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# TEARS *that are* MISPLACED

**T**his is the time of year when we pause to remember the Resurrection Weekend. One of the more peculiar passages of scripture quoting Jesus on this occasion is found in Luke 23 verses 27-28 which states the following, “A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.”

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.”

*Luke 23:28*

I find it peculiar because it seemed like an entirely appropriate time to weep for Jesus. During the crucifixion week, Jesus would experience betrayal, human indignity, intense suffering, loneliness and a host of other emotions. It was a seemingly just cause for tears. Streets jammed with crowds

mostly hostile to Jesus. They were filled with resentment for his weakness and would ridicule and insult Jesus for his statements.

Jesus’ reaction is surprising, he doesn’t seem to appreciate their

tears. Not because He is not a sensitive person. His sensitivity is seen in comments about the value of giving a cup of water; His appreciation for the ointment of Mary and his response to the sick and dying.

“Weep not for me but for yourselves.” Jesus is stating that the tears are misplaced. The people should be weeping for themselves. He saw a day coming when Jerusalem would be destroyed and some of these same people would be suffering at the hands of the Romans. More im-

portantly, people are judging themselves in how they respond to Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and to miss Jesus is to reject life itself—that is a real reason to shed a tear.

At this special time of year, Jesus wants you to experience the full joy that He has made possible by the gift of His life on the cross. May your tears be tears of Joy.



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## Highlights

### Reaching Edmonton Together

The Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) organized a city-wide convocation weekend, January 2018.



### “Revive” Youth Retreat Weekend

Pastor John Scott from Ontario, was the guest speaker for the 2018 Alberta Conference Youth retreat, “Revive.”



### Alberta Camp Meeting 2018

The theme for this year’s Alberta Conference Camp Meeting that will be held July 13-21, 2018 is, “We Believe the Time is Now.”

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By Beth Nichols

# SPLINTERED

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." *Matthew 7:3-5, NIV*

**I**magine you're on a stunning tropical beach. As you walk through the surf, relishing the feeling of the sand squishing between your toes, you spot a piece of driftwood and stoop to pick it up. As you do, a sliver of the wood embeds itself in your finger and you mutter in annoyance.

Just then, a loud splashing out in the deeper water draws your attention to a man. He is staggering toward you, a deep gash on his thigh hemorrhaging blood. Your heart drops when you see a shark fin behind him receding into the deep. As he approaches, you start toward him, calling to sunbathers on the beach to find help. His eyes are wild with fear and he grabs the hand you extend to him. But to your shock, he is immediately intent on the sliver in your finger and begins talking about the best way to pry it out, oblivious to the life threatening injury he has sustained.

How ridiculous for the swimmer to worry about another person's sliver while he is so seriously injured himself. In Mat-

thew 7:3-5, Jesus tells the similar story of a guy with a log in his eye trying to see past it to extract a speck in someone else's. I can imagine there were some splinter removal experts in the crowd that day. Jesus hopes to reveal heaven and its modus operandi so that people living on a broken planet can adjust their mindset and be ready for evacuation. But they weren't there to glean wisdom from the greatest Man who has walked this earth. They hadn't come to sit at his feet and allow His words to modify their minds and hearts.

Their sole purpose was to play detective, assigning sins and inadequacies to the people they associated with and never acknowledging their own spiritual affliction. Every shortcoming mentioned was a splinter diagnosed in someone else.

With sadness and frustration, Jesus watches as his life-giving words are often deflected by self-righteousness. He prefaces the splinter story with a warning about placing judgment on others. He cautions us not to judge others harshly because

we will one day be judged by the same standards. I love that Jesus uses humor to get a crucial point across and I can imagine Him laughing along with the crowd as He tells it. The analogy is so effective because it turns the tables and places the judgmental hypocrite under the spotlight of inspection. Suddenly, the one who has chosen to see nothing but the faults of others is forced to see himself in all his self-deluded splendor.

I admit I've been guilty of passing judgment. I know how tempting it is to avoid self-analysis by pointing fingers. But the problem with judging others is my lack of knowledge. I am clueless about the journey they are on. I don't know what they struggle with. I don't know the condition of the shoes they've traveled in. Only God can judge humanity because He alone possesses omniscience. And if I presume to condemn others' faults, I would be well-advised to be lenient. I should always keep in mind my own eventual trial and the guilty verdict I am so deserving of.

# What's it Mean to You?

*“It's so humbling to think that I'm part of this picture.”*

**Janice Clark**

Physical Education Teacher at Mamawi Atosketan Native School  
Adoptive Parent of Huxley, age 24 months



On June 30, please mark your  
13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath Gift “For MANS!”

Janice Clark never planned to adopt a former student's baby, but then teaching at MANS is full of the unexpected—much like the lives of MANS students.

“I'm having a baby that I can't keep, and I'm wondering if you will have him,” former student, Annette, said by telephone in March 2016.

“What do you mean by ‘have him’?” asked Janice.

“I want you to adopt him,” said Annette, 18.

Janice didn't think the girl was serious, but two months later, Annette's younger sister, who was a student at MANS, approached Janice between classes.

“My sister is having the baby by C-section on Thursday,” the sister said. Wednesday night, Annette called and asked Janice to come to the hospital to support her when she gave birth.

Janice and her husband, who have five biological children and four foster children, arrived at the hospital early in the morning. The nurse greeted them with the words, “Oh, you're the adoptive parents.”

Janice was shocked. Adoption had never been discussed other than during that single phone call two months earlier, so Janice thought Annette had other plans for the baby.

“What's the baby's name?” Janice asked when she saw Annette in the hospital room.

“It's your baby,” Annette said. “You should name him.”

Only then did it sink in for Janice that this would be her baby. A healthy boy was born a few hours later, on May 12. Janice stayed at the hospital that night and brought her son home a day later. She named him Huxley.

Janice believes that Annette gave Huxley to her because students feel the teachers' love for them at school.

“It's not about me personally,” she said. “I worked with her family at this school for many years. She and all her siblings know that the teachers love them. That's why she asked us to be the boy's parents.”

Tears formed in Janice's eyes as she spoke.

“It's so humbling to think that I am part of this picture,” she said. “I get to teach Huxley about his Creator.”

—By Andrew McChesney, [adventistmission.org](http://adventistmission.org)



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# LUCKY

BY PASTOR LUIS BADILLO

A jogger noticed a large poster tacked to a tree in her neighborhood. The first word that caught her eye was printed in big black letters: "REWARD! \$100.00!"

The jogger was curious, and certainly interested in a reward, so she read on:

**LOST DOG!**

- Black and tan dog of Poodle and German Shepherd descent
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- No hair on rump
- Going blind
- Too old for tricks
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Lucky! The jogger had to chuckle to herself. How could anyone call a mongrel, flea-bitten, three-legged, mangy, nearly blind, old, and dangerous dog "Lucky"? And who would be crazy enough to pay a \$100 reward to get such a dog back?

Then the jogger stopped laughing and a big smile broke over her face. Stop to think of it, this may be one of the luckiest dogs in town. This lucky dog belonged to a family that loved him no matter what. It didn't matter where he came from or what he looked like. It didn't matter whether he could perform tricks or was getting old. All that mattered was that he belonged to the family, and he was lost.

