pastor Norm's daughter allowed for many changes and many moves. Perhaps that was one reason I chose to become a teacher. The changes have continued.

As a little girl I lived in Chilliwack, BC. Then, we moved to College Heights so my Dad could go to school while I completed first and second grades. Waving sadly to my classmates, I joined my waiting parents for our move back to McBride, BC. Three years there left me excited to move to Courtenay on Vancouver Island, where I was finally "at home." Then after four happy years, I went to PAA and CUC. After graduating with an Elementary Education degree in 1986, I worked in Duncan and Kelowna, BC. I then taught English for grades five to eight at Red Deer church school. After furthering my education I taught in Sarnia, Ontario for two years. I now teach full time in Veinerville Christian Academy in Medicine Hat. Things are good, but the changes keep coming—I guess my growing isn't finished. Good thing!



Russell Briere

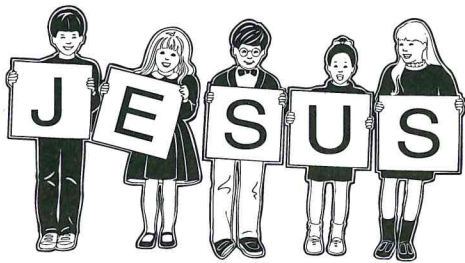
My first real challenge in life began when I attended McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. I was enrolled in the bio-chemistry program for three years. Although McMaster offered a great deal to me during those three years, I still felt that it was time to move onto something else. There was something missing in my life and it couldn't be

found there.

From that point on I decided that I would go to Canadian Union College to further my study. What I found there was far greater than anything I had known before. CUC provided me with the opportunity to discover my real abilities. During the summers I enjoyed the benefits of working at camp. Camp gave me more than just waterskiing which I greatly enjoyed, it gave me the chance to witness to kids and tell them of the love of God.

As you can see God lead me to CUC for a reason and now I am reaping the rewards of teaching at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy where I am involved in many activities. I am the grade 12 sponsor this year and have had the opportunity of coaching volleyball and basketball. I thank God for His guidance.





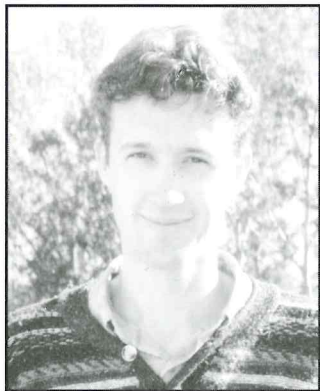
Darlene Hoffmann

The reason I became a teacher is because I liked children ever since I was a child. I enjoyed helping with VBS and children's Sabbath Schools. During my education in SDA schools I also met teachers whose genuine interest in their pupils endeared them to me.

At Canadian Union College I started my Bachelor of Education studies. Both my practicum experiences, which took place at Coralwood Adventist Academy and Woodlands Adventist Academy, were enlightening. They made me realize how much I would enjoy the profession.

Once I had my degree, it was time for me to spend some time with my family. Wolfgang, my husband, is an electrician who grew up in Fort McMurray. We have two sons; Damian, an energetic six-year-old and Jonathan, a cuddly two-year-old.

Since this is my first year of teaching, I have many things to learn. I am lucky to have such helpful peers as Del Spenst and Janice Clark to help with my questions. The biggest thing I have learned so far is never to underestimate what joy children can bring and how much I can give in return.



David Chapman

I was born in Grafton, Australia, and spent the next 20+ years living and attending Adventist schools in Australia, the United States and Canada with my four brothers and five sisters. I attended Canadian Union College where I completed a BA degree in English in 1994. I married Cami Smith, who also graduated from CUC with a BEd degree in 1995.

When Cami and I realized that we would be parents, we moved to Australia to have a son, Keldan, in January of 1996. While there I completed a Graduate Diploma of Education at the University of Newcastle.

I taught English at Kabiufa High School, Papua New Guinea but our term was cut short by events involving riots. With 10 minutes notice we left for Sydney and were contemplating our next move when the CHAJA opportunity came up. It was fantastic to be able to come back to Canada and be near family and friends once again. I am currently teaching grade 9 at College Heights Adventist Junior Academy.



