



Five Children and Five Pennies

Investing With God as a Partner

In 1905, five children were given five pennies by their Sabbath School teacher. They used these pennies either to buy and plant seeds and sell the produce or to raise and sell chickens. Those five pennies grew to \$11.52. This was one of the first investment projects.

What is the Sabbath School Investment Program? It's not a 'get-rich-quick' scheme. It's a plan to invest our human resources of money, materials, time and talents in a faith venture with God, praying and expecting that He will add divine power and blessing to ensure an increase for the benefit of His worldwide gospel work.

Investment projects are as varied as one's imagination. The Sabbath School Director for the Alberta Conference just submitted labels from Worthington, Loma Linda and Morningstar Farms foods which were collected by church members across the province in 2014 for a total of \$458.35 for Investment. We can all save these labels. Other Investment projects might include:

- Selling baked goods, used books, plants or holding a yard sale.
- Setting aside a percentage of paychecks or gifts, change found or from one's wallet.
- Donate the savings from not purchasing treats, or from gas saved by walking.
- Services offered can be great projects for all ages such as washing cars, walking dogs, catering, teaching, yard work, babysitting.
- Often there are exceptional things to be grateful for, such as miles of safe travel, a special birthday or anniversary, or weight loss.
- Use your imagination! If you need help with ideas, contact your Sabbath School Superintendent (materials supplied by Conference Sabbath School director).

How do you start? Carefully and prayerfully choose a plan. Invite God's participation as your business partner. You will be embarking on a miracle journey! Who knows how many First Nations men, women and children will thank you in heaven for helping making it possible for them to have a Christian education.

—Jenny Nickel, Conference Administrative Assistant

NAD SELECTS ALBERTA MISSION AS 2015 INVESTMENT PROJECT

This year, the North American Division designated Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS), Canada's only mission school, as one of two Canadian projects to receive a portion of the 2015 Investment Offering.

The annual Investment Offering, started in 1905 (see sidebar), includes money from around the world generated by personal projects undertaken during the year. It is a major factor in funding new mission work globally. Every year, a portion of these funds are designated for North America. The Church in Canada is a recipient once every five years.

In October, after visiting Mamawi Atosketan Native School, the NAD granted MANS the church's "senior academy" status, making it the Alberta Conference's third senior academy, along with Chinook Winds Academy in Calgary and Coralwood Academy in Edmonton. One of the NAD's recommendations was that a new building be constructed at MANS for the high school. Students, parents and teachers are requesting the new building as well.

Presently, over 170 students are being educated at MANS in a facility meant for 120.

Ask your Sabbath School superintendent about Investment Offering materials recently forwarded by Darlene Reimche, Conference Sabbath School Department Director, for more information about getting an Investment venture going.

—Lynn McDowell, Director of Planned Giving/Philanthropy