Jesus came to our world because we were lost in sin. He left his home in heaven and offered His life as a reward to get us back and reunite us with God's family. It doesn't matter where we come from or what we look like. It doesn't matter whether we are smart and clever, young or old. All that matters is that He created us and He wants us part of His family forever. And that makes us very "lucky" too. That's the reason we've come to church to sing and praise and pray to our God.

Source: New Beginnings: Family Ministries Planbook. Silver Spring, MD; Department of Family Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2000.





# It Is Possible to Be a Very Unhealthy Vegetarian

BY MARCOS PASEGGI, *ADVENTIST REVIEW*

**W**hat follows is part of a series of reports on presentations given at the Seventh International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition in Loma Linda, California, United States, from February 26-28, 2018. Individual stories provide a summary of various topics covered at the event. ~ Adventist Review Editors

“It’s possible to be a very unhealthy vegetarian,” said Harvard School of Public Health Researcher Frank Hu in his keynote address “Plant-based diet for personal, population, and planetary health.” Hu made this and other ear-catching remarks on February 26, 2018, the opening day of the Seventh International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition in Loma Linda, California, United States. The event gathered more than 800 nutrition and health professionals from 34 countries for three days

of scientific presentations, Q&A sessions, discussions, cooking demonstrations, and networking opportunities.

In welcoming the international group of participants and speakers, Loma Linda University Health president Richard Hart said advising on what to eat or not to eat is nothing new. “Giving nutritional advice is as old as the Bible itself but as new as the newest tablet,” he said. “Seventh-day Adventists have been doing it for over 150 years now, and Loma Linda University has been studying the connections between food and health since at least the 1950’s.”

## **Nutrition and Other Sciences**

Joan Sabaté, Congress chair and director of the Center for Nutrition, Healthy Lifestyle and Disease Prevention of Loma Linda University, also welcomed the health-minded professionals to the event. Sabaté explained that the congress is not

a one-discipline event. “This scientific conference is not just about Nutrition and Dietetics,” he said. “Among other sciences, it will integrate Epidemiology, Environmental Sciences, and Education.”

It’s also about asking some hard questions, acknowledged Sabaté. “It includes discussing how do we treat our fellow inhabitants of this planet, and how to best use the resources we have available,” he said just before introducing Hu.

In his presentation, Hu, considered one of the most important authorities in nutrition and chronic diseases in the world, said unhealthy eating is killing people. “An unhealthy diet is the most important modifying factor in the causes of death in the United States,” said Hu, who was part of the team writing the 2015 US Dietary Guidelines. “Science provides evidence that plant-based foods prevent cardiometabolic diseases.”

Illustration contributed.





### The Case for the Unhealthy Vegetarian

At the same time, explained Hu, you can be a vegetarian but consume highly-refined grains, sugars, and add to that a low consumption of fruits and vegetables, which makes your diet unhealthy, despite the absence of meat.

In that sense, “not all plant-based diets are healthy,” he said, noting that unhealthy plant-based diets are associated with an increased risk of disease. Referring to Jane E. Brody’s book *Good Vegan, Bad Vegan*, he quoted, “A vegan who consumes no animal products can be just as unhealthy living on inappropriately selected plant foods as an omnivore who dines heavily on burgers and chicken nuggets.”

Hu’s remarks were echoed later in the

day by other scientists, including Adventist Health Study 2 director Gary Fraser. “We need a better definition of a healthy vegetarian diet,” he said, in trying to explain some of the complexities of studies on diet. “It seems very likely that aspects of diet, aside from meat, dairy, and eggs do matter and probably explain the differences between different vegetarian populations.”

Preet K. Dhillon, Senior Research Scientist from the Public Health Foundation of India, agreed. She explained that around 300-400 million people in India are vegetarians. Studies in India have shown, however, that many vegetarian Indians consume more sugar than non-vegetarians. It is something that minimizes the seeming advantages of being a vegetarian, Dhillon said. “Also, non-vegetarians in India consume approximately a tenth of the meat amount consumed by a non-vegetarian in the Western hemisphere,” she explained, something which often makes differences between the group statistically non-significant.

### “Air Pollution Makes You Older”

Hu said that unhealthy diets have not only shown correlation to greater risks of suffering diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases but also to age acceleration. “While exercise, and the consumption of fruits, vegetables, and fish, among others, were shown to help slow aging, a greater body mass index and waist-to-hip ratio, and higher triglycerides and systolic blood pressure seem to accelerate it,” he said.

The same applies to pollution exposure, as recent studies in China have revealed

that being exposed to hydrocarbons such as fumes and smoke from various sources increases aging. “Air pollution makes you older,” said Hu.

### Importance and Limitations of Precision Nutrition

In the last few years, precision nutrition has attempted to provide personalized diets, which adapt to the specific needs of each person. It is related to recent scientific research, said Hu. For instance, “people eating identical meals present high-variability in post-meal blood glucose response,” he explained. “Personalized diets ...that integrate parameters such as dietary habits, physical activity, and gut microbiota” may be helpful to lower post-meal blood glucose and its long-term metabolic consequences.

Many companies are profiting from these discoveries, offering custom-made nutrition guidelines, shared Hu. Precision nutrition, however, is a science in development, he said, and should be balanced with public health strategies, which are usually more economic and proven methods of inducing positive changes.

### What We Can Do

“We can support initiatives against unhealthy foods, such as the soda tax, which has proved to be beneficial,” said Hu, who noted that the reduction of trans-fats consumption has also shown a positive correlation with a decrease in deaths. “Also, plant-based meals are more sustainable because they use less water and greenhouse gasses in comparison to meat-based diets, so there’s something we can do about it.”

Putting its money where its mouth is, the ICVN is using reusable name tag holders, potato starch utensils, and post-consumer plates and napkins. The food provided includes a wide selection of locally grown fruits and vegetables, and even the event décor boasts biodegradable balloons.

Echoing Hu’s comments, Hart said that in the end, it’s all about being balanced. “There is not just one good diet,” he said. “The challenge is to adapt the recommendations we have to different cultures around the world.” <sup>AAW</sup>

Loma Linda Vegetarian Nutrition Congress opens with enlightening presentations.

Reprint from <http://www.adventistreview.org>



Participants follow the opening proceedings of the Seventh International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition at Loma Linda, California, United States, on February 26, 2018.

# News

## Ministerial Report

**T**he Ministerial and Evangelism departments exist to encourage and empower pastors and members to pursue the goal of reaching communities with the good news of the soon coming Saviour and to experience a transformed lifestyle in Christ.

For this reason, our dedicated pastors in the Conference conducted 29 evangelistic meetings last year which resulted in 179 baptisms. The church leadership teams planned and strategized through much prayer and training. We're looking forward to God's leading in 2018 and are excited to see the outcome from the 34 evangelistic seminars that are planned.

The stories of lives changed through accepting Christ is a miracle of the transforming Grace of Christ that awaits all who would participate in this divine process.

Let me share an exciting story of friendship evangelism. Members of the Calgary Burmese group met in their homes weekly to study the Bible with their friends. As interest developed, they decided that it was an opportunity for them to do something greater than the weekly Bible studies. So, through much prayer and planning, they decided to reach out to the wider Burmese community in the Calgary area. They extended an invitation to a pastor from India who speaks their native language to conduct a three-week evangelistic seminar. The pastor from India came and, because they had already been studying with their friends and family, 11 individuals were baptized. Today, 25-30 members of the Burmese group meet at the Calgary Cornerstone Church each Sabbath to worship and praise God. They are planning on doing another evangelistic program this year. Leading people to Jesus has become a way of life for the Burmese group in Calgary.

