

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

The Alberta Conference Welcomes the Kongorskis

On February 11, 1996, Elder Dale Kongorski was elected president of the Alberta Conference. He comes to us from the British Columbia Conference where he has served as Executive Secretary and Sabbath School director for the last four and a



half years. Elder Kongorski is not new to church leadership and administration. Before coming to the BC Conference, he served briefly in Peru, South America as director and treasurer of ADRA; education and youth director in the Alaska Conference; principal and business manager of an Adventist academy in Arkansas; and education director/executive secretary for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Dale and his wife Janean have four grown children. They will move to Alberta in the month of May after Elder Kongorski returns from a trip to the Philippines where he is currently participating in an extensive *Voice of Prophecy* evangelistic outreach in that country.

Let's continue to pray for the Kongorskis as they prepare to give leadership in Alberta.

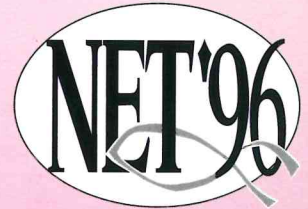
The Editor, AAN

Alberta Seeks Lay Missionaries to Work in Unentered Territories

The Alberta Conference recently voted a plan called GMA (Global Missionaries to Alberta) to reach the unentered areas of Alberta with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The GMA plan calls for placing lay missionary workers in areas of the province with no significant Adventist presence, placing lay pastors in a church that is very small or with declining membership, or placing youth (called Young Pioneers) on the campus of a public university to conduct ministry. Continuing education support, a small stipend, and mileage expense remuneration will be provided for successful GMA applicants.

The following are some types of persons to be considered for GMA: a) Retirees, b) Those with income from other sources and need not depend on a regular salary, c) Those who have vocations or occupations that provide part time work and income, and d) College/academy students who qualify to work as Young Pioneers (administered through the youth departments of the NAD and Alberta Conference).

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3:00 pm.

Edmonton — Sabbath, May 4
Edmonton Central Church
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Central Alberta — Sabbath, May 11
College Heights Church
3:00 pm.

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From the President ...

We Have Only Just Begun ... To Pray!



The last few weeks have been, for me, an incredible time of faith building. It all began with an increasing number of Alberta phone calls from people who were calling to “just get acquainted.” As the calls continued to come I began to sense that perhaps there was a serious interest in my coming to Alberta. And so I began to pray very earnestly that God would lead the committee in the selection process. I wasn’t sure if I was interested in coming, but I knew that I wanted God to lead in the selection because we are living so close to the end of time that I realized that the next president of the Alberta Conference could possibly be its last.

In view of my thoughts and prayers, I received Elder Parchment’s telephone call, inviting me to serve as Alberta’s president, with a certain amount of awe. Could it be that God was actually speaking to me through the committee and its decision? I began to pray more earnestly that, if God indeed wanted me to assume this leadership role in Alberta, He would provide me with a very tangible assurance that He would be with me and direct me in those responsibilities. It was after two days of seeking to know His will in this matter that I feel He led me to John 15:16 which says, “You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” An immense feeling of assurance came over me as I read this text and I felt as though the Lord had answered me in a very real way; assuring me that He would provide the needed leadership.

But my time of faith building had only begun. For, you see, it was not until after I had met with the executive committee of the conference and given them my response to their invitation that I began to find out how many of our members in Alberta were deeply involved in prayer over this matter. As I have learned of the dozens of groups that were meeting to pray for the nominating committee and their work I am amazed and humbled. And I am thrilled with a conviction that our people in Alberta are ready and anxious to do whatever it takes to complete the work of preparation for our Lord’s return. Because of your prayers, my faith in God’s ability to finish His work in Alberta has soared!

But our time of prayer is not over; it has only just begun. For the only success that we can have as God’s people is the success that will come from seeking His continued guidance and direction. I invite and urge you to continue—with the same degree of interest and intensity—to pray for God to show His church how to reflect His character and enlarge His kingdom. Pray that God will reveal to every church member the special role that He has equipped them to fill in the finishing of His work. And if I may be so bold as to ask it, will you daily pray that God will direct your very human president to be able to lead according to His plan? I covet and need your prayers. And I have faith to believe that as we pray together as a people for His direction, we will soon see His work finished and our Saviour returning.

