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Lessons
for **LIFE**
Planting seeds

Held From Above

The bus rolled to a stop at the zip-line in Costa Rica and we piled out, some of us not sure we were ready for this adventure. Vera and I had come to officiate at Pastors Ted and Sandra Deer's wedding on Sunday, but on Friday, while Vera attended Sandra's bachelorette party, Ted took the rest (about 12 of us) to Costa Rica's famous zip-line.

This is not like Foothills Camp's 150-foot zip ride. This is first a 20-minute gondola-ride to the top of the mountain; then a 10 zip-line series back to the mountain's base. We harnessed up, were given instructions, reassured trained attendants would be available, and that we would arrive back safely.

As the gondola slowly rolled up the mountain, our attendant calmed our fears, describing the peculiar characteristics of the jungle below. Looking over the edge of the open contraption that was taking us ever higher, I secretly wondered if this was the wisest decision, but reassured myself that the activity was safe, people had done this before, and the attendants were well qualified.

As we stood on the platform prepared for the first launch, I realized I stood at the edge of no return and still not too late to turn back, but I would miss an incredible experience. Noting the attendants' confidence and the encouragement from others, I pressed forward. The lead attendant was the first to swing off and roll across the chasm, preparing to meet each of us on the other side.

What a thrill—suspended in mid-air only by a rope, gliding over the vast jungle below to the safety of the next platform! Of course, we celebrated after we completed all 10 in the series – safely.

I find significant spiritual applications in this zip-line experience. As we proceed toward the Kingdom of God, life has its anxious times, but we have the assurance of a capable Attendant. He reassures us, "Let not your heart

be troubled." He instructs us by His word, provides the "safety harness," and calms our fears. He knows what lies ahead and has gone before, telling us what to expect. But we must trust the rope that takes us to the other side.



'God holds the cord. We need not fear.'

With no intent to be sacrilegious, I'm reminded that in a dream Ellen White had a "zip-line experience." It's recorded in the 1869 issue of the *Review & Herald*. Allow me to paraphrase most of it, but read it in its entirety at your leisure by googling *Review and Herald* January 12, 1869 A Dream.

Evidently she dreamed the people of God were on their way to the Kingdom. The horse drawn wagons were loaded and the road seemed to ascend. On one side was a deep precipice; on the other a high wall. The road continued to become narrower and steeper, until at first they dropped their cargo, then the wagons, then the horses, and continuing on foot. Here are her own words.

"At this point, small cords were let down from the top of the pure white wall, which we eagerly grasped... As we traveled, the cord moved along with us... We pressed close to the white wall, yet could not place our feet fully upon the path, for it was too narrow.

We then suspended nearly our whole weight upon the cords, and

would exclaim, "We have hold from above! We have hold from above!" The same words were uttered by all the company in the narrow pathway...

At length we came to a large chasm at which our path ended... Our whole reliance must be upon the cords... Here we were for a time thrown into perplexity and distress. We inquired in fearful whispers, "To what is the cord attached?..."

Before us, on the other side of the chasm, was a beautiful field... Nothing I had seen upon earth could compare in beauty and glory with this field... in whispered anguish, the words were breathed, "What holds this cord?" Then we exclaimed, "Our only hope is to trust wholly to the cord. It has been our dependence all the difficult way. It will not fail us now..." The words were then spoken, "God holds the

cord. We need not fear.' These words were then repeated... 'He will not fail us now. He has brought us thus far safely.'

My husband then swung himself over the fearful abyss into the beautiful field beyond. I immediately followed. And oh, what a sense of relief and gratitude to God we felt...!"

May your journey to the Kingdom be a journey of faith!



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Planting Seeds in Calgary

Seven Adventist churches in Calgary joined together to participate in *Lessons for Life* series presented by Bill Santos.



Say No to Drugs

Youth take a stand against drugs in Lac La Biche - organized by Pastor Toby Wong.



SAGE Visits Yellowknife

The bus had "Red Deer Rebels" painted all over it, but the 44 people on board were SAGERS on a seven-day tour to Yellowknife.

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SAGE group picture.



Wood bison on the highway.



Sabbath afternoon hike.

SAGE Visits Yellowknife

The bus had “Red Deer Rebels” painted all over it, but the 44 people on board were SAGERS on a seven-day tour to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, June 11-17, 2014. The draw-card for the trip was a three-day homecoming celebration organized by the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fifty years ago Henry and Anna Bartsch, with their young family, responded to a call to plant a church community in the Arctic north. God blessed their efforts, and nine years later, in the summer of 1973, nearly 40 small planes landed at Yellowknife, bringing 150 Maranatha volunteers who in just 14 days built a church complex for the Adventist community. Some of those volunteers were among the homecoming guests who inspired everyone with their stories of courage and dedication.

Other guests attending the 50th an-

niversary event were Anna Bartsch and her daughter, Sheila Van Alstyn; Ken Wiebe, President of the Alberta Conference and his wife, Vera; Ken Crawford, President of the Alaska Conference and his wife, Colleen; and Dick Duerksen from Maranatha. The gentleman who initially began Maranatha Flights, John Freeman (age 93) and his wife Ida Mae (age 95) were both in attendance as well.

Growing from a ramshackle collection of gold prospectors’ huts and log cabins, Yellowknife has developed into the small but modern capital of the Northwest Territories. Besides participating in the church fellowship and generous food events throughout the weekend, the Alberta seniors found time for guided tours of the Territories’ legislative assembly, the excellent Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, and the “old town” where it all started. Gold has since given way to



Alexandra falls.

diamonds which are mined in a remote region north of the city. The quality of the gems has given Yellowknife the title of Diamond Capital of North America.

It’s a long way from Central Alberta to Yellowknife and the drive is still something of an adventure. Overnight stops in both directions at High Level, short side-trips to thundering waterfalls, encounters with wood bison on the highway, and experiencing the “almost-midnight” sun were just some of the special highlights of the 1000 mile journey. — *Submitted by Communications Department*

The Challenge of Reaching Out to Deaf

Reaching out to the profoundly and severely Deaf in Canada is a difficult challenge! Deaf people will seldom come to a “hearing church” that has no special ministry to Deaf. Also, the average local church has no deaf attending so the church see no need to start a ministry for Deaf. The result is that most churches, Adventist, or those not of our faith, have little ministry for Deaf. We are told that perhaps only 3 or 4 % of Deaf attend some church.

What is the Adventist Church doing? In 2011 Dr. Larry Evans was appointed as the General Conference International “Liaison for Deaf Ministry.” However, he also is an associate director of the General Conference Stewardship Department. Though his time is limited by his other responsibilities, Evans has done much to build an organizational structure for deaf work in the Adventist Church. There is now a Deaf Ministry Director in each of the 13 Divisions. A new website has just started for International Deaf ministry (www.adventistdeaf.org). He has also worked carefully with the Adventist Deaf community to develop a logo.

Dr. Evans has visited with Adventist Deaf in groups, or a congress, in South Korea, Brazil, Germany, France, Russia, Kenya and other countries. One of the major things Evans has done is bring the need for Deaf Ministry to the attention of our Adventist world leaders at the General Conference, and in many other areas. He has been working in cooperation with the independent *Three Angels Deaf Ministries* [www.3angelsdeafministries.org] and with *Gospel Outreach* that I volunteer with.

Gospel Outreach [GO] has embraced the work for the Deaf and of our more than 2,100 Lay Bible workers in over 30 countries. Well over 30 workers for the Deaf are now spread between nine countries - with the majority in India where we started. We now have eight workers in Kenya and under Elder Paul Muasya, a Union level director, they just



There were 53 who attended the September 2014 camp meeting for the Deaf in Ghana – a first for Ghana.



Benjamin Arias from Calgary won the 1st prize of an Amazon Kindle E-Reader at the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry booth during Camp Meeting.



Nadine Stewart from Calgary won the 2nd prize of a \$100 gift certificate for the ABC at the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry booth during Camp Meeting.

had a camp meeting with over 220 in attendance. There were also 53 in attendance in September 2014 at a conference sponsored camp meeting for the Deaf with our two GO workers in Ghana.

Staff with our Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department have worked on many projects for the Deaf - some in conjunction with *Three Angels Deaf Ministries* of Maryland, USA: Four sign language DVD projects for the Deaf, Easy Reading tracts, a series of Baptismal lessons in easy reading English, and currently we are working on a chronological *Story of Jesus' Life* DVD series that will be 6-7 hours long with over 700 paintings, maps and pictures from the Holy Land. Other materials are also available to help the Deaf: Signed/captioned DVD sermons, Easy Reading publications, various websites with streaming video sermons and a live sermon each Sabbath at 11:30 a.m. (ET) at www.deafchurchonline.org. There are free Easy Reading Bible lessons available online at www.deafbibleschool.com.

We are working toward having the Impact 2015 meetings in Edmonton interpreted for the Deaf but first we need people who will learn sign language to befriend Deaf who may join the church during or following the meetings. If you have an interest in helping, please contact our department. If you meet a deaf

person who is interested to learn more about the Bible, we can supply materials for you to share. Don't hesitate to write back and forth with Deaf if you don't sign. We want to help you reach the Deaf in Alberta - if you need help, please ask!

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STORMCO mission team working on a community garden in Yellowknife.

STORMCO Mission Team Returns to Yellowknife

On August 25-31, 2014 STORMCO, a group of young adults from across Alberta, visited Yellowknife for a second year in a row. After an 18 hour drive, the group arrived at the Yellowknife Adventist Church at 1 a.m. - happy to be greeted by Brad Dahr, pastor of the church. After some much needed sleep STORMCO sprang into action and headed to work. Their first project was to clean the grounds of a housing complex and then on to the SPCA to sort recyclables. Lyle Notice, STORMCO organizer, said that people who walked by on the street were interested in what STORMCO was doing in Yellowknife and many stopped to chat. A local teen who was excited about what STORMCO was doing asked if she could get

involved. STORMCO was happy to have an extra pair of hands to help. As the week progressed, the STORMCO mission team kept busy landscaping, painting at the local gym and YWCA, and washing cars for free in the parking lot of a gas station. Notice, contemplating about the STORMCO events, stated, "Love as an art is what we realized that week, whether it was painting or helping someone in need, creating loving experiences for others was the most empowering. We preached the Gospel of Love through our actions." If you would like more information about STORMCO or to get involved, please contact Lyle Notice by email at lnotice@albertaadventist.ca.