What a tremendous testimony as to what the power of God can accomplish through His dedicated servants.

As we endeavor to witness concerning our faith in Jesus Christ, let us be mindful of the fact that we are not alone but Christ's promise of abiding is real. "I will never leave you..."

"Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail... Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you." (8T 16)

It is comforting to know success is assured when we do our part trusting in God's faithful presence.

Let me share with you briefly an update of evangelism and pastoral changes in our Conference.

At the end of 2017 our membership was 11,838 and there are 58 pastors on our pastoral team.

Below is a list of updates of pastoral changes in our Conference.

### I. PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT


1. **Jason Williams**—from Bay Roberts, NL- to Wetaskiwin/Warburg
2. **Tsholofelo Sebetlela**—from Burman University—to Lloydminster/Bonnyville
3. **James Wesley**—from Airdrie/Beiseker—to Lethbridge
4. **David Benjamin**—from Alberta Conference Youth Department—to Burman University as Chaplain

### II. RETIRED

5. **Robert Pohle**—Lloydminster/Bonnyville
6. **Larry Weidell**—Wetaskiwin/Warburg

### III. PASTORAL CHANGES

1. **Norman Cid**—from M.E.T.R.O./Southside—to California
2. **Shawn Brummund**—from Lethbridge—to Northern California Conference
3. **Adam Deibert**—from Burman University Chaplain—to Sherwood Care Chaplain
4. **Myles Gillespie**—from College Heights
5. **Cecile Moody**—from Burman University Chaplain—to Florida
6. **Richard Means**—from Garden Road—to North Eastern Conference, NY

As we chart the course of sharing our faith during the year, let us by God's grace persistently and intentionally ask for His wisdom and power to use us. 



**George Ali**  
Ministerial Director,  
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# What are Other Christian Organizations Doing for the Deaf?

The Jehovah Witness' stated purpose is to reach the Deaf around the world. Currently there are over 1,100 sign language JW congregations around the world. To illustrate: In 1995 there were two congregations or groups in the Dominican Republic. In 2014 there were 44. They have a major translation centre for producing signed DVD's in Florida. They are producing signed DVD's in 80 sign languages through their 58 translation teams around the world. In one recent year alone, they had 120 conventions for the Deaf world-wide.

"Deaf Missions" in the USA is working on putting the whole Bible into American Sign language. The great problem is that 95% of world sign languages have no signed Bible translation. Deaf Missions has a centre to train people to work for the Deaf and they also sponsor non-denominational Deaf Leaders Conferences. [www.deafmissions.com](http://www.deafmissions.com)

"Silent Blessings" specializes in producing Christian signed videos for deaf children. They have completed many TV series of programs for deaf children. Mark, the CEO, has a deaf daughter whose deafness led Mark to start an organization for the Deaf which produces excellent materials for younger Deaf children. [www.silentblessings.org](http://www.silentblessings.org)

The National Catholic Office for the Deaf states that they serve 5.7 million Deaf and hard of hearing Catholic Deaf in the USA. They offer training for pastoral workers, assistance to parents of deaf children, signed and captioned videos and annual conferences where deaf Catholics can share.

The "DOOR International" have two main translation centres, one in Nairobi and one in Hosur, India. They have taken 110 main Bible story segments from the Bible. They each feature an introduction, a translation and an explanation of each story—all in sign language—with many graphics they produce in their own studios. They train

The DOOR organization for the Deaf in India and Kenya work with the Wycliffe Bible Translator's organization to produce a series of 110 Bible stories teaching basic truths about salvation. Each story is introduced and explained in signing. In this picture is their editing studio in Hosur, India. Most of their employees are deaf themselves.



Deaf to use these materials in their own country. So far, they have worked to produce these key story sets in 16 different sign languages. They also have a more advanced series. [www.doorinternational.org/](http://www.doorinternational.org/)

The Bob Rumball Christian Centre for the Deaf in Toronto is one of the largest organizations for the Deaf in all of Canada. They provide adult education programs, family resources, and sign language services. They even have a seniors home for elderly deaf and work in three Ontario centres. In the past, one of the Seventh-day Adventist hearing congregations in Toronto used their church on Sabbaths at their main Bob Rumball deaf centre.

Here in Alberta there are two deaf congregations in Edmonton: The Cross of Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf & the CD Deaf Community church. In Calgary there is the Foothills Lutheran church for the Deaf. For the last 100 years the Lutheran church has fostered a special mission endeavor to reach out to deaf peoples.

## AND SO-What are Adventists Doing for the Deaf?

We as a church are far behind where we ought to be—but deaf work is growing in many parts of the world. Gospel Outreach, that I also work with, now has about 50 workers for the Deaf in 16 countries. Our church started an official "Office of Special

Needs" directly responsible to the General Conference President. This includes Deaf, Blind, multi-handicapped, orphans and caregivers. Dr. Larry Evans is the Director. In future issues I will cover more fully what Seventh-day Adventists' are doing for Deaf around the world! In the mean time, please pray for this ministry because the challenge of reaching the somewhat isolated deaf communities is stupendous!

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Pastor John Scott, speaks with youth at retreat.

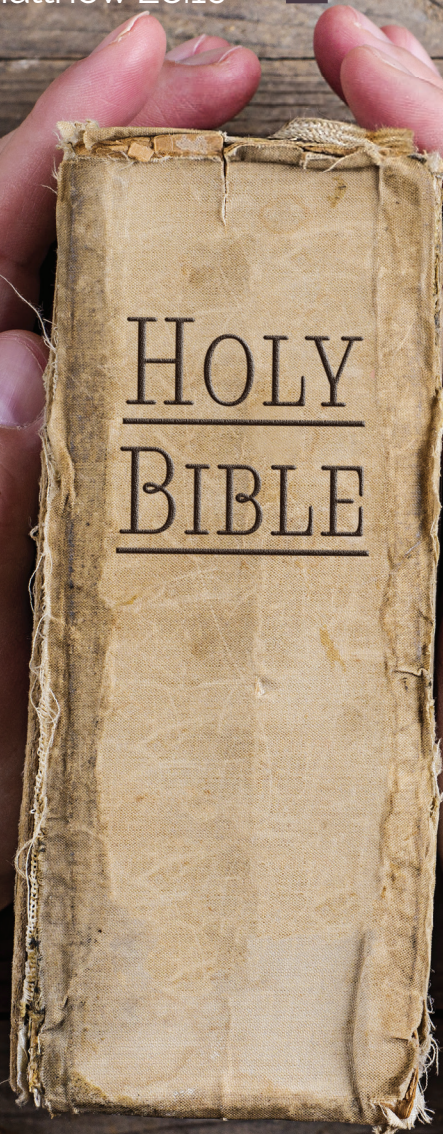
## **Alberta Conference Youth Retreat, “REVIVE”**