Dale Burns

I was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where I lived for 22 years. I attended our Adventist Academy in Saskatoon from grades 1-10, which were the best years of my life. I went on to CUC for college and graduated in 1986 with a degree in education. I have taught in several church schools in Alberta and BC and am glad to be back in Alberta. I enjoy reading good books, canoeing,

backpacking, cross-country skiing, and spending time with my family.



Ronda Ziakris

I grew up in the Lacombe area, attending the three schools at College Heights, CHAJA, PAA and CUC. In 1990-91, I went as a student missionary to the island of Ebeye in the Marshall Islands. I graduated from CUC in 1993 with a Bachelor of Elementary Education and a minor in Behavioral Science. My first teaching position was at the Comox Valley SDA School teaching

grades four to eight. I married Loney Ziakris in the summer of '94. We are currently living in Leduc where Loney is in law school at the University of Alberta and I am teaching grades five and six at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. I enjoy sports, reading, and doing crafts.



Linda Nawalkowski, Principal

I came to the principalship of Mamawi Atosketan Native School with a teaching background. My most recent position, however, included my first stint in administration as vice-principal of Fountainview Academy.

I have taught grades 3-13 in three different provinces and one state. If a person has a "specialty" in teaching, mine seems to be taking over classrooms and/or schools in the middle of a school year. I have done this four times to date. My most unusual teaching position was developing and then teaching an Employability Skills program in a medium security penitentiary.

May 7, 1998 National Day of Prayer

Adopt a leader; Join other Christians in prayer for the leaders of our country



Randy Wisbey, CUC President-elect

Wisbey's first visit to Canada was in 1974, when he visited his grandparents, Millard and Doris Wisbey, then Dean of Men and Director of Food Service respectively, at CUC from 1971-75. When he married Deanna Clay in 1981, presently an assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Andrews University, the newlyweds honeymooned in Victoria, BC and have since felt strong affection for Canada, says Wisbey.

The Wisbeys and their son, Alexander, age nine and in third grade, have also enjoyed revisiting Jerusalem where Wisbey spent a year as a student missionary, as well as various other locations in Europe, Israel and Egypt.

"I give you my commitment that I will do all that I can, through the Lord's blessing and strength," wrote Wisbey to the faculty and staff of CUC after his acceptance of the presidency, "to provide the kind of caring and pro-active leadership that will be marked by personal integrity and passion, which, in turn, will allow us as a campus of individuals who take learning seriously to flourish."

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Baptisms

Lacombe Community



Pastor Cotton baptised Don Popow, Beverley Croft, Doug Popow on Feb. 7, 1998

Sylvan Lake



Pastor Bob Schafer baptised Ann Marie Morin and Dean Kensley on February 28, 1998

Lethbridge

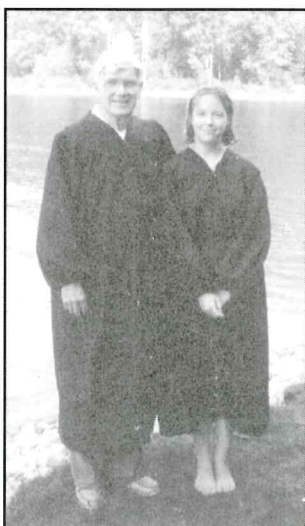


*Front row, left to right: Jennifer Aldous, Feliza and Crispin Gumayaguy, Darlene Aldous
Back row, left to right: Pastor Laurie DeWitt, Claude and Jill Thibaudeau, Devin Depont*



Pastor Gallant baptised two young men, Chris Balint and Bryan Waldron, who flew shortly after to Denmark on student exchange for six months

Calgary Central



Amanda Oster was baptized August 20, 1997 by Pastor Richard Warman

Hanna

It was a high day at the Hanna Church on January 10, 1998, when members from the Loyalist church joined to witness the baptism of Allie and George Patzer and Ben Weich. The baptism was performed by Pastor Bill Wigley.