— Submitted by Communications Department



STORMCO mission team - Yellowknife.



Free car wash.



Pastor Lyle Notice with TaraLee, local Yellowknife teen.



Dorothy Falesau Becomes New Education Administrative Secretary

Dorothy Falesau is the new Education Administrative Secretary for the Alberta Conference. Dorothy is taking the place of Mildred Weiss who has recently taken on a new role in the Alberta Conference as Assistant IT Support. Dorothy brings a wealth of experience with over 30 years of Administrative Assistant work - her latest being with the Red Deer Hospital. We look forward to a great working relationship with Dorothy and welcome her to the Alberta Conference team. — Submitted by Vicky Ford

Encounters - Lethbridge Youth Week of Prayer

On September 10-13, 2014 the Lethbridge Adventist Church held their first Youth Week of Prayer entitled, *Encounters*. The theme *Encounters* was based on the stories of individuals whose lives were changed by an encounter with Jesus. Approximately 25 youth took part in the events of the week. One of the youth who attended the event was so excited for the next evening that she couldn't wait for school to get out to get to the meeting. On Saturday evening a musical program concluded the Week of Prayer. Plans are already in place for next year's program.



Lethbridge youth leader, Ruby Amofa.



Youth leading out in church service.



(Top) *Encounters* Youth Week of Prayer - Lethbridge, AB. (Right) Pastor Lyle Notice with Elizabeth, young adult from the Lethbridge Adventist Church, AB.



Youth Take a Stand Against Drugs in Lac La Biche

Drugs and alcohol are a major challenge in the town of Lac La Biche.

"Eighty percent of the calls that come into victim services are drug and alcohol related. We are really glad Pastor Toby is putting on this annual Anti-Drug march," said Melody Littell of Lac La Biche Victim Services.

On June 14, 2014 the morning started off with Pathfinders and members from Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Fort McMurray, Edmonton Maranatha, Lac La Biche and Smokey Lake churches rallying together in front of Portage

College. Constable Chris Clarke led the charge with his RCMP vehicle. The pathfinders in full uniform marched along carrying a sign written in bold red letters, "SAY NO TO DRUGS."

Pastor Toby Wong, key organizer for the anti-drug march, spoke candidly about his intention to make a difference in his community of Lac La Biche. "Healthy families equal healthy communities. If we can share the transforming power of Christ with each family in this community, we will see an everlasting change never seen before!" — Submitted by Lyle Notice

Planned Giving's 2014

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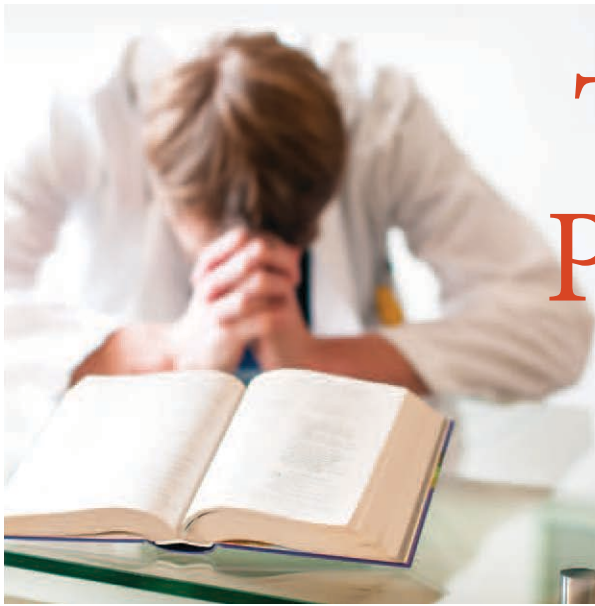
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The Amazing Power of Prayer

“And after they prayed, the place they were meeting was shaken. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:31)

Where there is much prayer, there is much power. During my life as a Seventh-day Adventist I have seen and experienced the workings of God’s power in my life through prayer on many occasions when there seemed to be no way out.

Let me share with you an experience I had. My sister was possessed by a demonic power. My relatives tried the Muslim Imam, the Hindu priest and different religious leaders for healing but without success. The only time my sister was released from the possession was when taken to the Catholic Monastery. The Priest would come out, sprinkle holy water on my sister and offer a prayer. For a few days she would be perfectly normal but soon the situation would reoccur. It seemed the only source of relief for our family was to return to the monastery located about two hours away. For some time our routine became going from home to the monastery, and from the monastery back home.

On one day that my relatives decided to go to the local Catholic Church and ask the priest for help again, he happened to be on lunch break. While we waited, I prayed and asked the Lord to show us what to do. Although just a new convert to Christianity from Islam, I became bold and requested that my relatives allow me to contact the church elders of my new church to come to our home and have prayer for my teenage sister. They agreed, so we left the Catholic Church to make arrangements with the elders of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church where I had recently been baptized.

Thoughts began to flow through my mind. What will happen? We have tried so many different avenues and experienced no results. I was the only Adventist in my family and what would my relatives think if nothing happened? But then my faith in God’s power grew stronger as I felt the assurance that God will work a miracle.

What happened next was amazing. The awesome power of effectual fervent prayer of God’s faithful servants was demonstrated. While my non-Adventist relatives looked on, the elders laid hands on and prayed for my sister. She was healed, permanently healed and is still rejoicing in the Lord today. My brother mocked at what was taking place but then was astounded when he saw the power of God manifested. Today, he is an Adventist pastor and that miracle caused many other relatives to give their lives to Christ also.

However, today, there seems to be a power shortage in the house of God amongst His people. WHY?

For centuries, prayer meeting, Bible study and family worship were integral parts of church life. Prayer meeting was an indispensable part of the weekly church program. Today, few of our churches hold prayer meetings. What was once a major emphasis of the church has been pushed

to the sidelines, ignored, and dispensed. Often, even in meetings set aside for prayer, other activities typically crowd in and leave little time for adoration, confession, intercession and thanksgiving to the Lord. We need to ask ourselves: Why is that?

Someone once remarked. “A real Christian loves God. A real Christian loves to read the Bible. A real Christian loves to pray. A real Christian hates sin. We don’t count our members by how many attend the Sabbath service, but by who attends the Bible study and prayer meeting.”

A hunger for God’s Word and a desire to pray are some of the first evidences of the new birth. I remember as a new Christian spending hours each day in Bible study and prayer, memorizing Sabbath School memory verses and whole chapters of the Bible.

The more of God’s Word we study, the more we want to pray. The more we pray, the greater our compulsion to share the Gospel with the unsaved around us.

This is what the early church experienced. As they laboured in intensive, heartfelt prayer, they were fitted with the Holy Spirit. Then they went out and proclaimed God’s Word boldly (Acts 4:31). That can also be our experience today.

The Church is to be “a House of prayer

“My brother mocked at what was taking place but then was astounded when he saw the power of God manifested. The awesome power of effectual fervent prayer of God’s faithful servants was demonstrated.”

for all people.” Intercession, evangelism and missions should be an indispensable part of every congregation.

The prophet Samuel described prayerlessness as a sin. “Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.” (1 Samuel 12:23)

The Reformer John Knox prayed: “Give me Scotland or I die!” No wonder Mary, Queen of Scots, declared that she was more afraid of the prayers of John Knox than of an army of ten thousand.

The Bible places great emphasis on prayer. Here are just a few examples. I encourage you to take some time to read through these verses.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:19
- 1 Chronicles 16:11
- Jer. 29:13
- Jeremiah 17:10
- Matthew 26:41
- Luke 18:1
- Matthew 7:7
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Ephesians 6:18
- John 15:7

You may have heard the remarks, “If you’re too busy to pray then you’re busier than God wants you to be” or “There’s nothing beyond the reach of prayer except that which is outside the will of God.”

Let’s make it our top priority to study the Scriptures and seek the Lord in prayer today.



Pastor George Ali
Ministerial Director
Alberta Conference



CHANGE 2014 graduates.

CHANGE School of Evangelism Conducts Series in Leduc

On May 1, 2014, CHANGE School of Evangelism began its second year of training on the campus of Canadian University College. Ten students attended this year’s campus training from as far away as South Korea and as close by as Lacombe, while other students enrolled in the newly formed online CHANGE program. Local pastors and teachers together with Pastor Dragan Stojanovic from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, and Cindy Tutsch (former Associate Director of the White Estate) and other international speakers shared with the students inspiring messages and deep insights into God’s Word. Students were able to enjoy classroom instruction and practical field experience during their three months at CHANGE. In an effort to support Impact Edmonton 2015, CHANGE students held three health expos in Leduc and walked the streets together with members from the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church inviting neighbours to attend the evangelistic meetings. Over 100 new interests were obtained in the community and many new relationships were formed. CHANGE school of Evangelism ended with a seven day evangelistic series held



Attendance at the CHANGE Leduc Series.

at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted by Pastor Daniel Lubega. Many members shared how they had never before seen so many visitors attend an evangelistic series in their church. Despite such a short series, God blessed and led several of the visitors to make decisions for Christ. Currently, Bible studies are underway preparing those who have made decisions for baptism as well as those who are seeking to study more deeply God’s Word for the first time. We solicit your prayers that indeed the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the Bible instructors and upon those learning new Bible truths. — Submitted by Sandra Silva

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Adventist Single Adult Ministries campout weekend.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries Campout

Approximately 25 individuals attended the S.H.I.N.E and Adventist Single Adult Ministries campout that took place on August 22-24, 2014. Leo Martinez, from Calgary Central Spanish, was the speaker for the weekend. Despite one very cold night this year's campout, which took place at Rochon

Sands Provincial Park, was enjoyed by all. It was a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal. For more information about S.H.I.N.E and Adventist Single Adult Ministries, please contact Darlene Reimche by email at dreimche@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 342-5044, ext. 206.



Seth Bussey



Enock Okwaro



Ted Deer

Ministerial Department Update

New Pastors to join the Alberta Conference

Enock Okwaro is pastoring in the Edson/Whitcourt District.