Dale Kongorski, President

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Consideration under GMA will be given to: a) Those with wholehearted commitment to the Lord and the Adventist church; b) Those with experience as a lay leader in a local congregation; and c) Those with sufficient educational, interpersonal, and speaking skills to work as a lay missionary or lay pastor.

Applications are available from the Alberta Conference by contacting the office of the Secretariat at (403) 342-5044 Ext. 208; Fax (403) 343-1523; E-Mail 74617.2510@compuserve.com.

Around the Conference

Bridgeland Dedicates Phase One of Building Project

On December 9, 1995, officials from the Alberta Conference and the City of Calgary joined with members of the Bridgeland SDA Church to officially open the new Multi-purpose Centre—a structure which represents the completion of Phase One of the project. Phase Two constitutes the sanctuary. For the Bridgeland congregation it was our appropriate time to offer praise and thanksgiving for the fulfillment of a long awaited vision. Still for others it was a sweet homecoming.

Elder Don Corkum, former President of the Alberta Conference, reiterated the fact that God's people need to have realistic visions in order to evangelize the world. Alderman Bob Hawkesworth, who represented the City of Calgary, praised the congregation for their contribution to the community. Elder Don King, Secretary of the Alberta Conference, offered the prayer of consecration for the new building which includes a gymnasium (seats over 500 for worship services), several classrooms, kitchen, and pastor's office. Elder King also welcomed the congregation to their community home.

The Bridgeland church has been an important part of the Bridgeland community for many decades. In 1963 a small group of German immigrants built and worshipped in the first SDA church there.

In the 1970's and early 80's the congregation grew rapidly as Caribbean, Oriental and African immigrants were welcomed into the membership. Overcrowding soon

became a problem and in 1982 a decision was made to divide the congregation thus forming two separate churches. One group left and made their new home in the Forest Heights community creating the Forest Heights SDA church.

In 1989, the responsibility of pastoring the Forest Heights church was given to Pastor John Adams. Soon after taking office he brought his congregation back to their former home in Bridgeland to be reunited once again.

The problem of overcrowding soon became a hot topic at church board meetings and it became apparent that a solution was urgently needed. The church needed a bigger home.

In 1990, the original Bridgeland church building was sold and the congregation sought rented facilities for Sabbath worship. In 1992 a parcel of land was purchased in the Bridgeland community.

Under the leadership of Pastor John Adams, a fund raising committee was selected that immediately went to work. Projects for fund raising included activities that ranged from walkathons to garage sales and everything in-between. Whenever the

flames of enthusiasm flickered or dimmed, Pastor Adams was always there with words of encouragement. And so it went on for two years.



After a series of meetings with city officials, community groups, architects, builders, conference committees etc., construction on the new church centre facilities began in the spring of 1994.

As plans were being made to hire professional building contractors for different phases of the construction work, the building committee discovered that there were some skilled trades people like carpenters, electricians and painters within the congregation.

Some were hired on a full-time basis while others volunteered their time. For example, Willie Higgins, a long-time member of the church, took on the responsibility of building contractor and supervisor. Our head elder, Lloyd Ramson, took charge of all the electrical responsibility.

Almost everyone associated with the project donated time or money or both. It was really a blessing to see the fulfillment of this dream.

Truly, great things can be accomplished when God's people unite and work together. The Bridgeland church is a living testimony to such an effort.

Joe McLaren
Communications Secretary
Bridgeland SDA Church

December Cooking School Inspires Wetaskiwin Church

After listening to Elder Proctor and Dr. Scharffenberg at the Conference-sponsored Vegetarian Cuisine Instructor's Workshop, we were ready to hold a cooking school at Wetaskiwin. Two evenings each week, January 22-February 6, 1996, were filled with demonstrations, food samples, shar-

ing of information and fellowship. We had a wonderful group of people and we will be having a follow-up Vegetarian Supper Club once every six weeks.

