

# THE BRIDGE CAMPAIGN

MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL

TAKING FIRST NATIONS TEENS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

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Total Raised: **\$4.4 million** Goal: **\$4.9 million**

## PILLARS RECOGNITION EVENT

Recognition for their vision and leadership was given to the past principals of Mamawi Atosketan Native School at the Pillars Reception on November 10, 2016. Honored were Paul and Grace Dara, Linda Calderbank, Linda Nawalkowski, Bob Spratt, Juanita Neal, and Julie Hodder. Ian Hartley, board chair for many years as well as chair of the MANS Project which built our original school, was also honoured.

"Without people in the field doing this work we can't realize this project. We are grateful for the people who are participating and building the ministry up," observes Keith Richter, Alberta Conference Treasurer.



## INGRAHAM FAMILY INVESTS IN FIRST NATIONS YOUTH

Leon Ingraham was a principal and industrial arts teacher in the Ridgevalley school for nineteen years and, for nine years, the industrial arts teacher in Valleyview, Alberta.

In his memory, Leon's family has generously donated \$500,000 to the construction of the school, a tremendous investment in the lives of First Nations Youth. The Leon Ingraham Industrial Arts Centre will provide a legacy that will continue to make a practical difference in the lives of young people for years to come.

Read about the role Leon's family is playing in MANS' future in the March issue of the *Alberta Adventist News*.



## CALGARY CHARITABLE FAMILY FOUNDATION IMPRESSED WITH MANS SUCCESS

A Charitable Family Foundation, impressed with the success of our school and the positive effect it is having on our youth, generously donated \$80,000 to the construction of the high school.

"You are building a model that will be of value far beyond the walls of MANS," they write. Their donation is very heart felt and they do not wish to be acknowledged in a formal way.

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# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Excitement continues to build at the MANS School construction site! Llew Werner, Building Committee Chair, informs us that both the exterior school walls and the gym walls will be constructed with pre-cast concrete sections. In addition to having very good fire resistance and durability, the pre-cast wall sections also have a substantial layer of high density foam insulation “sandwiched” in the middle of each section which will result in a warm school.

The gym walls were raised first and the gym roof trusses installed and then the exterior walls and trusses will be installed. The roof will be sheeted and clad with metal roofing material.



*Gym walls and trusses now in place!*

# CHRISTMAS MALL EXCITEMENT

With a list of names of those living in their home to whom they could give a gift, students entered the gym to see tables loaded with an abundance of items. After carefully making their selections they returned to their classroom to wrap their treasures. The excitement was contagious as they thought of others and the gifts they could give to show their love and appreciation.



*Students wrapping the gifts they chose to give away.*

# OPEN HOUSE

Open House 2016 was held on November 10, a school day so that guests could see the students and teachers in action.



*Teacher and students shared their beautiful regalia and skills with the attendees.*



*Framed medallions were presented by Gail Wilton and Keith Richter at the Pillars reception which preceded the Open House.*

# RAISING \$4.9 MILLION IS A HUGE CHALLENGE

As you can see from the figures in this update, we are close to that goal! Thank you to each one who has contributed to The Bridge Campaign for our mission school. It is because of your faithful support that this has been accomplished. We invite everyone to be a partner in raising the final amount and celebrating this wonderful achievement. Cheques made payable to The Bridge Campaign can be mailed to the Alberta Conference Office at 5816 Hwy 2A, Lacombe, AB T4L 2G5 or donate at [www.mans1.ca](http://www.mans1.ca).