Seth Bussey is pastoring in the Camrose/Ryley District.

Ted Deer is the new Chaplain at PAA & CHCS in Lacombe.

Shantell Smith is now the Assistant Chaplain at Pacific Union College (PUC), CA.

Julio Morales has moved to South Carolina to pastor there.

To Andrews University

Joseph Augustin (& Sarah) moved after Camp Meeting to Andrews University.

Moves and Relocating

Myles Gillespie is now Assistant Pastor at College Heights Church.

Wallin O'Connor has moved to Ontario to the Upper Creek Church.

Congregations

Peers Company is dissolved as of September 1, 2014 and members will join Edson Church.

Alberta SAGErS Keep Busy



Vern Teed cutting up logs at Foothills Camp.

Foothills Camp Clean-Up

On June 15, 2014, SAGE Alberta and Adventist Single Adult Ministries joined together at Foothills Camp to help clean-up and get the camp ready for Camp Meeting 2014.



Building picnic tables for Foothills Camp.



Installing wall board.

Foothills Cabin Clean-Up

On June 15, 2014 a group of SAGErS participated in a Foothills Cabin clean-up day. Over 20 trees were trimmed, taken down and cut into firewood for future campfire use. SAGE intends to help make the Foothills Camp cabin fit for use again in the near future.



Foothills Camp cabin repair SAGE group.

Mamawi Atosketan Native School Clean-Up

June 23, 2014 was SAGE Alberta Mamawi Atosketan Native School clean-up day with over 20 SAGErS organizing, cleaning, painting and cutting grass - all working together to help the school get ready for the summer break and new school year.



SAGE work group at MANS.

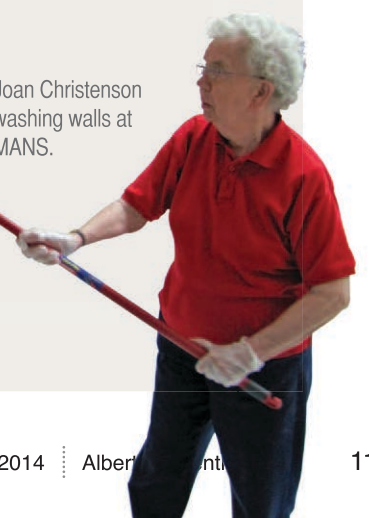


Cleaning up the trees.



Cleaning the grounds at MANS.

Joan Christenson washing walls at MANS.





Ralph Bochinski Becomes New ABC Manager

A warm welcome to the new ABC manager, Ralph Bochinski. Ralph is definitely not new to ABC work. In past years he has operated the Bookmobile, spent time as manager of the Lacombe Branch when the main store was in Calgary, and later held the position of accountant. He is glad to be back and happy that the ABC is part of the Alberta Conference now.

Excited about the ministry aspect of the store, Ralph not only recognizes that the Store and Bookmobile are of great importance to many church members but that numerous other individuals are looking for a better way of life which the ABC can help facilitate.

Ralph was born and raised in Ontario, and has lived in the local area since 1991. He and his wife Angie (Braun) and their son, Cayden are members of the College Heights Church.

Alberta Conference Acquires the ABC

Last year the Board of Directors for Pacific Press Publishing Association voted to discontinue operations of Adventist Book Centres in North America. Effective June 1, 2014 the Alberta Conference has assumed responsibility for operating the local ABC. Purchase conditions were very favourable to ensure a viable transition. A committee consisting of representatives from pastors, teachers and the constituency in Alberta has been selected to serve in an advisory capacity for the ABC. Larry Wilton, former manager of the ABC in Lacombe has recently retired and Ralph Bochinski has taken up the position as new ABC manager.

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Ralph Bochinski,
ABC Manager

ABC Bookmobile Fall Schedule 2014

September to December

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| Fall Run | September 28 – October 15 (Schedule below) |
| North Run | October 19 - 23 |
| October | 19 - Whitecourt (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) 20 - Peace River / Fairview (11 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) 21 - Grande Prairie (4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) 22 & 23 - Edmonton (Wednesday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. & Thursday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.) 28 & 29 - Calgary 30 - Beiseker / Brooks (11 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.) |
| Christmas Sale, St. Albert (Tentative) | - November 17, 18 & 19 |
| Christmas Sale, Calgary (Tentative) | - November 24, 25 & 26 |
| December | 9 & 10 - Edmonton 16 & 17 - Calgary |

ABC Bookmobile Fall Run Schedule 2014

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| Lethbridge September 28, 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Saskatoon October 10, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| Medicine Hat September 28, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | October 11, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. |
| Swift Current September 29, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | October 12, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Moose Jaw September 30, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | North Battleford October 12, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Regina October 1, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Lloydminster October 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Brandon October 2, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Bonnyville October 13, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Winnipeg Henderson Hwy October 3, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Beauvallon October 14, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| October 4, 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Vegreville October 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| October 5, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Sedgewick October 15, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Portage La Prairie October 5, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Whitecourt October 19, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Dauphin October 6, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Peace River October 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Yorkton October 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Fairview October 20, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Swan River October 7, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Grande Prairie October 21, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
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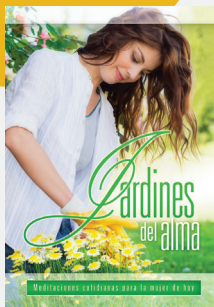
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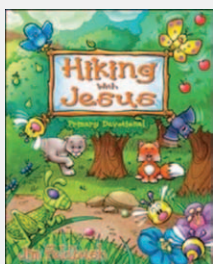
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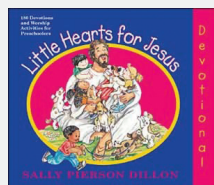
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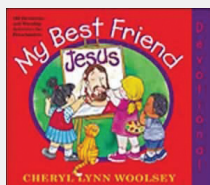
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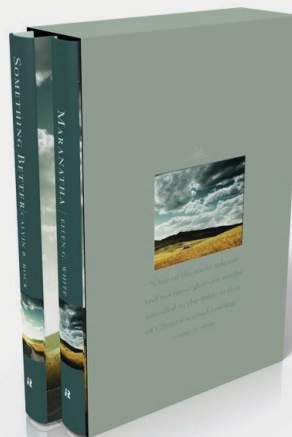
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What's it Mean to You?

“When I got baptized at the end of the seminars, I was baptized into the Truth.”

Sandra Stroud
May 2014 Calgary Evangelism series attendee
New member of Calgary South Side Church



Pastors use “refreshing” to describe the Lessons for Living Seminar held in Calgary this May; church members called the co-operative effort of seven Calgary congregations “rejuvenating.” But Sandra Stroud calls it “life-changing.”

Sandra received her seminar invitation at the Southside Church, which she'd been attending fairly regularly for a year. Baptized into another denomination 14 years earlier, Sandra hadn't been sure that doctrine was all that important, but after attending 14/16 meetings in which Pastor Bill Santos presented core beliefs of the Adventist Church as they apply to daily living, Sandra felt differently. She knew that despite doubts and confusion, and the opposition triggered by her new faith, God was calling her to His truth.

With her faith solidified during the seminars, Sandra determined she would be baptized into the Adventist faith. “After that, I felt more grounded,” she says. “I felt stronger.”

The joint effort evangelistic seminar series was made possible in part by a grant from the Alberta Conference specifically for advance ground work to be done before an evangelistic series—a proven tool for increased attendance. The co-operating churches adopted a “Smart and Relevant” approach encouraged by the Alberta Conference Evangelism Department, including a seminar format with topics like “How to Live When Life Seems Unfair,” and “How to Live When the World Will End” and “How to Live When You Feel Alone.”

Excited about what the seminars did for her, Sandra already has a list of five people she cares about to invite to the next seminar series planned for October. And she invites you to continue supporting Alberta's new “Smart and Relevant” approach to evangelism—so more of today's Albertans can have a life-changing experience, too!

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Keith & Ngaire Clouten accept the first Nicodemus Award from President Ken Wiebe.

Cloutens Receive Nicodemus Award at 2nd Annual Moses Strategy Celebration

Keith and Ngaire Clouten were honored during Camp Meeting at the 2nd Annual Moses Strategy Celebration, held, as usual, on the first Sunday afternoon. The Cloutens are the first recipients of the Nicodemus Award, which recognizes conference members who demonstrate vision and dedication to strengthening God's work in Alberta through Planned Giving.

"Nicodemus helped grow the church through the use of his resources after Christ's resurrection," President Ken Wiebe told the like-minded guests who came together for at what has become an anticipated annual get together for fellowship, food, and a short educational feature.

As President Wiebe expressed thanks to the Cloutens on behalf of the Conference, he also explained the name of the award.

Nicodemus' generous support was both courageous and a demonstration of his faith. Like Nicodemus, recipients see the importance of helping keep the local church strong to fulfill its part of the

Great Commission, as well as supporting work in more distant missions. And like Nicodemus, recipients are humble and give from the heart: When asked to share their story, the Cloutens only agreed after much prayer and the conviction that in sharing their experience, Christ's followers can better serve and be an encouragement to others.

Edmonton tax lawyer Don Cherniawsky, who gave a 20-minute talk on ways to grow charitable gifts and who remained for private questions and conversation during the reception, expressed his appreciation for the event and for the spirit of the Cloutens, as well as that of the entire group.

To see and hear the Clouten's video story, go to www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning. Their story can also be found in the March 2014 issue of the *Alberta Adventist News* in the *Means & Meaning* column (p. 38) and "What's it Mean to You?" (p. 18).

— Submitted by the Communications Department



Irma Hartley (Alberta Conference) co-ordinated the hot hors d'ouvres and drink for the Moses Strategy Celebration reception where friends and financial experts mingled in a relaxed atmosphere with beautiful décor co-ordinated by volunteer Leah Malikano (left) of the Bridgeland Church, Calgary.



General Conference Rep helps launch New Alberta Conference Annuity

Elder Chuck Simpson, Associate Director of the General Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services Department, was on hand at this year's Alberta Planned Giving Camp Meeting seminar on the New Alberta Conference Charitable Gift Annuity.