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Medicine Hat

Sabbath, February 28, 1998 was a special day for the Medicine Hat Church family as four people were buried with Christ in baptism. Mark Felesky had been baptized 23 years ago in Los Angeles, CA and graduated from Theology at La Sierra College, then almost immediately left the Lord. After attending church and prayer meeting regularly, he once again fell in love with Jesus. Malcolm and Renetta Schafer renewed their commitment to their Saviour as they were re-baptized along with their son, Justin.



West Edmonton

Seven individuals were baptized by Pastor Eustace Williams as a result of a crusade held in October at the West Edmonton Church.



*Front row - left to right: Elina, Sherine, Melanie
Back row - Eustace Williams (pastor), Fidel, Wendy, Melanie and Ontario*

St. Albert

Worship services at the St. Albert Church are designed to be seeker-sensitive, making use of lively music, Christ-centered, relevant preaching, and community outreach. Their mission is to encourage seekers and believers to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bartsch with 22 of the 33 people added to the church family since April 1996



Mirror Company

This is the first baptism for the Mirror Company. Patrick and Lori watched the Net '96 videos and were nurtured by the friendship and instruction of Arvin and Ida-Lee McCarty. Pastor Ian Cotton baptized Patrick and Lori.

Double-Net Fishing in Smoky Lake

The members of the Smoky Lake Church in Alberta continued fishing long after the Net '96 satellite series. For years their baptistry was not used at all but enthusiastically they joined the satellite program and baptisms occurred as a result. Recently the church welcomed two more members. Kevin Littlechilds and Dawn Georges were baptized one Sabbath morning and on the following Sunday evening, they were happily married. It is worthwhile to cast the net!



Onoway

Left to right: Allen Baird, Pastor John Blake, Craig Pordy



Looking Back

“Next Level” Ministry Leadership Conference

A four-session weekend featuring guest speaker, Pastor Bill Wilson of Metro Ministry, was held at Canadian University College January 30 - February 1. Metro Ministry is an

inter-denominational children's ministry in the ghettos of Brooklyn, NY. Metro holds the distinction of being the world's largest “Sunday School,” ministering to 18,000-20,000 children per week!

Three times every Saturday, Wilson's staff of 110 full-time and 300 part-time workers minister to 1,500-2,000 children. Throughout the week modified cube vans serve as mobile posts for meetings throughout playgrounds, vacant lots, and sidewalks of New York City. A further commitment of the ministry is personal visitation—each child's home is visited each week! It all started when Pastor Bill realized that it was fruitless to try and change a generation of adults-but



Pastor Bill Wilson

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one could make a difference in children's lives - “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Pastor Bill's challenge for the weekend was to “step out of the box.” All he did some 18 years ago was to “step out of the box” when he instituted a real dynamic children's program (essentially VBS) in the place of regular Sunday School.

In addition to some powerfully moving and motivational messages, one of the high points of the weekend was the leadership principles shared on Sabbath afternoon, some of which were: To be is more important than to do; what happens in you is more important than what happens to you; the need is the call; the good is the enemy of the best. These are outstanding principles of ministry and life!

It was certainly a unique weekend, sponsored by Alberta Conference, CUC, and Youth for Christ. Participation was realized from a number of denominations through Central Alberta and the weekend culminated in a service, at the College Heights Church Sunday evening, which was organized by the Lacombe Ministerial Association. Attendance varied from 400 - 800 for the Friday and Sabbath sessions, with approximately 950 in attendance Sunday evening.

Todd Miller, Youth Director

Religious Studies Student Receives NAD Award

Lynda Rawn, a junior Religious Studies major at Canadian University College (CUC), has been awarded the North American Division Thesba Johnson Scholarship for women pursuing religious studies.

Rawn, a single mother of five, entered CUC's Native Ministries program but now is inspired to take the full four-year religion degree as well. She became involved at the Mamawi Atosketan Native School and church through her Native Ministries practicums and as a member of the Native Advisory Committee of the Alberta Conference for three years. She has been a member of the board of the Mamawi Atosketan Native School for two years.



Celebrity Visits MANS and CUC

In early December, 1997, Darcy Van Damme, a Native/French film and TV actress, visited Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) and Canadian University College. The purpose of her visit to the schools was to talk to students about her drug and alcohol-free lifestyle choice. Darcy grew up in an alcoholic home. Her advice to students was, “I've been around drugs. I've done drugs myself and I've seen nothing but destruction. Stay in school and choose friends who help you.”