After taking one year off from having the annual Alberta Conference teen youth rally at Foothills Camp, it was time to bring it back. On February 2, 2018 cars and buses started to pull into the parking lot at Foothills camp. Many familiar faces showed up eager to meet other youth which they had not seen from across Alberta for several months. You could hear inside the lodge that it was bustling with people and you could feel the energy and excitement of teens excited for the weekend event. The theme for the weekend was “Revive.” When you think about the word “revive,” you may think of something that was struggling to live being brought back to life. And that’s exactly what our guest speaker Pastor John Scott, the Ontario Conference Youth Director, did. Youth that were struggling to live, struggling with personal issues such as identity, self-worth, depression. Pastor John revived them and brought them back to life spiritually, by speaking life to them. Pastor John Scott shared uplifting and motivating messages that focused on Christ and the Bible. One young person commented, “I love teen youth rally because I love that I get to meet up with all my friends from Calgary who I haven’t seen and also hearing great sermons and amazing praise music.” As the weekend ended, and as the last “selfies” were uploaded to social media, many looked forward to next year’s teen youth rally with anticipation. Despite the snowy cold temperatures, the Alberta Conference teens were revived, spiritually refreshed and ready to return back to home full of life. —Submitted by Lyle Notice, Alberta Conference Youth Director

# We Believe the Time is Now

Therefore go and  
make disciples of all  
nations, baptizing  
them in the name  
of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



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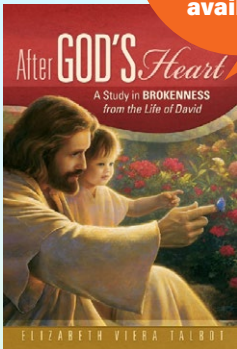
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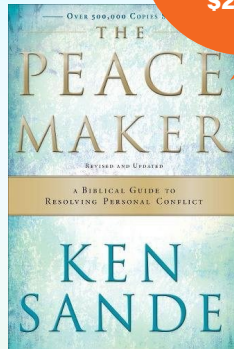
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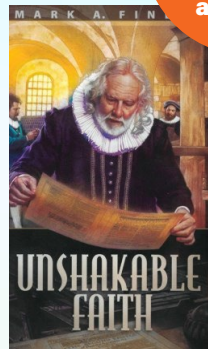
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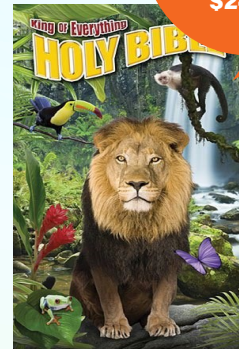
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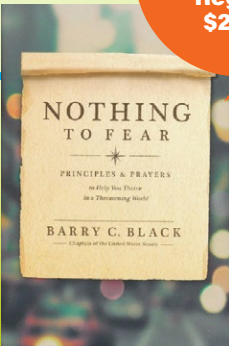
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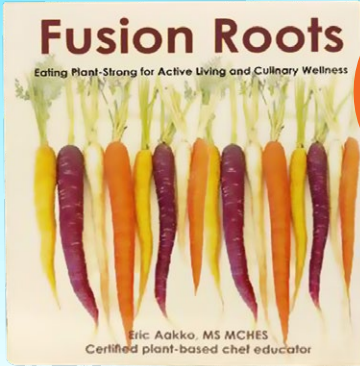
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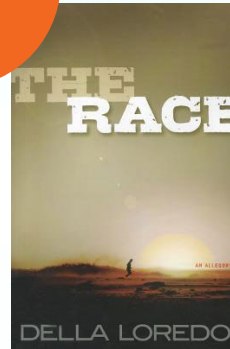




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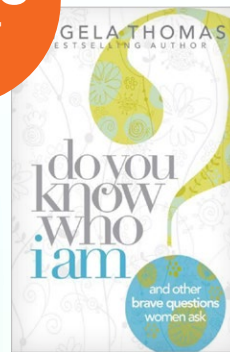
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# Coming Home: From PAA student to PAA teacher

Deciding to move to a new school is always a challenging decision. For Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) math teacher, Colton Greenlaw, it is a decision that took him from “Beautiful British Columbia” back to sunny central Alberta. I recently interviewed Colton about his experience as he settles into his second year of teaching at the Academy.

**Q. What degree(s) do you hold and what classes do you teach at PAA?**

**A.** I have two degrees. One in secondary education with a specialization in Mathematics, as well as a Masters in Mathematics for teachers. Consequently, I get most of the math courses at PAA, which is a pretty sweet deal. I am also teaching a Business/Personal Finance class this semester which is a lot of fun to teach.

**Q. Where have you taught in the past and what classes/grades did you teach?**

**A.** I taught for five years in British Columbia at a school called Peace Christian School. It's located in the upper 1/3 of BC in a little town called Chetwynd. While there, I taught mostly math for grade 4 up to 12, but also taught Bible to grades 8, 11, and 12, as well as the odd PE class. I also had the opportunity to teach grade 11 and 12 physics.

**Q. What helped you decide to move to Central Alberta from BC?**

**A.** Being away from my immediate family started to really wear on me. After having two kids, it seemed like the right move for our family -- to head back to central Alberta so that my kids could have the opportunity to grow up close to their grandparents. This was particularly validating when we were surprised by the news that my wife's parents were planning on moving to Lacombe shortly after we did.

**Q. What have been some of the pros and cons of making a move?**

**A.** I miss the more outdoor-oriented lifestyle I had in BC, as well as the tight-knit group of people that I worked with. The community I had there felt like a family and I was really grateful to have met all of them. So missing all of them is definitely a con. On the other hand it's been nice to rekindle lots of old friendships here in Lacombe that I thought had faded into the past. I've also had a lot of opportunities to advance my career and finely tune my craft as a Mathematics teacher. Alberta also just feels like home. It always has, and Lacombe was the place where a lot of significant change took place in my spiritual life. I feel nostalgic everywhere I go in this town and in PAA. It's nice to be surrounded by lots of pleasant memories everyday while I'm at work, as well as try to recreate some of these moments for the students.

**Q. How has your family benefited from the move?**

**A.** My wife was nervous about moving. By her own admission, she doesn't like change and so news of moving back to Alberta didn't sit well with her. But she's had the same kind of social experience that I've had and then some. A lot of her friends are still here and she's gained some others as well. My kids have also really come to know their grandparents more than I did when I was young and this is very rewarding.

**Q. What do you like about teaching at PAA?**

**A.** I like that I have lots of ways to support my students at PAA. The shared Google Drive folder that all students are a part of, the Flex blocks, and the Community Learning Days are just a few ways that I'm able to help them succeed. I also really enjoy coaching volleyball because we now have a league that my team can compete in, as well as a really exciting tournament to end the season with. The staff I work with are a passionate, fun-loving, and professional group of individuals who are all committed to making this school the best that it can be. It really helps when everyone is on the same page.

**Q. What do you enjoy most about your students?**

**A.** My students are driven. A lot of them have a dream of attending college or university and want high grades, as well as a quality mathematics education. I strive to help them achieve both of these while still keeping my courses challenging and relevant. I also admire a lot of the hidden talents some of them possess. They're a fun group of kids and I enjoy getting to know them.

**Q. What would you like to say about some of the new business classes you are now teaching or will teach in the future?**

**A.** My hope is that students at PAA would leave high school with a keen understanding of how to manage their finances as an adult. It is an absolute shame that students do not have this knowledge when they enter the workforce, and we adults need to do a better job preparing them in realistic ways for their futures.

**Q. Can you tell me about the team you work with?**

**A.** They're hilarious. We laugh a lot and enjoy each other's company. I also appreciate that we all want PAA to be a great school. We strive to provide the highest quality academics, sports, and spiritual program that we can. My administration is also very supportive and they actively work to help me obtain the resources that I need to be an effective teacher.

If you would like to know more about PAA, please call (403) 782-3381.







Renovation of Lakeview Hall's lobby.