Judy Schafer and Joan Matiko
Wetaskiwin Cooking School
Coordinators



Bridgeland Pathfinders Winter Retreat

It was -29 degrees on the weekend of January 26-28 when the Pathfinders experienced their winter retreat at Foothills Camp. Enthusiasm counteracted the cold as the Pathfinders eagerly participated in the multiple events planned for them. It was a fun and spiritual weekend. The programs were well structured. There wasn't a dull moment. The quality of performance indicated that the club leaders are dedicated. Let some of the Pathfinders share their opinions about the splendid weekend:

"The Pathfinder Camp was enjoyable, I learned a lot about God." — *Stephanie Golding*

"The Pathfinder Winter Retreat at Camp was very exhilarating. The pastor was excellent. We learned new songs during song service and played fun spiritual Bible games to bring us closer to God. I hope the Conference would continue to provide more educational retreats like this one." — *Shanelle Adams*

"I like camp. The food was good (except for the Soya Burgers). The recreational activities, mostly the Bible Game put on by the Woodlands Club, was great. The bunk beds were good (except for the spiders in the corners and fear of getting bitten by a bug). But if we forget all about the bad parts, it was good and I hope to go back again." — *Kevin McLaren*

"The Pathfinder Winter Retreat I went to was really fun. It was a chance for me to get away from my parents and have a lot of fun with my friends. The best part about the Pathfinder Retreat was the tobogganing, the talent show and when we got the opportunity to put whipping cream on the Director's head." — *Anonymous*

"At the Pathfinder Retreat, the youth leaders, directors and counselors make you feel very comfortable. I think the Pathfinder Retreat is a learning experience and a place where we can have lots of fun." — *Sylvhan Beckford*

In conclusion, I'll use one word to describe the retreat: "Electrifying."

Karlene Knight, Bridgeland-Cimerrons Pathfinder Club



Rallies Set for April & May

In one of the most aggressive evangelistic approaches in modern times, twenty-seven churches in Alberta have signed up for conducting the NET '96 Evangelistic Crusade. Starting October 5, 1996, this crusade will be beamed by satellite from Orlando, Florida to over 2000 churches in North America and several hundred churches in other countries of the world. As in NET '95, the crusade will feature *It Is Written* speaker Mark Finley and a host of talented musicians.

As the Alberta Conference gears up for this magnificent event, there are three **NET '96 Evangelism Rallies** planned. The purpose of the rallies will be to inform, inspire, and seek financial support as the Lord blesses His people. All funds raised on that day will go for media advertising for the respective area in which the rally is held. A goal of at least \$35,000 per site is anticipated. The dates and times are as follows:

Calgary Rally — Sabbath, April 20, 1996, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, 3:00 pm.

Edmonton Rally — Sabbath, May 4, 1996, Edmonton Central Church, 3:00 pm.

Central Alberta Rally — Sabbath, May 11, 1996, College Heights Church, 3:00 pm.

At each of the rallies, a video-taped message from **Elder Mark Finley** will be shared. In Calgary, **Elder Glen Aufderhar**, special assistant to the NAD president and former president of the Adventist Media Center will share a stirring sermon.

Inspiring music, soul-winning testimonials and reports will be part of the program as well as an opportunity for each one to participate financially in making NET '96 the most powerful and effective tool to win converts to Christ and His gospel this coming Fall.

Please pray that God will draw near in a mighty way to these **Evangelism Rallies** as we prepare for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit during the NET '96 campaign.

Grade Two Sedgewick Student's Poem to be Published

"It Would Be Better!"

It would be better,
If my sister was a sweater,
Then she could hang,
On the clothes hanger forever!"

- *Danelle Grovet*

With these four lines of verse, Danelle Grovet, daughter of Heather and Doug Grovet of Galahad, and a grade two student at the Sedgewick SDA school, has been distinguished as a finalist in a national poetry contest. Her poem has been included in the top group of entries for final consideration by the Poetry Institute of Canada. The poem will also be published in a book of verse, called *Friends, Animals and Rainbows* (National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Pictorial Press).

"She was really excited about it and we were really excited about it," said Pat Cove, school principal, when the class learned how far Danelle's poem had gone, "because it's not too often kids from small schools get a chance to get this kind of recognition."

