

Dedicating Four Church Plants

It was a great moment in a very inspirational weekend—January 16-18, 2015-- the convocation weekend to officially launch the events of 2015. Impact Edmonton 2015 Convocation weekend included the introduction and dedication prayer for four new church plants in the Edmonton area. Two plants had already started-- Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton Ghanaian and the other two in South Edmonton were to start by the end of January. As we work with Christ in preparing for His return, we can understand His heartbeat of desire to see His witness expanded to new places and new people. The following pictures reveal that it is happening in the Edmonton area.



Photo by Jonathan Shim

Above is a dynamic moment on Sabbath, January 17 at the Edmonton Impact Convocation when four new church groups were dedicated in prayer. Conference personnel leading in this dedication were Ken and Vera Wiebe, Larry and Janet Hall and Don and Phyllis Corkum. Although it is not easy to see in the above picture, representatives of these four groups stand at the front of the church for the dedication prayer.



“The Abundant Life” church plant in Southwest Edmonton is off to a great start. They have a lovely church to meet in each Sabbath—renting from another denomination. As the picture demonstrates they have a lot of young people and young families. It is encouraging to see the witness of our church being established in parts of Edmonton where no Adventist Church presence has yet been established. Please keep this church plant in your prayers as it engages in a mission for God.



Fort Saskatchewan Fellowship Group

There has been a desire to see an Adventist presence in the city of Fort Saskatchewan. That dream is now a reality as Sabbath Services are taking place along with ministry throughout the week. The picture to the left shows members of the Fellowship Group along with visiting Bible workers. However, on this day many of the regular worshippers were away. Pastor Darrell Beaudoin says,

“We will soon be realizing our church capacity of seventy people.” What a wonderful problem to have.

The Edmonton Ghanaian church plant is growing. Plans are underway to organize them into a company. This Fellowship Group has good leadership and seeks to reach out for Christ in the community—especially to the Ghanaian community in Edmonton. Teamwork is evident in the city of Edmonton with the Filipino Church being the parent church of this fellowship group. Pictured to the right are members of the Ghanaian Fellowship Group with Pastor Ron Yabut of the Edmonton Filipino Church and Don Corkum, Conference Church Planting Coordinator.



“Christ The Way” Church Plant is off to a great start. To the left a few of the members of this new plant gather for prayer at the January convocation along with their pastor, John Murley. In our two large cities the Adventist presence has not grown with the city. Large sections of the city have no Adventist presence. That is changing in Edmonton and plans are underway to expand the work in Calgary as well. This new group in Edmonton South east will be a base for ministry to a new section of Edmonton. The critical times we are living in, demands that we must work with passion

and creativity to help people know Jesus before He returns.

Calgary Convocation—February 20-21, 2015

It was a dynamic day with members from all Calgary churches gathering to worship at the Red and White Center near the University of Calgary. The purpose of the weekend was to launch “Reach Calgary 2016” evangelistic outreach. This emphasis will include one year of praying, planning and implementing many seminars and outreach activities—then a full message evangelistic series. In order to have success, members of the Calgary churches felt they needed to be one team united to touch everyone for Jesus in Calgary. We hope many people will find the Lord as a result of the series; and new churches will be organized.



The main presenter for the convocation was Chris Holland, Speaker/Director for It is Written Canada. He outlined the spiritual foundation for our year’s outreach. Using the book of Acts, he said that before we go to fulfill the gospel commission we need to come to Christ for spiritual renewal. Then we need to wait on the Lord as the disciples did in the upper room so they were in one accord. Then we need to be witnesses for Christ. Witnesses are not only defined by what they do but who they are—people passionate about the mission for Christ. Many

different programs and strategies for Christ were discussed as to how we can make “Reach Calgary 2016” successful.

Music was an important part of the convocation weekend. Many expressed what a joy it was to hear the singing from other churches. To the right members of the Calgary Ghanaian Company provide special music at the Sabbath afternoon concert.

“We need to do this more often” was the statement heard frequently. Certainly singing together unites our hearts and hopes as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.



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For more information or to share an outline of your presentation, please contact us at office@radiobiblelight.com "'Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:13,14)

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Thunder in the Holy Land is a dynamic and interactive video Bible study. We strongly encourage those who view the videos to also take advantage of the free companion lessons. They can be downloaded individually by clicking on the titles listed or the complete 26 lesson set by clicking on the "Full Lesson Set." These lessons are designed to accompany the videos including fill in the blanks and heart questions that relate back to the video presentations. These lessons are being continually updated and revised thanks to Bible study groups and individuals using and critiquing them. Please feel free to come back and download the most recent versions whenever you need them. Qlp.tv/thunder-lessons/

For the church plants who would like to partner with It is Written, advertise the program, help with the follow up in your area this set of *Thunder in the Holy Land* will be provided to you free. Also it is possible to download it so it can be used for individual members to give Bible studies. If you are interested please contact Don Corkum dcorkum1@msn.com or 403-669-0706. Churches other than church plants can also receive the same offer—contact George Ali at the conference office.



Watch for an announcement for Alberta SEEDS Church Planting Conference 2015 in Edmonton Alberta. The date is September 25, 26 2015. Location and specific information to follow. Below are the presenters.



Tom Evans



Gary Blanchard



Donna Willey



Rod Willey



Dave Gemmell

Reed Richardi
and wife

Reed Richardi is a specialist in home churches. Each of the above presenters are passionate about expanding the kingdom of God. Rod and Donna Willey, who are dynamic church planters, are lay people; he is a dentist who has planted churches in the Chicago area. Plan now to make this event a part of your fall program. Tom Evans heads the church planting emphasis for the North American Division

Also how about discussing with your church expanding the kingdom of God. This may be for a new people group or for a new area. You will bring joy to the heart of Jesus by helping fulfill the great commission.

Increase Christ's joy by expanding His witness

Slave Lake



We rejoice when new church groups form in Alberta. The picture on left are members of our Slave Lake Fellowship—some regular attenders are mission from the picture. At present about 15 people meet on Sabbath and are seeking to reach out to the community.

A student from our college, Fanuel James, is helping with the outreach to the community. Don Corkum is organizing a team of retired pastors to help on a monthly basis.

Recently Global Mission Funds have been applied for to help empower this group to fulfill their mission. Please pray for the outreach in Slave Lake.

Other Tools to help Church Groups Fulfill Their Mission

1. **Strategic Plan for Local Churches**—If you would like a template for helping your church develop its strategic plan based around the REACH strategy, contact Don Corkum and he will send you an attached file with the document. It can also be accessed at www.reachnorthamerica.org When at the site go to downloadable resources—scroll down to Organization: Strategic Plan—then REACH Sample Church Strategic Plan Template. I believe you will find it helpful.
2. **Developing a Shared Vision**—If you would like a process to develop a shared vision for your local church—this can combine with the above material. Contact Don Corkum and he will be glad to share the process with you. If you would like to have this process explained to your church— He will be glad to do that as time permits.
3. **News Beginnings**—The New Beginnings Evangelistic Materials are now free—you can download them. They also have a downloadable evangelism training manual. Just go to www.asiministries.org/newbeginnings Then just follow the instructions.
4. **Leadership**—The success of the church depends on developing effective leaders. Don Corkum will have a camp meeting seminar on “Effective Leadership.” This will discuss key leadership practices that make people and organizations effective.
5. **Meet with your Board**—If you would like to discuss some aspect of church ministry or growth with a conference person or the church planting coordinator please contact Don Corkum or Larry Hall at the conference office. You can also ask for any of the conference personnel and they will respond as they are able. The Alberta Conference exists to help churches fulfill their mission.