Burman University sign.

## Herr Lecture Series Upcoming Presentation

*FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW*  
Gabrielle Scrimshaw,  
Gleitsman Fellow, Center  
for Public Leadership,  
Harvard University

**Friday, May 4, 2018, 7:00 PM**  
Administration Building  
Auditorium, Burman University  
Keynote Address, Humanitarian  
Leaders of Tomorrow  
Conference, 2018

Because Gabrielle Scrimshaw is First Nations, she was born with some daunting numbers stacked against her. She was eight times more likely to commit suicide than the average Canadian, three times more likely to be unemployed, be underfunded in her quest for education, and more likely to drop out of high school than finish it. In the face of these raw circumstances, she worked hard to follow her heart. She became the youngest associate in one of Canada's most competitive finance programs, was the first in her family to complete post-secondary education, traveled to 20 countries on five continents, worked with heads of state and started a national organization for Aboriginal professionals. In her presentation, Ms. Scrimshaw discusses how she did it, what motivates her, and why investing in Aboriginal leadership, education, and youth matters.



# Burman University: The Committee of 100

The success of Burman University relies on the support of many, including our alumni and friends. Their support and contribution has enhanced the learning and living environment of our students throughout the years. One particular group of alumni and friends has made a significant impact on our campus: The Committee of 100.

The Committee of 100 was incorporated in 1973. The committee was comprised of dedicated individuals who were passionate about Canadian Union College (now Burman University). This group would discuss possible projects on campus, then financially commit to accomplish them. Projects ranged from small renovations to major builds. They were a major contributor to the building of our beautiful PE Centre that is presently being used by current students and community members.

Over the years, the Committee of 100 lost its momentum until 2007 when a small group

decided to revive the committee. Since 2007, the group has raised over \$835,000, fully or partially funding eight major projects:

1. the development of Alumni Plaza and Sundial;
2. the purchase of a 15-passenger bus;
3. the paving and lighting at the PE Centre;
4. the renovation of Maple Hall's lobbies;
5. Lecture Hall, Computer Lab, and Lockers;
6. the renovation of Lakeview Hall's lobby;
7. the Burman University sign; and
8. the landscaping and paving behind the Administration Building.

The most recent project the committee has voted on is the paving of the parking lots by the Marketing and Enrollment Building.

The Committee Executive is comprised of the following dedicated individuals, with staggered dates for terms to come up for renewal:

- Clifford Tym, Chair
- Ned Price, Vice-Chair
- Llew Werner, Secretary
- Josh Huether, Treasurer
- Elaine Sankey, Board Member
- Larry Shipowick, Board Member
- Jeff Brown, Board Member
- Stephen Brousson, Board Member

Under the leadership of the executive, the Committee of 100 continues to impact the present and future of our campus. We are grateful for their consistent support of our institution. We cannot say thank you enough for their commitment of time and resources. In the past three years, membership has increased from approximately 80 to over 130. We are excited to see this group continue to grow as they continue to change the lives of our students.

For more information about the Committee of 100, please contact the Advancement Office at (403) 782-3381 ext. 4161; 1(800) 661-8129 ext. 9; or by email at [alumni@burmanu.ca](mailto:alumni@burmanu.ca).

# College Heights Christian School Winter

# Carnival

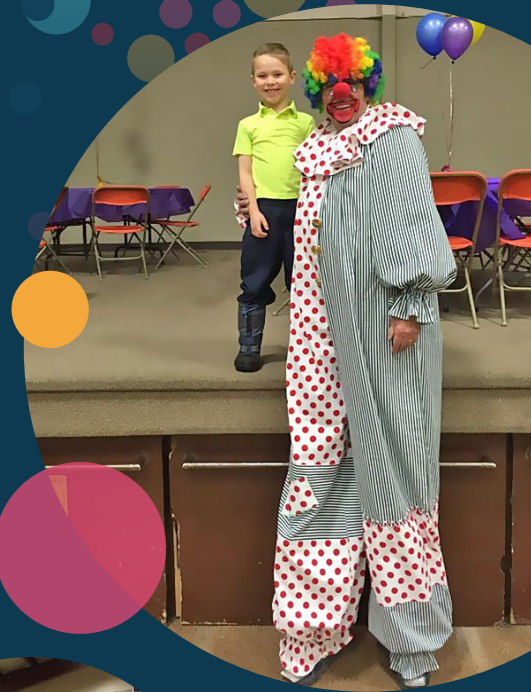
College Heights Christian School (CHCS) celebrated its annual Winter Carnival February 10, 2018. Parents, students, families and friends gathered at the CHCS gymnasium at 6:30 PM to participate in fun, activities and games in the midst of the Albertan February winter. The regular attending school clown made a repeat appearance, a delight to all. The Student Association sponsored eating a doughnut hanging from a string without using hands. There were games such as Plinko, pillow fights, shooting hoops, miniature hockey to name just a few. Two bouncy castles provided lots of jumping fun for all the children.

A carnival is never complete without pizza, pop and lots of goodies. These were available through the Grade 9 food court. Prize draws were made throughout the evening until the final prize of a stuffed giant toothbrush, complete with toothpaste, was made at the closing of the carnival.

Parents, students and friends also had the privilege of browsing through the Scholastic Book Fair for books of interest and many additional educational support items.

The evening was a smashing success and all are already looking forward to next year.

Reo E. Ganson, Principal  
College Heights Christian School



2018 Greater  
Edmonton  
Ministerial  
Association  
(GEMA)  
Convocation  
Weekend.



# Reaching Edmonton Together

*2018 Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) Convocation Weekend*

In preparation for an Edmonton city-wide evangelistic event planned for 2020 entitled, Reaching Edmonton Together, the Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) organized a city-wide convocation weekend that was held January 5-7, 2018. All Edmonton area churches were closed for this event and congregants were encouraged to attend the weekend proceedings. The Friday evening program was held at the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church and comprised numerous musical performances followed by an inspiring message by the Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Conference president, Gary Hodder.

On Saturday morning, approximately 1200 individuals attended Sabbath School and church held at Evangel Pentecostal Church. The guest speaker for the worship service was Dan Jackson, President of the North American Division. Then for

sundown worship on Saturday evening, the guest speaker was Mark Johnson, president for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

The main purpose for the convocation weekend was to foster an environment of unity amongst the Edmonton churches, share ideas and to start planning for the 2020 event.

To help prepare and train individuals, GEMA organized a number of seminars for church members that were offered Sunday morning from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. at Coralwood Seventh-day Adventist Academy and Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church. Seminars included topics such as: Communicating with Purpose, Friendship Evangelism, Church Sound/Video Basics, and Tweenage Dreams/Sabbath School 101, just to mention a few. The seminars were well attended and the feedback was very positive. — Submitted by Troy McQueen, Communication/IT Director



Gary Hodder speaking Friday evening.



Dan Jackson speaking Saturday for church.

Photos taken by Darrell Beaudoin.

# President Mark Johnson Connects with growing Maskwacis-MANS Gym Church

*Reserve residents spend up to two hours each way on a bus driven by Pastor Peter Ford to attend church in the MANS gym*

Neither -25 C cold nor drifting snow could keep SDACC president Mark Johnson away from his home church on February 3. “I get to Maskwacis probably about as often as I’d get to any other church where I might have my membership,” smiled Johnson, “but I think it’s important as a symbol that I have my membership here.” Johnson had just delivered a much-appreciated message from a music stand that served as a pulpit in the Mamawi Atosketan Native School gym, where church is held.