Danelle is eligible to win one of 41 prizes, including the grand prize of \$250 in her age group. "I want that big prize," she said with a smile. If she wins it, she plans to give some for the offering at her church, as well as to her family and friends. "If I have some money left," she added, "I'll be able to buy the new computer game I want, Pocohantas."

*Communications Secretary, Sedgewick
(Excerpts adapted from Sedgewick newspaper)*



Alberta Lady Distributes Signs for 21 Years

I'm a behind-the-scenes person," says Inza Carls, a shy little lady from Drumheller, Alberta as she holds a recent copy of *Signs* magazine in her hands. "I'm not an up front person at all. But the Lord has given me a job and an income. This is my way of saying thanks and working for him."

What is Inza talking about? She's talking about the hundreds of names on her list to whom she personally sponsored *Signs* subscriptions during the past 21 years. Family members, friends, neighbors, and hospital patients—they all have been blessed by *Signs*. There have been a few subscriptions that have been sent back but most have been appreciated. "Even if they're thrown in the garbage," she says, "God will look after these magazines. It's His work."

I asked Inza what motivated her to get involved for so many years. She said: "I've

always wanted to do something for the Lord but wasn't sure what to do. I always liked *Signs*. It seemed so down to earth. Besides, it spoke the truth. So I decided to get



involved in signing up people for the magazine. I've never really enjoyed knocking on doors. But I feel comfortable doing this ministry. This is my shy cowardly way of working for Him. This is my little niche."

"I've sown the seed," says Inza, "and the Holy Spirit will water. I claim the promise that if you cast your bread upon the water, it will not come back void. Even if one soul is saved, it's worth it. You can't put a price on a person's life." And indeed, one person on her list (that she knows of) has been baptized.

What makes this story and Inza's commitment to *Signs* even more compelling is the fact that this little lady from Alberta has spent from her own pocket approximately \$1200 to \$4000 per year for the last 21 years in *Signs* subscriptions. While most were sent to names within Alberta, some went to friends to as far away places as England.

When asked why she kept sending *Signs* even though seeing very little success in conversions, Inza replied: "We're told never to give up working for the Lord. This is my little way of doing something for Him while He's given me the ability."

The Editor, AAN

Student Nurse Returns from Brazil

Kelli Horinek, a student nurse at the University of Alberta and a member of the Edmonton Central Church, returned December 14, 1995 from a six-month term of duty as a volunteer nurse for ADRA in Brazil.

Kelli worked on Luziero (Light Bearer) numbers 21 and 9 along the Amazon River and some of its tributaries.

The purpose was to give medical and dental care to the people. Kelli was responsible for the medical care and treated mostly women and children for a great variety of problems related to infections, worms, diets and sanitation. The Pastor for each district also doubles as the dentist and deals mostly with extractions.

Kelli says this was an experience of a life-time! It gave her a good perspective on life. She further stated that there is a great need to support ADRA financially as well as volunteering for various projects.

Kelli's family hosted a "Welcome Home" reception for her at Edmonton Central.

Communications Secretary, Edmonton Central



Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



Edwin and Bertha Rub were honoured on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary when friends and relatives gathered in their home January 7, 1996. Edwin and Bertha were married January 7, 1946 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They were blessed with one daughter, Janet. Together they farmed in the Elkwater area for 30 years. Since 1975, they retired and are living in Medicine Hat.

Communications Secretary, Medicine Hat



Pineridge Church Welcomes Twenty-six Baptisms



In the fall of 1995 the Calgary Seventh-day Adventist churches hosted the Revelation Seminars held by Leo and Tammy Schreven. Hundreds attended the captivating series, including many non-Adventists. These seminars resulted in 26 baptisms at the Pineridge Church alone.

The pictures above are from two baptisms occurring on Nov. 25 and Dec. 16, 1995. We welcome all of them to our church family. From left to right:



Picture A: Pastor Will James, Gaylene James, Raj and Neraj Auluck with their son, Carli Ward, Sara Khem, and Latoya Lewis.

Picture B: Ron Schlender, Shelly Arthur, Pat Koller, Harley Little Light, Jeremy Satnik, Vladimir Shulakov, Gaylene James, and Pastor Will James.