As Darcy was preparing to give her presentation at CUC, she was feeling nervous and asked for coffee. After being told by VP of Student Services, Brian Leavitt, that none was available, she gladly accepted his alternate suggestion: prayer. She, then went out and spoke with confidence to the very enthusiastic college crowd.

J. D. Victor Fitch

CAA Home & School Association Dinner

On Monday, November 10, 1997 the Home & School Association of Coralwood Academy sponsored a fund raising mystery dinner. Each person received a menu of 16 items which were served in the order as requested. Menu items were called unusual names like skate blade, silver boat, driver's dilemma, marbles & cubes, etc. Imagine the surprised patron who started out with ice cream, salad dressing, a napkin and a knife to eat them with. It was, in the end, a wonderful meal and an evening of fun.



Teachers Attend Workshop to Address Early Literacy Problems

A workshop with a reading styles specialist from the Marie Carbo National Reading Styles Institute in New York was held March 9 at Canadian University College. One hundred and four Alberta teachers (80 of them from the public system) sought to learn how to use different ways of teaching reading and adapting to student reading styles.

The workshop organizer, Dr. June Fiorito, who teaches in the Education Department at CUC and whose doctoral research recently examined the teaching styles of 56 teachers in 35 Central Alberta schools, knew the workshop would give teachers important key concepts that will open the reading doors for those children who are at risk of falling behind.

RDTV was so impressed with the workshop and the need for early intervention in reading problems that they asked Fiorito to find two local teachers who would be willing to allow them to follow their implementation of the workshop's "keys" in their classrooms.

Canadian University College and Native Education: A Pairing That Works

Dr. Jim Jeffery, Chair of the Department of Education which sends students from Multicultural and Exceptional Children classes to observe or do teaching practicums at MANS in the unique learning environment, notes that MANS forever changes the lives of education students who experience it. "The students come back more mission-minded," he says. "In fact, some really want to teach there after they graduate. They see the school as a local mission project and they feel good that they are actually helping someone."

But CUC students are not the only ones who benefit. MANS staff and students appreciate the extra help and support CUC students give in return-students like Katie Rowe. An Oregon resident and part-time student at CUC, Katie decided to become a task force worker this year at MANS.

"Working at this school has given me a new perspective on what I plan to do with my life and education," says Katie. "I am now acutely aware of the needs of these precious children and I know that God led me here to show me the direction my life is to take."

The strong partnership between Canadian University College and MANS is spreading hope and the comforting news of Jesus Christ among the children and adults of Hobbema and it is changing lives.

Michelle Northam, Teacher, Mamawi Atosketan Native School

Pathfinder Winter Event

Seventy young people attended the Pathfinder Winter Event on February 28 - March 1 at Foothills camp.

Imagine the intense expressions on the faces of Pathfinders from all over Alberta as they sat transfixed, watching and listening to Christian illusionist, Steve Varro! The slight of hand was astounding. The spiritual lessons hit home.

And not only that...the Mime Team brought more brilliant, lesson packed entertainment! The teen workshop they conducted ended in a performance that carried spiritual impact for young person and adult alike at the Agape Feast.

Would the Morning Star Pathfinder Club make the 24-hour round trip again for such an event? Yes! And that should say it all!



Steve Varro

Prison Ministries Training

Elder Dan McManus from the North American Division of Prison Ministries, presided over a conference held January 30-February 1, 1998. Twenty-three people participated. The pur-



pose of this meeting was to form the Alberta Prison Ministries and to prepare members for work in this field. All who attended were blessed by this weekend. It is a great honor to work for Christ in this ministry.

The Men Have Retreated

March 6-8, 1998, saw 45 men gathered at Foothills Camp for the first ever Alberta mens' retreat. Pastor and Author Marvin Wray, from California, was the guest speaker. His theme, *First Class Male*, is also the title of a book he co-authored with Len MacMillan. The weekend was outstanding in every aspect. Sunday morning ended in a time of spontaneous sharing that is impossible to describe. It was definitely a moment of conviction for many. The guys hated to leave, and vowed they would come again next year and bring someone else along. Dick Duerksen will be the speaker March 12-14, 1999.