Johnson’s comments came as he waited in line for the fellowship meal prepared and coordinated each week by Vicky Ford, wife of Maskwacis pastor Peter Ford. Though Vicky holds another full-time job as HR officer for the Alberta Conference, it’s easy to see why she’s so

dedicated to this part of the church service. The weekly church meal is a natural tie-in with the First Nations tradition of sharing food with whoever comes to your home. Preparing dinner each week—usually by herself, though friends like Corene Glover, Assistant Treasurer/Auditor (Education), who made the macaroni entre—help as they can. It’s a tall order, but Vicky sees the weekly meal as essential to creating a church community for the 50-75 reserve residents who come most Saturdays.

The Maskwacis church is supported by its regular attendees as they can—for example George, who was in a train accident, collects bottles so he can bring an offering each week—but it’s a mission church. A team of students from Burman University heads up the children’s divi-

sions and provides musical leadership and infectious enthusiasm for the adult service.

“We’d like to do more in the community,” said Pastor Ford. “There’s a real need for health education and a lot of other things that are real strengths of the Adventist Church, but we’re limited by not having a building on the reserve.”

The distance between the school and the Maskwacis reserves is in many ways a benefit for the school, but MANS is very difficult for many reserve residents to get to. Peter looks forward to the day when that distance can be bridged by a church/community centre on the reserve.

—Lynn McDowell, Director of Planned Giving/Philanthropy, Alberta Conference



**Seeking Families:** Kim, pictured with her husband and daughter during SDACC President Mark Johnson’s February 3 sermon, was a student of Seventh-day Adventist teacher Ida McCarty in the early days of Adventist education on Kim’s reserve. The family attends church in the MANS gym each week.



Maskwacis Youth love Burman University’s MANS Church Team: Each week, students from Burman University bring vibrant Christianity to the MANS Church worship service through music, and connect as Sabbath School leaders with Maskwacis children and youth in the school hallways that double as Sabbath School rooms. Ted and Amishaddaih Merceus began helping as students and now regularly drive from Edmonton.

# Calgary Ethiopian Fellowship

For the past three years Ethiopian Adventists in Calgary have been worshipping together and growing. They meet at the Calgary Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church with facilities made available to them. At present there are about 30 adults and 21 children.

There are about 5000 Ethiopians in Calgary and the reason the Adventists have formed their own group is because when Ethiopians come to Calgary they

look for a worship centre where their own language is spoken. Even Adventists have gone to worship with other denominations if they don't have Adventist worship in their own language. This is true of other people groups as well.

When you go to the Adventist Ethiopian worship in Calgary it may be surprising to see that there is translating going on within their own group—for more than one language is represented.

Beside the Saturday morning worship, they have other times of fellowship: Saturday afternoon Bible study, monthly prayer service, home to home family visits.

What is their dream? To have three Ethiopian churches each speaking their own Ethiopian language.

The Calgary Ethiopians are vibrant with their faith, they love God and are preparing for Christ's soon return.

—Submitted by Don Corkum, Southern Alberta Church Planting Coordinator



Ethiopian Adventists meet weekly in Calgary for church.

Special music at the Calgary Ethiopian Adventist Fellowship, February 3, 2018.



“The Calgary Ethiopians are vibrant with their faith, they love God and are preparing for Christ's soon return.”

## Sea of Miracles Vacation Bible Xperience Available Now!

Sea of Miracles is an exciting new VBX program created by the North American Division Children's Ministries Department. Each day kids will explore Jesus' life in Galilee. Solid Christ-centered activities will introduce kids to Jesus and help them develop a growing relationship with Him. Kits must be ordered a month in advance to ensure availability for your church.

**To order a kit, please contact the Lacombe ABC by email at [abclacombe@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:abclacombe@albertaadventist.ca) or phone (403) 782-4416**



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# Lloydminster Church Members Prepare 40 Personal Care Kits for the Local Women's Shelter



In December, 2017, members of the Lloydminster Seventh-day Adventist Church prepared 40 personal care kits for women and children at the Lloydminster Women's Shelter. Each kit contained personal care products as well as an ADRA calendar, Christmas letter from the church and a special gift for children. The Lloydminster church started this project back in 2011 and plan to continue again next year.

## Before They Call I Will Answer

Here at the Alberta Conference Children's Ministries Department, part of our responsibility is to ensure that our members are effectively resourced across the province. Although sometimes, God steps in to remind us that it is really Him who is doing the resourcing!

In mid-January our office was contacted by Les Gueffroy to inquire about getting supplies for an upcoming mission trip to the Philippines, where there would be a host of activities conducted for a few months. When asked about the nature of the supplies he needed, interestingly they requested Children's Materials. Interestingly, because it was about two weeks prior that another local



church had called the conference office and let me know that since they no longer had any children to have a children's class, they were donating all their children's materials and toys to the Conference for another church or group that had need.

It was indeed a wonderful pleasure to inform Les and his wife Nora that the

Lord had answered their request before they even asked!

If you need any assistance with your Children's Ministries related work, please reach out to see if God has not already answered your request before you asked!  
—Nwamiko Madden, Director of Children's Ministries, [nmadden@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:nmadden@albertaadventist.ca)



Group leading out in prayer time.

# College Heights Church Holds Ten Days of Prayer

Ten Days in the Upper Room: Revival 101 was a project started in late November 2017, inspired by the 10 Days of Prayer 2018 launched by the General Conference at the world-wide level, and keeping in mind our own needs as a church that nurtures students, staff, faculty and families of three different academic campuses: College Heights Christian School, Parkview Adventist Academy and Burman University.

Tabitha Phiri, the Prayer Ministry leader, and Pastor Jeff Potts, the senior pastor at College Heights church, initiated the challenging coordination with pastors, student leaders, and deaconesses. The successful experience with 10 days of prayer, done in early September 2017 in one of the rooms of the church, was such an encouraging event that we wanted to do it again, before the winter term began, but this time in a bigger room for a larger audience.

Pastor Don MacLafferty, Founder and President of In Discipleship Ministry, tailored the program for us. Pastors Ted Deer and David Benjamin were also lead speakers and key piec-

es of the success of the 10 Days of Prayer journey. Students and church members had active participation in the program. It was amazing to see evidence of the Holy Spirit working in us: people confessing and repenting of their sins, making things right with each other, experiencing a holy boldness to witness for Christ, and generously sharing their possessions with those in need.

Here are some examples of what was commonly heard among people in the Hideout:

Nathan, BU student: "It's a life changing experience to me ... I would say my life relationship with God has been strengthened during these days ... I have learned spiritual aspects that impacted my life ... The most outstanding thing was the testimonies ... They have strengthened my walk with Christ because I learned what others are doing and I am not alone in what I am going through..."

Becky & Verne Gustavsen, College Heights church members: "We made lots of friends in our groups. We met people that we would probably never otherwise met, which is wonderful."

The main objectives for this event were to recognize our need of the Holy Spirit, to ask for the Holy Spirit daily as Jesus did, to imitate the actions of the Spirit-filled first Christians, and to reinforce the bridges between youth and adults attending our College Heights church, to create a stronger sense of community.

**Mission: Accomplished!**  
—Report by Sara Chavez and Tabitha Phiri, College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church



Discussion and prayer in groups.