Simpson, who oversees the Church's annuity funds, provided insight into Planned Giving as a way of life. Drawing on an example from Ellen White's will, he demonstrated how Mrs. White used Planned Giving (a trust) to create the legacy that enabled the church to continue publishing her writings to the benefit of many generations.

For more information on the new Alberta Conference Charitable Gift Annuity and an illustration tailored to your circumstances, contact Lynn McDowell, Director of Planned Giving/Philanthropy at (403) 342-5044, ext. 233 or lmcdowell@albertaadventist.ca.



Chuck Simpson, Associate Director of the General Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services Department, teamed up with Lynn McDowell, Alberta Conference PGTS/Philanthropy director, to launch Alberta's new annuity program at the first of four afternoon PGTS seminars presented by the Conference during Camp Meeting week.

Camp Meeting Highlights



Dan Jackson speaking for ordination/commissioning service.



Wakeboarding.



Bouncy castle for family fun time.



Tractor rides with Kevin Kiers.



Pastor Matthew Piersanti teaching the kids about Jesus.



Community Service disaster trailer and IMPACT 2015 banners.

This year's Alberta Camp Meeting, that took place at Foothills Camp, July 11-19, proved to be another wonderful experience for all who attended. On the first weekend, Elder Dan Jackson, President of the NAD shared two dynamic presentations that were a blessing to hear entitled, "What Jesus Did" and "What Jesus Does." Other presenters for the week included Chris Holland from It Is Written, Shawn Boonstra from The Voice of Prophecy, and Mansfield Edwards, President of the Ontario Adventist Conference. The week was filled with activities for everyone, including: Family Fun Day, International Food Fair, and horseback riding just to mention a few; seminars on many different topics such as Health & Fitness, Worship, Bible Study Fundamentals, Family Ministries, and much more; time to fellowship with friends and much needed spiritual food for renewal. It was great to see that attendance in the children's divisions was up from previous years. Also, this year was the first year for a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday morning with approximately 35 participants and for all the auditorium presentations to be LIVE streamed (audio only). Approximately 350 people listened in during the week from different parts of the world including Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the United States. Camp Meeting dates for next year are July 31 – August 8, 2015. I hope to see you there. More information about Camp Meeting 2014 can be viewed online as well as all the main auditorium presentations and seminars in MP3 format by visiting www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2014.

— Submitted by Troy McQueen



Special music.



Pastor Shawn Boonstra speaking for evening meeting.

Parkview Adventist Academy's School Year Start-up

Fall is always a busy time at Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA), especially for new students settling into new routines, and new activities starting up. PAA programs fill up the calendar quickly, starting with a Registration-Day BBQ hosted by the Parent Advisory Council. Students then had the opportunity to choose their schedules from 34 courses offered this year, and try-outs for the PAA men's and women's Volleyball and co-ed Soccer teams determined who would be representing the Panthers in league and tournament games this year. The PAA Outdoor Club, sponsored by Ms. Grovet and Mrs. Purviance, is already planning their first overnight hiking/camping trip, and those students signed up for this year's educational tour to France have already met to begin preparing for the Spring 2015 trip. Meanwhile, PAA's Student Association has big plans for the upcoming campus-wide Class Challenge and School Spirit week.

The Central Alberta Athletic program has adapted to host two league games on each season game day in order to help cut down on transportation costs for some of the smaller schools. PAA's own team bus will take our players to and from "away" games.



Miss Grovet is excited for school to start.



Mrs Reasor's Biology class jumps right into hands-on learning.

To improve the academic support our students receive here at PAA, two teachers underwent a workshop intensive over the summer in order to become certified to administer Level B-testing. This is a special credential for teachers to deliver modified programming to help students find success in all subjects at all learning



Dean Kevin and Dean Mary have lots of wonderful things planned for PAA students in residence at Maple Hall.



PAC BBQ on Registration Sunday.

levels. The school, with support from Tracey Jamieson in the Department of Education at the AB Conference, is also working to train staff in Mental Health First Aid. These efforts are designed to complement the strong academic and community culture on campus by supporting students as they confront personal struggles and distractions to learning.

This year, the PAA family is growing in the unique theme of *Suiting Up in the armour of Christ* (Ephesians 6:10-18). With a new focus and new outlook, students and staff are working together to develop and define a stronger sense of community. This year PAA's Principal, Ms. Bishop, has organized campus family breakfasts at the beginning of each week where a small group consisting of 8-10 students and one staff member meet to talk and pray about what is happening around school and in students' lives. It's been a wonderful start to an exciting school year and the new PAA website - www.paa.ca - will keep everyone up-to-date.

We ask for your prayers and God's guidance as staff prepare to serve and students commit to learn at Parkview Adventist Academy.
— Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz



Miss Reyes oversees her Grade 12 students working hard on Math.

Sylvan Meadows Adventist School

Having fun at recess.

Since September of 1975, Sylvan Meadows Adventist School has offered Christian education, with country flair, to students in Grades K-9 in the Sylvan Lake area. Twenty acres of land was donated on which to provide education of mind, body, and soul. "I love the quiet and peaceful scenery that greets our eyes through a windowed wall," says Mrs. Carol von Gunten, principal at the school. During the past few years, enrollment has averaged 18-23 students.

"Students and parents who want small classes, a flexible schedule, lots of field trips, a great home and school relationship, along with a supportive board, all in an unbeatable rural setting should come to SMAS." Valued features: a large gym, lots of up-to-date technology-computers in the classrooms for each student, a Smartboard for each teacher, a wonderful "bells" music program, an excellent Physical Education program, a hill for sledding in the winter, and a pastor who loves and cares for the students.

There is no lack of involvement at SMAS. It is truly a school "owned" by the membership and school community. The Home and School Association coordinates hotdog days twice a month and



SMAS Bell Choir.

a hot lunch/birthday celebration once a month. They always pay for swimming, party day food, and end of the year parties-bowling/pizza. The H&S committee arranges a cleaning schedule for students hired to do a small part of the cleaning each week. They also take care of the fruit sales which students have been given a share of for whatever fruit orders they can bring in. These funds are used for mission trips by the students.

A spring banquet fundraiser where \$10-12,000 is donated in one evening is organized by the Home & School Association. They use the funds for projects to benefit the school.

Sylvan Meadows is a tuition free school. Here's how it works. Local farmers work together each year to seed and harvest grain from a donated

parcel of land; proceeds are donated to the school's Tuition Replacement Fund. Offerings and parent donations are also collected, but no parent receives a monthly invoice. "The budget has remained in the black for the nine years that I have served," says Mrs. von Gunten. "We are blessed! And our astute treasurer keeps us on track!"

Students across the span of ages enjoy work and play time together, singing and sharing with the seniors at the local lodge, soup kitchen outreach, and participating in praise time at Sylvan Lake Adventist Church.

Mrs. von Gunten noted that prayer, the school board, involved church members, and school families who take pride in maintaining their school and school grounds are integral to the positive and successful climate of the school.

Over the past 40 years, God has led in marvelous ways. Growing together to know God and enjoy a daily walk with Him, remain paramount at SMAS.

To learn more about SMAS, please visit www.sylvanmeadows.org, email smaschoolhouse@gmail.com or call (403) 887-5766.

— Submitted by Linda Steinke

New to Alberta's Education Roster...

Several Staff have been added to the Alberta Adventist Education roster of dedicated teachers/principals. Let's get acquainted...



Kim Harrington

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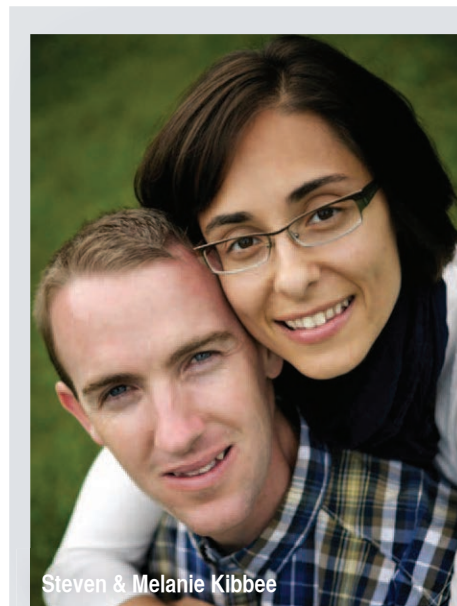
We welcome Kim Harrington, her husband Curtis, and their two daughters, Joanne and Jessica, who moved to Alberta from Salmon Arm, BC. Kim brings to Alberta ten years of experience from NB and BC. The high school portion of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) will benefit from Kim's expertise as she teaches science, math, and CTS (Career and Technology Studies) courses. Chemistry is her passion. She rounds out her life by playing board games with the family, spending time in nature, cooking/baking and decorating cupcakes and cookies. Quilting and collecting sea glass also occupy space in her "love-to-do folder." Queen Esther's faith and bravery inspire Kim.

Erin Hillier

In the manner of Jesus, Erin Hillier emulates His style in her classes each day. She tells stories and endeavors to teach each student individually at Peace Hills Adventist School (PHAS). After filling in for a maternity leave at PHAS, it was a comfortable fit to accept the replacement position and continue with students she already knew in Grades 5-9. Before returning to Alberta to teach, Erin pursued a Master's degree in York, England. For relaxation, Erin loves to paint and read books written by Francine Rivers. She also loves tropical beaches, dogs, and dolphins (actually, all animals).



Erin Hillier



Steven & Melanie Kibbee

Melanie Kibbee

After teaching in Alberta for a year and a half, Melanie married Stephen Kibbee and the couple moved to Guam for five years. She enjoys being back at Coralwood Adventist Academy (CAA) where she began her education. Husband time, card making, time with their dogs (who made the journey from Guam to Alberta), reading, and playing the piano all bring sweet release to Melanie after a busy day with her precious Grade 2 class. Melanie and Steve will enjoy trips to the mountains, and hopefully the tropics again for a vacation. Enoch was surrounded by great wickedness, yet walked with God. Melanie believes that each of us is called to be an Enoch in this generation.

Katrina Knopp

"I have a passion to teach students science, morals, and respect, but more so, to show them that Jesus is their Creator and can be their best friend," says Katrina Knopp who has joined the Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) staff, teaching sciences to students in Grades 8-12. Katrina graduated in April from CUC after teaching for one year in South America. Katrina holds fast to the promises of Psalm 121, assuring her of her Source of strength and protection. She continues to walk and work in that security. Outdoor activities of every sort and reading bring peace and joy to Katrina. Calgary will afford her many opportunities to enjoy sunsets and sunrises.