*Angele Dielmann, Communications Secretary
Calgary Pineridge*

Lacombe Community Church Baptism

Family and friends rejoiced together with the church members as they witnessed the baptism of Desireé Radcliffe on Dec. 23, 1995.

Pastor and Mrs. Emilio Gomez and family from Ganado, Arizona came to perform the baptism. The Buffalo Lake Gospel Singers from Lac La Biche, Alberta, made her baptism special by singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "Help Me Stand, Lord"—two of Desireé's favorite songs.

"I would like to say a special thank you to Pastor Leo Schreven," says Desireé. "His testimony turned my life around."

Desireé's sister, Christie, was also baptized by Pastor Gomez in June of 1994.

Communications Secretary, Lacombe Community

Edmonton Central Church Baptism



On Sabbath, January 27, 1996 Gwen Compton was baptized at Edmonton Central. Gwen was a member of the College Heights Church some years ago. The decision to be baptized was made by Gwen and her Heavenly Father and represents a personal commitment to follow God.

This was a special occasion in that Gwen's parents, Bill and Agnes Compton of Lacombe, were present and a good friend, Dr. Valerie Krym, sang the song, "People Need the Lord." Pastor Les Neal officiated at the baptism.

Communications Secretary, Edmonton Central

*Remember
to pray for*



Baby Dedication at Edmonton Central



Kaitlyn Kostiuk was dedicated to the Lord on February 3, 1996. She is shown with parents Dmetro and Charlene. Pastor Les Neal performed the ceremony.

Communications Secretary, Edmonton Central

Baby Dedication at Sylvan Lake

Three babies were recently dedicated to the Lord at Sylvan Lake. Shown are: Caelidh Johanson, Gavin Jeffery Lee Williams and Rebecca Lynne Repas. May God bless these little ones.

Communications Secretary, Sylvan Lake



Medicine Hat Hosts Mission for Handicapped

In 1993, Doreen Cazes, Personal Ministries Leader, decided to start a mission for the handicapped. She organized a Christmas supper and a program to follow. She also obtained donated gifts for each of the clients.

With generous help from members of the church, the mission took off. In 1993, there were over 80 people that attended—clients, staff and parents. It was so greatly appreciated that we decided to make this our yearly mission. In 1994, there were 100 people in attendance. In 1995, there were only 45, as the flu was making its rounds. There are at least 20 men and women from the church involved in this rewarding mission.

Marcel and Lucille Corbel have been in charge of the programs assisted by many volunteer musicians.

It is a great mission touching the lives of the people in the Medicine Hat community.

Communications Secretary, Medicine Hat

Elder's Ordination at Wetaskiwin

The Wetaskiwin Church was privileged to have two elders dedicated for service. Pastor Les Saylor officiated as Lester Lorenson and Phil Johnson were ordained on Feb. 10, '96.

Communications Secretary, Wetaskiwin



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AID for New SDA Congregation in Ukraine

The city of L'viv donated a beautiful cathedral to a newly-established 350-member congregation in the Ukraine on the condition that the church build a cafeteria for the orphans. The congregation is anxious to build this cafeteria if the supplies are purchased for them at a cost of approximately US\$8,000. The work will be done by church member volunteers.

If you are willing to assist financially, please contact Pastor Peter Uniat at (604) 853-2838 or Joseph S. Uniat, DDS MS at (916) 782-2161 or (916) 624-2987.

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Edmonton Central Visited by an Unusual Person



The Sabbath worship service on February 10, 1996 was conducted by an unexpected visitor, namely "Elijah." He spoke of his journey into depression after the Mount Carmel experience and contrasted this with when he was on God's journey. He spoke of the miracles of the ravens and of the widow. Then God told him to return for He had more work for him to do. He stressed to the congregation that even when we go through depression, God is still there watching over us.

Communications Secretary, Edmonton Central

Medicine Hat Church Baptism



Friends and family joyously celebrated the baptism of Bob and Marge Weatherby on December 30, 1995. The Medicine Hat church family praises the Lord for their decision to follow Christ. Pastor Norman Manweiler performed the baptism.

Communications Secretary, Medicine Hat