# Calgary Northern Hills Adventist Church Begins Public Worship

The most recent church plant in Calgary is the Northern Hills Adventist Church—at this point a fellowship group of the Calgary Central Church.

This group has been meeting since October in homes with a core group of 11 people. Now they are beginning public worship and welcome other Adventist members to join them. They, of course, are hoping to have people from the community join them for worship and fellowship.

On February 10, the group began meeting in a public place and invited others to join them for this special occasion. About 50 people gathered at the Simon's Valley School. Don Corkum, Southern Alberta Church Planting Coordinator, was the guest speaker.

Leaders of this new church plant include: Andrew Butler, Head Elder; Tyson Sell, Head Deacon; Audace Dushime, Head Deaconess; Erin Hillier, Church Clerk.

Their Mission: “To love like Christ through nurturing the spir-

“To love like Christ through nurturing the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of people in our community.”

itual, mental, physical, and social growth of people in our community.”

Target group: “Serving the North-West communities of Panorama, Harvest and Country Hills and surrounding areas.”

The meeting place is Simons Valley School, 375 Sandarac Drive N.W., Calgary.

The Calgary Central Church has planned for several years to initiate a new church plant. They have a full church and many capable people who can give good leadership. While they are the parent church to this new plant, as mentioned above, they

welcome other Adventists in Calgary to join in this endeavor. Adventists living in this area would be especially helpful to this outreach as they seek to minister in the area where they live.

Planting new churches is the way Adventists began their mission in the 19th century and it is especially important today.

—Submitted by Don Corkum, Southern Alberta Church Planting Coordinator



The Northern Hills Church Plant on their first day of public worship, February 10, 2018.



Group leader, Andrew Butler, welcoming worshippers on February 10, 2018.





Okotokos Adventist Fellowship Group meet February 10, 2018.

# Okotokos Adventist Fellowship

Okotokos has a Seventh-day Adventist church presence once again. This new group is about 50 in size and plan to be organized as a company in a few months. This is a Fellowship Group from Calgary Southside Adventist Church.

Currently the Okotokos Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship Group meet at the Okotokos Elks Club, 58 Elizabeth Street, Okotokos.

Their vision statement is: "Know God, Proclaim Grace and Win Souls for Him."

Their Mission statement: "Forward on our knees, reading His word, reflecting His love, reaching the world with messages of hope, and looking forward to the imminent return of Jesus."

We pray that the dream of this group to see Christ uplifted in Okotokos with this Adventist presence will be fulfilled and this church will grow strong.

—Submitted by Don Corkum, Southern Alberta Church Planting Coordinator



Mural at the Rimbey Seventh-day Adventist Church painted by Jeanie Spratt.

# The \$4.9 Million Bridge Campaign Completed: The Meaning of the Means

*The journey from vision to completion of the Bridge Campaign has been amazing, and unlike anything in any other conference in North America.*

BY LYNN McDOWELL, *The Bridge Campaign Manager*

**A** First Nations school operated by one conference—never mind a relatively small conference of 12,000 members—is unique; a church-run, First Nations School of 200+ is almost unheard of in post-Residential School Canada. But here we are, watching the completion of a new high school and industrial arts centre, and celebrating the attainment of the most ambitious fundraising goal in the history of the Alberta Conference less than two and a half years from its announcement in July 2015.

As I pondered this amazing journey, I looked at who had shared the vision to extend the gift of Adventist education to the children and families of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). I thought about the conversations and stories I had collected along the way, and yes, the friends. There's nothing like a shared vision for good to bring out the best in people.

### New Visionary Partners

What surprised me most when I analyzed the numbers is how much support came from people and organizations that had never heard of MANS before we contacted them with the story of MANS' power to help effect change. The pie chart shows that about 23% of the money raised came from these sources, which includes private foundations and individuals. Neither federal nor pro-

vincial governments contribute to private school building projects, but these visionary people supported MANS in a major way.

Another significant source was First Nations donors, who contributed almost 27% of the total raised.

### Adventist Constituents and Organizations

Within the Alberta Conference, there were individuals who made major contribu-

tions, some of them anonymously. Others supported MANS by raising funds, sacrificial giving, prayer and encouraging words. There are so many wonderful stories—like the story of Zelma Kay, in the *April Messenger*—and I hope to hear and publish more of them. These stories inspire me and others; they are gifts in and of themselves. Adventists outside the province also contributed, bringing contributions from the “traditional” Conference source of funding to about 45% of the total raised.

**Thank you**

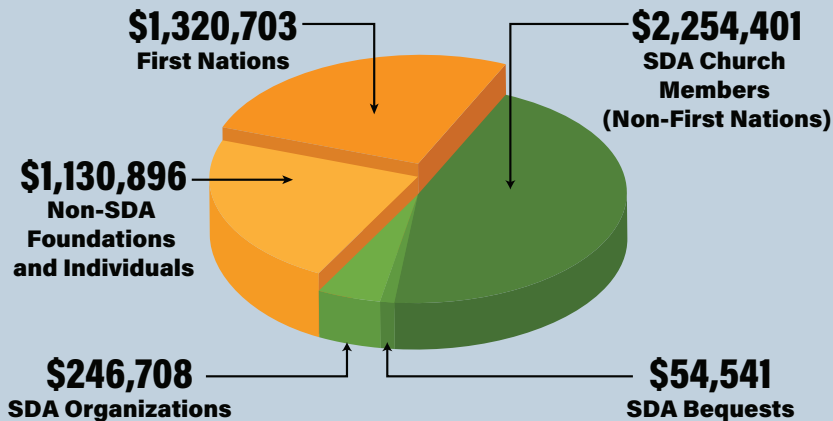
Your generous support has been instrumental in meeting our target goal of \$4.9 million. We cannot thank you enough.

Your visionary support of a new high school and an industrial arts building at Mamawi Atosketan Native School will change lives, create opportunities, and inspire young people for many years to come.

With immense gratitude,

*Lynn McDowell*  
Lynn McDowell  
Campaign Manager

## THE BRIDGE CAMPAIGN DONATION SOURCES \$5,026,954\*



\*Total includes cash and pledges

“It is our privilege to be partners with Christ in Maskwacis. It’s time to celebrate our partnership in His work of Reconciliation, and the miracles that have brought us here.”

We took the MANS story to Adventist organizations outside Alberta as well as A Better World, who saw the value in what is happening in Maskwacis. The North America Division places high regard on MANS, which is a uniquely Canadian model, and designated MANS as a recipient of the 2015 Investment offering; also, this June 30, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is designated in part for MANS—a tremendous affirmation of what is being accomplished. ASI (Adventist Laymen’s Services International) and VersaFund also contributed significantly, as did the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Native Ministries. Taken together, these organizations contributed about 5% of our goal. A forthcoming book by Pacific Press

on some of the world’s most exciting outreach projects will include a chapter on MANS.

### Conference Office Support

While the Conference Office did not take money from church coffers to contribute to the goal, it did support the campaign through salaries and by honouring the wishes of families whose loved ones had left unrestricted gifts in their wills to the Alberta Conference. These gifts by will (“bequests”) were significant, and the support for MANS demonstrated by the families is inspiring.