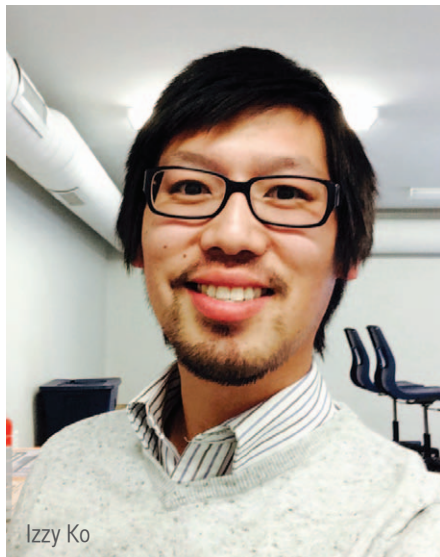
Katrina Knopp

Brandi Mills

I wonder if Brandi Mills will take her pet tarantula to her Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) classroom for Show & Tell. She and her husband Matt also have fish as pets. Brandi is teaching Language Arts, Social Studies, and Bible to junior high students at CWAA. When not in the classroom, she enjoys scrapbooking, playing games with friends, reading, taking road trips, and the great outdoors—especially if it's warm. From the opening of Psalm 27 declaring, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life," to the closing with the admonition to "Wait for the Lord," Brandi finds strength and solace.



Brandi Mills



Izzy Ko

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"I'm always up for learning something new," says Izzy Ko who recently moved from Williams Lake, BC to Edmonton. He is teaching sciences and some electives to the upper grades at Coralwood Adventist Academy (CAA). He has a fondness for Chemistry. Izzy enjoys many hobbies, but working on cars is the most fun he claims. Izzy's favourite Bible verse is Romans 8:28. He firmly believes that if we are doing God's will, then nothing can stop us. He is looking forward to exploring a new city and province. Anyone who can cook Pho noodles will be an instant friend of Izzy's.

Teresa VanWart

Teresa VanWart has joined the team of Alberta educators as principal at Coralwood Adventist Academy (CAA) in Edmonton. She has a rich background in teaching in the US and Asia; in sports—gymnastics, wakeboarding, scuba diving; in reading, writing, painting, traveling, and studying. The passion to keep young people in our church and spiritually on fire for an absolute God of love in a world that triumphs compromise is woven into every detail of who she is and what she represents. She considers her ministry for God to be the lifeblood of her very soul, and challenges people to hold fast to Psalm 16:8 and "not be moved." Teresa will soon be married to Brian Ferreira.



Teresa VanWart and Brian Ferreira

MANS Signing Group Shares at Camp Meeting, Accepts Invitations for Fall

Student representatives of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) communicated a powerful Christian message during the first Sabbath divine service of Camp Meeting without saying a word: they used sign language.

"These students absolutely love music and performing together," says Cheri Notice, MANS Grade 6 teacher and American Sign Language performance artist.

After their Camp Meeting performance, the signing group was invited to perform at Mountain View Church this fall. Another group of students that acts as MANS' Cree culture ambassadors will be performing at the Ft. McMurray Church's annual fundraising dinner in October.

Notice, who leads the group and selects the Christian music they learn, has seen tremendous growth in the group on many levels. "They're serious about it—there's no messing around, and they keep themselves in line when we're working on a song," she says. "Coming together in this way is a highlight of the day for all of us."



Braydon Omesoo, who performed a signing solo during the divine service at Camp Meeting (left), with some of Mamawi Atosketan Native School's cultural ambassadors.



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CHCS Students with Principal Reo Ganson holding cheque for Ronald McDonald House.

CHCS Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House

The CHCS Student Association felt impressed to choose the Red Deer Ronald McDonald House as the focus of their fundraising efforts for the year. Many families at CHCS know of people who have used the services that the Ronald McDonald House organization provides across the nation, so this fundraiser received a lot of support. It started off with a basket raffle at the school's winter carnival, which raised \$500. The next phase occurred during the whole month of May, with each class doing individual fundraisers. The original goal was to raise \$10 per student, but that was quickly surpassed during the first week! The classes came up with creative ideas including ECS saving coins with the theme "Use your change to make a change," and Grades 1 and 2 received a lot of support for their skip-a-thon (\$800). It was great to see these

young students working so hard to make a difference, and being proud of their accomplishment. Grades 3 and 4 held a bottle drive, and had mounds of bottles to turn in. Grades 5 and 6 partnered their car wash with the Grade 8 car detailing services. Anyone driving by would have seen smiling, partially-soaked students working away and trying to get cars to stop and support their cause! The Grade 7 class held a bike-athon, and fought through sunburns and aching muscles to raise over \$2,500. The students were very enthusiastic and participated in the various activities whole-heartedly. The whole school was filled with pride when they were able to present Patti Parker, Community Relations Coordinator from RMH, with a cheque for over \$5,200. Well done, students!

— Submitted by Jai Dubyna, Grade 8 Teacher.
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Two Excellence in Education Awards Come to Alberta Teachers

Canada's Seventh-day Adventist schools employ outstanding individuals who dedicate their talents and strengths to making a difference mentally, physically, and spiritually in the lives of young people. It is fitting that the SDACC (Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada) recognizes four teachers and one administrator each year for their commitment to excellence in education.

Each recipient must be nominated and have three letters of recommendation from a Seventh-day Adventist stakeholder. The selection committee considers the following criteria when making their decision: spiritual credibility, concern for students, innovation in teaching methods and strategies, impact on school improvement, involvement in church and community, mentor to others, and professional growth.

Two Alberta teachers were honored for the 2013-14 term: Andrea (Gray) Sayler and Kelly Briere. Both ladies are graduates of Canadian University College. Andrea lives in central Alberta with her husband, Landon, while Kelly lives in Ontario with her husband, Russell and their two teens, Keaton and Rylea. How can one live in Ontario and be an Alberta teacher? It's easy when you teach for PACeS—Alberta's online Adventist school. Andrea is a principal/teacher at Woodlands Adventist School, near Ponoka, Alberta.

Andrea shares the following story: Once, when discussing heaven in class, a Grade 1 student became enamoured when hearing about heaven for the first



Andrea Sayler



Kelly Briere

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time. She was so excited about going to heaven, yet clearly understood that she had to wait for Jesus to come. She half whispered to her classmates, "Well, if I have to wait, I can at least pretend what it would be like. Let's play 'Heaven' at recess." Needless to say, at recess a new game emerged.

"Admittedly, I played too," says Mrs. Sayler. I'm sure that the students loved that game with their teacher joining in.

For the past six years, Kelly has had to adapt to not seeing her students in person since she teaches in a virtual classroom. In June of 2014, a year-end activity to Canada's Wonderland was organized for students and parents from Ontario. Kelly smiles as she notes, "It was so exciting to be able to visit face-to-face!" Mrs. Briere loves the variety of teaching students all over Canada in Grades 4-6.

— Submitted by Linda Steinke





CWAA Facility



CWAA Music Program



CWAA Sports Program

Chinook Winds Adventist

Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) is one of the best-kept secrets in Calgary! For the past 68 years, CWAA has served the Calgary area with Christian education, beginning in the basement of a Seventh-day Adventist Calgary church in 1945. In 1974 God kindly provided 20 beautifully wooded acres for the school to establish its permanent structure. Since that time CWAA has been blessed immensely with faithful church partnerships and with a healthy partnership with Alberta Education. We are proud to be an independent school operated by the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Calgary. We employ over 28 dedicated teachers and support staff, and are proud of our learning spaces, play spaces, technology, students, parents & teachers!

Our mission is to “Engage students to achieve academic excellence, seek Jesus Christ, and act compassionately.” We aim to accomplish our mission by creating a nurturing, innovative environment where every child is expected to achieve a high standard of personal academic excellence, behaviour, and service.

CWAA has seen a steady increase in enrolment over the past few years. Last year our enrolment was 199 students. We are hoping to break 200 students this year!

In our year-end (2013-2014) Parent Satisfaction Survey, here is what our families told us they loved about CWAA: small class sizes & low student-teacher ratios; Christ-centered learning focus where students are encouraged to draw closer to Jesus; strong team of staff who are caring, hardworking and committed to making positive changes in the school; beautiful and unique city-view, mountain-side location; teachers embrace Christian values and create Christ-like learning environments; teachers desire to see each child prepared for the future; orderly and positive spiritual environment; strong sense of community; strong sports & music programs; and God is very present in the school!

Recent changes at CWAA:

- **New 4-day Kindergarten Program.** Our new Kindergarten program is a purposeful, play-based, highly dynamic and interactive learning program where the focus is on inspiring the love of learning. Last year we had 18 students registered in the new Kindergarten program.
- **All single grade classes.** We now offer single-grade classes only (no combined-grade classes). As a result, we are quickly looking towards a facility expansion plan to accommodate this growth.
- **Technology Integration Plan.** Over the past two years we have worked diligently to bring more interactive technology into our classrooms and equip all teachers with the latest educational technology. Our immediate plans are to install more interactive whiteboards (SmartBoards) into our Elementary Classrooms, purchase an additional laptop cart with laptops (bringing the number of our portable computer labs to three) and implement a Digital Citizenship Model for our students.
- **Student Support Services.** Over the past few years we have expanded our ESL support services, have hired Educational Assistants and support staff and have accessed funds and services through Alberta Education and the Rocky View Student Health Partnership to help our teachers support our students with exceptional learning needs. This past year we received speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy,



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and psychological supports for a total of 23 students. This upcoming year we plan on accessing the same services as well as hire three full-time Educational Assistants to work directly with our students with exceptional learning needs.