Morning Star Youth Brought Cheer and Appreciation

On Sabbath, March 21, 1998, the youth of Morning Star Church divided into four groups, raced through the town of Ft. Vermilion with such errands as delivering flowers to a person recovering from surgery, bath beads for a weary hospital worker, stickers for a young hospital patient, notes of appreciation for the RCMP accompanied by edible treats, and a number of other things! Rumor has it that the community members touched by the acts of kindness in turn passed on their lifted spirits to others...!

The Lynne Singers at Edmonton Central



On December 6, 1997, the Lynne Singers, a community choir of Edmonton, presented a short musical program at the Edmonton Central Church just prior to the worship service.

“Beloved Son” Performed at Beiseker



The Beiseker Church enjoyed the Christmas cantata, “Beloved Son”, sung by a group of 16 members directed by Pat Grabo. After this service, poinsettias that were used to decorate the church were presented to their senior members.

Love In Action Helps to Save the Life of a Child

José Moran was born in Panama with a serious congenital heart defect. “He will die in a short time without surgery” the specialists said. There was no hope for him. He could not get the required surgery at home. His parents couldn’t afford the cost of bringing him to Canada. But love entered into action! Pastor Victor Schulz and the Edmonton Spanish Church not only prayed for the child’s healing but they kept in contact with José by visiting him which contributed to the child’s recovery.



Specialists at the University Hospital in Edmonton agreed to waive their fees. Public donations helped to cover the hospital costs, estimated by the Capital Health Authority at \$100,000. American Airlines and Marlin Travel agreed to cover the cost of the flight. Ronald McDonald House donated the lodging. Edmontonians pitched in to cover other costs.

It was a heart touching moment when the little boy was shown to the press after the surgery, now healthy, with a prospect of a normal life, clutching a Canadian flag.

Elders’ Ordination in Sherwood Park

*Left to right:
Pastor Burgess,
Alan Richardson,
Iris Camber and
Steven Unrau*



Operation Ice Storm

Within three hours of receiving the call from ADRA on Thursday, January 15, 1998, Ken Fox, Acting President for CUC, had mobilized a fund-raising operation that was featured in the local newspapers and on the radio station. In two days, faculty, staff and students of CUC raised over \$21,000 for the 3.5 million Canadians displaced by the severe ice storms that hit Eastern Canada in January. Student Association leaders contacted every student, asking them to either make a donation/pledge or be a driver/solicitor for the door-to-door campaign that swept Lacombe and much of Red Deer.



Looking Forward

Alberta Camp Meeting

July 3 - 11, 1998 - Foothills Camp

Theme: Remembering the Past—Imagining the Future
Celebrating 100 Years of Adventism in Alberta

Guest Speakers: Bill Johnsson, Editor, *Adventist Review*

Ben Maxson, Stewardship Director, General Conference

Gerard McLane, DrPH, MPH, FAPCA, Program Director,
Lifestyle Center of America

Kathryn McLane, RN, Afternoon cooking school

A. Leroy Moore, Teacher/Administrator, Lavoy Missionary
College

Orville Parchment, President, SDACC

Leo Ranzolin, General Vice-President, General Conference

Tennyson Samraj, Professor, Canadian University College

Willard Santee, Pastor, The Dalles, Oregon

Richard Schwarz, Retired professor from Andrews University

Divisions: Earliteens - Mark Witas, Chaplain, Mount Pisgah
Academy, North Carolina

Young Adult: Ian Hartley, Pastor, Red Deer

Youth: Alex Bryan, Pastor, New Community Church

Camp Meeting Music

Camp Meeting is a time for spiritual refreshing and fellowship. A time to share your musical talents as well as appreciate the talents of others. Song leaders, vocalists, instrumentalists, pianists and organists are needed. If you would like to be a part of the camp meeting music program, contact Trudie Comm @ 403-532-6411 or e-mail: trucom@hotmail.com

There are several ways you can be involved. The following are your contact persons:

Band - Harry Anderson, 403-384-2453

Choir - Lucia Polishuk, 403-347-2237 or e-mail:
curtisp@telusplanet.net

Men's Chorus - Warren Kay, 403-420-0215
or e-mail: wkay@accessweb.com

Concert In the Park - Warren Kay

Please make your reservations for camp meeting accommodations by mid June. Full refunds will be made on cancellations, if notified prior to June 24, 1998
Ph: 342-5044, ext. 201

First Aid Care Givers Needed

Each July during camp meeting, the Alberta Conference provides first aid care. This service is provided by R.N., L.P.N. or C.P.R. trained lay-people. Many volunteers make the job easier. The requirement is an "on-call" block of your time, made convenient with a two-way radio. If you are willing to help anytime between July 3 to 11, please contact Joyce at 342-5044, ext. 208. A small gratuity is given.

Prayers Can't Be Answered Unless They Are Prayed

*Life without purpose is barren indeed—
There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed,
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul...
For games can't be won unless they are played,
And Prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed.*

*So whatever is wrong with your life today,
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth...
But pray for a purpose to make life worth living,
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness and rich your reward
When you make your life's purpose the choice of the
Lord.*

-Author unknown

Disaster Preparedness Training

May 8-10, 1998 at Holiday Inn, Red Deer

Speakers: Larry Buckner, Nadia Bettencourt

Fee: \$85 (3-day training workshop)

Call 403-342-5044, ext.210

Coalition for Compassion

The 11th Annual Conference of the North American Association of Community Services Directors will be held May 12-16, 1998 at the Coast Plaza Hotel, Calgary. Experience the joy of renewal and commitment to the Lord's work. To register, call Rhonda Whitney at 503-775-6741, ext.115 or fax 503-775-2884.

Sabbath School Superintendents' Training

May 15 - 16, 1998 at College Heights Church

Speaker: Dale Kongorski

Fee: No charge

Call 403-342-5044, ext.210

Mamawi Atosketan Native School Open House

To all donors, interested persons, former principals, teachers, staff, and superintendents:

Come and join us for an Open House May 15 and 16, 1998. Come—See and Hear. Leave—Inspired and blessed.

For further information call 783-4362 or e-mail mamawi@telusplanet.net



Adventist Singles' Ministry

The Annual Spring Retreat and Business Meeting will be held May 15-18, 1998 at Eagle Ranch, south of Rocky Mountain House. For registration and accommodations, please call Lois Graham 403-782-4861.

Parenting Seminar in Calgary

Raymond and Dorothy Moore will present a parenting seminar on May 22, 1998, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marlborough Pentecostal Church, 3812 Marbank Drive NE.

Call 403-272-5365 or 403-272-2131.

Children's Ministries Leadership Training

May 23-24, 1998 at Edmonton South SDA Church

Speaker: Barbara Manspeaker

Fee: No charge; material cost - \$25

Call 342-5044, ext. 210

Alberta Native Ministries Spiritual Retreat

June 4-7, 1998 at Foothills Camp

Speaker: Don Harris, Native Evangelist

Call 403-247-9820

Homecoming '98

All Alumni and Friends are cordially invited to celebrate Homecoming '98 on the campus of Canadian University College and Parkview Adventist Academy, June 5-7, 1998. Honour classes: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1988, and 1993.

For more information, call Alumni Office, 403-782-3381 or 1-800-661-8129.

Family Health Workshop

May 29-31, 1998 at Foothills Camp

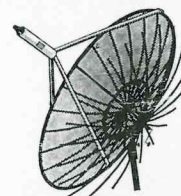
Speakers: Phil Brewer from Silver Hills Guest House, Lumby B. C. (Health Recondition Centre); Dr. Derek Heldzinger, Family Medical Practitioner and Health Educator in preventive medicine, Calgary; Dr. Reuben Lorenson, Nutrition and Lifestyle Educator, Gimbel Eye Center.

Special children's workshop: While you attend lectures, your children will learn about their fabulous bodies, and how God created each of them unique. There will be exciting crafts and projects; opportunities to learn to cook like Mom; special aerobics class, nature walks and more. Registration fee for Family Health Workshop which includes the children's workshop is \$75/single; \$135/family.

All-day hands-on cooking seminar, May 29. Arrive on Thursday evening (one day early) and attend the cooking seminar. Registration cost for the one-day cooking seminar is \$125. For more information, call Jim at 464-6393 (Edmonton) or Darlene at 288-9293 (Calgary).