### Stories about Mission

None of this would have happened

without a vision for good. A story related by MANS Grade 1 teacher Suzanne Self shows what happens when this vision is lived out day after day, year after year even in the most difficult of circumstances:

A grandfather who’s a Residential School survivor brought his grandson to school on field trip day. MANS families are asked to help with field trip expenses, and the grandfather had come to pay the family portion. He was one of thousands of documented cases where children were forcibly taken from their families and abused in residential schools—sometimes to death—by the teachers and staff of these church-run schools. Suzanne watched as the grandfather pulled out the government envelope that contained his “School Money”, as the token recognition of this injustice is known on the Reserve. Suzanne watched him count out the bills that spoke of his betrayal by Christian teachers—money the residential school survivor now presented to Suzanne for his grandson’s Adventist education.

Can you imagine leaving your most valued possession—your little grandson—with a Christian teacher after what that grandfather had been through? That’s trust. That’s faith. That’s the beginning of Reconciliation.

“For Christ was in the world,” Paul tells us, “reconciling the world to himself.” It is our privilege to be partners with Christ in Maskwacis. It’s time to celebrate our partnership in His work of Reconciliation, and the miracles that have brought us here. 

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### GOT A STORY TO SHARE?

The Bridge Campaign may be over, but the good things that happened continue to inspire. What drew you to support The Bridge Campaign financially or in other ways? Please write or call and let us know. We want to keep the stories alive and thank you, because the stories themselves, too, are a gift.

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## Garden Road Seminars and Baptisms

Baptisms following the Footprints of Hope Seminar at Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church:

- **May 20, 2017**  
Christine Gascon, Cynthia Maglorie, and Marian Vuong
- **May 21, 2017**  
Andrina Martin
- **May 27, 2017**  
Lance Adams, William Akom, Nyanuer Bipean, Kyle Blake, Egbert Campbell, London Clifford, Elizabeth Gai, Carla James, Nyahoth Loang, Edna Ntamori, Martin Nunes, Nyakim Kueth Pal, Claudia Ponce, Teisha Ricketts, Margie Sabalvaro, Jhamilia Steele, Suenique Suckoo, Fabian Suckoo, Clarence Williams, Joshua Wright and Shemar Wright

Baptisms following the Hope for a Troubled World Seminar at Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church:

- **September 30, 2017**  
Samuel Koineh
- **December 8, 2017**  
Samuel Scringer

## Baptism at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church

Orville Williams was baptized on November 4, 2017 at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church. Orville's father was able to experience this exciting event from Jamaica through a livestream video feed.



Left to right: Pastor Turgott, Karie Williams and Orville Williams.



## Rimbey Church Baptism

Rene Symanczyk was baptized at the Rimbey Seventh-day Adventist Church on September 2, 2017 by Pastor David Beaudoin. Symanczyk attended a Prophecy Seminar put on by Pastor Beaudoin in November 2016.

## Baptism at Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church



Baptism at Bridgeland Adventist church, July 15, 2017. The seven individuals baptized are part of the Cornerstone Adventist Burmese group.

CAMP 2018	DATE	AGE	COST
Camp for the Visually Impaired	July 1-July 8	ALL	\$40
Watersports/Horsemanship Specialized Camp	July 8-11	13-17	\$310
Adventure Camp	July 22-29	6-10	\$280
Sherwood Forest 1	July 22-29	9-12	\$310
Junior Camp	July 29-August 5	10-13	\$290
Sherwood Forest 2	July 29-August 5	10-13	\$310
Teen Camp	August 5-12	13-17	\$290
Sherwood Forest 3	August 5-12	10-14	\$310

**HAPPY FOOTHILLS CAMP DAYS**  
...for the love of the LORD is your strength.  
 2018

Register online at [www.foothillscamp.org](http://www.foothillscamp.org)

## SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 25 - 9:30 am –12:30 pm  
 Red Willow Community Church  
 (15 Corriveau Avenue, St. Albert)

**Key topics:**  
 This workshop is facilitated by educators from the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton.

- Forms of sexual violence
- Affirmative consent
- Impacts of sexual violence
- Community resources
- Responses to disclosures of sexual violence to encourage help, hope, and healing

This informative three hour training will provide you with skills to be effective and empathetic supporters to individuals who have experienced sexual violence.

Space is limited! To register please contact Brad at [info@come2life.net](mailto:info@come2life.net) or call/text (587) 334-7572.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wills - The business world changes.** If you listed the Alberta Conference as a potential executor in your will, please contact Lynn McDowell, Director of Planned Giving/Philanthropy at (403) 342-5044 ext. 233 regarding policy changes that could affect you.

**Jesus 101 has just launched its new 24/7 Internet radio station!** Jesus 101's "Grace-Filled Internet Radio" station is commercial free, has ACM (adult contemporary music), and teaching programs featuring Jesus

101's Speaker/Director, Elizabeth Talbot, Ph.D. The station is available for streaming at any hour, every day, and is completely free. Visit [www.radio.jesus101.tv](http://www.radio.jesus101.tv); or download the Jesus 101 mobile app (on Apple and Android devices) to tune in today!

**Alberta Conference Substitute Teachers**  
The Alberta Conference Office of Education invites applications from Seventh-day Adventist persons who are Alberta Certificated teachers to substitute for the current school year. There are schools from

Edmonton to Medicine Hat. For more information, please visit [www.subs.albertasdaedu.org](http://www.subs.albertasdaedu.org).

### Women's Ministry Retreat 2018

"Courage For The Journey" is the theme of the 2018 Women's Ministries Retreat which will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer from May 11 -13. Early Bird Price is \$199 and this registration closes on March 28. The cost after this date is \$229 and registration closes on April 25. Keynote Speaker is Cherise Gardner from the Long

Beach, California Church. Register online at [www.albertaadventist.ca/wm2018](http://www.albertaadventist.ca/wm2018). For more information, please phone the Conference Office at (403) 342-5044.

### 2018 Adult Sabbath School/Children's Ministry Convention

The 2018 Adult Sabbath School/Children's Ministry Convention is happening April 27 - 29 at Foothills Camp. This year's theme is, THE INVESTIGATION OF TRUTH. For more information and to register, please visit [www.albertaadventist.ca/ss2018](http://www.albertaadventist.ca/ss2018)

## IN MEMORY



### Mabel (Lang) Huether

Mabel (Lang) Huether passed away on January 29, 2018 at the age of 97. She will be lovingly remembered by her children Joane (Lloyd) Patzer, Ewait (Teri) Lang, Ted (Merlie) Lang, Sheila (Brian) Gertz and Dale (Denise) Lang; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Beiseker Level-Land Seventh-day Adventist Church on February 18, 2018.

### South Africa Evangelism 2018

The Alberta Conference Youth Department has been offered the opportunity to partner with ShareHim in taking Youth and Young Adult volunteers to South Africa for an Evangelism trip from May 7 to 23, 2018. For more information, please contact Lyle Notice by email at [Inotice@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:Inotice@albertaadventist.ca)

### Job Opportunity: PAA Principal

Burman University invites applications for the following position: Parkview Academy Principal (full-time) Please visit our website [www.burmanu.ca/humanresources](http://www.burmanu.ca/humanresources) for details.

FOOTHILLS CAMP MEETING

SAVE  
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SUNDAY, JULY 15

THE  
**BRIDGE**  
CAMPAIGN

Wrap-up Celebration and Thanksgiving

Where: Foothills Camp Meeting  
When: Sunday, July 15  
after Family Fun Time (4:00)

Alberta has exceeded The Bridge Campaign goal of \$4.9 Million to build the Mamawi Atosketan Native School High School and Leon Ingraham Industrial Arts Centre. Come Celebrate!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018 • MAY 11-13

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