- **Service Hours:** To promote a life-long commitment to serving others, this year we required that all CWAA students engage in a minimum number of service hours (depending on their grade) both inside and outside of school. Students were provided with opportunities to volunteer their time through peer tutoring, coaching, prayer teams, music teams, student leadership teams, Calgary Food Bank, Veteran Food Bank Mustard Seed, Sabbath School or church volunteer, mission trip, etc. As a result of this new emphasis on service to others, we have seen a positive change in our school culture.
- **Community Outreach:** Our students participate in numerous outreach activities throughout the year including: monthly food bank collections (Calgary Food Bank and Veteran Food Bank), raising money for the Calgary Emergency Women's Shelter during Christmas Concert, participating in random acts of kindness (Kindergarten Surprise Package Company), Pen-Pal Exchange between Grade 1 and 2 students and Korea Adventist Elementary School, Grade 7 – 12 students raising funds for various ADRA projects (including child trafficking and exploitation, purchasing a new irrigation system, emergency food, water, and shelter materials, solar greenhouse, garden tools and seeds). In March, 28 grades 10-12 students and staff will be going on a mission trip to Nicaragua.

Over the summer we have been tackling long over-due repairs and modifications to our facility including resolving a basement flooding issue, renovating our parking lot, repaving our driveway, adding more classrooms to our High School and repainting learning and office spaces. (Additionally, two student artists, Stephanie & Jessica, have been busy painting murals on our Elementary bathroom stalls!)

Every other year our Grade 10-12 students are given the opportunity to go on a mission trip to South America. Our 2013 Mission Trip team traveled to Nicaragua to build several One-Day Churches with Maranatha International and engage in children's ministries. We are in the process of finalizing our 2015 Mission Trip project. Mission Trips are great opportunities for students to move out of their regular comfort zones, learn about a different culture and share the love of Jesus in practical ways. The mission trip experience also allows students to develop a wider view of the needs of others, learn how to work as a team, and spiritually grow in their faith.

CWAA belongs to the Calgary Independent Schools Athletic Association (ISAA). Each year, over 50% of our Grades 7-12 students participate in athletic teams that compete against private schools similar in size across the city of Calgary. This year 15 teams will compete against students in schools across Calgary in volleyball, soccer, basketball, track and field, and badminton. Over the past year our teams have performed well at the league, city and provincial levels in volleyball, basketball, soccer and badminton.

We invite you to visit us on the web or in person and join our great team of learners! Website: www.cwaa.net; email: cwaa2@cwaa.net; (403) 286-5686 — Submitted by Lara Melashenko, Principal CWAA

Planting Seeds in Calgary

By Cynthia Campbell & Linda Steinke

When God's people unite in prayer and purpose, God can do great and wondrous things for His glory and His kingdom!

Such was the experience of seven churches in Calgary (Central Spanish, Cornerstone, Garden Road, Maranatha Spanish, M.E.T.R.O. Filipino, Parkdale, and Sudanese Company) who came together May 16-31 to participate in the *Lessons for Life* series presented by Bill Santos, former It Is Written Speaker/Director.

Countless pages would be needed to contain all the stories of changed lives and praises to Sovereign God, but let's listen to one gifted and Spirit-led lady, Cynthia Campbell, as she captures some of what transpired.

Come with me down memory lane to the Genesis Centre in NE Calgary. The Genesis Centre is a huge multi-complex facility that provides a wide variety of activities and conference rooms for the community. Many people of different ethnicities utilize the Centre on a daily basis. This is why I believe God directed the seven churches to secure this location to hold the *Lessons for Life* series.

The Centre was saturated with intentional prayer for the series. We dedicated seven days for earnest prayer, followed by a prayer vigil and an interchurch Prayer Walk in and around the Genesis Centre, as well as in the immediate communities. Each night the Prayer Team would pray together for the duration of the meetings. Our members & prayer chain continue to keep a "prayer-pulse" on the new babes in Christ.

I can still hear the words of our theme song (Ancient Words by Michael W. Smith) resounding in my ear. The beginning of the song goes like this: ***Holy words long preserved, For our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart, Oh, let the ancient words impart. Words of Life, words of Hope, Give us strength, help us cope. In this world, where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words ever true. Changing me and changing you. We have come with open hearts.***

Oh, let the ancient words impart.

This was a favourite time for everyone. These "ancient words" were the invisible cord that bound all of us to the heart of Christ and summed up the message of Evangelist Bill Santos.

Pastor Santos is a prolific, passionate, intentional, Holy Ghost-driven preacher/lecturer.

Each night Evangelist Santos presented these ancient doctrines with persuasion, clarity, and holy boldness. It was evident that his presentations were having a huge impact on visitors and members alike.

A member remarked that in his many years of Adventism, "I never heard anyone present the Adventist Message so beautifully, so powerfully and so welcomingly." Another member said, "His message was well researched, well presented, and relevant. His presentations helped me to invest more faith in what I believe, thus strengthening my belief system."

One visitor said, "The Lord woke me up several times during the night with the singing of Ancient Words." God was burning the ancient words in her mind as she opened her heart each night to receive the "new" ancient truths that were so eloquently imparted!

Romeo was only 5 years old when Bill Santos gave him a Bible, in a previous series here in Calgary. He kept this little Bible close to his heart for 10 years. One evening during this series, he took his Bible to pastor Santos and asked him to autograph it. But that's not all. Romeo, now 15 years old, felt impressed and convicted by the ancient truths he was now hearing, to ask Santos to baptize him! These ancient truths guided Romeo home! Talk about divine appointment!!





Pastor Ali with
Pastor Santos.

“His message was well researched, well presented, and relevant. His presentations helped me to invest more faith in what I believe, thus strengthening my belief system.



Baptismal Candidates.



Calgary Evangelism - Participating Pastors.

One Spanish gentleman testified at the meeting that he heard the lecture in his own language.

A Caucasian gentleman shared, “For nine years I have wandered from church to church searching for the truth, now it is clear to my wife and I. We have both decided to be baptized!”

Each night the hall was packed, with standing room only on the weekends. Each evening the children’s program complimented the adult meetings, affording parents the opportunity to focus on the presentations.

There was an army of dedicated volunteers from the seven churches working together as one body; the unity was amazing! The language and cultural barriers did not hinder the smooth running of the series. In fact, it enhanced the program with a wide array of talents, especially in the area of music. Many people from the Sikh community took a generous supply of reading material. Some also attended the meetings.

The Holy Spirit brought revival to

our homes, churches, and communities through the *Lessons for Life* series. Yes, God’s ancient words left us with renewed strength and renewed hope, as we continue to witness the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, changing lives, one person at a time!

Unanimously and heartily, pastors and parishioners agreed that this was the way to do evangelism. No one pastor, no one church bore the weight of conducting a series. ALL worked TOGETHER for the glory of God! No one was begged; no one was assigned; each church group and each individual willingly and eagerly participated to work and grow in Christ.

The coming together began with calls to pastors in the Calgary area. Those that responded began to pray, organize, and pledge their talents. “We did not advertise a whole lot,” said Pastor Ishmael Ali. Each member of the participating churches took five handbills (5,600 in total), prayed, and then invited their friends and acquaintances to join them at *Lessons for Life*.

Pastor Santos and local pastors baptized 25 persons into God’s kingdom. “We have 80 further interests,” said Pastor Ali. “We are collaborating with a Bible worker and will continue to pursue hearts and minds for Jesus.”

A second series is in the planning stage for October 18-30, 2014. The Calgary Korean Company and Calgary Southside churches will join the original seven churches for another series. Pastor Ali noted, “The Mark of the Beast sometimes is offensive, but not with Bill Santos.”

When asked if the membership would participate again, the answer is a hearty, “Yes, when do we start?”

There is so much more to be said, but space simply doesn’t allow. Churches who are interested in further details may contact Pastor Ishmael Ali by email at iali@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 607-8594. Remember, when God’s people unite in prayer and purpose, God can do great and wondrous things for His glory and His kingdom!

Red Deer Church Campout

The Red Deer Church hosted their annual church campout in Sherwood Forest at Foothills Camp over the weekend of September 5-7. Together, youth and families spent two nights in the tree-house cabins, braved adventures on the zip-line, and bonded over campfire cooking and songs.

The weekend was spent getting to know God through Scripture, Nature, Music, and each other. Based on the story of David and Goliath, Pastor Moises Ruiz led out in an interactive church service where members learned that giants can only be conquered in community. Kevin Kiers, Alberta Conference Foothills Summer Camp and Youth Director, brought his family and trained volunteers to operate the Camp's high ropes course for those brave enough to take their Sabbath walk 30-feet off the ground, and Pastor Olaf Clausen began his ministry to the Red Deer Church by sharing his testimony at the evening campfire program.

The weekend was fun for outdoor enthusiasts and amateurs alike, and proved that God will be found when His children seek Him together. Churches looking to grow in fellowship are blessed to have the support and resources of the Alberta Conference at their disposal. Foothills Camp runs an amazing program for youth throughout the summer months, but is also the perfect location for community-building and memory-making in the off-season. Special thanks to all who contributed to making this a wonderful time of recreation and retreat.

— Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz



Fun on the ropes course.



Women immersed in Sabbath School Bible Study.



Youth from the Red Deer Church enjoy Sherwood Forest cabins.



Members of the Red Deer Church in Fellowship.

Edson Baby Dedication

Joel and Nkasi Waldron are Guyanese nationals who immigrated to Canada in 2009. Before coming to Canada, Joel studied Mining Engineering and Nkasi completed a Law degree. Currently Joel works as a Mining Engineer at Teck Coal. In 2013, Nkasi completed a Masters Degree in Law at the University of Saskatchewan and is currently working on certification requirements to practice law in Canada. Their young son, Elijah, was dedicated in the Edson Adventist Church where the family had been visiting since moving to Hinton. The Church's welcoming environment and supportive congregation motivated both of them to become members. In April 2014, Joel became a member through profession of faith and on August 16, Nkasi also became a member through profession of faith. In our studies, Nkasi would ask the most insightful questions. They both look forward to growing spiritually and doing God's work.
 — Lee Patterson, Interim Pastor



Joel and Nkasi Waldron (middle) with Pastor Lee and Kathy Patterson.

Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) is a non-profit organization which began in Central Alberta. It was formed so the Caribbean people in the area, especially Adventist youth, had a forum to get together and fellowship, and appreciate their unique cultural background. The first Family Retreat was held on Labour Day weekend in 1978 at Foothills Camp. The organization became a registered entity in 1979. This year, 2014, CAAA celebrated its 35th anniversary on August 29 -September 1.