Satellite Training

- May 2 Family Ministries
"Parenting with Grace"
6-8 p.m., ET
- May 9 Sabbath School Teachers
"Opening Groups to the Community"
4-6 p.m., ET
- May 9 Children's Ministries
"Grace Stories - Part II"
6-8 p.m., ET
- May 13 Creating Health, Part I
"Nutrition Matters"
4:30 - 6 p.m., ET
- May 20 Creating Health, Part II
"Prevention Matters"
4:30 - 6 p.m., ET



Alberta Adventist News Special Feature Schedule

Please send brief news items (preferably less than 150 words), complete with pictures.

Issue	Deadline	Special Feature
June	May 15	Camp Meeting
August	July 17	Youth, Children's Ministries, Sabbath School
October	Sept. 11	Women's Ministries, Prayer Ministries, Family Ministries, Native Ministries, Health
December	Nov. 13	Evangelism
February	Jan. 15	Outreach, Missions, ADRA/Community Services
April	Mar. 12	Education

Wanted: Used Keyboard or Piano

The children's division of the Ponoka Church Sabbath School is in need of a used keyboard or piano. Anyone having one to donate or sell, please contact Merlin at 783-8194.



Dateline 1998

- May 1 - 2 Calgary Youth Rally, Pineridge Church
 3 Alberta Conference Constituency Session, CHAJA, College Heights
 8 - 10 Disaster Preparedness Training, Red Deer
 12 - 16 Coalition for Compassion, Calgary
 15 - 16 Sabbath School Superintendent's Training, CUC
 15 - 18 Adventist Singles Retreat, Foothills Camp
 15 - 18 Pathfinder Camporee, Foothills Camp
 17 Prison Ministries Rally - Calgary Central Church
 18 OFFICE CLOSED, Victoria Day
 21 Personnel Committee, 9:00 am, Red Deer
 23 - 24 Children's Ministries Leadership Training, Edm South
 24 Executive Committee, Red Deer
 29 - 30 Leduc SDA Church Centennial
 29 - 30 ASI Rally, College Heights Church
 30 Net '98 Offering
 31 Native Ministries Committee, 1:00 pm, Red Deer
- June 4 - 7 Alberta Native Ministries Spiritual Retreat
 5 - 7 SDACC Board of Directors, Oshawa
 5 - 7 CUC Homecoming '98
 10 Sherwood Park Care Center Board - 2:00 pm, Red Deer
 12 - 14 Innisfree Camp Out
 16 Evangelism Committee, 9:00 am, Red Deer
 18 Personnel Committee, 9:00 am, Red Deer
 24 OFFICE CLOSED, Staff Picnic
 26 - 28 PAA Graduation
- July 1 OFFICE CLOSED, Canada Day
 3 - 11 Camp Meeting, Foothills Camp
 7 Executive Committee, 10:00 am, Foothills Camp
 8 Personnel Committee, 9:00 am, Foothills Camp

From the Editor ...

How to Be a Good Church Member

1. Think of yourself first. Did I say selfishly? What I mean is take whatever time you need to connect with God. He is the only one to give direction and power to your life. Your place in the church needs the imprint of the Holy Spirit, and that can only come as you do whatever you need to make room for Him to do His work.



Bill Spangler, Editor

2. Determine how your relationship with God will affect your family. A happy Christian with a happy family is able to bring an incredible strength to the bigger church family. Strong families make a solid foundation to build on.
3. Recognize that while God touches each heart individually, His purpose is to bring those hearts into unity with others. God is continually building His community of believers. Count it a privilege to be a part of God's bigger picture, and determine to be a part of what the church is. Don't miss the opportunities to take part in services with the perspective that "God is doing a work here, and I don't want to be so busy doing something else that I miss out on it."
4. Seek God's place for you in the church. God wants members who are not leaching the energy out of the church, but who have something positive to offer. His spiritual gift to you is His enabling to fulfill His plan.

Church membership is an awesome privilege, but too often it is treated as an obligation or a burden. How do you see it? If you're going to be a member, why not be a good one?

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