Various pictures taken during the CAAA 35th Family Retreat weekend.





Group present for the organization of the Calgary Ghana Adventist Company.

Calgary Ghana Company Organized

Ghanaian Seventh-day Adventists take church planting seriously. This is a command from the Lord which is embedded in the gospel commission that Christ gave to the church before He ascended to heaven. And Ghanaians have always obeyed this directive and sown the seed of Adventism in foreign lands whenever and wherever they settle as pilgrims.

Sabbath May 31, 2014 was a unique day for Ghanaian Adventist immigrants who have recently settled in Calgary. On this day, the officers of the Alberta Conference officially organized the Calgary Ghana Adventist fellowship into a company with the challenge to be the salt and the light of the world.

For the past two years, the few Ghanaian Adventists developed a deep passion to share their faith and bring the Adventist gospel to those who have not come to serve the Lord. They started meeting together in homes to study the Bible, pray and organize ways of sharing the gospel to other Ghanaians in the Calgary area. The Alberta Conference provided the necessary support to help nurture the fellowship, find them a mother church to work with, provided them with an interim shepherd (pastor) and assigned Pastor

“This is your mission field as God’s people and such responsibility cannot be neglected to the detriment of God’s work.”



Signing in as charter members of the Calgary Ghana Adventist Company.

Don Corkum, the Alberta Conference Church Plant Director, as their church plant coach. This collaborative church planting initiative has paid off.

The Alberta Conference Executive Secretary, Pastor Larry Hall, in his inaugural sermon, encouraged the members not to lose focus on their mission of spreading the truth to other Ghanaians who live in and around Calgary. He said, “This is your

mission field as God’s people and such responsibility cannot be neglected to the detriment of God’s work.”

Pastor S.K. Twumasi who represented the North American Ghanaian Adventist Organization leadership and Elder Daniel Oteng who also came from the Toronto Atwell Ghanaian Adventist Church tasked the members to emulate the other Ghanaian Adventist churches across North America to work hard in unity and move toward full church status within a short time. They are also to plant Ghanaian churches in the nearby towns and cities around metro Calgary. Other Ghanaian Adventists in Edmonton and the nearby cities also came to offer support and solidarity. Representatives of Calgary Ghana Presbyterian and Calgary Ghana Restoration churches were there to make donations to the new company.

Forty-seven signed in as charter members of the Calgary Ghana Adventist Company. The company is under the leadership of Elders Yaw Adjei (403) 590-2177, James Owusu-Appiah (403) 870-3006, and Kingsley Manu (403) 966-0540. The group meets at Suite 102, 3863-54th Avenue, Calgary (close to West Wind Train Station, Bus 95).

— Submitted by Don Corkum



Pastors from College Heights Church Cool Off after Ice Bucket Challenge

As the school year began, the Student Association for Canadian University College extended the ALS Ice bucket challenge to the Pastoral staff at the College Heights Church. Not to be scared away by their youthful energy, Pastors Ron Sydenham, Massiel Davila, Ted Deer, Adam Diebert & Myles Gillespie accepted the challenge. After second service, many church members gathered around the front steps to watch the pastors get cooled off by the SA who were more than willing to be a part of the event. If you haven't made a contribution to ALS research yet, it's easy to do online at www.alsa.org.



Pastors Unite in Marriage

On August 17, 2014 Pastor Ted Deer and Pastor Sandra Silva were married in Costa Rica by Elders Ken Wiebe and Daniel Jackson. Over 50 friends and family members were in attendance to witness this beautiful service. Special highlights included music by the Costa Rica Central American Adventist University String Quartet and a local harpist. — Submitted by Troy McQueen

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When Two Worlds Come Together, Lives Are Changed on Both Sides

Five little two-letter words, “It Is Up To Us” encapsulate the life philosophy of Michael & Sandi Gouchie. Participating in and giving to the community began when their four daughters were young—volunteering and fundraising for their classrooms, the local gymnastics club, and minor hockey. Michael and Sandi have lived and worked in Alberta for approximately 50 years.

Michael first became acquainted with *A Better World* (ABW) through listening to presentations at the College Heights Adventist Church of which he is a member. ABW is a humanitarian organization which uses 100% of monies secured through donations and fundraising to help people help themselves by improving their living conditions. It began and continues to be managed by the College Heights

Adventist Church. Something resonated within Michael. In 2005, he and Sandi attended an information session where they learned of the work accomplished through partnering with ABW.

From 2005 to 2007 they supported ABW by working in the background. But in 2007 Sandi, Michael and their four adult daughters took their first trip to Kenya with ABW. They immersed themselves in the life and activities of the local culture. Sandi reflected upon that first visit. “I sat in silence for hours while driving to our destination,” she stated quietly. “I had never been exposed to that level of poverty. It was like being hit in the head with a brick. The clothing was worn—often beyond recognition; they simply had no food. It was overwhelming!”

“People, hundreds and thousands of them, were lined up and down the

roads to greet us. We observed little huts that provide protection from the elements (rain, wind, sun). Sometimes the people would be holding a small bunch of carrots to feed their families.”

The Gouchies learned that providing money hand-outs is not the solution to creating a better world for the people on a daily basis. Instead, they taught them to garden, farm, craft saleable items such as baskets, and to drill wells for greater access to water for health and crops. Providing accessible education so that knowledge and skills can be increased for the betterment of their people is also part of what they have participated in over recent years. “ABW taught us that we needed to buy something from them—baskets, brooms, bowls,” said Sandi. “A hand up, not out, creates and maintains a sense of pride, respect, and ownership.”



The Gouchie family in Africa working with A Better World.



The work of ABW is community development, working with the community to ensure that they have access to education, health, agriculture, income generation, and clean water. ABW provides expertise such as engineers, construction contractors, accountants, medical personnel, and educational training and support to assist the community in developing its own capacity. Fundraising is done here at home. Supplies, materials, and services as are available and secured in the country in which ABW works. “We support the local economy as much as we can.” All projects must be sustainable.

At the time of their first trip, one of their daughters was in high school. Her school was undergoing renovations, so inconveniences were experienced - noise, movement from place to place,

accessibility of resources etc. After the trip she said, “I will never complain again because I have a school to go to.”

Sandi recalled one of her many powerful days. “We were visiting a handicapped school. We went into the community and bought some food and prepared lunch for the children. They had a good meal that day. We were blessed!”

Since that first trip, the Gouchies have traveled to Peru with ABW and have returned to Kenya four times. Their daughters have also returned to Kenya for periods of one to six months to assist in the orphanages. It’s in the Gouchie genes!

The Gouchie girls actively volunteer with seniors and refugees in Red Deer and the Distress Centre in Calgary. One daughter has even become a foster parent because she saw a need that she could meet and stepped up to the plate.

Between trips to oversee projects, the Gouchies fundraise, speak to groups inspiring others to get involved, and work to support more projects. Sandi and Michael are embarking on a new venture... that of sponsoring the expansion of an existing school in Ikonge, Kenya. To put the project into perspective, four classrooms can be built for approximately \$35,000. Upon completion of construction, the government manages the school.

ABW has inspired the Gouchie family to believe that “everyone can do something and everyone can help someone.” An individual gave Michael \$20 to use in some way in Kenya. He bought a mattress and gave it to a child who had no bed. Another family decided to donate the money they would normally spend for Christmas. As stories are shared, the message travels by word of mouth. Donations come in. People want to help.

Michael and Sandi believe and live that blessed people have a responsibility to bless others. “We are commissioned to do so,” states Michael quietly. “I work so that I can share here and go back to Africa.”

As a result of seeing and experiencing the reality that many face around the world, Michael and Sandi have made the choice to live life intentionally. They now view life through different lenses. Michael pointed out an example of this: water usage (on lawns, washing cars etc.) reminds him that many around the world do not have access to clean water.

The family is more poignantly aware of “needs” versus “wants.” The difference for them is that while they are successful in business, they have made a solid commitment to help others. “We must take responsibility for the world” explains Sandi. “It’s not up to them, it’s up to US! We have a responsibility to help. When two worlds come together, lives are changed on both sides!” For more information about *A Better World*, please visit www.abwcanada.ca.

— Submitted by Linda Steinke



Sustainable Change To Improve Lives

Conversations Lead to Conversions

Emily and Mackenzie became fast friends last year in Grade 7. Mackenzie was open about worshipping on Saturday and sharing about how her religion was different from many others. Later Mackenzie's grandma provided additional information to Emily's mother about Sunday worship and how it came to be.

Emily and her mother began attending the Leduc Adventist Church "seeking" to learn more. Soon, Mom (Megan), Dad (Reg), and twin siblings Michael and Emily were enjoying Bible studies with Pastor Turgott.

On July 5, 2014, the four made their commitment to Jesus public through baptism. Pastor Turgott noted that they came to each study time with eagerness and lots of questions. "Reg has the gift of public speaking and leadership. Megan has the gift of knowledge, caring, and hospitality. They collectively love the Word of God!"

Emily and Mackenzie continue their spiritual discussions, often referencing how God has changed their lives.

May God continue to lead in each life!

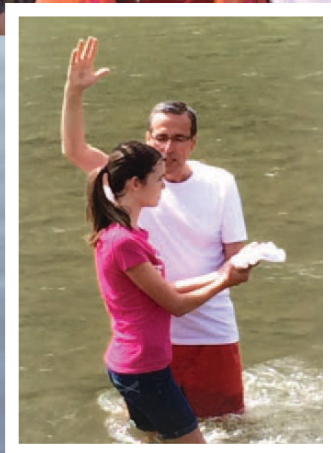


Friends (left) - Emily and Mackenzie.

Watt Baptism (below) - Michael, Emily, Megan, Reg and Pastor Turgott.



Camp Meeting Baptism



(Above) Haylee, Scott and Shannon McQuaig with Pastor Warren Kay.

(Left) Haylee McQuaig with Pastor Warren Kay.



Rachel Brummund Baptized

Rachel Brummund, oldest daughter of Pastor Shawn Brummund, was baptized in Kelowna, BC on August 23, 2014. The baptism took place in the Okanagan Lake at Bertram Park after a potluck picnic. Rachel has always had close ties with the Rutland Adventist Church. She was dedicated by her dad there while he interned as pastor, and has worshiped each year there while visiting her grandparents.

College Heights Church



June 21, 2014 - Kalista Ziakris with Pastor Joseph Augustin.

June 14, 2014 - Gesley Fenelus with Pastor Joseph Augustin.



August 9, 2014 – Sonia Casey with Pastor Massiel Davila.



September 6, 2014 - Luke Ganson with Pastor Steve Reasor & Steve Gabrys.



September 6, 2014 - Paxton Huether with Pastor Steve Reasor.

Wills @ Camp: A Family Affair & Ministry

As a family, the Klatts knew that having wills would make things easier for everyone concerned. What they didn't know was how much they'd enjoy the experience.

When the Klatt family of High Level saw the brochure announcing Planned Giving's 2014 Camp Meeting seminars and the return of Wills @ Camp, they knew this would be an ideal time to finally get their wills done!

"Dad and I were talking at Camp Meeting," says Michelle Klatt, who recently moved to Calgary (see "What's It Mean to You?" page 39). "It was like, 'You're going to those Planned Giving seminars too?' So we ended up going together and talking about what we heard."

Timing & Concerns

Though being good stewards has always been important to Michelle and her parents, Brian and France Klatt, the will detail had fallen through the cracks. The launch of Wills @ Camp coupled with key conversations and changes in their circumstances, however, moved having wills that reflected their values up on the Klatt family's priority list. Brian's recent bout with cancer had been a wake-up call for them all.

As a family, they knew that having wills would make things easier for everyone concerned, but Michelle thought she was too young and people would think it strange for a 20 Something to have a will. Still, the convenience and economy offered by the Wills @ Camp program was tempting. By time Michelle decided to inquire, all 2013 Camp



Michelle Klatt hiking near Lake Louise this summer (Saddleback Pass).



France, Michelle, and Brian Klatt on a family ski trip in Banff (Dec 2004).

Meeting appointments were gone. “I’m too young anyway,” Michelle casually remarked to a family friend. “No, you’re not!” was the friend’s emphatic and unexpected response.

This family friend and fellow church member, whose son, who had been close to Michelle in age and also single, had passed away several years ago. Michelle was surprised to learn that her young friend had made a will, and that it had made things so much easier for his parents even though the young man had little in the way of assets.

That conversation got Michelle thinking differently, but working through the Conference wasn’t a given for her. Always one to look before she leaps, Michelle was sceptical about the Conference being involved—that it was probably a fundraising scheme. “The *Alberta Adventist News* stories really helped me to see that the focus was different,” she now says, “and friends who’d done wills at Camp Meeting assured me it wasn’t like what I thought it would be.”

Now on the other side of completing her will with an independent lawyer and the assistance of the Alberta Conference, Michelle reflects, “It’s a huge ministry of the Conference—and it’s important!”

“The Alberta Adventist News stories really helped me to see that the focus was different.”

Informed, Values-based Decisions & Supportive Environment

“We’re the type who like to research and think about things,” says Michelle, “My dad and I both enjoyed going to the [Planned Giving] seminars together.” They separately made their will instruction appointments for later in the week so they could take in seminars like *How to Choose and Help your Executor*—one that Michelle was especially glad she’d attended when she discovered that she was her parents’ first choice as executor of their wills.

Because Conference staff did not tell her what to put into her will and applied no pressure for gifts, Michelle was especially glad for the education and information presented in the Planned Giving department’s Camp Meeting seminars. Once Michelle decided she would make a will, she knew she wanted to do good with whatever means she had. Working with staff and a lawyer (not a Conference employee) who understood her values and passion made that easier. Michelle’s questions were welcomed and answered.

“I’ve benefitted from many ministries in the Alberta Conference, and I believe strongly in the work of the Conference,” says Michelle, citing Pathfinders, Camp Sabbath School, and Native Ministries as among those about which she is passionate.

“I believe strongly in gifts to the Church,” continued Michelle. “If I believe in doing that while I’m alive,

why wouldn’t I do that in my will?” The difficulty was in narrowing down the list of ministries she wanted to support to 12!

A Cool Ministry

“I feel really blessed to have had the opportunity to do my Will @ Camp,” reflects Michelle. “It’s such a cool ministry of the Conference!”

Her “Favourite Alberta Conference Ministries” list may have just expanded to 13.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wills @ Camp 2014 was completely booked. Many of the 50 individuals who made wills with the help of lawyers Loney Ziakris and Norman Ewing booked their appointments before Camp Meeting. Appointments can be booked by calling the PGTS office after May 1.

WILLS @ CAMP

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Announcements

In memory

Idella Mae (Werner) Paul was born November 11, 1930 at Fox Valley, Saskatchewan to Rosie and William Werner, the fifth of ten children. The family moved to Lacombe, AB, in 1943. Three years later tragedy struck the family with the death of Ruby at age 18 and Mother Rosie. Idella courageously took on the role of caregiver for her four younger siblings, a role she carried through the rest of her life. In 1953 Idella married George Paul and together they farmed in the Lacombe area. Their home was blessed with a daughter, Sherron, and a son, Darrel. Idella was an avid gardener and an excellent seamstress. Over the years she and George opened their home to numerous young people who have fond memories of those days. "My mother loved us unconditionally," was expressed by her son, Darrel. What a wonderful way to be remembered! Idella spent the last 4 years of her life in the Lacombe Care Centre and passed to her rest on April 21. She was predeceased by her parents, Rosie and William Werner, sisters Ruby and Jannette, brothers Elmer, Ralph and Oscar, and her husband, George, who passed away in 2013.



Social Media Challenge: Tweet @albertasdaconf a photo from church or a community service project for a chance to win a Signs of the Times subscription.

PAA Music Festival: Parkview Adventist Academy is excited to invite all Jr. and Sr. High musicians to participate in our Adventist Music Festival this fall! The program will run from Thursday, October 30 until Sabbath afternoon, November 1, 2014 on the PAA/CUC campus in Lacombe, AB. To train with the PAA/CUC Choral Union and register for the weekend of free workshops, please contact PAA Communications at (403) 782-3381, ext. 4252.

Camp Meeting 2014 audio presentations are available online at www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2014. Photos of Alberta Camp Meeting 2014: If you have photos

from this year's Alberta camp meeting and would like to share them with the Alberta Conference Communications Department to be used on-line or in print, please send them by email to communications@albertaadventist.ca.

Marriage on the ROCK Seminar: The Edmonton South Church will be hosting a Marriage on the ROCK seminar beginning October 19. Join Pastor John Murley as he presents how to have the dream marriage God intended us to have. Learn Biblical principles that will guide you through some of the most crucial undertakings of life. This course is excellent for individual study, pre-marriage or long term couples. It will transform your relationship. A \$20.00 registration fee is payable at the door. To pre-register, please call the church office at (780) 465-4426.

"Created in His Image" Ladies Health Retreat, November 7-9, 2014 will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer, organized by the Alberta Conference Health Department. Various workshops and lectures will be presented including special guest speaker Danièle Starenkyj, well known author of 17 books & presenter/lecturer specializing in the area of women's natural health. Don't miss out on this special weekend geared to women of all ages. Limited rooms available at the hotel. For more information, please contact Darlene Blaney by email at rdblaney@telus.net or phone (403) 746-5388.

Alberta Conference Men's Ministries will host a Northern Regional Convention, "The Sanctified Man; God's Finished Work" in Edmonton, December 5-6, 2014. Featuring guest speaker Dr. John Trusty from the Allegheny East Conference,

Pennsylvania, USA. We're asking all males to make note of the dates and plan to attend. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

Survival Training: The Youth Department is hosting a Survival Training Weekend at Sherwood Forest on October 24-26, 2014 with Mike Lowe who is a military trained expert survivalist. Over the course of the weekend you will learn: metal match, fire building, land navigation, edible plants, shelters, and much more. For more information and to sign up, please contact Lyle Notice by email at lnotice@albertaadventist.ca.

2015 Devotional Books: Orders for the 2015 devotional books can be placed through your local church or by calling the Lacombe ABC at 1-800-661-8131. For more information, please see page 14 of this edition of the Alberta Adventist News.

What's it Mean to You?

“My parents and I feel really good about doing our Wills @ Camp. My Mom even had some fun!”

Michelle Klatt, Nurse
Calgary, Alberta
Wills @ Camp participant 2014



As a 20 Something with few things to tie her down, Michelle Klatt had never considered doing a will until she heard about Wills @ Camp, a new part of the Alberta Conference's Wills Ministry. A conversation with a friend got her thinking seriously about it (see Means & Meaning story, page 36), and when appointments were advertised at Camp Meeting 2014, Michelle discovered that her parents, Brian and France Klatt, were also thinking about doing their wills at camp. It became a positive and interactive family experience.

“The Wills @ Camp Ministry is such an important ministry of the Conference,” says Michelle. “Conference staff don't tell you what to put into your will, and I felt like I could ask questions. To be able to do my will at Camp Meeting with an Adventist lawyer that I'd seen at church was really positive. Everyone [staff and lawyers] is coming from the same background and understand my values. It was super-convenient!”

Though the entire process was completed during Camp Meeting week, the Klatts felt no pressure and were pleasantly surprised at how much they enjoyed sharing the experience together.

The icing on the cake was finding out that they all cared about and had included many of the same things in their wills—things like church ministries, and a newer family member with whom they have little contact but care about deeply.

Michelle and her parents found that in talking with each other about their values, the things that matter most to them, and using the resources available at Camp Meeting, making wills was a positive family experience. They still feel good about it, and rest secure in the satisfaction of responsibility well-fulfilled.

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- Continued support for your Church in Alberta

| Age | Male Rate | Female Rate | Joint Rate |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 65 | 4.64% | 4.38% | 3.86% |
| 75 | 5.81% | 5.38% | 4.78% |
| 85 | 8.07% | 7.52% | 6.25% |
| 92+ | 10.0% | 10.0% | 8.12% |

Rates as of June 1, 2014

GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When you purchase an Alberta Conference Gift Annuity you receive regular payments for life. If the total amount invested is not required to make these payments, the balance becomes a gift to the Alberta Conference.

